

Anti-Woolies sentiment remains strong after Council DA approval

What is the definition of 'community'? Surely it includes being prepared to stand alongside your neighbour who also cares about where and how they live. It means declaring for what is really supportive of a healthy lifestyle, which is a minefield of diverse beliefs. This collaboration is what we saw at the meeting on Tuesday 23 April to organise the movement against the Bermagui Woolworths development.

Approximately 200 locals sat respectfully as Adam Millar, lawyer and concerned local resident, enlightened us about the situation and possible chances for the better of our town in this 'not dead yet' contest.

Convened at short notice, as a result of the BSVC's decision to approve Woolworths' development application, the physical response

at the meeting says a great deal if close to 15% of the whole community turn up. Let's see if any more of the silent majority feel confident or care enough about this unique village to break their silence in the days ahead.

The DA, or development application, was approved, yet a building application is requiring the nod. Adam clearly, legalistically and unemotionally explained the options. There are potential costs to residents opposing the development that will need to be met by them, as well as there being grounds on which an appeal might be successful. It seems that there were areas of law that may have been understated or overlooked in the decision-making process, though there was no finger pointing, nor recriminations.

Without going into who said what during the Q&A session, feelings of quiet determination and optimism were evident. Afterwards by far the majority declared ongoing support by giving their details for future contact and solidarity. There is now a conscious and purposeful move to clarify the situation. The desire is that the representation of the people for the people is fair and assured, not only in this instance but for the future as well.

To show you feel it is worth the effort and to align with your neighbours, there is a party on the site on Sunday 26 May from noon. Bring the makings for a picnic. Surely, yes, change will happen over time, yet join in now to illustrate that we love and appreciate what we have here, at least for a while to come.

Ships of the desert come to the Triangle



The Triangle has three new residents, young camels Tem, Sishta and Jimma. They have come from Silverton, Broken Hill to live in Wandella. These camels are the offspring of wild camels, of which there are 800,000 in Australia.

Tem, Sishta and Jimma, all about twelve months old, have been settling into their new home since Easter. They have been trained to return to their shed to spend the night.

The camels' job is to be rotated behind cattle. They will eat the blackberry, tussocks



and black wattle as well as cleaning up the other woody weeds and grasses that cows just won't eat.

Tem is the tallest camel, her head is at 1.8 metres now but she will grow so that the top of her hump will reach a height of 2.5 metres.

The Bega Valley Shire Council has now approved the Development Application for a Woolworths in Bermagui. The vote was split 5 to 4 and details of who voted which way are available for those interested. It seems likely that the fight will continue but it is not clear how this would be done or what could be achieved.

Meanwhile the Tilba Market seems to be going from strength to strength. The vegetables on sale are really good, carrots and pumpkin in prime condition, plenty of local tomatoes from

Upper Brogo, local bakers, organic meat (but not every week) handmade soap and local art and crafts are also on offer. After visiting the market there are a couple of great coffee shops where you can socialise or have breakfast and while there you can also pick up local Tilba milk and cheese. Central Tilba is not just a tourist destination, it is a great little village and, even better, it is classified as a National Trust village, which means it will NEVER have a Woolworths foisted on it.

April was notable for first threatening us with another dry and then towards the end of the month, just as the ground was turning into something that resembled concrete, an East Coast Low came through. It brought with it enough rain to fill the tanks and resuscitate parched vegetation. There were reports of falls up to 160mm in some places and the rainfall for that short period exceeded the total rainfall for the previous month. Three cheers for the ECLs.

Letters to the editors

Thank you Cobargo

Cobargo certainly has a wonderful community; if you want to enjoy yourself, they all pull together and put on great events like the Yuin Folk Festival or "The Taste of the Triangle" dinner – but when you're in trouble, Cobargo people are there for you as well.

My husband, Bill, recently passed away. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease for a number of years. Last year he had to move to the Nursing Home in Bega, but in the years before that when he was still around here, the local people and businesses in Cobargo were so helpful and always treated him with respect and kindness.

I want to say thank you to the whole Triangle community for their support and caring. People were so kind and over the past year I have had so many offers of help from friends, neighbours and other members of the community – it makes me feel very grateful and privileged to live in a place where we share not only our joys, but our sorrows as well.

Thank you,

Naomi Lewis
Yowrie

Email hackers

I recently experienced the infiltration of my email account by hackers and wish to alert others to such an event if, particularly like myself, this is type of activity is new to you. Briefly, it became apparent that something was awry with my generic free email site when a number of phone calls came in alerting me to the fact that a message had been circulated throughout my contact list, purporting to have originated from myself, that I was in strife in the Philippines with my family having been the subject of the theft of money and documents and was requesting \$2000 be sent immediately via Western Union. Some suggestions I would make should you receive such an email or are the subject of a hacker:-Alert your email provider as soon as possible if you are hacked using their HELP process (my internet provider's human technical service guided me). This way future activity will be frozen whilst the hacking is being investigated. ALWAYS check the validity of such emails in whatever way you can and never send money unless you are totally sure the message is genuine. The police informed me that money transferred

via Western Union is untraceable so would be irretrievable. Contacting Scamwatch could be useful, check out SNOPEs a website devoted to scams and hackers, you might have more luck than I did with this. My internet provider also advised me to contact the manufacturer of my lap top who clarified that my system was clean of any viruses.

Unfortunately everything that was being held on my email site has been lost so I shall definitely be keeping a written record of all addresses that are important. According to my internet provider there is no way to be 100% secure from hackers. Choosing a strong password, changing it regularly, keeping it private is the best protection.

Kate Taylor
Bermagui

The end of concern

Re "Editorial Discretion Required", Letters, April, in business things are not just crook in Tallarook but in all parts.

Yet a mere "welcome back" in poor old countrified Cobargo rings more than a little hollow.

The financial issues made by business couple, the Hintons, must be poignant and real

Us city slickers come into this district not caring much for inquisitions, we then find ourselves drowning in oceans of basic concerns and goodwill.

And yes we get mighty upset with petty niceties and those unwanted intrusions into our lives.

So may I suggest it is time we drop kicked all mentions of "good days". Bury sayings such "How are you and yours going?" Forget about sending "get well" cards.

Dispense with "Welcome backs".

'Cause you just never know what commercial outcomes and imperatives can be found lurking in the bushes here, just waiting to devastate us with just the slightest morsel of concern, sympathy or endearment.

Joe Ruiz-Avila
Wandella

Developer welfare

In light of the proposed Woolworths development in Bermagui and the widespread opposition from the local community I think this information from the BVSC might be rather like a red rag to a bull but nevertheless it is information that bears repeating.

The item below is from the media release *Water and Sewerage Plans on Exhibition* on the BVSC website (search for Water and Sewerage Plans)

"The new draft DSPs recommend a reduction in developer contributions from their current combined value of \$21,878 to \$18,000 per adopted tenement.

"This reduction in developer costs is proposed to be funded by a cross subsidy from water and sewer user and access charges. The cross subsidy amounts to \$85 per annum for typical residential sewerage bills and \$18 per annum for typical residential water bills."

Nice one BVSC.

Although the story also states that "customers will see no actual increase in their access or user charges other than standard CPI increases over the next five years", it's hard to see how they can reduce the fees, cross subsidise from sewer and water as stated and still not have any extra charges.

Jo Lewis
Akolele



Veronica Coen serves Harvest Fare in Quaama on Saturday 20 April. More, p10

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Road closures for Wadbilliga National Park and Narooma Bridge

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) advises that the Wadbilliga Road in Wadbilliga National Park will be closed to all traffic between April 22 and May 31.

There will be no access between the tablelands (Cooma) and coast (Cobargo) using the Wadbilliga Road during this time and the NPWS apologises for any inconvenience. The road will be closed to all vehicles between Two River Plain and Bourkes Road.

The Lake Creek camping ground in Wadbilliga National Park will also be closed during this time.

Alternative access between the tablelands and the coast will be available via the Snowy

Mountains Highway or the Kings Highway.

This road closure is required for the NPWS to conduct essential road works that are a result of previous flood damage. Works will include drainage, re-alignment and maintenance.

For more information contact the NPWS Narooma Office on 4476 0800.

Also Essential Energy advises that the Princes Highway at the Narooma Bridge will be closed to all traffic overnight on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6, 7 and 8 while crews carry out a major upgrade of the electricity network. The closures will operate from 11pm to 5am.

Creative Writing Course at WRC

The Women's Resource Centre is pleased to invite women who are community, public or Aboriginal housing tenants to participate in a series of creative writing workshops.

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To secure your place phone 6492 1367.

Gabrielle Powell
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One of the many things that keeps the Bega Valley ticking

Volunteering can be such a rewarding experience. At Bega Valley Meals on Wheels Plus there are various volunteer opportunities. As a multi-service outlet we have several different programs. There is always the trusty volunteer meals deliverer. We also have our Social Support Programs, Centre Based Social Clubs, the drop in 'Two Saints' café, a Fishing Bus fortnightly, and two shopping buses each week. On Tuesdays the bus leaves Bega and travels to Narooma via Bermagui, picking up registered passengers along the way. This allows eligible clients from the north of the shire to access shops and appointments; the

driver is a volunteer.

Throughout the Shire we provide volunteers through the Social Support programs. These positions are one on one. The role can include assisted access to shopping, movies or maybe a game of Scrabble and a chat. We also offer respite for carers of eligible clients.

If you have an interest in either volunteering or becoming a service user, please call our office. We welcome and value all our volunteers, provide training, reimbursement support. Please contact Helen on 6494 7456 or email your enquiry to helen.kuriger@bvmowplus.org.au



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3. Please do not send posters or flyers! We cannot reproduce them. Instead write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.

4. Have a think about a headline for your story. Believe us, we're usually quite braindead at the end of our editorial meeting and can only come up with lame puns and cliches. Don't leave it to us!

