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FIGHTING THE FIRES AT YOWRI

At 3am on Sunday August 11th, two units from the Cobargo Rural Fire Service were called out to Gough Rd, Yowri. The property, 'Misty Mountain', owned by Tony and Jenny Allen, had been set alight from border to border in at least six different places. Senior Constable Andrew Burdon of Cobargo, who was also in attendance, claimed the fire was suspicious in origin. The Police Scientific Unit were called in and it is believed two cigarette lighters found at the scene have been retained for forensic examination in the hope of finding fingerprints and possible DNA. Some Yowri residents are anxious police with further inquiries.

What the.....

Over the next two hours, 15 tankers and 50 personnel were mobilised. By 1pm, Incident Control Officer Captain Brian Ayliffe had declared the protection of property and homes first priority, and National Parks and Wildlife Services were called to attend the forest fires exclusively, using ground crews, bulldozers and helicopters.

Sue Warren and her daughter Jasmin (20), recent arrivals from the city, were glad to have Sue's partner, Jake Cox of Quama, on hand to organise their fight or flight plans. Jake called friend Brad Martin of Cobargo to hurry along with extra hoses to the nearby Murrumbidgee Forest Creek Road.

Baghdad, The Block, or Luna Park?

The Drummond Hotel was graced with scaffolding recently, for a new lift, insulation and a paint job. One thinks, is this Baghdad, The Block or Luna Park? The Two Storey B & B, Bona Vista and the ABC Cheese Factory have new lifts as well. They are all looking very spruced.

IT'S IN THE BAG FOR BERMAGUI

News from the Bermagui Chapter of the RSL.

It would like to make the final step towards giving residents bags to replace their old ones.

The Triangle Celebrates its Birthday!!! Well We Never ...

Yes, those years, who would have imagined that not only would it live to survive three years of production, but a small band of volunteers, RUT and this is more important, 'we're all still friends'.

The Fight with Telstra, or The Joys of Country Living, or Are we Second Class Citizens?

In order to make the Triangle's 10th birthday a special one, the Triangle Committee has spent the last year trying to get each of us on line. Computer-wise.

Local Rag Turns FIVE and Gives Back \$5,000

Al, it's that time of the year again - September. Not only does it herald the spring but it is also time to celebrate The Triangle's 5th birthday.

Sewergate - the cost of ablutions in the Shire

Yes it's rates time again, but this year there was a real shock to many ratepayers in the Triangle. For many, their rates have increased by approximately \$1,000.

The curtain falls on Bermagui for Madam Pat

Pat Thompson didn't want any fuss when faced with the difficult decision to leave a long-lived far south west community in order to move to her daughter's care in Canberra.

Bermagui Vietnam Veterans Remember

Bermagui RSL Sub-Branch held a memorial service to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day and the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

It's our birthday!

We're into our tenth year and still going strong ...

A convergence of like minds

Jo Lewis

From Wollongong and Wallagoot, Canberra and Candelero, from Brogo and Bega and many other places they came to the Bega Showgrounds to be part of the first South Eastern Region Permaculture Convergence organised by John Champagne and Geoffrey Grigg. During the weekend a hundred people with more than 2500 years of combined experience were gathered in one place to examine the present and future paths for Permaculture.

The Convergence began on Friday 19th August with dinner provided by Spicy Jam, who catered throughout the weekend. This was followed by a new film, *Anima Mundi* (The Soul of the Earth), with appearances by environmental activists and thinkers outlining some of the problems we are facing - population growth and the place of microbes in the environment.

On Saturday morning there were a variety of local and visiting speakers.

John Barlow described his journey downshifting from life as a highly paid tech head to a transition trainer living on a

permaculture small holding raising pigs and chooks. Carolyn Wells outlined the Sustaining Our Towns project. This project is establishing a database linking buyers, transporters and producers of

area of degraded land close to the Bluescope Steelworks and created a Living Classroom where the children grow cook and eat the food from the garden.



A circle of knowledge at the Southeast Permaculture Conference held recently

local food in order to establish and cement food security in the South East Bio-region.

Farming systems agronomist Dr Maarten Stapper spoke about the soil food web, how to protect and develop it.

Aaron Sorenson and Dan Deighton presented a short film and talked about their work at Cringila Public School where they have rehabilitated an

Saturday afternoon was spent in facilitated discussion that morphed into workshops to tease out the best way forward for the Permaculture movement. Watch out for food forests and 'Permaculture - the Musical!'

Following the evening meal David Holmgren, one of the founding members of the movement, spoke about his involvement with the Hepburn Shire and his plan for dealing with the peak oil issue and a carbon constrained future.

Sunday morning saw the launch of a new book 'Permaculture Pioneers' published by Melliodora Publishing. It is a collection of stories about personal journeys into permaculture from some of the most important Australian pioneers.

The rest of Sunday was spent visiting permaculture gardens and small holdings in the Bega Valley Shire.

Leptospirosis Interrogan - a warning!

Rosemary Millard

You probably have not heard of this bacterial infection as I hadn't when I contracted it and arrived in Reunion Island, mid Indian Ocean en route to Europe and with a severe case.

I had felt as though I had a cold coming on before departing Sydney, not enough to delay our flight but the following morning in Reunion we took a taxi to the Emergency Section of their major hospital as I was unwell and unable to walk from the taxi unaided.

This infection in my case was caused by rats, yes rats. Sitting in a French hospital, hearing the Doctor explain this in her halting English was somewhat mind boggling but then I began to re-trace our last days in Bermagui before departure whilst Tony looked up the causes and symptoms on the hotel internet. He found that there are very few countries which can trace the carrier of this infection ie the rats and in my case, we were lucky to be in Reunion and have excellent hospital treatment.

Before we left, we had spread our compost, sure we had leather gloves on, but we should have had rubber gloves under the leather gloves to stop any urea leaching through the gloves. I had

cleaned out the pantry which, being a country property, had some unwelcome guests passing through from time to time. I had worn gloves as usual but also because I had a cut on the hand somewhere along the line, I had picked up this infection which is carried in the urine of animals.

Leptospirosis is not to be treated lightly. It has been in our area as well as many others because of the mice plague and it is also carried by many other animals, cows, dogs, cats, turtles and of course rats. This does not mean that every animal is a carrier but if you are unlucky enough to get this infection and not get the correct treatment and the correct anti biotics, there can be damage to your liver and kidneys and eventually the heart.

This is not meant to be an alarmist article, just an article to promote awareness and advise you all to take care when cleaning and gardening in the future. Also when you travel to have proper Travel Insurance, as we had to cancel our onward trip and return to Australia. More information of course is available on line.

Vale Trevor Paterson 1951 - 2011



It is with a heavy heart that I write this small piece about a dear friend, who died suddenly several weeks ago.

Trevor was a loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. A loyal and steadfast friend to many. A tireless worker and supporter of the RSL. An avid model train enthusiast, a music lover, an enthusiastic traveller. A trivia buff. Indeed, a man for all seasons. He had a difficult childhood and many health problems over the years, but always maintained a positive outlook and never complained. I think I miss your smile more than anything though Trevor. Our lives have been diminished by your passing.

There will be an RSL Memorial Service in Bermagui at a time and place to be advised.

