

## Sculptor takes "Little Johnny" back for a spit and polish

*If the boots don't fit.* Aka "Boots" and "Little Johnny". Greg Taylor doesn't mind what people call him. As an artist he has 'let him go'.

"It's our [artists'] job to get people thinking", said Greg. He suggests that audience perceptions are influenced by the 'baggage' we each take to our engagement with art.

Greg says he is a story-teller and that his creative imperative lies squarely with its capacity to achieve communication.

Greg describes himself as a quiet person, quite a conservative – he neither drinks nor smokes and never has done, yet he is compelled as an artist to tell stories about issues – to create a 'reading' of the world in which we live – 'little minuets of life' - the vernacular 'political' of his everyday life. Each piece is a little history book.

As a child Greg Taylor often preferred to spend his time chatting to the old men in and around the village of Quaama. The kind of men that were really interesting to yarn to, but who may not have been approved of as model examples for a boy by his parents! Perhaps these early conversa-

tions formed part of the foundation-stone of Greg's political critique that manifests in his works of art. But Greg also grew up as the son of a Changi survivor. Greg's father Sam Taylor's experiences as a prisoner of war must have had a profound effect on his acute young mind.

Greg is taking his sculpture *If the boots don't fit* back to the workshop for a 'spit and polish' and to replace a 'dog-whistle' which was lost during its casting. I'm beginning to see that none of the detail in Greg Taylor's work is incidental. This small detail of the digger's uniform is important to the sculpture's representation, as it denotes what Greg describes as 'dog-whistle' politics.

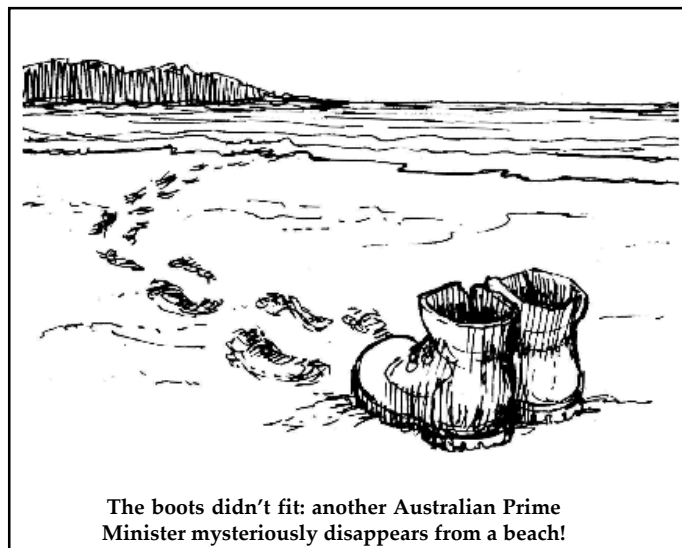
Greg reckons that the statue likes to travel but said that 'he' was very contented on the beach at Horseshoe Bay. Greg was initially inspired to create the sculpture when visiting the 'greeting midden' at Reconciliation Place on the foreshores of Lake Burley-Griffin in Canberra. Referencing a famous quote by Guy Fawkes, Greg said, "People



Ghost of PM past? "Little Johnny" on his way to exile

should not be afraid of their leaders; leaders should be afraid of their people". Provocateurs such as Greg Taylor are a crucial part of a social democracy. Work such as *If the boots don't fit* stimulate dialogue, they draw a focus on values and cause us to question and reflect upon the status quo or 'accepted' mainstream representations and their parallel political agendas. In this light, Greg Taylor's work must be welcomed and celebrated; just as the Bega Valley has celebrated, and by association, is further acknowledged for our proactive position on global warming through Richard Moffat's now nationally famous 'washing machine vortex' sculpture.

Veronica Coen



The boots didn't fit: another Australian Prime Minister mysteriously disappears from a beach!

Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness. Ahh, those autumnal mornings. Mist in the valleys, a hint of frost and clear, clear days. Beautiful autumn. Mind you, a bit more rain wouldn't go astray. Who else has jonquils out now? What does one do? Cut them and hope they reflower when they are meant to?

Petrol prices are getting 'interesting'. What's the bet that they hit \$1.50 before spring? Even in Sydney the prices, usually a whole 10c less a litre, are now on parity with country prices. The old sign on the Tilba bypass of 86.5 cents is a reminder of how much petrol has risen in the last couple of years.

Hope everyone looks at taking up the government's \$8,000 rebate for solar panels. To all our readers: if you are connected to the grid, think about getting solar panels. During daylight hours you will get free electricity, and maybe even feed back into the grid and get credits, you will only pay for night time electricity.

All you will have to pay for is an inverter, easy. Recently reading in the *Sydney Morning Herald* about the futures price of electricity, we'd advise everybody to take up this offer.

Is there a more divisive issue in our community than 'logging/no logging'? Opinions are divided, misinformation given from both sides. If only it was a black-and-white issue; but it's not, it's all shades of grey. It won't go away because it is a small nutshell that reflects the huge nutshell that faces us all, rampant consumerism against a healthy planet.

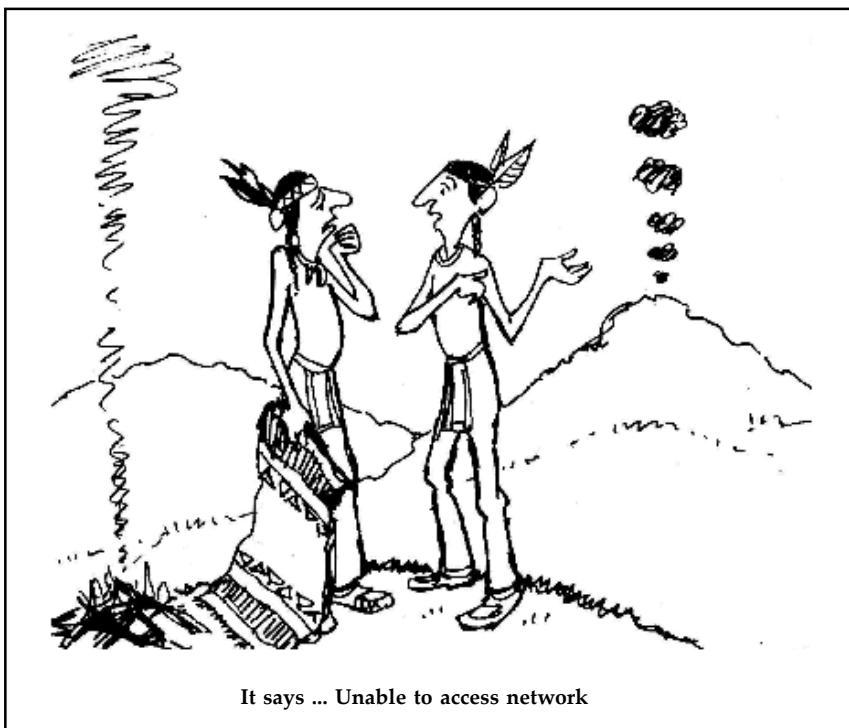
Blue Scope Steel have launched a 'Tank A Day' program where they will give away 200 tanks to primary schools, one a day for the rest of the school year. Details can be found on their website [www.tankaday.com.au](http://www.tankaday.com.au).



