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## Community Organisations Benefit from Seaside Fair Donations

The Bermagui Seaside Fair Committee held a presentation night on Friday 20th June at the Bermagui Country Club. Event organiser Jo Jacobs was pleased to be able to present some of the donations in person to representatives from the different local volunteer groups who attended.

Since the inception of The Seaside Fair, almost \$20,000 has been donated to the local community and plans are well under way for the 2009 event.

The recipients from the 2008 Fair were as follows:

Bermagui Pre-School: \$500 towards the purchase a digital camera outfit.

Bermagui Public School: \$500 to go towards their Accelerated Reading Program.

Little Yuin Pre School: \$500 to go towards the development of an outdoor environmental learning centre.

Rural Fire Service: \$250 for service to the Fair.

SES: \$250 for service to the Fair.

Coast Guard: \$250 towards the

purchase of a VHF Radio.

St John Ambulance: \$250 for service to the Fair

Care Flight Helicopter: \$250 for ongoing running costs.

Camp Quality: \$250 to be held in trust until the October 2EC Camp Quality Radiothon.

The Seaside will then challenge other similar organisations to match their donation to Camp Quality.

The Seaside Fair committee is meeting every fortnight. Any new members would be made very welcome. If you are interested in joining the committee or simply



The photo shows left to right: Lea Sutherland, Little Yuin Pre School) David Gelme (Bermagui Coastal Patrol), Jo Jacobs and Christine Bimson (Bermagui Seaside), Neil Rutherford (Principal Bermagui Public School), Greg Potts and Greg McLaren (Bermagui Rural Fire Service), Denise Page (Bermagui Seaside), Front: Narelle Myers (Bermagui Pre School) and John Hallaron (Bermagui Public School). Photo taken by Lori Hammerton (Bermagui Seaside)

have a great idea for next year's event phone Jo Jacobs on 6494 0191.

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## Who is Going to Stand for Bega Council in The Triangle?

We need nominations from the Triangle for the Bega Valley Shire Council so that this area is fully represented at Council over the next four years.

Although this is not a full time position, there is payment of \$13,000 to \$14,000 plus additional expenses for travel only on council approved business, a laptop and printer and mobile phone only for council business. The elections are in September and other towns are mounting their candidates and giving it much attention, so should we.

You can make a difference in our area with keen, intelligent sup-

port for Bermagui, Cobargo, Quaama and Brogo so that attention and funds do not get diverted to the southern section of our Shire.

Without our past Councillors' input, in Bermagui alone, we may not have had the sports stadium, the Community Centre and other funding which has assisted the town.

There is a really keen support team to assist good candidates from our area so please call Peter Bray on 6493 4456 with expressions of interest or if you know anyone who you think would make a good candidate please encourage them to get in touch or it may be too late.

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Winston Churchill I presume?

## Editorial

Winter has arrived although it has not been really cold as yet – maybe due to the moisture in the ground? By the time you receive your *Triangle*, the shortest day will have passed and we are on our way to Spring. Goodbye to those dark evenings but hope it has given you time to catch up on the paper work, your photo albums and read those technical books so you can use your DVD, camera and phone properly.

The long weekend in June seems to have been very quiet in many areas of the Triangle, is the price of petrol to blame, the winter or what? We need to be able to encourage visitors all year round and hopefully the inclusion of most of the Triangle in the newly published *Australia's Coastal Wilderness* will bring more European visitors year round. There are seven sites named around Australia that are being promoted by Tourism Australia and this coastline is amongst them, stretching almost to Lakes Entrance, as well as the Snowy Mountains, so we are well positioned for more Eco Tourism. Bermagui's marine development looks like having further delay and not commencing till Spring but it will be a wonderful addition to our area.

Congratulations to Lindy Hume on her appointment as Director of the Sydney Festival. Lindy was involved in the Four Winds Festival at Easter and spent a lot of time in Bermagui after she moved here from Perth.

After receiving several very long articles we would like to remind contributors that the preferred length is 250 words, longer articles may be edited and articles over 400 words may well just be omitted. Can we also remind readers submitting letters to the editor that they are required to provide an address although we will only print the locality. We love receiving your articles and letters, please keep sending them in.

### Correction for Narooma Oyster Festival

The *Triangle* wishes to apologise for the incorrect naming of the organisers and originators of the successful Oyster Festival. The Festival was organised by Robin Sinclair, The Narooma Chamber of Commerce and a sub-committee; congratulations again. △

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## Letters to the Editors

### Thanks from Can Assist

Dear Editors,

Thank you so much for running the article I sent re Can Assist, we have gained 3 more clients this week and from this area so that is wonderful. Once again a big thanks.

By the way I was travelling back from Cobargo this morning (I am a Registered Nurse working with nursing service & I travel from Bermi to Cobargo very regularly) and I was thinking of a 'Thumbs Up' to the farmers who have their 'birthing paddock' near the road, I always get a 'warm fuzzy' feeling to see the new born calves as I pass by in the early am's. It is a lovely way to start the day with new life there for us all to see. I am sure the farmer doesn't even realise that he is doing us a great service by reducing our stress!

Kind Regards

Lori Hammerton.  
Beauty Point

### More on Moorings

Dear Editors

I refer to your main article 'More to the moorings than meets the eye?' on the front page of the June 2008 issue of *The Triangle*. For almost two years I have been trying to achieve good governance in the administration of the Sinclairs Cove moorings and your article struck a chord with me. The following is an extract from a letter I forwarded to Council on 23 March 2008

### MOORING BONDS – LEGAL STATUS

20. In my letter of 17 January 2007 I pointed out the problems of not having a legally enforceable lease Agreement for the Moorings and in response to questions in my letter of 11 October 2006, Council advised on 23 February 2007 and 1 March 2007 that:

Item (e) Council is unaware of any purchase price of a pontoon mooring. It is understood that a bond system applies and the amount of the bond is \$3,000.

Item (h) Council has no records of the purchase of any mooring. It is understood there may be an informal ongoing licence/lease arrangement Item (z). It is understood that a pro rata reimbursement is made for the unused portion of the lease on a

monthly calculation Item (y). There is no authority to on sell a lease.

In response to my letter to Council dated 2 April 2007 in which I suggested that a legally binding Mooring Lease Agreement should be drawn up, G Roberts, former Manager Corporate Services, advised on 11 April 2007 that "In respect to the Lease Agreement, Council has adequate resources in house that will enable the preparation of a suitably enforceable lease agreement. I will also present to the Committee (Bermagui Parks and Foreshores Committee) that these need to be signed and arrears paid before the mooring is secured." Unfortunately none of these mechanisms were put in place despite my advice that some pontoon holders were under the impression they had purchased their pontoon mooring and could on-sell it.

By way of correction or clarification regarding the contents of your article:

- There were eighteen Pontoon Moorings not nine;
- No lease agreements were entered into between the Committee and the Moorings Holders;
- A Pontoon Licence was required to be completed by each pontoon holder;
- Pontoon Licences were renewed on an annual basis.

If you think there was 'More to moorings than meets the eye?' you should read the other 25 paragraphs of my letter to Council regarding 'Administration of the Moorings' which summarised concerns referred by me to Council since October 2006.

The final outcome of my letter and another letter, each covering very important and sensitive issues was that Council resolved on 8 April 2008 to 'advise Mr Carder that no further correspondence will be entered into'.

Regards,

Lance Carder  
Bermagui

The Triangle appreciates this additional information to our front page article last month.

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## My Triangle

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

### Robyn Lucas

Robyn Lucas, daughter of Norm and Kath Hoyer, was born and raised in Tilba, is a proud dairy farmer, and is the fifth generation of the Hoyer family to have been dairying on her beloved 'Sherringham Farm' of 500 acres. In addition, she owns or manages another 800 acres, distributed between Tilba and Cobargo, in order to operate her dairy enterprise.

