

How can a koala bare it?

Jo Lewis

Residents from Bermagui and surrounding villages gathered at 8am on Monday 18th July to protest at the decimation of the Bermagui State Forest. The protest was peaceful but determined with a minor altercation involving a logging truck and an eventual police presence. The mood of the residents was one of controlled anger and deep disappointment with many intending to contact Premier O'Farrell when the protest at the site was over.

The UN publication "World

Economic and Social Survey 2011" also called "The Great Green Technological Transformation" records that 40% the forests that covered the earth 300 years ago are gone, with ground water resources being depleted and contaminated. Enormous reductions in biodiversity have already taken place and continue at a rate that is about 1000 times higher than the rates that have prevailed over the planet's history.

Here in Bermagui we see the state forest and known remnant koala habitat being converted slowly to a

plantation of meagre saplings with minimal canopy cover. Forests NSW doing its bit to destroy the planet.

The UN report calls for a complete transformation of the technology on which our economy is based, scaling up clean energy resources, sustainable farming, climate proofing infrastructure and reducing non-biodegradable waste.

The report can be downloaded from: http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wess/wess_current/2011wess.pdf



Message from the Prime Minister's Office!

We feel it is important to inform you, that in accordance with the government's policy on global warming and in keeping with such terminology as "negative growth" in the economy and balance of payments, we have declared the current cold weather to be a "negative heat-wave". You will soon be hearing more on this from our spin-doctors who we are confident can make you warm and comfortable in these conditions.

Dogs Bound over Boundary on Baragoot Beach

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is reminding pet owners to leave their pets at home when visiting local national parks and reserves.

NPWS Area Manager for the Central Area, Preston Cope, said "we have recently had reports of a number of people letting their pet dogs roam into Biamanga National Park when walking along Baragoot Beach south of Bermagui"

"This 82 hectare section of Biamanga National Park which lies to the east of the Tathra-Bermagui Road is the park's only link to the coastal environment and comprises coastal vegetation, dunes and part of Baragoot beach," Mr Cope went on to say.

"National parks and nature reserves are special places for wildlife, including the threatened shorebirds Hooded Plover and Pied Oystercatcher and for people to experience a peaceful and natural environment.

"The Park is gazetted to mean high water mark and extends in a continuous strip from just south of the Baragoot Lake entrance southwards along Baragoot Beach and includes part of the headland at Cutagee Point".

"The area on Baragoot Beach from mean high water mark to the water is

public Crown Land managed by the Bega Valley Shire Council".

"Many of the complaints we receive from park visitors are about other people with domestic dogs disrupting their visit".

"We are reminding dog owners that they have a legal responsibility for their pets, to keep them from entering the Park and to ensure that their dogs are under effective control on a lead at all times when visiting public lands such as Baragoot Beach that adjoin the Park."

"People who do take a dog into a national park or nature reserve risk a \$300 on-the-spot fine," Mr Cope said.

NPWS and Bega Valley Shire Council (BVSC) rangers work closely together to ensure information is available to the local community or visitors to the area, and that the regulations in relation to Companion Animals are enforced.

The BVSC Ranger, Peter Miles said "BVSC Companion Animals Guide describes a number of prescribed off-leash exercise areas in the Bermagui area. Domestic dogs found anywhere on their own may be seized and would be sent to the pound if the owner could not be located immediately".

If you are unsure where you can take your pet you can either call the NPWS in Narooma 44760800 or visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au or BVSC in Bega on 6499 2222 or visit www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au



Lions Club lunch - a roaring good time



Jacob Saly presented with his certificate by Ian Connor

The Bermagui/Cobargo District Lions Club held its annual change-over luncheon on July 3rd at the Cobargo Hotel. More than 60 members and friends attended. The formal induction of the new board was carried out by past president Keith McKee on behalf of Lions International. Awards were also presented to Geoff Bell of Bermagui and Keith McKee of Quaama for special service to the Lions.

Jacob Saly of Bermagui was inducted into the Lions "Leo" Youth Group by the Zone Chairman Ian Connor of Narooma. Jacob is being sponsored by the Lions for a year long study exchange to France.

The gathering was addressed by Mayor Tony Alan, who spoke of the need for volunteering to support the local community. He also recommended that those present should encourage new settlers in the Valley to join volunteer groups.

Denise Redmond also spoke about the help that Lions International had given to Nardy House, and that the support of such a major organisation had encouraged others to also support the project.

Presentations were made to Cobargo and Quaama Primary schools as part of Bermagui/Cobargo Lions support for local community.

Contact Cliff Tarrant for further info 64938359

In Memory ...

Malcolm Halliday
Bill Southwood

Noel Kenway, 1932 – 2011

Noel Kenway seemed to know – and be known by – almost everyone in Bermagui. With his quiet and thoughtful manner, matched by a gentle sense of humour, Noel touched the lives of many.

Without being an 'organisation man' Noel contributed his time and knowledge to many causes. His passion for music was expressed in the Four Winds Festival, the Montague Choristers and the Probus Singers. His pleasant baritone contributed to a diverse range of song from Bach and Mozart to G&S and 'Your Baby's Just Gone Down the Plughole'. An active member of Bermagui Probus, Noel edited the Bulletin for many years.

Singing mining songs at a Montreal open day, Noel was approached by a listener who commented that the singers sounded lovely at one of the mineshafts about fifty metres away. Noel, with his trademark wry humour, observed "we probably sounded even better in Bermagui"!

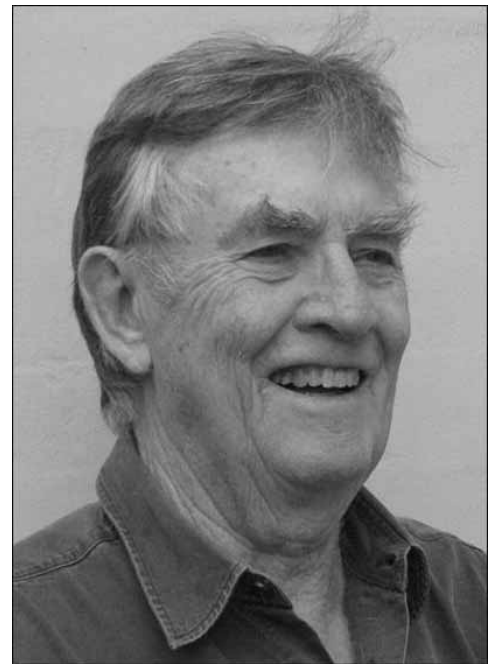
A memorable solo performance of Alan Murray's 'I'll walk beside you' at the Montague Choristers' Nostalgia concerts last November was delivered with aplomb and artistry despite Noel's failing health. Conductor Bill Hawkey, in a moving tribute to Noel at the rehearsal following Noel's passing, marked him as 'a gentlemen and a chorister'. Noel, for many years the Monties' Publicity Officer, helped promote

both the choristers and the extensive Visiting Artists Programme.

Noel's approach to physical exercise showed the same gentleness he brought to everything he did. Never expressing anger on the golf course he observed that he had 'used up all the bad shots on the back nine', thus making it safe for those who followed. How he dealt with the more vicious game of lawn croquet is not recorded.

Noel's community involvement extended to helping with the war on sea spurge in the dune care program and Clean Energy for Eternity. His low tolerance for bullshit, particularly when it came from either an extreme left or right wing position, was legend. As well as pushing his own causes, he gave effective and loving support to Heather in her involvement on the Four Winds Committee and her campaign to stop native forest logging on the Far South Coast.

Born in Brisbane, Noel studied psychology and joined the Australian Public Service, working initially on acoustic issues. He worked in Hobart and Perth before moving to Canberra in 1966 where he held senior positions in personnel management and organisational structure. He remained



Noel Kenway
"A gentleman and a chorister"

as an advisor until he and Heather moved to Bermagui in 2000.