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Thumbs Up

To residents of Bermagui who are holding onto the possibility that Woolworths bypass Bermagui altogether.

To the folk of Quaama and surrounds who came out in force in horrid weather to do us proud in the Harvest Fair Cooking Competition.

To the young people keeping Anzac Day alive by being there.

Thumbs Down

To the folks who partied on Cuttagee Headland on the night of 28 March, smashed bottles, left a heap of litter and drove over some of the recent plantings there by Bermagui Dunecare. Do you want all accessible points along the coast to become rubbish dumps or have Council block access to stop this happening?

To the person who left used disposable nappies outside the gate at the Quaama cemetery on Tuesday 23rd April.



Cobargo Conversations

Sharon Cole

From real estate sales to A grade rugby, there are plenty of things going on in Cobargo at the moment to get our tongues wagging. As a community, we are achieving significant goals and milestones. Here is just a snapshot of what's been happening.

Volunteers gathered in the Narira River Park to farewell Steve Worrall on Thursday 18 April. Steve has been a volunteer at the TIC (Tourist Information Centre) along with 11 others, and now Steve is heading north, to a warmer winter, after selling his property in Cobargo. Steve's efforts have been appreciated and he was presented with a screen printed linen tea towel featuring a line drawing of the main street of Cobargo (they are available at the TIC. Very nice!). Judy Roberts from the Cobargo TIC hosted the farewell morning tea and a selection of Cobargo country-style slices and scones were served to about 20 people who soaked up the beautiful autumn weather, and reflected on strong friendships formed. A notable replacement for Steve is Ray Copping who has committed to about 15 hours per week,

in conjunction with CentreLink programs, and thanks were given to Ray for setting up a computer program to allow greater efficiencies for the Cobargo TIC. A number of new volunteers have also joined the TIC recently.

Have you noticed that a number of properties in and around Cobargo have been sold lately? It seems like one after another, so I called a couple of real estate agents to ask about changes in the property market. Julie Rutherford confirmed that there is an upward trend of residential property sales in Cobargo. Although there is no boom, and prices are reasonably flat, homes have been selling at realistic prices, more so this year than last year which was very flat for sales. A number of homes in the low to mid-range in Cobargo, Wandella and Quaama have sold. There is a mixture of buyers with some coming from outside of the area. Julie confirmed that more properties would be coming onto the market in the next couple of weeks. I know everyone would agree, that it is so good when someone says "I've sold". Congratulations to all recent

buyers and sellers.

One not for sale, however, is the historical CWA hall, a valuable building for the whole community. Plans are underway for the building to be 'open for inspection'. Everyone will be able to see just how appropriate this lovely building is for meetings and get-togethers, at reasonable rates, and is especially attractive now since it is air-conditioned and has been painted inside. A new project is underway to paint the exterior and the Lions Club will help, along with some additional assistance from the community: you and me! CWA also hold Handicraft Days at the cottage on the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting at 10.30am and everyone is welcome. Bring along your current UFO (unfinished object) and join in the fun.

June Tarlinton's birthday, 'Picnic at Dusk' was celebrated at the Wandella Hall, on 30 March. It was a huge success. More than 200 people spent the evening under the marquee and in the Wandella Hall, being treated to the Tarlinton's generous hospitality and endearing memory-sharing. Stephanie, 'the bush rose', on behalf of the girls, used an alphabet of words to describe June as a talented friend and mother, while June and Richard were at their very best, making us laugh at their recollections of the past. June's chocolate birthday cake was made by Chris Tarlinton from Queanbeyan. The green sugar-based icing featured a picture of June on her first horse. Other cakes were decorated with wattle, lilies and roses. The Poddy Dodgers took over the entertainment after James Darke, from North of Gladstone, treated guests to whip cracking, to the tune of Kimberley cross-over Mary had A Little Lamb. A most enjoyable evening.

Talking of Lambs, Dave Rugendyke celebrated his 'surprise' 60th birthday with a party on the same Saturday evening with a number of friends and family at the Cobargo Hotel. The main fare was a deliciously tender lamb on the spit. High profile Dave, you may know him as Santa, or as a RFS volunteer, retired out of Canberra four years ago and is seen putting his skills to practical use at most of the functions around town. Happy Birthday Dave.

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(L to R) Bridget, Megan, June and Stephanie Tarlinton with the Poddy Dodgers in the background

Nancy McVeity, a lovely lady with a great sense of humour and after many tears there was great joy. Nancy, born on 3 September 1925, worked hard on her parent's farm, and would tell the story that after she left the farm her parents purchased a tractor and retired the draught horse! Nancy loved her family and the land, and spent all her life in the Cobargo area. A funeral service was held at St Mary's Church and then at the Cobargo Cemetery. Later, at the Cobargo Hotel, a 'Memory Quilt', made to celebrate Nancy and Bill's 60th wedding anniversary, was on display at the hotel and it showed so well Nancy's life at 'Coleville', 'Westview' and then 'Mountain View' with Bill, her sweetheart whom she met at a local dance, and her children, Joy and Peter.

Craig and Julie O'Meara's hard work paid off, and their 'Salvation Jerseys' cattle sale on 18 April set the stage for future events, like the one just seen. The O'Meara's long term strategy for their stud, 'Salvation', is to sell quality heifers, namely, 'Salvation Next-Gen'. At sale, 60 head of young milking heifers went for inspirational prices and Craig remains thankful that, considering the economic climate and the low milk prices being experienced right now, the buyers showed great respect for the quality of cow on sale, and the prices paid reflected that quality. A large number of people attended, about 60-70, including locals, and some from Tilba, Forbes, Victoria, South Australia, and some watched the sale on Live-Sell. Craig wants to thank Dairy Livestock Service (DLS) for getting the buyers to the sale, and more personally, Aaron, Tim and Robert Salway, Robert and Rocky Allen, Harry Brice, Jeff and Josh Smedley for working the gates and Julie and Helen O'Meara, Jill Brice and Dave Rugendyke for providing the BBQ.

The Lazy Lizard's exhibition 'Felt Inspired' was a feather in the cap for Helen Stafford, who pulled together a delicate collection of beautiful and useful felt items which, yes...I think would be a great gift for Mother's Day. Thank you Helen for showcasing your talents in Cobargo and giving us an enjoyable dalliance with your flirtatious felted garments and accessories.

'Very competitive in the forward pack and a creative back line'. That's how Joel Anderson has described the Cobargo Eels, an A grade rugby league side that has been formed after a lot of concentration and dedication from Robbie Miller, who has been described as the backbone of the team's aspirations over the last few years. Now they have a team and are welcoming as much support as they can muster. Kane Morgan is the Captain and Coach and The Eels practise at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Narira and play on Saturdays at locations from Moruya to Eden to Cooma. The Cobargo Hotel is the main sponsor and details of games are published in the Bega Newspaper.

I've noticed that, when a man speaks about soccer, other men become emotive and passionate about a game that is played all around the world. Well, right here in Cobargo there is a team, 'Cobargo Dry River Soccer Team', part of the Eurobodalla Division, with players aged 16-40 plus who are already into the season, which commenced 7 April. Squizzy, aka David Salter is the captain. The games are played at 1pm at different locations. Training is at 6pm on Wednesdays at the Cobargo Oval,

all welcome. To follow or join the team, contact David Salter, ph 6493 8557.

Easter seemed to come and go so quickly. The Laneway & Beyond Market at Easter was better than a regular day with more people around than usual enjoying the atmosphere of Cobargo. It is worth noting that the money raised from the market stalls goes towards local community organisations and projects and the Cobargo Creators offers NFP (not for profit) groups, like the league and soccer clubs, a free stall to assist them with their fund-raising efforts, and they would love to see a regular sausage sizzle!

Also, a notable Easter success story was Graham Parr's 'Champion Grass of the Show' award at the Royal Sydney Easter Show. Congratulations Graham.

Finally, our thoughts were also with Irene and Patrick Hood with the loss of their husband and father, Patrick Hood Snr. and with Shannon Russack with the loss of her husband Jim. Shalom.



Nancy McVeity spent all her life in the Cobargo area

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Horse Hype is a feature in our Triangle sure to please all those horse lovers out there. There must be loads of interesting stories to be told, so send them in and share them with us.

Twenty-four riders gathered at Tarlinton's Wandella dairy to start the year in the style to which we have become accustomed...the annual Australia Day ride, ably lead by our dedicated president, Richard.

With club members old and new, and a few visitors, we struck out across the pastures and off into the hills to traverse the well cleared track that meanders along the upper reaches of Wandella Creek. With many creek crossings, and a few good steeper pinches, the horses had plenty to think about as they negotiated footholds through the undergrowth and creek banks.

Thanks to some hard working previous teams, Richard and crew in early January, and Richard, Pauline, Marea, Meg and Robbie on January 19, the track had been thoroughly prepared for our ride. Evidence of some



The group getting ready for a ride along Wandella creek.

serious log relocations (very environmentally sensitively done!) indicated how impassable much of the bush would have been if not for the generosity of those workers.

An enjoyable ride was followed by a gourmet's delight BBQ, music and dance night, with many patrons setting up camp and making a real relaxing evening of it. Thanks again to our

stalwart musicians, True Blue, who pump out the tunes till well past midnight...and keep the dancers up on the dance floor with their catchy choice of dance music.

The welcome rain only added to the success of the weekend...everyone was well aware of how much the land needed the rain after the scorcher that was January.

Trail riders host horse sale

Cobargo Trail Riders are gearing up to host our 19th annual Quality Horse and Equipment Sale. The sale will be held at the Cobargo Showgrounds on Saturday May 11. This sale is known far and wide in the horse world and has attracted patrons into our beautiful area both as sellers and customers.

