

'Kenny' gazumps historic toilet

Four years ago the Eurobodalla Shire Council approached the owners, Nic and Erica Dibden, to purchase the original Tilba Tilba Show Ground to turn it into the Tilba Sports Ground, a much-needed facility. The land was purchased for \$30,000 - not bad for 10 acres of prime agricultural land at Tilba Tilba.

Four years later we have a locked gate, a netball court with no fencing and an incredibly expensive toilet block with a portaloo still beside it! Both the community and the Council have raised funds and budgeted for this sports ground. What is going on?

The Triangle emailed the Eurobodalla Shire Council asking three questions. The answers from the Eurobodalla Mayor Neil Mumme are under each question.

1. Why are the gates of the new/old Tilba Tilba sportsground still locked?

"The sportsground is available for use and has been since it was completed last year. The Management Committee decided to keep the gates locked to prevent vehicles from driving onto the grounds and to curb vandalism. The Management Committee is aware that when sporting clubs or groups want to book the field for regular use or for larger events, they can do so by calling Council's Facilities Booking Officer on 4472 3153. Making the booking helps us to keep track of usage



Locked gates at the Tilba Tilba Sports Ground

and plan our maintenance and budgets. Of course, if you want to take your kids for a kickaround, you can and should!"

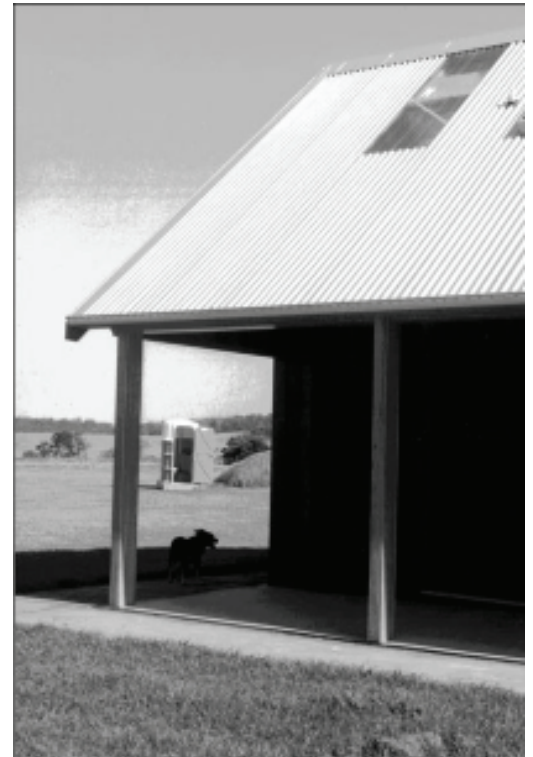
2. When is the sports ground opening?

"The sports ground is open, and as explained, can be used at any time, however, the amenities building has taken longer than anticipated, but we believe it will be completed within the fortnight. There is discussion with the Management Committee about an official opening."

3. Is it true that a building rumoured to have cost over \$60,000 consists of one male and one female toilet, a storage room fit only for a mop and a bucket and with large front and back verandahs - presumably to shelter people waiting to go to the toilet?

"This Council felt it had a responsibility to design and build an amenities block that reflected and complemented the town's history. The hardwood cladding, for instance, is similar to that used in other buildings in Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba. We also tapped into the environmental consciousness of the locals by installing solar power, a water re-use system and a biolytic sewerage system. Clearly these features are beyond those normally included in a public toilet, but we felt it was important for the building to blend in with the town's architecture. We were also proud to engage Tilba architect, Trevor King, to design and project manage the building.

"The male and female toilets are both wheelchair accessible and measure around 2.5m x 2.5m. The storage room is around the same size and can hold cleaning and sports equipment. There is a smaller service room that contains the internal mechanics of the



Kenny gazumps historic Tilba toilet block

toilets, the solar power equipment and the pump for the biolytic system.

"You will be pleased to know that the soccer goalposts have been ordered and are due any time. Linemarking and nets are the responsibility of the user groups.

"The Tilba community successfully lobbied Council for a sportsground and amenities. Now that Council has made this significant investment, I hope the community will embrace this new recreational opportunity and make full use of the facilities."

Mal Dibden says, "It must be one of the most beautiful sports grounds in NSW. I can remember a family from Bemboka travelling two days in a sulky (first night at Brogo) along the bush roads to this beautiful location to take part in the Tilba Agricultural Show."



Editorial

Hey, how about that rain? What a finale to the Cobargo Show! It did a bit of damage with erosion with one local farmer losing an entire dam, but on the whole the smiles on the faces tell the story.

After all the rain the dreaded fireweed will start to break out again, be diligent and pull it out when you see it, remembering of course to wear gloves when you do. The rain also seems to have done wonders for our insect life, has anyone else noticed the HUGE stick insects, praying mantis and grasshoppers? The flood of freshwater down our rivers has also affected some of our saltwater fish with a couple of stingrays recently found belly up in Bermagui Harbour.

As we go to print the Cobargo Folk Festival winds up - we welcome all our visitors and hope you had a great weekend. Also coming up is the Bermagui Seaside Fair, a great day out we encourage you all to go along, watch the parade, compete in the Music Idols or enter your pet in the Pet Pageant.

Whispers have reach us that the dreaded MSG has been 'found/tasted' in some of our local eateries. Surely not, or if so, let it be known.

The Triangle Committee welcomed three new faces at their last meeting, great to have you all on board and thanks for volunteering your time and expertise.

As we move into autumn we wish you all a great month, more rain and good fishing!



Letters to the Editors

Triangle residents say a heartfelt 'Thanks' to local medicos

Dear Editors,

In light of my recent accident, I would like to take the opportunity of saying a huge *Thank You* to the Triangle folk who wished me well with cards, interest, and genuine sincerity. You know who you are: far too many to list. Also, and very importantly, I wish to congratulate, commend, and say how fortunate we are to have Steve and Geoff on our Ambulance staff. They are obviously highly trained paramedics, and without them and their colleagues I might not be writing this letter. *Thank you.* These ambulance-men are always prepared to go the extra mile and in turn they really appreciate the community they live in. We deserve you.

PS. Anyone interested in sharing an 'up close and personal' musical evening with my mate, Billy Thorpe, please call me on 0439 022 780.

Glynis McIntyre
Wallaga Lake Heights

Dear Editor,

My Christmas present this year was the early detection of breast cancer and I am very grateful to Dr Anne Bricknell of ACT BreastScreen and her team for all their kindness. Because of all the 'chaos' that is 'Public Health' at this time of year, I had to attend St George Hospital in Sydney for urgent operations and wish to thank Dr Prasaad of Hurstville, Dr Peter

Schwartz and his team and Breast Care nurses Alison and Rosemary (angels) for their ongoing support. A big thank you to Dr Jeff Lee of Cobargo, Dot Holmes of Community Health Bega, Allan Birchall for 'hearing me', Narooma Home Nurses Wanda and Sue, Dr Jane, nurses Sue Richards and Megan Pomeroy in Bega Casualty, also angels Jenny and Jill at A.J.s and the team at Bega Oncology for their caring and advice which means so much to me. I could not have made it this far without my husband John's quiet strength. This experience has drawn us closer together, and to our families who are far and wide. We are also very thankful for our friends in Bega, Bermagui, Wandella and Cobargo, for their love and moral support. Prior to this happening, I was very blasé about cancer, it was something that happened to 'someone else'! I didn't feel the lump, neither did my oncologist. It was detected only by regular mammograms with BreastScreen. The older women get, the higher the risk of their getting breast cancer. One in 11 women will get breast cancer. Early detection through self-examination and mammograms is imperative. So girls, 'feel them or lose them', and to quote Sara Henderson, 'If you haven't yet had a mammogram, well, you bloody-well should!' One minute of discomfort could be worth your lifetime. I write this in the hope of urging even one woman to please, please, please phone BreastScreen Australia on 132050.

Dianne McMartin
Cobargo



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My Triangle

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

Barb Hammill

(co-owner of the Tilba Dromadelly and Neptuna Foods with Robin Croxson)

How long have you lived in The Triangle?

I bought a house in Central Tilba 17 years ago and have lived here for the past 14 years.

Why did you settle here?

I grew up near Cooma and we spent many holidays at Wallaga Lake. Tilba School was alluring for my own children, plus the climate, scenery and village atmosphere.

What do you like to do with time off?

I like to garden, read, and Kim Atkins and I are about to learn to surf.

Socialising with friends at the Drom on Friday night, camping and fishing.

