

Record Performance by Local Lad

Young Cobargo equestrian Patrick Salway has made history winning the Australian Rider Championships, 15 to 17 years of age, for the second year running. This title has never been won twice before by the same person. Patrick and his family travelled to Horsley Park in Sydney to defend his title on March 29th. His three sisters also travelled to Sydney with a small contingency of supporters from the Bega Valley.

An eruption of noise burst forth when Patrick and his beautiful big horse Escarda were named in the top five riders in Australia. There was then silence while the English Judge gave his final announcement and called Patrick and Escarda forward to receive the Grand Champion Australian Rider Sash. A few tears fell from Patrick's Mum's eyes as he rode two laps of honour to much applause.

Patrick and Escarda have only been competing together for nine months. Escarda handled the lights and music of an indoor arena beautifully, his relaxed nature being testament to the trust that rider and horse have in each other. The pair then moved on to compete at Sydney Royal

Show, where again Patrick won the Rider, Mount and Turnout Class for the second year running, Escarda again giving him a faultless workout and excellent ride. The duo returned home with a 1st, 2nd and 6th placing to their credits.

Escarda now has a well-earned rest for a few weeks before his training starts again in June, while Patrick catches up on all the work he missed. His very tolerant boss Micah has battled on doing his own work (despite serious hand injuries) and Patrick's whilst he was away. Thumbs Up to Micah!

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Council declines sculpture offer

Bega Valley Shire Council has declined an offer to accept the sculpture "If The Boots Don't Fit" to be located in a public place in Bermagui.

Mayor Tony Allen said the sculpture of the Prime Minister John Howard was causing considerable debate in the community.

"There is the issue of public liability and insurance with reports that the sculpture is valued at between \$70,000 and \$100,000," Cr Allen said.

"Council is currently working on a public art acquisition policy as we are continually approached by artists to have their works displayed in a public places. However as a Council we cannot accept works at this time because of the issues of insurance and public liability, it would be an added burden on ratepayers with increased premiums in an already tough economic climate."

Cr Allen said he was pleased a

local philanthropic trust, Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust, was considering accepting the sculpture.

"Council will consider any development application should a Bermagui organisation or group consider erecting the statue on private land," Cr Allen concluded.

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The topic of Greg Taylor's statue attracted a flurry of letters to the Triangle this month. See page 9.

Editorial

The shorter days, or should we say sunsets, are appealing to some, but those long summer evenings and our Indian summer were quite beautiful this year especially as we were blessed with lushness unprecedented for years. The autumn colours though are quite special this year. On a trip back from Canberra recently the poplars at Bredbo were breathtaking. The *smoke* though ...

By the time you receive your edition of the paper, Anzac Day will have passed and unfortunately our closing date and time schedule mean that we have missed it. If you do have local happenings which you would like to notify us about, please remember that the material has to be in before 23rd of each month and any advertising before 20th. Each month we get desperate calls from people who have missed the deadline – this is flattering but after five years it shouldn't be necessary.

Congratulations to all those in the southern region who did so well at the Royal Easter Show. Miss Showgirl from Nimmitabel won Miss Sydney Showgirl, Patrick Salway won best young male rider (see front page) and the Southern Region agricultural display came in second. Congratulations to all Southern Region participants and winners.

Tom Rix, someone very special to *The Triangle*, passed away last month; see page 4. On a happier note, we would like to wish Pat Thompson a very happy 84th birthday. We also welcome the return of Naomi Lewis and her beautiful cartoons.

Elsewhere in the paper we have drawn attention to some controversy caused by the proposed donation of the sculpture 'Little Johnny Howard'. This is becoming an issue for the Bermagui community but it does need attention and input as the Bega Valley Shire has been less than helpful in providing a home for this work.

An apology from a couple of mistakes in last month's *Triangle*. Our caption for the photo of the Bermagui Seaside Fair Committee omitted Jo Jacobs, sorry Jo! We also mistakenly called it Sculptures by the Sea which of course it isn't, it was *Sculpture on the Edge*, much better.

Also an apology to Susan from Cobargo. Susan rang *The Triangle* about the Scrabble afternoon advertised in the community notices. Apparently she has been twice and there is nothing doing. First, sorry Susan, your phone number was mistakenly deleted and secondly, if you are no longer doing what you are advertising in our community notices please *let us know*. We have limited space and many people wanting to let you know what they are doing.

A small reminder to our aspiring politicians – the State election is well and truly over, can you please take down your posters? It was a boring election, we don't want to be reminded.

Thank you Stephen Lyne, your letter about Wallaga Lake last month has produced more responses than any letter yet submitted to *The Triangle*.

And finally, thank you to all our contributors – you are what makes *The Triangle*, the little local newspaper that you, mostly, thoroughly enjoy. A little chilly tonight – almost time to start lighting fires!



Letters to the Editors

Wallaga Lake in Decline

This is to offer congratulations to Stephen Lyne for his letter (April *Triangle*) concerning Wallaga Lake. He has analysed the situation perfectly and I agree completely with every word. My own experience with Wallaga started as a young man in 1943 and I have had close contact with the Lake ever since, sadly watching its decline over the years. I have lived permanently in Bermagui for the last 20 years since my retirement. I lived for 55 years at Windang at the entrance to Lake Illawarra, and sad to say experienced the decline of this also magnifi-

cent lake brought about in much the same way as Wallaga. Lake Illawarra was prolific in fish and anybody could easily catch themselves several kilos of prawns any night during the season, armed only with a small scoop net, but today this has all changed because of the condition of most of our once productive coastal lakes, and we are offered prawns farmed in Thailand etc. Stephen's letter very accurately spelt out the major reasons for the present state of affairs of our lakes. All that remains is for the various governments to take the required action to remedy the problem, by perhaps diverting some of the millions of dollars spent on the advertising campaigns to get re-elected.

John Walker
Bermagui

Dear Editors

I am writing in support of Stephen Lyne's letter re keeping Wallaga Lake open. I have listened too much to people who state that to open the lake is not "normal" and we should leave it to nature (apart from when the rare flood rains close the road.) I have been told that to open the lake is interfering with its ecology and detrimental to the flora and fauna that inhabit the lake. If it is not to be opened, and we continue to roll from drought to drought, the possibility of a much reduced lake may become a reality and what then of the flora and fauna?

The mistake that is made when discussing ecology and environment is to forget that *homo sapiens* are a part of it. You cannot exclude *homo sapiens* from conservation management. What exactly is normal – on this continent there is no place that man has not trodden. Allow me to quote Tim Low from his book *The New Nature*: "Wilderness is supposed to be the one environment we let alone and don't manipulate. But manipulate we must – doing nothing destroys wilderness." The point is, land has always been manipulated and so has Wallaga Lake. To now abandon the lake to struggle on its own will be its demise.

I could go on for pages about the so-called Wilderness issues. Instead I would recommend that all members of the various committees involved in Wallaga Lake and other tracts of land and sea should read Tim Low's book *The New Nature* – it is indeed an enlightening read. By the way, I was once told that the number of groups focused on

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My Triangle

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

Chester has lived in The Triangle on and off for about 54 years. Many Tilba locals would remember Donny, Ned and Chester all living up on Donny's farm, Mt Pleasant and when I asked Chester how long that was, he said, "Well you remember Samantha (the dog)? I remember Donny getting her from the Deer Farm as a pup and she was 23 when she died". Chester lived in Balgownie (he was known as one of 'The Balgownie Boys') and worked at the Coalcliff Coal Mine, which closed in 1982. He belonged to the Mt Pleasant (Wollongong) Sports, Social and Fishing Club and "about 30 of us used to camp at Mystery Bay at Christmas and Easter time. We were once there for 28 weeks when the miners were on strike", said Chester.

What do you like about living in The Triangle?



I like the people, Pam's verandah and the whole countryside.

What funny or strange sights have you seen in the Triangle?

