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Crossing Trainee of the Year celebrates koala finds near Bermagui



Left to right: Nick, Nicole, Tiffany, Mirali, Max, Sarah, Kristin, Dean Turner - Crossing Project Director, Josh, with Jane McPhee - ISV group leader and trainee Sam Hodder on the far right.

Sam Hodder, recent winner of the Illawarra Region VET in-schools trainee of the year now has even more reason to celebrate. Discovery of recent koala activity close to The Crossing was made last week by university students undertaking habitat survey work with Sam in cooperation with NSW State Forests and the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Sam is undertaking his school-based traineeship with The Crossing Land Education Trust, a non-profit organisation located near Bermagui which teaches young people about land conservation work and sustainability.

The recent finding was made in Bermagui

State Forest between Nutleys Creek Rd and the Crossing, about 500m from where a koala was seen last October. The finding supports evidence found in the same general area in January. Fresh koala mother and baby scats were also located 2km further south west by Sam in March while working with National Parks field staff.

Chris Allen from the Office of Environment and Heritage, who was present during the recent survey said that, 'This was very recent and adds to the evidence gathered mainly by the Crossing staff and students in this area over many years indicating that a small breeding cell of koalas

persists and may be recovering.'

"Particularly given the broader distribution of the coastal koala population, this is a critical area, and the conservation initiatives and support for the survey program undertaken by the Crossing provides a fine example of community support for koala recovery efforts."

Mr Allen and The Crossing staff expressed their thanks to Forests NSW for support to enable the ISV students to help with koala surveys close to where they have been doing koala habitat planting, and gain experience contributing to knowledge about koalas.

Sam was very pleased with the student's findings and said that "it makes our survey work and landcare plantings with young people so worthwhile. The Crossing now has 6000 koala tree species back on the river banks near the Bermagui River and Coolagolite Creek junctions. This will help to stabilise the river banks and link this major corridor between the coastal national parks, the only places where koalas survive on the southern NSW coast."

Recent landcare work by The Crossing has been supported through funding from the Landcare Borland Bequest and the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program. "It's the feeling that what I do means something, something that would last more than a while," Sam said. "It's real."

Through his experience, Sam has not only become a role model for youth his age, but has also become a leader. Sam is pictured with the successful survey group of International Student Volunteers from the United States and Canada.

Dean Turner

Timber illegally felled at South East Forest National Park

Mature trees have been illegally cut down in South East Forest National Park and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is stepping up surveillance to catch the culprits.

NPWS Acting Area Manager for the Far South Coast Franz Peters said it was clear the trees were felled for illegal fire wood collection with total disregard for the habitat they provide.

"Last week field staff discovered a large number of trees illegally felled near the village

of Wyndham in the Stanton Rock Road and Burragate Road area," Mr Peters said.

"We are deeply concerned about illegal tree felling and appeal to the public to come forward either to Parks on 6595 5000 or to local police with any information."

Mr Peters said the area where illegal tree felling occurred is clearly marked as National Parks estate and fines up to \$3,300 could be issued against those responsible.

"Habitat trees take decades to be suitable for native animals and South East Forest National Park is home to many endangered species that rely on mature trees," Mr Peters said.

"Collecting fallen timber in national parks and reserves is also an offence as dead trees and pieces of wood provide essential habitat to ground dwelling species such as reptiles."

We live in a capitalist society where competition and profit are the priorities. These however are not necessarily our personal priorities. In varying degrees we consider love, sustainability and co-operation worthwhile values (otherwise we'd sell our children to the highest bidder).

I have a notion that small communities particularly, need to address the apparent contradiction between individual values and those of the political system in which we live. As the economy weakens and rural populations become smaller there are fewer resources (jobs, customers, for example) to go around: we must co-operate to survive. For small towns a healthy economy can be likened to a balanced ecosystem - we need each other to do well in order to prosper as individuals.

The article 'Clonlea Crossroads' (this issue of the Triangle) calls for consultation and co-operation between the community and the Roads and Maritime Authority. Planning that includes the values of consideration and sustainability actually produces a more

economically efficient solution: there is less time and money spent dealing with the inevitable complaints and mistakes made due to the lack of knowledge of the local area.

Businesses in Bermagui probably can't compete with Woolworths. Don't even try. Go for the (more difficult) job of trading goods and services that they don't provide (local, handcrafted, personally tailored products). Or as Dianne Karageorge suggested in her letter to the Triangle (June 2012), lobby Woolworths for space for a community garden. Use *them* as a resource. Help create a strong community so that we can adapt to changes from within as well as those imposed upon us by outside forces.

On another (but not totally unrelated) topic, we all love where we live. AKT, and Joe Dorado of Wandella, have given us the opportunity of writing about it in up to 500 words, and the Triangle will publish one submission every month. If you're a school student you'll be in the running for a cash prize for your school. If you're not, please still send us your piece. More info p19.

Hate the Tilba turbine?

Hate the Tilba turbine? We could replace it with a smoke stack....

Opposition to the single wind turbine in Tilba is understandable and the image that accompanied the Tilba Bites story is well put together but I do take issue with some of the conclusions that might follow.

While it could be argued the photo montage that accompanied the article predicted an ugly future for Tilba it is as nothing in comparison to the havoc that coalmining and coal fired power have brought to LaTrobe valley in Victoria, or the subsidence under the Princes Highway that closed that road for several months when an abandoned underground coalmine collapsed last year. And a single wind turbine can't be compared with the coal seam gas industry incursions into agricultural land or the massive proposed new open cut coalmines elsewhere in NSW and Queensland.

There are also health costs associated with the coal industry in Australia. Although thorough studies have not been done there is evidence that communities living and working in proximity to coal mines and coal fired power plants have an increased incidence of respiratory disease, lung cancer and intellectual development delays in children.

But of course this is not in our back yard. The Future of Energy is Renewable.

Whether that will be wind, solar, wave, tidal, biomass, hot rock technology or a mix of all these is not yet apparent. Renewables are said to be more expensive than coal but the introduction of renewable energy has actually reduced wholesale power prices which are currently under \$30 per megawatt hour and approximately 40% lower than the \$47 long term wholesale average. The widespread take up of rooftop solar has put back the need to build another large power plant by several years and electricity consumption has been falling not increasing.

Normally this would be a signal to the market to reduce retail prices. Why this fall in wholesale market is not reflected in the retail price is indeed an interesting question and one that should be put to the Australian Energy Market Operator, AEMO, which has control over retail pricing. Unfortunately AEMO seems unable to act in the interest of the consumer.

By the way don't for one minute imagine that coal is not subsidised. For a run down on the coal industry and associated government subsidies see the article by political economist Stuart Rosewarne and Sydney University's Professor Linda Connor available on line.

<http://theconversation.edu.au/coal-curse-the-black-side-of-the-subsidised-resources-boom-7801>

Jo Lewis, Akolele

Three ladies in the sauna

Three women, two younger, and one senior citizen, were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound.

The young woman pressed her forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at her questioningly. 'That was my pager,' she said. 'I have a microchip under the skin of my arm.'

A few minutes later, a phone rang. The second young woman lifted her palm to her ear. When she finished, she explained, 'That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand.'

The older woman felt very low-tech. Not to be out done, she decided she had to do something just as impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. She returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her. The older woman said, 'Well, will you look at that I'm getting a fax!!'

Guidelines for contributors

Thanks for your local stories and photos! We love them and they make the *Triangle* our very own.

Just a few tips for submitting stories and photos...

1. Stories should be 300 words maximum except by prior arrangement.
2. Photos should be sent as separate JPG attachments – not embedded into your story. Please send the original digital photo, so we have as large an image as possible to play with. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies.
3. Please do not send posters or flyers! We cannot reproduce them. Instead write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.
4. Have a think about a headline for your story. Believe us, we're usually quite braindead at the end of our editorial meeting and can only come up with lame puns and cliches. Don't leave it to us!

Any questions at all, please email us at the_triangle2@bigpond.com.

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Maylu Horder Triangle resident

Where in the Triangle do you live?
In Cobargo town.

How long have you been there?
ahh...for nearly 6 years

Where did you live before that?
Everywhere for about one and half years at a time, I've been a bit of a gypsy really. I've lived in Western Australia, Byron Bay and Sydney. My family moved here, I came for a visit and that was it. I moved here and have no intention of leaving.

What do you do with your time?
I work in the IGA supermarket a couple of days a week. And I have three sons: Angus who's nearly 18, Dylan who will soon turn 6 and Beau who will soon be 2 years old; so that's pretty self explanatory, I do a lot of washing.

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

I like the area, the weather, the lifestyle. It's safe for children, everyone seems to look out for each other, people are friendly and welcoming. It's a bit 'old school' in that everyone cares about the community.

What do you like the least about living in the Triangle?
I don't think there is anything, not even the weather.

What would you do to improve the place?
Keep it a secret.

What changes have you seen in the time you've been here?
The price of things has risen, especially rentals. I've seen new shops open, the new wharf at Bermagui. Not really much, which I think is a good thing.

What's next for you?
I'm not sure, stay happy and raise three healthy, happy young men. Perhaps one day I'd like to open a business selling my ideas, I'd call it 'Room for Improvement'.



Thumbs Up



To Helen Salway for keeping it going at the Cobargo Surgery over the past years.

(and thank you to the person who left a branch of blossom on my deck while I was out. A lovely random act of kindness - H).

