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Council Elections for the Bega Valley Shire - your vote counts on Saturday September 8th



Left to right: Sharon Tapscott, Kristy McBain, Ann Mawhinney, Mary Dawson and Judy Geary.

Sunday August 19 a group of 14 potential Bega Valley Shire councilors came to a meeting in Tarraganda to speak to the public and present their policy views. Sixteen are running in this election and 9 will be elected. In the group of 14 there were 6 women and 5 of these women are new to the potential role.

I am writing about the women in this

article as we have only had one woman representative on council in the last 4 year term and with 6 candidates this time it is evident that a more equal gender base will produce a council that is representative of the shire's population. The last 4 to 8 years evidently have not provided a council that has been consultative with the community on a number of developmental

issues across the shire. This was evident in the comments and questions that were asked of the councilors at the end of their policy talks.

The 5 new women candidates Mary Dawson, Ann Mawhinney, Christine McBain, Judy Geary, and Sharon Tapscott are from a range of backgrounds and as each woman spoke it was evident that they have the drive and enthusiasm to make a difference. Their backgrounds are impressive; solicitors, nursing, management, but what I heard was a strong desire to include the shire's residents in decision making – a strong desire for consultation from the people before major decisions can be made that will have long term impact on our area. There is a chance for a clean sweep by voting for all five of the women and four of the men who are running who are not currently on Council. It will create a dynamic team.

Please note it is important to vote (make a mark in 9 boxes) for 9 people so that the people you want to be elected will be elected. Happy voting and let's look towards a new era in the Bega Valley Shire where you as a resident will have a representational say in what happens in our community because you voted for 9 individuals.

Cheyne Morris

Woolworths Again: Ready, Fire, Aim!

The Triangle has recently received a report published by Master Grocers Australia titled 'Let's Have Fair Competition'. This document outlines some of the problems associated with losing retail diversity and 'true competition' in the Australian supermarket industry.

In the foreword, Associate Professor Robin Goodman (School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning, RMIT University) acknowledges that: 'The economic competition that a new business might provide for existing businesses is not generally considered a valid planning issue and cannot be utilised as an argument to oppose development.' However he also states: 'Local government planners should be concerned about nurturing and

protecting the existing town centre as a whole. This is not the same as acting to protect individual businesses.'

In Australia, the grocery market is dominated by Coles and Woolworths. It has been estimated that they account for about 80% of the market share. So what? Apparently this is extreme in relation to other developed countries. In America the two largest supermarket chains have a 20% share and in the U.K. the 5 top chains account for about 83%. Thus a loss of retail diversity and of 'true competition' as the 'big boys' push others out of the marketplace.

So how do the members of this Australian supermarket duopoly push the others out? Of particular interest is the section 'Floor Space as

an Instrument of Market Power'. The section 'The Over-Sized Store Strategy' explains that despite small, or even negative, population growth in smaller towns: 'The development by Woolworths and Coles of over-sized stores in numerous small local markets has become an established pattern from which it may be inferred that the conduct has purpose. Our case studies indicate that it brings about a substantial lessening of competition over time.' and: 'they have the capacity to cross-subsidise their over-large, loss-making supermarkets indefinitely, or until smaller competitors are driven out of the market.'

A case study quoted is that of Woolworths at Tura: 'In late 2010 a new 3,200 square metre

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We at the Triangle all know that this is our Tenth Birthday publication, how could we forget when we meet twice monthly and there is often a reminder of how many years some of us have been attending the meetings.

Thanks to all those who have made this little paper happen for the past ten years, it evolved over a winter chat between Rosemary and Louise when we kept realising that the happenings in Our Triangle were not being given any attention by Rural Press. Thanks are also due to our current very efficient team and our excellent meetings in Well Thumbed, warm and relaxing thanks to the Book Shop girls. We would not exist without our advertisers and we are grateful every month to them, and the fact that we have been able

to offer financial support to our local area, where needed, has been very rewarding for all.

This month, we have stories about the candidates for the Council elections, apparently quite a record for the number of women running as candidates which is most encouraging and hopefully these elections will provide greater diversity in our region.

We are also featuring stories in the rest of the issue on the astrology of The Triangle, many letters, local obituaries and other items you may be interested in.

Thanks again to all our supporters far and wide, past and present and may spring into life after a rather cold winter and hopefully produce a better summer than we had last year.

Letters to the editors

Dear Editor,

Forests NSW intends to log Tanja State Forest. This is in spite of the recent discovery that a small number of koalas are actually living within a compartment that is scheduled to be logged.

Huge foreign nationals such as Nippon Paper are allowed to benefit from our government's willingness to sell our native forests as woodchips for rock bottom prices. It is cheaper for Nippon to buy woodchips from Australia and pay to transport them to Japan than it is for them to buy woodchips logged in Japan.

But it's not too late. We could still save what's left. The \$16 million that is given by the New South Wales taxpayers every year to make up for the loss that Forests NSW creates each year due to its bad management should be used to create sustainable jobs rather than propping up an ailing industry.

Sincerely yours, *Lois Katz Tathra*

Dear Triangle,

I'm tired – overworked. It's not that I'm lazy, I'd just prefer to be employed according to my job description. Often I am called upon to fill positions that are not mine: I am a gate crasher at the party of punctuation. Accordingly I thought a description of my duties would be appropriate.

I actually have two jobs. One is to denote possession as in 'Sarah's opinion', for instance, where the letter 'S' and I work together to show that the opinion belongs to Sarah.

My second role is to stand in place of missing letters, for example in contractions

such as 'don't' and 'shouldn't' where my presence signifies that the letter 'O' is not required.

It is not my job to assist with plurals — 'sausages' and 'pontifications' do fine without me. The letter 'S' has had enough of me popping up all over the place and has been instrumental in the writing of this letter.

Please, I am exhausted,

Yours, Apostrophe

Dear Triangle

I thought you and your readers might be interested in this photograph of a spider taken in Beauty Point. It looks very much like a funnel-web spider, as I have seen smaller ones before, but this one was much larger. I found it in my garden under a plastic plant pot in a shallow funnel-shaped web that was close to the surface. It was in a warm, moist area. I am going to invest in some thicker gardening gloves!

Regards Joy Georgeson



There is a variety of Funnel Web called the Bermagui Funnel Web – we do not know the identifying criteria between the species. Funnel Web spiders are also abundant in Cobargo -Ed. note

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Editor,

Re: Your article – "The Castle comes to Dignams Creek". I write in reply to your opinion piece about the proposed Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) works together with communities to reduce the impact of proposed road upgrades.

Your article provides the quote "Hi we've come to wreck your life – direct quote from the Acquisitions Manager" we would like to assert this is not a quote from the Acquisitions Manager and no one from RMS said these words during any meetings with the local community.

RMS publicly displayed a preferred road corridor and alignment for comment in December 2010 and consulted directly with affected land owners and local councils. The road alignment displayed in December 2010 needed large scale bridge and road work. A presentation outlining three options for the upgrade was placed on the RMS website soon after.

As part of the ongoing planning process, RMS is now reviewing the proposed road corridor and is investigating an alignment to the west of the existing Dignams Creek Bridge. This is a result of community concerns and the need to progress a design which gives better value for money. The western option now being investigated would reduce the impact on Dignams Creek valley and could be built at a considerably lower cost.

The option displayed in December 2010 was costed at an estimated \$90 million to build. The option now being investigated could possibly be built at less than half.

The property formerly owned by a Dignams Creek family will be heavily affected by whatever option is decided.

As part of RMS investigations, geotechnical studies are being carried out in the area west of the existing Princes Highway. This work involves drilling boreholes and digging test pits to better understand ground conditions.

The Dignams Creek upgrade aims to improve the highway to current standards to improve safety and reduce crashes, with a full realignment in the northern portion of the project. In the southern part of the upgrade RMS is investigating using the existing alignment where possible with some road widening and a central median to further reduce the chance of vehicles crossing on to the wrong side of the road.

RMS has reviewed the road to the north of Dignams Creek and will start development of this portion of the highway when funding becomes available.

South of Dignams Creek the Princes Highway is of a higher standard and no further work is proposed for this section.

I trust this provides some clarification for your readers.

Yours faithfully Bradley Turner, Roads and Maritime Services Regional Manager, Southern

Letters to the editors

Dear Editor,

I am hoping that you will be kind enough to publish my letter in order that I might offer my sincere thanks to the many generous and supportive people in the local community who have enabled me to continue in my endeavours to seek justice within our legal system.

As an aged pensioner who is also carer for a chronically ill husband, and a life professed Franciscan religious who has worked in an honorary capacity within my vowed commitments for over 29 years, I would not have been financially able to seek to defend myself. My commitment as a Franciscan is to seek to assist and support others who require assistance at times of challenge in their lives.

For those who may wonder why as a married woman I have the title of Sister perhaps I can explain.

I am a member of an ecumenical religious community 'The Little Followers of Saint Francis' which has both married and unmarried members, I made the vows of Obedience, Simplicity of Lifestyle, and Fidelity within Marriage before our Bishop Protectors, Catholic Archbishop Francis Carroll and Anglican Bishop George Browning, now both retired. Our Community is a member of the Franciscan Federation of Australia and was the first ecumenical Franciscan community here in Australia.

I felt that it was timely for me to publicly thank all those who have stood beside me these past three years, who have conducted fundraising campaigns, who have believed in me, and encouraged me so strongly. Your love and support has been a tremendous gift throughout every moment of this challenge. While this ordeal is yet to come to an end I have to place my faith in the justice system.

In particular I would like to express my thanks to members of the Justice and Reconciliation Committee on whose unanimous motion and request I wrote the original letter that led to this defamation action against me. You have continued to be faithful and supportive and for this I am exceedingly grateful.