As well as keeping the Trail Club afloat, the Horse and Equipment Sale benefits the wider local community with the Cobargo Pre-school and Cobargo Pony Club both providing catering and refreshments throughout the day.

Each year the Trail Club uses much of our fundraising profits to make a substantial

donation to a voluntary community organisation. In 2012 we chose the five local Rural Fire Sheds (Cobargo, Quaama, Bermagui, Tilba and Brogo) and were able to donate a total of \$2500 to these units. In response to actual fire damage up on the Monaro, we made a further donation to Blazeaid, with two of our executive members delivering \$500 worth of fencing equipment to the volunteer squad based at Nimmitabel. In November 2012, a dedicated group of club members sourced materials and constructed a super loo at the camp ground at Super's Monument in Wadbilliga National Park. This venture is a continuing benefit to all bush users.

This year's sale day will feature the traditional parade of horses commencing at 10.30am. Buyers can negotiate privately with owners any time after the parade. While the gear is being catalogued in the pavilion, customers will be entertained and informed by some visiting experts in horse related fields, both health and horse handling skills and techniques. As usual a monster raffle will be held with a wide range of practical items making up the 20 plus prizes on offer. Cobargo Trail Club is always grateful to the many local businesses and individuals who support our fund raising efforts by donating goods and services to our raffle. This annual sale has become a well-patronised event on the local calendar and contributes to the colour of life in this area.

Come along for an outing with a difference, share some morning tea or lunch and hopefully score some bargains in the well-stocked pavilion sale.

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Anzac Day in Cobargo

The nearly two hundred people who attended the Anzac Day commemoration in Cobargo were privileged to be addressed by two young guests with close connections to the district. Private George Allen (right) is currently serving in the Australian Army. His late grandfather, also George Allen, of Galba near Cobargo, served in WW2. Able Seaman Courtney Fleming (left) is a naval cadet at TS Albatross. Her great-grandfather, Allan Roberts, served in WW2 in Darwin and New Guinea. Allan lived in Cobargo between 1945 and 2011, and came back to hear Courtney speak, and to meet old friends. Photo: Vashti Herbert

Establishing Our Parish

Bishop Thomas visited the area in September 1880 to conduct a series of confirmation services in eight centres, including Cobargo, Dignams Creek and Tilba Tilba. At the end of his visit to Cobargo, the Bishop contributed £10 towards a new Church, which was probably already under construction or about to commence and was completed in late 1880 or 1881.

Setting a pattern that has continued until today, the Triangle saw themselves as 'separate' and in the mid 1880s the Bishop reported that the community's strong desire for a separate parish was mentioned to him each time he passed through Cobargo (generally en route for Bega). A plan was made to establish the Parish, but like many things it took a while to come

to fruition. The main delay was caused by the drought of the 1880s.

In early 1889, 25 years on from Cobargo's first inclusion in a parish, the Parish of Cobargo was established. Rev. A Turnbull (a Deacon) was placed in charge. Rev. Turnbull was probably not the man we would expect to have been our Parish's first Minister. He and his wife were well ahead of their time: they both had a strong commitment to the poor and suffering and were active in several states to make change. They have both left a lasting impact on Australia. But more on them later.

If you have further information or old photos of Cobargo, please contact Fiona Kotvojs (fiona.kotvojs@bigpond.com, or ph 6493 6080) and we will organise for them to be

Cannon balls!

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen.

Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass -hence Brass Monkeys. Few landlubbers realise that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey. And all this time, folks thought that was just a vulgar expression?



The church that was built in Cobargo in 1880/81 and destroyed by white ants. It was on what is now the site of the supermarket.

copied and returned (along with an electronic copy).

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Tilba's Anzac Day ceremony was well attended and held in a peaceful atmosphere of locals and visitors. As ever, Keith Morgan's rendition of the Last Post was haunting and Dave Wright's piano a soulful accompaniment for the hymns. Flower wreaths were laid from the Narooma RSL, Legacy and Tilba School. Cliff and Sherry Hayden from Pam's Store also generously provided two they had made on behalf of Tilba Tilba.

While the day rightfully belongs to those who served, we can also reflect that the past centuries' numerous calls to arms took away so many of the finest and fittest from small rural communities such as ours. The shortage of hands over the long war years must have made keeping farms and businesses afloat an ordeal, as well as the daily burden of worry that their loved ones may be killed or wounded. For me, Anzac Day shouldn't be seen as just about the soldiers and their feats but the terrible tragedy war is for all people involved. Running the farm must have been that much tougher with so many strong hands away. The deaths of family members in service were tragic enough but we should also remember that among those who did return were the many with wounds both physical and mental. Caring for an invalid son, father, brother or sister in the following years meant the war hadn't ended for some families and their livelihoods. Lest we forget.

During the service I recalled a little story I was told some years ago about a returned serviceman from Central who knew he was finally home safe after his wartime ordeal on hearing the petrol sign at the Store squeaking in the wind as he went off to sleep. Ken Jamieson eventually got rid of the squeak in consideration of his B&B guests but after hearing that story



The Anzac Day March about to be led off by the students of Central Tilba School.

he tried to restore it. Not so easy. What's an annoyance to some can be a life moment for others. We're still working on that squeak.

The Easter Festival was a great success according to the organisers, a beautiful Autumn day with a packed program of great entertainment. Gate donations have enabled the Festival Committee to in turn donate a very healthy \$5000 to the local Bushfire Brigade for much needed equipment upgrading, and \$2000 to the Chamber of Commerce towards extra protected rubbish bins for the street. That's a few truck loads of lamingtons that don't have to be driven as fundraisers. It's amazing what a handful of volunteers can achieve, so hats off to the Festival Committee and their indispensable helpers. Those anti Festival locals around the towns, and there are quite a few, might ponder this next time they say boldly 'I'm not paying money to get into my own street'. Funny how some roll up anyway and get a full day's

entertainment for free. The fries might save your house one day, voluntarily and for free too.

A star of the day was young Rhys Davies, son of Damon and Julie, who wowed the crowd with his magical acrobatic antics. This schoolboy is making a great go at life with his hard earned skills, so it was embarrassing to see him hit on the head by a whole hamburger thrown by a local dead-eye dick from the pub verandah. Without getting all hot 'n' cross, Rhys juggled the buns to the crowd's delight. Maybe our tosser's food handling skills should be demonstrated out at River Cottage for the wider world. Tilba Bunny Burger with The Lob, another authentic local creation. River Cottage host Paul West and the crew were in the street filming on the day, so when the program goes to air with all that international exposure the Festival could be on the map for many more tourists. It's a bit of a worry for a one horse town but.

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And on the international, local ex patriot Kiwis Col Rayner and Roger Barraclough went back 'home' recently for a motorcycle romp across the North Island with a few Aussie mates. Roger returned with a face like a boxer after a few too many rounds thanks to a White Tail spider bite in bed. He's peeved that he had to go all the way to NZ to be bitten by a dangerous Australian native. White Tail and Redback spiders have been introduced there over the years through baggage and cargo. I guess it's sort of revenge for Bondi.

Like me, you may have been a bit confused with the continuity reading last issue's column. The Triangle's HQ razor gang were busy on my text making it fit the page at the last minute. I'm the one who puts the word late in late edition. The no sense reference to Cara Elton was of her recent efforts to update The Harold Spindler Memorial Playground in Bate St.

Cara is keen to see some improvements in the playground. Being basically the same set up she played on as a child, now being a mother herself she'd like to see an update of equipment and facility. If anyone would like to have a say on the issue Cara would be happy to talk it over before she takes on Council. Her number is 4473 7719. The CWA girls have already contributed \$350 they impressively raised on Festival day with a raffle towards matching any monies Council can cough up for an update. As with all things Council, especially for us in the



um... bottom end of the Shire, public works take time so Cara & the CWA's enthusiastic efforts will be covered in the next issue. As for the other mysterious missing 'Bites, let's just say you didn't miss much. Something to do with easter eggs and girls fighting in the playground.

Benbraggie badness was back in the news recently with resident Tess Bertam-Jones rolling her Land Rover heading down her driveway into the hollow. Tess wants to say a huge thanks to the Furies and all those who stopped to help in all the mayhem. She's ok even if the Rover's a write off. The wreck was on the roadside for a few days and I noted that some wit had messed with the Land Rover name on the broken plastic bumper. It'd been doctored to read AND OVER. The Ghost of Shippo's Corner still lurks around the hills and dales. Tess tells me that she wasn't undone by pink elephants or white wallabies but just horses, too many of them under her foot it seems.

Keep a note for Saturday night, May 18th as Chrissie Montague has organised a dance in the Hall. Mike Ward & friends will be the

music. Bring your own food and grog and there's a \$5.00 cover charge, all profits going to the Hall's restoration funds. It's a long while since we've had a night in town so make it a date. Contact Chrissie on 4473 7621 or 0457 074 980 for more details.

Still at the Halls, it seems their new vacuum cleaner has walked. If by some chance someone involved in an event there recently has accidentally taken it home could they please return it ASAP. It's an orangey red Dyson. Alternately it could have just been stolen. Thieves have been abroad of late with break-ins in Tilba Tilba and The Dromedary Hotel in April. In both cases large sums of cash were lifted. Don't forget to lock your doors, and keep your eyes peeled for suspicious persons. Hopefully the snakes responsible have moved on.

Any items for 'Bites please contact me on jsmall7.tpg.com.au /4473 7406, before the 15th of the month if possible. Also, some of you might not be aware that *The Triangle* can be read online at www.thetriangle.org.au

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Jen Severn

Saturday 20th April... rain, icy temperatures, wind gusts... what a day for the Harvest Fair! A nervous progress committee wondered what they'd do with the film crew from River Cottage, who had heard about the fair and were planning to get some good ye olde countrie footage.