What do you like to eat at home?

Anything Robin cooks!

What changes would you like to see?

I want to see the new Sports Ground at Tilba Tilba open and in action with a tennis court, canteen and bbq.

Favourite holiday destination?

Despite various travels overseas, I just love anywhere in our beautiful south-east corner (5 days in Thredbo in Feb, to start with).

Funny sights in Tilba?

Nikki (who hadn't had a drink) driving Louise (who'd had a couple) home in Louise's ute and wiping out Phil and Deb's garbage bin with a verandah-full at the Drom.

Who would you like to be with on a long journey?

Anyone with a comfy shoulder; preferably Robin.



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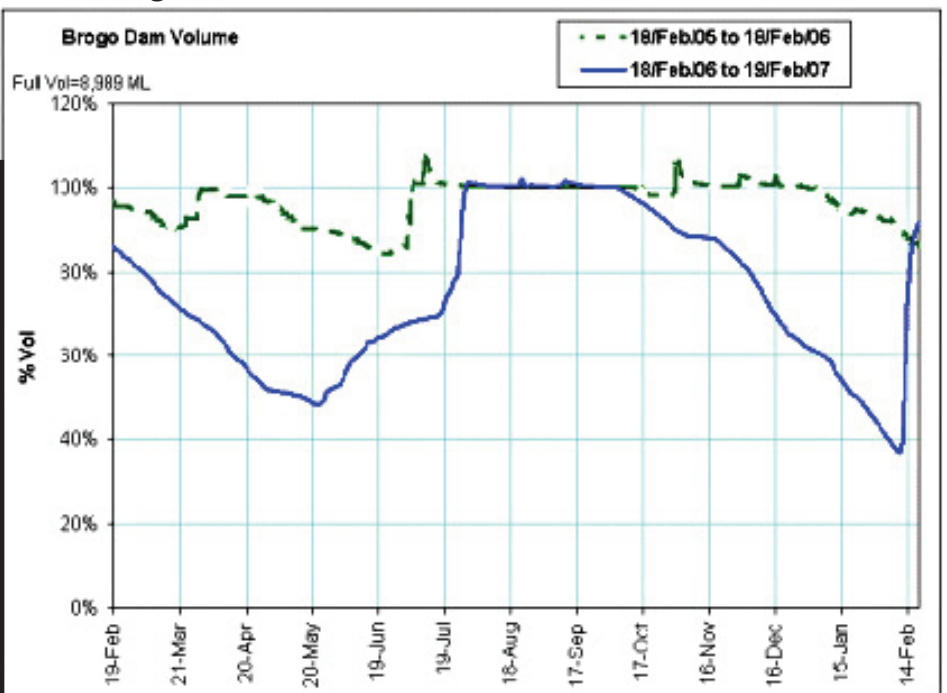
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Triangle Waterwatch



Thanks to the dump the catchment received on 10-11 February, the dam is back up to where it was at this time last year, about 90%. In fact, that's where it was on February 14 when the graph was last updated, but as of February 21 it's up to 93.6% and still slowly rising. Joy! (Source: www.waterinfo.nsw.gov.au and Brogo Dam)

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Rain, Rain, Glorious Rain

It started almost at the finish of the day, a grand finale for the Cobargo Show, and unlike recent rain, it kept coming. Fantastic - dams are full, waterways flushed, and there is some damage from erosion and lightning strikes - one Wandella resident witnessed a lightning ball hovering over a neighbour's house, before boom, and all went black!

Council work crews soon started mopping up after Saturday night's storm deluge. The works team opened Wallaga Lake around midday on Monday afternoon, while the Bega river naturally flowed out to sea at Mogareeka at about 9.30am on Mon-

day. Both the Wallaga Lake Road between Fairhaven and Akolele and the Tathra Bermagui Road have been opened to traffic.

'Council had started monitoring the Bega River and Wallaga Lake estuaries from early Sunday afternoon and began planning openings on Sunday night. Fortunately Mother Nature stepped in and the Bega River entrance opened naturally at about 9.30am,' Council's Environmental Services Coordinator Derek van Bracht said.

Council staff spent about two hours digging a channel to release water from Wallaga Lake. Prior to the opening the water level reached a peak of 1.78m, which is 500mm above the normal opening datum for Wallaga Lake.

Rainfall figures of more than 300mm were recorded across the catchment of Wallaga Lake, with the Cobargo and Dignams Creek areas in particular receiving



Soooo much rain!

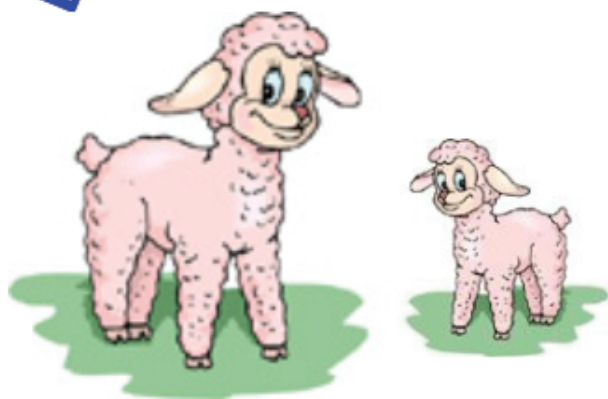
huge falls. The Saturday night storms saw Wallaga Lake rise over 1m in a 36 hour period. Cr Allen said the rain was welcomed across the shire and praised the efforts of emergency services and Council staff for their quick actions in clean-up operations.

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Seniors Celebrations Gain a Legend that has Lived Life

Antarctic explorer, scientist, journalist, writer, tour guide, environmental activist and trekker Harry Black will be the guest speaker at the *Live Life!* lunch, a special feature of this year's Bega Valley Shire Council's Seniors' Week celebrations.

The lunch, to be held at the Merimbula RSL Club and sponsored by Sautelle White Lawyers, will be held on Friday 16 March from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Senior's Week coordinator Penny Amberg said Mr Black was a real example of how to *Live Life!* Harry was born in Sydney and studied glaciology at the University of Melbourne. During the war years, he was attached to AIF units in four campaigns in New Guinea. In 1956, he was appointed to travel to Antarctica as Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) base on Macquarie Island for the International Geophysical Year of 1957/58. In 1960 he returned to Antarctica as OIC for a group of Australian and American scientists at Wilkes base.

While in Antarctica Harry carried out extensive research programs in glaciology, initiating a study on solar haloes. He was also involved in bio-

logical field work on sea mammals and avifauna. While down south, he invented a device to overcome the problems of navigation on featureless ice terrain.

In spring 1960, Harry led an expedition which penetrated 400km south into unexplored territory on the polar plateau and in 1969 was awarded the Polar Medal by the Queen. On returning to Australia, he continued his research at the Department of Meteorology at the University of Melbourne.

In 1965, in Canberra and after a short stint as a VIP tour guide for the National Capital Development Commission (when he met Merle Oberon!), Harry joined the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Following an invitation from Dick Smith, he was commentator on eighteen flights over Antarctica. As a life long bushwalker, skier and caver, he continued his keen interest in trekking and skiing. He wrote extensively for various journals and magazines including the Scott Polar Research Institute and the UK Institute of Navigation. For twenty-five years, he reviewed many nature and exploration books for the newspaper *The Canberra Times* including *The Living Planet* by Sir David Attenborough whom he

subsequently met during one of Sir David's visits to Australia.

'Harry settled in Fairhaven near Bermagui after retiring from the CSIRO in 1981,' Ms Amberg said. 'Retirement did not slow him down but allowed Harry to explore new areas of interest.' This included the development of 'Eniminga', an exotic fruit orchard which he established with assistance from the CSIRO's Division of Horticulture. The two hundred fruit trees and vines of over 60 varieties included 20 tropical fruits, some not normally grown south of Queensland. He was also actively involved in efforts to protect Wallaga Lake from development. He led sixteen treks to Nepal and ski tours to Kashmir, which included many participants well over sixty years of age. 'While these activities themselves would be great to hear about, Harry has chosen to talk about the forgotten heroes that he reveres.'

The lunch will coincide with the free *Live Life!* Expo being held at the Merimbula RSL on Friday 16 March from 9am to noon. Tickets for the lunch cost \$18 and must be purchased prior to the event. Please call 6499 2207 (Mon to Wed) or 6499 2164 to reserve your place and arrange payment.