Yours sincerely, Sister Laurel Clare Lloyd-Jones (lfsf) Dalmeny



Mumbulla Foundation Dinner with Dr Ken Henry



Thursday, September 27th at the Wharf Restaurant Merrimbula

The Mumbulla Foundation will be hosting a fund raising dinner on Thursday the 27th of Sep 2012 with Dr Ken Henry, one of Australia's leading economists and policy advisors as the principal speaker. The dinner will be held at the Wharf restaurant in Merimbula, and will provide an excellent opportunity for interested local people to ask questions about Australia's economic future and at the same time support the Foundation's activities in providing grants to local community groups.

Dr Henry, who resides part time in Bermagui, was head of the Federal Treasury for 10 years. During that time he was the Government's principal economic policy adviser, sitting on the Board of the Reserve Bank which sets interest rates, and was author of the major tax review that included mining industry taxation. He was also architect of Australia's response to the Global Financial Crisis and has a particular interest in environmental and sustainability issues.

Dr Henry has offered to speak at the dinner pro bono to support Mumbulla Foundation's fund raising efforts. He will discuss issues of general interest about the international and Australian economic outlook, as well as issues of particular interest to local business. It will also give local businesses a chance to air any concerns they have to someone who is listened to in Canberra.

Ken Henry is an engaging person, not afraid to speak his mind. The dinner represents an important event for the Bega Valley area and a unique opportunity to learn about how government works in Canberra and what are likely to be the big issues facing Australia going forward. There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and quiz him.

The cost of the dinner per person is \$50 plus a tax deductible donation of \$100 to the Mumbulla Foundation. Persons interested in attending should contact Gary Potts on 0418 720 908.

Thumbs Up



I'd like to thank the kind people that helped me after a nasty fall near the bridge at Bermagui this week (August 8th). I don't know the names of the two men that stopped

to help, but the lady's name was Kerry from Fairhaven. They were a great comfort for me and I am very appreciative. Thank you all so much from a visitor to Bermagui. A big thanks also to the ambulance crews as well and the staff at the Bega hospital who were fabulous.

From Cate Clancy (South Australia).

to N.A.N.A. volunteer, Kathy, who came out late at night to attend to an injured kangaroo at Fairhaven. Sadly mum didn't make it but a joey was saved. Well done N.A.N.A. and thanks Kathy.

From Susan Geerdink whose husband who passed away in June and was a member of the Bermagui Mens' Shed:

to the thirteen members of the Men's Shed, having loved her husband and knowing the difficulty she was facing, arrived at her home all "tooled up" and tidied up her yard, including the pruning of her orchard. Good onya guys.

to Cobargo school for alerting Cobargo locals to lock up their dogs when the cracker night happens. Thanks.

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

to the driver of a "hit and run" at Fairhaven who left an injured, but still alive, kangaroo in the middle of the road for others to deal with. C'mon guys ... you must have known you hit it! Must be a bit of damage to your vehicle. Next time do the right thing and call N.A.N.A. or W.I.R.E.S. animal rescue.

The Triangle – 10 year Triangle area resident

Where in the Triangle do you live?

Anywhere in the triangular boundaries between Tilba, Quaama and Bermagui. Sometimes though I leak at the edges and enjoy time in Narooma or Bega for the sake of the community.

How long have you been there?

Oooh, wow, 10 years now, who'd have thought?

Where were you before that?

In people's heads I think, I was born in the Triangle area.

What do you do with your time?

I spend my time talking to local people and expressing these issues to the community at large.

I do this with text and images every month. I have a number of people helping me with this, all in all I'm happy with the decisions they make, though I have had concerns about spelling and muddy looking pictures. These things seriously damage my self-image.

My therapist said I could try to let go and celebrate the good things, not be so self-obsessed. I suppose I am still quite young but I do want to achieve a more professional status.

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

I have personal dislikes about people who have firm opinions but won't take the time and effort to write it down for me. I take offence at members of the community rabbiting on about how important certain issues are and yet leave

it to Someone Else to do something about.

By the way where does Someone Else live? I've looked for them in the phonebook and can't find them. Perhaps they don't live in the Triangle area.

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

The amazing diversity of beliefs and opinions. There are conservationists, elders,

red-necks, hippies, artists, Buddists, Sanyasins, homosexuals, feminists, business people, humourists, cynics, Christians, need I go on?

What would you do to improve the place?

Bumper stickers about the Triangle for everyone. Perhaps a refugee centre to add even more diversity. AND I would like to receive more letters, I'm really interested in your concerns.

What's next for you?

I might try to be more serious and political, but I don't want to alienate anyone, I want to be inclusive of all issues.

Woolworths again: Ready, Fire, Aim!

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supermarket, and that it was contrary to the retail hierarchy.' Similar situations have occurred in other towns around Australia. Bermagui seems to be the next target. To view this report by Master Grocers Australia go to www.mga.asn.au/files/5313/4482/4428/Fair_Competition Release Aug2012.pdf

This MGA report also quotes a privately commissioned review, by Wakefield Planning, concerning the proposed development in Bermagui. From pp28-29: 'Key Point: The proposal would substantially impact on the viability of existing businesses within Bermagui.' and: 'One of the local planning objectives in Bermagui is: "To enable other land uses that are complimentary to and do not detract from the viability of commercial uses within the zone.".'

The full report is at www. wakefieldplanning.com.au/Bermagui/ Bermagui_submission.pdf

Sarah Gardiner

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See back page for events!

Now we are 10.....

Happy Birthday Triangle! Here is an astrology reading for you.

Well don't you just have the astrology that's perfect for communicating. An abundance of air signs gives you lots of energy for dynamic brainstorming. How mental are you! Fortunately Venus is there to ensure diplomacy and Jupiter, the planet of big ideas, expansion and good fortune rules your chart adding to your self-reliant and ethical presentation to the world.

Beware however of dissipating your energy: you may have fun debating values with lots of 'Oh dears' and 'shoulds' but

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without conclusions and mature decisions your help you to discipline your flighty ways.

Your total lack of water signs shows that you are not adept at dealing with emotions, in fact you probably don't even have any. This may give you a rather black and white look. Get some colour in your life! I would suggest

As you approach adolescence, expect subtle, even underhanded, changes that will make you become more discriminating and

> in the community. your destiny.

> keep pace with the changes in your three-sided environment and integrate a more formal routine in your decision making you will be able to express your creativity successfully, maintain variety in your communication and survive puberty.

Good luck!

Cecilia Driden and Sarah Gardiner

purpose is lost. Lucky for you Saturn has a strong influence. Saturn is the planet of formal structure and authority and its presence will

purple to match your prose.

focused and result in a redefining of your position

This is appropriate. Now you are 10, you need to put aside self-righteous outrage and grow into the considered and sophisticated publication that is

If you can

Kick Up Your Heels

at the **Tilba Spring Bush Dance!**

Yes it's on again this year! Following the success of last year's Spring Bush Dance the Tilba School P&C are organising another family friendly night of dancing and laughter. Put aside the evening of Saturday the 13th of October and start practising your heel and toe and dosi-do. The dance will take place in the halls at Central Tilba, the large hall will host the toe tapping partner swinging action, while the small hall will serve as the dining space and supper room.

Local musicians will provide the melodies including authentic jigs and reels as well as the traditional dances such as the Pride of Erin and the barn dance. The Tilba Bush Dance continues the tradition of community dances where the whole family, from Grandparents to toddlers can enjoy themselves together.

If you can't quite remember those complicated steps, like: does the Dosi-Do come before or after the swing your partner?? Well relax... All dances will be called and the students have also been practising some steps, so help is at hand.

Tickets for this fun filled event are \$25 an adult and \$10 per child, pre-school children are free and a family ticket will cost \$60. Ticket price includes a beautiful spit roast meal plus dancing and music all night! The festivities will kick off at 5.30pm, raffles and lucky door prizes will add to the night, so make sure you bring your gold coins and loose change. The dance is being held to raise funds for the Tilba School P&C who support students at the school to participate in music, sporting and gardening

So get some friends together and make the most of this great opportunity to support your local school and have a lot of laughs doing it! Tickets can be purchased from the school, from Pams store or from Sandy at the Saturday Tilba markets. Enquiries, please ring the school on 4473 7210.





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A Celebration of Candy Craine

As the bell tolled for the roaring twenties, ushering in the Great Depression, Candy Craine was born in Yorkshire and kept the spirit of those heady days going in her own inimitable style for the rest of her life.

Never one to be hemmed in by the grey skies of the north country she found her way to London on her way to a Melbourne which was far better suited to her sunny disposition.

Candy was a bohemian at heart and fell in with the thriving arts community of Melbourne in the 60s. She also fell in love with the Aussie larrikin Ron Craine.

Candy received a diploma in Graphic Art but it was pottery that she was drawn to and made a living out of it for many years.

She also ran a café for a while and by her own admission was amazed that it survived when she spent most of her time talking and heating up the occasional cans of Campbell's soup for the customers.

Always connected to the earth, she and Ron built several mud brick houses and constructed the last one at Umbi Gumbi in Bermagui. Umbi Gumbi was the first multiple occupancy in NSW and the four share-holders enjoyed 100 acres of spotted gum forest on the ocean front at Cuttagee Beach.

Sadly, Candy's beloved Ron passed away soon after their arrival in Umbi Gumbi.

Candy was devastated and took many years to reinvent herself as an independent woman.

Candy had always loved wild animals and had started looking after injured or orphaned creatures. They seemed to recognise something of their own in Candy

It seemed appropriate when she adopted the Jazz Band Madam and the Rag Tags.

This was when we first got to know Candy and her renaissance coincided with the early days of the band. My first memory of Candy was of her sitting down watching Four Corners with a wallaby perched on her shoulder preening her hair as if it was the most normal thing in the world.

The jazz band went on the road touring with Candy as our manager. Being the bohemian negotiator she was, Candy often beat the hoteliers down to \$50 for the entire band plus tea and sandwiches after the show. We survived on laughter and stories. Candy took her main

role very seriously, which was to scout the new town for the best Devonshire tea.