Thumbs Down



To the insensitive person/s who took from the Bermagui Cemetery a pot of orchids from a grave. This pot was a very special memorial and the theft has left the family devastated.

To the members of the medical profession who won't come and doctor the population of Cobargo. (Are our diseases boring?)

To small village proprietors who consistently use up valuable main street parking, compromising businesses opportunities

Music Drop-in Group

It's official: music helps to soothe the soul.

The use of music in various styles forms and melodies helps to reduce the tension one may be feeling. Accordingly the Women's Resource Centre is starting a music drop in group.

With instruments available at the Women's Resource Centre or bring your own instrument to play. We also have sound equipment to mess around with.

Who knows we could eventually form a band!

This group is on-going, so we hope to see you there from 10:30am to 1pm every Thursday

For further information phone Danni or Gabrielle on 6492 1367

Women's Resource Centre 14 Peden Street, Bega

Women's Resource Centre is a non-profit organisation auspiced by the southern Women's Group Inc. That provides information, referral, support and drop-in service for women of all ages.

Cobargo Tourist & Business Association

will hold its
Annual General Meeting
on Tuesday, August 14th, 2012
at 6pm at the Cobargo Hotel

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Clonlea Crossroads



"It's all gone to the dogs" Sally Pryor and her replacement front gateway.

The Princes Highway Victoria Creek bypass and new bridge works has been underway for over a year now and it hasn't been an easy road to travel for resident Sally Pryor at Clonlea, in the beautiful valley of Victoria Creek. It's a quiet peaceful Sunday as I talk with Sally about her experience over the past year with the new stretch of the highway running across her property. Sunday is truly her day of rest as it's the only day of the week she doesn't have the boom crash opera of heavy machinery disturbing her peace at home. Normally she'd more than likely be riding her horses with friends along the gully through Gary Whiffs land up and back to town but this is no longer easy with the new road corridor. Riding her horses was a big part of why Sally settled the family at Clonlea.

From Monday to Saturday afternoon work starts at daybreak and often only ceases at dusk. Rainy weekends are welcome for her as it means work stops and she gets some of her peace and quiet back. The reversing alarms

of the machinery and the diesel din can be incessant on some days. In a gully and closer to the site it's worse. Sally is well aware of the benefits the new road will bring, having heard or witnessed frequent accidents over the years. She doesn't object to the principal but she does have an issue with how the Roads & Maritime Authority and its contractor Seymour White have handled the PR side of the job.

She feels that the management structure is a big part of the problem, a case of too many Indians and not

enough Chiefs. A bewildering array of Bob the Builders from all three organizations have dealt with her on matters she has had to raise with them over the past year concerning the effect on her property and privacy. It shouldn't be up to her to approach them. With a notable lack of consultation from their part this has unfortunately been the form. This is Sally's first and hopefully last experience of this nature. The company doing the work is a professional organization from Queensland who build bridges and roadways. They should have vast experience of dealing with property owners affected by their work, as should the RMS and their sub-contractors. Yet if she hadn't raised her voice then she still might have an empty water supply dam. As it is the restoration of it on her objection has resulted in water the colour of mud, a wasteful constant overflow and silted up house plumbing. A plumber was hired by the management to resolve the plumbing problem but he arrived only after a month or more of bucketing water to animals. To the list

can go cut fences left unrepaired or notified, tracks cut on her land without consultation, vehicles and workers on her property without permission and frequent delays getting in and out of her driveway due to traffic control at the site sheds. A bit more thoughtful planning and her driveway access could have been resituated so that she doesn't need to travel through the compound.

She's fully aware that a major construction earthworks will have unforeseen problems from time to time and the sooner it's done the better for her sake. But having to be ever on guard for liberties taken then come across as a whinger when having to raise her voice is getting on Sally's goat. On a personal level she's had her fill of apologies after the fact and 'Don't you worry about that Love'. She wonders whether if she was a six foot bloke in blunnies this patronising response might be different, although this has been helped of late by the recent appointment of a female project manager. Sally feels many of these problems could have been avoided with more consideration and consultation early in the piece, instead of apparently making it up as they went along.

In fact it's only her dogs Ruby and Remus who've got the best end of the stick so far, growing fat on Saturday BBQ tit bits and lunchbox leftovers courtesy of the workers. Who said dogs are loyal, although on this quiet Sunday they're happily at home sleeping off last week's treats.

Hopefully Sally's tribulations are mainly in the past and all that remains is trying to live with the disturbance graciously for another year while the work completes. For others such as the soon to be affected people at Dignams Creek it's an early warning that the road ahead is full of dodgy twists and turns and that the drivers aren't always professional behind the big wheels.

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'The Castle' comes to Dignams Creek

"Hi, we've come to wreck your life."

– direct quote from the 'Acquisitions Manager'

In February 2011, Alan Burdon contacted Peter Hawkins of the then RTA about the proposed Dignam's Creek road upgrade. A meeting was held at Alan's place on Tuesday February 22, attended by Peter Hawkins and a number of residents from Dignam's Creek.

The RTA presented 3 options; option 1 went along the eastern side of the existing bridge, the other 2 options went along the western side.

I will now précis the three options from the RTA's own presentation paper which can be viewed in full on their website: go to www.rta.nsw.gov.au > Projects > Southern Region > Princes Highway Upgrade > Princes Highway Upgrade at Victoria Creek.

The three options potentially impacted on three property owners and two National Parks. Option 1 only impacted on one property owner – the Pretty's whose land was subsequently bought by the RTA.

The selection criteria covers road safety, economic analysis, environmental considerations, design principles and constructability.

Option 1 rated higher in terms of road safety.

Option 1 estimated cost \$85 M

Option 2 estimated cost \$90 M

Option 3 estimated cost \$75 M

In spite of being the middle cost estimate option 1 was rated slightly more favourable as it would provide greater benefits should the alignment be used for longer than the 30 year period.

Option 1 had the least impact in regards to ecology, European heritage and green house gas emissions, it rated higher as it had less environmental impacts.

Option 1 didn't rate well in the design category, however in constructability it again came out on top.

The final summation was:

"Based on the selection criteria adopted



It's not just a road that goes through, the 'side effect' is huge as you realise when you drive past the roadworks

for the corridor selection, option 1 performed better than option 2 and 3 for road safety, economic analysis/cost, environment impacts and constructability. Only in regards to urban design did option 2 and 3 perform better than option 1 and as such option 1 was selected as the preferred corridor.

The Dignam's Creek community fully supported option 1, the Pretty's were happy to sell, every one left the meeting happy with the outcome.

Then in May 2012, after hearing nothing from the RTA now the RMS a flyer addressed to the householder was delivered to many residents down Dignam's Creek and other strangely unrelated houses. In it stated, "As part of the planning process, RMS is now reviewing the proposed road corridor and is investigating an alignment to the west of the existing Dignam's Creek bridge. This is a result of community concerns and the need to go forward with a design that gives better value for money".

The phones rang hot down Dignam's Creek, especially the "community concerns" issue.

There are a number of questions that need to be answered.

Why did the RTA buy the Pretty's place and pay for surveys?

Why have they ignored their own assessment and community desires?

Why are they bandying around a figure of \$100M for the upgrade? Victoria Creek is only \$45 M and look how big that is.

And why are they doing it at all? An adjustment of the road camber and a widening of the existing bridge would more than suffice and save them money. By their own admission the design is a 30 year period, why have a 3 km stretch capable of 110 kph when on either side the road is winding and under no circumstances is the Princes highway going to be upgraded to that level within the next 30 years. As caring, sharing neighbours, both Narooma Bridge and Brogo Bridge seem far more urgent upgrades.

A copy of this article was sent to Peter Hawkins, Project Manager, for comment but at time of going to press no replied has been received.

Louise Brown

Think of the possums

Cold, hungry and alone is how one possum faced certain death recently when it was trapped then languished in winter conditions without food, water or shelter.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) staff appreciate possums can be a nuisance in roofs and buildings but they remind the public that fines and jail could be the consequence for harming native wildlife.

NPWS Ranger for Bombala Rachel Butterworth said licensed wildlife carers became aware of the possum too late and the animal had to be euthanised.

"Possums are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, which carries fines up to \$11,000 and jail time up to six months for

harming native wildlife," Ms Butterworth said.

"This possum was also neglected under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 which carries double the penalties."

Ms Butterworth urged people with unwelcome possums to call the Bombala NPWS office on 6458 4080 to arrange a trapping licence and borrow a trap.

"Through the licensing process we teach people how to adequately care for trapped possums and safely release them in suitable habitat nearby," Ms Butterworth said.

Ms Butterworth also said in the Bombala area, an amnesty was in place for returning overdue possum traps as twenty have been loaned out and never returned.



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Quintessentially Quaama

Jen Severn

Another great Fair was enjoyed in Quaama, on 21st July – the Fireside Fair. The day was bright but chilly, and we all appreciated the log fire and the fire bin – many cold hands and faces were warmed around both.

Ross Rixon and Eva Hof kept listeners enthralled around the log fire, Ross with his colourful accounts of cattle droving in days of yore (including handy tips on how to water your stock at dams without alerting the landholder, if I heard correctly) and Eve Hof with her wonderful tales.

Thanks to all the Verandah Talkers for some very interesting stuff. Chainsaw and fireplace maintenance, winter gardening, fibre production ... covered. Mina's garden advice will be available on the Quaama website (www.quaama.org) if you missed it. Suzy McKinnon inspired us with a talk about the recent revival of Cobargo, led in no small part by the energetic Cobargo Creators. Heather O'Connor filled us in on the welcoming space provided by Well-Thumbled Books. Denise Redmond spoke about recent developments at Nardy House - most of us are lucky enough not to need it, but we still like it that it's there.