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Tilba Bites

Tilba participants in the recent very successful annual Cobargo Show came home with a mixed bag of results and stories to tell. Misty Glen Jersey's Firecracker actually cracked the jackpot. According to proud owners Nic and Erica Dibden, Firecracker was awarded Champion Jersey at Cobargo, Bega and Candelo Shows, which is the first time in 17 years that a jersey has scooped all three titles in one year. She can indeed hold her head high and is soon off to the Royal Easter Show.

Aaron Salway, who works with Nic and Erica, must be proud of his entry Bundaberg Just Wait, who was awarded Reserve Champion Jersey at both Cobargo and Candelo Shows. Well done, cows, and of course the dairy-men/women who do such a good job of looking after their herds. Cobargo Show organisers, entrants, riders etc, can be extra proud that their year's work and preparation also resulted in some wild stormy weather and wonderful rain. Only Butchy knows the frustration of a year's work when things don't quite go to plan. I promised P.B. and his Bonnie Clydie not to mention the 2007 Cobargo Show again. However, Robin Croxson has kindly supplied the following words (to be sung to the tune of 'My Bonnie lies over the Ocean'):

*My Bonnie lacks locomotion
My Bonnie lies down on the job
Paul Butcher shows total devotion
By pushing his wagon off home, off
home
Push off, push off
Pushing his wagon off home*

Other news from the show includes the Camp Draft cattle escaping late on the Friday night and as a result of ingenuity and fine horsemanship were retrieved by Scott Dibden and Aaron Salway. A sad moment for Brett Clarke losing one of his horses through an attack of colic. Apparently after the heavy rain on the Saturday night Scott Dibden was still siphoning out water from his u-beaut camper trailer on Sunday morning.

Our intrepid barperson Wendy, who has been going so well lately, had an attack of the wobbles on her postie just short of Mumbulla Mountain the other day. After early reports of broken bones the gossip was fined down to damaged ligaments and gravel rash. Wendy's pain and indignity were aided by morphine and other strong painkillers and the ambulance officers who seem so ready for the next Caulfield moment. As soon as Wendy was made as comfortable as possible, Ian was able to ask the Ambos, 'Well, how long am I going to have to look after myself?'

Expose the idiot/s who have let Phil Elton's horses out three times since Christmas. Big animals (horses and cows) are such a danger untended on narrow roads and blind corners as we have round here. This can be compounded by drivers who do not pull over or proceed with extreme caution. A spooked animal can be so unpredictable. The local police have been notified and would be pleased with any information before locals are killed or maimed by such thoughtless and



Firecracker the Champion Jersey

criminal activity.

Our Drom Gossip says 'an Economist is someone who has a 50% chance of accurately forecasting the past'.

Did you know that there were annual Agricultural Shows on the Showground at Tilba Tilba for about 20 years from 1909? This was such a focal point for the local and wider community. Photographs taken by William Henry Corkhill from about 1890 to 1910 attest to activities such as Ladies Cricket Team (about 1905), Bicycle Club (Corunna), Sports Day Picnic Tilba Tilba, Tilba Footballers (about 1907) and Tilba Cricket Team (about 1902). This collection is permanently housed at the National Library in Canberra, but a selection is also available for viewing at Xanadu Gallery in Central Tilba. Our local community is very anxious to get the Sportsground at Tilba Tilba open and in use. Please support and get behind this most valuable initiative.

Thanks for listening and see you in a month or two.

Ewen Genders △



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Tilba Bites (continued)

Enter the Tilba Art Show

After the success of the public art exhibition and competition held last Easter as part of the revived Tilba Festival, it's on again this year and all artists of the South Coast are invited to participate with their artworks.

The theme for the public art exhibition to be held at Easter is again Gulaga - the inspiration she is to all who live in her foothills.

The new theme is based on the element air. 'This year we have created the theme based on the air and winds of the area,' said Virginia Sada. 'The title of the exhibition is O'Gulaga - Beckoning Breath of the Mother Spirit, and we have been spreading the word

amongst artists in the area already. Remember Tilba means wind, and we felt the air element would be good to recognise. We are also planning to make a giant prayer flag art piece during the festival as a community art piece, and this will be flown during and after the festival time.'

All types of artwork can be included in the exhibition, from paintings and sculpture, carvings and ceramics, to poetry, performance pieces and more. So put your creative cap on, and also encourage artists you know to participate.

Exhibitors need to drop their art pieces to the Big Hall on Easter Thursday, 5 April, between 12 noon and 5pm, and there is an entry form to fill in.

Entry fees of \$10 per adult and \$3 per child/young person will be

charged to help with administration costs. If you need to drop artwork earlier, leave it at Gulaga Gallery, where entry forms are available. We also need people to sit in the Hall over Easter with the exhibition, so the entry fee can be waived if people give 4 hours time to assist with this.

There will be two sections: adults, with a \$200 prize being offered, and young entrants (up to age 18), with a \$50 prize offered. Multiple entries are permitted, but an entry fee must be paid for each entry. The prizes will be awarded on Sunday evening, to allow for maximum viewing and voting time both Saturday and Sunday.

For further information or to obtain entry forms, call Virginia on 0419 200 737 or Gulaga Gallery on 4473 7233 or email vyork@bigpond.com



Tilba Easter Festival Preparations In Full Swing

With just weeks to go until the 23rd Easter Festival, on 7 April, organisers are busy booking bands, street performers and stalls; building two new stages, touching up signs, and more ... in preparation for another exciting Easter Saturday. We are thrilled with the quality, and quantity, of local talent ready to fill 5 stages(!) all day long, including Makin' Whoopie, Damon Davies & Jay McMahon, the Carl Morgan Trio, Mabel, The Cow Patties and many more.

As always, the festival's success depends upon heaps of volunteer effort as the little Tilba community rallies together to pull off this awesome event that attracts around 10,000 people. In fact, our entertainment-filled festival, with its unbelievably cheap

admission donation, is made possible because of an all-volunteer committee, and, it remains free of corporate sponsorship. That makes it a pretty rare and special kind of event! For me, it's been a great experience to work together with such dedicated people, and then, all the effort is rewarded a hundredfold on the day when I see so many happy faces and feel the mass excitement!

If you would like to be a part of our volunteer team, call Isy, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 4473 7700 or isygabriel@aapt.net.au or me on 4473 7233. There is a need for help with setting up on Friday, running the event on Saturday, and breaking down on Sunday. We will also be holding a working bee on Saturday 31st March to clean up the parking paddock. This

year, volunteers will be invited to a champagne and pizza party after the festival as a token of appreciation for their efforts. So, be a part of it!

Sol Ramana-Clarke



The Tilba Now Exhibition has come and gone for another year and I would like to give a big thank you to all the contributors, as without their effort, the exhibition just couldn't happen. A big thank you to those who donated items for the raffle including Joy Manly for her beautiful handmade silk scarf and Amanda Gillespie and Vivienne Bowe for their book *May Visit to Tilba*. Through donations and the raffle we managed to raise \$1282 which will certainly buy a few more tins of paint. *Caroline*



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Bermi Banter

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The meeting on Monday 12 Feb 2007 of Bermagui Country Club Board members, representatives of the various sporting sub-clubs and some of the general membership saw lively discussion on all sides and no advance on solving the financial problems facing the Country Club.

The purpose of the meeting was to ask for assistance from the sporting sub-clubs by way of increased membership in those groups and greater use of the Country Club's facilities. It was pointed out that some of those facilities (ie the tennis courts and one of the bowling greens) are in need of serious repair, and that non-payment of green fees by some golfers was a regular occurrence and collection of fees should be enforced.

Statistics presented included only 18% usage of golf course, bowling greens and tennis courts which certainly leaves a lot to be desired, and that the Club sustained a loss of \$312,000 in the 2005/2006 financial year and an annual loss of approximately \$200,000.

Topics raised and questions asked by those in attendance ranged from development of a second (smaller) parcel of Parberry Avenue land, the whereabouts of the Title Deeds to Club property, and the management structure of the Club.

Suggestions ranged from the Board needing to be more in tune with what its members want by way of tournaments, functions and entertainment, to a bigger effort being made to promote the Club for use by outside groups.

Unfortunately, Club Executives adjourned the meeting when issues raised from the floor were not on the agenda.

Bermagui fights nasty weed

Euphorbia paralias or sea spurge is a nasty weed that arrived in Western Australia in the 1930s and has ridden the currents and waves around to Tasmania and the NSW South Coast. Each plant produces about 5,000 salt-tolerant seeds and it doesn't take long for sea spurge to cover a beach and choke out all the native plants. The changes to the beach can be so dramatic that seabirds can be prevented from nesting and breeding.