Two I remember in particular. The day Mick Preo was planning a burn off on his family dairy farm, Mountain Valley. Mick refused all offers of help including ringing the Bush Fire Brigade

to oversee. Mick said, "I'll be alright" - until the wind changed direction. There was Mick hot-footing it across the paddock (with the cinders catching the top of his socks) trying to reach the tractor before the fire did. He made it as the fire did but had to keep running to save himself while the tractor burnt. The other one was when Bob and Judy Finch were looking after The Dromedary Hotel for the owners and were having a fancy-dress night. They were dressing Bob up as a sheila and three blokes were trying to get Bob into a pair of thin ladies pantyhose. The same three blokes then had to try and get him out of them!

What do you like to cook and eat at home?

I hate cooking. So I usually cook up a big pot of stew or soup, so it can last me a few days.

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

Pete, Judith and Zac (the previous owners of Pam's Store and their little dog).



Thumbs Up



To the BVSC for finally spraying the blackberries in the Cobargo town. It only took four months and 100 telephone calls.

To the Quaama community. The working day was a delight with the garden outside the School of Arts Hall turned into an al-fresco café (YUM) fundraiser for the hall restoration.

To the young mother and son at the Bermagui IGA checkout on March 23rd. I realised I had not previously withdrawn money to pay for groceries and feeling embarrassed said so. Before I could leave she offered me \$20 so that I could pay. I assured her that I would withdraw and pay her straightaway, as I did. Thumbs Up and thanks to her for caring for others and for being a kind soul. *Suzanne McCabe*

To Beau and Stuart for following me along the Bermagui Road and fixing my tyre. Thanks, *Julie*

Thumbs Down



Stealing from charity Thumbs down to the thieves who steal from the Lions Mints which are available in certain venues around our district. In some

cases they take the mints and/or the money. The Lions return 100% of all funds raised to the district and we may have to curtail our efforts in this matter.

To the people who complained because they were asked to pay \$5.00 for a whole day's entertainment at the Tilba Festival.

Re Tilba Festival: To the council woman who threatened to ring the Police and have Kiwi physically removed from his Traffic Control duties at the "top" car park and bus turning circle, even though he had all the right credentials, and has done the same job for seven years without incident. And the OH&S woman's reasons? His "witches hats" were not a regulation 450mm

high (even though they are the RTA issue) and because Kiwi was not in her Traffic Control Plan! She had not made a Traffic Control plan for the top car park and bus point. Not only stupid but very bloody dangerous.

P.S. And I am sure we will hear a lot more about this, especially from the bus driver himself. (Thumbs Up to you guys, keep up the great work).

To workmen seen removing old asbestos sheeting from under the awning of a commercial building without protective clothing. Come on, we all know better.



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Tom Rix 26.11.45 – 5.4.07

It was in June 2004 that the *Triangle* got a call from someone responding to our desperate plea for a layout artist. Tom Rix was a Verona goat farmer who had spent most of his life networking IT systems for the Air Force and the ATO, knew his way around computers and desk-top publishing, and had a bit of time on his hands. A stubborn, curmudgeonly character, he fitted right in with the *Triangle* team; one of his first initiatives was to refuse to attend meetings of any type. He made it clear from the outset that he wanted no credit and no payment for his work. He then set about single-handedly dragging our "bitchy little rag" out of the dark ages of Microsoft and into the light of a professional publishing program. Anyone with back copies can look at the slick new-look August 2004 edition and appreciate the difference. After that, it just kept getting better.

It turned out that Tom's idea of "time on his hands" meant the hours

between dinner and breakfast, or perhaps daylight hours but in between the fencing, drenching and shearing. But definitely not when the Brumbies



were playing at home. When it became clear that the Brumbies weren't willing to schedule their games around *Triangle* deadlines, we saw that Tom would need a back-up from time to time, and that's when I started spending time at his elbow, learning the idi-

osyncrasies of the new software. He was a gnarly old bugger but we agreed to disagree on some finer points of headline fonts, column widths and gutters. Tom had just about come to a level of resigned acceptance of our artistic differences (even *layout* artists are artists) when he learnt that his cancer, held at bay for a few years, had caught up with him. The rigours of chemo sapped his energy, and he reluctantly handed over the reins completely late last year. He rang me when the February issue came out to say, "Good job, Slim," and it was one of the last times we spoke.

Tom leaves behind a big loving family: wife Kathy, sons Michael, Trevor and Peter, daughter Kylie and grandson Dexter Thomas. Dexter was born just four months before Tom passed away, and his pride and pleasure on the birth of his first grandchild was plain.

Vale Tom, a great man and the *Triangle's* unsung hero.

Jen Severn



Pat's Piece

I wonder if there is a more contented feeling than sitting quietly with a book in your lap while

your imagination takes you into the writer's world of either fact or fiction. I can't imagine that downloading it from the Internet would give me the same satisfaction. My love of reading started at an early age and was as much to do with my family's poverty through the 1929 Depression as anything else.

We, like many others, were evicted from our home after paying off the mortgage for 10 years, with no reimbursement for monies paid. We found three grotty little rooms at the back of a fish shop after selling everything we owned except our old piano. My father refused to sell it because it was the centre of my Mum's existence. We had it hidden in a shed down the back yard because the local council made sure you had nothing of value to sell if you were destitute and needed assistance.

Consequently, every Sunday night that old piano was dragged into

the kitchen, the neighbours would arrive and while we shared what little food we had, we would sing our hearts out. So if the belly wasn't quite full, the soul was well and truly fed. Alongside this there was unconditional love and any books my Mum and Dad could lay their hands on. Indeed one of my fondest memories is sitting on my Dad's knee while he read to me, always explaining that if there was no money for education, books were the next best thing.

Later, as a teenager, returning home from an outing I would tiptoe into my parent's bedroom where my Mum would be fast asleep, book in hand and glasses lopsidedly across her face. I would gently remove both and turn off the light. With my Mum proclaiming next morning, "I heard you come in last night," maintaining that she never slept until all her family were under her wing!

Today, with eighty-two per cent of the population exclusively watching commercial television, the art of reading and conversation is endangered. The dumbing down of our society is nearing completion, much to the detriment of us as a nation. I can never thank my parents enough for giving me the gift of literature. I'll finish with a wonderful line I heard recently "If

angels fall from heaven, let them be books."

Pat Thompson

(Happy Birthday Pat from us all: eds)



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State's largest prescribed burn going according to plan

The State's largest prescribed burning operation in Wadbilliga National Park west of Bermagui is progressing as planned according to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

NPWS Ranger, Ross Constable, said today that the 7000 hectare fire was burning slowly and had a few days left to run.

"This area of the park has not been burnt for a very long time so we have introduced fire to the area at a time of the year when it will move slowly and in a mosaic pattern.

"From the most recent air surveillance it looks as if that is exactly what has happened.

"Of the 7000 hectares we have treated there are still some significant areas of unburnt country, particularly in gullies, which will provide refuge for native animals.

"At this point we have spotted 22 small sections of the fire where there is still an active flame edge.

"It has also reached the boundary of the area burnt in a bushfire earlier this year in the Brogo bushfires which we were forced to attack because of its potential to spread rapidly

at that time of the year under adverse summer weather conditions.

"The higher elevated areas have not burnt extensively because of lower temperatures and higher humidity whereas the lower elevation areas have burnt in a mosaic pattern as we intended.

"All in all this has been a very successful burn.

"We will continue to keep an eye on this during the week.