Competition winners: Beanies first – Wildest was Veronica Abbott's Fireside Twirl, Snuggliest was Bailey's, Most Loved was Zeke's Beanie by Betsy Hilton (this one got the most votes overall) and Smallest was Gumnut. Cooking winners: Judge's Choice went to Veronica Abbott's Mint and Apple Jelly. People's Choice: Christine Marment's Brandy Marmalade and Catherine McEwan's Travellers' Cookies (from a *very* small field, Catherine won't mind me saying. C'mon



Ross Rixon tells drovin' tales at the Fireside Fair

bakers, start planning for your entries for the Spring Fair in October!). Quaama Mystery Photo Comp: the clear winner with 10 out of 10 correct answers was Matilda Sutherland – a detective in the making.

Bhagya was busy all day in the kitchen ladling out tasty bowlfuls to raise funds for the Quaama Progress Association, and made about \$300 – what an effort! Thanks Bhagya and thanks to all the committee members who lugged in steaming pots of soups and stews that morning. Pam Thistlewaite also collected over \$100, as well as lots of great ideas, for the Hall Garden after her verandah talk. And over \$200 in tickets was sold in the Monster Hall-Heating Raffle, to be drawn at the Spring Fair in October. Tickets are still available. The major prize is a telly/DVD combo. Thanks to Southern Phone, who contributed \$500 towards the heating, and many local businesses for some great prizes.

Thanks to all involved. QPA secretary Di Manning said it best: "Hearty congrats all round, and many many thanks. Quaama's community life grows richer by the day as a result of all your efforts."

And thanks to everyone who supported the QPA through the firewood raffle, especially Quaama Store, Nardy House, Cobargo Co-op, Cobargo Hotel, and Veronica and Warren Abbott who kindly sold tickets in their businesses. Thanks to Don Love for taking time out of his busy farm schedule to collect and cut the wood, and Brett O'Sullivan for

lending his trailer and loading it. Last but not least, congratulations to Caroline Long, who is our lucky winner! The raffle raised in excess of \$300 to support projects for Quaama.

The QPA also hosted a meeting at the Hall the next day to bring together all those who are keen to see the tennis courts restored. More on that elsewhere on this page.

The QPA will hold its AGM at 7pm on Monday 13th August, in the Supper Room. The Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer positions are up for grabs. It's a great time to get involved, with lots happening in our little town – the quarterly fairs, the tennis court restoration, the hall garden project and a number of other areas to apply your excess energy and community spirit. Many hands make light work! Or just come along to hear about it all. There'll be a bring-a-plate supper afterwards.

Much sadness around town on the death of Phil Scheibel on 13th July. Condolences to Cathy and family. Our thoughts are with you.



Wildest Beanie: Veronica Abbott's Fireside Twirl

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When: Saturday 8th September 2012

Where: Gordon Street, Quaama – adjacent to Dry River Rest Stop

Time: from 10.00am – lunchtime

The Quaama Volunteer Bushfire Brigade invites you to the grand opening of the new Quaama Fire Station and Open Day. The new station is a valuable asset to the Quaama Community and we encourage everyone to help celebrate this opening.

To be opened by the NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner, Shane Fitzsimmons.

This is one of three fire stations being opened on the Far South Coast on the day; the others are at Bemboka and Wyndham.

Morning tea and Sausage Sizzle provided.

Brigade Members need to wear their uniforms and bring a plate to share (Morning Tea).

New Members are always welcome in every local volunteer brigade.

The Brigade Members are extremely appreciative of the assistance of funding grants from the Rural Fire Service, BVSC Community Development Support Expenditure 2010 and FaHCSIA Volunteers Grants 2010.

The fit out of the station has been entirely due to the activities of the Brigade Members with volunteer labour assisting the tradesman in the construction of the toilets & meeting rooms inside. It has been a very rewarding experience for all involved and we look forward to a growing community involvement with these great new facilities.

The Quaama brigade are also actively progressing the construction of a toilet and installation of solar panels for their second station located at Upper Brogo Road. All donations of time, resources and cash towards these projects are also greatly appreciated.

For more information contact the Brigade Captain, Phil Bragg 0429 938296

Tennis court progress

The Progress Association hosted a meeting on Sunday 22 July for all those keen to see the Quaama tennis courts restored. From those who attended the meeting, and those who called with apologies, it was clear that there is a will for this to happen, and that once operational, the courts would be well used.

Those present, and also those who had given apologies, indicated that they were prepared to be part of a Tennis Court Restoration Project Consultative Group. This group will work with representatives of both the Quaama Progress Association and the school P&C to decide what type of court surface will be used; to gather input from local tradespeople and people with tennis expertise, to get quotations and give advice in preparation for the writing of a funding application; to provide ongoing support and assistance once funding is achieved to oversee the restoration works and to get community activities and working bees happening; and to form themselves into a Tennis Club to take over the management of the courts.

If you're interested in being part of the project but missed the first meeting, you're more than welcome to join in. The next meeting is planned for Sunday 5 August at 2pm at the Hall (please check the shop noticeboard to confirm). It's hoped that the group will be able to make a final decision about the type of court surface, prepare input for a BVSC funding application, and plan activities and community fund-raising events to further advance the project.

Di Manning

Gospel Concert at Quaama Hall

There will be a gospel singing performance at the Quaama Hall at 4pm on Sunday 26 August with 6-piece band "The Righty Mevelators" - Robyn Martin on vocals, Matthew Perry on upright bass, David Harris on sax/flute, Mark Bolsius on piano, John Hoorweg on guitar, Saul Nightingale on drums. \$10 at the door.

The performance follows a weekend gospel-singing workshop with Dan Scollay. More info on the workshop: p18

Gulaga and Biamanga Boards leave great legacy

Gulaga and Biamanga National Parks returned to Aboriginal ownership in 2006 and their inaugural boards of management have left a great legacy.

The Office of Environment and Heritage has 25 Joint Management Agreements in place across NSW and these help build partnerships with and opportunities for Aboriginal people.

In the case of Biamanga and Gulaga, these lands are leased to the NSW Government and their boards of management have a majority of Yuin Aboriginal Owners.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Manager for the Far South

Coast Central Area Preston Cope says Yuin board members have provided tremendous stewardship through this time of change.

"Gulaga and Biamanga were the first parks to be returned to Aboriginal ownership on the east coast of NSW and their boards have laid a solid foundation for the future," Mr Cope said.

"I would like to pay tribute to the inaugural chairs, John Mumbler and Mary Duroux, both of whom, sadly, are now deceased, and both of whom blazed a great trail for success.

"Chairs Paul Stewart and Iris White have also done a magnificent job and under their leadership the board completed a draft plan of

management, soon to go on public exhibition, and a five year lease review, the first ever completed in NSW.

"Earlier this month the Gulaga and Biamanga boards held a joint meeting and together with family, celebrated the achievements of their first five years of formal partnership managing these lands," Mr Cope said.

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Tilba girl snags headless murderer at BBQ



**Eagle eyed Vicky Borkowskis with her dog
Lucky back in 2004**

Rob Croxon, current unlocal local, now living in Darwin with partner Barb Hamil, reports from the far north that in late June, Barb's daughter Vicky Borkowskis, raised in Tilba, was having a picnic with her hubby and kids in late June at a national park BBQ spot south of Darwin called Berry Springs. Vicky was seeing to her sausages when she noticed "a scruffy looking bloke in camouflage gear" casually walk out of the scrub, pick up a pack of frozen snags thawing at a nearby unattended table and return to the bush.

Thinking this a little bit sus, she sought out a nearby Pork Ranger and told him what she's just seen. As a result the Ranger got onto the Police and presently no less than seven Police cruisers and a TRG team with

a chopper descended on their peaceful picnic spot. Although to Vicky this seemed a bit over the top for a pack of stolen snags she soon learnt that they were in the area looking for a man (allegedly) the perpetrator of a grisly decapitation murder in NSW the previous week of one 'Ned' Kelly.(now known better as 'Neck' Kelly. His head has yet to be sighted)

It wasn't long before the cops had snagged Rambo and he was cuffed and in the bag. He was packing two handguns and a heavy-calibre sporting rifle when collared. He's now being assisted by the NSW Police in the case on a string of charges. Worst case scenario could have been deadly so Vicky should feel lucky that she didn't give chase and meat him face to face. Rob claims that if Rambo had nipped Vicky's snags instead he probably wouldn't have been taken alive. Whether this refers to her frankness or her cooking I'm not sure but well done Vicky for keeping your head in any case. It probably saved your skin. Tilba salutes you. Another good scout out there in the world.

Of course Tilba is no stranger to grizzly murder as longer term residents may well remember our own Bates Street shock horror late last century, gone down in local folklore poetically as The Teddybear Murder. (What is it with Tilba and soft toy skulduggery, I wonder.) At one stage it was even rumoured that a movie based on the story (the murder.. not the stolen toys from Tilzey's Corner that is) was underway with Chopper Read earmarked for a part but nothing ever came of it. Probably ended up on the cutting room floor. Rumoured titles were 'Sweeney Ted, The Demon Barbear of Bate Street' or Goldilocks and The Two Bears -Uncut. But taking the mick out of a sad tragedy that the case was in bad taste I know so it's best not to spread it any further. And now that Simon Simpson has left town the incidence of fake rumours should drop noticeably. He spread some beautiful bull in his day.

