

An Accolade for Akolele



Jo Lewis, Kerrie Ryan, Megan Ridgeway, Robyn Levey, Taina and Ludwig Podlesak at the Eurobodalla Champions of the Catchments awards

At the Eurobodalla Champions of the Catchment awards and dinner held at the Coachhouse Resort in Batemans Bay on Wednesday 19 June, Akolele Coastcare was acknowledged as one of the catchment champions.

Robyn Levy and Kerrie Ryan initiated the establishment of the group in September 2010 following storm damage to the road bordering the foreshore of Wallaga Lake. The road is on Crown Land and consequently the council was not responsible for its maintenance but by liaising with Peter Gow and forming a coastcare group Robyn and Kerrie, with the support of Akolele residents, were able to access funding for the repairs.

In March 2011 David Kelly organised Clean-Up-Australia Day and twelve locals turned out to collect a huge quantity of rubbish including a dumped trailer and truck and tractor

tyres.

Later that year and with help from Peter Gow and Jo Lane, Akolele Coastcare was able to access a Community Action Grant allowing contractors James Cook and Tony Hall from Brighter Day Landscapes to assist in weed control. They visited on a regular basis and tackled large weed infestations that have developed over the years due to garden escapees and weeds being dumped. James and Tony have been instrumental in helping with weed identification and developing an understanding of the native flora in our area.

Sadly weeds are still being dumped and trees are still being removed to merely enhance a view but despite this there is less lantana, blackberry, turkey rhubarb, madeira vine, seaside daisy, moth plant, bridal creeper, wandering jew, crucifix orchid, agapanthus and mother of millions coming to maturity

and an increased understanding of our native flora among those of us who are contributing to Akolele Coastcare.

In September 2011 the repair of the lakeside track took place. Unfortunately some of this work has already been washed away due to a poorly sited drainage pipe.

We are extremely appreciative and grateful to Peter Gow for his unstinting support, instructive guidance and encouragement in our efforts to return our beautiful land to its original state. Our thanks also go to Jo Lane, Tony Hall, James Cook and their support workers without whom the weeds would still be thriving.

*Jo Lewis
from an address to the audience given by
Robyn Levey*

This month saw Clive Hamilton, Professor of Public Ethics at Charles Sturt University, visit the area launching his book *'Earth Masters – Playing God with the Climate'* at the Candelo Bookshop in Bega and also in Moruya where he was a guest speaker at an event organised by the Eurobodalla Greens. He is a leading thinker and also has published books on hyper-consumption and materialism.

Earth Masters discusses geo-engineering solutions to climate change. It leaves one wondering at the hubris that leads to a belief that, having brought the world to the brink

of disaster, the same way of thinking can fix it without massive unanticipated side effects. After all it is unintended side effects that caused the problem in the first place.

Another East Coast Low visited the area in late June and while the worst of its efforts were concentrated north of Narooma we were lucky enough to pick up some heavy rain and at the time of writing, it seems we are also likely to escape predicted storm damage.

With a Federal Election now on the horizon it may be pertinent to remind readers that *The Triangle* intends to maintain the non-

political position that has been its stance since its inception. We suggest to our readers that it is sensible to examine all the policies that are proposed, to search out information on matters that interest them and to demand responses from local candidates. Seek out answers that go beyond the glossy brochures that will undoubtedly flood your letterboxes. Check out the rumours and if something is worrying you email the candidates asking for clarification on the matter. After all voting is a right, a duty and a privilege that men and women fought and suffered to obtain, let's not waste it.

Letters to the editors

A Big Thank You

Cobargo CWA members would like to thank the community for helping them out with the painting of the cottage. It does look spectacular now and we are very, very grateful. We hope everyone had a good time, had good food courtesy of River Cottage and the CWA, and the program begins on June 27 on Pay TV, Lifestyle channel. You never know, you may be seen.

Mary Williams
Secretary Cobargo CWA

Help Nurse Hadget

My mother owns the house in Hoyer Street Cobargo that Nurse Hadget used for the birthing hospital. She and her siblings were born there as well. Do you have any info or photos of Nurse Hadget or what the house used to look like? Her maiden name was Purnell.

Please email me at paulaegrant@gmail.com or phone me on 0417 216 063 if you can help,

thank you,

Paula Grant
Goulburn

Conspiracy Theory?

It has occurred to me that maybe the destruction of the gnomes in Cobargo was not just a random attack.....could it be an attempt by big business interests to silence opposition? See attached pic taken at last week's protest against the Woollie's development in Bermagui.

(name and address withheld)



Pied Piper again

Rachel Rectangle (Pied Piper, where is he, June Triangle letters) doesn't need to look to the Koran to find justification for killing rodents. Just look at any bible or read any Western history book for permission to kill. Your comment is nothing but ignorant, bigoted and inflammatory.

Rose
Quaama

Arms Trade Treaty Signed

I am a Director with Oxfam, and Oxfam would like to thank those in this area for their support for getting the Arms Trade Treaty in place (a number of people had collection boxes in their shops, petitions, for this). It is an amazing result.

"Oxfam would like to thank all those in the Triangle who supported establishing an Arms Trade Treaty over the last 10 years through donations, signatures on petitions, letters to Parliamentarians on both sides and tweets.

"The campaign started in 2003 when Oxfam, Amnesty International and IANSA launched the Control Arms Campaign to push world governments to begin negotiating what is now called "the Arms Trade Treaty".

"It has taken a while, but after 10 years, the UN resolution for an Arms Trade Treaty has been passed and on 3 June 2013 it was opened for signing. Already, almost 70 countries have signed on.

"This could not have been achieved without your support.

"The potential impact of this Treaty is enormous. Across the world, irresponsible arms trade claims 1,500 lives every day. Arms trade probably has a greater impact on poverty than any other single factor – 18 of the 20 poorest countries have civil war with little control on the arms that are coming in. If the arms trade can be controlled, even reduced, the impact this will have on reducing poverty is massive. Thank you for your contribution".

Fiona Kotvojs
Director

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Letters to the editors (cont.)

Cats and Wildlife

The RSPCA and Australian Veterinary Association recommend that you keep your pet cat indoors to insure its safety. The RSPCA states that cats that live indoors are not faced with cat fights, paralysis ticks (resulting in an approximate \$500 vet bill), snake bites (they find a twitching tail irresistible), car accidents, dog attacks, encounters with cruel people or feline virus. Feline virus is also known as toxo (toxoplasmosis) and is caused by a parasite. Cats are the definitive host of the parasite. This means that the parasite can only reproduce in cats. The virus is commonly spread through the urine and faeces left in gardens and sand pits by free-roaming cats.