### Telstra vs You

To all the people who are thinking of changing their mobile phones from CDMA to Next G... BEWARE! Think twice. Don't be like me and get talked into something that does not work.

I live in Tilba Tilba and enquired at Telstra about Next G and about coverage in Tilba Tilba. I was informed that it was as good as CDMA if not better and 'there is good coverage in Tilba Tilba'. In February we received two new mobile phones on Next G and guess what? WE WERE UNABLE TO



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After many calls and complaints we were told 'they know it doesn't work in the area and should not have sold us the phones' but it was our fault for not stating that there were mountains in the vicinity, and in 2008 when CDMA is disconnected we are unlikely to get coverage with Next G in this and surrounding areas, and if I broke my contract I would have to pay in full for the new phones.

So I am stuck with two phones costing \$40 per month each which do not work! Do you think it is about time we got a petition going to get a better service in the country? Responses to PO Box 2147 Central Tilba 2546.

Tony Pye  
Tilba

### Public meeting

Clean Energy For Eternity are organising a public meeting at the Bermagui Country Club on Sunday 3 June at 2pm.

We are a community group that have been working hard at raising awareness about climate change for 12 months. With the explosion of media interest in the last six months, I think that most people are now realising that climate change is a real threat. Now, it is time to start working out what we can do about it.

On Sunday 3 June, we will be answering four questions: why do we need to act on climate change? why we need to do it quickly? how can we, at a community level, be part of a solution? how can being part of a solution offer the South Coast enormous opportunity?

The take-home message will be that if we embrace renewable energy, and set ourselves up as a centre of excellence, we tap into what will be the fastest growing, most innovative and dynamic industry the world may ever see. There is money to be saved and made. There is business to attract, and investment opportunity. There are tourists to entice, and jobs to create. If we are proactive about climate change, it doesn't have to

be doom and gloom, but the time to act is now. It is all possible.

Matthew Nott  
Tathra

### Bouquet from Tuross Head

My name is Ian Traynor. My wife Sue and I run the Tuross Head equivalent of the *Triangle*, 'The Tuross News'. I have been an admirer of your *Triangle* for several years now and collect copies of it when I am down the coast. As I say to people, the *Triangle* is the sort of newsletter our *News* will be when we can get around to it.

Thanks and sincerely, keep up your good work and high standard publication - I'm impressed and I hope your target market is also.

Ian Traynor  
Tuross Head

(More letters p11)

## My Triangle

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

### Sally Bragg

Always called 'Sally' by her mother, when first born this lovely Quaama Grandma was named 'Sarah Jane' after her own grandmother. Sally moved to Quaama 40 years ago from Bairnsdale, Victoria.

#### Where do you live in the Triangle?

I live on "Yarrimbah", a 100 acre hobby farm three kilometres south of Quaama village.

#### What do you like most about the Triangle?

They say 'home is where the heart is' and Sally's heart is surely happily at home in Quaama. She said "I love the climate here. I love all my friends and I'm surrounded by family - sons

Terry, Phillip and Russell and eight grandchildren. Six of them just down the road!" Sally said, "I find lots of pleasure in my grandchildren".



#### What is your favourite place in the Triangle?

"Quaama, of course! Oh, and I do like to go to Bermagui."

#### Do you have any special passions?

Eagerly Sally shared, "I like to travel. I've been to Europe five times and to Canada last year. I find the history of Europe fascinating!"

Sally's next trip is to the Gulf country and the Whitsundays. She'll be enjoying this adventure with her friend Lorna Weppner.

Of course our Sally will always come home. When asked if there is anything she would like to change, Sally said "No! I'm very happy here in the Triangle".



#### Thumbs Up

To Sue & Peter Thompson for contributing a lamb for the spit at the Brogo Fire Station's Garage Sale on Saturday 5 May. It was just delicious and very much appreciated!

To Ian Bussell for providing the spit and cooking the lamb - you did a great job, Ian, and it was very much appreciated also.

And to Diedre Smith and her beautiful little girls for their efforts in carving and serving the lamb - it was

also very much appreciated.



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## NPWS and Police to crack down on illegal hunting

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Police will be increasing patrols of the South East Forests National Park northeast of Bombala following continuing reports of illegal hunting and associated vandalism.

'We now have regular reports of people shooting within the park and we know that native animals are often targets. We know that there are people driving across country off formed roads and in areas which are listed as endangered ecological communities because we have found tyre tracks

through swamps and grasslands within the park.

'Hunting in national parks is illegal with heavy fines and the potential for gaol sentences. Damaging endangered ecological communities or harming endangered species is regarded as even more serious and can attract more severe penalties.

'We would welcome calls from anyone who might be able to provide us with any information regarding illegal hunting within the park. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality,' Mr Dovey said. △



### Pat's Piece

*This piece is dedicated to the protesters at the Bodalla State Forest*

I wonder if people are aware that 'Message Stick', the long-running Indigenous program shown on ABC TV, is now being aired at 6pm on Monday evenings. It is, in my opinion, compulsory viewing, when it comes to informing the wider population on the history of this remarkable culture, which has survived the arrival of white occupation; the stripping of its dignity, self-respect and cultural heritage, plus all the negative images the mainstream media like to confront us with. 'Message Stick' lets us see the true picture, 'straight from the horse's mouth'.

Cynthia Kelly was the first Indigenous person I ever met. We became friends when my daughter, Cate, who

was teaching in Bermagui, encouraged the Wallaga Lake kids to visit the library after school hours so they could give them some extra coaching with their English. I got the job of ferrying the kids in and out of the village, and while waiting I would sit with Cynthia in her kitchen, over a cuppa, and listen to her wonderful stories. Through her, I got to know other families, and gradually became everyone's 'Aunty Pat'. I fell in love with these gentle people, the way they share everything they have with each other, and their wonderfully ironic sense of humour.