While Noel's struggle with cancer took an increasing toll on his energies over the last three years, he continued to support and encourage all those he made contact with. All of them – all of us – miss him.

Noel is survived by his wife Heather, their son Anthony, daughter-in-law Kerrie and grand-daughters Claire and Eleanor.

The Sea to Snow Crossing

Course Description 12 day youth journey of a lifetime opportunity after exams in the last week of November and first week of December. From the Sea to the Snowy Mountains by boat, bike and boot. Young people who are 16 to 18 yrs by the first training may apply. Budding film makers, photographers, artists and explorers encouraged.

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Editorial

Well the wind really whipped the water from the wayside as we waded through
the wild waves! Apologies to any with sensitive eyes and ears.

Talk about 'windy city' – it is bad enough in summer but with that wind chill
factor, heralding the coldest winter for many decades, no wonder we have all
disappeared indoors to take refuge by the fire. Then the rain arrived, much needed,
but couldn't it just come down at night and leave us those lovely sunny but chilly
days? Anyway, beggars can't be choosers as that original saying goes, so we must
rejoice in the fact the days are getting longer and the snow season is incredible? And
hopefully a good spring/summer is around the corner.

Those enterprising owners at the Well Thumbed bookshop in Cobargo are
very pleased to have so many of their 'hidden' titles disappear for their competition
advertised last issue. Hope all you artists are pondering on your works to be entered
in the competition. Should be interesting as well over 50 titles have been given away.

Our Triangle team is alive and well, and will be celebrating our 9th Birthday
with the spring issue in September as I am sure we have mentioned. We are still
hoping for more news from the Quaama and Brogo areas on a continuing basis and
of course keep those letters and thoughts coming in from our other areas.

The Triangle wants to announce that it does not hack into our locals' phones
or pay exorbitant amounts for contributions, we are flat out managing on our existing
budget without trying to compete with the Murdochs of this world.

Please go and see the carved panels which were moved by the Men's Shed
from Umbarra last week (Thank you so much Men's Shed) Whilst they are a loss for
Umbarra, the Bermagui Community Centre is thrilled to be their caretaker and
provide a venue for them to be seen by all visitors to the Community Centre. They
are in the foyer and also in the Bermagui Historical Society, full information about
the carvings and their origin is being prepared.

As you will read, we received a lot of letters this month. These letters are not
a reflection of our views. They do however reflect the general response received.

PS Hearsay has it that either nana or pops have to be buried in a local cemetery
in order to declare yourself a local!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

As you drive towards Bermagui,
just before entering the Spotted gum
"Cathedral", you see trees brutally
chopped down. Forestry has been
permitted to violate our land, and steal
our future. When I asked a logger what
the wood was going to be used for, he
answered, to make pellets for the sawmill
in Eden. Are you serious? The carbon
emissions from burning these pellets is
estimated to be five times more than
from conventional coal-fired power
stations! How can this be allowed,
vampires who suck the life-blood from
our earth, and put nothing back in its
place? Every tree left undisturbed is more
valuable than gold, securing the future
for our children, ensuring that we all can
breathe! If you are disturbed by my
words, please take a walk along the main
road into Bermagui – then you will be as
devastated as I am...

Dr Nadine Hills

Dear Editors,

*Attached is a Copy of a Letter Sent to
Premier O'Farrell*

Dear Mr. O'Farrell

I wish to express my deep disgust
and horror at the devastation that is being
wreaked by Forests NSW in the northern
approaches to Bermagui.

This is a town that depends entirely
for its survival on tourism and so the
wholesale and indiscriminate violation of
the spotted gum forests that surround the
town is tantamount to vandalism of the
highest order. Even the cynical pretense
of a buffer zone between the carnage and
road has been abandoned. And that
these logs will mostly be reduced to wood
chip or wood pellets is beyond economic
and logical sense.

This highly subsidised operation on
public land (for which FNSW pay no rent)
must, I sense, be a last ditch gesture at
grabbing as many logs as possible before
the economic sky comes crashing down.
The wood chip market has almost
collapsed: most of its needs could be met
by plantation wood. And now the appalling
wood-fired "bio-mass" power station has
been compromised because RECS can not
be earned by pulping old growth trees,
the industry is in crisis. I cannot fathom
why we are trashing this magnificent
resource to provide a cheap source of
paper for the Japanese or to fire a power

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Letters to the Editor

station that is up to five times more polluting than a coal-fired station.

There are many other reasons why the LOGGING of native forests must stop: the destruction of habitat (noticeably the koala) and the subsequent degradation of bio-diversity (Black Lagoon); the unbelievable devaluation of a resource which guarantees carbon sequestration thereby offsetting carbon emissions; clear indications that unless we all take action to reduce carbon emissions (especially in this the world's most per capita polluting country) will lead to further extreme weather events.

Please come and see for yourself. I think that you would as distressed as many of the local citizens to witness what is happening to our forests. Incidentally, there was no community consultation and there has been no review of logging practices. Both are built into the Forests Agreement.

Forests NSW and their contractors are not welcome here. We wish to preserve the aesthetic, ecological and economic values of this extraordinarily beautiful place.

PLEASE STOP THE LOGGING NOW!

*Yours sincerely
Dr. Edward Hills*

Dear Editor,

It was disappointing to read Mr. Norris's xenophobic comments in 'My Triangle' in the July 2011 issue. I hope that tourists who pick up the magazine in our commercial outlets are not deterred from reading The Triangle in the future because of such bigotted remarks.

When does one become a "local" in the Triangle? Ten, twenty, thirty years? Or do we need grandparents buries in the cemeteries.

Perhaps Mr. Norris needs to travel further than 50km away from his birth place and broaden his horizons before he passes judgement on people he doesn't know and has never made any attempt to get to know. And, Mr. Norris, just because you have acted in a certain way for 30 years doesn't necessarily make it legally or morally correct.

I consider myself to be a local after living in the Triangle for 15 years and welcome, with open arms, all newcomers. I feel quite sure that most "locals" don't support Mr. Norris's narrow minded views and it is disappointing that the Triangle didn't show better judgement in picking a "local" for their My Triangle article.

*D. Jansonius
Cobargo*

Dear Editor

I am slightly bemused by Mr Norris's comment regarding us newcomers. We think we own the place, but Mr N, do you?

You and your contemporaries have sold us the smaller holdings for hobby farms, to which most of us, I am sure, have contributed over half a million dollars to the local economy for each block purchased and we continue to support employment and wealth in the local businesses by shopping there.

As for us not "caring for the land so much" has left this statement quite open for discussion. How do you define caring for the land? Is it ploughing up all the pasture and intensively cropping and artificially fertilising to support a herd of cattle year in year out. Or is it allowing nature to regenerate by allowing regrowth of trees and native pasture, which in effect is trying to heal the land from such a legacy of over-production. One only needs to drive through Candelo to see the devastation of pasture and the weed infestation that has followed.

Even though half of us are from the city, we were born and raised into farming families, that's why we are coming back to the land. So Mr Norris maybe we should all apologise for not caring for the land so much as we are all guilty of some contribution to the destruction of farmland.

We, us newcomers that is, are now creating positive carbon sequestering to counteract those activities that contribute to a net loss of carbon through burning fallen timber, ploughing and removal of perennial pastures and trees.

Our children attend the local schools and maybe my daughter will marry your son, or my son will marry your daughter and bring some new insight into different ways of farming. Remember, your children and their children have to live in the world we create for them.