Robyn is a strong and forceful personality, and can probably match wills with any person when challenged.

The Hoyer family's roots were originally in Cobargo where her great grandfather's uncle Alfred was manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank. In the late 1880s he bought the house and core section of the present 'Sherringham', situated between Little Dromedary and the ocean.

Her great grandfather, Charles, had lived in Cobargo with his uncle, married Hetty Graham of Cobargo, and moved to 'Sherringham' in 1897.

The family has engaged con-

tinuously in dairying at 'Sherringham' ever since, with the property passing from Charles to his son, Fred, and then to Norm (Robyn's father). Despite the fact that the ABC Cheese Factory was operating in Central Tilba from 1891, cheese was made independently at 'Sherringham' from 1904 until around

ing is different'.

Speaking of significant things in her life, she said the birth of her children, Charles and Sam, is at the top. 'They give me great pride'.

Other matters of great importance are, taking over 'Sherringham', and the privilege and joy of having had three wonderful years with Steve Taylor'.

Do you have any special passions?

'Protection of animals has become a focus, and educating people, particularly children, about the dairy industry and farm animals. Also, the love of Tilba and the local area, both historically and now'.

What do you look forward to? 'Rain, always. I also look forward to continuing to nurture 'Sherringham'. I am just

the caretaker, doing my best to look after and care for 'Sherringham', and ensure it is ready to pass on to the next generation, like it was done for me. I am about to take my first holiday in four years with a two-week trip to NZ'.

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## Letters to the Editors (continued from page 2)

AWLFSC Branch Secretary Glenis has kindly sent me a copy of your June Edition of *The Triangle* and our members would like to thank you and your Committee sincerely for the excellent coverage you have given our Branch activities once again. Thank you also for the great photo you took of all our hard workers at our Garage Sale on 7th June. It's a beauty and will be ideal for me to include in our next Branch Newsletter. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated and is a big boost in our efforts to support and re-home the unwanted companion animals of Bega Valley Shire and to maintain our vital de-sexing program. Congratulations to you and the Committee for producing such a wonderful local newspaper for your area – it's a great read!

Regards,

Wendy Hawkins,  
Publicity Officer,  
AWLFSC Branch

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1920 because it was considered that the trip to the factory (now just a few minutes' drive on bitumen) was a bit too far.

When asked what she liked most about living in the Triangle, Robyn said: 'To live in the Triangle is to spend my life in one of the most scenic, clean, free and special places on earth. Being surrounded by Big Drom and Little Drom and the ocean makes me a very fortunate person'.

What is your favourite view? 'Sunrise from my Dairy. Every morn-

### Thumbs Up

To the staff at Narooma RTA for their lovely smiling faces, great attitude and helpfulness.

To the Triangle resident seen anonymously collecting fireweed on Corkhill Drive and others who do likewise on their local walks.

### Thumbs Down

To state of the new toilets above the Blue Pool (Bermi's only decent public toilets) being full of paper and unable to be use.

To the Cobargo shop owner who would not allow a special needs child to use their toilets – they said 'customers only', how unkind.

### Thumbs Down

To whoever sent this (below) to the bottom of Bermi Harbour.



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## Transition Towns in the Triangle

The inaugural meeting of the Transition Towns group representing our Triangle communities and Narooma, was held on Friday 20th June 2008, at 'Love at First Bite', Tilba Tilba. The meeting was attended by John Carter, Angela Marshall, Carolyn Wells, Peter Essex, Ann Wilson, Peter Doolan, Jo Lewis, Don Dornan, Ann Montague, and Karen and Gary Hooley.

Transition Towns is a concept and a movement to promote changes in local communities to address the challenges posed by climate change and peak oil. Peak Oil predicts a diminishing oil supply combined with an increasing demand, forcing fuel shortages and the rising prices we are seeing now.

Our Transition Town group met

to share thoughts and discuss ways of making our community more aware of the changes that are necessary to ensure we successfully engage these challenges, by increasing local food production, reducing our energy use, and improving the efficiency of our transport. All agreed the three key areas to focus on were food, energy and transport.

Thus, three project leaders were nominated to coordinate and disseminate information relevant to each of these sectors. They are Gary Hooley, food, Don Dornan, energy and Jo Lewis, transport. If you wish to participate in, or provide information to, the Transition Towns Group for our area, please contact Jo Lewis on phone: (02) 4473 7927 or: [rainbird@skymesh.com.au](mailto:rainbird@skymesh.com.au).

For further information check



After a short visit to the United States, Michelangelo's David returns to Italy ...

out the community website at [transitiontown.org.au](http://transitiontown.org.au). Our next meeting will be on 18th July 2008 10:30 am at the same place; new faces welcome.

Gary Hooley



## Help a child? – Operation Christmas Child

Do you ever despair when you watch the television and see many children living in poverty and looking so sad? Would you like to make a difference? If you said yes, and you are free on a Tuesday, please join a group on the first Tuesday of the month at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Farncombe Avenue, off Marine Parade in Narooma.

The group will meet from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm and sew, knit, cover boxes, chat and generally try to help with sending shoe boxes to children in Thailand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vietnam, Vanuatu and Fiji. Working bees will be held on this first Tuesday from June to October. (There could be a variation in August.)

The next working bee will be held on Tuesday 1st July. Come and work on your own box or join in and do some boxes as a group – your choice!

*Operation Christmas Child*, which is a project of Samaritan's Purse, organises, with everyone's help, the filling of shoe boxes and the distribution to some

of the children you might have seen on TV.

Shoe boxes are covered and packed with toys and other goods for girls and boys between the ages of two to fourteen years. Last year alone, the ACT and the South East region of New South Wales were responsible for 25,572 boxes being received by that number of children.

A typical box contains at least one thing from these categories: something to love (eg a soft toy), something to play with (eg a ball, marbles or a plastic recorder); something for hygiene (eg a face washer and soap and a toothbrush but not toothpaste), something for school work (eg an exercise book and some pencils); something to wear (eg a T-shirt or a knitted hat); and "something special" (No second hand items please.)

Why not look into the Hall and see what's involved. If you are a sewer – great; you might like to bring your sewing machine and odds and ends; if

you are a knitter – great again; bring your knitting and knit a beanie for your special child; if you are not crafty – still great. You need not bring anything at all – just come along for some company and maybe you'll be just a trifle organised! Also bring your lunch and we'll have a half hour break. Tea and coffee (and maybe cake!) will be provided.

For more information on the working bees or about *Operation Christmas Child*, please contact Liz on 4471 7675 or to find out more about the program, have a look at [www.samaritanspurse.org.au](http://www.samaritanspurse.org.au).



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# NPWS researchers now running on the smell of an oily rag!

A NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service scientist has found a novel way of attracting rare marsupials to areas where they can be monitored and observed for research.

It seems the aroma of black truffle oil is just too good to resist and native animals such as bandicoots and potoroos are being attracted to monitoring sites by the oil, which is in a specially-made container and cannot be eaten by the animals. The NPWS scientist behind the idea, Dr Andrew Claridge, says he was frustrated by the lack of progress in monitoring native wildlife and came up with the idea of the truffle oil, which he has been buying from delicatessens and cooking shops.

Truffle oil is a surrogate for the smells produced by native truffles that are found in the diet of these animals. We're using the odour to bring the animals to a certain spot and then an infra-red camera, which is

also new technology, takes images of the animals for identification purposes. Being able to observe the animals and monitor how they are far-

difference to these marsupials in certain areas. Previously our measures of success were poor at best and wrong at worst.'