Virginia White

Pat's Peace

My darling friend Pat,

When I spoke to you a few weeks ago I knew that your time was close as you told me your heart problem wasn't getting better and you were finding life more difficult. Typical, you not dwelling on your stuff; you were so thrilled to hear that my Kate and partner Carl had a baby girl on 29 April and called her Maeve. To those who don't know, you were 88 on the same day and Barry Humphries celebrated a few years less. A few days later my Kate and Carl got a beautiful card from you with these words that you penned "For Maeve"

*Sweetest little baby everybody knows
Don't know what to call her
But she's mighty like a rose
Looking at her mummy with eyes of shining blue
Makes you feel that paradise
Is very close to you. xxoo*



"Maeve Paola Genders" has been so much richer for the past 29 years as we got to know each other. We first met when Bruce and Georgie had Le Marlin Cafe in Bermagui and you and 'your boys' were having a band practise – I think you were Madam Pat and the Ragtag Jazz Band then.

Helen and Georgie's Le Wharf Restaurant was a favourite for us and all the better if you were performing and your Kate would sing a couple of songs with you. My Kate was only little then and after dinner she would curl up under the table and sleep till the show was over. All those years that you and the boys played at the Tilba Festival and the crowds loved you. I recall being so busy with Festival Day, but would try and catch you for a song or two.

In later years it was the times we

thought of each other and would get on the blower for a catchup. You would say "come over on thursday about 4 and we'll have a whisky. Bring Smally and Roger with you". Conversations were rich and varied and added to the tapestry of our lives. Issues of war and peace and the crying need for a greater humanitarian approach to problems were discussed. But we also laughed and joked about things. We talked books, music, families and related interesting stories of the past.

How would we have been without Cafe Beyond; great coffee, food and hospitality with Helen and staff – a place to be, discuss, launch and fund raise. The same goes for Club Cursley and it's fine jazz hosts.

How many times have we had local ABC Radio or Radio National on and suddenly realised it was your voice, early or late in the day, on issues of environment and human relations.

Your column, Pat's Piece in The Triangle was a great local medium to air common issues and feelings. I have often felt that you were our Mandela.

Then you left your beautiful Bermagui and moved to the Paris End of Hackett, ACT. This was so good for your Kate and Ian in their busy lives to have you 10 minutes away. Many of your friends also enjoyed visits to your very nice new digs in Canberra.

I have so many things to remember you by. One particular highlight was being in the Spiegel tent on the last night of the Melbourne Festival in maybe 2002. I was there with



"Madam Pat at Tilley's, 1987"

my Kate and friends and the joint was overflowing with your friends and jazz lovers to celebrate with Madam Pat and her Orkestra.

Your book, 'She's a fat tart, ain't she?' is very special to me with an inscription about conversation, love and friendship. You came from such a loving family, who helped you to weather the tragedies and hardships of personal loss, depression era and wartime. All of this seemed to make you stronger and able to celebrate the wonder of life, whilst keeping an eye out for those less able.

I am off to the Bellingen Jazz Festival tomorrow for the weekend. Just you know that I will see you around rainbows, rising moons and setting suns and any good spot in the Aussie Bush for a picnic with friends.

*Yours always,
Ewen Genders.*

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Editorial

Louise Brown

Well yet another year has gone by, and it's our birthday again. Happy Birthday to Us, Happy Birthday to Us..... 9 years, wow.

Not bad really for a local rag run by a bunch of enthusiastic, unpaid, rank amateurs. Somewhere along the line we have obviously done something right, because the little Triangle seems to have nestled itself into the fabric of the triangle. We do have and have had our detractors, which just goes to show that we are perfect examples of that old saying "You can't please all the people all the time..." but on the whole the readership and enthusiasm keeps us going. All of this of course, could not happen if it weren't for our advertisers. We are one of the very few local newspapers Australia wide, that is completely self sufficient. Aside from the initial gift (thank you CL) for the first issue, the Triangle has managed, through our advertisers, to not only remain in the black and pay our way, but give back significant amounts of money to the four hamlets/villages/towns in the triangle area. We have also donated, from our book reviews, over 45 books to the Bermagui Library, funded a learn to swim programme for pre-schoolers, run a writing competition and sponsored local artists. A lot of people have over the last 9 years given their time and enthusiasm to get The Triangle out each month, too many to thank here, great excuse for a brain like a sieve, but you know who you are and the present committee thanks you all.

We live in a very beautiful part of Australia and as a "blow-in" I wake each morning and congratulate myself for moving down here. It isn't perfect, but for anyone who has been fortunate to travel, or for those who watch the nightly news, we've got it pretty good, especially as I sit writing this – beautiful sunshine after delicious rain, days getting longer, the hint of green on the trees and spring, that time of rejuvenation, just around the corner. It really doesn't get better than that. Rock on another 9 years.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Below is a photo of a section of the dangerous narrow road near the Bermagui Co-op building. A public meeting in Bermagui in May this year called (unanimously) for Bega Valley Shire Council to build a shared pathway (for bikes and pedestrians) between the harbour and the bridge over the river.

This photo was taken by

Bermagui Institute member, Davey Mcmillan, this week. August is a quiet time of year for the town with little traffic. In the warmer half of the year traffic volumes are heavy with many vehicles towing wide boats or caravans. Near misses involving cars and bikes occur fairly regularly along this section of road.

Jack Miller



This dangerous stretch of the road needs urgent attention

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

It seems that the last edition of The Triangle received many letters about our beloved Mr Norris's "My Triangle" comments. Much as I've enjoyed sitting back and enjoying the debate and comments of our diverse little Triangle community, I feel that I need to speak up on behalf of Phil, who I'm sure can look after himself.

Patto's letter, (not with regard to Phil), beautifully and succinctly expressed why I settled here with my young family almost 25 years ago. Over that time, raising my family and working as a teacher, I've been heavily involved in many voluntary happenings in the community, the fruits of which have been enjoyed in one way or another by the whole community. And yet I've been referred to as "a blow in" by the mayor when discussing heritage issues, I've been told by my neighbour of 20 years, when discussing the value of the regeneration and restoration works I've carried out on the beautiful little creek that meanders through my property, that he'd been here all of his life and what would I know, having "been here only five minutes". These are throw away comments from fearful and uninformed mouths. Surely we can rise above such poor perspectives of community.

Phil Norris's comment regarding newcomers thinking they own the place, is no different. He knows how much richer his family's life is as a result of the growth in Cobargo. It's just a throw away comment. The Phil Norris I know, would

probably have thrown it in and sat back, revelling in the numbers taking the bait. And if not, surely we're big enough to let him have his opinion. We're all entitled to an opinion.

Elizabeth Andalis ~ Cobargo

Dear Editor

I wasn't surprised at the number of letters in August in response to Philip Norris's comments (My Triangle, July 2011) but I had to disagree with D.Jansonius's remark about *The Triangle's* 'judgement' in their decision to profile Mr Norris.

The last thing we need is for our local paper to only reflect one point of view. I'm glad we don't all think the same way, it makes life interesting. And there's room for everyone.

*Jen Severn
Quaama*

Dear Editor

To our friends, neighbours and the wonderful people of the Quaama community,

Each and every one of you held a unique and special place in Joan's heart and she so enjoyed your friendship and kindness that she shared over the years.

The Horne family are very touched by the many ways you have shown us how much Joan meant to you.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words and thoughts. The family dearly appreciates the many beautiful

flowers and cards, and a big thank you to the ladies who worked so hard setting up the church and hall. Thank you also to everyone for the wonderful cooking - Joan would have loved it.

*Sincerely,
Earle Horne and family,
Merrydale, Quaama*

Thumbs Up



To all those who are brave enough to express their opinions in The Triangle

To John Butcher (Tilba) for donating a 3 ton 'Bottle-Jack' for the Cobargo Scout Community Bus - thanks John



Thumbs Down

To the person who put a rezoning submission for Quaama in to Council without **properly consulting all** the residents of the village. We live here **because** of its size, the quiet and the views. If we wanted to live in a town and be surrounded by houses that's what we would do!