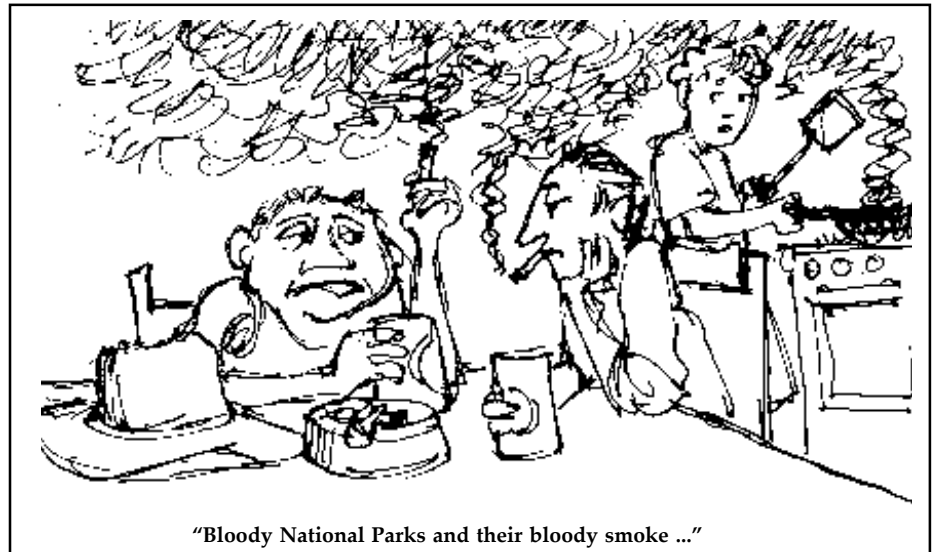
"It is possible that the fire will burn for several more days, perhaps

even longer until we experience more moist weather conditions.

"It is not a threat to any property.

"I know that the smoke this fire has generated will be an inconvenience for some people but I'd ask for patience as we only have a very narrow window of opportunity at this time of the year in which we can effectively and safely conduct prescribed burning," Mr Constable said.

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Bermi Banter

The **Visitors Info Centre** is relocating to the high profile Community Centre on Bunga Street (official opening August 17). No news there, except that BVIC quarters will be cramped when it moves further forward in its present premises in early May. Landlords **Ken and Trudy Needs** are working hard to expand their already booming butchery/deli/meeting place, and will eventually take over the whole building to create a one-stop shop for top quality meat, fish and deli items.

Tim Holdsworth, formerly of Ampol, is in Melbourne for 10 weeks' intensive helicopter pilot training. He's passed his first exam and when he comes home will get the required prac-

tical hours up at either Merimbula or Moruya.

Straight from the horse's mouth: maybe a permanent art gallery in town, still early days but a lot of experience and creativity behind the idea so let's hope it eventuates.

Montreal Goldfield committee is well into planning their Open Day on September 15. Helping out in the lead-up to and on the day is really good fun, especially this year with all the bright ideas being put forward. Please contact Judi Hearn (6493 4645) or Aafke Barklamb (6493 5045) if you can get involved.

And, the growing number of visitors to the Goldfield is putting a strain on existing Tour Guides, so if you're interested in training to take groups through please call Chris & Bev

Franks (6493 4321) right away.

Wallaga Lake Caravan Park is undergoing upgrades and expansion since being taken over last December by the Beston Parks group, largest owner and operator of lifestyle parks in Australia, whose five-year plan will transform the Park into a family oriented tourist resort. Managers Jack and Debbie McBurnie have a strong sense of community and have started a Money Tree to raise funds for our own Surf Lifesaving Club building after their 12 year-old daughter was caught in a rip near Camel Rock. No harm done but very scary.

Bermi Library is *expected* to move into the new Community Centre in August – still hard to get a definitive answer from Council so presume it will and riot if it doesn't.

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\$1.2 Million Funding Approved for Marine Complex

The long haul to obtain Commonwealth Government funding towards the proposed Tourist Marine Complex in Bermagui has ended today (April 23) in Eden, with approval of \$1.2 million announced by Gary Nairn, Federal Member for Eden-Monaro.

Allan Broadhurst, Project Coordinator and driving force, told *The Triangle* recently the \$4 million construction cost is being met equally by our local Co-op fishermen as a show of faith in the future of the development and Bermagui, and Federal and State Governments. NSW funding is yet to be approved, but must surely be only a matter of time.

Bermagui's commercial fishing fleet in its heyday saw 22 trawlers, 14 tuna longliners and 17 small boats operating out of the harbour, bringing \$6 million p.a. into the community. Due to major changes to commercial fishing

regulations and not, according to Allan, a lack of fish, there are now two trawlers, five small boats and five lakemen remaining.

The two-storey Tourist Marine Complex has the full support of the Bermagui community. It has been designed by well-known Sydney-based architect Phillip Cox, himself a long-term local supporter and property owner, to be people-friendly and take full advantage of the unique harbourside site.

Retail and restaurant space totalling 665 sqm plus museum/gallery space of 472 sqm over two levels will be available for lease, with Co-op offices and operations at the centre in line with the fishing wharf.

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Bermi Banter (continued)

Support Growing For CEFE Forum

Support is certainly growing for the *Clean Energy for Eternity* Forum at the Country Club on May 20 at 2pm. CEFE is for EVERYONE to learn about, think about and then do as much or as little as they want to, and it's gratifying to have so many people young and old in Bermagui and beyond expressing interest and offering to help put this important meeting together.




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Why God made Mums

BRILLIANT answers given by 2nd grade schoolchildren to the following questions ...

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mum need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.

2. She got too old to do anything else with him.

3. My grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

What's the difference between Mums and Dads?

1. Mums works at work and works at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your Mum do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your Mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

A Very Happy Mothers Day to all Mums in The Triangle.



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Brogo Babble

Large Garage Sale In Brogo

Garage sales are a great way to allow unwanted items a chance to be wanted again and reused. What residents of Brogo intend doing a little differently is holding one great big one! So the details ... **Saturday 5th May Brogo Fire Shed**, Warrigal Range Rd, from 10.00am.

Stallholders are restricted to Brogo residents only with a \$10 charge going toward the fundraising efforts of the Brogo Fire Brigade. Volunteers will also be raising funds with a sausage

sizzle throughout the day.

The idea came from Mary Elliot following an email sent out through the community list-serve. The response was positive with plenty of Brogarians lining up for a site.

Everyone in the Triangle is warmly invited and for any further information please give Mary a call at 6492 7172.

Speaking about the **Brogo Community List-Serve**, it's been interesting watching it evolve. Set up originally by Roger Bunyan as a communication tool for the Brogo Fire Brigade, it has become an amazing way of sharing all sorts of information, and ultimately saving a lot of time, money and energy.

Some items questioned then answered this year include: Who is a good local snake-catcher? Can someone give me a lift home from Bega today? I'm searching

for a psychology textbook for study; I'm looking for a reputable tradesman to fix an appliance ... and so on. Every locality should have one.

The local **LETS** group in Brogo continues to make things happen. Whether it's putting up a tin shed, property maintenance tasks or building a chook pen, they come in numbers and get the job done. LETS stands for Local Energy Trading System and the Bega Valley has one of the most productive in Australia. It's a great way to build community spirit and also value people's skills and labour without a monetary return. The contact for Bega Valley LETS is Kym Falkenmire on 6493 2116.

The recent holiday period brought with it the inevitable amount of **rubbish** to Brogo after being thrown out of cars. The cutting at the Warrigal Range turnoff from the Princess Hwy is the favoured spot. Great place to have a break from driving or meet up with someone, but *please!* Hang onto your waste and dispose of it responsibly.



Brogo LETS Group: a happy bunch of people and what a great result.



Art Causes Angst

Following the success of the Sculpture on the Edge exhibition launched at this year's Bermagui Sea-side Fair, the sculptor Greg Taylor has offered his work, 'The Little Digger' to the Bermagui Community – the only proviso being that he is able to ensure a tax deduction for his donation.

The tax problem has been solved but unfortunately this donation has not met with the approval of some residents. What is the problem?

This valuable sculpture, whatever one's politics, will bring and has already brought notoriety and visitors to Bermagui. In these days of lack of monetary support from the Bega Valley Shire for tourism – the Shire used

to have nearly a million dollars in funding annually – we need all the help we can get to encourage visitors.