Marsupials such as the southern brown bandicoot are attracted to the European black truffle oil.

ing, with confidence, is so important for our overall management goals. 'For example, we can find out whether our fox-baiting programs are making any

In a recent study in Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden, Dr Claridge and his research partner Dr David Paull, from the University of New South Wales, were witness to a minor miracle. 'The bottom line is that our ability to detect bandicoots at that site, or success rate, has gone from below 1% to around 60% - using imported French black truffle oil. This is a staggering result.'

Dr Claridge said he and Dr Paull are now placing the truffle oil and the infra-red cameras in spots across the south east of NSW and also working with Victorian land management agencies in neighbouring East Gippsland.

'We await the next set of results, quite literally, with baited breath.'

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## Crossing Sea to Snow Set to Go

'It's nothing like what I expected, it's so much more!' exclaimed Jessica Thomas from Moruya, at the end of her three day Sea to Snow training program with The Crossing Land Education Trust. On the Bermagui river at the northern end of the Wilderness Coast 'the dream actually started to become real for us and we learnt from each other for a common goal' said Jess.

That common goal is for a willing group of young people to complete the journey from the sea at Bermagui to the top of a wild snowy mountain

in Kosciusko National Park.

The first six-day section of the Sea to Snow Journey will start from Moorhead Beach at the Bermagui breakwater wall on 3 July 2008, via a presentation to the Bermagui Public School grade 5/6 classes - 'We will walk in with our full packs on to show the kids what we are taking before we canoe up the river', said Caroline Buckley. 'Mathew Nott from Clean Energy for Eternity is going to be there too to wish us well and Doug Reckord from Bournda EEC'.

Bournda EEC has been instru-

mental in developing recognition for the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the South East by running Bronze and Silver Levels of the Award for many years. Bournda EEC is also providing assistance with satellite phone communication for the Crossing's Sea to Snow Journey.

'I hope to inspire many more kids to take on a journey like this', said Jess, 'Let's make sure we tell them about next year in our press release as well!'

Applications by young people are invited until Friday 12 December 2008 for the initial three-day training

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## Pat's Piece

Poetry, I just love poetry, it's an art form that with a few well-chosen words can transport us into an imaginary world that can be fraught with danger or [be] mind blowingly beautiful, it can excite, sadden or give us a great big belly laugh. I am in awe of the masters of this medium. They say Australians are great lovers of poetry but unfortunately it doesn't make money for large publishing houses and is usually self published, which is hard on the writer. But thank goodness our Tilba Valley Winery has the occasional poets' luncheon where our local wordsmiths read to us while we enjoy a delicious lunch. Like everything else in this magical place it is always beyond expectations, for I have laughed and cried while being amazed at the talent of the local contributors. Outside of this is there anything more joyous than the language of CJ Dennis and his beautiful 'Dusk' or the heart-stopping suspense of Banjo Patterson's 'The Man

from Snowy River', in contrast to the heart breaking poignancy of the little known John Shaw Neilson's 'Marion's Child'. So instead of prattling on here is an example by our own Ian McFarlane, he uses our unique English like a painter whose wide brush strokes challenge and question us about this complex planet we inhabit.

### Winter Waves at Camel Rock

Luminous as in the forgotten eyes  
Of a women drowned by a lover's lies,  
Their translucent bellies swell and run  
Like warm yeast rising in the sun  
As if in search of that between  
The known world and the yet unseen.

Dimpled grey and towering white  
In whispering walls of winter light,  
They break upon a futile shore,  
With chaos and confronting roar,  
Whose echoes beat along the sand,  
Of this jealously remembered land.

While writing this column I have been watching a minute spider spin its web on my front porch, exquisite poetry in motion.

Pat Thompson



## Poet Harry Laing to return to Library

Following the successful visit and Book Reading by Barbara Nicholson, Ernie Blackmore and Elizabeth Hodgson at Bermagui Library last month, Harry Laing and his partner Nicola Bowery are visiting us. Harry did the poetry workshop a couple of months ago and he is keen to return. They have been booked in for the morning of Friday 11th July at the Bermagui Library.



Poet Harry Laing (photo: [www.bushbabyproductions.com.au](http://www.bushbabyproductions.com.au))



## Crossing Sea to Snow Set to Go

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camp for The Crossing's 2009 Sea to Snow Journey.

This unique Australian journey using boats, bikes and boots is recognised under the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and is sponsored by The Crossing Land Education Trust

with support from the NSW Environmental Trust, Far South Coast Landcare, Bournda Environmental Education Centre and Clean Energy for Eternity.

As well as being a challenge, the journey is also about living more sustainably and contributing to the community.

Applicants must be 16+ yrs (to 23 yrs) at training commencement in the last week of January 2009 with a strong level of fitness. They must be responsible and highly organised with initiative, energy and enthusiasm. They must be prepared to meet training costs for two training camps of three days each and also be prepared to give talks to service organisations and fundraise, like a walkathon, to support the next group of young people to do the Sea to Snow Journey in 2010. These talks and landcare participation during the journey also help build confidence and skills and such commu-

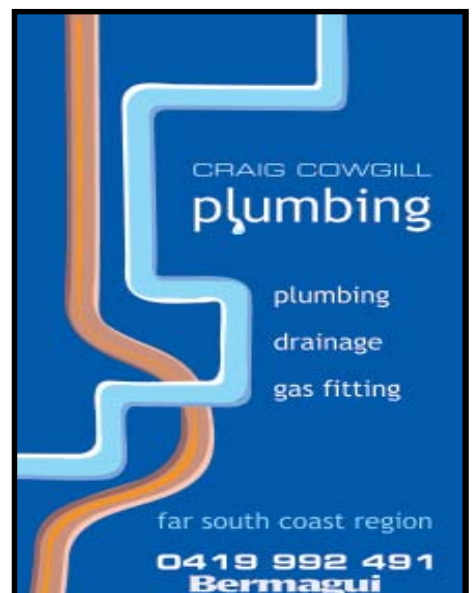
nity contributions are also recognised under the community service section of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In return for their efforts, young people selected receive expert training, support and a full Sea to Snow journey scholarship for the two parts of the Sea to Snow Journey from Sea to Escarpment (6 days) and Escarpment to Snow (9 days).

Dean Turner



L to R: Caroline Buckley, Kalaru (Lumen Christi Catholic College); Tom Newton, Bega (Bega High); Jessica Thomas, Moruya (Moruya High); Allan van Breukelen, Bodalla (Narooma High); Ashley Mather, Lilli Pilli (Moruya High); Heather Gow-Carey, Dignams Creek (Narooma High) and Dean Turner, Project Director for The Crossing Land Education Trust.



## Umbarra Real Time Stories

### Tirrkandi Inaburra

This month Umbarra hosted a visit from Tirrkandi Inaburra (which means 'To Learn to Dream') a particularly lovely and very apt name for this residential early intervention centre that caters for boys aged 12 to 15 years. The visit was part of an information tour exposing the boys to other cultures, building identity and cultural respect. One of the main aims of the school is to foster resilience, self-respect and to teach life skills. Tirrkandi Inaburra is located 15 km from Coleambally in the Riverina area and the group chose to visit Umbarra as it was recognised as being a significant place in the

photographs taken at the Bermagui Waterhole Handback Ceremony on 7th May 2008. Mervyn Naylor, who was one of the dancers who performed on the day, accepted the framed montage on behalf of the local Indigenous community.

image which captures the essence of reconciliation.

The Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust plans to run a fundraiser in partnership with the Southern Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation

to assist with the supply of interpretative signage, and to provide seating for those who would enjoy spending time by the waterhole. In addition, The Crossing Land Education Centre has offered to plant bush tucker on the site and these offers of cooperative action have been discussed with the Merrimans Land Council and the NSW Dept of Environment & Conservation.