While still on neck and head misfortune,

our "Northern Tilbatorian" murder desk correspondent Captain Croxon has been in dry dock for some time with a broken neck as a result of walking into a Crim Safe screen door. (Crim Safe maybe but obviously not pedestrian safe). He received a severe whiplash injury to the spine (yes, he's got one..ha ha..) I imagine he was looking for his glasses at the time. But after three difficult months in a neck brace he's ready to swap it for the main brace and start a new contract dragging Darwin harbour for unexploded bombs dropped in Japanese air raids during 1942-3. Rob is already pretty deaf from his days as an artillery soldier so he's well suited for the job if they do drop a bombshell, so to speak. Anyway, it was nice knowing you Rob. Mind how you go.

On a much less gruesome tack, a new local jazz trio had their first gig during July on the sundeck at South Coast Cheese. Two Old Crotchets & a Quaver are Bev Long on vocals & banjo, Stew Long with his handsome homemade Tea Chest Bass and Naroomamate Erol Richardson on the keyboards. In front of a decent crowd, being decent enough in their applause that is, the music was a treat. Besides Bev's bravura singing and playing, notable was Stew's new improved bass. Is it the purple string Stew or the old plywood box? In any case the band sound great despite their lack of rehearsal time according to Bev. Is it any wonder when she runs the Tilba Tappers girls and also performs in her other band Second Time Around, not to mention keeping Stew & Tack occupied round the house. Phew. Stew is coming out of his shell with the addition of occasional harmonies...I think that's what they were...to Bev's vocals. But he's right to refuse a microphone and just hum back on that beautifully polished wooden neck of his keeping the beat. String A Long With Stew might be a good name for his act if he ever branches out on his own, something Bev and Erol are suggesting already.

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You might note for the dairy that there's music laid on by South Coast Cheese every Saturday, 11 to 2 pm where Two Old Crochets & a Quaver will be the house band for the next 3 to 4 weeks while Bob Porter is away, and that jazz quintet Second Time Around perform every last Sunday of the month. With the closing of The Teapot and Rose & Sparrow cafes, and now the Bakery shut for their winter break, Nic & Erica are holding the fort for the daytime crowds along with the pub. The Drom's kitchen has been refitted and is now open again for business. Have a look in to check out their new menus. And look out for live blues music there the last weekend of this month.

Congratulations to Julie Dibden on her just recently becoming a Doctor. She earned her Ph.D from the A.N.U. which means she's now a Doctor of Philosophy. Dr Dibden has a nice ring to it but I wouldn't phone her for a house call in the middle of the night. I'm sure she'd tell you what's good for you but she only works with dead people, being an archaeologist. Another Dibden done good recently was Golda, winning a duck race for charity in Bermagui. Waddle she do with it I wonder. A wedding present for her sister perhaps.

Mardi and Jeff on Sunnyside Rd tell me they had strange UFO sightings on dusk one evening last month from their front room. More like seeing things as it turned out, with reflected reversing lamps from late finishing road plant at Victoria Ck appearing on their window glass. Looked for all the world like UFOs out in

the yard trying to abduct the goats or chooks. It had them snookered there for a while til they went outside with the broom for a better look. Good job they didn't tell anyone Silly billys.

Finally, this month's currrection is regards my mention last month of new Brynn owners Peter & Sharon Perkins and their two 'fluffy white devils'. Apologies to the dogs for the insult of calling them Huskies, when in fact they're Samoyeds. I couldn't recall the name of Jill's bro in the rush of last month's deadline but I'm informed it's Raphie, named for Raphael the bark angel as well as Ralph Fiennes the actor, who are one and the same thing to Sharon it seems. And again putting my foot in it Jill did in fact once have a brother named Jack but he sadly passed away and Raphie is her new brother. Sharon also tells me that Samoyeds are 'bred pure' thanks to their native isolation in the frozen North of the planet and as so they're one of only four breeds directly related to the Wolf. (One of the others must have been a late relative of



Two Old Crochets & a Quaver jazzing it up at South Coast Cheese. Left to right: Erol Richardson, Bev & Stew Long.

mine who couldn't keep his paws off women.)

See you in the Spring.

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Alive with the buzz of a happening community; Busy, busy, busy! That's the little village of Cobargo, where people pop over from around the broader Triangle community, to enjoy great coffee, warm greetings and good company, not to mention affordable books, an abundance of hardware and farm supplies, local meat, fabulous eateries and gift shops, great galleries and beautiful vistas.

Cobargo's new hairdressing salon, "Mainstream Hair" has been undergoing a transformation over past weeks and has recently opened under the steady hand of Julie Bracher. Welcome to Cobargo's main street Julie. And welcome also to Belinda and Nathan who have re-vamped the old Valley Edge and opened the new, bright and airy "Chalk & Cheese" restaurant / café. It's been a great many years since I've seen all the tables in that café full. Well done guys! A big hearty smile goes such a long way.

Saturday evening on July 21st saw yet another example of Cobargo's big heart. The pub was filled to capacity with locals in support of a fundraiser for the Wall family, who recently lost their 22 year old son Wayne (Curly). I was humbled by the dignity of a grieving mother, cradled in the loving arms of a great community. Our deepest sympathy and love are extended to Sue and Mick for their grieving journey.

The local Spindler family, selling up after a lifetime in Cobargo to move to Bega, held an auction, also on July 21st, to clear a lifetime's worth of tools and treasures. An active part of the community, Leila and Eddie will be missed in the village and we all wish them well in their transition, which will take them closer to family. We hope that they'll be featured in our Elders of the Triangle column next month.

One of our readers sent in the following observation; "You have to love the art of communication that goes on in our big companies. On the first day back at school, after a two week holiday, the local energy company decided that now was the time to update the

lines outside the Cobargo Primary School. Yup, the school has been closed for the last two weeks, but no, day one back and the place is massed with trucks, machines and mayhem." Why aren't we surprised?

The CWA Cobargo branch had a stall at the Quaama Fireside Fair, also on July 21st, with the aim of helping the PNG mums with more Mother and Baby packs. It was a great day. They sold bags of sweet treats and accepted donations of goods and money to reach their aim.

Although lots of newborn baby clothes were donated, more would be great. In need are new or pre-loved baby clothes such as singlets, suits, booties and socks as well as muslin wraps, bunny rugs, cloth nappies and towels. All second hand goods must be in good condition. If you feel you can help with the project, you can arrange collection by emailing cwa.cobargo@gmail.com. Your help will provide Mother and Baby packs for the Highlands Foundation, containing items that most mothers in Australia would simply take for granted. They are also very happy to accept cash donations!

On behalf of the Cobargo CWA, President, Mary Williams, would like to thank the generous folk who attended the Quaama Fair. "What a friendly crowd and a great variety of stalls. An impressive effort and the organisers are to be congratulated. We enjoyed meeting



All the way from Bermagui to see the fantastic display of fresh fruit and vegetables at Sweet Home Cobargo.

our friends and making new ones. We found out in conversations that joining CWA is on the bucket list for quite a few women! We're looking forward to seeing you soon. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10.30 am at the cottage on Bermagui Road and we welcome visitors and new members," says Mary.

Sweet Home Cobargo's first two Friday Night Curry Nights, in front of the warm glow of a roaring fireplace have not only been well received, but have been hugely successful. Considering they are cooking on gas camping stoves, this team of community minded people, working for free, six days a week in order to stabilise their dream of a community store in the village, have been cooking up a storm of slow food, cooked from scratch, with an evident essence of love being commented on by customers. The SHC team extend their thanks to the community for the huge amount of support, both practical and commercial, for the faith displayed by the 50+ financial members who have registered for discounted shopping and for the great feedback. They said, "We are so glad and relieved that the broader community actually 'get' what we're trying to do and are so strongly behind us. Thank you Triangle Community."

And finally, a huge thanks to Rebecca from the Black Wattle Gallery Co-operative, who has been running art classes for children in Cobargo, over the past couple of weeks. The kids in attendance have had a wonderful time and are exploring new and exciting ways of seeing the world through creativity. Fantastic! Creative thinkers are the key to solving the many obstacles through our lives' journeys and dissolving them with practical solutions. This is yet another example of the generosity of our locals, doing fabulous things, with no expectation of income, for our community. Thanks so much Rebecca. Classes are being held every Saturday morning at 10.00. To register, make yourself known at the Black Wattle Gallery.

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Drop into Black Wattle Gallery, Cobargo to organise your own display or work with someone else. Show us how Creative and interesting Cobargo can be.

New businesses open in Cobargo

'Life's Little Pleasures', open in Cobargo for the past year, has moved to bigger premises and grown. Now at the shop that used to house The Cobargo Bazaar, Sky Broekman and Sara Kelly have revamped the shop, opening up the space.

Sky and Sara are happy to be supporting the community by selling locally designed and handcrafted goods as well as ethically produced Australian made products. Their eclectic range includes jewellery, clothing, incense, artworks, crystals and cards to name but a few of the many delights you will encounter in this shop.

I spoke with customer, Robyn Levey as she was having her purchase gift wrapped.

"I always check out 'Life's Little Pleasures' when I come to Cobargo", she said, "there's always something new. And I like to buy locally."