Council please, please send your pot-hole filler truck to Wandella Road, the holes are getting seriously dangerous - otherwise "Wandella Fellas" maybe be having a free holiday in China

My Triangle

Isabella Boxhead, triangle resident

Tell us about yourself Isabella.

Actually, I'm known as Boxhead, Boxy for short. Some people call me a working dog but I'm more the unemployed dog really.

Where in the triangle do you live?

My first memory is of Yowrie, on the Illawambra Creek. It has beautiful granite and ferns. A few wombats too, saw a big white one once. After a while my brother Bruce and I moved to Wandella, then one day Bruce was gone and it was just me and Sarah there for fourteen years.

What's been your favourite thing about living in the triangle?

I like Wandella because of the wide valley full of gentle grassy hills. There's lots of rabbits to chase under all the blackberry bushes. Also I enjoy staring out the cows. There's heaps of them.

What would you like to see in the area?

A dog toilet in Cobargo town would be helpful. We've always gone to the one at Berry when travelling. The tourists would stop and then I'd get to meet new friends. Oh, and some more bones about the place would be good

What are some of your more vivid memories of living in the triangle?

I remember feeling quite sick once, must have been something I ate. There was a fast drive to the vet's where they looked concerned and said 1080. Then I woke up feeling very weak and wobbly. I was in a cage for a few days which I didn't like but they were very kind and good to me. Never felt quite the same since though.

So what's next for you?

Well, I'm dead now. Funny though, I'm still here, I just don't have a body anymore. I run on paws of sunlight instead. I'm not always in the triangle now but I am at home.



Quintessentially Quaama

Jen Severn

A funeral was held on 9 August at St Saviour's to celebrate the life of our friend and neighbour **Angela Wright**. Ange's choir, *Heartsong*, provided an achingly beautiful accompaniment to proceedings. Rosemary Beaumont and Ange's son Jake gave moving tributes before the crowd moved on to the cemetery then met at the Hall.

A few blokes attended a meeting at the Hall on 11 August to discuss the forming of the **Quaama Men's Shed**, on the site of the current Fire Station, which is being moved. A committee is now working through the necessary

paperwork to get the shed off the ground. For further information please contact John Radford on 6493 8439 or Robert Gillies at the Quaama General Store.



Angela Wright, 1.5.42 – 3.8.11

Working Bee, Quaama Hall, Saturday 10 September. We need lots of people to come and help inside the Hall – some strong men to shift cupboards, large tables, tressles, desks etc would certainly help, and people to help sift through kitchenware, repack cupboards, lift boxes – and some to help tidy the garden and grounds in preparation

for the big day in October. If possible let us know in advance that we can count on your help - phone Di on 6493 8410, or Pam on 6493 8548. Or just turn up.

AGMs for both the Hall Committee and Progress Association, Quaama Hall, 7pm, Thursday 8 September. The Progress Association in particular is keen to attract new members from the community to come on board at this early stage and help shape and implement exciting new plans for the benefit of the whole Quaama community. Membership is \$5.00 annually, and entitles individuals to have a full say and input to the future of the organisation. Nominations (in writing) for all office bearing positions on both Committees will be accepted right up to the start of each AGM.

Restoration .. Celebration .. Anticipation

OK, enough rumour and hearsay – here's the goods. The Quaama Hall Restoration Celebration on Saturday 15 October will feature:

Music, song and dance performed by the children of Quaama School... a program of **games and races** for the children in the park... a **dress up competition** with various prizes for different age groups... the official **Re-opening Ceremony** with dignitaries. There'll be some speeches, but not many, and a ribbon will be cut by two representatives of our local community, one from the oldest generation, and one from the youngest... a **sausage sizzle and BBQ** put on by the Firies, with live music in the Hall from a local band, with dancing... a **Fund-Raising Auction** in the Hall with some fabulous items on offer...

And finally the Hall will break out into a fabulous **Boot Scootin'** venue, with demonstrations and a **line-dancing masterclass!** Want a head-start? There'll be boot-scootin' lessons (would that be *bootcamps?*) happening in the Hall this month – watch the noticeboard at the Store for details or call Di on 6493 8410.

Also happening around the place on the day: a **car boot sale... food stalls:** coffee, drinks, ice creams, hot and cold snacks and meals, and more... **craft, produce and information stalls ... an art exhibition** in the old supper room downstairs, where you can also enjoy a **quiet cup of tea or coffee, cakes and slices** in comfort... and **live music in the grounds** from a team of well-known local buskers.

If you're a local businesses,

service or professional and you'd love the opportunity to tell the community about what you have to offer, you're invited to participate in our "**Local Heroes Tent**". We'll display flyers, posters, business cards, or whatever, and give you the opportunity to hang out in a congenial place so you can talk with people. If you'd like your own individual stall, then let us know and we'll send you a registration form.

Bookings for stalls, car boot sale and Local Heroes: call Janet Menefy on 6493 8458 or email janastro@inet.net.au.

Full program in the October *Triangle*.

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Revealed: What that 'Thumbs Up' was about

A "Thumbs Up" appeared in last month's *Triangle*, congratulating 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". It caused quite some concern in the village and was at first a mystery. But not for long. It turns out that the Quaama School P&C has made a submission to Bega Valley Shire Council suggesting that Council allow for 20-40 new half-acre housing blocks in their Local Environment Plan. The P&C's reasoning is that opening up lots of cheap residential blocks will bring

young families to Quaama and reduce the prospect of losing a teacher at the School.

This is good thinking, but no-one consulted the wider Quaama community on the issue – even the Progress Association, ironically, knew nothing of it. It seems that many Quaama residents would prefer Quaama to remain a small village, and feel that Quaama does in fact have a future, just like it is. There are about 90 homes in Quaama at present, so this development would increase the size of the village by 22-44%. And there have

been a few very cheap houses for sale in Quaama for some time, with no takers, indicating that young families may have other reasons for not moving to Quaama. And opening up 20-40 new blocks may be just the excuse the Council needs to force sewage connections on the whole village, with the associated rate hikes that have caused such misery in Cobargo.

Anyway. In the interests of providing BVSC with both points of view, there's an alternative petition doing the rounds. And/or, you could write a letter to the Council.

Joan Horne - 24.4.1924 - 10.8.2011

A common sight in Quaama, until recently, was a big old blue Falcon doing the morning run from Fieldbuckets Rd along Bermaguese St to the store, apparently with no driver. But then you'd hear a friendly 'bip' as it passed – Joan spotting a friend. Joan Horne, the little lady with the big presence.

Joan was born in Bega and attended Bega Primary then Bega High, before completing business studies and working in a solicitor's office. She joined the RAAF in 1944 and transferred to Air Force Headquarters in Melbourne, a time of friendship, excitement and achievement – she received her Corporal Stripes – before marrying Earl Horne in 1947 and moving to Quaama.

Joan and Earl worked hard to set

up and run a dairy herd at Merrydale. They had four daughters – Jennifer, Margaret, Elizabeth and Debbie – and one son, Brett.

A keen cook, reader and writer, Joan was a great correspondent. But some of us will remember her most of all for her dry and self-effacing humour. With a few well-chosen words she could reduce an audience to tears of laughter, to all appearances having no idea herself what was so funny.



Joan Horne, the little lady with the big presence.

Joan was one of the founding members of the Quaama Morning Tea Ladies, who met, and continue to meet, on Wednesdays at 11am. So it was with some sweet sadness that the Quaama ladies joined the crowd at St Saviour's at 11am on Wednesday 17th August 2011 to bid farewell – Joan's last morning tea.