Toxo is not generally serious in healthy adults, however, if someone has a low immunity (such as a chemo patient), is elderly or very young or pregnant, it can be more serious. The developing baby can become infected with toxo if the mother becomes infected. The infection may spread to the baby during the pregnancy itself, or during labour or delivery.

For the mother, the toxoplasmosis infection is generally mild, and she may not be aware of it. Infection early in pregnancy results in more severe problems than infection in late pregnancy. This condition is not common, but can have a tremendous impact on those affected. Toxo also has a big impact on marsupials. Because cats were introduced to Australia only 200 years ago, these animals have not been able to adapt and build up immunities. Toxo can cause blindness, organ failure and death in kangaroos and wallabies. If you see a blind kangaroo it is likely that it has toxo.

How can we help protect cats, native animals and humans from coming in contact with feline virus? The most important step that you, as a pet owner, can take is to keep your pet cats indoors! Provide your pet with lots of toys, stimulation and company. Give it a high perch to sit on and soak up the sun and watch the world go by. The RSPCA highly recommends an enclosed outdoor escape-proof enclosure or run so that your cat has access to the outdoors but is still confined. Many people like to attract birds to their property by planting native flora. This is a beautiful idea but if there are free-roaming cats in the area, it could end in tragedy. Well fed, domestic, free-roaming cats kill on average about 30 small native animals a year. There are 3 million pet cats in Australia and that results in the death or injury of approximately 90 million native animals a year. Small native animals have no natural defence against them. Cats' behaviour has been hard-wired through the ages and we cannot expect them to change. It is the pet owners who must make the changes and recognise the importance of keeping their pet cats from roaming.

I hope this letter isn't taken as an attack on cat ownership, but rather as advice on how to be a responsible cat owner for the sake of others, yourself, your cat and our small native animals.

Lois Katz

Cemetery facelift

A group of locals recently met with representatives from BVSC in regards to finishing the fence at the Cobargo cemetery and giving a little TLC. With a quote of just over \$11,000 to finish the fence the friends of Cobargo cemetery have kicked off a fundraising drive so far collecting \$2,000 from cake stalls, plant sales and raffle tickets. The group would like to thank Andrew and Marcia Tarlington for their donation of firewood for the raffle, Horst and Margaret at Cobargo supermarket and Cobargo Amateur Swim Club for their generous donations, and to the many wonderful ladies who baked cakes for our stalls, and the community for getting behind us. It's great to finally see things happening again continuing the fantastic work already done by Barry and Scheryl Harriden.

Donations can be made to Friends of Cobargo cemetery at the Horizon Credit Union.

I can be contacted on 0401 671 412 or 6493 6391
cheers

*Mel Britton
Cobargo*



Thumbs Up

to the ladies who have started the Friends of Cobargo Cemetery.

Last week they held a street stall selling cakes to raise funds. They are marvellous and what a good feeling to see the faces involved. Good on you Mel.

to the willing volunteers who turned up to paint the CWA cottage in Cobargo. What a great community!

Thumbs Down

to the woman who did not complain but felt she had the right to say to the ladies who started the Friends of Cobargo Cemetery (see Thumbs Up) that their stall upset her market day sales the following day!! Boo hoo.



to the mean and ruthless people who ran amok amongst the vulnerable and happy little gnomes who were simply bringing joy to passers-by. Boo hoo.

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Olive Cole - The best things in life are free



Olive Cole has an ample, ginger cat and two red roses in her garden. Add to that a lovely home in the country, four grown up children and a bunch of good friends 'that get you through life'. What more would you need? And that is exactly the point here. Her life is a reflection of both simplicity and contentment.

Like all young country woman of the day, she rode her horse from here to there and attended the local dances. At age 19, Olive Tett married Jim Cole and that meant a move down the road from the Tett's family farm, and across the road to 'Coleville'. Working side by side with Jim on the dairy farm, together they grew and pulled corn for the pigs, and husked the cobs for the cows.

Evidence of a simple remarkable life is that she has been to Sydney, but not to David Jones; pays cash for all transactions, doesn't have a mobile phone or computer, never drank or smoked, never been overseas and never even wanted to go, doesn't drink much coffee

but has always been available to care for her extended family. Are you picturing someone who is steadfast, salt-of-the-earth, feet-on-the-ground, straight-down-the-line? That's Olive.

When I asked her about any significant events, or a single defining moment that has shaped her world I suppose I was expecting something about the Great Depression, World War 11 or even the introduction of television and actors like Spencer Tracey and Katherine Hepburn, or when JF Kennedy was assassinated. On the contrary, it was in fact an event closer to home, involving her son, Ronnie, that changed everything. One year, Bishop Warren came to the Anglican Church in Cobargo, where she has been attending since a young age. He and the Reverend Ballard, the resident rector who had a healing ministry, prayed for Ron, who had been battling Multiple Sclerosis for about five years. After the prayers, Ron was completely healed of his illness and she is so, so thankful.

Now that Jimmy has passed away, Olive is adjusting to living without her husband, and finds the greatest challenge is not receiving as many social visits. For her 83 years, Olive is still looking great, remains in good health and still enjoys her early morning walks, meat with five home-grown vegetables for dinner, and relaxing with a good Australian novel.

I first met Olive at the Cobargo Show, in the photography section of the Produce Hall. Have I uncovered a passion here I thought? No not really, helping out in whichever section needs her, from needlework to vegetables.

After spending some time talking to Olive, I have come away thinking: 'You've found a most contented person who has little need of luxuries, indulgences and extravagances to prop up her abundant life.' Referring to the scriptures, in 1 Timothy 6:6, it says 'But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.'

Well, if the outworking of contentment is poise and a quiet self-assurance, then Mrs Olive Cole has it, in abundance!

Sharon Cole

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I was pleased to hear from Judith Jones the other day that the Quaama Morning Tea Ladies are so revitalised by new members that Judith wants the notice in the Triangle's Community Notices reinstated.

The group started meeting in 1990, every Wednesday morning at 11am, initially at the coffee shop that Ros Ruth ran briefly at the Quaama Store. When that closed, the group moved to Pat O'Donnell's shed next door to me on Bermaguer St. That's where it was when I moved here in 1998. I remember the sounds of chat and laughter drifting over the fence every week. There could have been 20 women or more of various ages around a table laden with scones, slices, cakes and biscuits, sharing friendship, stories, camaraderie. I even went over myself a couple of times, when work permitted. It was a hoot.