A unique feature of this shopping experience is the warm and inviting atmosphere. A cosy fire and lounge chairs are available, particularly as an addition to the Wellness Centre where Sara will tend to your woes. Life's Little Pleasures hope to expand their range of alternative therapies available and would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in

using the space. Please phone 6493 6166 or drop in at the shop to discuss your ideas.

'Sweet Home Cobargo' has finally opened after quite a few months of hard work, bringing to Cobargo fresh, seasonal and ethically produced foods. Didi, Cathy, Elizabeth, Ruta, Nick and Jenny are creating a place to provide local growers with a retail outlet. They also hope to stimulate community involvement in the cooking and eating of healthy foods by giving us more information, and therefore choices, about what we buy.

Ruta told me that 'Sweet Home Cobargo' prefers to sell local produce, but because some items are not so easily available they must source from farther afield. The hope is that growers may see a fruit or vegetable that is a popular seller and then start growing it locally.

In keeping with their philosophy of minimising waste and packaging, customers are encouraged to bring their own containers to fill when buying, though jars and bags are available for the forgetful.

But it is not just fresh food that is for sale. 'Sweet Home Cobargo' stock condiments, spices and herbs. Also they are selling healthy vegetarian and non-vegetarian take-away food

on Fridays from 5pm. I bought three curries and after eating them wished I'd bought a fourth. Actually, I wish they'd just deliver my dinner to me every Friday night; they do have a suggestion box. And they have plans for the future which may include workshops on how to use the basic ingredients available at 'Sweet Home Cobargo'.

'Mainstream Hair' is another newly opened business for Cobargo run by Julie Bracher. Julie completed her apprenticeship in Perth and then worked styling hair for models photographed



Julie starts work on Ruby Newell's hair at newly opened Mainstream Hair in Cobargo.

for the fashion section of the Sunday newspaper. She then moved to Adelaide and worked full time as a cutting stylist for a morning television show.

Julie then moved to Cooma where she raised a family and opened a successful hairdressing salon, concentrating on cutting, colouring and make-up.

Preferring a quieter and warmer lifestyle, Julie and Larry moved to the Triangle area.

Julie has an individual approach to her customers and a passion for creating the easy care hairstyle we all appreciate. Julie's specialty is advising customers how to look after their hair and skin at home and she takes great pride in providing this service.

After reading about Julie's experience and credentials I hope to see Triangle residents looking more stylish and beautiful.

Sarah Gardiner



Sky Broekman and customer Debra Summer at Life's Little Pleasures – very happy shopping.

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Do you have any photos of great train trips you have been on that you'd like to share with the world? Do you have a mannequin (preferably male) that we can dress in the great train drivers uniform that has been given to Angie? Do you have a couple of no longer needed guitar stands or music stands? Do you have any unneeded train memorabilia? If you would like to donate any of these things to our train project please drop them into either the Train Café or Black Wattle gallery next time you are in Cobargo. All of these things will contribute to Cobargo's inner train happenings for all ages.

Events planned at Ello's Train Café

include:

For the Tiny Tots: Every Friday morning Family Day Care Train Play Group

For the Young Creators under 16: Art Classes every Saturday morning with the wonderful Rebecca Blunden and visiting artists from 10am to 11am

For our Young Musos to showcase their skills: 'Off the Rails' Music Nights commencing Friday 31st of August from 7pm to 9pm

If this first event is well supported we hope to be able to make it a weekly Friday night event.

For all ages Train Lovers: The Railway Reading Room will be opening the first week of August. Get the best seat in town and treat yourself to loads of train stories.

Next time you are in Cobargo go and catch the train and see where it will take you.

Suzy McKinnon

Well Thumbed Books Turns Two

On Saturday the 18th August from 1pm – 3pm, Well Thumbed is having a community party to celebrate two years since we opened our door, and to thank all those who have been so supportive of our venture. So put this in your diary and join us for a drink and nibbles.

We're very lucky that one of Melbourne's leading poets, Kristen Henry, is visiting for the weekend. She has agreed to read some of her work at 2pm. Kristen has published several books, one of which was launched in Melbourne recently; she'll be available for book signing and sales after her reading. Hearing Kristen perform will forever change your views on poetry! Also reading is local poet Rachel Colombo. Rachel will read some from her about to be published book "Wandella Sunset" and some from her book "Gulaga Twilight".

You are also reminded that "Off the Page" is on again – come in and collect a book to inspire you to produce a work of art which will be displayed during October, with the promise of being in the running for a People's Choice – no entry fee – just be part of an annual

community art project that was such a success last year. And to prove we do take notice of feed-back from last year, we have included a special section for all our young budding artists and would love to build on the small number of younger people who entered in 2011.

Finally – we'd love to see more people come in and take books from our garage store, for the "Recycle-Re-use" exhibition, returning them in the form of any sort of sculpture, or furniture, demonstrating again, the endless talents of the vibrant Triangle arts community. Call in any day between 10 -4pm or Saturday morning between 9 – 1pm.

The only conditions for entry are as follows: No late entries after September 10.

For "Off the Page" 2D works should be presented ready to hang with a maximum measurement of 40cm wide and any work in 3D must be a maximum of 40cm wide or deep.

For "Recycle/Re-use", whatever, as long as it doesn't need a forklift to lift it!

Louise Brown

Positive parenting program coming to Cobargo

Kids don't come with an instruction manual. It's important to remember that parents grow into their roles, and can't expect to have the right answers all the time!

Whether you're a mum, dad, single parent family, step parenting or a carer – the Triple P positive parenting program can help you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child's development and behaviour.

The Triple P positive parenting program is for parents and carers with children aged 3–8 years. The program gives you the tools to:

- encourage behaviour you like from your child
- deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- take the stress out of parenting.

Triple P can also help to develop family relationships assisting children to reach their full potential.

Developed by the University of Queensland Parent and Family Support Centre, Triple P parent groups have helped families in Australia and throughout the world for more than 30 years. Seminars and groups are free and available to all parents and carers in NSW.

Every child is different, but sometimes small changes and new ways of doing things can make a big difference to the everyday routine.

Come along and learn some practical everyday parenting solutions to help you and your family. Sessions are on Saturday 11 August 2012 from 10.00am to 12.00 at the Cobargo CWA Cottage, Bermagui Rd.

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HORSE HYPE

Longtime Triangle readers may remember this column from years gone by. It's great to have horse news again. There must be loads of interesting stories to be told, so send them in and share them with us.

Trail Riders Report

Cobargo Horse and Trail Riders Club has had a busy few months with the 16th Annual Horse and Gear sale in May, rides at Verona, Yowrie, Illawambra and Nethercote, and hosting the AGM of the southern NSW 'Access for All' group. The Horse and Gear Sale was a great success and although only 5 horses turned up on the day, all 5 found new homes resulting in happy sellers and buyers. The gear sale was busy as usual with many bargains to be had. The monster raffle was well supported by local businesses and club faithfuls; we are very appreciative of this generosity each year. Both the Pre-school and Pony Club had busy mornings in the kitchen and we thank them for taking on these tasks which really add to the sale day.

Our club rides have been attended by a core group of around 8-10 riders and many rides have included a BBQ lunch facilitated by back up crew...complete with cakes and other treats. We have been venturing out into the local forests and fire trails and really appreciating the beautiful environment of this great area. Another club event was catering for the recent Access for All meeting which was held at the Cobargo Showgrounds on Saturday 30th June. The catering was a donation from the club with lots of members providing nutritious cooking and volunteering time to serve on the day. The meeting mainly dealt with the proposed National Parks trial (to go for 3 years) and the opening up of some previously closed 'bridle trails' which had sections affected by gazetted Wilderness Areas. Access for All are a group of like minded bush users who lobby for our rights to use established trails responsibly. They have had many positives in their endeavours regarding mapping and collecting information on trails. Their efforts are a benefit to the wider community and they deserve our thanks and support.

Julie Moore



If you have thought about truffles, this is for you...

It's becoming more difficult to operate financially viable farms in this region. As a result, many of us are looking for different ways to generate an income from our farms. Some of us have thought about truffles as they provide the opportunity for a reasonable return from relatively small farms. Truffles have the potential to be grown in areas of the Bega Valley. They prefer free draining, poor quality, alkaline soil (usually established through the addition of lime) and hot summer temperatures and cold winter temperatures.

There are many articles talking about prices of \$3,000 a kilo, but prices of \$1,500 a kilo are closer to current returns. Many articles talk of yields of 60kg/ha, but again, that seems an overestimation based on Australian experience.

If you are interested in finding out more, but are not sure where to start – or if you just haven't got around to it, there is a workshop in Cobargo on Saturday 22 September 2012.

The workshop will be conducted by Colin Carter, Nathan Carter and Peter Brown. Colin Carter was awarded an International Specialised Skills Institute Fellowship sponsored by the Victorian Government to travel to Spain, Italy and France to study ways to improve methods of truffle culture, propagation and the potential for developing a quality system for inoculation nurseries. Nathan Carter is an agronomist

specialising in truffles. He has undertaken extensive research on quality assurance within the truffle industry. Peter Brown is a soil scientist who provides specialist soil analysis and recommendations for growing truffles.