The Bohemians came into their own at Umbi Gumbi and Candy's place became famous as the party house. It was a mecca for



Candy Craine, this painting of Candy was done by her close friend Kris Ralph in 2004 for an exhibition at Café Beyond in Bermagui.

writers, artists, poets and bon vivants. At one point Salman Rushdie approached Candy, via an intermediary, to see if he could hide out at her place as a result of death threats from writing Satanic Verses. Out of a justified paranoia he refused to say who he was and so Candy relayed back to him, in a thick Yorkshire brogue, "You're not bloody staying here if I don't know who you are!!!" He stayed somewhere else.

When you stayed with Candy she was famous for announcing "I love food but I don't cook!!" This wasn't entirely true as she could make pumpkin soup, but it meant you had to cook while you were staying with her. As far as we could make out, between visitors, Candy lived for vast stretches of time on Champagne,

pumpkin soup and chocolate.

At one point Candy realised she had neglected Ron's grave and had taken a heap of mulch over to revitalize the soil before planting flowers. When she returned some weeks later

> the grave had turned into a market garden full of chokos and pumpkins that had spread across many graves.

> Candy also became a sailor for a few years and travelled throughout the South Pacific on a small yacht. She once sent us a message in a bottle from Vanuatu which took two years to get to Mooloolaba. The bloke who found it rang us up and said do you know a Candy Craine? She's sent you a message in a bottle. We said yes and urgently asked him to read the contents, which simply said "Ay oop - Candy" The Yorkshire equivalent to "G'day".

> Candy was most passionate about her wildlife, The wallabies and kangaroos she raised from the bottle would come back from the wild, years later to show her their joeys and watch television with her. Candy achieved almost impossible feats such as raising kangaroos smaller than your hand, waking up every 30 minutes for months on end to keep them alive. Such was her love for wildlife, which included goannas, pythons, sea eagles, cockatoos, in fact just about every bird and even a wombat that kept trying to

If you didn't know Candy was carrying a small animal, she often just looked like she was muttering into a

bag around her neck as she walked through the supermarket.

One night we were watching TV with her and a small menagerie of her closest friends when a Rank Arena film came on. You know the black and white ones that always start with a muscular man naked to the waist hitting a huge gong.

She announced to us all that she 'Had him once....when 'e were an out of work actor in London....and he still looks bloody good!'

We will all miss you Candy Craine and when the bell tolled for you, you still looked bloody good!

Tony King and Kris Ralph

Loom Growers' fundraiser in Bermagui

The CWA Hall in Bermagui was warm and packed with locals on Friday the 10th of August. They had come out on a cold night to support the Loom Growers in their fundraiser for Mahboba's Promise, the Australian charity bringing hope to hundreds of Afghan orphans and widows. John Champagne, President of the Sapphire Coast Producer's Association and well-known Permaculture guru introduced the movie 'The Garden at the End of the World' by Australian film maker Gary Caganoff. It was shot in Afghanistan and featured the work of two remarkable Australian women - humanitarian Mahboba Rawi and permaculturist Rosemary Morrow.

After the sobering film, dinner was served - tasty curries followed by wicked desserts. The Loom Growers thank everyone for supporting them in their efforts - over \$1500 was raised!

There are two more fundraisers this year - the annual pre-Christmas sale of imported handicrafts at the famous morning tea at the Broadheads' in Bermagui on Friday the 16th of November; and the weekend of piano recitals at Bill and Elizabeth Hawkey's home in Bermagui Road, Akolele on Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th of September at 2.30 pm. Call Elizabeth on 4473 7541 to reserve a seat in her living room for one of these delightful and intimate afternoons. Classical music in beautiful surroundings, wine and refreshments for \$25. For further information about the Loom Growers phone Carole Broadhead 6493 3678 or Dawn Hollins 6493 6999.

(from left) Ines Judd, Dr Heather O'Connor, guest speaker Rodney Cavalier and David Jesson at the Bermagui Institute's big public dinner at Bermagui. Mr. Cavalier, an ex Minister for Education in the Wran and Unsworth governments and currently chairman of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust, spoke on the topic "Is the Labor Project Over?"

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Bermagui C.T.C.

With winter here and snow falling in the mountains, there has been an increase in the number of people having their old VHS tapes converted to DVDs! So if you have any more waiting to be copied why not bring them in so you can enjoy those cold winter nights still to come?

We are happy to offer the service of copying VHS tapes to DVD disc for only \$12.00 per tape.

Visitors, need to catch up on your emails? Call in and use our upgraded pcs with the latest security, with fast internet service and the best rates in town.

The Bermagui CTC also provides photocopying, laminating, and many other office services at reasonable rates. Also available is the private Centrelink access point office for those who wish to contact Centrelink.

Bermagui CTC is located next to the Library in the Community building on the corner of Lamont & Bunga Streets, Bermagui, opposite Mitre 10.

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Locals may be wondering why groceries have been moved out of the side room at the Quaama Store, when the Gillies have only recently extended their range and used that space to display them. The move has been demanded by Council – but it appears to be a decision made by some authority higher than BVSC - and it's to do with safety provisions for public buildings. Because that room was designated as "storage area" when the business was sold, it can be left in its present condition but only for that purpose. If Rob & Kel want to display products there and make the room publicly accessible, they may have to rebuild the walls, floor and/or ceiling of that room to specification. And here's the double whammy - if they wish to renovate that room they have to do the entire store. That is, if they want to change one part they must change the whole. And put in disabled access. As you can imagine, this would be a very expensive venture for a small business such as it is.

Adding to the confusion is that all communications so far have been verbal. Council is yet to provide anything in writing, so the Gillies are not even sure what rules, if any, have been broken.

Rob Gillies says that this is not Council's rule; they are just enforcing a state bylaw.

However, it was found in Cobargo that certain rules were not to be enforced if they caused undue financial hardship to the business owner, so there's an escape clause. Maybe this can be applied? And some of these laws do not apply to businesses with turnover under \$1m.

So if BVSC has some wiggle room in this matter, it couldn't hurt to send them a message. After all, petrol is expensive, we are an ageing population and not everyone wants to drive to Bega for their supplies every week, and public transport is sparse to say the least. Our store tries to help by offering more fresh and packaged food, and they are punished for it. Watch out for a petition.

Kel Gillies told me that he'd been "quite overwhelmed" by messages of support from the community and even a couple of calls from local ABC radio. Apparently there was a rumour that Council had shut the store down, a clear exaggeration. Quaama Store is most definitely open for business.

Bumped into Denise Redmond and

Betsy Hilton down at the cemetery the other day. It's been a year since Zeke Hilton died, and they were there to see if there was a wall where his ashes could be interred. No, there isn't, but ... there could be. And so an idea was hatched. Denise will be talking to Council about possibilities. If you'd like to lend support to the idea, please call her on 6493 8228.

Quaama Hall Heating Appeal... Raffle tickets are on sale to raise funds to heat the Hall by next winter. Prizes include a 22" LED TV with built-in DVD player, a Sunbeam Pure Element Kettle, a \$50.00 Coles Voucher, an OzTrail Classic Armchair, a Remington Pro Slimline Ceramic Hair Styler, a Breville Wizz Chopper & Shaker, and more. Get your tickets at Quaama Store, Cobargo Co-op or from members of the community. Drawn Saturday the 20th of October (at the Spring Fair). And thanks to Southern Phone for their generous donation of \$500 towards the Appeal.

The Quaama Progress Association held its AGM on Monday night, the 13th of August. A new executive was voted in: President Veronica Abbott, Vice President Hans Wiedeman (acceptance to be confirmed as he's OS at the moment), and Treasurer and Public Officer Shane Roberts. Many thanks to those who are willing to volunteer their time for the benefit of our little community - their energy ensures that we will continue to enjoy Quaama Fairs and see other projects, like the tennis court restoration, get off the ground. The role of Secretary remains open, so if you're interested please call Veronica to discuss on 0437 263 128. Next meeting: Monday the 10th of September - see story this page.

After a really cold winter (I wasn't imagining it, was I?) it's great to start making plans for the **Quama Spring Fair** on Saturday the 20th of October. The themes for this Fair are Spring Garden, Spring Cleaning and Youth (no, we can't promise to make your kids enjoy cleaning, sorry). Already on the board are: a Grow Your Name in Cress workshop, a Scarecrow Competition, a Reverse Garbage sculpture competition, the Cooking Competition (of course), a Water-wise Gardening and Wicking Beds talk, an Innerspring Mattress Reuse workshop (you'll be amazed), an Under-25s

Art Exhibition, a monster community garage sale, and the return of the Garden Pot Swap.

This event is run by the Quaama Progress Association, a small but dedicated group. They always need more helpers, so if you are able to contribute some time to help organise the Fair, look after one of the activities or contribute to one of the many tasks that need looking after on the day, please contact Veronica Abbott on 0437 263 128 or email joxamara@hotmail.com

Also call or email if you grow plants or other garden related items, have a big garage full of trash and treasure to sell, make children's clothes or toys, sell environmentally friendly cleaning products or know someone who does any of these. Presenters on spring topics will also be welcomed to our wonderful veranda stage and local performers can book a spot on the stage, or busk, or both!

More details next month. In the meantime, contact Veronica Abbott on 0437 263 128 or email joxamara@hotmail.com, especially if you want to help.

And condolences to Cathy and Jim Blanchfield on the death of their Dad and Dad-in-law, local identity Reg O'Meara, on the 22nd of July.

Pilates for Osteoporosis

The Women's Resource centre is pleased to announce that they will run a 6 week course on pilates for osteoporosis.

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The course will be instructed by Zoe Whymark, Pilates International qualified matwork instructor and registered member of the Pilates Alliance of Australaisia.

Participants will learn pilates movement principles, breathing techniques, and exercises to promote balance, bone strengthening, pelvic stability and hip mobility.

The course will commence on the 12th of October and run until the 16th of November and is to be held at the Women's Resource Centre, 14 Peden St Bega. Classes commence at 12pm.