*Mr Newcome and Ms Green
The Triangle area*

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the letter to the editor by Suzy McKinnon last month. If the purpose of the letter was to provoke public comment then it certainly was successful. I have never heard so many people remark on one article before. The general sentiment being, however "What is her point?" There were those who felt they did get the point and those opinions varied but

everyone seemed to think she was having a shot at someone whether it be the police, the local hotel or just Cobargo residents in general.

I am not too sure what the point of her letter was myself, but would like to give my opinion of the community I have been part of for almost eight years now. Sure there are a few with lifestyles considered less desirable than others but I have found that tolerance, acceptance and compassion for these people abounds. That, and the beautiful countryside, are why my husband and I have settled here. In our short time here we have been made to feel welcome in the community and have made some wonderful friends and love the fact that we often find ourselves in the company of such an eclectic group of people who are all so amiable and tolerant of each other and always ready to get together and help where they can.

I could give any number of examples of this, but in particular was a Girls Night In organised at the School of Arts hall. This was a fundraiser for the Cancer Council and I'm sure a significant amount of money was raised, but just as significant to me was that the hall was packed to the limit with local women from all aspects of our community. Dairy farmers, teachers, hippies, artists, young mothers octogenarians - all gathered together, mingling and having a wonderful time and I'm told the laughter could be heard all around Cobargo.

I guess MY point is that I have found Cobargo to be a beautiful place filled with interesting, lovable, compassionate people who mostly do care about neighbours and help where they can, not only with big fundraisers, but in quiet unnoticed ways that mean just as much to those on the receiving end.

Patto

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to read the negative comments voiced by the featured Local in Issue 99, July 2011 regarding newcomers to the area. Though I have come across similar judgemental attitudes in other places in other times, generally arising from resentment and fear of change, I have never had the experience of that here from long-timers. Instead of raising barriers of mistrust we should all be working together to build a vibrant, open and prosperous community using all our talents and life experiences.

G.M.Janson

My Triangle

Sarah Gardiner

Bernd Kalweit

Where in the triangle do you live?

Verona, that's about 10ks south of Cobargo.

How long have you been there?

I've lived there since 1986, I bought the place in 1980, but at first I spent time helping my family set up a home, then me.

Where did you live before that?

I was born in Altlandsburg, an outer suburb of Berlin. At that time it was part of East Germany and ruled by the communists. My family escaped before the wall was built. We drove to the other side of West Berlin and caught a train back to make it look like we were coming home from a holiday. But we jumped off the train before we reached the proper destination. That was risky and we were lucky I suppose.

After living in West Berlin we migrated to Australia and lived in Cooma. Dad worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. We moved to live in Tumut, then Bombala, where I started high school at Bega. By early '75 we were living on a farm between Cobargo and Quaama. After I finished school I spent a year living in Canberra working as a delivery driver. After that I moved to Verona and I've been there ever since.

What do you do with your time?

I exist, ponder the universe without coming to any conclusions.

I like to ride my motorbike but unfortunately I can't do that as much as I would like because of my bad back. I was interviewed for the Crabs magazine. Crabs is the motorcycle club I have joined.

What do you like the most about living in the triangle?

I love riding my motorbike here because of the narrow windy roads. And I like the weather.

What do you like the least about living in the triangle?

How expensive everything is - food tobacco, petrol, rates.

What would you do to improve the place?

I'd have an Aldi supermarket, that would make things cheaper.

What changes have you seen in the time you have been in the triangle?

Massive changes, not so much in Cobargo town but in the surrounding areas. It's all hobby farms now, not big holdings anymore. When I first came here you could drive from Cobargo to Quaama and all you'd see was working farms. When I bought my block at Terlich's Rd there were 3 houses around it, now there's about 8.



What's next for you?

Oooh...old age and death, and perhaps before that, hopefully, maybe I'll get real.

FUND RAISER

Sister Laurel Lloyd-Jones and the Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust of which Laurel is Executive Director, are well known in this community. Many will also be aware of the defamation case that Laurel has been involved in, and the adverse outcome for Laurel of this case. Laurel and her legal representatives have decided to appeal against the decision of the defamation case. This requires financial resources which are very limited. The Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust Justice and Reconciliation Group with the support of Narooma GetUp is having a film night fundraiser to assist with finances. This will be held on Thursday, 1st September at Narooma Kinema with the movie starting at 7.00. The movie will be the premiere of "The Help". Set in Mississippi in the 1960s the movie looks at what happens when a southern American town's unspoken code of rules and behaviour is shattered by three courageous women. Look out for further promotion and please make this a date for your diary.

Thumbs Up



To the residents of Quaama for realising that some rezoning is necessary to release an additional 30 or 40 residential blocks in town, if the village is to have a future, and for taking the first steps to have Bega Council amend their zoning of the area.

Thumbs Down



To Cobargo Tourist and Business Association for advertising (including in The Triangle!) that activities at their Bi-Annual Antiques and Collectables Fair would continue until 5pm on Saturday, but then closed their doors before 4pm, leaving at least one interested party quite put out. The CTBA, of anyone, should know that the first rule of business and tourism is that you don't shut up shop and go home early whenever there is nobody in your store.

To those who sample yoghurt in the Cobargo Supermarket and then replace the container into the fridge: Gross! Also to the person who steals one egg each week from the egg cartons.

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Tilba Bites

Richard Tilzey

Only a very brief 'bites' this month as it's a quiet time of the year and your ignoble correspondent has just returned from Western Australia, where he's been frolicking with his grandkids. First let me rectify an omission from last month; When reporting on Waz's 10th anniversary party at the Drom, I neglected to mention the marathon effort by that one-man-music-machine Mike Ward, who kept the crowd dancing until the wee small hours. Although we all know what a bashful bloke Mike is, he was moved to dulcetly castigate me for my error. Another mistake was calling Waz's daughter Kylie instead of Carly. I stress that I am not a fan of the vapid warblings of Ms Minogue!

Travel musings; Journeying down the WA coast to Cape Naturaliste, I was struck by the number of new housing developments and the like. Real estate gone mad with McMansion after McMansion lurking in the bush. WA is certainly the boom state and one wonders how much of their wonderful southern coastline will remain untarnished. Such creeping coastal development is readily apparent north of Moruya and I hope similar urbanisation doesn't extend further south. This was greatly facilitated by the creation of the coastal link road back in the bad old days of the 80s when council members were dominated by real estate agents. I often surmise that we Tilba-ites have been spared such excess by the village being classified

under National Heritage legislation and, most importantly, our geographic location; More or less in the middle between Sydney and Melbourne and the two coastal access points for invaders from Canberra - Batemans Bay and Bega. The new Eurobodalla 2030 Community Strategic Plan contains more stringent environmental restrictions and should assist in protecting our local coastline, a significant proportion of which is already national park

Local snippets; A couple of hoons helped Ben to have an impromptu shed burning party. Craig's ducked off to Vanuatu. The Tilba Tappers continue rehearsals for "Stepping Out" and a world premiere is anticipated in October. Over and out.

Am I Lost?

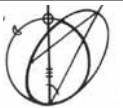
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Elizabeth Andalis

It's that time of year again, when in my mind I can hear Sidone at the **Co-op**, an endless tank of knowledge, telling me with her gorgeous smile, that it's time to think about getting those seeds germinating for our spring vegies. I hear you Sid. I'm onto it!! But the chimneys are still smoking, the mornings are icy and our green blanket's gone! It's been replaced by that burnt grass colour that takes over in July, as the frosts do their work on the landscape.

Thankfully, with the icy cold mornings come those beautiful sunny days that have blessed much of our winter, warming our hearts, at least during the daytime. And lingering in the background, accompanied by the winter chorus of retailers chiming "bring us customers", is the timeless promise that spring will soon green us up again and hopefully bring the revitalisation of the tourist trails that keep many of our commercial businesses afloat.