It is hoped that this expression of respect and support by the wider community towards the ongoing upkeep and care of this sacred site, which the

Laurel Lloyd-Jones and Mervyn Naylor at the Umbarra Cultural Centre



ge was placed Indigenous community is so willing to share as a place for all to enjoy, will attract support from within the wider community. Donations can be made to the Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust, PO Box 286, Bermagui and all donations are tax deductible.

Further details can be obtained from Laurel Lloyd-Jones on 6493 5511 Email: bellbird@asitis.net.au.



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## Bermi Banter

Didn't have to travel far on the Queen's Birthday weekend to find happy people enjoying themselves. The Animal Welfare League Garage Sale at Fairhaven attracted a substantial crowd, (in part due to the smell of onions on the BBQ), and organisers from as far away as Merimbula were very pleased with the support.

AWL also wishes to thank Bermagui Lions for generously donating their raffle prize, a trailerload of firewood. By the way, the two AWL dogs featured to date in *The Triangle* have been re-housed – Jellybean now lives in Quaama and Jarrah in Cobargo.

### Historical Society

The Historical Society opening at its new home in the Community Centre had a steady stream of visitors through its door. It's so good that the Society can once again display its wealth of information and memorabilia in bright comfortable surroundings.

### CEFE

Clean Energy for Eternity has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Bermi Surf Lifesaving Club for raising \$2,200 so far this year towards wind and solar power for the new Clubhouse. And generosity of spirit is certainly alive and well when Bermi

Club were ready to write a \$2,500 cheque to make up the shortfall in Narooma's solar power fund. At the last minute Narooma were able to come up with the money themselves, but Club President Steve Dobson expressed his gratitude to everyone in Bermi Club for their fantastic support. By the way, the Narooma Club's solar installation will be up and running for their Open Day on Sunday, October 5.

### The Crossing

Dean Turner of The Crossing has given *The Triangle* advance notice of their Open Day on August 31 – mark your calendars for an interesting and exciting experience, including the Clean Energy Club-to-Crossing Paddle (6 km upstream on the Bermi River) supported by Clean Energy for Eternity and the Bermi Surf Club and open to all

kayak, canoe and of course surf boat enthusiasts. A reader has identified the mystery photo, which appeared in our last edition. It was taken near Serendip at Akolele, looking south towards the headland.

### Bermagui Pre-School

Congratulations to the Bermagui Pre-School. Their recent auction at the Country Club was an absolute winner! A very creative list of auction items – for example 'Handyman for a Day' and 'Dinner for Six' (two courses delivered to your door) – raised \$4,300 for solar panels for their building from the 42 enthusiastic and loyal supporters who attended. It was an uplifting fun evening for all of us and goes to show what can be done when we just get on with things.

### art@bermi – Homeless!

art@bermi is a new group of professional painters, sculptors, and fabric painters. Our inaugural exhibition was held at Indaba Gallery, Cuttagee and it was a great success. This year we have two more exhibitions planned, one at Tilba, and one at Indaba. The aim of our group is to show our own work and also, impor-



The Animal Welfare League Garage Sale at Fairhaven attracted a substantial crowd.



Prue Kelly receives a certificate of appreciation from Bermi SLSC.

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tantly, to encourage other artists in and around Bermagui. To do this we desperately need a gallery, or some space, which will become our permanent home and exhibition centre.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please give Jenny Halliday (6493 4537) or Helen Morris (6493 5186) a ring. Let's hope that we can achieve our objective, and give Bermagui a gallery of its own, which is greatly needed.

### Bermagui VIC seeks volunteers

If you have a few spare hours a fortnight or a month and enjoy meeting people and talking to them about the beautiful region we live in, Bermagui Visitor Information Centre would love to talk to you about joining their team of volunteers.

The Bermagui VIC opened in its new premises in the Bermagui Community Centre in Bunga Street in early December last year, just in time for the peak holiday season. In the last week of December alone enquiries at the VIC totalled close to 800. This was followed by over 2,300 visitor enquiries in January and 1,300 in February. The premises are bright, airy and a very pleasant place to spend time. The spacious new centre also allows for a much bigger and better display of information material.

Volunteer work provides great personal reward and can be fun! If volunteering at the Bermagui VIC interests you, please phone Christine Bimson on 6493 3054 or call in at the centre.

## Bermagui: Going Through the Hoops

Six Bermagui Croquet players competed in the South Coast Shield against players from Canberra, Narooma, and Nowra at Narooma on the last Friday and Saturday of May.

Norma and Peter Fern, Marlene Gerrand, Noel, Denese McCann, and David Cotton represented the Bermagui Club. Bermagui performed very creditably, making 133 hoops and finishing only ten points behind the larger club, Nowra. Coach John Gerard was very happy with what he called 'a highlight of the club's performance', when Dave Cotton achieved twelve hoops in a game. The match

comprised two handicap singles games and two handicap doubles games played against each of the other teams.

The weather was perfect and all enjoyed the competition and socialising. The Narooma club hosted the event and provided morning and afternoon teas and a very pleasant lunch during the break on Friday. A barbecue was held at the conclusion of the games on Saturday, allowing additional time for chatter and laughter. At the dinner on Saturday night Jacky McDonald, president of NSW Croquet, spoke of the activities of other clubs,



Hot Shot Denese McCann in Action

and the means by which we can promote the future growth of the game. Geoff McDonald, who is director of coaching for Croquet NSW, spoke of the place of practice and coaching. Our local coach, John Gerard, was the organiser of the very successful tournament. Thank you, to you John, and to all those who helped as officials, umpires, caterers and ticket sellers, and to Narooma Bowling Club for providing the excellently maintained lawns. Canberra Club was the overall winner: 177 hoops scored with 116 against. Wins: 9 – Losses: 3 Hoops: 177 – Hoops against: 116



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## Cobargo Conversations

The Co-op ran their annual field day again this month. The addition of stalls in the car park from local growers, producers and entrepreneurs was a welcome addition to the fun day. Locals stood round chatting, waiting for their lucky numbers to be called in the hope of scoring a prize. A gust of wind nearly caused havoc but the wayward tarpaulin was quickly roped in and brought under control.

Now *Cobargo Conversations'* intrepid reporter, feeling the need for some R&R, went away at this point for some respite (and massage) and left the completion of the column in the hands of others. If the tone changes ... so sorry, she'll be back!

Our congratulations to Clara Loth who has been selected in the un-



The Narira Retirement Village gets a garden overhaul.

own, from her two jobs at Bermagui, Bermagui Co-op takeaway and Bermagui IGA. Her determination and dedication will be rewarded when she travels to Melbourne in July for the National Championships.

Following this, Clara and her boyfriend, Liam Phelps from Narooma, will leave on a six and a half month overseas trip, visiting relatives and friends in many countries, returning for the start of university.

Sitting in the sun enjoying coffee in sunny Cobargo in winter – beautiful – and the

fore the Bega Valley Shire we had three shires; Imlay, Bega and Mumbulla up this end. Lance and Oliver Green were the reps from here. So we did have wards once?

Changes are underway at the Valley Edge. The caffeine molecule may have gone but creativity is oozing from this young couple. Can't wait to see what's next.

Well, one could well ask when a blonde much admired ex-Cobargo resident drove into town in a lovely deep blue Porsche recently. Has someone won the lottery?

Cobargo youngsters have been doing us proud in sport. In the Cross Country two Cobargo Public School students progressed from the local to the zone carnival and on to the regional. Held on June 13th at Nowra, Angus Lingard, competing at this level for the first time came 22nd in a field of 80 in the 11-year-old boys. Hannah Schaefer, competing in the under 10-year-old girls came 3rd, once again in a field of 80. This is Hannah's second year and she improved from 40th place

last year and is now going on to the State carnival in Sydney. Well done to both and good luck Hannah!