Of course, there are still lots of problems, but sadly we dismiss them as having nothing to do with our social structure. But I say we are responsible, and even if we do nothing, we should at least own up to the dreadful mistakes we have made in the past. I wonder how you would have felt if you had been standing on the headland of Botany Bay, watching a fleet of ships arriving that would take over your country; whether you liked it or not.

So please do yourselves a favour and visit Umbarra to view some of the wonderful carvings and artwork done by this very special group of people. We owe them our recognition and respect. As Warren Beatty said in the film *Bulworth*: 'People all over the world must keep on making love to one another until we are all the same colour.' Pat Thompson



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## Crossing Seeks Donations for Minibus

The Crossing Land Education Centre has been seeking financial support to purchase a 12-seater diesel Toyota Hiace minibus for \$9000 (which they hope to run on biodiesel) so that they can safely transport young people to and from The Crossing. So far, thanks to many generous people, they have managed to raise half the amount which is fantastic. Thank you very much to those who have already contributed or passed this message on to someone who has.

The minibus is needed:

- to reduce fuel consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and the burden to volunteers. We have had to use three private vehicles to transport groups of young people in the past.

- to continue our landcare work in the region, to assist landholders with voluntary conservation agreements, to do surveys and restoration work for threatened species

- to provide logistical support to our Sea to Snow walkers

- to provide support for landcare projects, events and walks for high school students in the region who join The Southern Rivers Youth Crew - a new initiative for The Crossing to assist young people in our region to become more involved with inspiring places, people and projects for sustainability.

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## The purrfect solution nets help for NANA too

Injured Australian wildlife gained support from an unlikely quarter last month - a nameless Spanish cat lover.

A local web developer had a graphics problem she couldn't solve for a client. At the end of her resources, she tracked down an appropriate online forum and posted her question. Within a day the question had provoked an intense discussion amongst members and one mysterious respondent, 'Koeiekat', had posted an elegant solution.

'All I knew about this character was that they were a cat-lover, and this I could tell from their "avatar", their online identity. I didn't even know if they were male or female, only that they were located in Spain', said the web developer.

Delighted, she asked how much she could pay Koeiekat for the solution.

'How about a modest, yet fair, donation to your local animal shelter?' was the response.

A \$100 donation duly went to NANA, which will go towards items such as the incubator purchased recently for baby animals, an aviary for injured birds or subsidised milk formula for baby kangaroos, wallabies or other marsupials retrieved from the pouches of mothers killed on the road.

'It's wonderful, isn't it?' said Candy Craine, local NANA carer. 'We never know where the next dollar is coming from, and this time it's from halfway round the world.'

The fact that NANA didn't take in cats didn't seem to



One of NANA's success stories, ET, with Candy.

worry Koeiekat at all. 'Give my regards to the kangaroos and possums,' was his/her last word on the subject.





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## Tilba Bites

Has it been a month already? What with house sales, birthdays (mine), births, deaths and marriages, it all ends up a whirlwind sometimes. Or should we just be doing a bit more to promote personal rest and relaxation? I have just finished an excellent book by Australian writer Roger McDonald. It is called *The Ballad of Desmond Kale* and I enjoyed it so much that I didn't want to finish it. So now I've just started a new book by Ian McEwan (an English writer). Reading allows me to forget the present for a time - not to ignore it but to provide a diversion to constant thought on a current subject.

I have had the pleasure in the past few days to be involved a little in a current event, which was Nic and Erica Dibden's on-farm sale/auction of approximately 60 head of prized stud Jersey cows, heifers and bulls. This was the first public sale of Misty Glen Jerseys at Tilba Tilba, conducted by Elders Dairy Division of Victoria with their exceptional auctioneer, Brian Leslie. Brian had both children and adults amazed with the speed and coherence

of his delivery and his incredible knowledge and memory of genetic family lines with sires and dams from as far away as Canada. He is an acknowledged expert in Australian dairy cattle.

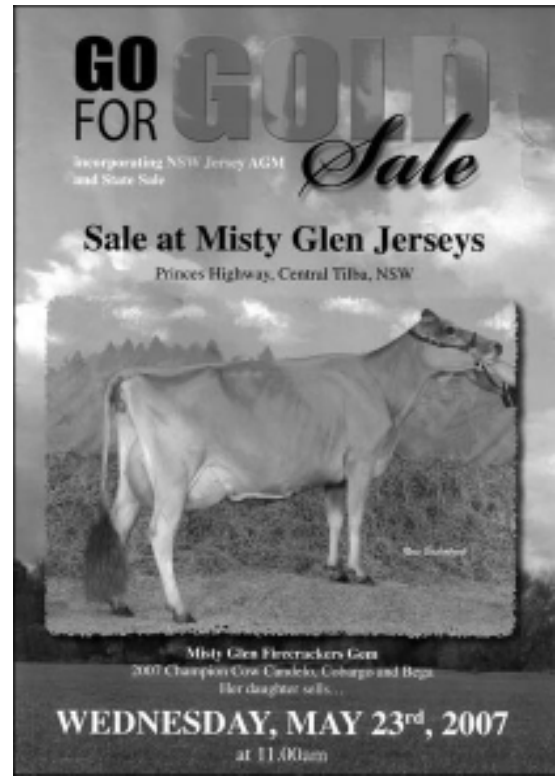
Nic, Erica, family and staff put a huge effort into providing professional and practical infrastructure for this event. You may have driven past at night lately and noticed machines working under lights and fences being finished, and they are fine fences too. Congratulations to Nic, Erica and their team on a polished performance and achieving an average sale price of \$1,780 per head with drought and hardship still so prevalent in the farming sector.

Thanks for listening,  
*Ewen Genders.*

**Reminder - Chamber of Commerce Meeting.** The next Central Tilba Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held at the Dromedary Hotel on Wednesday 6 June at 5.30pm. We

would love to see some new faces and we would welcome **any** input. If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, come along and have your say - we are listening.

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## Umbarra Real Time Stories ....

Business has become slow at the moment so now is the time to get out the dusters and working tools. We have started to do a big clean-up around Umbarra Tours, pruning the trees and plants and weeding the pathways. Cobwebs galore!

The totem pole project is almost completed - by the end of the month Rob Jason and their two trainees should be finished. We welcome all the community people to come into Umbarra to have a look at the poles.

## Fireside notes from Quaama Rural Fire Service

If you feel like glazing over from one more safety message, please don't. An ounce of prevention really is about growing an awareness of what is around you and a duty of care to yourself and to those people you love. Some food for thought is outlined below.