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be a separate Tennis Club to own this project, apply for the funding, take over the lease of the land and start hitting the ball.

We are looking for people who aren't afraid of more formal duties to show a little bit of leadership and form a management committee. This need not be a long term or time consuming responsibility. Two people have already offered to project-manage the construction and restoration work, the QPA will assist with record keeping and managing any funding and once the courts are operational, we know there will be more people willing run the day to day operations of the

There will be another meeting in mid-September once quotes have come back and there are plans to promote the project at the upcoming Quaama Spring Fair.

If you are interested contact Di Manning on 64938410 or check out the new project Facebook page - go to Facebook and search for "Quaama Tennis."

Di Manning and Veronica Abbott

Pot Luck Dinner and Guest Speaker at **QPA** meeting this month

What does "Quaama" mean?

There are many different theories, but to get to the truth you could do worse than asking Graham Moore. Graham's a NSW Parks & Wildlife Service Officer, he's Koori, and he's been invited by the QPA to speak at a Pot Luck Dinner at Quaama School of Arts Hall on Monday night, the 10th of September. His subject is the original inhabitants of the Quaama region, their lives and times.

Meet your neighbours, enjoy good food,

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When? 5.30pm for 6pm dinner. Graham should start to speak at about 6.30pm. The plan is to sit around the fire outside and do a bit of star-gazing, so bring a meal to share that's lapfriendly. BYO drinks. Tea and coffee provided. I heard a rumour of mulled wine too.

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Locals running for Council? Early closing at the pub? No, the start of the Tilba Ten Fun Run in September 1985.

With over 2 weeks of Olympic windbaggery and gold fever during August I recalled Tilba's own athletic moment of glory in 1985 when the inaugural (and only) Tilba Ten was run. The Chamber put up \$500 for the winner of a fun-run from the Teapot to the Teapot via the Threeways on Punkalla Rd. Five kms out and five back. The winner crossed the line while some of the backmarkers were still on the way to Threeways and he barely raised a sweat. It turned out that he'd won the City to Surf a week or so before. So it was a bit of a fizzer for the less professional punters. Looking at the original photo I can see a few local faces in the mob but no glory for Tilba that day.

Along with London we've had our traffic problems here too. All roads lead to roadworks bar one at the time of writing. The

six weeks old works on the road to the quarry from Central is about to be sealed when the tar goes down at Tilba Tilba's upgraded stretch. It's only taken 120 odd years but Tilba Tilba has its first gutters. The purpose is to curb and gutter down to the sportsground driveway and create a merging lane. (for possible traffic choas during Tilba Foxes baseball games perhaps) They're doing up the driveway and entrance to the sportsground at a 3 figure sum. Perhaps Eurobodalla has its eye on an Olypmics bid down the track. When you look at it we've got the sportsground for track and field, (the toilet block will need extra dunny rolls of course.) Lake McCarthy could be the aquatic centre and the Marathon can use the old Tilba Ten track if they run it five and a bit times. We've got two villages to accommodate the athletes (and

what hot blooded local woman wouldn't find bed space for Usain Bolt I ask) and the Jumbos could land on the new bypass at a pinch. Peter Lollygan has very affordable chocolate gold medals to keep costs down.. If the Poms can run an Olympics I'm sure we could. All a bit silly really, but you never know with Council. On that, don't forget the Council elections on the 8th of September. There's a huge field running for office, with no less than 21 battling just for the Mayor's job. Take your pencil sharpener.

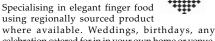
There's been bloody backroads banditry at Ben Braggie with foxes taking all 20 of Marylin Gilbertson's beloved chickens in one fowl swoop down in the hollow recently. She forgot to lock them up. Marylin, or..um..Chook to her friends, was devastated as she regarded them almost as family. I have to ask again, what is it about Ben Braggie and animals, live or stuffed? Perhaps the now redundant curse of Shippo's Corner has upped stumps just over the hill to Ben Braggie. Tilba chickens are becoming thin on the ground. Ken Jamieson had all of his brood taken too but that was a cunning two legged fox. He replaced the stolen birds but a real fox wiped them out within a week. You could say that Ken couldn't win a chook raffle at the moment. And after nearly 15 years as the pub special, Chicken Tilba has now met its end. There's a bit of a tale to this famous dish.

In 1995 Ian Doust and I were on a cattle drive to Bilpin in the Blue Mountains. After the roundup we mooved onto the Lithgow Hotel for the night. We were surprised to see that the bistro menu offered a dish called Chicken Tilba. We asked the waitress what the story was that she didn't know but said she ask in the kitchen. On return she told us that Chef had been to some place called Tilba and liked it so much he created a dish after it. It was a deep fried crumbed breast fillet with cheese and bacon topping.

About a month later I go to the pub to welcome new publicans Deb & Paul Whyburn and who should Deb be but our



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At last, the new fire shed in Latimers Lane has officially opened and while the powers that be were at it they awarded richly deserved long service medals to 16 in the brigade. (Sorry, too many names to list here in this issue.) I reckon former chief Jimmy Maddern deserved a 'short service' medal one night after a minor electrical fire where the antique shop is now beside the pub. The fire was out before the truck

arrived but Jim was very pleased with himself anyway, dressed in his pyjama duds and wearing only one blunnie, proud that he'd made it to the fire in 8 minutes from the call at home on Ridge Road. It was a good effort in a Volvo. Anyway, we'll miss seeing the crews in and out of the old



Take your partners for the Ukelele Lady. Last year's event's Uke stars tuning up.

shed but I'm sure they won't miss the dodging and weaving. The word is it could be a bad fire season coming up so it would be a good idea to start thinking about being ready now. Don't forget the big ones on the mountain in 2009 were in Aug/Sept.

The Festival had its AGM during August

and despite concerns as to the future of this great event a new committee has been formed. President Erica Dibden, Vice President Christina Potts, Secretary Crissy Montague, Entertainment officer Bev Long, Treasurer Peter Lonergan, Stalls co-ordinator Rikki Bryan, Volunteer Co-ordinator Crissy and Publicity Officer Christina. Positions still vacant are Traffic Control, Equipment and a Rubbish Officer. Can anyone help? Outgoing President Stew Long is remaining on as an advisor while the new crew learn the ropes. For people wishing to contribute their time, energy or expertise in the lead up to the Festival please get in touch with any of the above people.

Market stalls enquiries can be made to Rikki Bryan at Indulgence at Tilba, Ph: 44737 366 and for entertainment queries please contact Bev Long ph.44737 253. Best of luck to these good folk. The next meeting is Sept 9th if you are interested in joining the team. Phone either of the above numbers for details.

Those chomping at the bit for the second coming of cheeses to Tilba will have to be patient. The machinery is still being installed at ABC and will take another month at least to get churning. The whole plant was designed & built in NZ and the three constructors are over here dry fitting it to make sure everything fits where it should. They'll then break it down, take it outside to weld it up and put it all back in again. Nic says there's over 2 kms of stainless steel piping in the works. Just shows what a huge undertaking it is. More next issue.

You'll notice a separate story regards the next Tilba Spring Bush Dance in October. This School P&C fundraiser was a hoot last year for young 'n old so make it a date in the calendar. It'll be a good way to dance away the winter woes and put some pesos in the P&C purse towards music, sport and gardening activities for the kids.

Running a bit late to relate the sad news of the death of Brian Taylor on the 19th of July in Orange. Brian was 46. Condolences to wife Kim and daughter Ashlee as well as his brother Alan 'Gator' Taylor.

Finally, I had a phone call from Noel 'Louie' Graughwell in Ireland the other day wanting to find the web address of the Triangle so he can keep up with the gos in his second home. You might like to note the link for any distant friends. Louie by the way is looking forward to his next visit later in the year. thetriangle.org.au

And for contact with me regards Triangle stuff.. jsmall 7@tpg.com.au



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Cobargo is buzzing as usual and there's a definite sense of excitement in the community with all of the new happenings. We've even had a call for the community to rally together and buy the supermarket, making it a community owned asset and Arts Centre. What a wonderful possibility. Hope that meeting's a fruitful one. And we even have an award winning park proposed for the vacant desert where the historic McCarthy house once stood. Wouldn't that be sensational; a great stopover for locals and weary travellers needing a rest. From what I hear, getting the council on board with the proposal seems to be a little more difficult than anticipated, but who knows?? Anything is possible! My hat goes off to people like Suzy McKinnon who back their talk and dreams with action. Why not! If we stop dreaming, we're dead.

Good news on the wind is that the Medical Centre is re-opening on 17th September! The surgery will be operating 5 days per week, Monday to Friday, from 9.00am 'til 5pm. With our support, it is hoped that this will become a permanent arrangement. A big thank-you to Vu from the Cobargo Pharmacy who has worked so hard to ensure that our Medical Centre continues to operate. It is an essential service for our community. Thankyou Vu.

For all of the teenagers in town, there's a Friday night Youth Music Night starting at Ello's Train Café. Local young musicians will be providing the entertainment and it is hoped that it'll become a regular Friday night

gathering for local young folk. Get along and make it your night guys. And have a good time while you're at it.

The Cobargo and District Red Cross Branch held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 27 July at the Cobargo Hotel. Long Service Medals and Bars to 13 members. Long Service Medals for 10 years continual service were awarded to, Wilma Chinnock, Carmel Dufty, Debbie Fisher, Carol Hearne, Robyn Herdegen, Denise Lucas and Ilse Whiffen. 1st bar for 20 years continual service



Long Service Awards presented to (back row) Ros Mead, Denise Lucas, Debbie Fisher, (middle) Robyn Herdegen, Wilma Chinnoc, (seated) Ilse Whiffen, Beryl Schaefer and Carol Hearne.