Tim Benson-Taylor, following the family tradition on the squash courts, is part of the High School team that has also reached state level. The four boys are fund-raising to get to Newcastle for their competition.



A gust of wind nearly upset the stall holders

der 19 NSW volleyball team. She has been travelling fortnightly to Sydney for selection, then training. Clara has paid for the substantial costs on her

streets full of people with stories to tell. Roy always has some interesting tidbits and this month he reminded us that Lance Schaefer (see Vale below) had been a Councillor on the old Mumbulla Shire Council. Those new to the area would not remember that be-




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Janet from Cobargo Farm selling locally grown vegies at the Co-op's field day

## Cobargo Conversations

(continued)

Raffle tickets are available from the Bazaar.

And whilst on raffles, watch out for the up coming Skate Park raffle with the prize donated by our wonderful local quilters.

The Narira Retirement Village committee has been busily beautifying the Village gardens. The local community and business houses are to be congratulated on all their support and to the Bermagui-Cobargo Lions Club a big thank you for always helping. And just tell us again how the P plate came to be stuck in Pam's passenger side door.

### Vale Lance Schaefer 1913–2008

Lance Schaefer's funeral service was held on Monday 16th June at St Mary's in Cobargo. The church was overflowing with people paying their respects to a family that has given so much to their community. The *Triangle* wishes Beryl, Gail and Wayne all the best.



## Cobargo Community Garden Flourishing

A group of people interested in supporting a community garden project met in Cobargo on 23rd May.

The project, brain-child of Ana Walker, is to get people interested in growing fresh organic food in a community atmosphere. The meeting was attended by 10 people and the following points were made:

- That the garden would be community based.
- The main objectives would be to grow organic fresh local food for growers and possibly to sell to the public to raise funds in the future.
- To grow different varieties involving The Seed Savers group.
- The garden could be a place for education on how to grow food, apply permaculture and sustainable growing practices.

The original idea was to ask Council if the vacant land between the Cobargo pre-school and the Cemetery could be used for the project. This area was a golf course about 14 years ago. Although a very attractive project, it

was decided many more people are needed to carry on such a huge plan, therefore the objectives have changed for the moment.

It was decided to proceed with another form of Community Garden, based on people's own backyard 'vegie patch'. We are looking at what assets and resources we already have in the community and to build on them. This concept would have immediate results; instead of the long period of organising a big group required for a centralised garden and the red tape involved in acquiring public land.

At the meeting it was discussed that this different concept of a community garden may be of interest to a wider group of people. Following along these lines the short-term objectives will be:

- To create a data base for who is growing what, where, when.
- To connect and exchange knowledge and produce.
- To hold workshops and working bees in different gardens every month.
- To involve experts (we have quite a few) giving advice, helping people to create a new garden or to better an existing one.
- To assist the Seed Saver group and create a 'pod' and to visit other gardens, private and community-based in the area.

There is a lot of support in the district for this type of project and we encourage interested people to attend the next meeting on Friday 25th of July 7.00 pm at the CWA building in Cobargo.

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## Tilba Bites

Your usual correspondent Ewan sends greetings from the deep north where he is helping his daughter Kate move into her newly purchased house and labouring in the vast garden surrounds. Your fill-in correspondent is unfortunately not privy to the salacious snippets of information that Ewan somehow engenders (pun intended) so this month's column is somewhat curtailed.

Despite the hike in petrol prices, the Queen's Birthday weekend saw large numbers of tourists flooding into

Tilba. Local cafes had to hastily order extra tucker from their respective suppliers and even Alfie ran out of his inimitable meat pies. Customer service was further complicated by assorted caterers nursing hangovers from celebrating Robin Croxson's august 60th birthday at the Drom. As Robin had just returned from a sojourn in South Africa, the birthday bash had an African theme. One result of said theme was the Croc-o-dial being surrounded by numerous Steve Irwin look-alikes doing their best to imitate rugged lion hunters and rhino rooters. Many ladies were decked in mock leopard/cheetah fabrics and there were more spots than a measles factory.

The jungle beat of the mighty Nashberries soon saw the spots become a blur as the ladies shook their booties. Simon Simpson arrived in an elephant mask with a trunk so long that he was unable to touch the pub's doorknob and had to be let in. This prompted the observation that 'Simon must be elephants as he can't reach his knob', to the amusement of many.

Other notable

sightings included Bishop Tutu (briefly) and the well known wrestler Half-nelson Mandela (aka Barney). The birthday boy sported more medals than Idi Amin, but proved to be more of a pisspot than a despot, especially when wielding his bass guitar on stage (see picture). Sibling Sam sported a fetching jellabah and was nearly mistaken for a lusty lass by a somewhat intoxicated and randy noxious weeds officer. A very late arrival was Sol, who had obviously misread his sundial. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

Work continues apace on Punkalla Rd with thousands of tonnes of earth being moved to form the base for the new alignment that eliminates the infamous 'Shippo's Corner'. Much of the dirt came from two new cuttings that further straighten the road. Mercifully, the 'sea eagle' trees have been spared, but they are starting to look lonely. Your gnarled correspondent has fond memories of being able to drive in to Tilba via a green tunnel of trees, but those days are long gone. I guess that's the price of progress.

Unfortunately, two of the area's most popular ladies have recently been hospitalised. Everyone that knows Robyn and Marilyn wishes them a safe and speedy recovery from their illness.

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More pisspot than despot ... birthday boy Robin Croxson

## Proposed Telstra Mobile Tower – Tilba

In order to improve wireless communication and provide Telstra Next G services within Tilba and surrounding areas, a proposal was recently put forward to install a mobile telecommunication facility in Central Tilba. Three options were considered, with various stakeholders consulted and notification (including photo montages) posted at the Tilba general store.

As a result of community feedback Telstra will no longer pursue the option adjacent to the water reservoir as it falls within the Tilba Landscape Conservation Zone. The preferred site is now outside of the Tilba Landscape Conservation Zone, on Brushgrove Lane, approximately 2.5 km north of Central Tilba. This was originally the second option considered by Telstra; a photo montage located at Central Tilba General Store provides an indication of how this facility would look (N.B. Option 2).

Telstra is still in the planning stages of the proposal. Development application documentation is being

compiled by **nghenvironmental**. We would encourage you to provide feedback on the proposed mobile tower by visiting our website and lodging your comments prior to 11 July 2008.

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Another opportunity to provide comment will occur during the public exhibition of the proposal in the coming months. This will be through the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

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## Tilba Bites (continued)

### True Grit at Bate's Store

The Tilba community is pleased to have Ken and Linda Jamieson of Bate's Store, Central Tilba, back after their month-long, northern motorbike adventure with the Ulysses Club for older motorcyclists. The trip was built around an enormous gathering of Ulysses Club bike riders in Townsville for the Club's AGM. Tony and Diane Pye of Grassy Hill, Tilba, are also members and went along as well.

Unfortunately for Ken and Linda the ride home ended with an accident at Marlborough, just north of Rockhampton. They were struck from behind while waiting to turn right, and both were thrown into the air and injured on landing. Linda suffered cuts and abrasions to her hands and general bruising, while Ken incurred five broken ribs, four more cracked, and a punctured lung. Ken was in intensive care for four days, then another six in hospital at Rockhampton. Linda was hospitalised overnight. Tony and Diane kindly stayed with them for a few days until they could see some recovery taking place. Ken was unable to fly home because of his injuries, so the trip home was slow and uncomfortable. Both are still recuperating. The bike was a write-off.