Circumstances have whittled away at that core group since those days and for a little while it looked like the group may have to disband. But thanks to a recent influx of new blood, the Quaama Morning Tea Ladies are back. The gathering moves from house to house, so to learn next Wednesday's venue, call Judith on 6493 8347.

Pam Thistlewaite tells me that her daughter is climbing Mt Kilimanjaro. Not just for the hell of it, but to raise money for diabetes research. Her dad, Vic, has diabetes and this is Kelly's way of helping out. To sponsor her,



look out for Pam who'll be putting up a table at the Quaama Store on Saturday mornings. Read more in Pam's own story.

And we're still looking – I asked last month for volunteer YESS tutors but didn't get any calls. Please call me if you can help out with reading at Quaama School, one and a half hours a week, during terms 3 and 4 (starting 22 July). Ph 6493 8515.

We're working on a new design for Quaama T-shirts so remaining stock of the

old design are reduced to \$20. Available at the Quaama Store and Cobargo Tourist Information Centre.

Lastly, I'm delighted this month to introduce you to Quigley the Quaama mutt, who has nosed his way into our Fireside Fair cartoon (thanks Naomi!). Watch out for Quigley at future Quaama events – I'm sure he'll be there, making his mark... no, Quigley, not that kind of mark! Bad dog! Out!

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Climbing for diabetes research – and Dad



Hopefully this will be my girl in this photo in November.

My daughter Kelly and I are asking for the assistance of the Quaama and surrounding communities. Why? So that Kelly can fly to Africa and climb Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest mountain in Africa at 5895 metres) for

her Dad. Kelly is doing this with Melbourne's Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute.

Since 1926, researchers at Baker IDI have been responsible for many groundbreaking advances in medical research, including

discovering the difference between diabetes types 1 and 2 and pioneering developments in open heart and transplant surgery, in conjunction with the Alfred Hospital.

The trip will cost Kelly approximately \$6500, which she is raising through corporate donations. But now we need your help to raise funds to further assist Baker IDI to continue their great work for people with diabetes and heart complaints. For us it is very personal. In November last year, Kelly's Dad (my husband Vic) had to undergo a quadruple heart bypass and now he's awaiting an operation to clear serious blockages to both legs (80% in his right leg and 90% in his left leg), a result of over 25 years of type 2 diabetes.

That's why Kelly is doing this for her Dad. Kelly says, "If I can help prevent another family going through what my family went through then reaching the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro is worth every step."

So between now and 17 November you will be seeing me sitting outside the Quaama Store or at the Fireside Fair this month, asking for your financial donations. You can also donate money and leave well wishes for Kelly at www.everydayhero.com.au/haveaheart.

Pam Thistlewaite

Quaama Fireside Fair

It's cold outside, the fires are lit, we're wearing layers of clothing, slow cooking hearty dinners and our evenings are devoted to reading and slow crafting.

That means it's time to get ready for the Quaama Fireside Fair.

Join the Quaama community from 9am on Saturday 20 July at the Quaama School of Arts Hall for a warming day of markets, activities, information, scrumptious food and great entertainment.

If you want to be involved, there's a lot happening! As always, we have stall sites available for those with products and skills to sell, community organisations to raise funds for and great ideas to communicate. Stalls are only \$10 for a 3x3m site.

We've already got purveyors of cakes, yarns, local soap, books, Quaama Couture clothing, therapeutic oils, plants, trashy treasure and treasurable trash, handmade clothing and much more booked in – but there's room for much more.

And this time we will have two speaking/performing stages happening, so book your spot if you have a story to tell, information to share, a skill to demonstrate, a barrow to push, or if you want to warm us with a heartfelt performance.

Competitions!!!

The standard was set at the Harvest Fair with 50(!!!!) entries in the cooking competition. Let's keep up the momentum and amaze visitors once again with our cooking skills – in abundance. This time the categories are Campfire Cooking and citrus preserves. Winners will be chosen by Judges choice and popular vote – at the Harvest Fair, Quaama took out the judge's prizes and Brogo cooks were the most popular. Maybe it's Cobargo's turn to produce a winner, or a Brogo cook can please the judges? We'll see.

For the more crafty, we'll have the Beanie competition again – prizes for the wildest and most loved (or worn) and we'll have a judge's award for this too.

Activities

A number of local crafts people will provide hands-on mini workshops. You'll be able to make papier mache dolls' heads, try some felting and other fibre crafts and even get your dolls appraised. We'll have story telling around the firepit and a kid's corner with fibre crafts and much more.

Exhibition

Art in the Foyer will feature items made from wood, fibre and metal. Items can be for display or sale and can be dropped off at

Quaama School of Arts Hall from 4pm on Friday 19 July for hanging.