Winter is coming on so prepare in advance:

1. Check and clean chimney flues - some call outs for the fires to attend house fires occur in the middle of the night and are only flue fires. Embarrassing for the owners when the problem could have easily been prevented.

2. Electric blankets do have a life span and if stored should not be folded. Check for fraying and exposed wiring. Ensure they are working properly - don't make assumptions. If you are uncertain check manufacturers instructions.

3. Similarly if you are bringing heaters out of storage check they are working properly and make sure they are free of dust and debris.

4. Check smoke alarms at least six-monthly and if they are not hardwired to the electricity system of

What a magnificent job they have done.

We also welcome another worker to Umbarra Tours - Alison Walker has started with us this month and is doing well as a shop assistant.

Winter time is slowly approaching and as the weather starts to get cold and business gets slower Umbarra will probably be closing on the weekends but will open for large groups and coaches. We may get a few tours up to Guluga on the weekends, but now that it is unsafe to drive up there on weekdays we'll probably do no tours while the Forestry is logging up there. We wouldn't want to run into a log truck now, would we? What a sight for our

visitors to see!

All the folk at Umbarra would like to thank The Triangle for the really good stories that are printed in this little magazine. It is really good reading. Also we get to know more about the people that live in our Triangle - good work! What a wonderful place we live in.

Until next time,

The crew at Umbarra Tours  
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The following were results for an Ozwords Competition where Entrants were asked to take an Australian word, alter it by only one letter, and supply a new and witty definition. You clearly need to be an Aussie to understand.

**Billabong:** to make passionate love beside a waterhole.

**Bludgie:** a partner who doesn't work but is kept as a pet.

**Dodgeridoo:** a fake indigenous artefact.

**Fair drinkum:** good quality Aussie wine.

**Flatypus:** a cat that has been run over by a vehicle.

**Mateshit:** all your flatmate's belongings lying strewn around the floor.

**Shagman:** an unemployed male roaming the Australian bush in search of sexual activity.

**Yabble:** the unintelligible language of Australian freshwater crustaceans.

**Bushwanker:** a pretentious drongo who reckons he's above average when it comes to handling himself in the scrub.

**Crackie daks:** 'hipster' tracksuit pants.

**Shornbag:** a particularly attractive naked sheep.

the house then check the batteries.

5. Have a fire blanket and an extinguisher (of the appropriate type) in a safe place in the kitchen. Prompt action to smother flames may prevent extensive damage.

If the kids are helping with the cooking don't leave them on their own and always make sure things are switched off before leaving the room or the house. Always have an awareness of children if they are near the fireplace or heaters.

Finally, discuss an escape plan with the family. Commonsense, and taking responsibility for ourselves and those around us will help to create a safer environment for all.

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## Bermi Banter

### What a Wow We Had!

The HaHa count was way up as we applauded (in order of appearance) Josh Hayes and Premda, John Ellingworth, Naino Groen, Colin Sagar, Merren Sagar, Shanti, Gandharvo, Geoffrey Giuffre, Steve Brigham (voice), Sol, Juz with Al, Nick and Lenita, Jan Henry, Howie (co-compere), Jon Orr & Tim Carson, and lastly David Lamb, who apart from music and backing Naino also provided the PA and a perfectly pitched closing farewell. The night also contained a Laugh Comp and some tactfully inspired heckling led by Michael Cosgrave and Beattle.

The Murrah Hall committee extends a huge 'Thank You' to all of the above and to the volunteers and participants who very generously donated their time and (awesome) talents to make this event as memorable as it was.

More than 90 people attended and apart from the non-stop entertainment provided by four generations of performers, gobbled up the fab food, soup and mulled wine provided by committee member Jan Henry and Prez, Pauleen Harris. Thanks are also extended to committee member Grant Mitchell for the charming assistance at the food counter. Josh helped too - thanks Josh!

The vibe was irreverent hilarity. It was one of those dream nights, where, in the opinion of Murrah Secretary Howard Stanley, 'all the drama and action was on the stage, not behind it'.



Businesses spring to the next level: Seacc Springboard. Celebrating the success of their Springboard course in Bermagui last week were Mayumi Murphy, front left, Sharon Hoogenboom, Lynndal Tock, facilitator Sarah Hannebery, Suzanne Whyte, Robbie Hart; Ross Murphy, back left, Graham Andrews, Jen Somers, Steve Stafford, Ben Marden and Jo Terlich. Denny Ellen was away.

### BVSC Ignores Bermagui Community Input: Save Our Bermagui Action Group responds to the BVSC Bermagui Structure Report.

The Structure Report (which is available on the BVSC website) was presented to Council on 24 April and Council resolved to workshop the recommendations on 29 May. SOBAG was asked to make a five-minute presentation at the workshop, and at the time of printing we have requested public input for our presentation.

While there is a great deal of detail in the Structure Report, in all matters that were of public concern last year it has ignored public input. There are alternatives to what is being recommended: it may be possible to ensure the long-term viability of the Country Club and look after the development needs of future young people by allowing staged release of 30 blocks every 8 to 10 years for the next 40 years.

It is clearly possible to follow the recommendations of the Special Panel and allow 20 to 25 Fairhaven-sized blocks to be released in the north-east

of Lakeside's land. And it is possible to encourage sustainable growth by accepting the long-term population cap of 4000 but rezoning in ways that ensure there will still be opportunities for young families in twenty-five years.

However, as the Report now stands, the recommendations are virtually identical to those put forward in the Draft Structure Report and the whole process of public consultation has been ignored. The head of planning in fact 'questions if the fear of local residents is justified' as if we were incapable of forming intelligent opinions and should therefore not be listened to. How this process proceeds is again up to the people of Bermagui. If nothing is done, it has been made clear by BVSC that they will proceed with their own agenda. We cannot know if this is stoppable or changeable, but clearly it is going to require more extensive mobilisation if anything is to change.



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The long-awaited Development Application approval came through on 22 May, just ahead of the July deadline for funding applications. Three years ago an \$8 million grant through NSW Dept of Sport & Recreation was made available to Surf Lifesaving Clubs statewide. As one of only two registered clubs in NSW with no clubhouse and a membership of 120 including 50 Nippers, Bermagui certainly qualified but needed an approved DA. The club's DA was lodged in June 2006 and since then has undergone unusually harsh consideration, despite having the all-clear from our Indigenous Community, the Lands Dept and lately the majority of Council.

The new building has been designed by Ken Gordon and will house club facilities as well as the Coast Guard and much-needed new public amenities.