A new face at Quaama Store: proprietor Kel Gillies married Laura at Dayspring Church, Castle Hill on 16 July 2011, attracting well wishers from as far afield as New Zealand and China. The happy couple honeymooned in Fiji, and have now resumed work at Quaama General Store.

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Tilba Bites

Richard Tilzey

Again, little social activity to report this month. The soggy weather has resulted in most people lying low or being on their best behaviour. It must be one of the dampest Augusts experienced in recent years, in terms of consistent rain. The Drom has been suffused with the discrete odour of damp socks and mildewy moleskins. Many have succumbed to the flu and poor old Craig had a bout of pneumonia, possibly brought on by a Vanuatu wog. Roll on spring!

It would appear that half the district has been to see the Aussie film 'Red Dog', doubtless inspired by the antics of their respective pooches. Barney announced his intention of taking his lovely mum Thelma to said film. "Why don't you take Pip (their ancient blue heeler) as well" I suggested. "She would enjoy it and deserves an outing". "There's no way they would let a dog in the cinema" growled Barney. "It's easy. Give Thelma dark glasses and a white stick and they will have to let Pip in". "It won't work" growled Barney. I then delivered the punch line; "It will as long as you remember not to pant and stick your

tongue out in the foyer". In retrospect, a cinema is definitely the last place to try and pull a guide dog stunt, but Barney didn't mention that. I must confess to enjoying the film although it was over long and would have benefitted from more stringent editing.

The soggy gloom was temporarily dispersed by Ross Allen's 50th birthday party at the Drom that saw many of his mates come from far and wide. I departed somewhat early but the joint was jumping and the partying continued until the wee small hours. Halfway there, Ross!

Indulgent musings. My advancing years made me realise that Ross was born at the start of the so-called swinging sixties. In reality, Australia didn't really start to swing until the late sixties. I well remember arriving in Sydney as a 'ten pound pom' in 1966. Compared with London it was like taking a 10 year step backwards in time. Mercifully, it didn't take too long to catch up.

The influence of the sixties still persists locally. The dreaded woodchip industry started then and continues. Whereas I have nothing against logging to provide saw-wood, felling trees specifically for chipping cannot be

justified in today's carbon conscious world. The last costings I heard estimated that Australia receives 9 cents per tonne for woodchip exports. What a waste! The sixties also saw the days when all sharks were branded as "man-eaters" by the general populace. Hence the widespread use of powerheads saw many macho spearfishermen slaughter whatever shark they encountered. Because of their classic 'bad shark' appearance and largely benign and sedentary behaviour grey nurse sharks were cannon fodder. Their abundance was much reduced off NSW and they eventually became an iconic conservation species.

The current contrast between the State government's approach to woodchipping and sharks warrants comment. With woodchipping, little is being done to control and curb this obnoxious wasteful industry. Indeed, a cutback in the number of government employed forestry scientists has just been announced. With the grey nurse shark, a very widespread species in no danger of extinction, considerable resources are being directed towards preventing an estimated one accidental death per month by hook fishing in NSW. It's a strange old world we live in! Here endeth the sermon.

Kick Up Your Heels at the Tilba Spring Bush Dance

The Big Hall in Central Tilba is set to shake at a spring bush dance on Saturday 17th September. Authentic bush tunes and reels will set the scene for a night of good food and fun dancing.

Local musicians will provide the melodies and the night will feature the World Premier of the Tilba School Ukelele Band! The students have been rehearsing some authentic bush tunes in preparation for their big gig!

If you can't quite remember those

complicated steps, like: does the Dosi-Do come before or after the swing your partner?? Well relax... All dances will be called and the students have also been practising some steps so help is at hand.

The dance will be held to raise funds for the Tilba School P&C who support students at the school to participate in music, sporting and gardening activities. Dinner on the night will consist of a spit roast, vegetables and

salads.

Tickets for this fun filled event are \$25 an adult and \$10 child and can be ordered by ringing the school on 44737 210. Ticket price includes a beautiful meal plus dancing and music all night! The festivities will kick off at 6pm and raffles and lucky door prizes will add to the night. So get some friends together and make the most of this great opportunity to support your local School and have a lot of laughs doing it.

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Cobargo Conversations

Elizabeth Andalis

Finally some rain has fallen and revitalised the beautiful green blanket that our landscape is renown for. Along with it, the mud, cloudy skies and grey days can give the air of an Irish landscape but this is definitely Cobargo. Our orchards are full of trees budding and blossoming, exposing their vulnerability to frosts yet to come and tantalising the senses of surrounding bee colonies. My fruit fly traps are out (a relatively new phenomena for my little corner of Cobargo). How 'bout you? If we can all get on the ball, maybe we can knock them off. Have a look for my easy, effective and environmentally safe recipe somewhere in this edition.

My monthly little trip around town requesting snippets of news can be quite enlightening. I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed the **Cup Cake Stands Exhibition** at **Well Thumbed Books**, enjoying cups of



Mary Moteby and Mary Boreham enjoying the quirky cakestands at Well Thumbed Books

tea and cake and meeting up with a bunch of people from all over the Triangle. I've discovered that Andrew Hayden is the new president of the **Cobargo Business and Tourist Association** and that Sarah Gardiner is the new secretary. Congratulations both of you on your stack of work to come. And Robert at **Benny's Butchery** would like to award his very own **Thumbs Down** "to the greenies who keep drawing all over the highway in Bermagui". I missed the fuss Rob. Their art work seems to have washed away in the recent rain. But in all seriousness,

congratulations are in order. Rob has recently been appointed *fearless* captain of the **Bermagui Surf Club**. Nige and Steve reckon he's prepared to go down with the boat! Hope he can swim!

Last month, the monthly Kids' Markets at **The Train Café** went off with a wet bang. Again, just a couple of handfuls of courageous stallholders braved the cold conditions, selling their wares under umbrella cover, making LOTS of money. And keeping market goers entertained were Sarah Lingard playing keyboard and Ruby Newell playing her violin. Again, a big thanks to the market goers who dropped in and supported these enterprising children.

The next **Kids' Market Day** is coming up on Saturday, September 3rd. **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.

News from **Mary Williams, President of the Cobargo CWA**: Cobargo CWA continues to grow in numbers. At their last meeting they were happy to welcome two new prospective members, with their babies! It was a delight to have the children there as it reflected the beginnings of CWA, responding to the need for mothers and babies to get together and avoid the isolation they faced in the bush. The cottage in Cobargo was once the **Baby Health Centre** as many readers of the Triangle would remember.

They also have some great news to share. The **Bermagui and District Lions Club** are helping the CWA by organising the painting of the exterior of the cottage. This will take place in the warmer months and will depend on the assistance of volunteers from the Cobargo district. They are very grateful to the Lions Club for their help, as the cottage is in dire need of a lick of paint and they're busily trying to source paint and brushes, hoping that they might be

able to obtain these at a reduced rate! Once the dates of the project are known, they'll be calling for volunteers.

In September, on **CWA Awareness Day**, the CWA will be launching the **"Mother and Baby Pack"** project. They have a target of 50 packs for 2011, to be forwarded to mothers and babies in need in Papua New Guinea. More about this next month.

Go and see what they're on about. They welcome all new members. If you are interested in joining, get along to the next meeting on September 13th where you are assured of a warm welcome.

And from the Well Thumbed team: You'll be pleased to know that the recently arrived ducks (and their parents) are doing well - babies nearly as big as Victoria and Albert. They are a great hit with the kids who come into the shop, and the family is loving the duck weed that is being delivered every week by a local duck lover.

Arrangements are well underway for the **Off the Page Art** opening and exhibition in October (*see separate article for details*).