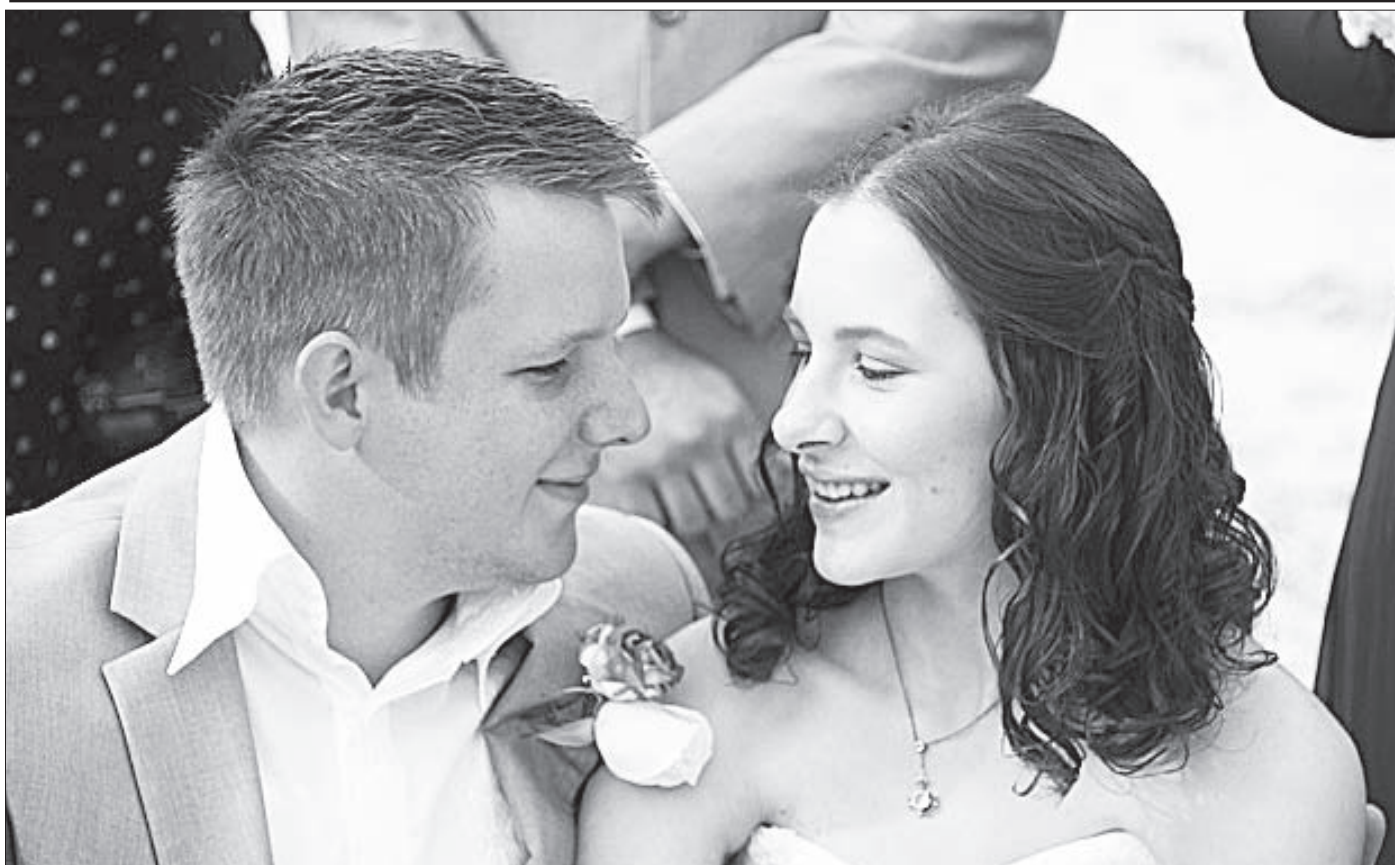
Other stuff

Quaama Quisine will be available from the kitchen and we'll have a fundraising barbeque with amazing local sausages. QPA will operate a trading table for people with smaller quantities of things to sell – our Quaama T-shirts will also be available – and a QPA member will be on hand to listen to your ideas about how we can continue to make Quaama a great place to live. The book swap will be back and this time we'll operate a yarn swap – so unpack your stashes and stock up on some new yarny yummys – guilt free!

And don't forget the QPA is always looking for people who can help out on the day – in the kitchen, working with stallholders, organising the competitions, setting up and pulling down, spreading the word, helping with the trading table...there's a little job for everyone and much love and gratitude as a reward! If you want to participate in anyway, please email joxamara@hotmail.com, call 0437 263 128 or contact any member of the QPA – we want to be flooded with willingness.

Veronica Abbott
QPA President

Quintessentially Quaama



Congratulations to Leah Abbott and James Finnis. Another season, another Abbott wedding in Quaama! The youngest of the gorgeous Abbott girls married James Finnis at Mystery Bay on 30 March 2013. The beach ceremony – complete with a blessing from the local dolphins – was followed by the now traditional banquet in Christophers Rd. Leah and James thank all their friends and relatives who travelled from as far away as Rockhampton to celebrate with them. And once again, thanks so much to the wonderful Quaama locals who helped with the event – especially the great kitchen staff and spectacular barman. Two down, three to go - the next wedding is in March 2014.

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No Woolies Campaign Picnic

On a typically beautiful Bermi Sunday afternoon, about 80 people gathered on the site of the proposed Woolworths development. There were no speeches to mention, apart from an acknowledgement of those who attended by Sam Davis who coordinated this event, with a little bit of "keep it up, folks" just to show we have not dropped off the 'Woolies Free Bermagui' wagon. The view is to die for, though any supermarket structure proposed would be oblivious if not purposely ignoring it. Not to mention, possibly reducing this magnificent aspect for the houses across the road.

The gathering was to simply show

Meanwhile, the appeal campaign continues to grow and other factors appear, such as regulations around a retail floor space per capita ratio, something the ACCC is very interested in, possibly included in its case. Precedents and possibilities abound for both sides, so let's see how it pans out.

Great new district map at Library

It has come to my attention that we are now very well equipped to assist our visitors and even new locals like me with finding their way around our town and environs. We now have a very clever and useful map, fixed in metal (concrete by any other name), which illustrates what there is to see, how far it is and how they

harvesting crayfish on a 64ft boat out of Geraldton, WA, and the many hours on board spent catching kingfish, schnapper, dhufish, bream of various species and small sharks, with generally none of any being under 20lb in old money (9kg) and up to 70lb (35kg) plus. We cleaned and gutted them and stashed them in the freezers on board to sell on shore, along with the crays: all good income then. What I just realised the other day is that I rarely or have never seen any big fish, or parts thereof, on sale for eating. Could there be a market here to supply or is it all going to the cities? What does happen to the big ones that get in front of the cameras? Can we even use the big, big, big ones that are caught in competitions? Things for pondering on a winter's afternoon over a beer, per chance.

Observed around town

Young mothers with prams, jogging and chatting regularly along Wallaga Lake Rd, show us that we see life vastly differently from even a short time ago. Fitness and company go hand in hand with childcare and why not, in our delightful surrounds? There is possibly room for more and I imagine support for newbies to join in, though the mystery exists as to who to contact, where do they set off from and how far do they go? Does anyone have answers for us?

Winter season and things change in Bermi: some businesses reduce their hours and opening days, more houses empty from holiday or short term letting, walkers on the beach and footpaths have much more clothing on, footy training fills the air in the bright night lights, different species of fish are sought and caught... the list goes on. And it is so good to feel the seasons changing here, rather than only experiencing one or two like other more northern coastal towns.

Sculpture to canvas

Bermagui identity, Jane Hall, was the delighted winner of the Sculpture on the Edge raffle for a portrait to be painted by talented local painter, Bethany Thurtell. Prue Kelly of CEFE – Clean Energy For Eternity, drew the winning ticket and was on hand, with Bethany, and Event Manager of Sculpture on the Edge, Jan Ireland, to congratulate Jane at the Sundeck, Bermagui on Saturday 15 June. Jane and Bethany will meet up over the next few weeks to plan how to get together to begin the portrait. Bethany Thurtell is just one of the many talented locals here in the area who, among other achievements, was fortunate to have her portrait of Jan Ireland included in the Salon de Refuses for the Shirley Hannan Portrait Prize, shown at the Spiral Gallery last year.