**Hoyland Builds Community Centre ...** Father and son team George and Damien Hoyland of Bega won out over three other tenders to build the Bermagui community centre extension. Damien explained that the boggy site required considerable geotech engineering and to date 428 tonnes of steel and concrete have been used to ensure stability and longevity. Early in the year a delay in delivery of 17 semi- worth of concrete hollowcore planks needed to support the re-inforced slab flooring set their schedule back more than a month. Damien expects to be at lock-up stage by mid June and then work will concentrate on the interior, refurbishing the existing building and matching the roofline. Sounds easy but it's not - if there are no hiccups Damien said it will be early October before completion. It's gratifying to know that all materials and tradesmen are from either Bermagui or Bega, keeping those fund-

ing dollars in our local communities where they belong.

**New Art Group Forming ...** A new art group is being formed at Cuttagee, and anyone serious about their work, be it painting, sculpture or woodturning, is invited to contact Margaret Kenny-Levick on 6493 5393. Margaret is planning to have the group's first exhibition over the October long weekend.

Since last month the **Art Trail** (aka Bermagui-Tathra Road) has been crowded with visitors and locals checking out the attractions, including:

Ecotours' forest display of *omphalotus nidiformis* or luminous fungi, cream with brownish centre in daylight and turning a bright blue green with vivid edges at night.

Madeleine Meyer's open garden and ceramics display - amazing just what she has created in 11 years from an open paddock, and featuring many gracious old rose varieties as well as an incredibly handsome wooden hipopotamus.

Ivy Hill Exhibition opening and continuing through to June long weekend - then open by appointment - a fruit salad of works by artists who've exhibited there throughout the summer season.

Narek Galleries' 'Fluid' exhibition of exquisite formfitting machine-knitted garments, also continuing till June.

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great humour and music. Let's hope this becomes a regular event.

Energy, info and art... Sunday 3 June is the Clean Energy for Eternity meeting at the Country Club. Bermi's hardworking CEFE team have worked closely with Dr Matthew Nott and his team at Tathra to put together a meeting we all hope will entertain, stimulate and provide information of value to our Triangle community. Along with the serious side of things, there'll be a children's poster competition with prizes awarded and videos shown of the human signs made to date along our coastline. We hope to meet you there - have a cuppa afterwards!

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## Brogo Babble

Small communities, big hearts .... What an amazing effort from such a small community!! The giant BROGO GARAGE SALE held on 5 May at the Fire Station raised \$1300 towards the Brogo Fire Brigade. Nearly 20 local stallholders arrived with everything including the kitchen sink, and set up early waiting for the hordes to arrive. And arrive they did, spending freely and turning unwanted junk into useable articles again.

The idea for the event was the brainchild of Mary Elliot who simply wanted to return the favour given to the community by our Fire Brigade during the wildfire scare last summer. Mary also approached many businesses in Bega for a gift donation that went toward a raffle that contributed to the total amount raised.

Wait... there's still more. The day rolled into the evening with a spit roast of succulent lamb that was grown and provided by Brogo residents Pete and Sue Thompson that also added to the final total. The proceeds will no doubt be invested in more equipment to make the fireman's job more efficient and our community that little bit safer. Recent cutbacks by the Bega Valley Shire Council have hit the tourism sector hard. A new Tourism Committee has just been formed and it's great to see Brogo local Hallie Fernandez on board. Localities such as ours need representation up against the big end of town. Congratulations Hallie.

### What's LETS?

Following a piece in last month's Brogo Babble about our LETS activity, a few inquiries about it revealed a detailed explanation was in order. LETS

stands for Local Energy Trading System. It originated in Canada in the mid-1980s and arrived in the Bega Valley in 1992. The Bega Valley LETS system is one of the most successful in Australia with over 200 members that generate an exchange of around 8000 sapphires a month. Sapphires are our currency of trade instead of the normal dollar exchange for goods and services.

It's a bit like a sophisticated barter system. When you join, you detail to a central information register what you have to offer in terms of skills and also a list of services that you're after. You have the contact details of all members and if you're after something, you just go ahead and trade in sapphires. You may wish to do so, but there is no requirement to return that exchange. When the transaction is completed, a LETS 'cheque' is written

out which then is sent to an administration team for processing. Four times a year an account is posted to let you know your balance. The system always remains in balance and no form of interest is charged.

Here in Brogo we have local LETS members on an e-mailing list and whenever a job needs doing, it goes out to the list for people to attend. 'Many hands make light work' so it's a great way to get large projects done quickly. It's also community building, fun and values people for what they have to offer rather than a monetary exchange.

The current co-ordinator for Bega Valley LETS is Kim Falkenmire who can be contacted on 6493 2116. There are members in the northern part of the Shire but as yet no formal local group list. Well worth giving it a go.



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## Letters to the Editors

(continued from p2)

### To log or not to log

Been listening with great interest to the logging protestors – oh, friends of the forest you have finally arrived. I am so glad to find there are all these people passionate about the forest and its conservation. Now when we need assistance to collect data on the biota of our many forests - do koala transects, survey for weeds, deal with weeds, etc, etc, all these enormously time consuming and thankless tasks - we know we can call on you guys. Of course, this is real roll your sleeves up get your hands dirty work - no excitement - we do not require you to camp

area. Forestry consulted with the Merriman Aboriginal Land Council who have given Forestry permission. It is not as Sean Burke and Virginia York claim a culturally significant area to them, and Sean, yes, you are entitled to your opinion as we all are, but you are not entitled to go on the radio and claim to be speaking for the rest of the community; it is a minority that support you on this one – not a majority – just ask around. There are only up to 60 protestors up there and many of those are not even from this community. The selective logging in this case is not impacting greatly on tourism at this time of the year, most people do not visit Gulaga via the Armitage Rd area according to those who actually

I went home and penned the bones of a folk song – as yet unnamed and like the sad saga, needing a happy ending.

I would love to send a copy to Greg to express my gratitude and sorrow – can anyone help me get the music down and/or record it?

Thank you,

Barb Galloway  
Quaama  
6493 8360

### Shoe's on the other foot

It seems that whenever a small group of people or *The Triangle* get all excited about some minor issue, in this case a rather ordinary sculpture, it is hyped up into a major drama then dropped into everyone else's lap. Point the finger at the council for not wanting to get involved and blame the public for 'this sort of negativity over a work of art...'. If you like it, put it in your backyard, you fund it, dig into your pockets and insure it and show it to your friends. Personally I would find it embarrassing if any visiting friends of mine were to see it. And it is not 'art' nor valuable, it's a gimmick and the novelty has long worn off.