But people starting pouring in with entries for the Cooking Competition, and at about 12pm, with the judging in full flight, the sun broke through and the River Cottage cameras came out. At about 2pm with all the winners announced and applauded and filmed, the clouds closed over again.

So, on a day where we could happily have held the Fireside Fair, there were record crowds and record numbers of entries for the Cooking Competition – and record funds raised for the community.

The fifty entries in the Cooking Competition were poked, prodded, sniffed, stirred and tasted by Quaama's own chefs **Geoffrey Grigg** and **Kel Gillies**, ably assisted by **Laura** the scribe. Both categories (Preserves and Pumpkin Dishes) had to be split into Sweet and Savoury subcategories, there were so many entries. And the winners were (with judges' comments) ...

Judges' choice winners: Pumpkin dish sweet – **Bhagya** for her Pumpkin Cheesecake (cooked perfectly, perfect texture, perfect

flavour), Pumpkin dish savoury – **Linda McMurray's** Pumpkin, Leek and Goat's Cheese Tart (the thyme worked well to give the pumpkin character and the leeks were cooked just right).

Seasonal Preserve sweet – **Janet Menefy's** Plum Jelly (like eating a ripe plum on a summer's day). Seasonal Preserve savoury – **Barbara McGinnity** for her Apple and Tomato Chutney (packed full of flavour). Highly Commended: Pumpkin dish sweet – **Veronica Abbott's** Pumpkin and Lime Cakes (moist, clean with good balance of flavours) and Pumpkin dish savoury – **Jay Sinclair's** Pumpkin and Sweet Potato Salad (packed with flavour).

Those were the Judges' choices. As for the People's Choices: Popular vote: Pumpkin dish – 1st **Vicki Younger's** Pumpkin Loaf with 16 votes, 2nd **Hallie Fernandez** with 14 votes for her pumpkin Cheesecake. Seasonal preserves was a five-way tie between **Betsy Hilton**, **Janet Menefy**, **Maree Copping**, **Bhagya** and **Barbara McGinnity**.

Crazy Vegetable Competition – the Best Dressed Vegetable was won by **Baylee** and Most Life-Like by **Barbara McGinnity**.

Approximately \$1200 was raised by the various community groups represented. Quaama Progress Association would like to thank the **Lions Club** for the BBQ (they sold out of snags on the day) and all the stallholders who attended despite the weather. Extra special thanks to the locals who got up early to put up extra marquees, and to everyone who turned out in the weather to make a crowd on the day.

Put 20 July on the calendar - the **Fireside Fair**. Beanie competition, another cooking comp, storytelling, fibre art and craft exhibition, yarn swap, outdoor forge (we could have done with that on Saturday!) etc etc. More on that next month.

I got in that sweet photo of **Daisy and Zan Kelly Haida** just in time last month, because the family has now sold up and shipped out – only as far as Coolagolite for now, but they're leaving for Isabel's native Germany next month. They're even taking PJ the dog. All the best Caleb, Isabel, Zan, Daisy and PJ. Welcome to **Jay and Kim** who have bought their house in Bermagui St, and welcome to **Ruth** in the house next to the tennis courts, and to **Jackie** who bought Suzanne and Paul's place in Earl St. Lots of new people in town!



Musos Rob Connal and Allan Holley.
Photo: Hans Wiedeman

I neglected to mention last month that **Rose Chaffey** opened another great exhibition at Ivy Hill Gallery early in April. By the time this month's *Triangle* is published it will be all but over, but the watercolours – landscapes from the Monaro and Snowies, mostly, and a lovely series of grevilleas – have sold well, so congratulations Rose. You can see the work at www.rosechaffey.com.au > Portfolios > 2012-13.

There's a new dance/move event at the Quaama Hall every Thursday evening, 6-8pm. Great music, lots of fun, anything goes, just move to the beat. Plus sublime moments for regrouping, meditating, or just catching your breath (then watching it)... **Catherine McEwan**, who's putting the music on and kind of managing the event in a very loose kind of way, said after the first one, "thurs was sweet, energetic and I know my heart felt full when I left. Thanks for all the company and help. Quaama Hall, I am sure, is loving the energy we create." Enquiries to Catherine, thetravellingmedicineshow@gmail.com, 0427 565 253.

Photos opposite, clockwise from top left: the River Cottage film crew lines up a shot; Crazy Vegetables; judges Kel and Geoffrey make tough decisions; a fine day to film a country fair; local harvest fare entries; Bhagya, tuckshop lady extraordinaire and prize-winning cook; entries arriving. Photos: Di Manning



Kel Gillies and Geoffrey Grigg judged the spread of entries in the cooking comp



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CRAB (Cancer Research Advocate Bikers) Bermagui Community Bike Show 2013

On Saturday 6 April the second annual CRAB bike show occurred in town and what a turnout. Founded in 2004 in Queensland in memory of a loved one dying of cancer, CRAB is now Australia wide, with a chapter in Switzerland. It is about bikers and bike enthusiasts caring enough to act to raise money. What better place than the holiday village of Bermi to gather and bring attention to the plight of those suffering and seeking relief from cancer.

Peter Cox, President of CRAB club Bermagui, says: "We have been going for about four years now and all the proceeds go to cancer research. We have raised \$100,000 over the last three years and we are presenting a cheque of \$20,000 today to NSW Cancer Council and/or local Bega Valley Cancer Assist. We also hope this event this weekend will bring in at least \$25,000 extra". The host of bikers and their machines was a sight to behold, with so many variations on the theme of two wheeled transportation. Harley Davidsons, Nortons, Triumphs, Suzukis and any number of other makes of motorcycles old and new were on show, illustrating the individualism, creativity and flair that these often misunderstood members of our community add to colour our world. There



Richard Denniss, President of the Australia Institute, holding forth (see next page)

were music performances, community groups and business stalls, food and fun for all. A family affair and very well attended. The whole worthwhile shebang was widely supported by local businesses and personalities, without whom this kind of fundraising would not be possible. A big 'thanks' from CRAB to them all and visitors to the day's action. Next time you see a motorcycle going by, wave and wish them well as they might be a CRAB doing good things.

You think having Woolworths here is bad...

For at least 40,000 years, the people of this land of Oz have been watching the waves and seeing newcomers of many shapes and sizes ride into town, as it were. Some happily traded, some left unsatisfied because they saw nothing that they could use and some stayed a while. Some even came again and again yet did not impose their way on the locals. Time passed and some died off or left for home again, though they benefited from their interaction with the indigenous folk and mostly peaceful it was.

There are many parallels we could claim from this perspective and take heart in some that indicate we are not experiencing anything new or totally overwhelming. That is, until we truly consider the weight and success of the modern way of life, if we can call it success. John Lennon responded to his naysayers in his youth that they did not understand that it was life, not he, that did not comply. This is a good analogy of our new wave and the response we have been receiving for over 200 years now: we do not understand the land and the life on and within it.

As I see it, we, the far younger cultures which have settled on this shore, are here to learn of ourselves through the land and its well established inhabitants, who have survived and even thrived here for millennia. Is that not sensible and pragmatic? Or do we keep overlooking what has worked and reinvent the wheel: how to survive in a challenging

environment? Oh well, Woolworths have it sorted and the answer to our problems, so we can relax. Is that the way?

New kid in town

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Yuin Folk Club - House Concert at 'Frybach Park', Lyrebird Ridge Road, Coolagolite

I am speechless – a challenge for someone writing a column! To be part of the, what can I call it... 'Love in', was sooooo good I am speechless. I know I said that already, though I am revelling in the feeling and wish not to talk about it, just enjoy the aftermath. Do not misconstrue, I am talking (ok I am now able to describe it, a little) about free love and mung beans or an orgy, rather, I experienced a room filled with loving and exotic sounds, vibes, and people: several Taiwanese guests added to folk present from all over the Triangle. In the back blocks of Coolagolite – is there such a thing? Anyway, Parvyn, Josh and Andrew of the 'BluGuru' gave of themselves so willingly and with such art and skill it was wonderful, in a setting to die for, hosted by Col and Graham Fry. Brilliant! Just another gem in our cultural crown. Check it out.

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Dinner with Dr Denniss from The Australia Institute

Politics usually trumps democracy was the theme of The Australia Institute's Dr Richard Denniss's address to the big, sell-out public dinner at Bermagui last Thursday night.

Dr Denniss provided many Australian examples to illustrate this.

"People often confuse democracy with politics," he said. "Democracy implies that the majority will get their way, but politics is the art that minority interests use to control majority opinion. In Australia the vast majority of people support the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia and banning junk food ads on kids' TV shows, but neither major political party is at all interested in doing what the majority want, even in an election year.

"Some people, and some industries, are so good at politics that they can get their rivals to support them. The forestry industry in Australia can't survive without subsidies as the more trees they log the more money they lose. But the forestry industry is so good at politics that they have even managed to get the environment groups to support subsidies for logging. The taxpayer will pay the industry to not log in regions where the industry can't afford to log

anyway. It's brilliant politics on the part of the loggers but it is terrible policy for the ordinary taxpayers who have to fund it.

"The mining industry is pretty good at politics as well," he said. "Each year taxpayers give them billions of dollars-worth of subsidies and build the transport infrastructure the miners need, all in the middle of a so-called mining boom. If the mining industry can't afford to operate without subsidies now, then when could they ever pay their own way?

"The expansion of the mining industry has driven the dollar to record highs. In fact the dollar is now so high that manufacturers like Holden are saying they just can't keep producing in Australia. But again, the miners are good enough at politics that no one is blaming them for the demise of manufacturing."

Dr Denniss outlined results of recent research conducted by the Australia Institute which analysed the 'massive subsidies' paid to the fossil fuel and mining industries as further examples of political muscle trumping democracy.