The team is pleased that the shop is being increasingly used by locals for a range of activities. If you are interested in **UFOs**, Unfinished Objects that is, needlework, knitting, rug making, applique, well in fact anything that can be done at a table, come along with your still-to-be completed work on Monday mornings from 10.30. On Thursdays at 10.30, **scrabble lovers** are invited to come and test your skills, or just enjoy some company and fun! And on Fridays from 11am, **"Story Time for Young'uns"** with Barbara Rugendyke is proving to be very popular. That just leaves Tuesdays and Wednesday. If there is anything you'd like to arrange at the shop, just drop in and discuss your idea with whoever is on duty in the shop.

The Cobargo Hotel is organising a day out for our local senior citizens. Starting on Thursday 8th of September and then every second Thursday there will a fun day of bingo and carpet bowls. Starting time is 11am until 2.00pm. The bus can pick people up from 10.30. There is an hour of bingo, lunch then carpet bowls, all for \$10.00. The bus will drop you off home again. Call 64936423 to book the bus, otherwise, just turn up on the day.



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“At Home in Cobargo” a new venture for Cobargo

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“The Creative Workers Association of Cobargo Inc.” in order to keep the working village history and theme alive.

The association’s first initiative would be to open “AT HOME IN

COBARGO” in one or more of the empty shops. The goal is to showcase the skills and talents of people who call the Cobargo district home, compliment existing business and the Lazy Lizard Gallery Association and to provide some more vibrancy to the street scape.

It is anticipated that a meeting of interested people will be held at the Cobargo School of Arts in early October with the aim of opening “AT HOME IN COBARGO” by the end of November.

For further information please ring Suzy on 6493 7272 or email suzymc@ozemail.com.au

Off the Page Art Show

Entries are starting to flow in for the *Off the Page Art Show* being organized by Well Thumbed Books in conjunction with other businesses in Cobargo. We’ve distributed over 80 books, so we’re expecting a big response. If you would like to be part of this community event, come in and pick up your mystery book from *Well Thumbed* – but be quick – entries close on the 12th September. This isn’t the Archibald so we’d really appreciate early entries to spread the work load! And for those of you who are already hard at work, will you please bring back the book that was your inspiration – so that people can see how creative you have been.

All the work will be displayed in

different venues in Cobargo beginning on Saturday 1st October, so put that date in your diary, because it will not be just ordinary art show opening – in the streets of Cobargo you may come across some artists working ‘plein air’, some poets bellowing from soap boxes or some potters throwing clay round a wheel, all in all it will be great fun. And you can be one of those who vote for the people’s choice throughout October. Come to *Well Thumbed* to pick up a list of entries which will include where they are located and how to register your vote. You have to get your vote in by the end of October when we’ll announce the winner.

U.F.O sightings at Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo

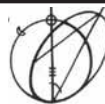
Friends of UFO’s Meet on Mondays 10.30am to 12.30pm at *Well Thumbed Books*, Princes Highway, Cobargo.

At the back of the cupboard, bottom of drawer, folded, stashed and forgotten lie languishing projects. Once started and never finished due to: No Time, No Patience, No Room, No Help and perhaps No Oomph.

There is a solution – from **Monday September 5, 2011** each week between 10.30am and 12.30pm at the table of *Well Thumbed Books*, Princes Highway, Cobargo, any **unfinished object** of hand work and its maker is welcome. Bring your own equipment and the knitting, sewing, beading, crocheting, matchsticks, balsa wood, car and aeroplane models, ships in a bottle – you get the drift. Deep conversations about the origins and emergence of UFO’s will circle about the table whilst hands bring into being that which exists in other dimensions.

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Artists of the future on display

Michelle Osgood

Bermagui Preschool children are currently working on a number of art works that will be exhibited in Art Space Gallery at the Bermagui Fisherman's Coop. The exhibition is titled "Little Hands, Big Art" and will be on show for two weeks from Friday 9th September to Thursday 22nd September. Several local artists are working with the children to produce artworks that will hang in the gallery and be available for purchase, raising money

for the Bermagui Preschool. The opening night will be an adults only evening held on Friday 9th September at 7pm. Entry to the opening night is \$5 per person and includes a glass of sparkling wine and light finger food. Several local artists have donated works to be auctioned at the opening night. Greeting cards featuring the children's work will also be available for purchase on the night and around Bermagui.

Bermagui CWA assist Cancer Sufferers

The President and Secretary of Bega Valley Can Assist travelled to Bermagui on Friday 5th August to present Bermagui CWA members with a framed certificate of thanks, to show appreciation for donations given to Can Assist throughout the past year.

President Rhonda Van Bracht said "We have been informed that there are over one thousand people across the Bega Valley affected by Cancer, and at present Can Assist is donating between two and five thousand dollars each month to help people who are experiencing financial hardships while having treatment."

"Therefore this \$500 donation and previous donations from Bermagui CWA is so very much appreciated."



President of Bermagui CWA Cheryl Horton, with members of Can Assist Rhonda & Peter Van Bracht and Gerry Hammerton.

(Photo by Lori Hammerton.)

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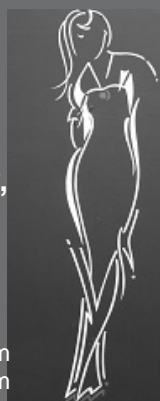
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CRABS excell again for Cancer Research

Lori Hammerton (Can Assist Member)

The Bermagui branch of Cancer Research Advocate Bikers (CRABS) has once again excelled by donating thousands of dollars to several organisations connected with assisting people who are affected by Cancer

NSW Cancer Council is the major beneficiary of funds raised.

President of CRABS Dave Tooley said the group were only too pleased to be able to donate to the local organisation as well as fulfilling their ongoing obligations to the NSW Cancer Council.

Can Assist is also a voluntary group who raise money to donate funds directly to people suffering from this frightening



A Big Man with Big Heart

Dave Tooley, CRABS President with Can Assist members Gerry Hammerton, Rhonda Van Brachts (President) and Peter Van Bracht (Secretary)

photo by Lori Hammerton

disease.

Can Assist members will be busy selling tickets over the next few weeks in their Fathers Day raffle which has many fantastic prizes.

So if you see either the boys and girls from CRABS or the Can Assist members donating their time selling tickets, please give generously in the knowledge that all funds raised by Can Assist help people in the Bega Valley Shire to cope with the day to day expenses associated with cancer treatment.

Thai Chi for older people

In association with NSW Health, Thai Chi classes for older people are coming to Bermagui. Thai Chi has many positive benefits for older people including: Increased balance, increased strength, increased flexibility and increased memory.

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Sixth annual planting for Dune Care



Ranger Kathryn Brown, Ilona, Dave, Rod, John, Ranger Helen Hayward and Karen.

Bermagui Dune Care, with National Parks and Wildlife Service, has held its sixth annual planting at Goalen Head in Mimosa Rocks National Park.

A spokesperson for the group said "We were extremely lucky with the weather, as rain cleared for the morning, and over 60 seedlings were planted".

The planting this year has extended the areas undertaken last year, and will add to the biodiversity of what was once open grazing land. A variety of species were planted, including casuarina, banksia, westringia and lomandra.

"We always enjoy working with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and planting provides a change to removing sea spurge" added the spokesperson.

Anyone interested in joining Bermagui Dune Care, please contact: bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au

Bermagui Country Club reduces its carbon footprint

Lisa Miller Bradley,
Bermagui Country Club

The Bermagui Country Club is looking forward to lower energy bills and a reduced carbon footprint thanks to the support of the NSW Government's Climate Change Fund.

The Club received a grant of \$33,285 to replace the electric hot water heater with a solar hot water system and upgrade inefficient fluorescent lighting.