One of the reasons 'the silent majority' are silent is their politeness, most people will not care at all about this sculpture, some will dislike it and some hate it but out of politeness they will keep quiet. And there are a lot of lovely, polite, quiet people in the shire. Should it end up permanently on public display, will *The Triangle* take full responsibility when some skylarking youth or bumbling drunk impales themselves on that bayonet? No, I guess that would somehow become the council's fault. Regards,

Ian Wright  
via email



out disturbing and soiling habitat, there's no media attention, no photos in the paper, no heroic look-at-me, look-at-me trips in the local paddy wagon. Just **real conservation work**.

Now don't think I am against protest - where would I be today if it were not for the suffragettes. I couldn't be more supportive of the Gordon-Franklin protest. Yes, there are sensitive areas that should not ever be logged again. Logging methods of the past were a disaster but there must be balance to these situations - the timber industry is improving in its methodology and approach all the time and many loggers are good bushies, they are not all rednecks. Farming methods of the past were equally disastrous and I believe it was unfortunate that cotton and rice farming were allowed to be developed on the driest of continents.

I question that this is a sensitive

live up there and Umbarra have no complaints! Forestry also were happy to discuss their approach to this logging project especially with those who are living in the area to be logged many of which were well aware it was on the agenda when they purchased their properties years ago!

Look forward to seeing you all on the next weeding project!

Cheers,  
Maggie Clowes  
Dignams Creek

### Musician required

Chatting with Dave Hooper at the yummy morning tea at Quaama Hall (election day), I discovered that sculptor Greg Taylor hailed from Quaama.

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## Cobargo Conversations

Andrew Denton and his crew of five visited OUR Norma last week. Norma Allen had Andrew in an apron before he could say 'scones' and was showing him how to make them. The crew was here for two days, with Norma valiantly cooking for five hungry men - they loved the home-cooked food. They toured the farm where Anthony and Robyn now live, which is where Norma lived with her late husband Jack for 35 years.

The crew and Andrew, who had never been this far south, loved the area and couldn't believe how beautiful and lush it is - but we can, can't we! Andrew has gone straight from our Norma to London to an interview with Elton John and hopes he has as much fun there as he did here! The show will go to air in

July.

Youth Trivia Night, Saturday 23 June 23: Calling all 11 to 18 year olds to a fun night of Trivia at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall. Tables of 5 must be organised and purchased before 18 June. It will cost \$10 per head, with no other money needed for the night. Each table will be given play money to spend on the night. This will be a fully supervised event with no pass-outs, and parents must collect their children from inside the hall. Bring some nibblies and non-alcoholic drinks as there will be no canteen facilities on the night. Fun starts at 6.30 and finishes at 10.30. Money raised will go to the Cobargo Scout Group.

Apologies to Reg for underestimating his age in last month's issue!

Fletcher, a German short-haired pointer from Melbourne, disgraced himself in the main street of Cobargo

this week. He spied Susanne and Peter's chook, Chookie, sunning herself outside Kinetex and did what they are born to do and chomped. With Fletcher's 'parents' desperately trying to get him to release Chookie, Susan from Cobargo bravely came and inserted her hand into Fletcher's jaws to prise out Chookie. Unfortunately it was a wee bit too late and Chookie, a much-loved and very elderly chook, departed into the big chicken run in the sky. Vale Chookie.

Valley Edge Café has space for a suitable art exhibition. Please ring for further information on 6493 6007.

Ain't love grand. Congratulations to Janet and Kerry on their marriage last month. What a great day it was, a lovely service in the afternoon, drinks at the farm afterwards and then a knees up at the Tilba Winery. We welcome Kerry to the district and wish them both all the best.

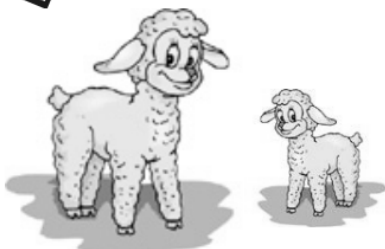
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Cobargo was the meeting place for the CWA Far South Coast Group on Monday 14 May as the Cobargo Branch hosted the Group meeting. Women from Batemans Bay to Eden congregated at the CWA cottage to review, among other things, the recent State Conference held in Jindabyne and to plan events across the Far South Coast. As usual, Cobargo branch provided lunch - a selection of soups, followed by cakes and slices.

Cobargo CWA are holding their annual International Day on Tuesday 12 June at the CWA cottage where students from the local schools will demonstrate their knowledge of the Country of Study for 2007, Malta. Members of the public are invited to attend this function which commences at 1.30pm.

Two local members, Norma Allen and Mary Williams, attended the State Conference in Jindabyne where the Governor General of Australia, Major General Michael Jeffery, said the CWA was one of the great enablers in Australia and a superb role model. Another guest

speaker, the Snowy River Council Mayor, referred to the CWA as being 'like the Snowy Mountains Scheme - you are iconic, in a changing world you are a rock for country NSW'.

In spite of the tremendous amount of ground covered at the conference, the ladies found time to enjoy meeting old friends and to be entertained at the AGM dinner.

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Kerry and Janet on their wedding day

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Player Piano purchased from Palings would be used for the first time. Seems people have always prioritised music and merriment around here. Janet May of the St Saviours Management Committee said that they are working very hard to install the toilet and church access ramp. Please give the Church committee all the support you can.

Quaama members of the *HeartSong* Choir, Barbara and Angela would love to see local faces at the choir's upcoming performances of Faure's *Requiem* in June. Details of all four performances are on the flyer at the Store. Perhaps they'll bring the whole choir to Quaama to perform this beautiful piece for the opening of the

new ramp at the church?

The **Quaama School of Arts** Management Committee (QSoA) decided at the last general meeting to build upon the current support and enthusiasm for restoring the hall and invite everyone in the community to become members of the School of Arts. The committee recognises that many people have neither the interest nor the inclination to be a part of a management committee, yet wish to use the hall and support the School of Arts as a community and cultural facility. The Committee wishes to develop an on-going calendar of events at the School of Arts modeled on the Moruya Mechanic's Institute's "Going Public: An onGOing program of cultural events". By joining up for just \$5 per family, Quaama and district families and individuals will both contribute to the maintenance of the hall and will register interest in supporting the development of a program of events. In this light, community members will be invited to indicate their particular preferences for events/entertainment as well as to identify special skills, talents and interests – so that we can assess what resources are available in the community. When these responses are collated, the committee or an events sub-committee can begin to develop a plan and seek funding to initiate the project. Please look out for further information on the Quaama Store notice board and send your suggestions to the Quaama School of Arts Committee c/- Quaama Store. The next meeting of the QSoA and District Progress Association will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20 June at 7.30 pm at



Sally Bragg and Janet May do the honours at the St Saviours raffle draw



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## Quintessentially Quaama (continued)

Quaama Hall (after Tai Chi).