We have lost many resources through the changes in our fishing laws so we need to be smart to survive in this competitive world for the tourism dollar. The Bega Valley Shire is threatening to close down our libraries and the Art Gallery. We need to voice our concerns for these proposed changes which will affect the quality of our everyday life in our towns and villages and this sort of negativity over a work of art is not needed. The Shire cannot afford to buy it so we are really lucky to have this offer.

The other problem is that hav-

ing had funds donated to the launch of a Sculpture event, how are we going to continue to get funding and exhibitors in the future, if this is the way we treat artists who wish to donate to our town?

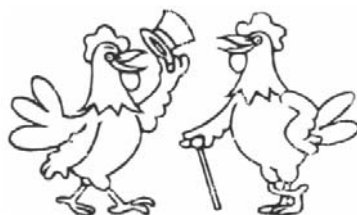
Let's all work together and find a memorable site for this work – perhaps it could replace that sulo bin (the one with the best view) on the headland or grace our new Community Centre.

Stop Press: On Tuesday 24 April the Council voted 6-2 against allowing the statue to be placed on public land in Bermagui. Mayor Tony Allen denied that it was a political decision.



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Letters to the Editors (continued)

Wallaga Lake has reached double figures. A tad too many to ever achieve anything I would have thought – remember the old adage ‘Too many cooks ...’. However, I cannot confirm that but if it is the case perhaps you all need to ... errr ... *regroup!*

Cheers

Maggie Clowes

Dignams Creek

Home Sought for Sculpture

Dear Folk of this community,

As many of you will be aware, there is a sculpture currently on Horseshoe Bay beach entitled ‘If the Boots Don’t Fit’ depicting John Howard in an over-sized digger’s uniform. He looks out to sea apparently protecting us from Terrorists, Refugees, Climate Change and the New Zealand All Blacks, holding his rifle back to front etc. The sculpture, valued at \$100,000, has been offered to the Bermagui community by its sculptor, Greg Taylor. He would donate the work to our ‘Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust’ to be held in trust for the community due to us having tax deductibility status as a Public Benevolent Institution and Charity.

The Directors of our Trust have said that we are willing to agree to this request if it is the wishes of the wider community of the area that the sculpture remain here and belong to the community (and subject to agreement by BVSC), however we would not be in a position to cover the financial cost of insurance etc. The sculptor has suggested that he would agree to copyright being given for postcards, t-shirts etc to be sold to benefit the community and cover insurance etc.

One thing that is very apparent to me is that this will possibly turn into a major controversy as did Richard Moffatt’s earlier sculpture ‘The Knot’. Those who will view it superficially or see little value in public art will no doubt see it purely as a political statement. I believe that the irony

will be missed by many and rather the sentimentalism and idealism of war will continue to sway independent thought as to just what the artist is encouraging the viewer to consider on a much deeper level. It would be my hope that this can be openly and respectfully debated without the need to reduce it to ‘nasty and poorly considered comments’ made anonymously through the media etc.

So many of our returned servicemen and women have made the statement that they were repulsed by war, that it is abhorrent. I have read a valuable and thought-provoking article published by Sydney University’s *Australian Review of Public Affairs* on the Howard Government’s use of the Anzac myth to silence dissent. It men-

email access and the matter is pretty urgent she has asked that you please email them to me at bellbird@asitis.net.au and they will be handed on to Jan.

Many people have already written comments and thank you for this. I would encourage you all to let us know how you feel on this matter. Please give some thought to this and email your letters to us in the near future. Perhaps we could consider also, that should the majority feel that siting the sculpture on the beach is not desirable, then perhaps it could be placed along the harbour’s edge as part of the planned redevelopment of the Fishermen’s Co-operative.

Laurel Lloyd-Jones
Bermagui

Left = Right?

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I have just been to Horseshoe Bay Beach to see the ‘army’ statue located there.

I saw the photo in *The Triangle* and thought perhaps that the photo had been printed in reverse, in error.

However, on looking at the statue I see that you printed the photo correctly but the figure is incorrect as the slouch hat is turned up on the right side and not the LEFT side.

The hat was turned up on the left side so that when carrying the rifle it did not interfere with the hat.

Pity that the gentleman got the hat wrong.

Ron Field
Bermagui

Ed. Note: Welcome Ron, glad to see you’re contributing to your local community newspaper, not only the SMH.

All quiet on the Western Front ...

Anzac Day and here on our fore-shore is a sculpture evoking patriotism, pride and gratitude for our beautiful Country and all it stands for. The face is of current Prime Minister John Howard. The uniform is authentically World War I, the boots too big, maybe through necessity, the rifle is placed however the digger managed to pick it up, and the upturn of the Slouch Hat is on the wrong side. Deliberate or otherwise in the mind of sculptor provocateur, Greg Taylor, his workmanship says to me that no matter who we are or where we come from, it’s bloody good to be here, now.

Name supplied
Beauty Point, NSW.

(More letters p11)



tions Greg Taylor’s sculpture in the article.

Jan Ireland, who co-ordinated the ‘Sculpture On The Edge’ exhibition for the recent Seaside Fair, has asked for written comment from the community regarding their views on retaining the sculpture for Bermagui. She has asked for ‘To Whom It May Concern’ letters so that she can forward them to Council (and for wider circulation e.g. media to encourage input) to enable everyone’s opinions to be aired freely and democratically rather than this decision be made by just one or two ‘self-appointed deciders’ on behalf of our community. As Jan doesn’t have

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Sausage sizzle and refreshments available. Face painting and play-ground to entertain the children. Finishing at 1:00pm.

The Cobargo Life Drawing Group holds drawing sessions every second Sunday in the Cobargo School of Arts. They want to attract new members and are therefore giving demonstrations of portrait drawing in the back room of the School of Arts during the next couple of Cobargo Markets. So if you want to see how the group works and are interested in developing your drawing skills, or you want your portrait drawn and reckon you can sit still for 10 or 15 minutes ... come along and have a look.



Hey Reg - this photo is almost as good as one of yours!

CWA News

Following the April monthly meeting, members visited the Brogo Riverview nursery and were treated to a guided tour which included a fascinating insight into propagating and growing orchids. Our hosts Mr and Mrs Stubbs made us very welcome.

Two of our members have recently received awards for which we congratulate them. Branch Patron, Norma Allen is pictured being presented with 1st prize in the steamed pudding section at the Group finals of the Land Cooking competition held recently in Bermagui. The award was presented by Mrs Morna Wilson, chairman of State Land Cookery. Norma will now compete at State level with her cookery entry. Joan O'Halloran, Branch International Officer, received "Highly Commended" for her short story at State level.

Reg O'Meara had a birthday recently (86) and there was a bit of a knees-up in Bermi for the family. His best birthday present was passing his annual drivers licence test. Great to have you back Reg.

Rumour has it that two local lads have starred in a D-rated movie recently, made in Merimbula. We're not sure whether congratulations are in order or not!

The Cobargo Under 10 and Under 12 cricket teams celebrated their end of season at a mixed cricket match played on the new Tilba Sports Ground. Guy Lingard, coach of the Under 10s, took the two teams and



Norma Allen receiving first prize for her steamed pudding

some supporters to Tilba Tilba, mixed the two teams up and let them choose who they wanted to be. The final sides were Australia versus Tilba Tilba. It was a very close game with Australia winning by one run. Afterwards they all headed off to Wallaga Lake for a barbeque. It was a great day and Guy could not praise the new sports ground enough, BUT yes, the toilets were still not open and the portaloo was not working!

Congratulations to Nigel Ward and Ashlee Tozer who were married on March 31st (Why were we not told Nigel?) The wedding took place at the property of Ashlee's parents, Jeff and Lee Tozer. The newlyweds are enjoying a honeymoon somewhere north of Cobargo! (Robert was unable to remember just where.)

Well known canine identity "Itty Bitty" Bourke recently had a brush with death. After running off in an electrical storm, she ended up in the pound, for a whole week. Fourteen year old "Itty Bitty" is now safely home at Brandywine.