Prue Kelly, artist Bethany Thurtell, winner Jane Hall and event manager for Sculpture on the Edge, Jan Ireland

solidarity and share feelings between concerned residents who still remain the vocal minority, 'twould seem. Basically, it is a big shame to blot out such a picturesque spot in the heart of our lovely little town. Is that not enough in itself? it could be asked.

And I have to also ask the majority of folk if they do not have objections to this proposed establishment, taking up this oh so lovely space, have they really considered how fast they want Bermi to grow as a result? And at what cost to the spirit of the community? We cannot control such a corporation and its actions once it is ensconced here. So, as has happened elsewhere in our state and others, we may look forward to a cost benefit in the short term, other small locally owned businesses closing down due to inability to compete, as well as acquisition by the Big W of other businesses with profits going out of the town.

relate to other features and attraction, all on one accessible sheet. It is an all weather facility on the deck at the Library/Visitor's Information Centre and viewable 24x7.

Fishing competitions

As a coastal village in this day and age, we see a fair focus on fishing and the craft that are used to pursue this peaceful pastime. It might be readily observed that our town may not fare as well without such activities and in fact, it is world renowned for that very reason, albeit more historically than now, globally speaking. Actually, on one web site of best fishing spots on Earth, Bermi is not listed. On another site for sport fishing, Australia is not listed. This could be good or bad, depending on your perspective, though I am not going into this here and now. Maybe someone else might care to, maybe not. What brought me to raise this topic is that I recall my time as a professional crewman

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Crutchless Bloomers at Historic Society Luncheon.

The *Show & Tell* luncheon held 8 June by the Historical Society proved that people around Bermagui have some interesting objects from the past in their possession.

While enjoying soup, sandwiches and coffee, those who attended watched a slideshow of old photographs of the area. Then members and guests displayed and described objects brought along.

A fine display of old tools was shown the owner also giving a history of the *Rose of Eden*, a boat which subsequently went to Wallaga Lake as the *Seagull*, providing pleasure cruises around the 1930's.

From 1899, came one of the large framed certificates issued to voters in the referendum for the establishment of the Australian Constitution. A search has uncovered only three others: one in the National Archives, another in a gallery, and the third, donated by Don Chipp, in the Stockman's Hall of Fame.

A heavy metal ring, which was heated red hot and applied to bottle necks, scalping the glass to produce storage vessels for preserves, reminded us that in earlier settlement days, people were highly inventive and recycling was the norm. Suggestions for the use of something akin to a giant garlic press, and a conical copper, tubed gadget were entertaining and varied. You are invited to identify the object in the accompanying photograph.



Mal Dibden examines gold scales

considerable interest, whilst a carved spiked bone tool remained a mystery.

Photo Archivist, Dave Cotton, gave a remarkable demonstration and talk using an antique half-plate camera, to aid our understanding of early photography, such as that of William Corkhill. Other members and visitors reminisced whilst sharing photos and



The Historical Society's 'Show and Tell Mystery Object'

A set of gold scales which could well have been used locally provided

souvenirs of personal importance and historical interest. Subsequent photographic donations to the society have been added to the archive. We are most grateful.

Wooden blanks used for wagon spokes, bullock yokes and axe handles were displayed.

Many locally produced pick handles went to the trenches in WW1. Rounding off was a ships compass produced in Seattle, Wa, USA.

And the bloomers....an exquisite nightgown and crutchless bloomers, made for a trousseau, exemplified the fine needlework of old.

Thanks to all who contributed to this event. If you can identify the object shown in our photo, or have other objects of historical interest, please phone Lynnette: 6493 3171.

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Peter and Michele demonstrate the defibrillator.

First Aid for Seniors

On Saturday, 25 May, The Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club was the ideal venue for a fun and informative session on the basics of saving lives in many different kinds of situations with presenters Michele and Peter Bootes, from the Australian Lifesaving Academy, NSW.

In a lively mix of description, question and answer, power-point presentation, short movies and demonstration Michele and Peter took the seventeen U3A members through the program. They practised CPR on mannequins, learned the new method of putting a patient in the recovery position and gained confidence at using a defibrillator. They even became familiar with EpiPens and asthma puffers. It was such a valuable learning experience that Bermagui U3A should offer it every year.

Old Wharf Park

Observant people may have noticed that this small park on the northern side of the bridge into Bermagui has new signage and bollards to prevent vehicle access to the grass. We thank our local town team who have done this work.

A few interested locals have been quietly working on this park, cleaning up the plantings already established and working on establishing two planter beds in the park. One to showcase native plants which suit the area and thus save new and old gardeners some money, the other filled with 'local bush tucker' similar to that organised at the Primary School.

We have waited over two years for the materials to become available from Bega Valley Shire and slowly this is happening – unfortunately vandals have destroyed and removed the timber table which overlooked the Bermagui River to the south. Thus we are waiting for a replacement for this and working on other improvements before next summer.

Any interested people who could do some hands on work could contact John Carter (lakebird60@bigpond.com) or Rosemary Millard (romillard@gmail.com) and we can get in touch for our next working bee.

Rosemary Millard

U3A update

The 3rd Term for Bermagui U3A is about to get underway and even more new topics and programmes have been added to the already extensive list of courses on offer.

Two courses are being offered through COTA (Council of the Aged), *Mate to Mate*, and *Internet Safety*. By popular request, Kerry Davies will bring back discussions on Jill Bolt Taylor's book *My Stroke of Insight*, and Maggie Canfield will present *A Preparation for Writing*.

Maggie will also hold an amazing new course, *Theatre Sports* in both Bermagui and Narooma. *Theatre Sports* involves a lot of laughing, a little drama, heaps of variety and a little improvisation – so you can't get it wrong. Come along to Registration Day on July 10 and chat with Maggie and maybe watch some *Theatre Sports* in action.

There is sure to be keen interest in an *Introduction into Fly Fishing and Bird Watching in the Bermagui Area*, plus two new tours have been added, a *Mystery tour with Ann Smith* and an *Indigenous Art Exhibition* guided tour presented by Jenny Johnson.

Bermagui U3A (University of the Third Age) is open to everyone, there are no entry requirements or exams.

Programmes are available in Cobargo, Quaama, Narooma and Bermagui at various venues. Costs are minimal, often just materials or a gold coin contribution.

With over thirty courses, workshops and outings scheduled, surely there is something to interest, to entertain, to challenge, and/or to simply enjoy.