Last month, the inaugural monthly Kids' Markets at **The Train Café** went off with a bang. Congratulations to the handful of courageous stallholders who



The Train Cafe - a unique tourist spot in Cobargo.

braved the cold conditions, selling their wares and to those wonderful musicians who kept the market goers entertained. *Thankfully young Ruby Newell's fingers didn't drop off while she entertained us on her violin. And Conner Ross was a wonderful surprise.* And of course, a big thanks to the market goers.

The next **Kids' Market Day** is coming up on Saturday, August 6th. **Kids**, get yourself booked in for a stall with **Ange at the train** or booked in to busk by calling Elizabeth on 64936738. Let's keep making it bigger and better. **It's your market!** Get your friends and family to come along to listen to the music and see if they can find some treasures in the market place.

I have some news from **Mary Williams, President of the Cobargo CWA**, on the revitalisation of the Cobargo branch of the CWA, with the addition of new members. Their last meeting was held at the beautiful home of Rosemarie Griffith who demonstrated how to make several cheeses. Branch members were able to make both mascarpone and quarg, and learned the skills involved in making camembert. *Wish I was there!*

A fun day, including a superb ploughman's lunch, was enjoyed by all.

Their next event in the calendar is the group meeting on Monday, August 1st and the branch meeting on Tuesday, August 9th where they will be finalising plans for **CWA Awareness Day** on September 14th. As always, new members are welcome. An invitation is extended to join them at the branch meeting where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

And from a concerned resident, speaking for many I'm sure, it was noted with some disquiet, that in the evenings, on weekends and during the recent

school holidays, younger members of the Cobargo "scooter brigade" are high tailing it down the main street. This is a tragedy waiting to happen! You may feel invincible guys, but motorists on the Princes Highway are not looking out for youngsters on scooters. **Please lads, keep to the footpaths** or at least the side streets!

We promised you more on the young girls who'd started traineeships with the **Cobargo Pharmacy** and the **Cobargo Bakery**. Elly and Maz report that **Toya Rugendyke**, who is working with them at the pharmacy, is doing really well despite studying full-time. She works on Saturday mornings and after school Thursdays, and has already begun working on some of her training modules. And Sharon at the bakery reports that **Serena Rugendyke**, also studying full time, has begun her apprenticeship in the 1 day per week school based program, as a Baker / Pastry Cook Apprentice and is loving it, *especially the 3am start! Ouch!*

And finally, with deepest thanks to Elly and Maz, we have great news on the **doctor** front for Cobargo, Quaama and the surrounding communities. **Doctor Tang**, a highly experienced doctor from Melbourne, will be joining the **Cobargo Medical Practice**. He is soon to arrive with his wife and soon to be born child and will begin practice on August 15th. The **Cobargo Medical Practice** will once again be operational Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings, and the clinic will continue its services with a practice nurse and other allied health professionals such as psychologist, chiropractor and podiatrist. A big thankyou to Dr. Wallace who has kept the clinic operational since Dr. Lee's departure

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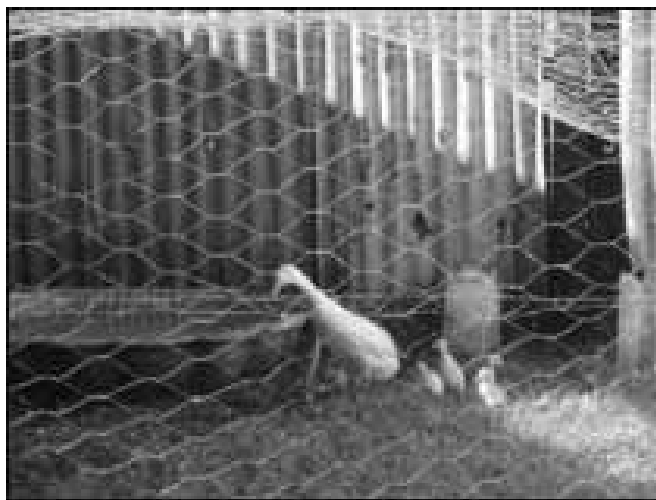
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Victoria with her ducklings

causing the dust to stir with suggestions of Peking, Barbeque, Orange, Confit and Curry, not going down well in some circles. Call in and check them out.

Well Thumbed books are starting a "Story Time for Young 'Uns" which will be held on Friday mornings. Barbara Rugendyke has offered to be the storyteller.

The invitation is open to all pre-school children, story time starts at 11.00am at the bookshop, see you there.

Reminding all creative types, the "Off the Page" competition is still open. The response so far has been fantastic, but how many on opening their books are going to go ?? It isn't limited to just painting or sculpture, it can be mosaic, photography, needlework, weaving or just about any form you want, the wilder, the better. Shake off those winter blues and have some fun.

Spring fete at Cobargo Pre-school

"Cobargo Preschool is having a spring fete and jumble sale on Saturday 3rd September. Stalls available at \$10 each. For further info and bookings please email Sarah on iain.sarah.h@gmail.com

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Antique and Collectable Fair a big success

The Cobargo Tourist and Business Association Inc. was thrilled with the response to the recent Antique and Collectables Weekend with Alan Landis, the appraisals were fully booked from 9am - 12 pm each day, with casual walk-up appraisals on the Saturday afternoon. The afternoon appraisals enjoyed a more relaxed and less hectic time, with Alan telling spectators interesting stories of finds on his many travels. The advice of the Conservators in paintings, objects, ceramics, wickerwork, antique dolls, upholstery, timber and glass was invaluable and free. Some very special items were presented for appraisal with Captain Cook's Journal turning heads. The owner used to take it school for show and tell, Wow! The ivory carved beer tankard saved from the holocaust was also a remarkable find, as was the sailor's prayers, a paper box full of dozens of tiny rolled up prayers to enable the ship to have the right one when needed. The Anzac pendant with a picture of a soldier in the centre of the cross was also amazing. The most shocked attendee was probably the lady who presented 3 ceramic items bought over the years because she liked them, paying \$5 to \$10 for each piece and was told they were



Gill Morgan with her embroidered fire screen, used to protect ladies make-up from melting in front of the fire.

now worth from \$750 to \$850 each. Alan suggested we all take this lady shopping next time we go.

The general auction, held for the first time, attracted a lot of attention and

brought many into town on Sunday afternoon, with businesses who were open reporting brisk trade. Alan was very surprised and pleased with the quality and range of antiques and collectables presented for appraisal and auction. He always thoroughly enjoys his time here in Cobargo village, commenting on how genuine the community feel is here.


The Association would like to especially thank the many volunteers for their hard work on the weekend, the Lions Club for their catering, the continued support of Narooma News, Bega District News, Best Weekend Sydney Telegraph, The Land, Imag, Gem, ABC, 2EC and Canberra Radio and Ello's Cafe for providing a delicious lunch for Alan and Judy Landis. Bega Cheese always provide Alan with a lovely basket of goodies, which is Alan's only payment for hours of work. Why? Because he likes us here and loves Bega cheese. Last but not least the dedication shown by the CTBA's outgoing President Dianne Saunders, who, over many years, has promoted Cobargo Village and raised funds, and who has made this event one of the most anticipated on the local calendar, with no funding.



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Chair and Rostra Fun(d)raiser at the Murrah Hall

August has never been more *West*.

Twelve female and one male Murrah Hall Members have teamed up with Composer David Harris, Choir Leader, Dan Scollay and Director, Howard Stanley, to recreate an actual radio episode of *The Lone Ranger*. The episode, entitled *Fear*, was originally broadcast in 1947.