Don't miss the Cobargo Co-op in-store Field Day on Friday June 1. △

Cuttagee Artists Easter Exhibition – 2008

Artists interested in participating in the Cuttagee Artists Exhibition next Easter are invited to send a proposal by 1st June, 2007.

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Letters to the Editors

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Men O'Pause

Dear Editors,

I wish to put forward some comments regarding the joke 'menopause jewellery', April 2007

Firstly I would like to say that I understand that the piece was put together as an exercise in wit. I got the joke, though, the more I dwell on it I realise that the joke is in very bad taste.

Recently there has been a lot of advertising in the local media about violence leaving the home. This is in reference to violence against women. This is right and good. So why is it OK to make a joke about a woman belting her man so hard that it leaves a red welt and mark of the ring on his forehead? I suppose that the man should just cop it? Well why should he? If a woman thinks that her man is so thick she needs to belt him to get through, maybe she ought to move on, or maybe he's

big enough to defend himself? I can tell you that if a man were to 'defend himself' he would be a monster. No-one is going to suggest that the woman deserved it when she walks around town with a black eye.

My opinion is that violence as an expression of your mood is not OK and that anyone who does, man or woman, is not welcome at my table.

Adrian McBeth

Quaama

Ed. Note: Got a point, but ...

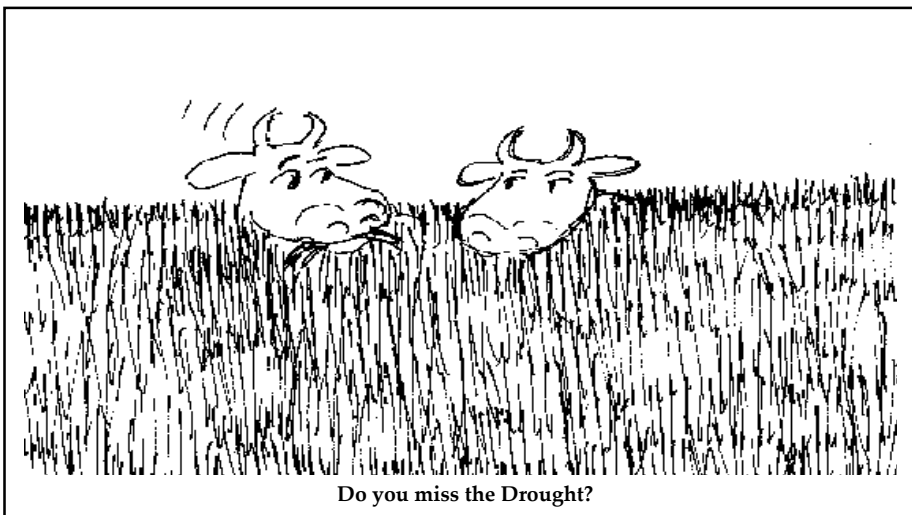
Snapshots of the Triangle



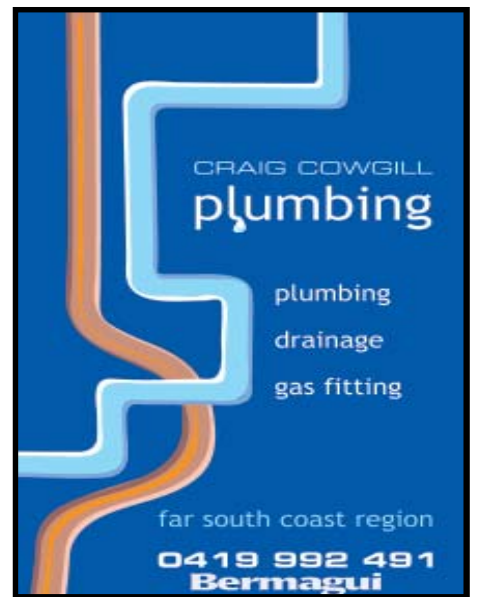
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Food in the larder.



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Quintessentially Quaama

Jeff is picking 'dead-heads' from his garden and everywhere leaves are turning. Aren't the trees in the Quaama Memorial Park that Don Love purchased and planted with the proceeds of the Memorial Wall Opening luncheon in 1999 beautiful?

The approaching (*groan*) opening of the **village BBQ** might be a good opportunity for residents to plant a wind break along the swale to the south west of the structure ... it gets pretty windy up there! And who will ensure there are bins installed, both red and yellow, adjacent to the BBQ area? At the 18th April general meeting of the Quaama School of Arts and sub-committee Quaama and District Progress Association (QSA& QDPA) the committee discussed the persistent frustrations encountered in negotiating with BVSC over completion of the project. The correctly profiled ridgecapping is yet to be delivered so that Dave (and suitable assistant – volunteers?) can fix it in place; *and* the installation of the rest of the actual BBQ is yet to happen! But have you seen the beautifully crafted tables and benches?

The committee want to make the inaugural 'fire-up' of the barbie into a

family and community fun day with games, clowns, performances, and of course plenty of food – do you think the size of the BBQ plate is adequate? Please mention your interest to Ros at the Quaama Store so we can plan for this long awaited day. This will be an opportunity to thank all the workers on the project both paid and unpaid, manual and administrative as well as the BVSC for provision of the new picnic facility. There are a lot of terrific people who regularly commit their time and resources to community development in and around Quaama in many forms. Whether it's in joining the 'hall garden party', fixing a fence, helping out a friend or neighbour, buying raffle tickets, participating in sporting clubs, volunteering to provide technical support at the Quaama Public Internet Access Point – thanks Michael Gross and Peter Honer, sharing a cuppa with the Quaama Morning Coffee Ladies or sponsoring a child



Lorna, Judith and Topsy enjoying tea after a morning's work in Quaama School of Arts gardens.

at Quaama School to walk 12 km to the Brogo Dam to raise funds to improve the community's educational experiences, every action is appreciated by and benefits the whole community, so let's celebrate!

But there's more...the level of support for

fundraising ventures during the month of March in Quaama was fantastic! Between Lawrence Geoghegan's kayaking film presentation and the NSW Election Day 'Devonshire Tea in the Hall Gardens' events the School of Arts Restoration Fund raised almost \$1000 towards the target for the urgently needed restumping work! Thanks **Brett Horne** for setting the mood for a very successful day with your generous donation of \$20 when you ordered the first cup of coffee for the morning and also to everyone who baked, potted or purchased. From then on, even after the rain came down, the support for the restoration fund was consistently outstanding with the donations of cakes, plants and produce abundant and the trading of these goods lively. One patron was heard saying that it was the most pleasurable polling day experience ever!

Then there was the **Quaama Rural Fire Service** raffle for which the community support was awe inspiring. The treasurer reported total funds raised as \$1500. Add that to the value of the prizes donated by the community and the level of donations is humungous! Congratulations to Helen

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Quintessentially Quaama (continued)

Salway of Cobargo who drew the grand prize and for their fantastic fundraising, the reliably brilliant Quaama Furies!

The intrepid **St Saviours** committee is running a raffle as part of continuing fundraising activities to finance the addition of a ramp to comply with current OH&S requirements. Only when this work is complete will funerals again be permitted at the church in Quaama as they have for the past 100 years. The building work, including a toilet facility, is projected to cost upward from \$13,000. Please support the St Saviours committee with this very important project as it would be wonderful to have the work completed for the Church's centenary later this year. The current raffle – generous vouchers for the Quaama Store – will be drawn

the arrival of their new grand daughter and niece. Sam and Tony's beautiful little girl was born at Moruya on 18th April. Welcome Chloe Wendy-Leigh Tyrell to a beautiful family and a great community.