The meeting was attended by 15 members whilst another four members catered for Reg O'Meara's funeral. Everyone enjoyed the Chinese lunch served before the meeting, giving members a chance for a chat before the meeting commenced. Cobargo's District Representative Pam Hamory, chaired the meeting for the election of office bearers and presentation of

were awarded to Mary Ayliffe, Gloria Gannon, Ros Mead, Mary Motbey and Beryl Schaefer and 2nd bar for 30 years of service to Brenda Whiffen. Congratulations to all of these women for a wonderful record of community service. The next meeting will be held at 9:30am on Wednesday, 5 September at Ello's Train Café. All are welcome. For further information, ring



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From Mary Williams of the CWA Cobargo Branch comes the following news: A big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the Mother and Baby Packs. They will soon be packed, ready to be shipped to New Guinea.

On August 21st the School of Arts resounded to the sounds of laughter and singing as the Far South Coast group of the CWA met for their Music and Drama Day. Great singing and fantastic talents were demonstrated in items ranging from songs from The Boy from Oz to The Wobbles, a take on the Wiggles!

CWA Awareness Day dawns on the 12th of September and this year the Cobargo branch are combining the "Year of the Farmer" with the "Awareness Day". They are inviting some of the farmers in the Cobargo area to a barbecue lunch to be held at the CWA cottage in order to give them the opportunity to meet and talk and also for the CWA to thank the farmers for the produce with which they help to feed the world. Unfortunately space is limited at the cottage so the function is by invitation only.

The Cobargo CWA will be presenting a Knitting Master Class in Modern Knitted Lace. They are fortunate to have Adriana (aka kaaktusâ from www.ravelry.com), a modern crafting superwoman, presenting the class. Lawyer by day and designer, test knitter and crochet guru by night, she will be visiting the Far South Coast in September and will be conducting the master class during her visit. Lace knitting, with its delicate, fragile patterns, has been described as the pinnacle of knitting but isn't as difficult as it looks. Anyone who can knit can knit lace! Get along for a handson lesson using one of Adriana's own designs, Bamboozled - a Cowl/Headwrap/Headband. a quick and simple design with a simple lace stitch, perfect for the lace beginner. It's on Saturday 29th September 2012, from 10.30am 'til 12.30pm at the CWA Cottage, Bermagui Rd, Cobargo. There is no cost for CWA members (any branch) and pension card holders. For everyone else, the cost is a nominal \$5. All proceeds go to the CWA Cobargo Branch. Bring 5.00mm (Imperial size 6) circular needle and 1 skein (approx. 100m) of any Aran weight (10 ply) yarn. RSVP: cwa.cobargo@gmail.com or



Executive committee for 2012/13 Ros Mead (Secretary), Debbie Fisher (Vice President), Thuy Tarlinton (Treasurer), Beryl Schaefer (Patron) and Kathy Rix (President).

phone Louise on 6493 8390

Next month on October 23rd, Cobargo CWA, with Cobargo Red Cross, are hosting Rediplan, also to be held at the cottage on Bermagui Road. Rediplan helps people to prepare for emergencies and helps answer such questions as "What do we do if...?", "Where is a safe place to go?" and "What should I take if?" Please watch for more information on this in coming weeks.

One of the CWA members is hosting "Almost Organic" on Monday the 10th of September at 11265, Princes Highway, 6 km south of Cobargo. Explanations of sequential crop planting, moon planting, soil and seed discrimination as well as mulching, worm farming and composting will be given. There is much more to follow and the cost is \$10 per person which will be given to MS. Proceeds from the plant stall and trading table will go to TEAR Australia to help build toilets and vegetable gardens in Nepal. A must for

gardening diaries!

The work on the renovations at the cottage should commence in the near future and will provide the Cobargo community with a comfortable space to use for meetings and gatherings. It will include disabled access and toilet, thanks to a government grant.

And finally, another huge loss to the community with the passing of our very own Reg O'Meara, a wonderful and entertaining character, who graced our lives with his own brand of dry humour. Our hearts go out to his family, many of whom we all know well and we extend our warmest love to them in their grief.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and relatives of Keith Salway, who has also passed away recently. A war veteran and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he will be missed by all who knew him. Our special condolences go to his surviving wife Edna.





Cobargo Conversations



Cobargo Farm Open Day

Cobargo Farm is proud to announce that we are opening our gates and holding an open garden and sustainability day on the 22nd of September. Currently we operate as a market garden with on-farm sales, supplying local restaurants and smaller wholesale and retail outlets.

On the day we will have demonstrations, entertainment and arrangements by local identity May Blacka. There will be sheep shearing, goat's cheese/soap making, spinning wool and felting, woodturning, blacksmithing and chainsaw sharpening. Also scout's rope tying and art demonstrations. The Rural Fire Service will hold a sausage sizzle and there will be cooking with famous local Lyndia and much more.

The town will also open with demonstrations of pottery, weaving, and buskers. Our local community is joining together to promote Cobargo and its surrounds. We would like you to join in the festivities and see what we are involved in. Food and drinks will be available on site.

We invite gold coin donation on the open day. After 22nd of September we will be open daily for tours and coach bookings.

For more information or just to talk please contact me on 6493 6817 or mobile number 0409 033 828

Janet Doolin

New energy for Cobargo

The Cobargo Tourist and Business Association's AGM was held on Tuesday, August 14th. Many new members with renewed interest attended the meeting and came up with many ideas to capitalise on the positive future that Cobargo and the surrounding district has. Cobargo has a new lease of life with new businesses opening and other exciting projects on the boil.

Our plan is to open the organisation up to engage community participation. At the moment there is a requirement for members to hold an ABN. This is seen as a major disincentive to join. We also plan to open up discussion to re-name the organisation to a name that has more relevance to a greater number of community, business and tourism members.

Number one on the agenda is appropriate public toilets. For too long Cobargo has had substandard public toilets. It is our view that Council should make this a priority. Another project involves the creation of a walking track between the sculpture park (which also needs help) and the showground with exercise stations along the way. We are also considering approaching the owner of the butcher shop for our local skilled artists to paint a mural on the south facing wall. Other ideas are more than welcome. This and other projects would require the need to apply for the various grants available.

Our main focus in town is the Information Centre. This needs to be supported to encourage tourists to stop and sample the delights that Cobargo and its district has to offer.

We would like to invite anyone with an opinion or idea to contact the President, Dave Rugendyke on 6493 6936

David Rugendyke



Lola Bourke and her son Martin
Congratulations to Lola, long time Cobargo resident, who
celebrated her 100th Birthday on 21st August and enjoyed a
party with her loving family.
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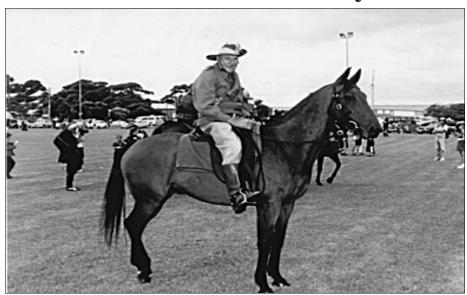


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Keith Salway 1928-2012



Keith looking splendid in full regalia

Keith Robert Salway was born on February 7th 1928, the eldest son of Harry and Catherine Salway of "Wilgo" Cobargo. He was to play big brother to his three sisters Patricia, Joan and Madeline.

He was born in the private house of nurse Haggis in Cobargo and then returned to the farm where he lived for the rest of his life.

He went to St. Mary's Convent Cobargo, where he completed primary school. He sidestepped high school leaving to work with his father on the family farm. Together they

continued the jersey stud.

Keith always loved horses and at one stage had a team of show horses he rode at the local shows. He also had a passion for bullock riding and he was delighted to see rodeo riding back at the Cobargo Show.

Keith married his soul mate Edna Bottomley of Candelo in 1948. Edna joined Keith on the farm and for the next 47 years milked the cows and ran the farm with him, taking it over after the death of Harry.

Like any couple they had their ups and

downs, many years of drought but many years of joy. They had three children, Robert, Warren and Rosey. Although he would never admit it, Keith was very proud of his sons, especially when they continued the farming legacy, Robert taking over Wilgo and Warren the Wandella beef farm. Rosey was always his little girl.

Keith was very proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. It was nothing for him to get misty eyed each time he spoke of their achievements, be it in sport, showing cattle, riding horses and to see two of his grandsons continue the Salway farm, which started in 1908.

Over the years Keith judged at many shows throughout NSW, SA and Victoria, he also exhibited at the Sydney Royal for many years.

He was a life member of the Cobargo AP & H Society also a member of the Cobargo Pony Club and the NSW Rural Fire Service.

After he stopped milking, Keith started transporting cattle and horses to the local sales and properties and joining the Bemboka Light Horse Brigade. He continued to transport cattle until he was 82 and loved nothing more than catching up with mates, having a cuppa and a sandwich, then loading the stock and setting off.

Keith had three things he hated with a passion: droughts, fireweed and the weatherman.

Keith Robert Salway was a man who truly loved the land. He was born to it and lived and breathed it to the very end.

All his family and friends will sadly miss him

Chalk and Cheese - welcome to Cobargo

Cobargo welcomes to the street the latest in a string of new additions to the town. Belinda and Nathan have taken over the old Valley Edge site and transformed it into a fresh, vibrant new café.

With many years of experience in hospitality under their belts, having worked many a long day and night in various Sydney establishments, they picked up and moved to Belinda's hometown of Cobargo three years ago with the ambition to open a café/restaurant of their own. Their goal was simple, to open

a place where they could deliver a bright and friendly atmosphere with good honest food along with a great cup of coffee. After a long wait the opportunity they had been looking for presented itself and 'Chalk and Cheese of Cobargo' was born.

"We would like our food to be simple with good quality and flavor," says Belinda, "and whilst we can see the importance of having a few staple dishes on the menu, we would like for the rest of our food offering to remain seasonal and as ever-changing as possible. In doing this we hope to keep Chalk and Cheese fresh and interesting not only for our guests but for ourselves as well."