Bermagui Dunecare is one group that is standing in the way of this insidious weed and its efforts have been recognised by the Far South Coast Landcare Association which has presented the group with its annual *Golden Wombat Award* 'in Recognition of their Tenacity and Commitment to Coastal Weed Control'. The group also received

and the core group of about eight volunteers in Bermagui Dunecare have been pulling sea spurge one Sunday a month for some years. The group took on a new lease of life when Karen Joynes became the coordinator in August 2004 and since then the members have put in about 230 hours of volunteer work, which costs out at about \$7,000. At holiday time, members of the group bring along their visitors to help boost the numbers.

Bermagui Dunecare is not only interested in more volunteers for their monthly working bees, but is also keen for other groups to adopt more of the local beaches. This particular volunteering is really nice work. Good company, easy work, and all carried out on some of the most beautiful beaches you will find anywhere. Sea spurge is

really easy to pull out of the sand and if it is pulled before flowering time, the plants can be just cast aside to shrivel up. Flowering plants are bagged and disposed of and Bermagui Dunecare doesn't use any chemicals in controlling the weed.

If you would like to help out and have some fun in the sun at the



Members of the Bermagui Dunecare Group with their Golden Wombat Award. L to R Heather Kenway, Noel Kenway, Karen Joynes and Stuart Cameron

a cheque to buy small items of equipment. Tenacity is what it is all about when it comes to weed management

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Bermi Banter (continued)

Seaside Fair's Arts & Crafts Exhibition

This exhibition will be held in a mammoth marquee made possible by the generosity of the Bermagui Country Club.

Caroline Green will again provide wonderful background music with her harp, and Cheryl Davison and Kari Yalla will be among the invited exhibiting artists.

The Country Club's Arts & Craft Group will exhibit a wide variety of work including paintings, pottery, leadlight, quilting and woodwork.

If you are a creative person and would like to join us on 10 March at the Fair, please look for further information on our website or phone Jan Ireland on 6493 3808.

Leading The Parade...

Mr Harry Bishop, 96 years young and a former long time resident of Narira Street, has kindly agreed to lead this year's Seaside Fair Parade on Saturday, 10 March, just as he did at the very first Seaside Fair 10 years ago, driving his beloved Hillman Minx.

Mr Bishop served with the RAAF during World War II and is well known and respected in the Bermagui area for his many years of tireless community work. He now lives at Dalmeny, and we all look forward to welcoming him back to Bermagui next month.

A reminder also, the Bermagui Seaside Fair Pets Pageant starts at 1.30pm. Further details can be obtained from the Bermagui Vets Clinic.

Photographs and Sculpture at the Seaside Fair

Buoyed up by the resounding success of last year's first stand-alone Photographic Exhibition, Fair organisers expect an even better response in 2007.

Bega's Fletchers Fotographics and Bermagui Seaside Fair are providing prizes in a number of categories which will be judged by the eminent Professor Des Crawley, who will also be exhibiting some of his own work.

The exhibition, to be held in the Country Club's downstairs auditorium, will run on Friday 9 March from 1pm to 5pm; on Saturday, the day of the Fair, from 10am to 1pm; and on Sunday, 11 March from 10am to 1pm.

Applications have been received from a number of photographic groups and from talented locals Candy Craine, Sam Davis, and Peter and David Cotton. The exhibition will showcase images from the Corkhill Collection presented by Diana Watson of Central Tilba, prints from the Bermagui Historical Society's Archives, and a display of model fishing boats crafted by Merv Payne.

Get an entry form from www.bermaguiseasidefair.com.au. Entries close on 2 March 2007. For further enquiries, please contact Jan Ireland on 6493 3808 or Peter Cotton on 6493 3800.

In "Sculpture on the Edge", we'll be revisiting Richard Moffatt's famous (some say infamous) 'Knot' sculpture and seeing for the first time the work of Austrian sculptor Andreas Buisman

who works in granite and trachyte. Look out for his 'Madonna' and reflecting pool.

Also look out for Tom Rivard's busy little dog who first appeared at Bondi's Sculpture by the Sea, and prepare to be charmed or alarmed by Greg Taylor's 'Little Aussie Digger'.

Our mosaic sea creatures need *you*, young and old, to help them come alive. Murray Ambler will start fabricating them, with your assistance,

from 11am on Friday 9 March. Please bring sturdy gloves and enthusiasm. We'd also welcome broken tiles and crockery if you have any to contribute.

On Sunday 11 March, we'll be holding our symposium on Sculpture as Public Art at Phillip Cox's beautiful property Thubbull. Come join us, Richard Moffatt and Dr Matthew Nott for some mental and visual stimulation and lunch al fresco.

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Bermi Banter (continued)

Pre School News

Last October, Bermagui Pre School successfully applied for fee relief through the Preschool Investment & Reform Plan.

We are pleased to advise that Bermagui Pre School can now offer the following fees for children who are due to start primary school in the year 2008. The funding will also be available in 2008 for children who are starting primary school in 2009.

Fees for children commencing primary school in 2008 will range from \$5 per day to \$12 per day, depending on parental income.

Due to good financial manage-

ment, fees for all other children will be reduced by 10%, and will range from \$8 to \$17 per day, depending on parental income.

The staff and committee at Bermagui Pre School would like to thank the NSW Education minister and Department of Community Services for providing the funds to enable all 4 to 5 year olds to access a quality preschool program in the year prior to starting primary school, as well as making preschool more affordable & accessible to all children and families.

If parents are interested in their child/children attending this year, please contact the preschool now as there are only a few vacancies available.

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Go, Bermagui Public School, Go!

A visit to Bermagui Public School and a chat with Assistant Principal Therese Aston left me wanting to turn the clock back. One class among the 176 students was busy on the verandah discussing the benefits of healthy eating while having their daily Fruit Break at 10.30 am. Fruit is provided if required, as is breakfast, to help keep energy and concentration at optimum levels. Eating a piece of hard fruit that requires chewing keeps the Eustachian tubes open and promotes good hearing.

BPS places emphasis on technology with a computer lab of desktops plus 10 laptops enabling an entire class to work together - eg, all 30 Year 5s learning to create PowerPoint presentations.

The Accelerated Literacy program allows pupils to work and progress at their own comprehension and reading levels, and numeracy is also targeted as a vital life skill. How reassuring all this must be for parents.

'School Parliament' was the brainchild of Cobargo teacher Chris Stiller about 3 years ago and works like this: there are no more captains, vice-captains, prefects - Years 3 to 6 (approx 107 children) are the Parliament, with duly elected Prime Minister and Ministers (for fundraising, etc); the teachers are the Senate, and School Principal Noel Rutherford is Governor-General. Bills are written, presented and discussed. This non-adversarial Parliament is designed to encourage student leadership and par-

ticipation in the running of the school and could no doubt set an example to those other parliaments we all know.

Preparation hours may be slightly longer than they used to be to take in advanced teaching methods, training and technology but today's teachers are certainly motivated and stimulated themselves, just as they expect their students to be.

On the lighter side, active little minds come in active little bodies and among the many sporting events planned for this year will be the statewide Harmony Day Cricket Match connecting all primary schools throughout NSW, and being organised by the students themselves. The entire school will be playing and it may well be the largest cricket match in the world!

Creative arts are encouraged (pottery was very popular last year) and performing arts workshops are unique to Bermagui Public School with rehearsed acting and singing featured at the concert held at the end of Term Three. And Year 6's musical talents including drumming, keyboard and guitar are all practised and perfected for the main event, the year-end Presentation Day.

Therese Aston has been with the School for eight years and says without a doubt it's the best she's experienced in her long teaching career.

Go, Bermagui Public School, go!

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Cobargo Conversations

What fantastic rain to finish off a great Cobargo Show this year.

A huge congratulations to Gub Taylor, who was this year's recipient of the Cobargo Citizen of the Year, also to Julie and Craig O'Meara - another beautiful daughter and a sister for Sophie, Ruby and Ivy; and to Janet from Cobargo Farm - all the very best for the future and we're glad you are adding to Cobargo's population and not detracting from it by leaving! Welcome home Reg, great to see you back home. We all missed you. And finally congratulations to all those who participated, won and didn't score at the Cobargo Show this month, but a special mention to Les Patterson who won the novice art section - go Les.

Kaewing Welsh Cobs have had their first foal of the season after a long wait. He's a beautiful black colt with four white feet and a white face, called Kaewing Dinngwynn.

Narira Trust news: we have been given some carpet to repair the upstairs function area, now all we need is a volunteer to lay it. It is only a small job with an assistant to help. So please, if there is someone out there with some carpet-laying experience let Der know at 6493 6421 (bh) thanks.