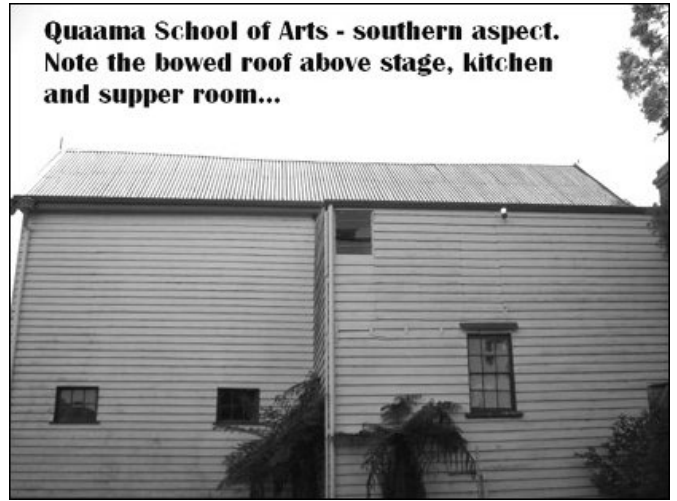
Quite a few Quaama children attended the **Bega Pony Club Easter Camp** at the Bega Showground during the holiday period. The following article written by a local camp participant beautifully articulates the benefits and joys achieved by our children in this activity and hopefully validates the relentless supply of hard labour that it takes for their *parent's* to keep them in the saddle!

Bega Pony Club Camp 2007

"Hello, my name is Nell Allen-Coen. I am from Cobargo Pony Club. I am 10 years old. At the camp you do a series of classes. My favourite classes were jumping and camp drafting. We get to do a parade through the main street of Bega! The food is great and the instructors are great. Around 120 kids can go. On the last day we do a gymkhana. We do all the classes that we practised throughout the four days of the camp. I always learn a lot. It is a great camp! By Nell."

P.S. Thanks to everyone who has expressed to me how much they have

Quaama School of Arts - southern aspect.
Note the bowed roof above stage, kitchen and supper room...



...and it's all resting on this!



enjoyed reading this little bit of Quaama goss'. Don't forget to send your own news and photos to me by 21st each month.

Veronica.

vmbc@exemail.com.au




Happy 60th anniversary to Joan and Earl

at St Saviours on Sunday 20th May with afternoon tea following the Hymn Fest. So come to the church at 3pm and join in with your best and loudest singing voices!

We've heard that **Joan and Earl Horne** enjoyed wonderful 60th Wedding Anniversary celebrations earlier in the month. Also, happy birthday Joan for the 24th April...83 years young. Your energy and everyday joyfulness is a great model for the rest of the girls (of all ages) in the district! While 60 years of wedded bliss is certainly a grand reason to celebrate, for a young person, achieving the 'right of passage' invested by the RTA in the form of a 'P' driving permit is a worthy cause for recognition. Well done to **Joel Raymond** and to his parents, Donna and Rick. Well instructed, by all reports he's a fine driver!

There is much joy in the **Monck** household as Dave and family celebrate



The Tilba Dromadelly

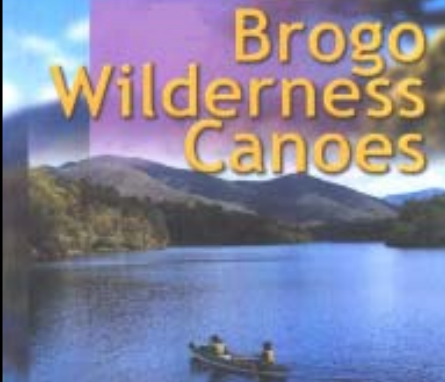
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Tilba Bites

Dibden Girls Come of Age.

Congratulations to both Tagan (21) and Golda (18) on their recent and auspicious celebrations of birth. These two beautiful girls (with hearts to match) are well known and loved members of the community with brother Ry and mother Di. Your family and friends wish you the very best and lives filled with love and laughter. Some of us truly believe Di and the kids invented the belly laugh.

Congratulations also to David and Angela at Pam's Village Store, Tilba Tilba, who have been offering a gourmet night out (Friday nights) for the past three months. Resident chef is Alan Hinde, who has been surprising and delighting locals with French, Italian

and Modern Australian food. The setting is the Village Store verandah – intimate and alfresco. I've heard a whisper that there is an all weather cover on the make.

There have been some disturbing sightings of a cross-dressing dog coming out of Whiffens Lane. The owners are quite upset and concerned and have asked that no names be mentioned. If you spot the dog, last seen wearing a lacy bra on Corkhill Drive, please let me know at *The Triangle*, where I can guarantee anonymity (as long as I can spell it!). There are only scant details of this dog's new guise, but there are fears that it could get into Bate Street. Locals are especially asked to look out for a dog in an Alpaca stole or possibly gone to ground in some hemp gear.

Has anyone heard of any

progress with the road works at Shippo's Corner? I was returning to Central Tilba the other day and had a couple of near misses with two big black four wheel drives. It was very dusty and visitors seem to prefer to drive in the middle of the road. Fortunately it was school holidays and the school bus was off the road. What can we do? Do we just sit back and accept it as a dangerous stretch of road until someone is maimed or killed? Maybe a petition to get things started?

Any adult or child who is considering NOT wearing a seat belt, please speak to Tagan Dibden first. Whether your journey is short or long, your speed slow or fast, a **fastened seat belt** will help keep you safe.

Happy days till next month.

Ewen Genders.



Best Dressed Team Loses Again

Belowra Valley Captain Brendan Thomson won the toss and batted first, scoring all out for 278 after 46 overs. Brendan Thomson, John Smith, Stuart Shepard and Ben Dance all retired (35 run retirement). Tilba's best bowlers were Joe Coelli and Tony Millard getting two wickets each. Tilba made 103 with Captain Franco Vapore the highest run getter with 35 runs.

Men of the match were Franco Vapore for Tilba and Ben Dance for Belowra. A great day was had by all and many camped over. This has become an annual event.

Photo: Back left to right: Tony Millard, Broden Thompson, Denham Thompson, Umpires John Cursley and Nicky Hutteman, Dave Bennett, Gary Leech, Peter Herman, Smiley McGill, Harry Bate. Front: Huon Thompson, Graham Thompson, Heath Thompson, Joe Coelli, Franco Vapore (Captain).





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Tilba Bites (continued)

Flags Flying for Gulaga at Tilba Festival Art Show

Art exhibition organiser, Virginia Sada York, announced, "We had over 50 art entries this year in the Gulaga Art Show, and very positive feedback from the thousands of people who viewed the exhibition at the Tilba Festival. The winner of the \$200 People's Choice vote for the adult work was Trish Collins, from Tura Beach, for her delicate piece called 'Shrouded Heritage'.

"The Children's Award was shared by Sophie Waddell and Max Carter from Central Tilba Primary School."

The exhibition included all types of artwork, ranging from paintings and sculpture, to fabrics, ceramics and poetry.

Virginia said, "During the Festival day on Easter Saturday we made a giant prayer flag as a community art piece. Over 150 flags were made by adults and children, with messages for the mountain, and this is now being flown around the children's playground at Central Tilba."



Jason, Linda, Sean and Jamie-Lee at the Festival

Another Swinging Tilba Festival

A chilly autumn breeze greeted a crowd of around 5,000 as they poured down the hill into Central Tilba to enjoy the 23rd Tilba Easter Festival on Easter Saturday. As gate takings were the same as last year, we estimate that attendance was about the same. It turned out to be a perfect sunny day and heaps of fun for all. The local musical and artistic talent was particularly strong this year on the five stages going all day long and in the Big hall, and the street games gathered their traditional huge energy in the centre of town.

We had 49 market stalls, 10 more than last year, but as we are only allowed to have them on one side of the street, this is still a bit short of the 70 or more of the old days. We were disappointed that some of the usual craft demonstrations were unable to attend and we are on the look out for craft demonstrators for next year to whom we will pay a \$100 retainer for the day.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen, to the Eurobodalla Shire Council for their \$5000 contribution towards traffic control and garbage, to the Tilba Fire Brigade who put out a small fire in

the parking lot, to the Dromedary Hotel for subsidising the Centre Stage and to all of you who came and supported a great day!