Registration for Term 3 is on July 10 at the Bermagui Country Club from 10am to 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome to come along, peruse the courses on offer and meet the tutors. Classes and sessions for Term 3 will commence on July 15.

For full information on courses, venues and timetable visit

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Central Tilba school students hard at work in their new outdoor classroom

Community Spirit Helps Central Tilba Primary School

The students at Central Tilba School are now able to take their lessons outdoors thanks to the generous work of parents and the wider community. The new outdoor learning area was built by parents over several working bees held at the school. Principal John Carter said “The new area will be used by staff and students to provide learning opportunities that will take advantage of our beautiful natural setting. The sheltered area will be used as a starting point for our new cultural learning trail that will provide

students with the chance to connect with our unique cultural and geological history.”

P&C President Nadine Hills was very excited to see the shelter completed. “Our small school enjoys an amazing level of parent support”, she said “The students will be able to use this covered area as a base for activities related to our food and bush tucker gardens.”

Funding for the project came in part from the school being the winner of last years’ Shire Council “Learning for Life Award”. The school

P&C was also successful in achieving a grant from the NSW Envirofund. Completion of construction was made possible by the generous donation of goods and services from local business’ and individuals including Denise Williamson, Mat Gilder, Cadgee Concrete and Tilba’s very own demolition expert Strop.

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What a busy little village Cobargo's been over the past month! Celebrities and celebrations. Openings and closings. Vandals and ventriloquists. Old faces returning, New faces arriving. Openings, closings. Curiosity sparked? Well stay tuned!

a part of, turned out in force with scaffolding, ladders, brushes, sanders, overalls, elbow grease and good cheer. The first coat was completed by midday, at which point workers were treated to a magnificent lunch of pork lahb on a bed of steamed rice with steamed, fresh local greens



Paul West wearing his new CWA apron presented to him by Mary and Louise

In my experience, the C in CWA stands for Creative, Capable, Crafty, Courageous, Cheery, Comforting and so much more. As with past generations, the current generation of local CWA members, under the guidance of Mary (Secretary) and Louise (President) are an active, enthusiastic and community minded group of women, responsive to issues local, domestic and international in a very real way. Women getting on with the business of looking after women and children. Their humble little cottage has undergone many re-vamps over the years, accommodating the ever changing community, the most recent of which happened this past month.

Sunday, June 2 saw the painting of Cobargo's CWA house, by members of the Lions Club, the local Scouts and the community in general. Warding off the threat of rain, the wonderful community we are all blessed to be

with cumquat juice, cooked by none other than River Cottage's own Paul West, complete with film crew and his personal assistant, Valentina, who loves our village and community.

"I keep welling up", says Mary Williams during our interview, "with community getting behind the CWA and an absolute sense of belonging to such a wonderful community. Only in Cobargo."

Before lunch was served, Mary and Louise made a presentation to chef Paul West, of a CWA apron. I can only say that Paul was 'tickled pink', bathed in the energy of our local community. His grin was almost palpable.

After a last minute 'bail-out' by the painter engaged to prep the building, the prepping was done by Louise Brown and Col Rayner, as always with smiles and the generosity of community mindedness and giving. And the paint, buckets and buckets of it, was donated by

Bega's Inspirations, the owner of whose mother is in the Bega branch of the CWA. COBARGO SAYS THANK YOU INSPIRATIONS!

Mary affords a HUGE 'thank you' also to the local Lions (Cobargo-Bermagui) who turned out in force, manned with equipment for the day. They are yet another local group looking after the community in many ways, not always seen or acknowledged. I spoke with Ray Clements and Cliff Tarrant from the Lions, and they filled me in on their current works and campaigns. At this time of year, the Lions are busy providing firewood to less able people in the community, running a barbeque each month at the Cobargo markets, in order to fundraise towards district good works, which include the local Scout Jamboree and skate park. They are currently looking towards putting their 'man power' behind the restoration of the Narira Creek Topiary Sculpture Walk / Path. Some of their national campaigns include hearing dogs, world tragedies and the UN's National Literacy Campaign, providing reading books for schools and so much more. Cobargo / Bermagui Lions meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Cobargo Hotel and the third Tuesday at the Bermagui Hotel. Meetings begin at 7pm. If you're interested in more information, call Cliff Tarrant on 6493 8359.

Along with the wonderful happenings in any community, come the less pleasant. The late hours of Friday, May 31, saw an attack on our gnome village. An act of wilful vandalism. Someone decided to run down our



Gnome massacre

local gnomes, defenceless in the path of the big 4-wheel drive, breaking the hearts of many locals, who turned out in droves the following morning, with flowers, get well cards and glue, treating the wounded and mourning those turned to crumbs and dust.

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Cobargo Conversations (cont.)

News to hand is that our local constabulary is changing. After many years serving the community, Andrew Burden, with his wife Sharon and his two daughters, is moving on. The family are moving to Bega and a new policeman will be taking Andrew's place. A big THANK YOU from Cobargo, Andrew and Sharon. Many of us will miss you, in particular, your valued contributions as members of our community.

The Cobargo Action Network (CAN) has struck yet again! Another new seat has been installed in the main street, for the comfort of locals and visitors alike. I spied young Dave Rugendyke at work with a young accomplice just after we last went to print. CAN have also been doing a lot of cleaning up along the bank of Narira Creek from the park to Narira Street, along the topiary walk. Plans are underway for a planting day on Saturday August 3, weather permitting, from 10am. Your attendance will be very welcome as there will be several hundred plants to be put in along the creek bank and on the bank behind the swimming pool. Let's get talking and get the biggest turnout for this event, rather than leaving it to the same few. If you can spare a few hours, that would be great. And your reward? The Lions Club will fire up the barby and feed all volunteers lunch. If there happens to be a change of date, notices will be put up at Well Thumbed Books and the Post Office. And if you are interested in getting more involved in this great project you can call Tania on 6493 6704.

Tuesday, June 11 saw a local memorial tribute for Rob Burgess. Held at Ange's Train Café, the event was attended by 30 people who

celebrated Rob's life with a slide show as well as several speakers who highlighted the fact of Rob's good life and his love of animals, prestige cars and beautiful locations.

The main street of Cobargo is metamorphosing! Businesses are opening, businesses are closing and businesses are changing hands. New to the main street this month, is the Namaste Yoga Studio, run by Amrei, a highly experienced and renowned Bikram Yoga specialist. To celebrate the opening of the studio, free classes were held on the weekend of June 15 and 16. Bikram is practising in a heated room to give warmth to muscles as they are being worked. Classes at this point, will be held at 10am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5pm Tuesdays and 8am Saturdays. Drop in and meet Amrei or drop in for a class. Generous introductory offers are available, so get down and get fit and flexible!