This project will save 37 Megawatt-hours of electricity and around 40 tonnes of carbon pollution a year. "The changes we have made at our Club will result in energy savings of around 8 percent of the total electricity use of the Club, which is wonderful news" General Manager of Bermagui Country Club, Caleb Rose, said today.

"We were delighted to be successful in our application for funding to allow the Club to adapt our practices to reduce emissions," Mr Rose said.

Bermagui Country Club is one of 444 projects to receive \$10.2 million under the Community Savers stream of the NSW Climate Change Fund's Public Facilities Program.

Together these projects will save an estimated 2.2 billion litres of water and 85,900 tonnes of carbon pollution in the first 10 years. Participating organisations are able to save an average of \$4,986 a year on their water and energy bills.

The program covers the costs of simple and effective upgrades such as lighting retrofits, switching to solar hot water, installing rainwater tanks, water efficient toilets and fixtures in community clubs, halls, sporting clubs, preschools and aged care facilities.



Alan the ring tail possum

Robyn Grice



Kathy Mincher from Bermagui, cares for native animals that have been

abandoned or injured. She works as a volunteer for NANA, a wildlife rescue group, and donates her precious time and energy to the well being of native animals and birds. One of her current charges is Alan - the ring tail possum.

When Kathy got Alan, he appeared to have been taken by an eagle, then dropped.

Kathy brought Alan to see me for some extra help. Acupressure and some reiki seemed to be of benefit. He was dragging his hind legs and was not able to flex his muscles and tendons to full capacity.

Alan still has a ways to go before he is set free to live the life of a normal ring tail possum. There have been a few small set backs and always some improvement on the way, two steps forward, one step back.

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Local Branch of the National Trust – could it save the Cathedral?

In recent weeks Bermagui has suffered the destruction of much of the beautiful spotted gum forests. In the past year the main street of Cobargo was severely compromised by the demolition of an important heritage cottage. A group of concerned local people believe we need a more persuasive voice to lobby the new State Government and local Shire councils to protect our natural and built heritage and are seeking to establish a local branch of the National Trust on the Far South Coast.

The National Trust was started in Australia in 1945 to protect early colonial buildings along Sydney's Macquarie Street from the threat of demolition and redevelopment. Aware of the need to act quickly, the ten members of the Ku-ring-gai Tree Lovers Civic League, formed to protect Sydney's bushland from destruction, founded the National Trust and began their urgent campaign. In 1953 the Trust acquired Montague Island, the start of its ongoing commitment to protect wetlands and coastal lands.

To gauge interest in the formation of the branch, Will Holmes à Court, CEO of National Trust of Australia (NSW), will chair a meeting at **2pm Saturday 17 September** in the Community Centre

Bermagui. Will has a particular interest in protecting the natural heritage of NSW, including iconic forest areas like the Cathedral.

If the interest is strong the Far South Coast branch will be formed and a committee elected with its first priority to persuade the NSW Government to approve the application currently before it to join the Gulaga and Mumbulla national parks. This would ensure the Cathedral and all the forests to the north and west of Bermagui currently subject to the Forests NSW logging are protected in perpetuity.

The Branch also could be active in promoting many other worthwhile local activities, for example, the Old Wharf reserve. They are receiving Council assistance to develop it as a recreational reserve featuring local native plants.

The National Trust can provide advice on where to apply for funding for such projects and provide contacts and assist in this process.



Under threat: the Bermagui Cathedral

Local organisers are hoping for a good turnout to launch the new branch; please bring any friends you think will be interested. Afternoon tea will be provided after the meeting.

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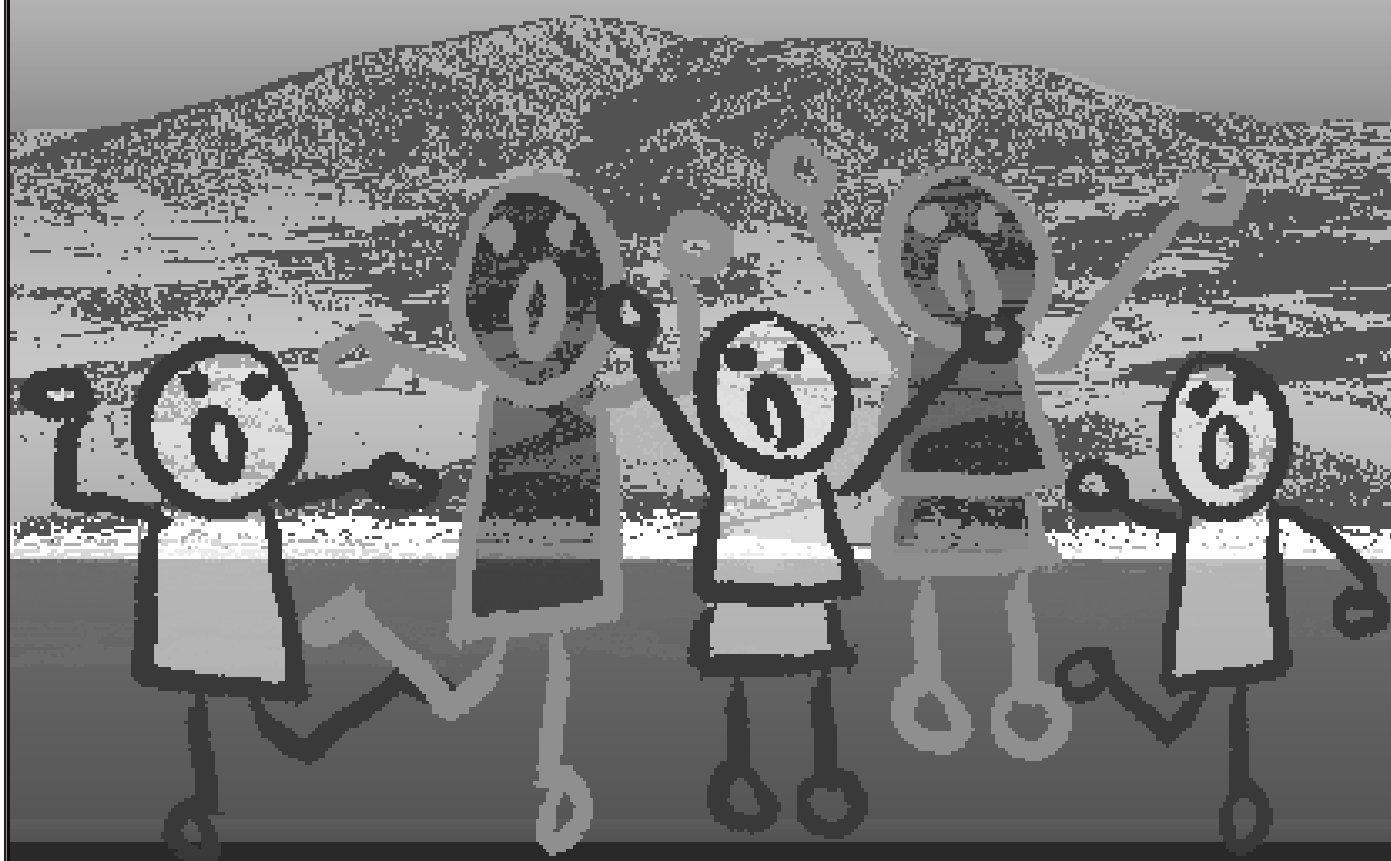
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sensitivity toward the expressive properties of colour and form. Your final image will be removed some steps from any naturalistic image and will have a strong, expressive quality to it. This will be a workshop for adults, no prior knowledge of printmaking is necessary.