Belinda and Nathan would also like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank you to everyone involved in getting Chalk and Cheese up and running as well as thanks for all the kind words of support from various guests, they have made all the long hours and hard work worth it

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An Evening with Evert Ploeg - right here in Cobargo

Evert Ploeg (pronounced Ay-vert Plough) is an international award winning artist and is recognized as one of Australia's leading portrait painters. He is a regular exhibitor at both the Archibald and Shirley Hannan portrait exhibitions

Thanks to a grant from Regional Arts NSW, Evert will be coming to Cobargo to conduct an intensive 3 day painting workshop with the Cobargo Portrait Drawing group. The program promises to be very inspiring – Evert will demonstrate and tutor, not just focusing on portrait but the whole figurative form. The project was also given financial support by Art on Hart, Bermagui and in kind support from The Triangle and Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo.

All places for the workshop have already been taken, but Evert has offered while he is in the region to conduct an evening forum and discussion that will be open to everyone. He will present his experiences of exhibiting in the Archibald and will discuss his work process in relation to such famous paintings



Mailman by Evert Ploeg



Namatjira Group from L to R: Trevor Jamieson, Derek Lynch, Evert Ploeg, Kevin Namatjira, Robert Hannaford

"Conductor –George Ellis", which won the Archibald's People's Choice Award in 2007, the "Debra Mailman" portrait, (People's Choice Award-1999) and the "Jana Wendt" portrait, (Packing Room Prize-2004)

Evert was recently awarded "Best of Show" at The Portrait Society of America's 2011 International Portrait Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

The forum will be held at the Cobargo School of Arts hall between 7pm and 9pm on Friday 5th October. Everyone is welcome – refreshments will be served – there is no charge for attendance, but the Drawing Group is asking for a gold coin donation as a contribution to hall expenses.

Evert's work is in numerous collections including The Australian National Portrait Gallery, The University of Melbourne, The Australian War Memorial and the prestigious Melbourne Cricket Club.....and if you're still

not convinced what a fascinating evening this will be, try checking out his website: www. EvertPloeg-Artist.comespecially the travelling stage production for the Big hArt "Namatjira" project - in this, Evert was asked to join the cast in the role of William Dargie, the portrait artist who painted a portrait of the famous Aboriginal artist, Namatjira that won the Archibald Prize in 1956. Co-sharing the role with Evert was artist Robert Hannaford. During the production they painted live on stage... numerous portraits were produced, each one being painted on stage and completed over the course of a week. Two of these portraits - one by Evert and one by Robert Hannaford were on show at the recent Shirley Hannan Portrait Award Exhibition in Bega.





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The Triangle's Eco Edge Contribution

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I lie in the grass, the soft moss tickles my cheeks. I look up at the canopy of trees above me, leaves spiral down on to my face - they shine in the sun like falling stars. I breathe in the sweet fragrance of the flowers caressing my head. The world is a beautiful place. I listen to the birds chirping in the trees, they sound like little silver bells. A light mist hovers over the trees. Tiny specks of water settle on my face. I smile to myself and get to my feet.

I walk down a rocky path that leads to the creek. There is a low, stoney wall covered with green, scratchy moss. It is slippery, but I have to climb it to get to the creek. I rest my left foot on the first rock and reach up with my right hand to grasp a low hanging willow branch for balance. A bird swoops over my head, I think it was a magpie. It drops a beautiful black and white feather on the ground. I pick it up, examine it and put it in my pocket. There are three other things in there too; an orange shell, a beautiful butterfly wing spotted with red and a stone that fits perfectly in the palm of my hand.

I finally reach the top of the wall, going down is much easier than going up. I would usually slide down on my bottom but it is too wet right now. It's just as fun climbing down.

I can see the creek ahead of me, it sparkles in the sun like the night sky full of stars. It would be lovely to swim in right now. I walk down a stretch of sandy ground towards it, grass tickles my feet and branches whip my face but I don't care. When I get to the bank I sit down on a rock and close my eyes. I listen to the water trickling over the stones. The birds are singing in the trees, the frogs are croaking their sweet melody and the fish are gurgling in the stream.

The world is a beautiful place.

Ruby Summer Newell, aged 10, Cobargo



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.

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 subcommittee 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



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Gardening Gabble

Well. Here it is again. Spring that is. Doesn't it come around quickly?

Spring brings with it an enormous amount of work in the garden with the last days of deciduous roses and fruit tree pruning completed and hopefully all your winter spraying of these plants done. Remember

if your plants have started to blossom then it is too late to winter spray as the chemical will burn the flowers off and hence no fruit.

You will have no doubt noticed tomatoes and associated summer vegetables on display in nurseries and garden centres and although they are for sale, it is really

only for those of you who have a temperature controlled glass house or similar. Planting these plants out before mid to late October in soils that have no heat in them as yet, is basically and absolute waste of time. Tomatoes especially do not like cool soils and in fact will just sit there not growing and when the weather and soil does warm up they will still sit there, sulking.

My old dad had a policy of listening to the Melbourne Cup and after the disappointment of not picking the winner would go out into the vegetable garden and plant his tomatoes. Even then he would cover them with an old tin at night for a couple of weeks "just in case".

If you haven't thought about the preparation of the vegetable garden at this stage, now is the time to start. Spading or forking over the soil to a depth of 25cm or so and then topping it off with some animal manure will do the trick and then leave it for a couple of weeks to settle. At the time of planting fork over again and level and add some garden lime and rake it in. The lime sweetens the soil and a sweet soil

will give a sweet vegetable.

Keith Mundy

The last chance to plant bare root fruit, shade trees and roses is now, and from now on only good nurseries will have these plants available in containers. If you have left your run a bit late, buy containered plants, as these then have time to establish in the pot and thus give

you a lot more time to plant.

There is a bit of a fallacy out there that container grown plants can be only planted at certain time of the year. As a horticulturist of some 45 years I can guarantee you that if you follow sensible planting techniques, plants can be planted all

year round. Some consideration should be taken on extremely hot dry days, but with good soil preparation and a drink (the plant not you) after planting, every success will be had.

And on the matter of planting all year round I think it timely to mention plant availability. Wholesale nurseryman who supply to the retail garden industry, operate fairly similarly to farmers, that is they also plant crops. To avail themselves of a steady income throughout the year they will spread the varieties out over the year so we as retailers will have to wait until that next "crop" becomes available. The grower will have greater success in selling his product when it is at its best, usually in flower.

Quite often I good a puzzled look from customers when asked for a particular plant only to be told they won't be available for some months, that is why.

Anyway, enough of all this until next time, happy gardening.



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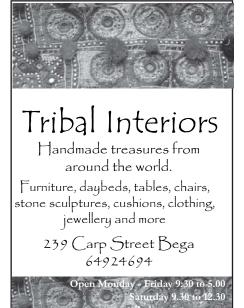
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Those readers who follow this column will know that Carole and I are passionate about creating meals with local and seasonal produce. We are fortunate to have husbands who are keen and adventurous gardeners. They supply us with fruit and vegetables as common as lemons and cabbages and as exotic as water chestnuts and yacons.

Most people will not be familiar with the yacon, a close relative of the sunflower and Jerusalem artichoke. Another name for it is the Peruvian ground apple as it is a South American staple, growing in low frost areas. Yacons are perennial plants that are easy to grow in this area. They produce many large tubers which are crisp and sweet-tasting, much like an apple. We have grown yacons for years and have experimented with ways of using them. They become tasteless and mushy with cooking, but retain their fresh crispness in salads and when added to stir-fries just before serving. They can accompany carrot and celery sticks on the dip platter, but tend to discolour without a squeeze of lemon juice.

Our autumn yacon harvest is packed in slightly damp sand in covered plastic tubs. Most mornings we use one or two in the juicing machine. Their abundant sweet liquid enhances a mix of seasonal fruit and veg for a great start to the day.

If you are interested in growing this

attractive and productive food crop contact Ivan on

6493 6999 or 0429923005 and, for a gold coin donation to charity, he'll give you a rhizome to get you started. Plant it out once the danger of frost is past.

Some time back I suggested the tried-and-true concept of '100 kilometre dinners' - guests bring a dish to share where the main ingredients have been home grown or sourced from within a 100 km radius. We're hosting a lunch for U3A members this month and it will be fascinating to see what everyone contributes. I'll pass on any new recipes, as well as this one for a supersimple soup.

Cauliflower Soup

Cut a whole cauliflower into small florets, discarding the stalk. Cook until tender in a large covered saucepan with 2 cups of water and a teaspoon of salt. Blitz or blend the lot with some unsalted butter and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of plain yoghurt or drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with chives for a touch of class - or without - it doesn't matter. It's so easy, and so good, and a great way to use up a glut of this winter veg.

Italians have a well-deserved reputation for their cuisine based on local and seasonal ingredients. We had been looking forward to our recent holiday there and were not disappointed. It was hot so the quintessential summer fruits and vegies were centre stage, but so was a variety of pear which was often on the menu paired with gorgonzola cheese. I had it as a pizza topping and with pasta - just superb! So if the idea appeals of the fresh sweetness of pear combined with the creamy sharpness of gorgonzola or other blue cheese why not give it



a go? You don't need a recipe to put thin slices of the fruit on a pizza base or hot pasta drizzled with olive oil, to drop blobs of soft cheese all over and cook for a few moments.

Buon appetito!

Edrom Lodge, 100 years

Built on the shores of Twofold Bay, stands the mansion Edrom, built by Monaro grazier John Logan. Edrom has captured the hearts of many people both young and old. Completed in Dec. 1912, Edrom stayed in the Logan family for 35 years. Since then it has seen several owners. Today it is owned by NSW Forestry and is an educational facility.

John Logan was a man of great vision and did much for the local community.

To commemorate this historic event, a book 'Edrom Lodge 100 years' will be launched

at the Eden Library during Heritage month, on Wednesday September 12.

Edrom is heritage listed with the Bega Valley Shire Council.