See you again next year, same day same place!

Sol Ramana-Clarke



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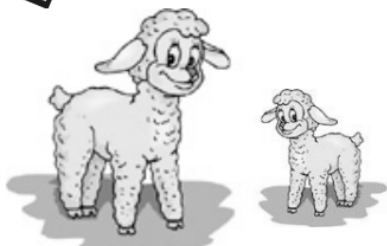


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SO WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

Well I hope everyone attended Anzac Day ceremonies around the Triangle to pay their respects to the diggers who were so committed to Australia. I also hope that all of you budding chefs tried out my Anzac biscuits as well!

I'm sure that lots of you attended the various youth week celebrations that have been held, I'm sure everyone had fun at the Evolution dance party in Bega and at the Battle Of The Bands in Moruya where many talented local musicians performed. Also the fabulous art work that has been on display at the Spiral Gallery or in the Tilba Hall as part of Youth Week and the Tilba Festival.

Hey guys,

Welcome to the tiddlers page for another month, so now its heading into winter the weather is getting colder, especially when school started! It was FREEZING! And because of the cooler weather I guess that less of you are swimming, except for the die-hard surfers. And the coming of winter also means the coming of the footy season! so whether your game is AFL, rugby or soccer, join the team or rug up and cheer for your local team, it's an awesome day out! Have fun and until next month,

Ms Tiddler.

Ms Tiddler's Recipe

Because of the cold weather at the moment I thought I would give you a yummy as hot choccie recipe for you to drink while you're sitting in front of the fire watching a movie!

Hot Chocolate

2 cups milk (or try 2% milk)
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons cocoa powder

Combine 1 cup milk, honey, and cocoa powder in a saucepan and heat on stove on low/medium heat until honey and cocoa dissolve.

Add the other cup of milk.

Heat until you get the temperature just the way you like it. Whatever you do, don't boil. Top with whipped cream or marshmallows.



JOKES!

Q. What are prehistoric monsters called when they sleep?

A. A dinosnore!

Q. What is a myth?

A. A female moth!

Q. How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?

A. Just one if it's long enough!



What did you get for Christmas?

A mouthorgan, its the best present I've ever had.

Why?

My mum gives me extra pocket money every week not to play it!

In the park this morning I was surrounded by lions!

Lions, in the Park?

Well, dandelions! HAHAAHAHAHA!!!

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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.*

**Judy and Martin Bourke and Robin and Tenille Hay** recently travelled to the Sydney Royal with Wadbilliga Grace and Nuniong Doctor Bruce. Grace came home with a 4th, 5th and 7th. The stallion Doctor Bruce also did well, gaining two 7th places in huge fields of 20 plus horses. These are great results when you are competing against the best in Australia.

**Cobargo Horse & Trail Riders Club** is ready to run their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Sale on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Cobargo Showground. This will be in the form of a Dutch Auction. This type of Auction follows the method of each horse having a number which is recorded on a large whiteboard. Any person wishing to bid on a horse must also have a number. A bidder enters his bid which is then placed on the board next to the horse number. When a counter bid is made it is entered. At a pre determined time all bidding is closed and the highest bidder buys the horse subject to the owner accepting the bid. This becomes quite exciting in the final stages of the auction for both bidders and owners. I

The first parade of horses takes place at 10am after which potential buyers may try one they like, in the sand arena. In past years as many as 35 horses have been on offer, ponies, potential and successful showjumpers,

hacks and pleasure horses. There have even been a few Clydesdales and ex pacers, popular as trailriding mounts. Horses have ranged from the quiet for beginners, to the more out going for the advanced riders.

The other well-attended feature of the day is the Gear Sale held in the Pavilion which gets better each year for both buyers (everyone loves a bargain) and sellers (a great time to clean out the shed). All kinds of items come up for sale. Last year there were the usual saddles, bridles, rugs and clothing, as well as some very unusual brass carriage pieces.

The monster raffle is also a major feature of the day with a huge number of prizes to be won. The Club donates a percentage of the raffle to a worthwhile charity

There is a barbeque on hand run by Cobargo Pony Club and delicious donuts made by Cobargo pre-school helpers. Come along for a great "horse day" out.

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**Congratulations** to 'the old girl', who still fits into her dressage jodhpurs which haven't been worn for ten years, and who won at her first start Prep 3 in the Far South Coast Dressage Association on a horse she purchased and is training (with help from Ann in Moruya). Go Leone. △

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## Easter Art Hits The Spot

Eleven years ago a group of friends from the Cuttagee area launched their first art exhibition on Good Friday with an opening that has become the traditional start of the Easter break. This year was no exception, with around 150 people gathering to see in the eleventh opening for this group of artists, some of whom no longer live near the Cuttagee Bridge. This historical wooden bridge has become their personal icon, often featuring in the work of one or more artists.

This year their exhibition, titled 'A Moment out of Time' was its usual success, with many visitors from Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra as well as locals passing through and stopping for coffee and cakes in the gorgeous bush setting of the Indaba Exhibition Space (9 km south of Bermagui on the Tanja Road.)

The work this year featured sculpture by Yamuna Jenni Bruce and visiting artist Ulan Murray, paintings and photographs by Bhavana Moylan and Sara Freeman. Lois Irwin painted unusual views of their favourite

bridge, and Shunyam Smith showed woven tapestries of views of Cuttagee Beach and the endless cloudscapes of winter. Deborah Mandira painted her wonderful silks, and Daniel Wallace, recently of Yowrie, now in Sydney, brought down an amazing collection of birds with witty names, all sizes and shapes made from beach rubbish and driftwood, which had everyone laughing.

Gray Ramsey opened the show reminding people that art and culture are an integral force in shaping our national identity, and building our community. Supporting art not only will help to build our community's cultural life, but is already attracting people here to participate in this cultural banquet up and down the Bermagui to Tathra strip at Easter. There was a gentle reminder to support politicians supporting art and culture, and a request for people to write to the Bega Council asking them to keep open the Regional Gallery and Library for our community.

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## Book Review

**Melvyn Bragg: 12 Books that changed the World: How words and wisdom have shaped our lives. \$22.95**

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Heather O'Connor

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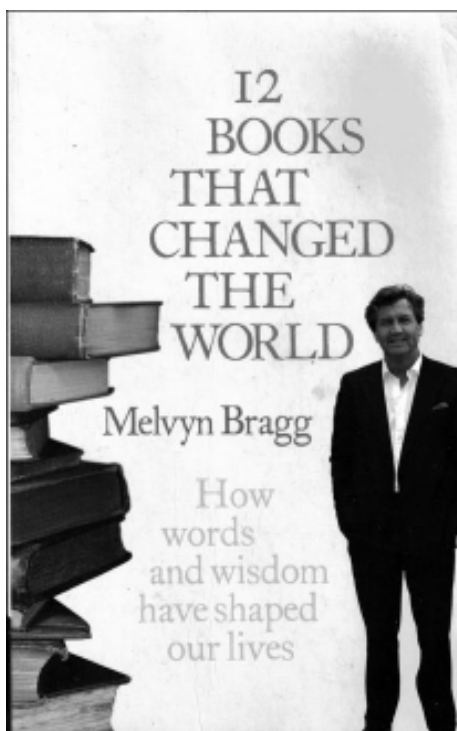
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## Cryptic Triangle

There are two sets of clues, Cryptic and Quick. Pens out!