In true Murrah Hall style the show will look like a real broadcast with live readers, sound effects and music and be

faithful to the script's atmospheres and action (tension, laughter, gunfights, horses, wasps, bees, etc). But that is where the similarity ends. Never has a western melodrama looked and sounded so glamorous, so stylish, so ... Chic. Or been so hilariously entertaining.

"Hi Ho'd" by Lone Ranger, Angie Moore, the cast is supported by the twelve member Choir, "That Bunch of Singers", music trio, "George", and for

the 1947 Camel sponsored add break, four sonorous back up singers and a couple of voice over specialists.

There will be two performances to emphasise the uniqueness of this legendary collaboration. It promises to be not 'just a show', but an Event. Seating is limited. Bring a cushion.

Saturday August 6th from 6pm to 7.15pm and 7.30 - 8.45pm. Minimum Donation \$10. Enquiries phone 6494 0259.

Quintessentially Quaama

Restoration Celebration Preparation

Jen Severn

Last month there were some rumours, this month some hints. What I've heard whisper of so far: an alternative/pop/rock band who some might remember from the Quaama Day in the Park in spring 2009 - Confidential Bystanders. And Blue Ruins, a father-daughter busking duo who by all accounts are great entertainment.

For the kids, there'll be face-painting, games like sack races (and by the way can anyone lend a pile of chaff sacks for the day? if so call Pam on 6493 8548) and a fancy-dress competition, theme under wraps for now - but no, you won't have to bring a change of clothes for the sack race!

Rose Chaffey is curating a local art exhibition downstairs in the Hall. And Janet Menefy is organising market stalls for the garden, so if anyone has goods to sell or a business to promote, please call her on 6493 8458 or email janastro@iinet.net.au. There will also be a car boot sale, so start sorting out all those bits'n'pieces that might bring a dollar or two.

Oh yeah - bootscootin! There'll be a line-dancing performance and even better, you can have a go yourself.

The Quaama Hall Restoration Celebration. Saturday 15 October, all day. Keep it free.

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A Trivial Matter

Jane Hall

Do you know the difference between bowling shoes and rockclimbing shoes? The only US state starting with a U? (Utah) The common name for conjunctivitis? (pink eye) What city has the Spanish Steps? (Rome) What about the only Australian marsupial given an Indian name? (bandicoot).

Trivia Sometimes trivial and

sometimes not but on at the Bermagui Country Club every Wednesday night at 8pm to around 10pm. Led for the past seven years by the inimitable Susie who is often part of the entertainment (as long as you don't ask her to sing!) it is a brain testing way to get out an about and meet new people as well.

A core group of about 5 teams (swelled in the holidays with lots of family groups, with extra questions for the kids to join in) who at a cost of \$2 per person, vie for a small cash prize each week and

a chance to enter a draw for a bigger State wide prize.

Form your own team of up to 10 players or drag out your neighbours and join with another team. It is a lot of fun, friendly and mostly not too hard.

As one of the "Billy's Mob", named for another inimitable individual, the wonderful unforgettable Billy Baird, we are usually the bridesmaids but continue to strive to do better and have a lot of fun in the meantime.

Playgroup up and running again

Bermagui Playgroup commences Term 3 at Bermagui Community Centre, Bunga Street in the main hall 10 - 12 midday Wednesday 27th July. Last day of Term 3 will be Wednesday 21st September. An ever changing programme of toys, craft, music, singing, dancing, storytime, etc. Families with babies and toddlers welcome! We are now a member of Playgroup Australia. for more information - JeanGradwell jeangradwell@hotmail.com

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Bermagui Anglican Women celebrate 70 years

Not only is all Saints Bermagui celebrating its Centenary this year, but the ladies are looking forward to celebrating 70 years of the Anglican Women group with a celebration cake after the 10am service on Sunday 28th August. A great milestone, and celebrating with us on that day will be Rev Gail Stevenson, Anglican Women Diocesan Chaplain. Guest speaker at the service that day will be Rev. Anne Ranse, daughter of Rev Fred Dau whose wife started Anglican Women in Bermagui, or Church Union as it was called then, in 1941.

Bermagui Library re-opening on Saturday Mornings

Following positive feedback from the community, the Bega Valley Shire Library Service have re-opened Bermagui Library Saturday mornings from the July 23, 2011. The opening hours are 9am - 12 noon.

If you need information, internet access, a place to study or you would like to read the newspaper or borrow, all our library services will be available Saturday mornings. Come and see our friendly staff.

For further information, contact Bermagui Library on 6499 2411

Narooma Doctors coming to Bermagui

A new medical centre is being set up in Bunga St at the site of the old squash courts, with doctors from the Lighthouse Surgery coming on a rotation basis. Opening planned for September. More info to come but great news for our community.

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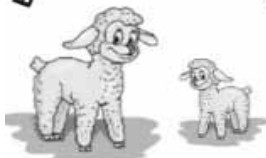
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Bermagui Seasiders Support Community

The award winning annual Bermagui Seaside Fair first began in 1997. Since that time it has become a major tourist attraction. Held on the second weekend every March, and playing host to thousands of people on the day, it continues to grow in strength and popularity.

Over that period the Seaside Fair committee has donated a total of \$30,000 to local youth and community projects and has benefited twenty two local organisations.

Following the 14th Fair, presentations were made recently to Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed, Bermagui SES, Bermagui Rural Fire Service, Bermagui Marine Rescue, Bermagui Public School, Bermagui Preschool, Little Yuin Preschool and St John Ambulance Service.

Chairperson of Bermagui Seaside Jo Jacobs said, "We are very proud of our achievements considering that our Fair is a fun filled, alcohol free, family day and admission is not charged. We believe that we are providing a wonderful venue where families can attend safely and happily together and that we have done all we can to provide entertainment for every age group."

Jo said "Not only do we donate cash donations to different organisations, we also provide a venue where established and emerging artists are given an opportunity to display their talents. Some of the exhibitions held are "Art In Place" (a quality themed art

"We also nurture and encourage young musical talent by providing a stage, managed by a professional sound engineer, and allowing program time for them to entertain the crowds. Many of the young musicians who have performed at the Seaside Fair in the past have gone on to make careers for themselves in the musical industry."

Several clubs and organisations also take advantage of the large crowds by displaying, demonstrating and selling their goods at stall sites set up on the Fair ground.

A recent business house and accommodation survey was completed and figures showed that by bringing just 4,000 day visitors to Bermagui, approximately \$500,000 is injected into the regional economy. The Seaside Fair usually attracts around 10,000 people to Bermagui over that weekend!

The Seaside Fair committee is incredibly grateful to the amazing volunteers who turn out to assist with the smooth running of the Fair. Thanks go especially to the coordinators

of the different events and the workers who help to put up the marquees, fencing, etc in rain hail or shine every year.

The 15th Seaside Fair will be held on 10th March 2012.



Left to right: Alec Percival, Marine Rescue, Bev Fleming Seaside, Lee Sutherland, Little Yuin Pre school, Jo Jacobs Chairperson Seaside, Fergus McWhirter, Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Mens Shed, Narelle Myers, Bermagui Pre School, David Masterson, Bermagui SES, Stef Lazzaro, Bermagui Rural Fire Service, Brian Blacka, Bermagui Rural Fire Service.

Front row Denise Page, Seaside, Christine Bimson, Seaside, Neil Rutherford, Principal Bermagui Public School, Lori Hammerton, Seaside. (Absent Seaside Committee Members Frances & Anastasia Jubb).

Photo by Gerry Hammerton, Mens Shed.

exhibition) an Arts and Crafts Exhibition held under a huge double marquee on the Fair ground, a fantastic Photographic Exhibition and a Model Boat Expo, just to name a few."