After arriving on the south coast some seven years ago, author Heather discovered there had never been a complete history written about this iconic building and felt something should be done. She has written a trilogy: "White Settlement in the Wide Bay" about an area in Queensland. These proved to be very popular

Heather F Wembridge

Local Workshop Proposal

With the prevalence of citrus around, is anyone interested in joining forces & making candied peel one day. I made it years ago & remember it as being somewhat time-consuming but absolutely delicious especially compared to the rubbish one buys from the supermarket.

It would be a much more enjoyable exercise with a few people and also would be handy for Christmas cakes and it would also make great Christmas gifts especially covered with chocolate! Is anyone an expert?

Rosemary Millard





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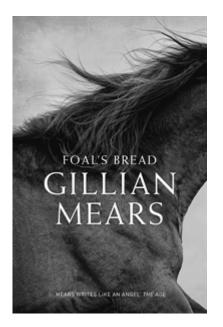
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Foal's Bread

Gillian Mears, Allen and Unwin, \$32.99

I read this book on the recommendation of the wonderful staff at Candelo Books, who nominated it as their choice for the Prime Minister's Literary Award, which it subsequently won. I remember reading her earlier novel, The Mint Lawn, years ago and loving it (must read it again because I've forgotten all about it!)

I found Foal's Bread deeply disturbing and at one point thought I'd have to stop reading it. But I persisted and was glad I did, even though it brought on a couple of horrible nightmares. It is set prior to the Second World War in rural NSW, when show jumping was a big part of country life, and tells the story of a young couple, both at the height of their skills as show-jumpers. They

marry, move in with the husband's family and have two children of their own, before tragedy strikes, leaving the husband a virtual cripple.

Gillian Mears, interviewed when she won the Prize recently, tells of her own love of horses as a young woman, and this comes through on every page, so anyone with a similar interest will love the treatment of lives lived around the passion for the animals, all of which was a bit lost on me I have to say. I'm not sure that I would have chosen this as the novel of the year ahead of Anna Funder's, All That I Am, but it is certainly one of the most challenging books I've read for ages.

Art in the Triangle

seedCode: an exhibition of paintings by Garimo Eva Cockova

and ceramic work by Blossom Young

Two original artists Garimo and her daughter Blossom will be showing their works locally for the first time. Both have recently moved to the South Coast and have brought with them their profound artistic talents. Garimo was a well known artist in Byron Bay area while she lived there for more than a decade and has exhibited her works regularly in several galleries there and in Sydney. Blossom, a recent graduate of the National Art School in Sydney specialises in ceramic sculpture. Her works explore the delicate balance and harmony of man and nature, including both figurative pieces and vessels.

Garimo says about her work: "Recently a fascination with seeds as holders of all life started to appear in my paintings. My work has always been about making the invisible visible, trying to grasp the interconnectedness of all things, the vast information contained in a smallest seed or deeper on the subatomic level. What is seen on my canvases is more a poetic imagining of these themes rather than an attempt at any kind of literal description. I create a benevolent world on the canvas where all the necessary information is available, hidden in the code of lines and patterns. One is the code to make a lotus, another a code of conduct to live

in harmony with the natural world. I want to share my awe at the beauty and the miracle of a seed on the microscopic level, I hope for understanding through seeing connections."

While Garimo and Blossom work separately and in different mediums they often find similarities in their creative expression – a nice refection of their strong family connection – both their works are nature based, highly decorative and complement each other well. Now their long held dream of having a show together has come to existence. Come and meet the artists at the opening of their show on Sat 22 Sept between 4 -6 pm

Showing at Shop 7 Art Space THE WHARF in Bermagui

from 21st September to 7th October, open daily

Opening drinks: Sat 22 Sept 4 - 6 pm

www.evacockova.com www.blossomyoung.com



Painting by Garimo and ceramics by Blossum

Ivy's Exhibits

The first exhibition of the season starts at Ivy Hill on the 28th of September with the work of three indigenous artists. Cheryl Davison and Don Atkinson are old favourites at the Gallery. Cheryl is creating some new works on both paper and canvas. Don's baskets to leach the toxins from Burrawang fruit are made from

grasses collected at nearby Nelson's Lagoon. They are joined by Lee Cruse from Eden whose finely detailed paintings take many months to create. Lee won second prize in the Bega Valley Art Awards last year.

Drinks with the Artists are on Saturday the 29th of September from 5pm

The exhibition runs until the 29th of October and the gallery is open from 10 to 5 on

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. An example of Lee's painting:



Amazing Talent at Bermagui Public School



Year 2 and 3 performed Men in Black

Over 650 people attended the 21st School Concert with three variety performances at the school hall last week. They were amazed and dazzled with seven acts and slideshows.

Kindergarten performed Stayin' Alive. They thought the Concert was awesome, fantastic, perfect and marvellous. Our favourite item was "Men in Black" because their gloves and ties glowed. Snow White, Granny and the Pirates were favourites too, besides ours, of course.

Year 1 performed 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They told the Eric Carle story then sang a song. Every child was dressed as one of the pieces of food from the story. There was also an egg, a caterpillar and a butterfly. Everyone said their lines loudly, clearly and beautifully.

Year 1/2 performed 'Where is the Green Sheep?' They enjoyed watching each of their class mates perform roles. Year 1/2 had wonderful, bright costumes. The music represented their part very well, it told us more about the character they were playing.

Year 2/3 have had a wonderful time learning their "Men in Black" (MIB) dance. They had a great time performing the item. The ultra violet lights and background movies made

it very exciting to watch.

Year 3/4 performed 'Bermagui School goes to the Olympics'. Although we thought it was fun and enjoyable, we thought our costumes

were weird. It was great, it was hard and a challenging test to perform. It was very hard to hold our breath under water for so long – Olympic Synchronised Swimmers!

Year 5 - "Granny and the Pirates" was inspired by an article they found in their school magazine. Their play starts off with an elderly lady (Gran) telling her grandkids about her times on stage. We watch one of Granny's favourite and best plays about a very irritating Granny going on a hilarious adventure on a pirate ship.

Year 6 performed "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves: Queen's Perspective". They started with a skeleton script and worked their way up with the help of Amy Spurgeon and Jessica Reid (from Year 11 at Narooma High School). They produced an amazing play with a touch of comedy. It showed the evil Queen's point of view and why she was so evil.

The audience were entertained with great dancing, dramatic acts and comedy. The students gained not only co-operative skills but also stage experience and lifelong creative art skills. Thanks Aaron Parsons for all the wonderful photographs.

We look forward to 2013

Roslyn Jubb



Kinder performed Stayin' Alive

Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott are sitting next to each other on a flight from Sydney to Canberra. Tony leans over to Julia and asks if she would like to play a fun game. Julia just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and turns towards the window to catch a few winks.

Tony persists and says that the game is really easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5, and visa-versa." Again, Julia politely declines and tries to get some sleep.

Tony, now somewhat agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay

me \$5, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$50!"

This catches Julia's attention. She also knows from her experiences with Tony in Parliament that there will be no end to this torment unless she plays. So Julia agrees to the game.

Tony asks the first question. "How much is the GST on a loaf of bread?" Julia doesn't say a word, reaches in to her wallet, pulls out \$5 and hands it to Tony.

Now, it's Julia's turn. She asks Tony, "What hops, carries its young in its pouch and flies?"

Tony looks at Julia with a puzzled frown.

He takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the Internet and the Commonwealth National Library. Frustrated, he sends emails to all his pals in the Liberal party and finally people in the One Nation party. All to no avail.

After over an hour, he wakes up Julia and hands her \$50. Julia politely takes the \$50 and turns away to get back to sleep.

Tony, who is more than a little miffed, wakes Julia again and asks, "Well, so what IS the answer!" Without a word, Julia Gillard reaches into her wallet, hands Tony Abbott \$5, and goes back to sleep.

Bigger than Ben Hur....

With twenty-one nominations for Mayor and fifty-four aspiring councillors vying for eight spots in the upcoming Council elections, Eurobodalla must surely have the largest field of candidates ever seen in the shire. Some candidates are presenting on a group ticket and some are standing as independents. The ballot paper for councilor candidates will be large enough to use as a tablecloth.

Registered groups

The Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action group, which seems to be an offshoot of the Eurobodalla Ratepayers Association, has registered as a political party and they have sixteen candidates running. Nine of the ERA candidates are also standing for the position of Mayor which makes one wonder whether they are internally divided or just trying to harvest preferences.

Eurobodalla First is another registered party with four members standing, it includes two current members of the council and the lead candidate is nominating for Mayor. The Greens also have a four candidate ticket and again the lead candidate is standing for Mayor.

There are still more candidates that define themselves as being associated groups in their publicity but are not shown as such on the Electoral Commission web site, they also include candidates standing for election as Mayor.

> Above or below the line? So how is the poor voter to negotiate a way

through such confusion? Of course the vote for the Mayor is simple, it is optional preferential and you can just vote 1 for your first choice, after that you can stop (exhaust your vote) or continue to indicate further preferences

With the large ballot paper there is a choice to be made at the start, will you vote above or below the line? If you vote above the line you will need to mark at least two of the boxes while if voting below the line you will need to select a minimum of eight candidates.

Given that we are not dealing with sophisticated political parties and there is little information available about practical or policy proposals it is hard to assess such a large field. However many voters will know a number of the candidates either personally or by reputation and so the best choice will be to vote below the line and to select eight people that are reliable hardworking and sensible regardless of their position on the ballot paper.

> Happy voting everyone!! Jo Lewis



Habitat for Birds

Pictured are two bird houses. One has a more traditional appearance. The other bird house started out looking the same but was altered in order to lure birds that normally nest in native tree hollows. Because many native habitat trees have been cleared, people are providing bird homes that resemble bird's natural nesting sites. These lovely bird houses were made by WIRES' friend Kevin Kimber. He passed them over to his neighbour Dan Katz who then drilled a hole in a native branch and put the branch in the opening to create a tunnel leading into the bird house. The tunnel is small enough to keep out cats that are allowed to wander. Clean brackets were used to attach the bird house to a sturdy tree. It had to be secured correctly as you don't want it to fall down with baby chicks in it! Bird houses must be hung as high as possible to try to deter free roaming cats from attacking the birds. The idea for this type of bird house came from the TV show 'Gardening Australia'.