Workshop dates: 21-23 October 2011. Booking is essential. For more information please contact Alice at the "*Frame and Brush*", phone: 6493 3380 or www.frameandbrush.com.au



Learn the art of lino print at this upcoming workshop

Four Winds "Inspiring" composition comes together for local children

Assistant composer for the Sydney Children's Choir, Dan Walker, says the inspiration for his composition, written especially for Four Winds and the Inspiring school children's program, came from the beautiful area of Bermagui.

The song called 'The Singing Stones' is a reference to the magnificent tors on Gulaga. Dan, who is based in Sydney, has been in the area four times over the last few months working with Four Winds and local schoolchildren who will be singing his composition with the

Sydney Children's Choir in a series of local concerts in September.

He said the rehearsals with the local schoolchildren and with the Sydney children were going really well. "I love being in rehearsal and pulling things together. It's fantastic to see the kids take ownership of the piece.

"I wanted to write something that represented the area and was accessible to children and also to write something the local kids could sing with or without the backing from the Sydney Children's Choir. The composition itself is about the

spirituality of the area and how meaningful it is to people who live here. In writing for children you write the way they speak, it's so honest."

The Four Winds Inspiring program brings together the Sydney Children's Choir to perform with the Bega Valley Children's Choir and schools in the region. They will perform the new work written by Dan Walker, for our local children and will be joined by local music teacher David Hewitt and his drumming groups

MORUYA: Friday 9th September
\$10, and children under 12 free
6pm Moruya Primary School Hall

BERMAGUI: Saturday 10th September
2:30pm Bermagui Community Centre Hall
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Welcome to our Elders of the Triangle

Elizabeth Andalis

Introducing Martin Kotvois

Martin Kotvois is yet another of our octogenarians, one to whom for many years, we entrusted the safety of our children.

With his father, young Martin, at the tender age of eight, left Austria a refugee, spending two years getting to England via Belgium and leaving from South Hampton for Australia just two days before war erupted there. He arrived in Fremantle on his tenth birthday, in 1939.

As a youth, Martin spent his time labouring on various properties in and around Western New South Wales, returning to Sydney after the death of his father. There, in his bush walking club, he met his wife Dorothy. During our interview, Dorothy piped up that it wasn't all that easy because she was from "...the squarest and straightest family you could imagine". Martin's response, "They were so square they were a cube."

At the age of twenty-one, during the Korean War, he joined the air force as a transport driver. Then, in 1951, with all of his and Dorothy's worldly possessions packed high on the back of an old brewery truck, a 1934 Leyland, he headed down the coast to begin his life way out the back of Dignams Creek. The truck according to Martin, was loaded sky high with anything and everything he thought might be useful in building a home and setting up a life farming; bits of timber, iron, old pieces of pipe, tools, an old bike, whatever he

managed to collect in his years in Sydney. As he was leaving, he recalls a young kid from the neighbourhood calling out to him, "Hey mister. Before you go to the tip, can I have the bike up the top?"

The trip down the coast was an adventure in itself. Martin, with his load, left several hours ahead of Dorothy who was driving down in their relatively new Volkswagen Beetle. He recalls that it rained all the way down to Batemans Bay, where the truck broke down. His attempts to get it back on the road were in vain and he was told he had no chance. A few moments later, waving his arms and screaming at the top of his voice, he watched Dorothy sail on past in the VW, completely oblivious to his situation. Thankfully, a man standing nearby called out to him, "Do ya wanna catch 'er?", to which of course, he replied, "yes". The next morning, Martin resourcefully fixed the problem and they were on their way. Many years later, the old brewery truck was swapped for one of Harry Mead's bulls and with the addition of a crane, was used for the saw mill.

During his years at Dignams Creek, as well as raising a family, Martin has run a dairy herd, run beef

cattle, and done odd jobs in various employment roles including installing milking and shearing equipment, doing odd jobs at the Bodalla butchery, farm labouring, relief milking, as a fix it man doing "fussy little jobs for little old ladies in need" and of course, driving the Dignams Creek school buses, (the old Valiant station wagon).

Even in his eighties I can see that Martin is a humble *young* man with an extraordinarily adventurous spirit. His stories and experiences are surprising even to Dorothy, who can't believe how much he has packed into his life.

He shared many wonderful stories about experiencing all that life in a free country had to offer him; abseiling down cliffs in Bermagui, racing the Ghan across the Nullabor on a two stroke postie bike and chasing wild pigs to name a few, but they'll have to wait for another time.

Welcome once again to our Elders of the Triangle Series

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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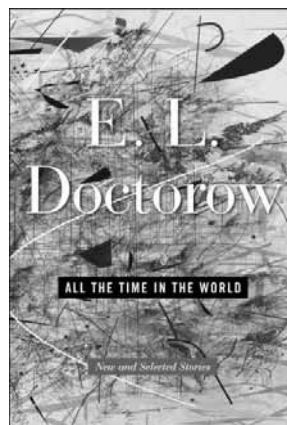
Book Review

Dr. Heather O'Connor

E. L. Doctorow, *All the Time in the World*, \$29.99.

Doctorow is amongst my favorite authors, so even though this recent publication is short stories, rather than the novels of his I have enjoyed so much, I thought it was worth a go. And it is. Many of the stories were first published in *The New Yorker*, and some of his great characters (Billy Bathgate and those who appear in *City of God*) appear in the collection. It is hard to think of an author (other than Philip Roth perhaps?) who captures the voice of New York and its Jewish community, better than Doctorow. Like his novels, these short stories cover a diverse range of subjects and "voices"

– a couple are a bit esoteric, but generally, they reflect the best of his writing. At the same time as reading these, I found a second hand copy of *World's Fair*, which I hadn't read – a great example of his ability to transport you into the working class life and culture of New York. If you haven't read any of his novels, start with *Billy Bathgate* and/or *Ragtime*, then get hold of *The March*, – all guaranteed to keep you in the chair.



A big breakthrough for me – I was on holidays and read my first ever fantasy novel – one of the *Sevenwaters* series by Juliet Marillier; am completely hooked – just started a second one (*Heir to Sevenwaters*) – a whole new world! Just when I thought I was getting on top of the pile by the bed, I've added ones I'd never thought of before. I also finished the 2nd of the *Ibis* series by Amitiv Ghosh, *River of Smoke* – just as good as the first one reviewed in an earlier Triangle. Just as well the weather is made for

it!

Garden Magic

Ivan

With spring just around the corner it's time to look closely at our gardens. Buds are swelling, magnolias are in flower, some of the camellias too, azaleas starting to bloom. Look at those plants that are frost damaged and decide if they are worth keeping, or should they be replaced with something frost tolerant?

The vegie garden should be



providing a range of vegetables; carrots, beetroot, silver beet, perennial leeks, cauliflower, lettuce and celery to name some. Plan now for potatoes, tomatoes, sweet corn and all of the other summer vegies that can be planted as the soil and the weather warms. Not too early with the tomatoes, planting too soon will not win the race.

Bulbs are good value, they give good results with the minimum of effort and once established multiply and flower year after year. We have a border of mixed daffodils and jonquils that provide many months of colour, with the daffodils taking over when the jonquils have finished.

Fruit trees should by now be pruned. If you have summer pruned, the winter pruning will only need to be light. Peaches, nectarines and apricots that are subject to curly leaf, shot hole and other fungal diseases will benefit from a lime sulphur spray applied when the flower

buds are showing a little colour. Don't spray on tender young leaves as lime sulphur can burn them.