Immediately after the accident a great number of people from police, ambulance and rescue crews were milling around, and there was great concern for Linda, who appeared she might have suffered very serious injury. She was laid flat on a board type stretcher on the ground in order not to exacerbate her condition. Ken proudly relates that in the midst of all this, she called to him and said: 'Ken, this won't put you off bike riding, will it?' Now, we think you will agree, that shows true grit! △

## Platypus Drown in Yabby Traps

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is concerned about wildlife drowning in yabby traps in local rivers around the South West Slopes. NPWS ranger Angela Loneragan said that NPWS have had several reports of platypus dying in traps in recent months. Ms Loneragan says air-breathing mammals such as platypus and water rats, and amphibians such as tortoise are attracted to yabby traps by yabbies and shrimp feeding on the bait used.

Ms Loneragan said platypus commonly live in the rivers, streams and lakes of eastern Australia, from the Annan River in northern Queensland to far-south Victoria and Tasmania. They are found in the major permanent river systems in the south of NSW, west of the Great Dividing Range, and occasionally in South Australia.

"Like other native animals, platypus and water rats are protected under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act." Ms Loneragan said the only legal method for taking yabbies or Murray Crayfish, during the Murray Crayfish season which runs from the 1st of May to the 31st of August each year in the

Murrumbidgee River, is by hoop or lift net.

"The nets should be marked either at or above the waterline with a tag with the person's name and residential address or boat registration number." She said all traps and nets are illegal in notified trout waters except for the use of hoop or lift nets in Lake Eucumbene and Lake Jindabyne.

For further information on fishing regulations please contact Department of Primary Industries on 1300 550 474. For further information on native animals please contact Department of Environment and Climate Change 1300 361 967 or [www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au). △



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## Brogo Babble

### Christmas in July – Book early

This is an important fundraiser for the Fire Brigade. It will take place on Friday the 11th July and all are welcome. This will be another great event for Brogo as in previous years.

It will cost \$20 per person and it is very important to book with Deirdre Smith, no later than 30th June please. So call Deirdre soon on 6492 7265 or mobile 0428 366 403. Be early so you don't miss out.

### Triangle Distribution

Rita and Cliff are wondering who gets the *Triangle* in Brogo! Our neighbours' reaction on being presented with one, his first (?), was 'Yes, I want it'. An expedition into Bega PO to post out our allowance of 75 instigated a PO count up, as we enquired where the *Triangle*

went. Two Contractors are involved. There are lots of new houses in the last few years so now the number is up to 140. That's if our Powers that Be will supply 140. So come on Brogoans, show you are keen with lots of interest. Thanks to those who have e-mailed.

We have heard that there is a flight simulator in the area. Does anyone know about this or have any contact details?

Dog trainer /tips ref. Jack Russell cross who has a nose like a bloodhound, how do we keep her from going rabbiting and being quite such a boisterous two-year old? Also any dog training going on anywhere? Our older legs aren't up to too much trotting. PS: Free companion anytime you are jogging, contact [ritacliff@mak.net.au](mailto:ritacliff@mak.net.au).



## The Public Toilet Saga

What is it with public toilets in this shire? Bermagui has been begging for some decent ones for years and now that we have some in the new Community Centre, access and hours are

restricted. Recently, when at Merimbula for the Jazz Festival, we attended a picnic in a waterfront park where all the brick buildings were closed for renovation and there was one

Portaloo for the whole area. This park would have had a minimum of 50 people at any one time in the four hours we were there, so the facilities were hardly adequate. Then we drove around to Pambula Beach and the head of the Pambula River and the public toilets had this wonderful signage, which of course is indicative that there are no toilets in the area. Definitely room for improvement!



It is reported that the presentation to Eurobodalla Shire Council, about the sale of road reserves and maintaining public access to Wallaga Beach, was favourably received and Council recognised that public access was important. The matter is now in the hands of the state government Lands Department and interested people can lobby the department if they wish to make their opinions heard.

Another item of interest to residents is the state of the dirt road that borders Wallaga Lake between the bridge and the end of Turner Drive. This road is often used by residents in Bermagui Road and Turner Drive when walking or cycling as it is much safer than using the sealed road that goes down to the bridge, however no one seems to know who is responsible for maintaining it. The council boundary appears to run along the edge of the lake but whether this boundary is on the lake side, on the landward side of the road or right down the middle is unclear. Enquiries to the Asset Manager at Eurobodalla Council were inconclusive with the suggestion that it might be a road reserve but in light of the fact that it has been widened and maintained within the last three years we are seeking further information.

The loss of a pumpkin from a local veggie garden prompted discussion as to the likely identity of the hungry critter. It was hoped that it might be the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot. However, our enquiries revealed that it was almost certainly the more common Long Nosed Bandicoot. The pumpkin owner was still happy to share the produce.



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## Quintessentially Quaama

We're back. And there's no place like home...

Apologies for failing to get a column in on Gallipoli but tour schedules and overseas computer networks conspired against us. Anzac Day at Gallipoli was an experience never to be forgotten – the services at Anzac Cove and Lone Pine were very moving and I doubt I've heard the national anthem sung louder or prouder anywhere.

We got to Anzac Cove around 7:30 pm before Anzac Day and sat up all night along with 10,000 of our closest friends. It was cold – numbingly cold at times – with the wind chill dragging the mercury down to minus 4. With every piece of clothing we had with us on, plus covered with a sleep-

ing bag and a blanket, we were still cold. Sort of gives you a faint idea of the conditions our guys went through for months on end. But the dawn service was something truly special and if there were any dry eyes in the house when Advance Australia Fair was sung, I didn't see them.

The Lone Pine service followed at around 11 am and this was a very moving time, especially for me as my great-Uncle died there and his name is on the memorial – 1st Brigade, 1st Light Horse. An amazing place and the crowd was probably 99



Anzac day gathering, Lone Pine, Turkey

miffed that we cannot continue to haggle at home. And there were some shops in Turkey proudly advertising 'genuine fake watches' which almost restores one's faith in advertising.

Still, back to the daily grind we've gone but now with the feeling that work is only something you do between holidays. But, at the same time, it is also likely that Australia truly is the best country in the world – and I reserve any final decision until I've seen a few more for comparative purposes. Although I must say NZ would make the top three easily.

Yep, great to be back. You can't buy a decent cappuccino in Quaama but you can get one if you know where to look. And I think we're all prepared to let that one slide.

The photo attached was taken at Lone Pine – just to give an idea of the size of the crowd. If you ever get the chance to go I'd recommend you do – just remember to pack the thermal undies – Everest grade should be sufficient.

Stay well. Glenn & Ann



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## Art in the Triangle

### Local Sculptor at Spiral

Joy Georgeson moved to Beauty Point from Canberra over a year ago after teaching art for 20 years and has set up a studio to continue practising her own artwork. She has exhibited her ceramic sculpture around Australia since leaving Art School in the '70s and has work in several national collections.

Joy will be exhibiting ceramic sculpture and drawings with South Coast artist Bill Insch at Spiral Gallery, Bega from August 1st to 22nd. Her artwork is inspired by the natural environment such as the coastal estuary of Wallaga Lake and the wild beauty of Montague Island. The sculptures feature flora and fauna, in particular fish and birds.

### Merimbula Jazz Festival

The regular supporters from Bermagui, Tilba and Dignams Creek went to Merimbula for the 28th Jazz Festival. Although the crowds were smaller than in previous years none of the passion has been lost for this event. As usual the volunteer brigade deserves many thanks for putting on such a good event. It's a shame it does not get more support from all areas of the Shire as it would be a loss to this area if the event did not continue with its musicians, their bands and followers coming from all over Australia.