The workshop will cover:

- An introduction to the basics of mycorrhizas and truffle history.
- Truffle varieties, their harvest and growth properties
- Developing a truffiere (truffle orchard), soil and climate requirements, preparation
- Truffle mycorrhiza and the effects of antagonistic fungi
- Soil testing - the importance of it, interpreting the soil test report and understanding the recommendations
- Harvesting and local and international marketing of truffles

When: 9 – 1pm Saturday 22 September

Where: Cobargo

Cost: \$50 (all money raised after costs will be donated to Beyond Blue)

Registration: Fiona Kotvojs and Alan Burdon ph 6493 6080.

email: fiona.kotvojs@bigpond.com

Further Information: Contact Fiona or Alan, or visit heavenlyheat@bigpond.com

Prior registration is essential as spaces are limited.

The Hotel Bill

An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel. When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250. She demanded to know why the charge was so high. "I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast." The clerk told her that \$250 is the standard rate, and breakfast had been included had she wanted it. She insisted on speaking to the manager. The manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use." "But I didn't use them," she said. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the manager. He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the manager said. "But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the manager replied. No matter what amenity the manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the manager countered with his standard response. After several minutes discussion, and with

the manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him. The manager was surprised when he looked at the cheque. "But madam, this cheque is for \$50." "That's correct I charged you \$200 for sleeping with me," she replied. "But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised manager. "Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

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Forest Schools Program awakens a sense of wonder

'A sense of wonder, belonging to and love of the land, nature and animals are critical for young children to develop lifelong, respectful, positive and provocative attitudes to our environment, and ensure a sustainable future. We believe in the rights of the children to be able to feel the land beneath their feet, the sun on their face, experience the natural rhythms of the seasons and breathe fresh air.'

I love the above quote as it is reflective of our philosophy at Bermagui Pre School and the values of our Forest Schools program.

Originally from Sweden, Forest Schools were developed to 'promote learning about nature, water, mountains and pollution.'

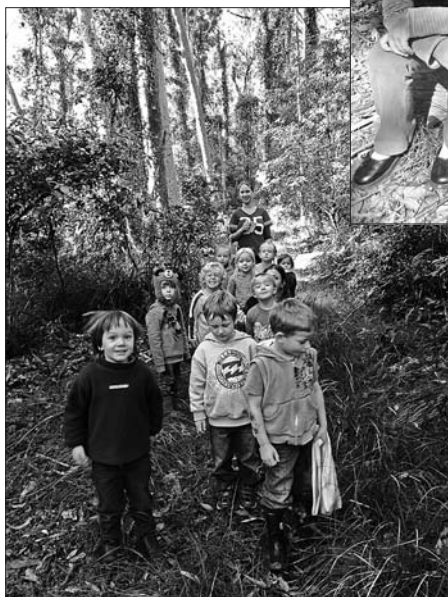
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forest_schools). Though attending Forest Schools in Early Childhood and then joining the school system, the children were known to have strong social skills, the ability to work in groups effectively, high self-esteem and confidence in their own abilities.



Jett-Lily Mason, Elly White, Neave Ballard & Claire Callaghan



Jett-Lily Mason, Elly White, Zoe White, Neave Ballard & Claire Callaghan



(from back): Sienna Collingham, Lucy Whalan, Seanna Markwort, Yumi Mason, Jye Forbes, Ri-let Atkins, Elliot, Harry White, Jackie Lambert & James Robson with Early Childhood Teacher Miriam Schuessler

The Forest Schools program idea at Bermagui Pre-school stemmed from an informal conversation between staff, where we discovered that we all loved the idea of forest schools and wished that we could incorporate it into our program. We talked about the benefits to the children and how our fondest childhood memories were from time spent outdoors. After further conversations, research, phone calls and regulation checks we developed Our Forest Schools Program and we couldn't wait to get started!

Every Wednesday throughout term 2 we visited the Bermagui State Forest Picnic Area, a beautiful swathe of spotted gum

forest perfect for implementing Our Forest Schools Program. Each session started off with a beautiful poem celebrating nature and an acknowledgement of country and the traditional owners of the land. Gathering in a circle, we called this our meeting ground.

After that the staff and parent volunteers took their groups of children on a bush walk to discover many interesting things. "Look how tall that tree is, it goes right up to the sky" a child commented in awe. "I wonder how those marks got onto that tree?" another child asked with curiosity. Nature's playground provides so many learning opportunities, joyous experiences and builds relationships between people, and people and the land.

When back at the meeting ground the children had the opportunity to engage in various activities. Each week we focused on a different learning opportunity. The first week we talked about bush safety and showed the children how to put a snake bandage on. The next week we set up bush art; making ochre and face painting, bark painting, weaving bush materials and bush collage. This was a great opportunity to talk to the children about Aboriginal culture and their connection to the land. Campfire cooking, traditional and indigenous storytelling and music were also included in the program.

This project has also given us the opportunity to work collaboratively with our families, our indigenous community and other community organizations and businesses, including the Rural Fire Brigade, National Parks and the Bermagui Country Club.

Forest Schools program has been a major success for everyone involved. The children look forward to it every week, the staff love connecting with nature and teaching the children all that they know and the parents have said how much they support and appreciate the program.

By bringing up children with a love of the land and an appreciation for nature, we hope that this program can run annually and the knowledge and skills learnt are passed on.

Miriam Schuessler



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Please do not light fires on beaches or in the dunes. They are illegal at all NSW beaches.

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Airborne embers and flames may also start larger fires in adjoining bushland reserves, placing nearby houses and other buildings at risk.

Habitat and compost is lost when fuel is gathered from beaches and dunes.

In this photo, wood was burned that had been used by Dune Care to show the access track to the beach, and the fire was left smouldering. Largely covered by sand, it was very dangerous for other beach users.

Karen Joy nes

Public Dinner

Hosted by the Bermagui Institute

Where: Bermagui Hotel

**When: Wednesday, 22 August 2012
at 6 pm for 7 pm**

Guest Speaker: Rodney Cavalier AO
(ALP member since 1968, former NSW Minister for Education, author of 'Power Crisis: the self-destruction of a state Labor Government' and Editor of the Southern Highlands Branch Newsletter which, in the words of Senator John Faulkner is 'the only genuine Labor Party periodical in Australia'.)

Topic: "Is The Labor Project Over?"

Bookings: Pre-paid and direct with Bermagui Hotel (6493 4206) - \$20 per person. (Please specify vegetarian or non-vegetarian food when booking.)

Limit: 50

Bermagui Public School News

Class names

Each year every class is named after an Australian animal, also in local Koori language. Class signs are made and changed yearly. All signs are displayed on the classroom walls. This helps us to record, use and preserve Koori language.

An example of this is the name we have given Kinder/Year 1 whose animal is the wombat - Banggaada

Year 5 & 6 to Bermi library

By Drew Buckley and Matthew Parsons and Samantha Hearn

On Monday, 25 June, Years 5 and 6 travelled to Bermagui Library to listen to stories about Loretta Parsley's Art. She told us that she uses symbols in her artwork to express

emotion. She told stories about the 'Dullaga' and how every winter the Dullaga goes hunting for naughty children. She also told dreaming stories that had been passed down by her family. Loretta provided insight into her art work, Indigenous culture and stories about her works.

Work experience

At the end of Term 2, Bermagui School was excited to have four work experience students from Narooma High School.

Thank you to Luke Kingston, Carla Constable, Faith Lazzaro and John Halloran for assisting the teachers in their classrooms. This is a program to help students decide about their future studies and careers.

It was great to see these ex-students return to Bermagui School.



Loretta Parsley with Years 5 & 6 at Bermagui Library



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Frayed Edges

Frayed Edges is a small group of women who gather fortnightly at Quaama to indulge in their passion for textile and fibre art. They pay a nominal amount each time they meet and with these funds they buy supplies to experiment with new techniques they have read or heard about. It's a great way to try out new things. The expense is shared and by the end of the day they have created something unique and have generally devised an easier or cheaper way of doing it. Most days end with driving home, thinking of all the ways this new skill can be incorporated into the many other arts and crafts they have on the go.

The Frayed Edges are having an exhibition of some of their creations in the Side Room of the Lazy Lizard Gallery in Cobargo. The exhibition opens on August 6 and will go until September 3. There will be a diverse range of items created with a variety of mediums such as felt, silk paper, handmade fabrics made from scraps, recycled paper that has been stamped, embossed and painted, and other embellished pieces.

The Lazy Lizard Gallery is open Thursday through to Monday, Princes Highway, Cobargo.

Weekend gospel workshop and performance

Learn to sing gospel songs and perform them with a funky 6-piece band. Dan Scollay will be leading the weekend workshop on 25-26 August at the Quaama Hall. The workshop will run from 10am to 3.30pm each day, and the performance will be at 4pm on the Sunday. Workshop fee is \$60, with an optional hot vegetarian lunch from Sweet Home Cobargo for an extra \$20 (covers both days). To register call 6493 5027 or email danidoo@flyingmonkey.com.au.

An installation in Cobargo?



Rebecca Blunden with her desert series

In spring all sorts of things start to take shape including creative installations. If you are not sure what an installation is the Black Wattle Gallery in Cobargo is ready to introduce you to what is often called one of life's great mysteries.

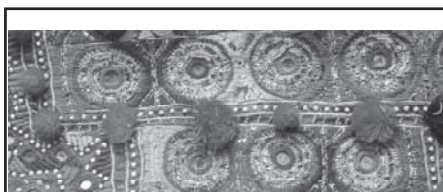
At 7pm on Saturday 1st of September you are invited to the gallery for drinks with the artist Rebecca Blunden and to experience what we believe to be Cobargo's first gallery

installation. Delight your senses, experience space in new ways, walk away confused, delighted, amused, appalled. All these things are possible when people experience an 'art installation' Please come and join us and see what Rebecca's "Cosmic Nesting" will do to you.