And finally, don't forget to turn out for Cobargo School's annual Family Fireworks Night, to be held in the school grounds on July 26. Live music. Disco. Cakes. Popcorn. And more!! What a great night out! The P&C will be firing up the barbeque as always and providing delicious and healthy snacks and hot food and drinks from 4pm until 9pm. Bring the whole family along and watch the fantastic fireworks, whilst keeping toasty warm by the bonfires. The family entry fees collected will go towards providing some of the many elements not paid for by government funding, that schools need to fundraise for, in order to adequately educate our children. Don't miss it. It's a great night out for the whole family. And don't forget to put your dog(s) inside or at least, to tie them up for the night.

Fortunes Downunder

Ed Long, local author launched his book, 'Fortunes Downunder' at Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo. The book has had good reviews so far. It is an exciting adventure story about two young aussie blokes living their dreams, a mixture of fiction and fact of Ed's own experiences. Thanks for your help, ladies of Well Thumbed and to all who attended. The book is available at the bookshop and at Amazon-books-Ed-Long-Fortunes Downunder-E book or paperback.



Ed Long launched his book
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Little Birdie Vintage

Little Birdie Vintage has officially opened its doors in Cobargo. Located in the beautiful historic bank building and next door to Chalk and Cheese Café, from July 1 as a 'pop up' shop. Everyone who has a love of vintage clothing is invited to a fashion show on Saturday July 6 at 5pm at 8 Bermagui Rd Cobargo. Featuring a selection of amazing clothes from the 40s through to the 70s (sorry but the 80s just didn't cut it!) This vast collection was one woman's obsession for 30 years and is now up for grabs. Our area is fast becoming a vintage hub with an appreciation for quality and individual style. Remember, wearing vintage not only looks fabulous, but is guilt free and great for the environment!

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CRABS and Ducks



CRABS Duck Race 2012 Bermagui River

Cancer Research Advocate Bikers (CRABS), was formed in 2004 by colourful Bermagui local Rob Grimstone. After losing his mother to

cancer, Rob got a couple of mates together to talk about how they could make a difference in the fight against cancer. They enjoyed motorcycles for work and for pleasure so it was decided to combine this with fundraising.

The result? The Bermagui branch of CRABS has raised over \$120,500 for Cancer Research.

CRABS hosted the third Bermagui Bike Show this year attracting hundreds of visitors to the town. The next fundraising event is planned for Sunday 14 July where 1,000 rubber ducks will be released into the Bermagui River. Ducks are being sold for \$5 each and are available from Jim Gilchrist, telephone 0407 880 109. Last year's Duck Race raised \$2,600. CRABS hope to raise over \$5,000 at the Duck Race this year.

A family oriented day is planned for the area adjacent to the Bermagui River Boat Ramp on Sunday 14 July from 11am. A jumping castle, a tug of war and a BBQ will be operating to entertain the family for the afternoon. Ducks will be launched following lunch.

Art for women: solar printing workshops

Solar plate printmaking is a relatively new process to artists, hailed as a non-toxic alternative to traditional etching techniques.

A drawing is made onto transparency and exposed onto a light-sensitive printing plate using UV light from the sun. It enables the printing of multiple copies onto paper in endless colour variations from a plate.

Work with others and be part of a team with Community Artist and teacher Tanja Reise.

The course runs on Wednesdays for three weeks: July 24, 31 and August 7, 10-4pm, 14 Peden St Bega. Book now phone 6492 1367.

Women's Resource Centre is a non-profit organisation that provides information, referral, support and drop-in service for women of all ages. Funding provided by NSW Clubs.



The Triangle's president, Jo Lewis, celebrated her birthday with a party at Tilba.

Pictured are (L to R) Elizabeth, Paul, Jo and Sarah

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Fundraiser for Naomi Foster

Southern Women's Group Inc. (SWG) is launching a Community Fundraiser to raise money for Naomi Foster's on-going medical expenses and mobility.

Tragically in April 2013 Naomi had a blood clot on her spine that has caused paralysis from her hands to her feet and medical specialists are not yet sure if she will walk again. She is in the Prince of Wales Spinal Unit doing rehabilitation until the end of the year.

Naomi is a strong young Yuin woman. She is a fighter. Her life has been a testament to surviving against the odds. Her strengths and wisdom, and her commitment to her community have been a steadfast part of her young life. Just turning 21 years Naomi has faced and conquered many obstacles. She left Narooma High School in the midst of family turmoil while she dealt with the loss of her father at Wallaga Lake. Yet, as we all know, Naomi came back. Not down for long, she returned to school and graduated Year 12.

Cherrie Morley, Aboriginal Education Officer at Narooma High School says "It's a pleasure to say that I know Naomi Foster and have watched her blossom into a lovely young lady. I know her as a self-motivator who persistently pushed through various barriers during her schooling here. She is always focused, mature and determined to achieve and be successful.

She is also very sporty, participating in many school sporting events. Naomi is easy to talk to and was a wonderful role model for other students here at Narooma High School. Life has dealt her some tough cards at a very young age and now she has another one on the table, I know that she will be strong and take each day on with all her might to work through this setback."

Naomi was the first of her family to complete the Higher School Certificate in 2011 which was such a wonderful achievement.

Naomi represented her community and was one of the first of the Wallaga people to do so. But it is important to note that not only did she graduate Year 12 while confronting community issues, she decided to devote herself to working in the Merriman's Aboriginal

Land Council office at Wallaga Lake. Naomi graduated year 12 and simultaneously worked hard to achieve a traineeship in Certificate III in Business Administration. Naomi was the recipient for the 2012 BVSC Young Women's Scholarship as a part of International Women's Day held in March 2012.

There are many things we can say about Naomi. She is a beautiful young Yuin woman, daughter, aunt, niece and sister. She has a strong mob surrounding her and supporting her during this current time. But the most important thing to note is the strength that she possesses within and which has seen her through tough times that many others would not have been able to survive with such strength and grace!

It is this strength that makes her an inspiration to the entire community and her family. It is also this strength that will see her through this latest suffering.

It is with the support of her entire community across the Valley and throughout our mobs that she will again conquer this time of trouble. May the grace and strength of our mother and spirit of our mobs around the globe be with Naomi on this latest part of her journey as a strong young Yuin woman.

She attended Bermagui Primary School and was a Champion Athlete. She went on to Narooma High School and continued to play a number of sports including League Tag for women, netball and union.