Thank you to the generous locals who donated plants to beautify our 'toilet block' garden - Allison S, Pam S, Narelle C and the ever generous Co-op. Even the council helped by providing mulch, pavers and money to purchase plants. Let's just hope the 'younger' members of our town appreciate the area and no longer use it as

their BMX track.

Cobargo-Dry River Soccer Club news: the season is well under way with training every Monday night until touch finishes on a Wednesday. Times are the same as last year, unless coaches notify team members of any changes. Registration is very involved this year, so we ask all players intending to play to let Corey know on 6493 6977. Registration

must be completed by 26 March, otherwise you will be ineligible to play in knockout. Phone Corey regarding fees for 2007. We have received \$1000 worth of soccer equipment from Telstra which is greatly appreciated and will be utilised throughout the season.

Sunflower Fashions of Cobargo and the P&C of the Cobargo Public School are proud to announce 'the fashion parade of the year'! An autumn and winter showing. Come one, come all! Great girl's-afternoon-out event. Tickets: \$10.00 includes high tea and fashion parade. Where: School of Arts. When: Sun. 11 March at 5pm. All money collected for tickets go to the Cobargo Public School music program. Contact: Suzanne Whyte of Sunflower Fashions 6493 6127 for further info.

Cobargo School of Arts Hall: the Cobargo SoA Hall committee is urging all hall hirers, patrons and community members to come along to a working bee at our community hall. The working bee has been organised for Sunday 25 March 2007 (day after state election) from 10am to 2pm, Cobargo School of Arts Hall, Bermagui Rd, Cobargo. We



Narira Creek level after a dam up-

are planning to give the toilet blocks a revamp which includes some tiling and painting, create some gardens and landscaping and undertake a general tidy up inside and outside of our hall. So we would like to see many helping hands to carry out these tasks. Bring a picnic along and enjoy the day working together to create a better community. See you all there. Maryann Green (President)

Kinetix Sports and Lifestyle at Cobargo is now stocking a range of alternative health products and specialty food items. New products include: organic, oriental and non-wheat diet foods, Schuessler tissue salts; 'safe' soap, toothpaste, deodorant and sunscreen; herbal creams and remedies. Add this to sports clothing, hats and home brew supplies - this all makes for a most unusual collection in one shop. These days, there is a surprisingly varied and interesting range of goods that can be purchased in Cobargo.

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Quaama Files

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of the late Rex Hilton. Rex's life was celebrated in Quaama last Friday by family and friends at the Quaama Hall with the sounds of the Quaama Band, augmented by Rex's long-time friends, reaching out in a final farewell to a much loved friend. Betsy, our hearts are with you and your family.

We're such a diverse community and in this small space it's hard to reflect a complete range of perspectives from the many individuals and sectors that make up this special community. So, if you feel underrepresented as a Quaama-ite – please speak up!

In early 2006, for 42 days, three Australian Sea kayakers attempted to paddle their sea kayaks from the Northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula to the southernmost point below the Antarctic Circle. Andrew Mcauley, Stuart Trueman and Brogo local Lawrence Geoghegan paddled their kayaks through katabatic winds and sea ice to reach their goal.

This was a never-before-attempted and unsupported expedition, sleeping on ice, snow and rocks sometimes out in the open. There were many close calls with the fellas getting stuck in their kayaks in ice and paddling for hours with little gains. Listen first hand to Lawrence tell of his escape on the harrowing first day's paddle when they were hit by 60+knot winds when he shows slides and film of this amazing trip. Don't miss this exciting event at Quaama School of Arts Hall, Friday 2 March at 7.30 pm. Refreshments available. All proceeds to benefit the hall res-

toration fund. Adults \$5, children \$2.

On the subject of fundraising... calling all dairy women! There's a plan afoot to put together a 'milk maids' calendar. If you've got the pluck to join in this cheeky fundraising project whether as a 'calendar girl' or in make up, as photographer, layout artist, marketing etc, contact Veronica on



The Quaama Coffee Ladies

6493 8406. What will we spend the proceeds on – the ramp and toilet at the Church; the School of Arts restumping? What do you feel is the priority of the many improvements needed in our village?

Have you ever wondered about the Quaama Wednesday Morning Coffee Ladies group? What a fabulous group of women. Here's a little advice on achieving inner peace shared by one of our local matriarchs: 'The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started. So I looked around the house to see all things I started and haven't finished... and before leaving the house this morning I finished off a bottle of red wine, a bottle of white wine, the Baileys, Kahlua and Wild Turkey, the Prozac, some Valium, some cheesecake and a box of chocolates. You have no idea how

freakin' good I feel! You can pass this on to

those you feel in need of some Inner Peace!'

Mmmm, aroused your curiosity? The Quaama Wednesday Morning Coffee Ladies group has been meeting weekly for 17 years, having begun at the Wise Fool coffee shop (run by Alison Heip and Peter Lammous) beside Quaama Store, then evolving as the 'Shed Ladies' when it moved to Pat O'Donnell's in Bermagui Street. Adopting a more genteel title in recent years the group now circulates around the women's lovely homes. If you are inspired to join in, don't forget your coffee mug! Contact details in Triangle Community Notices.

Congratulations to our very own B&B Mumbulla View's proprietors, Cora and Dave Hooper, on their recent **** star accreditation awarded by NRMA's 'AAA' Tourism assessment. We're so proud of you! So tell all your visiting friends and relatives about this gorgeous accommodation right here in the village!

Other congratulations are extended to Leanne Dive on her engagement to Phil Chapman. Enjoy your wedding plans for 31 March. Helen Pratley, formerly of Quaama, has also found love, accepting a proposal from Noel Forbes on Valentine's Day at Narooma. Great news, Helen! Joan and Earl Horne will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 2 April. That'll be a BIG celebration! And last but not least Happy Birthday to baby Krystal Rayer, Cora Hooper, Rob Allen, Nadine Leslie, Dave Monck, Lynn Wilby, Zoe Carroll and Veronica Coen. Anyone get missed?

The Quaama School of Arts Management Committee and sub-committee Quaama and District Progress Association has commenced its monthly meetings. The School of Arts has been

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an integral part of community life in the district for over 100 years, established and always maintained cooperatively by the community. You don't need to always attend meetings (some of us just are **not** meeting people) to contribute to the ongoing management of this facility. Just come forward when there is a project on. It's fun working together on and in this shared and cherished community meeting place. BVSC Social Planner, Kylie Ruth, is currently planning skills workshops to demystify and enhance local participation in community projects. Look out for upcoming dates and topics!

The valued volunteers of the Quaama Brigade of the Rural Fire Service are holding an Easter raffle. They know your generous support for contributions to fatten the hamper will be forthcoming. Betta Electrical has donated a food steamer and Retravisson has also pledged a product. So please prioritise this important fundraiser. Tickets are available from any of the 'furies' or from Quaama Store where the hamper will be on view.

Quaama Public School's exciting program this year has taken off with outstanding results in the district swimming carnival, particularly for Erin Moore, Morgan Boyle, Roy Petrie and Millie Boyle. The Cricket team, Sean Lambert, Jayden Shipton, Dale Bragg, Morgan Boyle, Andrew Hall, Brent Lucas, Elijah Murchison, Ryan d'Arnay, Tim Lambert, Jack MacCauley, Alex Hutteroth and Hayden Bragg (Reserves Roy Angove and Tim Hall) will tackle Narooma P.S. in the State Cricket Knockout on 1

March. Good luck and thanks to Mr Lambert for your coaching!

The innovative Active After School Communities Program (AASCP) first session of **Circus Skills** was held on Thursday 15 February and will continue each Thursday for the remainder of this term. **Multi Skill games**, organised by trained parent helpers, commenced on Tuesday 20 February and will also continue each Tuesday afternoon for the remainder of this term. Both programs run from 3.30 to 5pm with a healthy afternoon tea provided. The **free** activities encourage participation and cooperation, with a focus on them being **fun** and being safe, ensuring **everyone can achieve**. The program has proven so successful that all places are now taken, with a waiting list in operation. Mrs Tarlinton will visit Quaama school on Friday 23 February to present the **Cobargo Show Trophy** to the students of Quaama P.S. for their entries in the show. Congratulations to Nell Allen-Coen for her amazing entry in the craft section and to Jan Whyte for her prizes in the photography section.