The Quaama Coffee Ladies hosted the annual 'cuppa for cancer' in the School of Arts supper room and garden on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. What a delightful group and lots of new folks to meet too! Of

course the morning tea was sumptuous. These brilliant ladies raised \$539.45 from donations and the raffle - thanks girls! Heard a suggestion from one woman (with her daughter in mind) that we need a register of "eligible young men". Seems she's pretty keen on raising up some grandchildren! Perhaps Cora could incorpo-

rate her suggestion into the Quaama web page she's working on (go to [begavalley.org.au](http://begavalley.org.au)) for a local online meeting place: [ruralmen.com!](http://ruralmen.com!) Harks back to Quaama history when in 1922 a fundraising dance was held "...to assist the candidature of Digger E King in the local popular man competition". (Cobargo Chronicle March 4 1922)

The next garden and maintenance party at the Quaama School of Arts will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10 a.m. Bring your friends, favorite tools and lunch to share.

Do you want to join a Quaama table at the World Environment Day Dinner on 5<sup>th</sup> June? Please contact Barb Galloway on 6493 8360 to book and possibly to car pool.

Another environmentally sound initiative for Quaama is the installation of a water tank to harvest the rainwater from the COLA at Quaama School for use in the toilet block and watering the sports fields and a vegetable garden project. Congratulations to Sue Ann Nicol and the P & C on a successful funding application with Community Water Grants.

**Excellence in Educational Support by a DET Employee ...** Kaye

at Quaama Public School, received the Excellence in Educational Support by a DET Employee at the Illawarra and South East Regional Awards ceremony held at Queanbeyan last Friday. The awards acknowledge and promote outstanding contributions by Department of Education employees to public education.



Quaama School children in the Anzac Parade at Cobargo in April

"I felt so honoured that firstly I had been nominated and then to have received such an award. I know that so many of my colleagues give so much to ensure that their school provides the best opportunities for children just as we do at Quaama PS," reported Kaye after the ceremony.

Quaama Public School community congratulates Kaye and are very proud of the contribution and achievements made during her 21 years at Quaama PS.

Excellence must be the common creed at Quaama School as the children too have been studying hard over the past month for the UNSW Maths, Science and English tests. So work hard and good luck kids for the English exam on 19 June, soon it will be holidays again and parent/teacher interviews are on 22 June. Congratulations and good luck at the Regional Schools Cross Country Carnival at Nowra on 1 June to four terrific young athletes, Alex Hutteroth, Sean Lambert, Morgan Boyle and Mikala Hutteroth. Have a great time!

On the topic of achievement, Quaama artist/craftsman John van Horssen trading as *Hansa Art Glass* has quietly and unobtrusively been creat-

ing beautiful works in his Quaama Studio for some time. John says he's very busy working on progressing his business with two upcoming major events - a solo exhibition at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre (ACT) opening 28 July and a four day show at the Craft Fair in Deloraine, Tasmania in November. So if you're in Canberra or

Tas at those times, go say hi!

There are lots of new people around the district. Welcome to Bhagya, Diane, and Chris and her partner ... and everyone else especially all the new children - so many new names to remember! Maybe those curry/ themed-cuisine dinners that the Hall committee has

been thinking about would be a great way to get to know each other?

We're all so happy to hear that Dave Cowan is home from hospital and recovering beautifully. Nell-Allen-Coen and her Mum and Dad also want to thank everyone for their comforting expressions of care during Nell's hospital stay at Westmead Children's. Last but certainly not least, happy birthday to a very special person, Letitia Carrol. xxx

Stop Press: Date change - Yoga with Jule Munro now on Thursday morning, 9.30 am at QSoA. △

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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.*

When I was asked by *The Triangle* to write a small segment about horses, I felt it would be a good opportunity to address the issue of winter feeding of our equine friends. Due to 90% of NSW being in drought, the availability of all forms of fodder for cattle or horses is low. Costs of buying hay or horse feed is very high. No doubt all horse owners have had to make some harsh decisions of late as to whether to keep their animals or sell them on to people who are more able to wear the costs of feeding.

Fodder costs are expected to stay high for the remainder of 2007 and into 2008. Here are a few tips for winter feeding:

Always remember to match feed to the horse's working conditions. A horse uses a lot of energy in winter to keep warm, so rugging helps keep condition on. There is an old saying that a rug is as good as a feed - this is true.

Rather than feeding one large feed per day, feed two smaller feeds (night and morning). A horse in the wild or in a natural environment grazes all day, so they need to be able to chew at grass or hay at all times.

Never leave a horse or pony locked in a stable or yard without ample supplies of hay to pick at. Horses should have their teeth done at least every 12 months, by an Equine dentist.

Horses that drop their feed or ball their feed have problems with their teeth and this needs to be addressed. Worming is always important. Drenches should be rotated. Always mark on your calendar when you have done this job (roughly about every 16 weeks).

Always put your horse into a fresh paddock after worming. If you are unable to rotate your horse paddocks, picking up poo helps to keep worm infestation at bay.

If you are unsure as to which feed to give your horse, never be afraid



Ain't love grand?

to ask for suggestions or help.

Enjoy your horse, because given the chance they will give you back ten-fold what you give them.

*Janelle Salway.*

Word has it on the grapevine, that the Illawambra connection of Jenny Stock and her trusty mount Karizmah Moonshine had a big day out at the FSCDA Dressage comp on Mothers Day, with 'Moonie' winning the 1-2 test with a score of 80%. Go Jen, go!

Cobargo Pony Club: The Triangle's pony club, Cobargo and District Pony Club, kicked off its competitive year, holding their Dressage and Equi-

tation Day on Sat 12 May. We could not have asked for a better day, with approx 55 riders and their mounts travelling from all over to compete, some as far away as Eden, Mallacoota and Milton. 'The competition was strong', said one member.

Riders had to compete in two different dressage tests and two different jump rounds. All were judged on presentation, skill and performance, by individual judges. The benefit of this was that riders received their score sheets at the end of the day with feedback and comments on how they can further im-

prove their riding skills. Also the placegetters were awarded with silky ribbons at the 'End of Day Presentation'.

Cobargo and District Pony Club will be competing at many more events this year and we will keep you all posted as to how we go. Good luck, riders and ponies.