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Bermagui CRABS raise more for cancer research

The Bermagui-based chapter of Cancer Research Advocate Bikers (CRABS) has handed over another cheque for \$5,000 to Cancer Council NSW, who are now opening a Community Centre in Bega.

On 5 July 2011, the cheque was presented as the group's latest milestone in an on-going commitment to provide financial support for cancer research.

Bermagui CRABS president Dave Tooley encourages more locals to join in this good cause. "We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the Bermagui Beach Hotel and we go for a ride the Sunday following the meeting. The group is non-exclusive and all bikes are welcome, not just Harleys. Even non-riders are welcome. We hope to see more good-hearted bike lovers join us," he concluded. Contact John Clarke, Ph: 0417 401 822



Bermagui CRABS members hand over cheque for Cancer Research

More news from Bermagui CTC

The Bermagui CTC continues to assist local, interstate and overseas visitors with fast internet access and related services. Our centre is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

With the Census due shortly we offer you the opportunity to complete your return by computer via E-Census in the comfort and privacy of our centre.

We are currently completing the latest senior's training course, which is limited to six participants to ensure each has sole use of a computer for "one-on-one" tuition. The training is tailored to the participant's computer knowledge and needs, with the aim of ensuring an understanding of basic computer use and

internet.

The next course will be commencing late August.

The CTC provides computer and internet access, fax services, photocopying, colour printing and office services to the public and local businesses, including secretarial services at reasonable cost. CTC can also laminate your certificates, photos and posters – up to A3 size – plus binding for documents.

The CTC is responsible for bookings for the hall and various meeting rooms throughout the community centre, details are on the BVSC web site. Not for profit organisations have a set

management fee of only \$5 per meeting.

In addition to our normal PC, assistance we are now able to provide some Mac coverage. So if you have any mac concerns or queries, please call and we will assist if possible.

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Bermagui CWA News

Judy Wells, Publicity Officer

Each year CWA chooses a country to be studied and each branch has an International Officer who leads the members in this study at monthly meetings. This year the country has been Iceland, and our International Officer Paula Rumble has been busy finding interesting facts and information. Once again, CWA is not just tea and scones. A lunch is held each year to celebrate International Day and Bermagui recently hosted a most enjoyable afternoon at the rooms in Corunna St. Following a welcome to all by President Cheryl Horton, the choir commenced proceedings by singing both Australian and Iceland National Anthems, and two other songs from Iceland, the La La Song and Iceland Song. Paula has been leading the choir in practise for some weeks and their efforts were rewarded by the beautiful renditions of these songs.

The hall was decorated in the colours of Iceland, red, blue and white with table centres made by Chris Richard-Preston. Brenda Collier-Connors wore a traditional outfit and Nevus Cridland recited an historical saga.

Guests at the lunch were Margot Ryan, Far South Coast Group International Officer and Doug and



Doug Lyon, guest speaker and Elizabeth McFadden, wearing her volcano hat

Sandra Lyons who gave a most informative and interesting talk about the country and it's people. Hearing from someone first hand gave us a much clearer picture of the country and our many thanks go to Doug. Margot presented the branch with a special folder to store recipes of the countries studied.

Members were encouraged to wear a hat depicting Iceland or it's colours, and the winner was Elizabeth McFadden with an ingenious volcano perched on her head. Second prize went to Nevus Cridland.

Lack of volunteers force reduced hours for Marine Rescue Bermagui

Marine Rescue Bermagui wishes to advise all users of the Log-on /Log off Safety Service, that as a result of a lack of volunteers, Unit Commander Alec Percival has been forced to reduce the hours of operation from a 24/7 operation to one which will operate from 0800hrs - 1700hrs 7 days each week.

It is to be hoped that this will be a temporary change.

Boaters requiring assistance will still be able to contact the Service on **6493 450**. This number will be operational 24/7. Notices have been posted at both boat ramps, fishing tackle shops and service stations.

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Jo Weiss was originally from Melbourne, where she studied at the Melbourne State College. After graduating, she taught at various schools in Melbourne where she was "eaten alive". Not enjoying that situation, Jo left the teaching profession and set up a printmaking studio in North Fitzroy. She was the screenprint manager at Red Letter Press and Another Plant Posters, both community based arts workshops. She has taught screenprinting in aboriginal communities in northern WA, Kimberley, Arnhem Land and the Central Desert. Jo was the master printer for Sally Morgan and Bronwyn Bancroft under Murundoo Studios in Freemantle.

Jo has relocated to Tathra and is presently working in pressed tin, fabric repeat length screen printing, ceramic transfer, dividing screens, sculptures and limited edition prints on paper. Also of course, these quirky takes on the cake stand. Jo is a dog lover.

Well Thumbed Books, in Cobargo, is hosting an "Afternoon Tea" to showcase these cake stands.

Saturday August 13th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Please join us for a cup of tea, cucumber sandwich and cup cake. All cake stands will be for sale.



Unique and quirky cake stand by Jo Weiss

Be Inspired.....and enchanted

Community concerts in Bega, between September 9-11. Bermagui and Moruya in early September will bring together the beautiful voices of local primary school children and members of the Sydney Children's Choir. Gifted Sydney-based composer Dan Walker has been commissioned by Four Winds Festival to write a song for the children of our area and they will be premiering his composition in the region

Since early June, Dan and colleague Sani Townson of Gondwana Choirs have led music workshops with children from Candelo, Quaama, Cobargo, Narooma and Bermagui Public Schools as well as the Mumbulla Steiner School in Bega and Moruya Primary School. Dan and the children are currently rehearsing in preparation for

these outstanding performances in September.

Recollections and photos from the Walker/Townson workshops are now on display in Bermagui Library.

For more information about the upcoming concerts, stay tuned to www.fourwinds.com.au

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Introducing Mal Dibden's Triangle

Elizabeth Andalis

Another of The Triangle's octogenarians, Mal Dibden, is well known, loved and respected by many in the area. An enthusiastic collector of historical facts and papers, he holds a wealth of photographs, documents and information from around the Far South Coast region.

A sixth generation local, Mal's family history dates back to the arrival of his maternal great, great, great grandfather, a young carpenter who arrived with Ben Boyd in 1791. He is credited with building some of Pambula's oldest historical buildings, now listed on the National Heritage Register. Mal's paternal great, great grandfather arrived as a young sailor in the early 1840s and in 1846, his great grandfather was the first white child born in Pambula. Olga Masters' novel "Loving Daughters", was created from stories shared by Mal's grandmother about his great aunts, told around the kitchen table, as was the custom in the days before modern media.

Mal himself was born in Parkes and his family returned to the area when he was seventeen. He has been here ever since, carving himself a living out of his dairy herd. Mal says that his land was all considered to be marginal country, making it difficult to make it pay in the dairy industry. He had to