A Volunteer Conservation Group is working in our school to assist with Stage 2 of the development of a vegetable plot. We are very grateful to the volunteers for their fantastic assistance and we look forward to the development of this project when we can use the vegetables in our canteen. Also, an innovation this term is **Move to Learn**, a daily fitness program which will support children's growth and development. The children have taken to the program with enthusiasm



Quaama School Captains for 2007: Sean Lambert (Vice Captain), Mikala Hutteroth (Captain), Dale Bragg (Captain) and Lachlan Heythorn (Vice Captain)

and it is proving very successful. Our thanks to Julia Dive and Jenny Hobbs for their excellent initiative. We are planning an after school information session to support parents to learn more about the program. Watch this space!

How many of our friends or families work away? Just heard that Heimo Heino's returned to the 'big smoke' with fresh vision. How much did those specs cost anyhow? Best wishes to all our friends at home and away!



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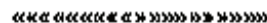
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A Moment Out of Time

Cuttagee Artists have been exhibiting for 11 years and are developing a strong following. This year the group will be examining their inter-

are rising and her ceramic creatures have been multiplying. Jenni Yamuna Bruce's sculptures in the garden are simply growing and growing. The

other guest artist is Daniel Wallace and although I haven't seen his work I understand that Daniel has been playing in the garden finding magic and beauty. I



Cuttagee artists Shunyam Smith, Lois Irwin and Sara Freeman taking a moment out of time

pretation of 'A Moment Out of Time' at the annual exhibition.

Valley artist and art critic extraordinaire Dave Stocker previews this year's exhibition: 'It's been a joyous autumn with good rains and the land looks lush. Rain has also fallen on a group of artists based at Cuttagee and they are flourishing.

'Deborah Mandira's textiles are lush this year and she has added even more driftwood. Sara Freeman and Lois Irwin's brushes have been flowing. Shunyum Smith's tapestries are growing and Bhavana Moylan's photography and paintings are glowing. Guest artist Lauraine Parker's totems

am looking forward to a surprise.'

The exhibition will run from 7 to 15 April and the gallery hours are 10am to 4pm daily. Coffee and cake are available in the sculpture garden. Follow the signs to the Indaba Exhibition Space at Barraga Bay, 9k south of Bermagui on the Tathra Rd.



Ha Ha Ha

Billy was at school this morning and the teacher asked all the children what their fathers did for a living. All the typical answers came out: fireman, policeman, salesman, chippy, captain of industry, etc, but Billy was being uncharacteristically quiet and so the teacher asked him about his father.

'My father is an exotic dancer in a gay club and takes off all his clothes in front of other men. Sometimes if the offer is really good, he'll go out with a man, rent a cheap hotel room and let them sleep with him.'

The teacher quickly set the other children some work and took little Billy aside to ask him if that was really true.

'No,' said Billy. 'He plays cricket for England but I was just too embarrassed to say.'

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Cryptic Triangle

This month we welcome back the Cryptic Triangle in 2007. There are two sets of clues, cryptic and quick. Pens out!

Across

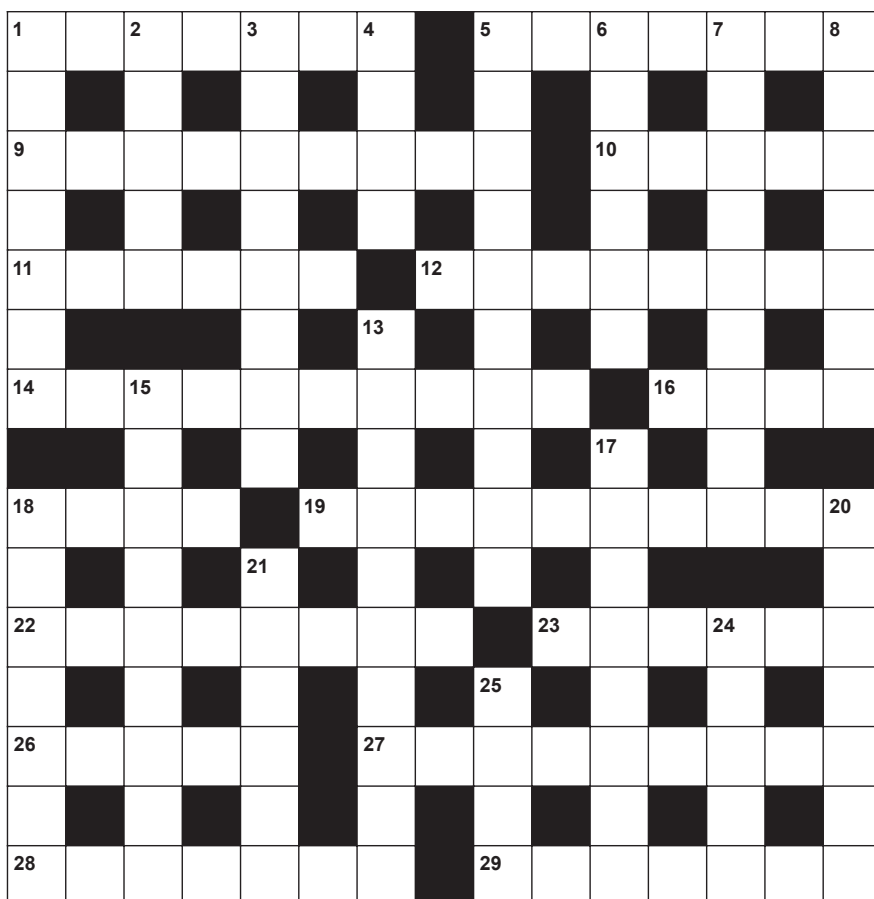
1. Unnatural ugly nod is faithless (7)
5. Feline's foot! Dogsboddy? (7)
9. Dance queen in a principal roll (9)
10. Like for trademark aspirin (5)
11. More daring slice of bacon (6)
12. Turn cone wildly to make night music (8)
14. First National sailor prototype (10)
16. Leaf disturbed blood sucker (4)
18. Star repels vermin (4)
19. First man's temptation left a lump in his throat (5, 5)
22. Make out ego specialist if unknown (8)
23. Knock out or that is one of the first nation (6)
26. Grey matter from boron shower (5)
27. Bring back check by Victoria perhaps (9)
28. Jumper for an Australian rugby player (7)
29. Sin stud unfortunately found on Armonds bay (7)

Down

1. Wallaga Lake cultural centre inside an aluminium barramundi (7)
2. To get big winds, put beer inside empty glasses (5)
3. Peg out Lawrence with a jerk, pertaining to food (8)
4. Local tribe put you in yang's partner (4)
5. Heraldic bearing from a layer of guns (4,2,4)
6. Small children as in salutes (6)

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7. Stationery prune holds sheets together (9)
8. Throwing stick court mother holding queen (7)
13. Forbid pyre confused raptor (4,2,4)
15. Has it together running the dance (2,3,4)
17. Vehicle duck operated took part in a noisy feast (8)
18. Sun god in front of boat with colourful arch (7)
20. Seeing organ allows lace holes (7)
21. Verse that was part of the first Anzac corp. (6)
24. Studies about promotions (5)
25. Family left in a furnace (4)



Solution to December Crossword

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'Quick Crossword' clues

Across

1. Faithless (7)
5. Worker who is taken advantage of (7)
9. Principal dancer (9)
10. Commercial aspirin (5)
11. Bacon slice (6)
12. Night music (8)
14. First national (10)
16. Insect (4)
18. Vermin (4)
19. Thyroid projection (5,5)
22. Recognise (8)
23. Aboriginal in their language (6)
26. Grey matter (5)
27. Establish again (9)
28. Marsupial (7)
29. Sun worshippers (7)

Down

1. Wallaga Lake cultural centre (7)
2. Winds (5)
3. Concerning food (8)
4. Local tribe (4)
5. Heraldic bearing (4,2,4)
6. Salutes (6)
7. Page clamp (9)
8. Spear thrower (7)
13. Raptor (4,2,4)
15. Quick (2,3,4)
17. Made merry (8)
18. Array of colours (7)
20. Lace holes (7)
21. A verse (6)
24. Peruses (5)
25. Oven (4)

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Brogo Babble

Life returned back to normal somewhat in Brogo last month after our great escape with the wildfire in January. Almost, that is, as rain found its way to us with lucky clouds dropping over 200mm throughout the locality. Dams, tanks and aerated soils filled up, while on the flip side, our dirt roads suffered badly as even more silt found its way down watercourses.