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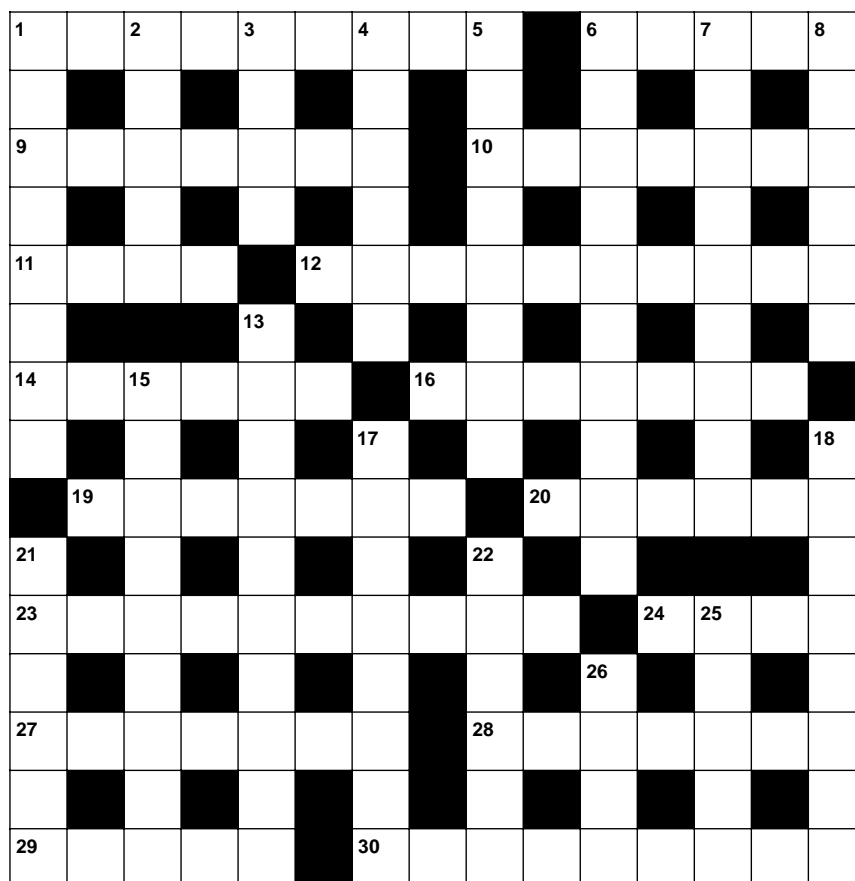
1. To beat the French with tribal post (5,4)
6. Has trouble breathing from petrol rider (5)
9. State emblem brought conflict at a height (7)
10. Produces energy about power to rocky heights (7)
11. Sulphur remains worn over the shoulder (4)
12. Periodically a dependant is between the ocean and a friend (10)
14. Take in orally in fun (6)
16. Broken ski behind bar with a native tree (7)
19. Sweep editor in a place to sleep (7)
20. Blanket time in secret (6)
23. Fiendish P. R. entangled camaraderie (10)
24. Start to get heated with western weapon (4)
27. Sell sin badly causes sickness (7)
28. Crazy kernel cover (7)
29. Former deed was right on (5)
30. Steel trap produced nitre (9)

### Down

1. Tug northern vessel from settlement (8)
2. Bends teaspoon on top of vases (5)
3. Checks final move for friend (4)
4. Work chores finds colours (6)
5. Look back to regret as Ian mixed race (8)
6. Old lady water speed in a tie (6,4)
7. The moon for one has a turbulent little sea (9)

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8. Fine jets of water makes one beseech God in midship (6)
13. Austere as a twine specialist (10)
15. Native shrub in gravel lie distorted (9)
17. Made up from criminals first bend (8)
18. Headlong rush to impress and starts everyone doing exercises (8)
21. Head's room makes side chill (6)
22. Show the way to monogram aluminium (6)
25. These days, fitting change (5)
26. Pans back to cease (4)



### Solution to March Crossword

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### Quick Crossword clues

#### Across

1. Tribal post (5,4)
6. Sudden short breaths (5)
9. Flower (7)
10. Produces energy (7)
11. Type of window (4)
12. Periodically (10)
14. Consume (6)
16. Tree (7)
19. A place to sleep (7)
20. Concealed (6)
23. Camaraderie (10)
24. Tepid (4)
27. Sickness (7)
28. Crazy (7)
29. Precise (5)
30. Nitre (9)

#### Down

1. Settlement (8)
2. Goes (5)
3. Friend (4)
4. Pigments (6)
5. Mixed race (8)
6. Reef tie (6,4)
7. Orbital body (9)
8. Jets of water (6)
13. Austere (10)
15. Native shrub (9)
17. Made up of (8)
18. Headlong rush (8)
21. Headquarters (6)
22. Indication (6)
25. Alter to fit (5)
26. Cease (4)

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#### COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

Quaama: St Saviour's - Family Service every 1st Sunday at 11.30am and every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7.00pm  
Cobargo: Christ Church Fridays 10.00am Traditional Service. 6.30pm Youth Group (Years 4 - 12 during school term). Sundays, 8.00am. Family Service, 5.00pm.

Contemporary Service.

Bermagui All Saints - Thursdays 10.00am Traditional Service. Sundays 10.00am Family Service with separate

Kid's Church

We'd love you to come along to one of our services, please feel free to join us anytime. Enquiries; Rector Reverend Malcolm Dunnett Phone 6493 4416

#### BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

West Street, Bermagui. Pastor: Jeff Percival. 6493 3585  
Family Service 11.00 a.m. All Welcome. Kids church each week including throughout holidays.

#### COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

#### OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

An ecumenical centre for contemplative and creation focused spirituality at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Tilba Tilba, 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6pm, Traditional Service 4th Sunday at 9.30am, Meditation Friday at 10am. Contact Linda Chapman 4476 1006

#### 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 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](mailto: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

#### 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.

#### 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 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

#### QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bermagui Country Club. Bermi C.C., Bega Bowling Club, Cobargo Hotel, Narooma Sporting Club & Turoos 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

#### COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASS'N

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

#### 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 School of Arts Hall  
every second Sunday. Set up, 1.45pm. Drawing, 2-4pm. Ring Naomi 6493 7307.

#### 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 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

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 5th              | Bermagui Beach Hotel                                                | Lounge Lizards R&R Band                                                                            | 7.30pm                  |
| Sunday 6th                | Tilba Valley Winery<br>Cobargo Hotel                                | Spicy Fruit Chutney<br>Larry Kinsmen (Damon & Jay)                                                 | 12.30pm<br>Arvo         |
| Monday 7th                | River Rock Cafe                                                     | Jam Session                                                                                        | 6.30pm til late         |
| Friday 11th               | Bermagui Beach Hotel<br>River Rock Cafe                             | Live Loud & Local<br>Kids' Jam Session                                                             | 6.00pm<br>4-6pm         |
| Saturday 12th             | Bermagui Beach Hotel                                                | Black Velvet                                                                                       | 7.30pm                  |
| Sunday 13th               | Tilba Valley Winery                                                 | Clive & Barny                                                                                      | 12.30pm                 |
| Friday 18th               | Cobargo Hotel                                                       | Andy O'Donnell, Raffles                                                                            |                         |
| Saturday 19th             | Cobargo Showgrounds<br>Bermagui Beach Hotel<br>Valley Edge, Cobargo | Annual Horse & Gear Sale<br>Mr. Dillon (On Tour)<br>Italian Seafood Dinner<br>(bookings 6493 6007) | 10.00am start<br>8.00pm |
| Sunday 20th               | Bermagui Country Club<br>Tilba Valley Winery                        | Clean Energy for Eternity<br>Eclectic Kitchen                                                      | 2.00 pm<br>12.30pm      |
| Monday 21st               | River Rock Cafe                                                     | Jam Session                                                                                        | 6.30pm til late         |
| Sunday 27th               | Bermagui Beach Hotel                                                | Vince Melouney                                                                                     | 4.30pm                  |
| <b>June</b><br>Friday 1st | Cobargo Co-op                                                       | Instore Field day                                                                                  | All day                 |
| Saturday 2nd              | Bermagui Beach Hotel                                                | Over the Moon                                                                                      | 7.30pm                  |

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