"\$13.3bn was paid in fossil fuel subsidies from government by way of tax concessions



Richard Denniss with some local members of The Australia Institute after the dinner.

for avgas, R&D concessions for mining, accelerated depreciation for planes, commercial vehicles, fuel tax credits for non-road users, fringe benefits tax concessions for company cars, free carbon permits and tax concessions for diesel and LPG. In return, government received just \$7.7bn from the sale of carbon units over the same period."

"So you can see, it's not so much 'the polluter pays' as 'pay the polluter'."

Dr Denniss was publicly thanked by Doug Mein on behalf of those present.

Seaside Fair's Valuable Volunteers

Although small in number the volunteers who assisted at the recent Bermagui Seaside Fair once again showed the true Aussie Spirit by donating their time to ensure that the 16th Fair was another outstanding event for their town of Bermagui.

Chairperson for Seaside, Jo Jacobs, said, "We really do value the assistance that we receive from a very small band of workers who turn up year after year and get the job done.

"For example, marquees and stages are erected, star pickets and bunting is put in place, and traffic control and signage is taken care of over the three day period that is required to run the annual Fair. Food is provided for the masses and musicians give their time. These are just a few of the chores that are undertaken.

"This year we saw the biggest event so far with an estimation that over 8,000 people were in Bermagui on the Saturday to enjoy the Fair."

Committee site crew coordinator Geoff Farr said, "There is no need to stay over the whole period of time from the Friday through to the clean up on Sunday morning, but we do need to find some more willing hands to make the jobs a little lighter for the regular helpers and for the hard working but small committee who work all year to put the event on for the town, and not one of them has a vested/financial interest in Bermagui.

"All profits raised by the Seaside Fair are donated back to youth and community projects in the Bermagui area and to date we have donated over \$33,000 and benefited 22 local organisations.

"Therefore we are hoping that for the 17th Fair we are able to entice some more locals to



The Seaside Fair Committee enjoying a break at a 'Thank You Volunteers BBQ' that was held at the Bermagui Country Club recently. (L to R) Sec Bev Fleming, Treasurer Christine Bimson, Publicity Lori Hammerton, Chairperson Jo Jacobs and Site Crew Coordinator Geoff Farr. Absent Denise Page.

come along and give a hand.

"So if you are a member of one of these organisations or simply have a little time to spare, and you are not already on the Seaside's list of volunteers, how about giving some time to next year's event, which in the end benefits the economy of the whole area in many different ways."

Anyone interested in assisting at next year's Seaside Fair can contact Geoff Farr on 0431 170 923 or email geoff_farr@hotmail.com. He will be happy to outline the areas where volunteers are most needed.

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Great News for Families



Bermagui Preschool's happy kids: Jett Hallenan, Flynn Kelly, Neave Ballard and Claire Callaghan.

Parents with students at Bermagui Preschool will save up to \$450 in fees from next term. Preschool director Narelle Myers said that from the start of term two, students turning five by July 31 next year would be eligible for a reduction in fees.

This reduction is part of a one-off payment from the State Government through the National Partnership Agreement with the Commonwealth. It will allow community preschools like Bermagui to meet the requirements of the Brennan report into early childhood, which recommends children aged four or over complete at least 15 hours of preschool each week in the year before starting school.

"This means parents who send their

children for 15 hours will receive an average weekly saving of \$15 on their fees. Fees for the remainder of 2013 will be as low as \$3 a day, with a maximum of only \$15 a day," Narelle said. "What we're hoping is that the reduction in fees for four year olds will enable equity and access to our preschool program for all children prior to school entry."

While the funding will provide relief for parents sending their children to school in 2014, the future of community not-for-profit preschools beyond the end of this year is less certain. The State government is due to announce a new funding model for preschools later this year, but has released little information about how it will work. "They haven't told us anything about the new funding model,"

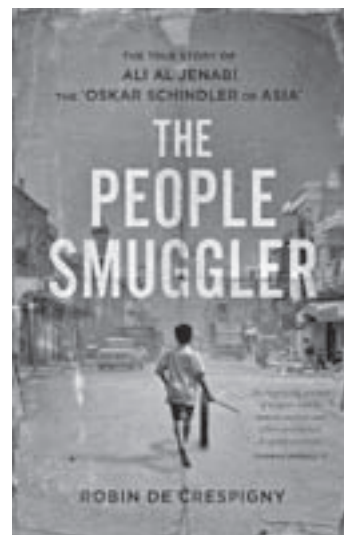
Narelle said. "Our aim is to keep our fees as low as possible to ensure as many families in our community as possible can send their children to preschool. "The funding announced by the Minister is only a one-off. Unless the new funding model increases what we are currently receiving, fees will go back to their existing levels, of between \$4 and \$21 a day from the start of 2014."

Narelle said community preschools in NSW had the second lowest attendance rate of any State in the country at 74.3 per cent. "We hope the new funding model addressed difficulties faced by rural families in accessing preschool for their children. Studies show that children who receive a quality preschool education have a better start, with improved outcomes at school and in later life. We hope that the new funding model allows us to continue to provide affordable, equitable and accessible preschool education to all children in our community."

For further information please contact Bermagui Preschool on 6493 4183.

Narelle Myers

The People Smuggler author to speak in Bermagui and Cobargo



"An engrossing account of a man seen by some as a saviour and others as a criminal. A significant book" - Thomas Keneally

Robyn de Crespigny, author of *The People Smuggler*, will be in conversation with Catherine Moore at the Community Hall in Bermagui on May 7 from 6.30 til 8pm. All welcome. A light supper will be available.

The author will also be doing a reading at Well Thumbed Books in Cobargo on Wednesday 8 May at 4.30pm.

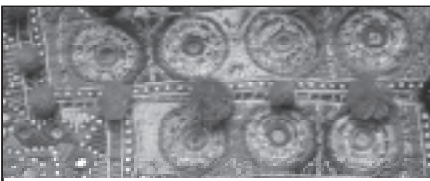


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U3A Boules: for mind, body and soul

My experience of Boules (or Petanque as the French know it) was the perfect learning experience. A game believed to be at least 4,000 years old and so multifaceted could only improve our mind, body and spirit. During our five-week connection we absorbed the many learning techniques. More, I believe, than any other U3A course had offered me and in such a short period of time.

Firstly, as is usual with any U3A course, we engaged our brains. In this case to learn the process and rules covering what, for some of us, was a mysterious game. Howard provided the instructions, which we pored over, discussed, requested clarification on and finally embarked on the process.

Learning to score was part of it – we revised maths skills – the first team to gain 13 or 15 points wins. Not everyone was good at addition so just the gifted few took on this role, often giving the whole process over to Howard.

Our focus and concentration improved – whose turn is it now and remember, only take a turn if your team is losing!

Our eyes and limbs took on an added dimension of coordination – how to throw a heavy (570g on my kitchen scales) steel ball and

avoid it going into the lake or worse, hitting a passing dog. There was the challenge of placing the cochonnet (jack) neither too close to the water, nor so far away that it couldn't actually be

tournaments we alternate the throw between left and right hand to avoid hugely overdeveloping biceps and triceps of one arm. That's just a suggestion from one who is fanatical about body balance and fitness.

Decision making skills were improved. Do I throw under-arm or over-arm this time? If I aim up hill will it roll down sufficiently to close in on the cochonnet or will it hit the rock and roll into the water?

Communication skills were practised – Is it my turn or yours?

Our relaxation techniques were spontaneously elicited with a little red wine and much uproarious laughter.

Finally the extraordinary dimension, not found in any other general course, was the unearthing of hidden cooking talents which came from the ultimate challenge of providing French food to celebrate the end of the five-week learning process.

What fun it was. What amazingly generous spirits Chris and Howard Haynes were to open up their home, and give so much time to setting up this U3A course.

I think I speak for all of us when I say a very big thank you for this learning experience.

Hazel Davenport



Hazel Davenport has a throw at boules. The U3A course was challenging and fun.

seen. Along with this came improved physical fitness as we bent and straightened those knees to pick up the boules and flexed the arms and bent our backs into action on the throw. I would like to suggest however, that during future



Parish farewells Sloanes

The Anglican Parish of Cobargo will be sad to say farewell to The Rev. Canon Harvey Sloane and Rev. Elizabeth Sloane as they leave the Parish on Canon Harvey's retirement. The care and compassion of their ministry here has endeared them to us all, and a special farewell service will be held at All Saints Church, Bermagui at 10 am on Sunday June 9 followed by lunch with friends. Could anyone wishing to attend to say goodbye please RSVP to Judy Wells, 0408 699 644 or 6493 3227.

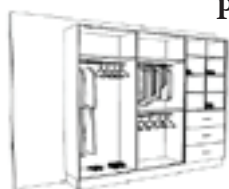
Bermagui CTC needs more volunteers

Due to the recent retirement of two long serving volunteers we now need new team members to enable us to re-open on Mondays. No experience is necessary, but common sense, a level head and a friendly manner is required. Training will be provided.

The Bermagui CTC provides photocopying, colour printing to A4, laminating, internet access, and many other office services at reasonable rates. Bermagui CTC is located next to the library in the Bermagui community building. We are open Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, except public holidays.

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There's music every Sunday 4 - 7pm. And soon there'll be a membership system with discounts and other benefits.

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400 gather to admire cliff-top garden at Nerimbah

The Open Garden held on Easter Saturday at 'Nerimbah', the property of Cecilia Ng and Don Moffatt at Baragoot, was an outstanding success. In perfect weather more than 400 gardeners and garden lovers from all along the coast and further afield came to enjoy the garden in its spectacular cliff top setting. Cecilia and Don and Bermagui-based landscape designer Surajo Frith have developed a garden over the past few years which harmonises perfectly with adjacent native vegetation, attracts abundant wildlife, and affords both views and shelter for the house. Plant selection is almost wholly comprised of local native species.