### Shirley Hannan Opening

This was a really well attended event especially considering there were so many 'happenings' over the long weekend in the Triangle. The Bega Valley Art Gallery welcomed Andrew Sayer who opened the event, and Paul Del Pratt, the judge of the prestigious Portrait Prize. The \$30,000 award, the most valuable after the Archibald Prize, was won by Andrew Forsythe, with the painting titled *My Wife Amelda*. The catering by Carole Broadhead and her helpers was superb as always.



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## Rebecca Moore and Tom Blain to perform at Yuin Folk Club

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Rebecca and Tom placed equal first in the People's Choice Award of the Good Folk Song Competition at the Brunswick Hotel in Melbourne in November 2007. They placed third in the Grand Final. A live recording of another new track from the album titled 'Deep Down' placed in the top 100 of the Acoustic category of the Musioz Awards (December 2006). In 2008 Rebecca and Tom played a six-week residency at the Uluru Resort. In February 2008 they appeared at the Cobargo folk festival. Upcoming gigs include the Newcastle Blues Festival, the Kilmore Celtic Festival and a winter residency at the Guthega Alpine Hotel.

Rebecca and Tom completed a tour to Darwin in the Northern Territory in October 2007. Whilst in the NT they flew to the Indigenous community of Milingimbi and performed for the children at the Milingimbi school.

As a solo artist blues folk roots performer Rebecca supported some of Australia's best roots and blues artists. Rebecca is a gifted

songwriter with the ability to transport audiences on an emotional and metaphorical journey. She has been compared to Tracey Chapman, Kate Bush, Joni Mitchell and Sarah McLachlan; however she maintains a distinct individuality and an awesome creative presence.

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Rebecca Moore and Tom Blain will play at the Valley Edge Cafe on 18th July.



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## Celebrity Art Auction a Huge Success

On Sunday the Living Artist Celebrity Art Auction team once again put on a first class show for the Bega Valley at Tathra Public School. The night was a huge success, drawing a large crowd of over two hundred people. This night of nights showcased some of the country's top contemporary artists. Art hunters and collectors nibbled gourmet delights and sipped fine wines to the music of classical guitarist, David Crowden, whilst visually feasting on the auction pieces in a party-like atmosphere. Further excitement was generated when the three finalists for the 2009 Living Artist scholarship were announced.

Narrowed down from a number of outstanding applications Craig Cameron, Matthew Jones, and Tanja Riese are the final contenders for the second 2009 Living Artist scholarship. The judging panel said it took a full day of long hard deliberation to reach the final three and congratulated all applicants on their entries. The winner will be announced in August. Good luck to the three finalists.

More fun on stage happened



Leading the auction and encouraging the bids was Guy Higgins.

when the highly coveted raffle prizes were drawn from a pink pig barrel. John Thorne of Canberra won the exquisite Klaus Moje artwork made from fused bullseye glass. Klaus very generously moulded and kiln formed this piece especially for the Living Artist raffle. The first prize winner in the second raffle, Ken Lawford of Mosman, chose the magnificent Phillip Cox

painting whilst the runner-up, Jenni York of Orbost, won the beautiful pair of Nafisa Naomi red chalk sketches.

The Far South Coast Living Artists Inc. Committee wish to give thanks to the many people and businesses who willingly donated goods and services, as well as everyone who attended the event.

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## AWL Pet of the Month: Perri

AWLFSC Branch carer Glenis Curry of Beauty Point is presently caring for a six-month old tan female medium-sized crossbreed pup 'Perri'. Cute and confident, Perri has a lovely nature and is very active and playful – equally happy chasing a ball, going for a swim or stretching out for a snooze in the sun. She will make a wonderful companion for a loving new owner with a well-fenced yard where she can run and play.

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AWLFSC receives no government funding and operates solely on the fundraising efforts of its volunteers. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to P.O. Box 101A Bermagui 2546, and new members are always very welcome.

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## Letters to the Editors (continued from p 2)

### Positives of high-price fuel

Just imagine if there could be a silver lining on the dark cloud of fuel prices hanging over us. Not so much in the city, everything is five minutes away, but here in the bush most of us drive between half and one hour to shop for essentials. When (and I say when) fuel prices are over three or four dollars a litre who can afford to drive their 4x4 or Commodore to Bega or Narooma to purchase one hundred dollars worth of groceries? Not me that's for sure, so I will probably start to shop locally.

Wow! Imagine that; imagine if all the people in Cobargo or Quaama and surrounding districts all shopped in the town. What a boost for the local business. It will be nice to walk down to the main street of Cobargo and get your groceries with all the other locals and have a chat at the butcher's, the baker's and the local café. More people will be forced to grow their own food instead of buying imported fruit and veggies from South America. All of a sudden the small town will support the local community again. There will be more small business opportunities, more local employment and it will

force local businesses to provide more variety and competition. Shop fronts in small towns like Cobargo will be a good investment. And instead of paying huge amounts of money to travel to phony fantasies up north and overseas, local people may just rediscover the beauty and wealth of their own back yard. I long for the day when we see bike racks and hitching rails back in town.

Brendan Ryan  
Cobargo

### Give way at Wallaga

Dear Editors,

There is only room for one lane on the Wallaga Lake Bridge and the traffic travelling north has to give way to that traveling south, EXCEPT when the car/s travelling north are actually on the Bridge. This seems basic common sense but for the second time in 12 months, I have nearly had a head on collision on the Wallaga Lake Bridge. I always watch the corner at the north of the bridge and twice when I have seen cars approaching the bridge far too fast, I have been forced to toot my horn to raise awareness of the fact that I am actually three quarters of the way along the bridge and in both incidents the cars continued to proceed and almost block my exit from the bridge.

Has this happened to other

residents and do we need more signage to encourage actually stopping when approaching the bridge from either direction?

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Millard

### Beware the Push

Much has been said about various 'telcos' but recently the change from CDMA to Next G Prepaid had an expensive and unexpected consequence. Mobile phones are a bit of a mystery to most people over 40, myself included. So, when credit seemed to be vanishing on my new phone I investigated. Premium SMS or Push messages were sent unsolicited to my phone. This third party, the sender, deducted \$5 from my account for me to RECEIVE the message. Each time! So, if this sounds familiar check your pre-paid history first.

Ring your company if you know you haven't accessed any sites for ring-tones or wall-paper, tunes or ring tones etc. Request a bar to stop unwanted SMS messages and a refund of lost credit. With the help of the Telecommunications Ombudsman's office and Telstra I did get a credit of \$35 and the bar is working so far!

Susan Bear  
Cobargo

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## Letters to the Editors (continued from p 20)

### Your Friends are Our Friends

A big thank you to everyone who has become a 'Friend of Montreal' [Goldfield]. The Montreal Committee is amazed and delighted that so many people are interested in the project and want to show their support in this way.

A newsletter is to be sent out

to members soon, giving views of things past and news of events to come which we hope they will enjoy and pass on to others who may want to join too.

There are a few quirks and advantages in becoming a member but mainly it is the opportunity to be part of the preservation of Montreal's heritage and to feel it is your project as well as ours. To join, just ring 6493 3054 or call in to the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre.

The next Open Day at the Montreal Goldfield site will be on September 13. It is shaping up to be something really different ... But more of that later.

Thanks again for being a 'Friend'.