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The Triangle's Eco Edge Contribution

Local company AKT is sponsoring a page in The Triangle, initially for six months, offering the residents of this district the opportunity of describing how they see, sense and savour our wonderful natural environment. The piece below is by Jen Severn

It's hard to spot, but there's a path into the bush in the far corner of the Quaama Cemetery. As you pass the main cluster of graves - the smart new granite of the Colemans, the Conways with their river rocks and shells, the green trellis over Pato Taylor - you may spot it. Enter the scrubby remnant forest here and continue down along the path, deeper under the trees. It's cooler in here. The light is dappled, filtering through the canopy. You can hear bellbirds' chimes, the occasional whipbird, the zim-zippery wagtails' calls.

Watch out for exposed roots and rocks and the occasional vine across the narrow path. After a few twists and turns you'll reach a dip. There's another path, really just a flattening of the grass, off to the left. Tread carefully; it's slippery down here, the ground is damp. But soon you'll see the creek.

For a while, during the drought, it stopped flowing and formed a series of shallow, dank pools, thick with weed and oily on top. Tiny insects would dart from puddle to puddle. You could tread through large expanses of river sand and even the deepest footfalls would draw no water.

Then the drought broke, and you'd squelch down to the creek in gumboots to gaze across an expanse of rushing brown water, roiling with leaves and sticks.

Now, behind Quaama, it's flowing around and over large granite boulders, just slowly at the moment; we've had rain, but little.

Step over the rivulets at the edge and sit on a rock in the winter sun. Listen to the water trickle around you.

Dry River emerges from steep headwaters in the escarpment at Murrabrine Mountain, six kilometres north-east of Quaama. On some maps it resembles a dashed tear-along-the-dotted-line from mountains to coast as it ducks beneath the sandy bed and reappears. At Quaama it's joined by Cadgengarry Creek (Catch-and-carry Creek, they say). And five kilometres downstream it merges with Pipeclay Creek, which drains from the gentle foothills north of the village. The river meanders through Biamanga National Park and Mumbulla State Forest, then flows into the lowland plains and fills Murrah Lagoon, about ten kilometres south of Bermagui. At that end they call it Murrah River.

But here, today, you can cross the water with a few hops across well-placed rocks. Be nimble and you won't even get your feet wet. Or just sit on a warm smooth rock and listen to the river.

On this page we encourage residents of the Triangle region to contribute stories of up to 500 words. We will print those essays that express the most vivid environmental images you are able to describe. They may be simply a picture in words, or aspirations for our land, or maybe reflecting on your frustrations with the way we humans handle ecological matters.

Submissions from school students will be in the running for two prizes of \$200 (one primary age, one high school age) for the most poignant essays. A sub-committee of The Triangle will judge the winning essays, which will be published in the December issue. The criteria for the winning essays will not necessarily be their literary merit but the ability of the essay to best sing to us songs of the bush, creeks or beaches.

Luis Dorado, CEO, AKT

Please send your stories of up to 500 words to the_triangle2@bigpond.com or post to The Triangle, PO Box 2008, Central Tilba, NSW 2546 by 23 October 2012.

If you're a student, please include your name, age and school.

The judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into etc.



AKT, a company of some 32 years' standing, currently is engaging regional skills, talents and attitudes to build machines for a very competitive export market in recycling.

These Triangle artisans are having their skills harnessed into researching and trialling ways of capturing under-utilised proteins, vitamins and oils that daily are expelled from our food industries. These are being reconfigured and redirected away from waste dumps and back into our national resource bank.

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Australian plants for everyone

Many of you will have noticed as you
peruse through your local nursery a diverse
range of Australian native plants that have been
grafted or hybridised. These plants have been
either purposely developed by growers or have
been naturally hybridised in the bush and have
been then developed
by growers as a new
variety of the genus
they belong to.

One of these
new trends is to graft
Australian native plants
to give them the ability
to grow outside their
natural geographic
location. Two fabulous
examples of this
production method
are with Grevillea
and Eucalyptus (or
Corymbia).

Many beautiful
Grevillea and Corymbia
occur only in Western
Australia where the
weather and soil types
are totally different to
the east coast of Australia. To enable these
plants to grow on the east coast, grafting onto
an east coast species enables the plant to grow
and survive with our heavier rainfall and
humidity and heavier clay type soils. In the
case of Corymbia, nursery growers, depending
on their location, will use a particular species
more suited to their general area than a species
that might not necessarily work somewhere
else. An example of this would be here on
the South Coast of NSW where Eucalyptus
maculata (Spotted Gum) might be used as the
understock for grafting the new varieties of
dwarf Corymbia. This particular species is well
suited to more coastal regions whereas a grower

in another area will use another species more
suited to that location.

Similarly is the case with Grevillea,
although they are a bit more accepting of a
single rootstock, that being Grevillea robusta
(Silky Oak).



Grafted grevillea candelabroides

As well as grafting,
much work is being done
in hybridising native
plants to again come up
with new varieties that
have the attributes of
two particular species of
plants. In developing these
new varieties growers are
again giving gardeners
the opportunity to grow
plants that suit a particular
garden theme that might
not have been available
previously. Examples like
using the grey foliage of
one plant with the pink
flowers of another, allow
another dimension to be
incorporated into a garden.

Also many of the strengths
of one plant, like the ability
to handle a greater range of soil conditions make
the newer variety more available to a wider
range of gardeners than was previously there.

It is very important that you as a buyer
indicate to your nursery person when you
make your purchase as to where you actually
garden. This is because even though the plants
have been grafted or hybridised and have
many strengthening attributes they can still be
susceptible to frost, salt winds and so on.

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Soft Footprint Recipes

Carole Broadhead.

Stuff the mushrooms!

Hello everyone, what a cold winter....here are a couple of winter warmers for you, good comfort food for the cold nights.

French Onion Soup

50 grams of butter
750 grams of onions
2 teaspoons of plain flour
1 litre of beef stock
2 teaspoons of sugar
salt and pepper

Melt the butter in the pan, add the onions and sugar. Lower the heat and cook *slowly* for 30 minutes until the onions are a nice golden brown.

Add the flour and cook a further five

minutes stirring all the time. Add the stock and salt and pepper bring to the boil and simmer for fifteen to twenty minutes.

Place the bread slices under the grill and toast one side. Remove and cover the uncooked side with grated cheese and place back under the grill till melted.

To serve: adjust the seasonings to your taste pour the soup into a bowl and top with the slices of cheese toast. Accompany this delicious meal with thick slices of French bread and grated cheese.

Stuffed mushrooms

For a main meal use the large field mushrooms and for canapés the button mushrooms.

For the large mushrooms it is best to peel them, the button mushrooms can be wiped with



a damp paper towel. Remove the stems.

Use these ingredients along with your mushrooms:

ricotta or fetta cheese
semi dried tomatoes
finely sliced olives
thyme/oregano to taste

Crumble the cheese into a bowl with a fork and add the other ingredients pack into the upturned mushrooms. The large mushrooms will be best on a baking dish, the button mushrooms fit neatly into the holes of a mini muffin pan, cook for about twenty minutes, the large mushrooms may take a few minutes more..... enjoy.

Book Review

Heather O'Connor

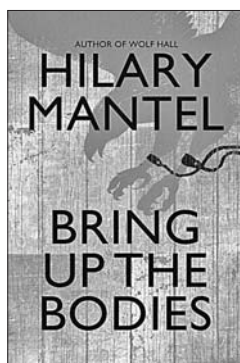
**Hilary Mantel,
Bring Up the Bodies,
Fourth Estate, \$32.99**

This book is the long-awaited follow-up to *Wolf Hall*, which, if you haven't read, is a must-do. *Bring up the Bodies* doesn't disappoint – in fact, I actually enjoyed it more. The writing is absolutely beautiful, and no matter how many books you've read about Henry the Eighth and his many wives, there's always something new. Mantel is just the one to do it. Her knowledge of the period and her ability to draw you into the day-to-day machinations of the court is truly astounding.

Like *Wolf Hall*, the dramatic events are told through the voice of Thomas Cromwell, Henry's Chief Minister, who is responsible for ridding Henry of Anne Boleyn in order that the King can marry Jane Seymour. The story is so well known that you might doubt

anything more can be added, given that one of the mysteries of life is how many books need to be written about Anne Boleyn? Mantel has already the Man Booker prize for *Wolf Hall* – don't be surprised if she wins another for its follow-up.

If you are enjoying the "Wallender" series on the ABC on Sunday night, try one of the books on which it is based – written by Henning Makell. He's also written a non-Wallender novel called "*Italian Shoes*" which is going to be made into a film – well worth reading for those not into crime writing.



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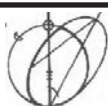
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Pet of the Month

AWL Animals For Adoption as of 22 July, 2012

Zula the Female Mastiff X and Toothless the black kitten have found permanent homes.
Available are the following animals:

Dogs and Pups

FSC 1363	Mia	F Terrier X	2 years
FSC 1364	Rexie	M Jack Russell X	3 years
FSC 1365	Scruffy	M Aus. Terrier X	13 mths
FSC 1373	Princess	F Chihuahua X	3 years
FSC 1374	Patch	M Blue Cattle dog X	11 months
FSC 1380	Millie	F Wirehaired Terr X	10 months
FSC 1381	Ben	M Staffy X	3 months
FSC 1386	Bundy	M Golden Ret X	5 years
FSC 1387	Bailey	M Golden Ret X	6 years

Cats and Kittens

FSC 1323	Simba	M DSH Ginger/White	15 months
FSC 1370	Abraham	M DLH Tabby	12 weeks
FSC 1371	Raphael	M DLH Tabby	12 weeks
FSC 1376	Maxi	M DSH Ginger/white	4 years
FSC 1383	Blair Bair	F DSH Black/White	10 months

Please phone 0400 372 609 for all enquiries about adopting one of these animals.