Cecilia explained to the very well attended garden tours that the predominant horizontality of the garden, which imitates wind-sheared cliff-top vegetation, is accentuated by the verticality of occasional taller plantings of coastal sheoaks and mahoganies. The carefully shaped coastal rosemary bushes (*Westringia fruticosa*), which are such a spectacular feature at Nerimbah, were inspired by the garden of the 17th century French Château de Marqueyssac in the Dordogne which Cecilia and Don visited some years ago. Visitors would have agreed that the Nerimbah gardeners have admirably succeeded in their goal of 'anchoring the house in its landscape'. Many visitors left saying they were inspired to try local natives in their own gardens.

The Open Garden event was sponsored by the 'Protecting the Wilderness Coast Project',



The open garden day at 'Nerimbah' attracted over 400 visitors

a joint initiative of the NSW Environmental Trust, Bega Valley Shire Council, Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Far South Coast Landcare Association. A spokesman for the project, Stuart Cameron, said that Nerimbah is a perfect demonstration that coastal gardeners need not resort to the

commonplace exotic invasive species that are invading and displacing local natives in so many places along our coast.

Entry to the Open Garden was by gold coin donation for the benefit of the Rural Fire Service and generous visitors contributed \$920.

Living Well Cooking Workshop

Whether you fancy yourself as the next Master Chef or you'd just like to extend your repertoire beyond spag bol, cooking classes are a fun way to spend a few hours while meeting new people. These courses are designed so that women can build their confidence in the culinary arts. Classes are taught by Linda Sang, a local five-star chef and organiser of the 30 kilometre community dinner at Cobargo. This course is hands-on and tailored to suit all skill levels.

Linda says, 'I'll be focusing on seasonal availability as much as possible. To keep it local, shop economically. The menu on the day

will be what I can find locally and in season so that will probably include zucchinis, eggplant, tomatoes and basil: a Mediterranean theme. And something sweet with apples – you can get a big bucketful at Betsey's next to Nardy House for \$5.00. So I'm going to demonstrate simple stewing and bottling. In between cooking and eating there will be a lot of talking about choices, types of cuisines, health, preserving, freezing/defrosting, handy stuff to have in the pantry and fridge'.

The course is funded by the Mumbulla Foundation and places are limited to five people per class so book in now.

This is an opportunity for women to learn:

- Healthy food choices whilst having fun

- How to plan a meal from local produce and keep it economical
- Enjoy cooking and eating what we prepare

To be held at Women's Resource Centre, 14 Peden St Bega on Thursday, May 2 and 9 and again on Thursday May 23 and 30, from 10 am – 1 pm and includes eating lunch!

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Matt Jones and John Drews at Ivy Hill



Work by Matt Jones

Matt Jones, better known to the area as the barista of Bermagui, is also a skilled artist. He is the current recipient of the Living Artist Scholarship and last year won the People's Choice prize at the Shirley Hannan Salon des Refuses for a self-portrait.

His paintings for this exhibition are local landscapes in calico, acrylic, pencil, ink and watercolour, to varying degrees of abstraction, and pen and ink sketches.

John Drews was born in Sydney in 1947 and now lives in Merimbula and paints from his studio at Wolumla. After graduating from the National Art School, he worked as a full-time musician and part-time teacher and began exhibiting his works in and around Sydney. He became a full-time lecturer at the National

Art School in 1972 before going on to hold the position of Head of School at City Art Institute until 1985. During this time John exhibited his paintings, prints, drawings and sculpture at various Sydney and regional Galleries. He also in later years exhibited several post object audio sculptural works in institutional Galleries. This latest exhibition reflects his passion for paint, surface and colour, long held concerns of the lyrical abstractionists.

See their work at Ivy Hill Gallery, on the coast road between Bermagui and Tathra, until Monday 10 June, after the long weekend when the Gallery closes for winter. Ivy Hill is open from 10 - 5 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Scroll through the Artists' catalogues at www.ivyhill.com.au.

Watercolour workshop with Jan Ward

Following on from the highly successful Watercolour Painting Workshop with Jan Ward in February, Creative Arts Cobargo presents another three weekends with Jan. Jan Ward has been teaching art for the past 27 years, first in Canberra and more recently at her property in Brogo.

This workshop will again explore various watercolour techniques using examples and demonstrations. Each person is encouraged to choose a project that will enable them to develop these skills.

The next workshop is May 18 and 19 at the School of Arts Hall, Cobargo from 9.30 to 4.30 each day. The cost is \$130 for the weekend.

August 17 and 18 and November 16 and 17 will provide further opportunities for those who wish to discover their inner watercolour artist.

For bookings: artsincobargo@gmail.com or visit Black Wattle Gallery in the main street of Cobargo.

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Art in the Triangle

Murrah May Daze

After a torpid summer, a volunteer Murrah Hall President made three discoveries: his surfboard was asleep; dawn and dusk views from the hill above the Murrah Bridge have never looked better; autumn in the Murrah had finally arrived along with local and regional smoke.

Yet there is intense activity of the fundraising variety for a portable dressing room for the Murrah Hall and what the Murrah is offering over the rest of the year: Three Huge Fundraising Family Friendly Dancing Nights (kids under 12 admitted free) and – better, there's more!

Regarding the upcoming shows, Murrah President, Howard Stanley, is quoted as saying (disclaimer: Author Speaking), 'The Volunteers of the Murrah Hall PA Inc. Committee present live music, theatre and entertainment fundraisers for this community, not as a private business or for profit organisation, but as community minded individuals. We follow a tradition of one hundred and ten years, that, hopefully, will leave the next generation of a future Murrah Committee with a pristine, well equipped and resourced venue for their community's social and cultural health. The Hall's current needs are modest, hence Fundraiser Shows for a dressing room – not an stadium.

Your presence is preferred to donations – it's all our Hall.

Now for the exciting bit

May 25 – 'Beaten Bodies: The Summer's Over Tour'

Entry: \$20 Kids under 12 free

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Beaten Bodies is a seven-piece blues and soul outfit from Sydney. The band mixes dirty, down-low grooves and up-tempo rhythms to produce a vintage sound with a contemporary presence.

Beaten Bodies' authenticity derives from its instrumentation: a rhythm section consisting of keys, bass and drums, and a three-piece horn



Beaten Bodies will do blues and soul at the Murrah Hall this month.

section: trumpet, alto and tenor sax. Emerging female vocalist, Marli Wilde, leads the band with a sound and charisma reminiscent of Nina Simone and Amy Winehouse.

What makes the Bodies unique is their diverse repertoire, ranging from milk bar ballads to backstreet hip-hop and penthouse neo-soul. The band is prolific and progressive, their live shows energetic and encompassing; the alchemy of the universal beat and the personal body.

In their short lives Beaten Bodies has already played festivals such as the Australian Cider Festival, Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival and headlined The Mildura Jazz and Arts Festival and Swan Hill Food and Wine Festival. They have also supported the likes of Will and The People (UK) and Sticky Fingers on their national tour.

Their debut single *My Mantra* and their second single *Fifty Ways* hit number 21 and 10 respectively on the Triple J Unearthed charts in their first weeks. The 'My Mantra' film clip has reached over 8000 views on Youtube!

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Four Winds News: the Auric Quartet comes to town ...

Four Winds is delighted to announce the first project in a new partnership with the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM). ANAM is Australia's premiere performance training institution for the country's finest young classical musicians. This partnership extends the commitment Four Winds has to music education in our region.

In mid-May, the Auric Quartet, an ensemble Associate of ANAM, will visit the region for one month to work with students and local musicians comprising intensive rehearsals and assisting with music education programs in the region. They will also be preparing for the Asia-Pacific Chamber Music Competition in July.

Kate Sullivan, Francesca Hiew and Jarrad Mathie are alumni of ANAM while Matt Laing is currently in his 3rd year studying with Caroline Henbest, who performed at the 2012 Four Winds Festival.

The Auric Quartet was formed in April 2012 to perform quartets by Zemlinsky and Britten, as part of a fellowship project at the ANAM. Encouraged by positive reviews of these performances, an ease of collaboration, and a shared passion for quartet playing, the goal of forming a professional ensemble was a natural ambition.

In February 2013, the Quartet had

its first public engagements as a quartet, performing Bartók, Britten and Adès at the Perth International Arts Festival Quartetthaus as part of ANAM Quartetthaus with guest cellist Michael Dahlenburg.

While in the region, the Quartet will work with the Bega Chamber Orchestra, Heartsong and other groups. They will also be making school visits and have offered one-on-one lessons. For more information about their program, please call Geoffrey Badger on 6492 0518 or the Four Winds office on 6493 3414.

There will also be two opportunities to see the Quartet perform – at the beginning of their stay when they will perform at the Mumbulla School Hall in Bega on Saturday 18 May at 3pm (\$15 per head, children free). At the end of their residency, there will a free presentation involving students and local musicians, also at the Mumbulla School Hall in Bega on Sunday 8 June at 3pm.

To follow their visit, you can always find us at www.fourwinds.com.au or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



The Auric Quartet in performance - from left: Kate Sullivan, Francesca Hiew, Matthew Laing and Jarrad Mathie.

... and local musicians share Academy experience with local choirs

Local musicians Kate Burke and Geoffrey Badger have returned from the Gondwana Conducting Academy in Sydney. They were thrilled to be given the opportunity to participate in a series of two week workshops held by the National Choral School. Their aim is to bring their experience back into their local community choirs. Both Kate and Geoffrey are excited about their time at the workshops, saying the program was intense, inspiring and very rewarding.