Mulch can be topped up to conserve the soil moisture from the recent good rains. This will also help to control the growth of weeds. Fertilizer, blood and bone, dolomite or lime can now be applied to help with spring and summer growth. Remember, do not apply the lime or dolomite to the acid lovers such as azaleas. Our soils are acid and the lime and dolomite provide calcium and magnesium as well as raising the soil ph a little, thus liberating elements otherwise locked up by the acidity. If you have heavy clay soil a liberal application of gypsum worked in will help break down the clay and make it more crumbly and easier for roots to penetrate.

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Soft Footprint Recipes

Carole Broadhead

Hi everyone,
I found this months recipe in the oddest place! I was reading a light novel and in it there was a description of a dessert that sounded nice... it did not give a recipe but I improvised and tried it out this week. It is a lovely blend of flavours.

Honeyed pears and rosemary.

Four large ripe pears peeled and cut in half. Remove stems and seeds carefully, place them cut side down in an oven proof dish with the top of the pear facing inward.

Pour over a half a cup of wine or water and drizzle two tablespoons of honey evenly over the pears then cut fresh rosemary stalks into seven centimetre lengths and place between each pear half. Cover with foil and place into a moderate oven for about an hour. Check that the pears are soft enough for a spoon to go through them before serving.

They are lovely warm with custard or cream.

We had a great day at Tanja Olives a while back, picking olives for both oil and pickling.

The oil was wonderful and we ate it with pasta, parmesan cheese and parsley. So simple and so delicious. The Manzanilla's were pickled without brine. This is the first time I have done them this way.

Marinated Olives

Place the olives into a bowl and cover with hot tap water and leave overnight. The next morning drain the water off and cover with hot tap water. Repeat this for ten days. Drain the olives and pat dry. Put them back into the bowl and cover them with vinegar for about five hours. Drain and pat dry.

Marinade

To each litre of oil (olive or vegetable) add

1 level dessertspoon of salt, 2 level dessertspoons of oregano and two of

basil, one dessertspoon of dried crushed garlic and one of chilli flakes. Place the olives into sterilized jars and cover with the marinade.

I hope you enjoy these recipes,

Honeyed pears and rosemary

Home made bait for Fruit Fly

One litre water, One cup brown sugar, One tablespoon bakers yeast, One tablespoon vegemite, One cup brown vinegar, 2 tsp dishwashing liquid, 1 tablespoon ammonia.

Place all of these ingredients in a large bottle and shake to mix.

Gather some old plastic drink bottles and put a poker in the fire (or a metal skewer over a flame will do).

When the poker is heated, burn several holes around the top section of the bottles. Keep the lids on and tie up into trees, filling with a little of the bait mix.

Watch them draw the fruit flies in. They can't find their way out and drown. Sad for the fruit fly cycle, but over two seasons, this recipe rid my orchard from these pests. It's cheap and harmless to the environment and wild life.

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Ticks latch on to animals in long grass or vegetation, embed in the skin, injecting toxin as they feed on the animal. Symptoms can appear within 4-5 days. During tick season be extra vigilant, checking your pets daily for signs such as:

- lethargy
- coughing
- vomiting
- trouble swallowing and breathing
- wobbly walk gradually worsening to paralysis



These symptoms vary and can develop either quickly or gradually before becoming fatal.

Dr. Carl von Schreiber advises: **"If your pet shows any signs of tick paralysis, seek veterinary attention immediately.** DO NOT give food or water. Keep your pet calm. Anti-serum may be needed. Spot-on pesticides, collars, tablets, and rinses cannot guarantee 100% protection, so **it's very important to do a thorough daily tick check around the head, neck, ears, between the toes, tail, all along the body.** If you find a tick, carefully twist it out complete with head and without squeezing more toxin into your pet. Do not put tea tree, petrol or any other irritant on the tick. Contact the vet immediately if any symptoms appear."



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COBARGO SPORT & TENNIS CLUB INC.

Social Tennis last Sunday of the month.
Everyone welcome.

Contact Peter Sutherland on 0409 317 198 or
Mayda Jamieson on 6493 8214

TILBA GROWERS' MARKET

Grow it, Make it, Bake it, Sew it begins each Sat., 8am to
1pm in Central Tilba Hall. Tables may be shared so book
with Annie Eldridge on 4473 7338 or email
annieandtrevor@hotmail.com.

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. 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
u3abermmai@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
SEPTEMBER			
Friday 2nd	Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	8.00pm
Saturday 3rd	Three on the Tree	Bermagui Country Club	8.00pm
Saturday 3rd	Kids Market Day	The Train Cafe - Cobargo	9.00 - 12.00
Sunday 4th	Monster Fathers Day Raffle Darryl Lamb	Bermagui Country Club	12.00 noon
Sunday 4th	Live Music: Brass Knuckle Band	Tilba Winery	12.30pm
Thursday 8th	AGM - Hall & Progress Assn.	Quaama Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 8th	Thai Chi for older people	CWA Cottage, Bermagui	10.30 - 11.30am
Thursday 8th	Seniors Day Out	Cobargo Hotel	11.00 - 2.00pm
Friday 9th	Tony Jagers	Bermagui Country Club	12.00 noon
Friday 9th	Bermagui Pre-school art: opening	Shop 7 Artspace, Bermagui	8.00 pm
Saturday 10th	Inspiring 2011: childrens choir	Bermagui Community Centre	2.30pm
Saturday 10th	Working Bee	Quaama Hall	as long as it takes
Saturday 10th	The Nashberries	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Monday 12th	D-day for artworks: Off the Page	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10.00 - 4.00pm
Friday 16th	Candy	Bermagui Country Club	8.00pm
Saturday 17th	Public Meeting: National Trust	Bermagui Community Centre	2.00pm
Saturday 17th	DJ Col Thomas	Bermagui Country club	8.00pm
Saturday 17th	Tilba Spring Bush Dance	Big Tilba Hall	6.00 pm kick off
Sunday 18th	Live Music: Second Time Around	Tilba Winery	12.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Seniors Day Out	Cobargo Hotel	11.00 - 2.00pm
Friday 23rd	Brian and Annie	Bermagui Country Club	8.00pm
Saturday 24th	DJ Starr Kopa	Bermagui Country Club	8.00 pm
Thursday 20th	Gallagher Wine and Cheese Tasting	Horse and Camel Wine Bar Bermagui	5.30pm
Friday 30th	Darryl Towney	Bermagui Country Club	8.00pm
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mondays	U.F.O.'s	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10.30 - 12.30
Thursdays	Scrabble	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10.30am
Fridays	Storytime for Pre-schoolers	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	11.00am
ART IN THE TRIANGLE			
9th to 22nd Sept	"Little Hands, Big Art"	Shop7 Artspace, Bermagui	
During September	Three quarters of a Dozen	Back Room, Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	Mon, Tues, Thurs 10.00 - 4.00 Fri 12.00 to 4.00.
30th Sept to 14 Nov	Delicate Touch IV	Narek Gallery, 1140 Tathra- Bermagui Road	Fri to Mon 10.30 to 5.30pm
Continuing	Sth Coast Artists Exhibition	Tilba Winery	



Come to life at the Vineyard!

**Re-open for 2011/12 season on Thursday 1st
September at 11.00 a.m.**

September opening hours:
Wednesday-Sunday, 11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. for
wine tasting, cellar door sales, snacks and lunches

September events:

Sunday Live Music: 4th and 18th from 12.30 p.m.

Social Bridge: Wednesday 7th from 2.00 p.m.

Art Exhibition: 'South Coast Artists' continues daily

**Signposted off the main highway on Tourist Drive 6,
5km north of Tilba. Tel: 4473 7308**

Upstairs

Bermagui Fisherman's Wharf

Your hosts: Janinka & Bruce
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WINTER OPENING HOURS
Thursday & Friday from 3pm
Saturday & Sunday from 1pm