We are constantly looking for volunteers so if you have some spare time and would like to meet like minded people please call 0400 372 609. You would be most welcome.

And please check your pets daily for ticks!

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Kelvinator Cyclic 300L refrigerator with top mounted freezer; very good condition inside & out; works great; \$220 Phone Helen 6493 8473

Zazen Water Filter Only 9 months old with new multi-stage filter; excellent condition producing beautiful tasting water; very comprehensive for many contaminants including chlorine & fluoride. \$440 Phone Sue 6493 8473

WANTED

4 wheel drive, 4 cylinder diesel, tray back, very good condition. Phone 6493 8402.

Please note: we will discontinue ads after one month unless advised by advertiser



What's On *at your club*

Bermagui
COUNTRY CLUB

www.bermaguicountryclub.com.au

Tel 02 64934 340

MONDAY

Bingo- 11am *includes lunch!*

Indoor Bowls- from 6.30pm

TUESDAY

Ladies Darts- form 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Cash Countdown- from 5.30pm win \$300 in cash and restaurant vouchers

Raffles- tickets on sale from 6pm

Meat, fruit & Seafood Trays to be won

Pool Comp- 7.30pm

Trivia- 8pm \$2 entry. All welcome.

FRIDAY

Raffles- tickets on sale from 6pm

Come try your luck - Meat, Fruit & Veg and Cheese Trays on offer.

Pool Comp- 7.30pm

Live entertainment from 8pm

SATURDAY

Pool Comp- 7.30pm

Live Entertainment from 8pm

ALL WEEKEND- Watch Sport on our Big Screen!

What's On in August?
Friday 3rd- Raffles from 6pm, then Karaoke
Saturday 4th- Live Band- Mew Stone Rock
Friday 10th- Raffles from 6pm, then Ricky Lynch Duo
Saturday 11th- Live Band 3 on the Tree
Friday 17th- Raffles from 6pm, then Darryl Lamb
Saturday 18th- DJ Col Thomas
Sunday 19th- MONSTER RAFFLE.
Tickets on sale & entertainment from 1pm. Draw starts at 3pm. Over \$1,000 in prizes.
Friday 24th- Raffles from 6pm, then Candy
Saturday 25th- DJ Matt Brown
Friday 31st- Raffles from 6pm then True Blue
All entertainment starts at 8pm

Call our free Courtesy Bus for pick up 0427 233 639



ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch Meetings for 2012 to be held at Club Bega, the 3rd Tuesday of April, June, August, October and December. All welcome, phone 6493 4984

ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

Quaama - St Saviour's - 3rd Sunday, 7 pm Holy Communion. 1st Wednesday of the month, 10 am Morning Service. Cobargo - Christ Church - Fri, 10 am Holy Communion, Sundays, 8 am Holy Communion Bermagui - All Saints - Thurs. 10 am Holy Communion, Sun. 10 am Holy Communion. Enquiries: Ph. 6493 4416.

BERMAGUI BRATS

Radio Control Offroad Racing Club, 1st Sunday of each month, Rego @ 12.30pm with Racing @ 1.00pm. Further Details call Albert on 6493 3005

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: every Friday morning 9.30-12noon: 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

Most Wednesdays during school term, 10am to 12 midday at the Bermagui Community Centre in the main hall. 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 Heather Sobey on 6493 5308

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.

BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

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

BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND HERITAGE MUSEUM

Meeting First Wednesday of Month, 2.00pm at Museum in Community Centre, Bunga Street. Researchers & helpers always welcome. Tel Errol Masterson 6493 4108 or Denise McGlashan 6493 4538.

BERMAGUI U3A

(University of the Third Age) Lifelong Learning Opportunities For a full list of courses and timetable visit: www.bermagui.u3a.net.org.au

COBARGO COMMUNITY CHURCH

A charismatic family church, at the CWA Hall at 10am on Sunday mornings. Enquiries Pastors Wayne and Margi O'Connor, phone 0428 414 418

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tuesday - Friday for 3yo and over. Caring for your child's early education. Chris McKnight, 6493 6660

COBARGO PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Every Monday 10am-12pm (school terms) \$4 per family. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. All Welcome. Phone 6493 6660 for info.

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly. Hall bookings: Steve Ross smross@ozemail.com.au Other inquiries: Sheelagh Brunton 6493 6538

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

Children 6 - 15yrs wanting to learn new skills, enjoy outdoor activities, have fun. Meetings 6.30pm to 8pm in school term Cobargo Showground dining hall. Contact Graham Parr on 6493 6795

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSN

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at Cobargo Hotel, 6pm. Contact: Narelle Cooper on 6493 6655

COBARGO CWA

CWA Rooms Cobargo - 2nd Tues of the month 10.30am. enquire: cwa.cobargo@gmail.com Cottage Hire 6493 6428

COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

for meeting dates or catering enquiries phone 64938141, 64936948 or 64936435

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

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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm: Cobargo School of Arts Super Room.

Information phone: 6493 6538 cobargohall@gmail.com.

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 / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage, Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and welcomes anyone who does patchwork, quilting, or any other needlework. Lorraine James 6493 7175, Mary Cooke 6493 7320 or Cheryl Turney 6493 6524.

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 2nd and 4th 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. Inq: Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings Anglican Church Hall, 13 Tilba Street, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm. Whether beginner or pro, come & experience the joy of photography. Dave Cotton, 6493 3800.

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

A community focused 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

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.

TILBA MARKET

Home grown, Hand made Grow it, Make it, Sew it, Bake it every Saturday 8am to 12 Central Tilba Hall Stall booking essential phone Kay on 4473 7231

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

For the Fridge Door

AUGUST	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
Fri 3 rd	Raffles & Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sat 4 th	Live music: Mew Stone Rock	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sun 5 th	Quaama Progress Association meeting: tennis court	Quaama Hall	2pm
Fri 10 th	Raffles & the Ricky Lynch Duo	Bermagui Country Club	music from 8pm
Sat 11 th	Positive parenting seminar	Cobargo CWA cottage	10am - 12pm
	Live music: 3 on the Tree	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
	Karaoke & dress up as your favourite pop/movie star	Cobargo Hotel	evening
Mon 13 th	Quaama Progress Association AGM	Supper Room, Quaama Hall	7pm
Tues 14 th	Cobargo Tourist & Business Association's AGM	Cobargo Hotel meeting room	6pm
Fri 17 th	Raffles & Darryl Lamb	Bermagui Country Club	music from 8pm
Sat 18 th	Community garage sale	Cobargo main street	from 9am
	Community Party with poet Kristen Henry	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	1pm - 3pm
	DJ Col Thomas	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sun 19 th	Monster raffle	Bermagui Country Club	ticket sales from 1pm
	Live entertainment	Bermagui Country Club	from 3pm
Fri 24 th	Raffles & live music: Candy	Bermagui Country Club	music from 8pm
Sat 25 th	DJ Matt Brown	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
	Girls night out with 'Just Dance' & cocktails	Cobargo Hotel	evening
Fri 31 st	Raffles & live music: True Blue	Bermagui Country Club	music from 8pm
	'Off the Rails' music night	Ello's Train Café, Cobargo	7pm - 9pm
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mondays	UFOs	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10.30 - 12.30
	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage, Bermagui Rd, Cobargo	10 - 3.30pm
	BINGO with lunch	Bermagui Country Club	11am
First Tuesday of the month	Bermagui Garden Group	Venues vary, phone Heather 6493 5308	10 - 12 noon
Wednesdays	Scrabble	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10am
Wednesdays during school term	Bermagui Playgroup	Main Hall, Bunga St, Bermagui	10 - 12 noon
Last Wednesday of the month	Bermagui Historical Society Meeting	Bermagui Museum in Community Centre	2pm
Wednesdays	Free Poker	Cobargo Hotel	from 7pm
	Raffles and pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	from 7pm
	Cash countdown and raffles	Bermagui Country Club	from 5.15pm
Thursdays	Music group	Women's Resource Centre, Peden St, Bega	10.30am - 1pm
Every second Thursday	Senior's Pick the Numbers & \$5 lunch	Cobargo Hotel	from 11am
Fridays	Storytime for Preschoolers	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	11am
	Raffles and pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	from 7pm
	Family day care train play group	Ello's Train Café, Cobargo	mornings
	Healthy take-away food available	Sweet Home Cobargo	from 5pm
Saturdays	Punter's Pick, free pool and carpet bowls with prizes	Cobargo Hotel	from 2pm
	Pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	from 7pm
	Under 16s art classes	Ello's Train Café, Cobargo	10am - 11am
	Laneway Markets	Cobargo main street	from 10 am
ART			
September 1st	Drinks with artist Rebecca Blunden	Black Wattle Gallery, Cobargo	7pm
Fri 6 th Aug - Fri 3 rd Sept	Frayed Edges exhibition	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	Thurs - Mon