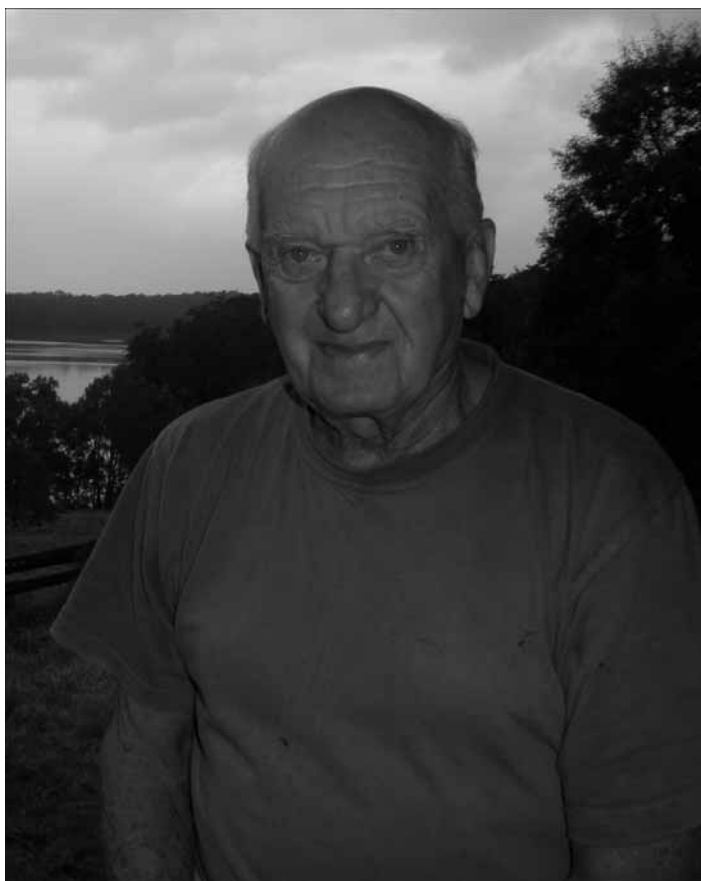
diversify in later years by introducing cattle to his farming practises.

Mal has been, and continues to be actively involved in many local community groups, including the Tilba

Dromedary Flora Reserve committee, the Bermagui Surf Club and the Tilba Chamber of Commerce. He believes that if you live in a place, you should be involved in the community, particularly if you love the place.

"The system is all wrong," Mal told me when I went to visit him. "We should have two lives: one to knock us into shape and one to make use of what we learnt the first time 'round." He also believes that "big business is going to bugger up the world". He believes business ought to be community based and community serving rather than the world wide interest that manipulates populations and economies in our current world climate. "Big business will destroy humanity", according to Mal. "Most of the world's problems are caused by big business and overpopulation, of which I am guilty." Yes, Mal has a large family. He has had eight children, many of whom are still in the area and actively participating in local communities.

And who would Mal choose to sit beside on a long bus trip? We didn't get to that one but boy did I get an enlightening history of Mal's past and the area generally.



Heritage Committee, the Young Farmers' Association, the Tilba Progress Association, the Tilba Pony Club, the Gulaga National Park, formerly Mount

To this keen reporter, it seems that interesting elders living in the Triangle are very shy about sharing their stories. Please get in touch with me by phone: 64936738 or e-mail: elizabeth@acr.net.au if you know of anyone we can feature in future editions. These stories deserve to be shared, bringing light to the history of The Triangle.

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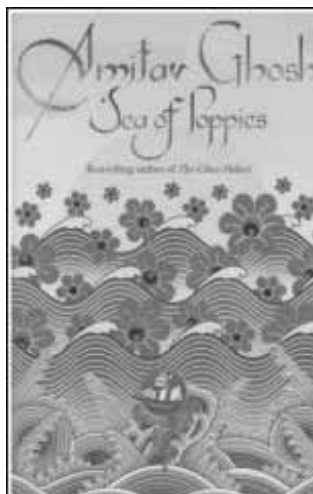
Book Review

Dr. Heather O'Connor

Amitav Ghosh, *Sea of Poppies*, John Murray Publishers, \$21.25

When I was in Melbourne, I got hold of *Readings* catalogue, and the review of the month really caught my eye – *River of Smoke* by Amitav Ghosh, the second in the *Ibis* trilogy. Because I hadn't read the first one, *Sea of Poppies*, I thought I'd tackle that first. And it's great. It's set in India, and on the ship, the *Ibis*, which is transporting indentured Indians and British prisoners to Mauritius. The background is the opium trade and the role of the East India Company in its operation, so it brings in the lead-up to the Opium Wars, and describes the importance of the commodity to poor Indian farmers who get caught up in its production. The characters are brilliantly drawn and give

a real insight into the importance of the caste system in India, the economically impoverished yet culturally rich lives of peasants, and the central role that religion plays. Much of the language used is at first extremely difficult to get used to – whole sentences and dozens of words you've never read before, especially those used by the sailors, yet somehow



you manage to get the sense of it. If it worries you, you can go to a special web-site where each is explained, but I found it really enjoyable to try to work it out as I went along. As the blurb on the back says, "it smacks of romantic fiction and magic realism", neither of which should have induced me to read it, but I loved his earlier novel, *The Glass Palace*, and now I can't wait to buy the *River of Smoke* (and look out for his other early works.) Anyone who has a passion for books about India, and even those who don't, should definitely read this.

Garden Magic

Ivan

I love olives and have several trees in the backyard. The trees are beautiful, the pickled fruit is delightful and the oil is central to all things culinary. *Olea europaea* is the oldest cultivated tree in existence, having been grown in the Mediterranean region for 6,000 years.

We have just returned from a holiday in Europe and were fortunate to attend markets in Provence where the range of olives offered for sale was incredible. They came in such a huge range of colours, styles and sizes that making a choice was difficult. This high quality and diversity also applied to other local produce. Olive oil, bread, honey, fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat products and

flowers were abundant. Later, travelling by train through Spain we could see why this country continues to be a huge exporter of olive oil. There were many places where the olive groves stretched as far as we could see.

We live in an area where olives grow readily, although they are ideally grown in a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. In fact the climate of much of South Australia is so suited to olive growing that they have become feral. Olive trees are hardy and will outlast you and your grandchildren. They usually fruit after four or five years and after that will produce crops for generations.

Before we went away I picked buckets of olives from a neighbour's

trees and pickled the lot. It would be great to have enough to press for oil. Friends have recently helped to hand-pick olives at a local grove and been paid in bottles of cold-pressed extra-virgin oil - what luxury! It's not surprising that Australia has the highest per capita consumption of olive oil outside of the Mediterranean.

A friend has asked me about dry citrus fruit. The tree is large and healthy but most of the fruit is granulated and inedible. The most likely cause is very cold weather when the fruit was developing. Remember the cold days in May?

I'm looking forward to Spring, but first I need to prune the roses.

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Soft Footprint Recipes

Dawn Hollins

French Toast Anyone?

Ah Winter! A time to indulge in comfort food and slow-cooked soups and stews. French toast is a comforting treat for breakfast served with cinnamon sugar or your favourite spread. Young children will enjoy the simple process of making a luxurious alternative to plain toast. My mother used to whisk a tablespoon of sugar with one egg and a half cup of milk or cream, but I leave the sugar out and just dip the thickly sliced pieces of bread into the beaten egg and milk mixture before frying in butter or olive oil. My tangy lime sauce goes well on French toast as well as pancakes and icecream. This is just one way to use our good crop of limes.

Lemon, Lime or Orange Dessert Sauce

Combine and stir in a saucepan or in a double boiler until thickened, a cup of sugar, a tablespoon of cornflour and 2 cups of water. Remove from heat and stir in 2-3 tablespoons butter, 1 teaspoon grated lemon or orange rind, 2 tablespoons lemon or lime juice or 3 tablespoons orange juice and a good pinch of salt. The recipe can be doubled and makes a welcome gift for family and friends. Store in a cool place or refrigerator.

Minestrone, a great classic soup that's a meal in itself, can be varied by using seasonal vegetables. Winter vegetables like cauliflower and choko could substitute for zucchini in the following recipe. In summer fresh tomatoes may replace canned. Be flexible! A good minestrone should contain pasta, cannellini beans and lots of fresh vegetables. If using dried beans they will need to be soaked and cooked beforehand.