The annual Brogo River Australia Day Float was again a much-anticipated event with that magical number 26 surfacing again. Magical in that for all but one of these events for the past 8 years the number of participants down the river has been 26! Brogoians travelled the Brogo in all sorts of craft including kayaks, rubber floats and spaghetti tubes. The unexpected site of Don Firth emerging from the river in his tiny swimming togs was indeed a sight to behold ... or not! Welcome back home from travelling, Don and Fiona. As always there was a party of locals to greet the paddlers with the BBQ firing as we celebrated our national day together in community.

For one local identity it's almost a case of jumping from the wildfire into the frying pan!! Our own Vicki Younger is standing for the NSW Upper House in the upcoming State Election. Vicki is part of a team pulled together by Patrice Newell called the 'Climate Change Coalition' group of Independents that are fielding candidates concerned with the direction taken by all other political parties toward solutions relating to this now very popular topic. Anyone interested in assisting Vicki on polling day can contact her on 6492 7202 or

vicki@redgumsoaps.com.au. Good luck Vicki, and can we please have a methane digester installed on a dairy farm soooooon!!

Julie Davies representing Landcare paid residents who live along House Creek a visit recently. Siltation of the creek was the main topic on the agenda with comments from some that observations over the past 25 years have seen a gradual improvement in



Dallas at the annual Brogo Australia Day Float

riparian banks with less cattle and horse access. Concerns were also expressed about the silt wash from the approaches to Dorrigo Rd into the causeway. Julie made those present aware of financial assistance from Landcare funding toward any revegetation projects along House Creek.

You may remember an item in Brogo Babble last year lamenting the fact that Brogo lacks a voice at local government level being split between the Bega and Cobargo Area Consultative Committees. It went out on our local mailing list-serve and for those who replied in favour of forming a local gang ... a meeting has been held ... more later.

Permaculture Gardens in Brogo Open Days

Feast your eyes on over 60 varieties of fruit, an owner-built mudbrick home and Chinese Geese harvesting through the orchards. These are just some of the attractions as Brogo Permaculture Gardens opens in a rare event to the public all weekend on 17 and 18 March.

In development for 12 years, it highlights the application of permaculture principles in meeting the basic needs of John and Sharon Champagne and their five children.

Guided tours with John at 10am, 2pm and 5pm will explain the design in detail and allow the opportunity for any discussion. A slide show inside to finish will look back at photos of the various stages over the years..

Entry is \$5 per person with under-16s and pensioners free. Homegrown refreshments will be for sale and the property is situated on the left hand side 4 km along Hawkshead Rd, which is 1 km on the left of Warrigal Range Rd in Brogo. △

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Brogo Babble (continued)

Brogo Fires: 25 January 1952

The last issue of the *Triangle* erroneously referred to the 1954 Brogo bushfires. Mayda Jamieson of Quaama, who was aged (almost) 11 years at the time remembers very acutely that horrific day on 25 January 1952. From her perspective at her auntie's place out beyond Waterloo at the far reaches of Upper Brogo Rd, out past where the two bridges got burned, she says the fire came over the 'Knob', the mountain behind the dam. It was out past Riverview and appeared as what would now be described as a 'fire storm', terrifying balls of flame rolling across the ground consuming everything in its path.

Mayda remembers in a hushed voice the girls, Jenny and Marie Otton, and the old man Rudolph Ogilvie who were taken by the fire as they tried to escape on horseback across the paddocks and up the hills. She warns, 'Never go into the head of a gully, the fire creates its own wind and burns up the hill.' Mayda recalls that Jenny and Marie, aged about 14 and 15 or 16 years were excellent show jumpers.

Back then, Mayda explains, the country south of the Brogo River was known as 'Brogo' and that lying to the north of the river bank was recognised as 'Upper Brogo'. This was the country that the fire ravaged 55 years ago in 1952. Mayda also recalled that the wooden toilet block at the Verona School - now Shipton's - was burnt down. 'After that they closed the school down,' she says.

Mayda expresses much concern for people living up in the hills without adequate fire breaks. 'They don't know what it [the fire] will do until it happens. Don't think that dried-off paddocks offer protection; it will burn everything - stubbles of grass, dried manure. *Everything!*' Thanks, Mayda, for your insights.

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HORSE HYPE

Horse Hype is a feature in our Triangle sure to please all those horse lovers out there. There must be loads of interesting stories to be told, so send them in and share them with us.

Cobargo Horse & Trail Riders Celebrate Australia Day 2007

Once again Richard Tarlinton took us on his ever-popular first ride of the year, each time making it a little different from the last. Though I believe all rides are great even when repeated!

Assembly was a late one for this, being 12pm to ride out at 1pm. The longer daylight enables us to ride in the cooler part of the day and this year was perfect - light cloud overhead and not humid in the bush.

A large number of riders gathered so we were pretty busy taking registrations beforehand. Thanks to Julie for her secretarial skills, which had everyone in the book and ticked off. With 21 members and 26 day riders we were quite a large group.

Trail boss Richard welcomed everyone, explained a few rules and courtesies which are necessary as this is a walking ride, not a gallop, and we were away.

The start of the ride was through open paddocks, along the road then off through the bush following a fire trail Richard, Noel, Pauline and Marea had checked the week before. A

few horses were a bit excited at first, the usual dancing and jogging but once in the bush they settled.

As there had not been rain for a good while we all noticed quite a difference in the levels of water in the creek crossings. This would be quite different now though!

Along the way we saw an unusually large number of red bellies curled up enjoying their afternoon naps, more than we might see all summer on rides. Our fearless leader and Roger and Shane also had to deal with a tiger right on the track under Starlight's legs. That was interesting to say the least! Ask Roger how he felt at the time.

The halfway stop at the river was reached by most but some went a bit further to check out a deckchair placed upstream. Was this some member's favourite fishing spot or quiet hideaway for reading?

The return trip was noticeably quicker, with horses right into fast walks and in no time we were back in Richard's paddocks.

Richard and June made us welcome for a bbq at their place, entertainment provided by the local band True Blue which kept on playing until midnight and had everyone dancing and enjoying a great Australia Day.

We all had a great time, both riding and partying. It was fun to have new faces along to have a taste of what we members of CHTRC love to do. Thanks again, Richard and June, for your friendly hospitality.

Club activities are underway for 2007 with memberships now due at \$55 for adults and \$35 for juniors.

At the AGM outgoing President Pauline Blair thanked members for their support over the year, with successful rides and functions held. Looking forward to a 'revisited' 07 with rides of special calibre planned. She welcomed Richard Tarlinton as president, Trish Hayes as secretary and Marea Blair as treasurer. Julie Welsh is publicity officer once again.

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Hey guys,
Well, the summer is slowly fading into the distance which means not so much swimming (bummer), not so much surfing (double bummer) and not so much cricket (ummm.....) but it also means Easter's coming and more importantly the start of the footy and soccer season is not far away!! And if we're lucky the snow season is not far away either. I'd like to thank everyone for entering the design competition in the Dec/ Jan issue and congratulations to:

Under 16s- Dylan Marshallsea
from Victoria

Under 14s- Madeline Jackson
from Bermagui

Under 10s- Meg Hawken from
Tilba Tilba

Thanks heaps guys!!

The **surf comp** in Bermagui was awesome and the organisers would like to express a huge thank you to all the sponsors and competitors. The **Seaside Fair** is coming up on the 10th of March. So if you are looking for something fun, free and entertaining to do, head over to Bermagui and enjoy a fun filled day with competitions, games, music and 100's of stalls to browse.

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Until next month, Ms Tiddler

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Method

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 3. Put into containers and freeze overnight
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Jokes

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A. Frostbite!

Q. What's brown and sticky?

A. A stick!

Q. Why is the letter G scary?

A. It turns a host into a Ghost!

Q. What letters are not in the alphabet?

A. The ones in the mail of course!

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The Mumbulla Foundation, the Community Foundation of the Bega Valley Shire, whose vision of pooling community funds and donations from various organisations and generous individuals has resulted in more than \$350,000 in grants over the last six years, has awarded \$51,400 to 23 organisations for 2007.

Foundation President Geoff Brookes and Bega Shire Deputy Mayor Janette Neilson - from beautiful Bermi herself - presented the Foundation's grant cheques to five local organisations on 2 February at the Country Club.

Our congratulations to the following who successfully met the stringent selection criteria:

Bermagui CTC (represented by Peter Bray): \$3,000 for a mobile computer lab to provide free training by volunteer trainers to shut-ins and other isolated residents.

Four Winds (Sheena Boughen): \$5,000 to support a barnstorming tour to all primary and secondary schools in the Bega Valley and to provide a

number of public concerts. There will be workshops for music elective students which will result in performances at the Four Wind Festival in 2008.