*Rikkie Seymour*

Quaama's Dry River Rodeo club will hold their annual team penning day on Sunday 10 June with a 9am

start. There will be open, ladies and junior events with \$600 up for grabs as prize money for the open event, both ladies and juniors will be 'jackpot' prize money, so the more teams we have the more money YOU ride for.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes available all day and we will have a break in the program for a BBQ lunch.

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## Watch those Wombats!

The Wombat Protection Society of Australia held a Wombat Watching Evening on 5 May, the first time a wombat-watching tour has been held on the Far South Coast of NSW. The Society is developing three tour types: a road tour, a sit-and-watch tour and an overnight camp-out. The first road tour for the Far South Coast watched wombats out Brogo way and four wombats, including a mother and joey, made their tour debuts. These Bare nose (or forest, naked nose or common) wombats have a limited distribution restricted to the eastern coastal fringe of NSW and Victoria with small pockets in ACT and South Australia.

In 2006 the Southern Rivers Catchment Authority started an initiative to bring farmers and wildlife carers together to discuss wombats. The work of the SRCA in demonstrating the benefits to the community of

fenced riparian (river/creek) zones creates a perfect opportunity to reward those who undertake this work by value-adding wombat-watching fees as part of the incentive. The Society will pay farmers and others for access to their land as a way of helping wombats become assets. If you would like to be notified of future tours or to join the society or to register a venue go to [www.wombatprotection.org.au](http://www.wombatprotection.org.au).



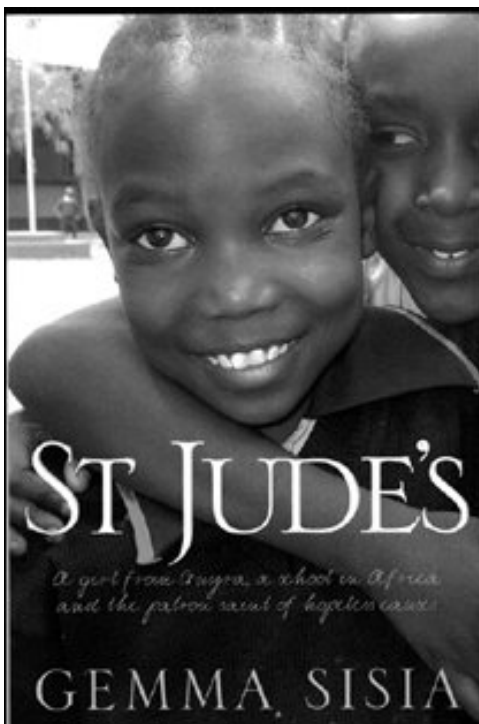
The Bare nose (common) wombat

## Book Review

**St Jude's: A girl from Guyra, a school in Africa and the patron saint of hopeless causes.**

By Gemma Sisia  
Macmillan, \$32.95

If you are feeling the least bit down with the onslaught of colder and shorter days, treat yourself to this book, to cheer you up, and to restore



your faith in human nature. It's the story of a remarkable young Australian woman, who, with the help of her family and friends and a number of Australian Rotary Clubs, established a school in Tanzania that now supports over 700 hundred children to gain an education they otherwise would not have. The project grew out of Gemma Sisia's wish to support one young woman to get to University (she did - and is now a lawyer in her community). From this, she enlisted all the help she could get in Australia, then was given a piece of land by her father-in-law (there's a great love story in here too) - and the end result is a school for the brightest and the poorest African students.

This really is an inspirational book - a young girl from a very conservative part of rural NSW, originally thinking of becoming a teaching religious missionary, falling in love with an African man, marrying and having two children, and raising the money and enthusiasm for her dream. The pictures alone in the book will cheer you up. And then you can check out her website and consider sending a donation! Enjoy - and think about this when you start to despair about what one individual can do.

Heather O'Connor



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**A: Depends how much you've been drinking.**

**Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it on Rain TV, how do the plants grow? (UK.)**

**A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.**

**Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)**

**A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.**

**Q: Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Australia? (Sweden)**

**A: So it's true what they say about Swedes.**

**Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay? (UK)**

**A: What did your last slave die of?**

**Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)**

**A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not... oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.**

**Q: Which direction is north in Australia? (USA)**

**A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.**

**Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)**

**A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.**

**Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)**

**A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.**

**Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)**

**A: You are a British politician, right?**

**Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)**

**A: No, we are a peaceful civilisation of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.**

**Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)**

**A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.**

**Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives**

**in trees. (USA)**

**A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.**

**Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? (USA)**

**A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.**

**Q: Can you tell me the regions in Tasmania where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)**

**A: Yes, gay nightclubs.**

**Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)**

**A: Only at Christmas .**

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#### 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 & 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

#### 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 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 2nd	Bermagui Hotel	Over the Moon	7.30 pm
Sunday 3rd	Bermagui Country Club	Clean Energy for Eternity	2 pm
Thursday 7th	Valley Edge Café, Cobargo	Yuin Folk Club	Dinner from 6pm (bookings essential) Music from 7.30
Saturday 9th	Bermagui Hotel Cobargo Pub	Original Theft QBC Country Music night	7.30 pm
Sunday 10th	Bermagui Hotel	3 on the Tree	7.30 pm
Tuesday 12th	CWA Cottage	International day	1.30 pm
Friday 15th	Cobargo Pub	Sentimental Journey & raffles	
Sunday 17th	Bermagui Hotel	Once Bitten	4.30 pm
Friday 22nd	Cobargo Pub	True Blue & raffles	
Saturday 23rd	Bermagui Hotel Cobargo School of Arts Hall Cobargo School of Arts Hall Valley Edge Café Cobargo	Chill Trivia night for 11-18 yr olds Market day & Life Drawing Group Moroccan night	7.30 pm 6.30 - 10.30 pm 9.30 am - 12noon
Monday 26th	Narooma Kinema	Into Great Silence - Fundraising for Tilba Tilba Old Church renovation	6.45 pm
Wednesday 27th	Bermagui Hotel	Christian Downey - The Dirty Politics of Climate Change (pre-paid bookings only)	6pm for 7pm
Saturday 30th	Bermagui Hotel	Kudos	
July Saturday 7th	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	Antiques & Collectables Day	



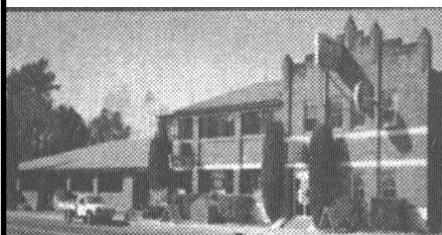
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