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large saucepan over a low heat. Add 3 rashers chopped bacon and cook. Add 2 chopped brown onions, 1 sliced leek, 1 chopped carrot, 2 chopped sticks of celery and 1 crushed garlic clove. Cook, stirring, until softened. Add 2 diced zucchini and a 400g can chopped tomatoes, then 1.5 litres chicken stock and .5 litre of water. Bring to the boil, skim off any froth, and simmer for 30 mins. Add 2 cups shredded spinach leaves and 120g small pasta. Simmer for 20 mins, stirring occasionally. Add 400g canned (or cooked) cannellini

beans, drained, and some chopped parsley or basil. Extra water may be added with the salt and pepper if necessary, but this is supposed to be a thick soup. Simmer for 10 min. and serve drizzled with olive oil and a grating of parmesan cheese. A chunk of Italian bread would be an authentic accompaniment. Bon appetit!



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Celebrating 69 years of marriage

Maggie McKinney

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and Paul celebrated 69 years of marriage. Paul had contracted a mild dose of pneumonia and had to be admitted to Bega Hospital but that did not diminish the joy of the day shared with friends, family and hospital staff. Paul and Marge made their commitment on June 8, 1942 with a love that stands as strong as true today as it did then.



Paul and Marge Figucio celebrate

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All ladies welcome. Ph Maree Selby 6493 3057 or Lyn
Gammage 6493 4960

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.

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB

AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.

Monday mornings: Porcelain Art, Tuesday Mornings:
Needlework/Patchwork and Art,
Thurs. am: Embroidery and Leadlighting, Fri. am:
Pottery, Friday pm - 2nd & 4th Fri. each month:
Spinning. Visitors and new members welcome.
Ph. 6493 3445.

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the
Bermagui Red Cross. Gary Stevens, 6493 6581

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

Fri. am 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. Meet 1st Thurs. each
month at Bermagui Country Club & 3rd Thurs. at
Cobargo Hotel at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium
Bermagui Country Club, Mondays 6:30pm. Ladies
and men. Contact Nerida on 6493 4364

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday Morning every Month 10.00am until 12
noon. Venues vary.
For info phone Denese McCann on 4473 7885

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. Cathy Blake on 0437 978 845 or
Cheryl Turney on 6493 6524.

BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

Meets on the third Sunday morning of each month
Contact: bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au

QUAAMA BAND

Come & join a community band. All levels
welcome. Sundays 3 - 6 at the Quaama Hall.
Ph. Greg 6493 8275.

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui Country
Club, with Nancy Casu, qualified fitness instructor.
'Heart Moves' and 'Tai Chi' program. Cost \$8, free
introductory class. Contact Penny Levin (Pres.) 6493
5602 or Jan McCartney (sec.) 6493 3573.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

SCOTTISH DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm:
Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room
For information phone: 6493 6538

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of chn. 0-6 welcome to join.
Cobargo - once a month on a Wednesday 1.30pm-
2.30pm at CWA cottage, Bermagui - every 2nd
Friday 10.30am - 12pm in the Ambulance station
Quaama - Wed. by prior arrangement,
Enquiries: 0428 667 924

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

QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOC.

Meet 1st Wed. of the month Quaama Rodeo grounds,
7.30pm. All welcome. Ph. Katrina 6492 7138.

MT DROMEDARY UNITING CHURCH

Bermagui: Sundays 9am at the Union Church, West St.
Bermagui
Cobargo: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am; 2nd and 4th at
7pm, Cobargo Bermagui Rd.
Churches also at Narooma and Bodalla

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

Cobargo SofA Hall every second Sunday. Set up,
1.45pm. Drawing, 2-4pm. Naomi 6493 7307.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

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 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings 1st Hole, Narooma Golf Club, 2nd Tuesday of
the month, 7.00pm. Whether beginner or pro, come &
experience the joy of photography. Dave
Cotton, 6493 3800.

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Croquet Club play Every
Thursday 2.00-4.00pm. New players always welcome,
tuition and friendly games always available, equipment
provided. Dave or Tina Cotton, 6493 3800.

TAROT, I CHING AND ASTROLOGY

Bimonthly readings
Saturday 18th September from 10am to 12:30pm at
Smart Brain Smart Body (above Commonwealth Bank) in
Bega. Phone enquired: Janet Menefy 6493 8458

HEART TO HEART

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 12:30 to
3.00pm at 2a Brighton Park Road, Beauty Point.
Discuss the Ageless Wisdoms of Alice A. Bailey
teachings. Phone: Christine on 4476 8732 or
Lorraine on 6493 3061

NAROOMA BLUE WATER DRAGONS Inc.

A community focussed Dragon Boat Club.
Now paddling on the Wagonga Inlet, Narooma
For information on paddling days contact Peter or
Kathryn Essex on 4476 3952
or email narooma.bwd@gmail.com

U3A BERMAGUI INC.

University of the Third Age.
Runs 20 courses for seniors. Run by seniors every term.
See Library noticeboard or contact
u3abermai@gmail.com
enquiries: Kerry Davies on 6493 4323

WALLAGA LAKE/BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Meets every Thursday from 10am at Umbarra Cultural
Centre, Akolele.
All men are welcome. For information ring John
"Robbo" Robinson on 6493 4357 or Fergus McWhirter
on 6493 4360.

Community Notices are advertised in
The Triangle to non-profit groups free of
charge. If details of your group
change, please advise us on
the_triangle2@bigpond.com.

For the Fridge Door

Date	Event	Venue	Time
AUGUST			
Friday 5th	Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Saturday 6th	Bermagui Breakers Kid's Disco	Bermagui Country Club	6.00 to 8.00 pm
Saturday 6th	"Endangered Species"	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Saturday 6th	Western Melodrama - see page 11 for details	the Murrah Hall	6.00 pm
Thursday 11th	Institute Dinner	Bermagui Hotel	6.00 pm
Thursday 11th	Meeting re proposed Men's Shed	Quaama Hall	6.30 pm
Friday 12th	Tony Jagers	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Saturday 13th	"Once Bitten"	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Saturday 13th	Afternoon Tea - showcase of cupcake stands	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	2.00 to 4.00 pm
Friday 19th	Darryl Lamb	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Saturday 20th	DJ Matt Brown	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Friday 26th	Brian and Annie - Rockin All Over the World	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Saturday 27th	Original Theft	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
SEPTEMBER			
Thursday 1st	Fund Raiser - film "The Help"	Narooma Kinema	7.00 pm
Saturday 3rd	Spring Fete	Cobargo Pre-School	



GOT ANY NEWS? SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT? GOT SOME GREAT PHOTOS?

The Triangle would love to hear more about things happening in our area. Are you in a group that regularly does some interesting things? Even if you think your activities are not that interesting, others may think differently. What is happening at our local schools, our local churches, our local clubs? Do you have a particular interest in a topic and want to write about it? Or do you just like to write stories – be they factual, historical or humorous – we would love to receive them. Got an upcoming community event you would like advertised? Do it in The Triangle!

Please note: If you have an event that happens at the beginning of the month, it is a good idea to advertise 2 months before, owing to printing and distribution times, your information may not reach the community in time.

Budding photographers – do you have some good local shots. Photos are always welcome, and, as the saying goes “a picture speaks one thousand words”!

Letters to the editor – we would welcome more from you!

Just a few housekeeping rules:

Articles, stories, community notices to be a maximum of 350 words. Short stories may be up to 500 words. Any included photos should have a caption – especially if there are people to be named. Photographs to be sent as a JPG. file.

Please, no PDF files as we cannot use them in our software.

All information is to be received by the 23rd of the month. Letters to the editor to be no more than 150 words and must be signed by the writer with telephone numbers (not published) so they can be verified.

The editorial committee will try and print everything received, but be aware that sometimes priorities need to be made when space is tight. The committee may need to edit contributions.

Contributions be sent via email to: the_triangle2@bigpond.com.