The scholarships for Kate and Geoffrey were part funded by the Four Winds Concerts' Inspiring program, which aims to assist professional musicians in the region. The Gondwana Conducting Academy offers choral conductors the means to establish new skills or upgrade current skills working with Graeme Morton, whose experience is among the most diverse of any choral conductor in Australia. There are also forums and discussions with other conductors and choristers of the National

Choral School.

Kate Burke is a singer, multi-instrumentalist and choral teacher who has spent many years performing and tutoring around Australia and internationally. Kate has won much acclaim as a member of vocal duo Kate Burke and Ruth Hazleton, as well as acclaimed traditional Australian/Irish band *Trouble in the Kitchen*. She is also a composer of choral music and a keen facilitator of community music.

Kate said, 'It was a great opportunity to develop skills and bring back those skills to the Bega Valley and use within local choirs'.

Geoffrey Badger has been involved in choral music all his life, singing, conducting and composing for a variety of adult and children's choirs, having studied cello and piano and worked in the Kodaly-based Music Education Program at the Canberra School of Music. Geoffrey is the founder/director of the Bega based Heartsong sacred music choir and is currently the conductor of the Bega Chamber Orchestra and The Bega Valley Children's Choir.

Geoffrey said, 'It was amazing to hear some of the world famous choirs rehearsing during the workshops, another highlight was meeting and working alongside Graeme Morton, he is just so inspiring'.

For more information, please contact Penny Amberg on 0448 129 420 or check our website at www.fourwinds.com.au



(L to R) Kate Burke, Graeme Morton (Gondwana Conductor) and Geoffrey Badger

The Triangle's *Eco Edge* Contribution

Local environmental company AKT is again sponsoring a page in the Triangle every month this year. Our brief is pretty broad: the page is to be on environmental themes. So we thought we'd devote part of the page to local environmental news, and open the rest to you, the readership.

Every month we'll publish the best creative contribution – story, essay, poem, painting, drawing, photograph, sculpture (well, OK, a

photograph of a sculpture) – we receive. Contributions must be on an environmental theme. And in December we'll announce the overall winner. This time the competition is open to all ages. We put this idea to Joe Dorado, AKT's CEO, and he's right behind it; he's offering \$400 for the winner. Entries must be received by the 22nd of each month. So put your creative caps on and get creating! This month's contributions are a prose piece by Sandra Taylor and a sketch by Mark Evans.

Welcome to the Realm of the Mist Spiders

There are many seasons in a forest; each day, each moment holds a treasure, a story.

Spring: from the kitchen window we watch two red belly black snakes dance in the garden. They raise their sleek bodies up off the ground and exerting great force twine around and around each other pushing and swaying until one gives way. Quick as a flash they chase each other across the yard before rising up again going head to head. This is a male ritual of spring procreation. Over by the pond near the lemon tree a female is basking in sunshine. One of the males has to get his head higher than the other to become the winner, the alpha male. Much later John working in the shed notices the vanquished slink away thru the hedge.

The winner glides sensuously over to the pond and curls up near the female where they loiter with intent well into the evening. The next day we discover them as coiled loops of black and red gently vibrating. Unlike the mating habits of the rooster and the hen this continued for hours.

Summer: an echidna with a back full of quivering spikes shuffling along on tiny feet stops and sticks its pointy nose deep into the earth and slurps up the ants.

Goanna wearing its tough leathery coat and long sharp claws has responded to the heat and cruises the forest hunting old deaths and getting scolded by kingfisher and kookaburra.

We discover a tortoise laying eggs in a hole in the middle of our track, why there we wonder? Two-year-old Kingston diligently helps place a barricade around the spot but we never see them hatch out.

The white headed pigeon flies in, thirsty after its long flight south, perches on the edge of the tank beside the verandah and takes a long deep drink. Another migrant, the channel-billed cuckoo, an outrider of the storm fronts moving down from up north turns up with a wild screech and looks for a nest to place its egg in. Wattlebirds arrive and immediately start bossing the eastern spine bill, the new holland honeyeater and the lewins.

Autumn: some early mornings mist shrouds the forest in a thick silver grey blanket of moisture. Slung between branches and grasses are hundreds of webs, some as small as my hand, others bigger than a dinner plate and some shaped like baskets. Dewdrops hang poised on the gossamer threads and flash

rainbows when caught in a sunbeam.

Welcome to the realm of the Mist Spiders.

A swamp wallaby sits under the wild cherry tree, having a bit of a scratch. A tiny head pops out from the pouch and looks around. Mother wallaby leans over and deftly clips a blade of grass to chew. Baby leans further out and clumsily sprawls onto the ground. It jumps up, leaps on Mum, tumbles off, has a scratch, ears twitch, a nibble then dives head first back into its warm pocket.

Winter: days shorten and darken, very few hours of sunlight reach thru the tall canopy of gums.

Under cold moonlight the wombat moves unhurriedly thru the bush pausing often to listen to scratch to think, and munch on grass.

A superb blue wren flies into the house each day and gathers rent from the bench tops while upstairs in the roof a diamond python sleeps.

The dead trees of the forest supply us with firewood, which becomes our focus, a meditation of wood gathering, chopping, splitting and stacking.

Beside the fire we dream warmly and the stories are told.

Sandra Taylor, Wandella



Mark Evans

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

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

As a corporate entity AKT understands well that, over and above book balances, whenever possible companies need to shoulder the additional burdens and special social demands of their own local community.



Old codgers resurrect stamper



The work at Montreal Goldfield is still progressing steadily. The latest addition has been the reconstruction of a two-headed stamper, brought from the back of Mount Dromedary in the West Mt Dromedary goldfield extension. It has been erected by the 'Old Codgers Construction Company' with very generous assistance from tradesmen in the area. The Montreal Goldfield Management Committee is very appreciative of their support.

The stamper was used to crush rock from small mines in that area. The rock was brought to the stamper by horse and cart or wheelbarrow. The rock was crushed to small grains, which was washed through and over a tray at the front, covered with mercury and grease. The gold would stick to the mercury and was scraped off at the end of the day.

The stamper is situated beside the walkway at the start of the tour.

Trivia Night for Little Yuin

Quota International of Narooma is holding a Trivia Night at Club Narooma on Friday May 17. Come as a couple or make up a team of up to eight. Your team could win \$100!

A light supper will be provided on the evening. The proceeds of the event go to the Little Yuin Preschool for their valuable Community Writing Project.

Be there at 7.30 for an 8pm start: entry is only \$8 per head. Ring to book your table: Sue 4476 1072, Beth 4476 8605, Lea 4473 7396.

Naturism with Armands Beach Leisure Group Fun in the Sun Day

It was a terrific day at the beach on March 10 for our 8th family Fun in the Sun Day. We had one of the largest crowds that we have seen for some time with more than 120 attendees. The spell of exceptional weather saw good representation from regulars of the River Island and Canberra clubs as well as regulars that attend our functions from nearby areas. Additionally, it was good to see a few first timers from our local communities in attendance and it was also great to see a few more families with young children. We trust that you all enjoyed the outing and will be back again.

While the adults participated in the usually well-organised games and events, those keen on fishing had good catches, and the kids also had a great time running around and enjoying themselves on the day. Donations of about \$300 were collected for the Bermagui Surf Lifesaving

Club who always provide a duty lifesaver on the day. So folks, let's see if you can join us next year and make this one of the great family events on your agenda held in conjunction with the Seaside Fair. Even if you don't wish to go naked come anyway as I'm sure you and the kids would just love it.

The ABLG runs a number of events during the year and we would like to see more local people join us for some great times which include dinners, beach days and games. See our website at <http://www.armands.org.au/index.htm>.

And join us at the beach at any time of the year as, being quite sheltered, it can be very pleasant when the weather is fine. Hope to see you there.

Live naturally and feel alive,

Dave Bulman

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Soft Footprint Recipes

Dawn Hollins

With cooler weather some of us feel more like spending time in the kitchen – perhaps baking a batch of biscuits, or cookies as our American friends call them.

I've just picked a basket of lavender, and not all of it will be used for making scented sachets or in pot-pourri. Some of the young leaves and flowers will flavour a delicious and otherwise plain shortbread-style biscuit.

Lavender biscuits

250 g butter
125 g sugar
350 g SR flour
3 scant tablespoons finely chopped lavender leaves
1 tsp lavender flowers removed from stems (optional)

Cream butter and sugar. Add flour and lavender leaves and knead into a dough. Roll onto a floured board and sprinkle with the flowers. Press mixture into a greased baking tray and bake in a moderately hot oven for about 10 min, or until cooked. Cut into fingers or squares while warm.

Lavender was used in earlier days as a condiment and for flavouring dishes 'to comfort the stomach'. I heated some in 2 cups of milk

with a spoonful of honey and then made a delicately-flavoured custard with the strained milk. Lavender can also star in cakes (see Triangle Issue 86 where I gave a recipe for Herb and Lemon Cake).

I make a crunchy slow-cooked granola, which is handy for a healthy dried snack, great as a topping on stewed fruit or with milk as a breakfast cereal. It makes a lot and keeps well in a sealed container.

Granola

4 cups quick-cooking oats
3 cups whole-wheat flour
1 cup white flour
1 cup soy or other flour (or white)
1 cup wheatgerm
1 cup fine coconut
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup olive or vegetable oil
1 cup honey or brown sugar
1 and a half tsp salt
Half a cup of water

Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Add oil, honey and water, mixing well with spoon or hands. The mixture should be crumbly. The addition of more water will make bigger crumbs. Put into 2 large flat pans and bake in

a slow oven, stirring every 20 mins, for about one and a half hours or until crisp and golden brown. Cool and store in an airtight container. With so much Granola on hand you could make these scrumptious treats:

Granola crunch cookies

2 cups SR flour
1 and a half cups of sugar (brown or white or half of each)
2 cups granola or muesli
2 cups coconut (If the granola already has coconut in it, I add a half cup more granola and omit the extra coconut, and the results are good)

Mix dry ingredients and set aside.