Judi Hearn, Coordinator,  
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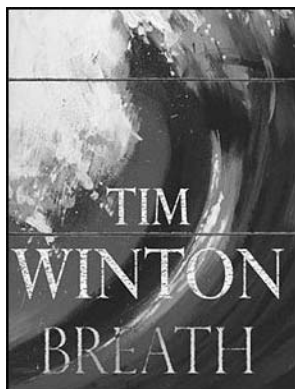


## Book Review



**Tim Winton**  
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This is Tim Winton's first novel for over seven years, and the first half is well worth waiting for – beautifully written, and a joy to all of us who live near the sea, especially for those with a love of surfing. It is the story of an adolescent boy in WA and his quest to escape being 'ordinary', which leads him to push well beyond the boundaries of comfort into the extremes posed by the sea, by his reckless friend and by the adults with whom the two boys form a strange relationship, so different to their 'ordinary' parents in the small town



where they grew up. It is when this relationship turns so destructive and (to me) unbelievable that the book lost me. But as a new addition to the Bermagui library and as an important addition to the work of one of Australia's leading writers, it's worth a go.

To add to my own library this month, I bought Bob Carr's book: *My Reading Life: Adventures in the World of Books*, and am now going to settle in

for the winter and re-read some of the classics – it's a good guide to what you probably should all read, but I was disappointed at the lack of Australian and women authors – Colleen McCulloch, but no Thea Astley, or Geraldine Brooks? Come on Bob! (And I didn't like his take on Don Watson either, but there you go.)

Heather O'Connor



## Garden Magic



I'm pleased to announce that there are now two residents of the Bega Valley who think that roses are a waste of space. I have an ally! Nonetheless, hereunder are the promised pruning tips.

First, have a look at the bare rooted roses in the nurseries and understand that this is the effect you're trying to achieve. In other words, minimum branches. Roses flower on new wood, so you need to create new growth for maximum blooms.

Cut away any dead wood and any piddly little branches. Also, if two stems are growing into each other, take out the weaker one. The aim is to reduce the size of the shrub by about a half to two thirds. Don't be scared – as I said before, roses cope with being hacked back and dug out of the ground at this time of year so they are pretty resilient. The centre of the plant needs to be open for light and air penetration: You're trying to make a vase shape.

Another point to remember is that roses transmit diseases very easily, so rinse your secateurs in disinfectant (or bleach) between each shrub, if you're unfortunate enough to have more than one.

Don't fertilise yet because the plants are dormant and won't take up the food. In the warmer areas that are frost free, it's ok to prune around mid July, but leave it another month if you're in a colder place.

Good luck. You have nothing to fear but fear itself.

Until next time,

Lindy Marshall



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*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.*

### State Pony Club Show Jumping comes to Cobargo

Riders from throughout NSW will travel to Cobargo in July, to compete in the Pony Club State Show Jumping Championships. When Zone 14 hosted this competition at Cobargo in

1998 there were 30 local riders, but this year due to the decline in members, mainly because of EI, there will be 13 locals coming from Bega, Bemboka, Cobargo and Moruya clubs.

There will be four rings with competitors ranging in age from under 12 to under 25. Competitors and their families will be arriving in time for a fitness check on Friday 11th July, followed by two events on Saturday 12th and two more on Sunday. At the completion of jumping on Sunday all riders will parade before presentations. What a wonderful sight! If you want to see some talented young people come along to watch as entry is free.

The local club members in Zone 14 will be catering during the day, supplying an evening meal for all the families as well as working in the rings. This should be a great weekend (if they don't freeze as they did 10 years ago) and we would like to wish all the local riders the best of luck.



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It has been two months now since we started trading five days a week and Monday is proving to be quite a busy day, especially with tourists emailing that they're staying in Bermi longer than just the intended weekend!

**News flash:** We have upgraded our Internet to 1500kbps. It's very fast, staff and customers are very happy. We can now download podcasts from television websites, so if there was something that you missed on ABC you can pop into the CTC and watch it online.

We are currently looking into copying from audio cassette to CD and hope to bring you that service as soon as we have fine tuned it, so keep an eye out (or should that be ear open).

**Computer training:** Once again this month our one-to-one basic computer training with Marilyn Wright, volunteer tutor/media guru in training, has proved to be very popular. Bookings are well into July already, training is on Wednesdays and Thursdays by appointment, just phone or call in to make a booking.

### Centrelink Self Access Point:

Just a reminder to those of you who need to phone Centrelink or fax them your fortnightly statement or have original documents certified, these can all be done from the Access Point, here in Bermagui, for FREE. With the exorbitant price of petrol it saves a trip to Narooma or Bega.

### Computer trivia question:

Which was the first fast-food restaurant to offer patrons 20 free minutes of Internet time? Answer: Burger King.

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Bermagui: 2pm Saturdays, ID/Topic, Anglican Church Hall, Wallaga St  
Bega: 5.30pm Monday, Steps & Traditions, Uniting Church Hall, Gipps St  
7pm Tuesday, Topic/ID/BBS, Catholic Church Hall, Gipps St  
6pm Wednesday, Uniting Church Hall, Gipps St  
8pm Friday, Catholic Church Hall Gipps St

### ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch - Meetings bi-monthly at Tathra Beach Bowling Club every 3rd Tuesday of each even month. All welcome. Enquiries - 0400 372 609

### ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

**Quaama - St Saviour's** - Every 1st Wednesday of the month, 10.00am Morning Service  
**Cobargo - Christ Church** - Fri, 10.00 Morning Service, Sundays, 8.00am Morning or Communion Service, 5.00pm Contemporary Service.  
**Bermagui - All Saints** - Thursdays 10.00am Morning Service, Sundays 10.00am Morning or Communion Service.

### COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

### COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

### COBARGO LANDCARE GROUP

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

### COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yrs and over. Caring for your child's early education. Ph Chris McKnight 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

### COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASS'N

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

### COBARGO CWA

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

### COBARGO/BERMAGUI SCRABBLE

Competitive and social games. Tournaments. All enquiries welcome. Phone Tony Hunt for details: 6493 6861.

### 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.

### 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 PLAYGROUP

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

### 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.

### BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium Bermagui Country Club at 7:00pm. Ladies and men. Contact Joy on 6493 5104.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

Fabric and Textile Art Group meeting monthly at Quaama. Phone 0427 402 025.

### 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.

### THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

### QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bega Bowling Club, Cobargo Hotel, Narooma Sporting Club, Tuross Kyla Park Hall and Quaama Hall. Visitors, Children, Musos welcome. Contact Ted Weiss on 6493 6548.

### 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

### 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.

### MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

### MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

### LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

### SOPHIAN GNOSTIC CIRCLE

For further info, phone Sue on 6493 8473.

### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

### 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.

### SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

Sundays @ 4pm, Union Church building, West St, Bermagui. Pastors Gary & Michele Tyrrell 6493 6483

### 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.

### IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Beginners to Advanced. Adults and children over 6 years old welcome. Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm, Cobargo School of Arts Hall. For more information please call 6494 3332 or 6493 8267.

### OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the second and fourth Saturday evening of each month at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections, supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able. Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am. Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 44761006.

### MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of children aged 0-6 welcome to join. Cobargo - Every second Wednesday 1.30pm - 2.30pm at the CWA cottage  
Bermagui - Every second Friday 10.30am - 12pm in the Ambulance station grounds  
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Sunday 6th	Bob Porter & Porterhouse Blue, free entry	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30 pm
Saturday 12th	"Last Tango in Tilba" with Musica da Ballo, \$10	Tilba Valley Wines	7.00 pm
Friday 18th	Rebecca Moore & Tom Blaine, bookings essential	Valley Edge Cafe	6.00 pm Dinner 7.30 pm Concert
Friday 18th	Transition Towns Meeting (all welcome)	Love at First Bite Tilba Tilba	10.30 am
Sunday 20th	Jen Noble and Loose Change, free entry	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30 pm
Friday 25th	Cobargo Community Gardens Meeting (all welcome)	CWA building Cobargo	7.00 pm

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