Bermagui Playgroup (Carolyn Constable) and Bermagui Pre-School (Narelle Meyers): \$1,500 for educational toys and digital camera equipment for sharing by both groups; \$1,500 to enhance literacy teaching.

Little Yuin Pre-School (Gabrielle Powell & Amanda Tighe): \$1,500 to enable the Wallaga Lake Pottery Workshops to provide an opportunity for a creative group of parents and children to work alongside each other and meet regularly. WLPW will



Mumbulla Foundation Grants Ceremony. L to R: Gabrielle Powell (Little Yuin), Geoff Brookes (President MF), Amanda Tighe (Little Yuin), Terry Irwin (Four Winds), Janette Neilson (Deputy Mayor), Sheena Boughen (Four Winds), Peter Bray (CTC), Narelle Meyers & daughter Danika (Bermi Pre-school). Absent: Carolyn Constable (Bermi Playgroup)

use clay to express culture, relay stories, and explore parenting and health issues through art. WLPW will provide an increased opportunity for local community members to make items for sale through the Umbara Cultural Centre.



Garden Magic

Kung Hei Choy to all the Triangular veggie munchers - that is Happy Chinese New Year to all who live in and enjoy the Triangle. So, out with the Dog and its fleas and in with the Pig. Hopefully that fantastic rain we've just had is followed up with lots of mud to wallow in!

How exciting to walk around after the rain seeing all the dams full, and how the plants loved and responded to the water. My excitement was for the veggie patch which was almost dead because the soil was so dry it couldn't hold any of the moisture I was trying to give it. It was waiting, and along came the rain! Now is the time to throw

a few seeds in, transplant those seedling in the cool of the afternoon with a good watering (watching them for the next few days to make sure they don't reach wilting point by covering them up with mulch or some kind of shade). And most importantly in this heat - remember to water yourself. Happy Gardening.

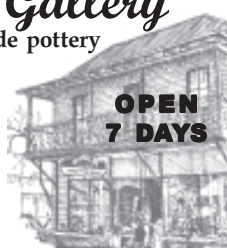
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Meets Mondays, 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage, Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and welcomes anyone who does patchwork, quilting, needlework, sewing or any other handcraft. Contact Dianne Smithett on 6493 8590.

COBARGO AREA COMMITTEE

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

COBARGO LANDCARE GROUP

Occasional meetings - for info phone
Brian Lewin - 6493 4629, Rod Logan - 6493 8512

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yo and over. Caring for your child's early education. For more info, ph Tracey Abraham on 6493 6660.

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets once a month
Hall bookings and enq. Maryann Green 6493 6280
m@blackdogfurniture.com

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

Children 6 - 15yrs wanting to learn new skills, enjoy outdoor activities, have fun. Meetings 6.30pm to 8pm in school term Cobargo Showground dining hall. Contact 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 Beach Bowling Club every 3rd Thursday of the month. All welcome. Enquiries 6493 7269.

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bermagui Country Club. Bermi C.C., Bega Bowling Club, Cobargo Hotel, Narooma Sporting Club & Tuross Kyla Park Hall. 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 friendship. Newcomers always welcome. Bring a plate. Contact Lorna 6493 8417 or Judith 6493 8347 for next Wed's venue.

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui Country Club, with Nancy, a fully-qualified fitness instructor. Cost \$6, free introductory class. Contact Judy Allen 6493 5559 or Nancy Casu on 4476 3282.

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All standards catered for - partners not necessary - stay/play as long as you like - visitors to the area especially welcome. 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

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 Historical Society. \$7.50 Available at the Bermagui Information Centre, Lamont St. and from Wilma Masterson, 6493 4108.

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

Contact: Christina Potts 4473 7053 Meet: 9.30-12.30
3rd Sat Month @ swings All Welcome

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

Friday mornings in the school term 10am-12pm
Bermagui Preschool, Young St, Bermagui. Ph: 6493 4183

BEGA VALLEY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

Sunday mornings at Dickinson Oval, Bermagui All dogs (and their owners!) welcome. Beginner and Advanced sessions Please ring Kerry 6493 3372 or Sian 6493 4412 for further details.

BERMAGUI DAY VIEW CLUB

3rd Friday each month. Venues vary. For info phone Carol 6493 3331 or Gloria 6493 3149.

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

Cobargo CWA Cottage every second Sunday. Set up—1.45pm. Drawing—2—4pm. Ring Naomi 64937307.

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 Merrylyn Carey- Sec. - 6493 6747

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB Inc

Folk Night Evenings, visiting performers, usually first Friday in month (please check first.) For more info contact Secretary, Coral Vorbach (Sec.) 6493 6758

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

AGLOW is a world wide Interdenominational Christian Women's Fellowship, providing opportunities to help women discover their identity in Jesus Christ. Enquiries ph. Elizabeth Farnsworth 02 4473 8413.

SOUTH COAST CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Bermagui Country Club, 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4.30pm, enquiries Gary & Michele Tyrell 6493 6483

QUAAMA BIG BAND

Are you interested in joining a local community band? No matter what your ability is or how rusty you may be, you're very welcome. Rehearsal, Sundays 3 - 6 at the Quaama Hall. Ph. Greg 6493 8240

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm Thurs 7.30 - 9.30pm Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room. Scottish Country Dancing for everyone - no experience necessary. Teacher: Sheelagh Brunton 6493 6538

FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

March			
Saturday 3	Bermagui Hotel Dromedary Hotel	Live Music Janet Levy and The Good Intentions	7.30pm 7.30pm
Sunday 4	Tilba Valley Winery	Richard Bloomfield	1.00pm
Monday 5	River Rock Cafe	Jam Session	6.30pm
Friday 9	River Rock Cafe	Kids' Jam Session	5-7.30pm
Saturday 10	Dickinson Oval - Bermagui Bermagui Hotel	Bermagui Seaside Fair, Ante's Pizza Fig Jam	All Day 7.30pm
Sunday 11	Bermagui Hotel Cobargo School of Arts	Once Bitten Fashion Parade of the Year	4.30pm 5.00pm
Friday 16	Bermagui Hotel	Live and Local	5.30pm
Saturday 17	Bermagui Hotel Dromedary Hotel River Rock Cafe	St. Patricks Day Brian Fraser and Mick Reed Damien Neill and Damon Davies	7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Sunday 18	Tilba Valley Winery	Round Midnight	1.00pm
Monday 19	River Rock Cafe	Jam Session	6.30pm
Saturday 24	Bermagui Hotel	Black Velvet	7.30pm
Sunday 25	Cobargo School of Arts	Working Bee	10am - 2pm
Friday 30	Dromedary Hotel	Dave Debs	7.30pm
Saturday 31	Dromedary Hotel Bass Gas Cobargo	Happy Hour Ante's Pizza	7.30pm
April			
Saturday April 7 April 7 - 15	Central Tilba Indaba, Barraga Bay	Easter Festival Cuttagee Artists Exhibition	All Day 10am - 4pm
Sunday April 8	Dromedary Hotel	Victoria Baillie & Rod Motbey	5.30-9.30pm



Pat's Piece

One of the great lessons I learnt from my Dad was to always have the courage of my convictions so, at the risk of knowing that not everyone will agree with what I say here, say it I must, because I'm fed up with the union bashing that rears its ugly head whenever there's an election looming.

I started work at the age of 13, standing on concrete floors for ten hours a day under the most appalling conditions. Without the union movement nothing would have changed,

because people who are willing to exploit other people will always be in our midst.

This country was built on hard-working men and women who, through their unions, demanded a more humane and civilised society while we watched Australia evolve into a more egalitarian place with integrity and principles on both sides of politics. Sadly in the last 15 years we have seen these hard-won conditions, alongside some of our most precious democratic institutions, dismantled in the name of the economy, while governments have blamed the most deprived in our society for their own lot in life.

Have you ever heard Mr Howard, Mr Costello or Mr Andrews attacking the power of The Miners Fed-

eration, The Bankers Association or The United Retailers Board? Yet these are institutions set up to protect the interests of their members and underneath their superior facades they serve the same purpose as a union and contain some of the most powerful men in this country, with governments well and truly in their pockets.

The real truth lies in the fact that ordinary working men and women only have their labour to sell and when that so-called 'Australian' Company, Blundstone, sent 300 jobs off shore, there was nothing the unions could do. Did someone say something about power? You're looking in the wrong places I'm afraid.

Pat Thompson