Cream together 1 cup butter or margarine, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla and a quarter cup of milk (if desired). Add to dry ingredients. Mix well.

Drop by teaspoon on a greased tray or use baking paper on the tray.

Bake in a moderate oven for 8–10 min or until brown.

Make a well-earned cup of tea and enjoy!



Book Review

Heather O'Connor

Christopher Koch

Lost Voices

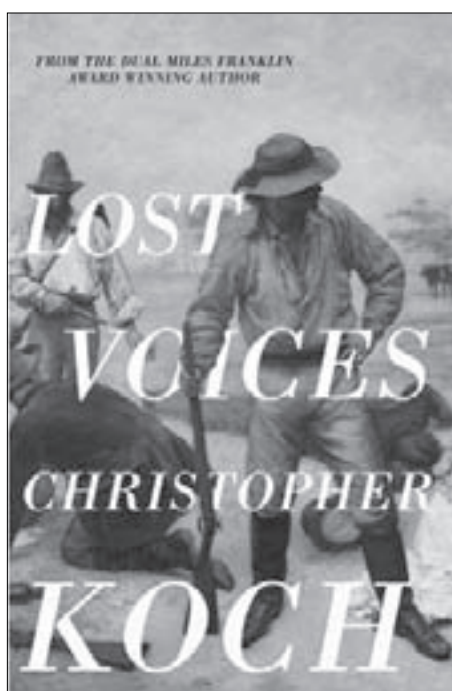
Fourth Estate, \$32.99

If, like me, you haven't read anything written by Christopher Koch since 'The Year of Living Dangerously', you are bound to enjoy re-making his acquaintance. This novel is set in his home state of Tasmania, and is, in the words of one reviewer, a 'triptych', consisting of three distinct sections. The first and third

tell the story of a painter, Hugh Dixon, born in 1932, reaching maturity in the 1950s, a period that Koch manages to capture really well.

The middle section describes Hugh's great-uncle, Walter, an aspiring journalist who spends a crucial period of his young life with outlaws and bushrangers in the 1850s. Rapes and murders appear in both time-frames, as Koch includes fascinating discussions on religion, the attraction of utopian living (even amongst the outlaws), and overarching these themes, the nature of evil.

Reading this latest novel somehow put me in mind of Kate Grenville's 'The Secret River', even though the styles are so different – but 'Lost Voices' had the same effect of transporting you back to a time we all know something about from school histories, but which comes to life more vividly at the hands of a novelist. It's also inspired me to read the other well-known Koch novels: 'The Memory Room', and 'The Doubleman'.



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The cool colours of autumn

As we head into the cooler months of the year we should not forget that the garden can be as beautiful in the throes of late autumn/winter as during the warmer seasons of spring and summer.

The cooler months bring with it the beautiful structure of the bare trees with their interesting shapes and bark colours as they drop the final stages of their autumn leaves and the first frosts cloak them in a glistening white. What better time than to see the amazing colours of the bark of Crepe Myrtle. This beautiful small tree not only has amazing flowers in mid-autumn but is then followed by glorious coloured leaves as they fall to reveal the greyish pink bark that is a standout feature of this plant. Another great tree for winter colour is the Golden Ash, which, after losing its leaves, is left with lovely yellow branches that give an eerie look through the frost and fogs of winter.

The winter garden brings with it the flowering of many plants including the glorious Hellebore. These beautiful perennials thrive under deciduous trees where they are protected from the summer heat and as the leaves fall they are exposed to the winter sun where they throw out their clusters of softly coloured flowers to face the sun. There has been an amazing amount of breeding done with these plants in recent times bringing to the gardening world many forms and colours. Both in single and double forms they come in a wide range of colours from white, through shades of pink and burgundy to greys and yellow.

Another group of plants that perform

very well in the cooler months with their late autumn to winter flowering are the Camellia sasanqua. This group of plants has many uses, from screening to espalier and ground covers. The ground cover varieties, Marge Miller and Snow, look fabulous in a large pot or as a groundcover hanging over a wall or under and around the base of upright forms of Camellia.

Sasanqua Camellias are an extremely hardy plant and can tolerate full sun and, once established, lengthy periods of dry conditions. Coming in both single and double forms they have a wide range of colours including white, pink, burgundy and red.

Moving along from plants that make our late autumn into winter gardens look great, we shouldn't forget about the general maintenance of the garden at this important time. Luckily we have had some recent rain, but it is important to remember that autumn can be very dry in the garden and a close eye should be kept on watering. People often tell me they have not had to water because when they went outside early in the morning there was dew on the ground and this should keep their plants going. This is completely wrong as this moisture is very soon evaporated by the sun and is not then available to the plants.

Late autumn also brings with it the last opportunity to do some late fertilising of both lawns and gardens to give the plants a last feed before it becomes too cold for them to take up the nutrient. A complete NPK food for the lawns will keep them looking nice and green until



the frost starts to brown them off. A couple of handfuls of an organic fertiliser around trees and shrubs will also help them through until spring.

Finally the flower and vegetable gardens should be well and truly planted with winter/spring plants: pansies, viola and primula. Wallflower and stocks are just some of the flowers that can go in now. Cabbage, caulie, broad beans, onions and carrots are just a few of the vegetables that could be given a go. Watch out for the cabbage moth as they can do some early damage on cabbages and cauliflowers.

Until next time, keep mulching.

Keith Mundy

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Other pups available for adoption are Tasha and Sam the 10 weeks old crossbreed pups; Lily and Jasper, the 12 week old Koolie x Kelpie pups.

If an older dog is what you are looking for then maybe Pippa, the twelve months old female mini foxy x or Saxon the 4½ year old German Short Haired Pointer might be for you.

There are also many kittens and cats needing homes including Oy, the 8½-year old female Russian Blue; Daisy, Trixie, Bella and Kane, the 8 week old kittens; or Ebony the black 10 week old kitten with white spots. All adult cats are available for \$60 and kittens for \$150. Animal welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch is very short on carers so they cannot take any more animals into care until some are adopted. If you would like more information about how you can become a carer or if you are interested in adopting one these pets please call 0400 372 609. Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch now has a Facebook page! www.facebook.com/AnimalWelfareLeagueFarSouthCoastBranch

Potential dog owners will need to have secure dog proof fencing and suitability to the needs of the animal and cat adoptees would need to be able to keep their cat in at night. The AWL adoption fee includes de-sexing, vaccinations (two x c5 for pups and two for kittens), micro chipping, worming vet check, flea and tick treatment and heartworm testing for dogs.

Deborah Cox

Above right: Max, a lovable Maltese Cross is shy at first but likes to sit close.




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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.

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

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

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thurs 2 & 9	Living Well cooking workshop	WRC 14 Peden St Bega	10am - 1pm
Tues 7	Conversation with the author Robyn de Crespigny	Bermagui Community Hall	6.30 - 8pm
Wed 8th	Conversation with the author Robyn de Crespigny	Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo	4.30pm
Sat 11	Horse and Equipment Sale and horse parade	Cobargo Showgrounds	parade at 10.30, sale afterwards
Sun 12	Blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge - 345 Yowrie Rd ph 6493 7153	1pm - 5pm
Fri 17	Trivia night for Little Yuin Preschool Community	function room, Club Narooma	7.30 for 8pm start
Sat 18	The Auric Quartet performance	Mumbulla School Hall Bega	3pm
Sat 18 & Sun 19	Watercolour workshop with Jan Ward	School of Arts Hall Cobargo	9.30am- 4pm
Thurs 23 & 30	Living Well cooking workshop	WRC 14 Peden St Bega	10am - 1pm
Sat 25	Live Band: Beaten Bodies	Murrah Hall	from 7.30pm
Sun 26	Kids and Babies market for Tilba Community Playgroup	Narooma leisure Centre	10 - 2pm
Fri 31 - June 28	WRC's housing tenants creative writing workshop	WRC 14 Peden St Bega	Fri 10am - 12
JUNE			
Sat 8	The Auric Quartet perform with students and locals	Mumbulla School Hall Bega	3pm
Sun 9	Blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge - 345 Yowrie Rd ph 6493 7153	1pm - 5pm
REGULARS			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10am - 3.30pm
	BINGO	Bermagui Country Club	11am
Tuesdays during school term	Tilba Craft Connect Playgroup	small hall Central Tilba	1pm - 3pm
Wednesdays	Scrabble	Well Thumbed Books Cobargo	10am
	Cash countdown, raffles, pool comp, trivia night	Bermagui Country Club	from 5.15pm
	Women's Hoola Hoop Class	big hall Central Tilba	1pm
last Wed of the month	Bermagui Historical Society Meeting	Bermagui Museum in Community Centre	2pm
Thursday nights	Dance and move	Quaama Hall	6 - 8pm
every second Thursday	Senior's Pick the Numbers	Cobargo Hotel	from 11am
Fridays	Storytime for pre-schoolers	Well Thumbed Books Cobargo	11am
	Meat Raffles	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	Raffles, pool comp and entertainment	Bermagui Country Club	from 6pm
	Family day care train play group	Ello's Train Café Cobargo	mornings
	Tiny Teddies Play Group	CWA Hall Bermagui	10am - 12pm
Saturdays	Punters Pick	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	Live band or DJ	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	Under 16s art classes	behind Cobargo Supermarket	10am -11am
	Laneway markets	main street Cobargo	9am - 1pm
	Tilba Markets	Central Tilba Hall	mornings
Sundays	Hoola Hoop Class	big hall Central Tilba	2pm
	Spin and Juggle Workshops	big hall central Tilba	3pm
ART			
till June 10	Matt Jones and John Drews exhibition	Ivy Hill Gallery 1795 Bermagui Rd Wapengo	10am - 5pm, Fri - Mon