Planting native trees is another terrific way to provide future homes for our native animals. However, for a short term solution, bird houses will help the situation. One word of caution: There is no guarantee that birds will use the house straightaway or at all. You just have to have a go on a wing and a prayer.

Lois Katz

at your club What's O

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TUESDAY

Ladies Darts- from 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Cash Countdown from 5.30pm Raffles- tickets on sale from 6pm Meat, Fruit & Seafood Trays Pool Comp- 7.30pm

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Reginald James O'Meara 24.3.20 - 22.7.12

Born in Cobargo the 24th of March 1920, Reg was the only child of parents James and Isabella O'Meara nee Gildea.

Reg believed that his father was of Spanish descent and that his mother was born in Moruya....her father was a blacksmith in the Nerrigundah goldfields. His father James and his wife Isabella share farmed on the Tarlinton property just over the road from the church in Wandella Road and in due course James was able to buy the property. The dairy buildings at that time were further up the hill at 'The Dipper' and it is interesting to note that the house was not built on site but brought there by a bullock team. It was re-erected but perhaps not in its original format. James O'Meara was a disciplinarian to say the least and very much the patriarch. Reg recalled that he was expected to help in the dairy and by the age of just four years he could milk a cow. Hard times.

A trip to Sydney in those years would have been a major event...a two day journey... staying overnight at the Adelaide Hotel in Moruya. Reg was amazed by what he saw in Sydney...simple things we take for granted nowadays such as electric light and sewerage... a far cry from his home life of hand milking, horse drawn ploughs and candles the only form of night light.

Reg's early life consisted of schooling in the nearby township and working on the farm under his father's direction. Reg applied himself at school and earned the chance for further study but his father wouldn't allow it. Reg's place was at home on the farm.

Wallace Wright, a farmhand on the property had become aware of young Reg's emerging interest in photography. By various means and saving cigarette cards, Wallace was able to purchase a No2 Hawkeye Brown box camera. You can imagine Reg's excitement on receiving the camera; one which was to serve him well until about 1950 when he was able to obtain a folding Kodak 120. Reg loved to take photos of the other kids of the district but due to the incredibly slow film speeds of the day his subjects had to stand VERY STILL to have their photo taken. It's interesting to note that James supported Reg's hobby by buying him a roll of film every month or so.

By the time Reg was twenty or so the clouds of war had risen above the horizon and Reg enlisted to serve his country. Reg may not have served in overseas war theatres but he was there doing his bit as a driver on Bren gun carrier and this gave him an overview of many of the NSW coastal regions. Reg was in Ingleburn at the time of the Japanese submarine invasion of Sydney Harbour. He was never one to tell much of his wartime experiences but we do know he was disappointed he wasn't allowed to take his camera with him. On discharge, Reg returned to work for James on the farm.

Money was scarce so to earn a little more, Reg would work at unloading the cargo steamer when it was in port at the Bermagui wharf and also as a projectionist at the Cobargo School of Arts. He would also travel to Candelo and Bemboka to bring the movies to town. It seems to me that the trips to Bemboka took a special turn as that is how he was to meet his bride to be, Kathleen Melville. Her family had come from Tumut to work a Bemboka dairy at the end of the war.

Reg and Kath were married in Bemboka on the 14th of October 1946, at Kathy's parents' home in fact, due to

issues of the time with regards to mixed marriages. Of religion that is. Kathy and Reg settled in to the family home in Cobargo.

Ever observant, Reg was frustrated that his father wasn't following modern day farming methods although he had embraced mechanized milking with the arrival of electricity on the farm and had also purchased a tractor. James was to pass away in 1958 and it was from then that Reg was able to determine his own path. He turned down a secure job as a proof reader with the Canberra Times, secured a loan and set about making a go of the farm. Not all the loan went on the farm though, Reg bought Kath a washing machine. With seven children in their brood, I guess it was a much needed item. He set about bringing the farm up to modern day standards, getting the blackberries under control, fertilizing pastures and was able to increase the herd from 30 to 120. The resultant increase in production must have been most pleasing. As we all know, dairy farming is very demanding and family life revolves around it. A day out had to fit in between milking, so a trip to Bermagui was about as far as the family could go...but lots of good times, waterskiing on the lake at times and all seven kids with mum and dad packed in the car. We all have our own special memories of those years. A few of them follow; Of going to school and being able to walk home for lunch...the main family meal of the day. Of all the mischief you got into...thinking Dad wouldn't know, Of corn hair igarettes....not too bad 'til you did the draw back...lift the top off your head!

Reg had a great love of riding his horse Bracelet, so called because of her four white fetlocks, a love of photography and of



developing his own photos in the makeshift darkroom in the kitchen, a determination in learning to fly a plane and the realization that he could do anything he wanted, exceptional photographic skills...in recent years he was called upon for forensic photography....his skill and efforts in making sure everything was exactly right was highly regarded and a loving memory of the days when there was only one radio in town and the whole town moved to the radio to listen to the cricket. All except Reg. He didn't like cricket. He enjoyed attending dances in the School of Arts and for the 53, almost 54 years, he was married to Kath. Together they shared the joy of seeing their children grow and make your own way in life, of grandchildren and great He also had a joy in outliving religious bigotry and his belief that religion should not divide people but rather unite them and a love of his blue Mazda. There's so much more to say about Reg O'Meara, but his Regisms say it all through his ever ready wit and his uncanny ability to sum up a situation in just a few words; "It always rains at the end of a drought." "How are you Reg?" could draw a response of 'vertical'...or 'none the better for you asking' or 'sober...unfortunately'

To all of Reg's family, Jimmy and Narelle, Cathy and Jim, Paddy and Jenny, Tim and Ally, Mary and Greg, Maureen and Ian, Mick and the many grand and great grandchildren.

We as a community say thank you for the privilege of being part of your Dad's life and for all that he brought to our lives in one way or another.

May He Rest In Peace



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 ARTS SOCIETY

Monday mornings: Porcelain Art; Tuesday Mornings: Art, Needlework/Quilting; Thurs. am Leadlighting/ mosaics Fri. am; Pottery, mosaics: Visitors and new members welcome.Ph. 6493 4340

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 & 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.u3anet.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 quarterley. 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 Supper 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

SEPTEMBER	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
Sat 1 st	DJ Darryl Towney	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Fri 7th	raffles and DJ Darryl Lamb	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sat 8th	DJ Col Thomas	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	'Poddy Dodgers'	Cobargo Hotel	evening
Sun 9 th	Camp Quality Variety Golf Day	Bermagui Country Club	
Mon 10 th	Pot Luck Dinner	School of Arts Hall, Quaama	5.30pm for 6pm
Fri 14 th	raffles then Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sat 15 th	Basket Weaving Workshop	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	11am - 3pm
	'Black Velvet'	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	community garage sale	Cobargo main street	8am - 12 noon
Sat 15 th - Sun 23 rd	Week of Golf	Bermagui Country Club	
Sun 16 th	Monster raffle	Bermagui Country Club	1pm
Fri 21st	raffles & 'Candy'	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sat 22 nd	Cobargo Farm Open Day	Cobargo Farm, Bermagui Rd, Cobargo	day
	'True Blue'	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Wed 26 th	U3A term 4 registration	Bermagui Country Club	10am - 12 noon
Thurs 27 th	Mumbulla Foundation's dinner	Wharf Restaurant, Merrimbula	evening
Fri 28 th	raffles then 'Mike on Wheels'	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sat 29 th	Trivia Night \$10 entry	Cobargo Hotel	from 6.30 pm
	'Three on a Tree'	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sat 29 th - Sun 30 th	Grand Final W'end	Bermagui Country Club	
Wed 3 rd October	Bermagui's Springfest	Fishermen's Wharf, Bermagui	11.30 -3pm
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage, Bermagui Rd, Cobargo	10am -3.30pm
•	BINGO with lunch	Bermagui Country Club	11am
First Tuesday of the month	Bermagui Garden Group	Venues vary, phone Heather 6493 5308	10am - 12 noon
Wednesdays	Scrabble	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10am
•	cash countdown, raffles, pool comp & trivia night	Bermagui Country Club	from 5.15pm
	free Poker	Cobargo Hotel	evenings
	music group	Women's Resource Centre, Peden St, Bega	10.30am - 1pm
Last Wednesday of the month	Bermagui Historical Society Meeting	Bermagui Museum in Community Centre	2pm
Thursdays	music group	Women's Resource Centre, Peden St Bega	10.30 -1.30pm
Every second Thursday	Senior's Pick the Numbers & \$5 lunch	Cobargo Hotel	from 11am
Fridays	Storytime for Preschoolers	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	11am
,	Meat Raffles	Cobargo Hotel	5pm
	raffles, pool comp & entertainment	Bermagui Country Club	from 6pm
	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	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	live band or DJ	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	under 16s art classes	Ello's Train Café, Cobargo	10am -11am
	Laneway Markets	Cobargo main street	9am - 1pm
ART			
Mon 3 rd - Sun 30 th	'The Monet Mob' exhibition	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo opening night Fri 14 th from 5.30pm	
Wed 12 th	'Off the Page' competition closing date	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	10am - 4pm
Fri 28 th - Mon 29 th of October	First exhibition of the season	Ivy Hill Gallery, 1795 Bermagui Rd, Wapengo	10am -5pm Fri - Mon
Sat 29 th	Drinks with the artists	Ivy Hill Gallery, 1795 Bermagui Rd, Wapengo	from 5pm
Fri 5 th October	Evert Plough forum & discussion	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	7pm - 9pm