She continued with her studies until a family tragedy and loss of her father in 2008. Naomi used the sport – practice and competition to pull herself through and returned to high school.

The intention of the fundraiser is to support Naomi's on-going medical expenses and mobility. SWG is asking the community to dig deep and provide some financial support for Naomi – big or small amounts of money will help – give generously to help a local young woman.

Donations can be made at any Westpac Branch with account name Southern Womens Group Inc. – Naomi Foster BSB/Account No: 032682/187787. Alternatively money can be direct debited into the account, or by mailing a

cheque or money order to Southern Women's Group Inc. – Naomi Foster PO BOX 468 Bega NSW 2550. The fundraiser will run for 3 months ending end of September 2013. For over 25



Naomi Foster, a strong young Yuin woman, her life has been a testament to surviving against the odds

years, Southern Women's Group Inc. (SWG) has helped women and children in the Bega Valley Shire by advocating, supporting and making women feel included and empowered to live a life free from violence and discrimination. SWG is a feminist organisation committed to the empowerment of women and the end of discrimination and exploitation. We provide a range of accessible information and referral, community development, capacity building and advocacy services for women and their children. SWG auspices the Women's Resource Centre and Far South Coast Women's Domestic Violence Advocacy Service in Bega.

Bermagui Beach Hotel

David and Cheryl Webster and James Hillier, who previously held the lease from '99 to 2002, are back!

There's a revamped menu in the Bistro, revamped bottle shop, monthly specials with the Bottle-O Neighbourhood group lines.

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ANAM students perform at Bermagui



Students at Bermagui preschool were treated to a performance by ANAM students

Coinciding with Public Education Day (May 24), Four Winds organised for the visiting Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) students to play for Bermagui primary and pre-school.

Students were spellbound by the skill of the quartet and asked many relevant and interesting questions of the visitors.

The quartet could not satisfy the curiosity of students as they learnt that two of the members began playing when they were four years old and currently practise for an average of 8 hours a day.

The four young musicians who study at the music equivalent of the Australian Institute of Sport are undertaking a month-long residency

in Bermagui and Bega. The recently formed partnership between ANAM and Four Winds will continue to bring quality musicians to our region to share their skills and develop their craft.

Four Winds is committed to improving the musical education opportunities for our community.

In Bega, the acclaimed quartet will be working with Geoffery Badger's Chamber Orchestra and Heartsong Choir.

They will be providing one-on-one teaching, rehearsing and mentoring for our region's young string musicians.

Paul Dean, the artistic Director of ANAM says "As musicians grow and develop, often

working in communities becomes a nourishing and rewarding component of their schedules".

In Barragga Bay, the group will undertake an intensive rehearsal period.

The seclusion of the spotted gum forests will provide them time and space to connect with nature, revitalise and draw inspiration from the environment and one another.

Four Winds, is proud to support and nurture some of the country's finest young classical musicians and encourage our regions young people to reach for the stars.

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Winter colour

During the cooler months of the year leading into spring our gardens can become somewhat drab and uninteresting. Consideration to adding some colour to the garden not only makes the garden look great but lifts our spirits on the cold damp months of winter.

There are many plants out there that can liven up any garden and warm our hearts with their beauty and good nursery people will have their nurseries full of colourful winter plants.



Metrosideros excelsia - add some colour to your winter garden

Colour can be added by the use of flowering plants or by plants that retain their leaves and have a colour other than green.

Starting off with annuals that can be either planted in pots or in the ground, these give instant colour and will last until the warmer weather arrives when we plant summer annuals that can stand the temperature. Pansies, viola, primula, snapdragons and poppies are but a few that come to mind. Planted in a full sun position with a compost enriched soil and fed with a liquid fertiliser they are a simple and inexpensive way to brighten up your day.

For a more permanent display try using perennials. One important factor to remember with perennials is to be aware that even though

they do well in the full sun during winter some might need to be planted under deciduous trees to give them protection from summer sun.

Many perennials add colour by either flower or foliage and the foliage forms can vary from deep purple to yellow and various shades of variegation. One of my favourites is the amazing Hellebore. These beautiful plants range in colour from white to pink and purple with varieties being single or double. Other plants to be considered are Polemoniums for their variegated foliage, Penstemon Husker Red for its scarlet foliage and Heuchera for their interesting range of colours.

If annuals and perennials don't take your fancy then consider shrubs that have either a variegated or coloured foliage. Many variegated foliaged plants add another interesting dimension to your garden as their standout beauty in winter is highlighted by the fact that many other plants nearby have lost their leaves.

Abelia, a small shrub suited to either hedging or as a single specimen plant is a great addition to any garden to add all around year interest. Two lovely forms are available at the moment, one with a green and silver variegation and the other green and gold. These two will take part shade or full sun. Other variegated plants include Euonymus, Aucuba and Metrosideros (NZ Christmas bush for the coastal garden).

The last but not least, are single coloured foliage plants that have standout beauty in their foliage but also the added bonus of flowers. Loropetalum with its burgundy foliage and pink flowers is a beauty. This can be hedged or used as a single garden specimen. Teucrium with its silver foliage and purple flowers is a good one for a coastal garden.

The plants that I have mentioned above are but a miniscule of what is available to brighten up the garden and your pots so the rest is up to you. Don't be afraid to use combinations of plants as many annuals, perennials and shrubs work very well together.

Moving along to tasks in the garden as

a follow up to last month's advice, July is a great time to finish off the winter pruning of fruit trees, roses and perennials. Perennials can be mulched with some straw to protect any new shoots that might try and get an early start before the real cold weather is over. Complete winter spraying of fruit trees and roses with a winter oil and fungicide.

Finally, for this month remember that plants still need water even in winter. It doesn't have to happen as much as in the drier warmer months but it still must happen, particularly in pots. Until next time.

Keith Mundy

Guidelines for contributors

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

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

1. Stories should be 300 words maximum except by prior arrangement.

2. Photos should be sent as **separate JPG attachments – not embedded into your story**. Please send the original digital photo, so we have as large an image as possible to play with. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies.

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

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

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Courtney Collins

The Burial,

Allen and Unwin, \$28.00

This Australian novel was selected in the final six for the inaugural Stellar Prize, a new prize for Australian women writers. The winner was written by Carrie Tiffany (*The Mateship of Birds* – reviewed last year and now in the

library).

The Burial is set in the 1920s, and its central character is Jessie, at various times, circus rider, horse and cattle rustler, now captive to a brutal husband, living in fear of her life as she becomes involved with an Indigenous lover, forced to flee into the mountains where she is once again pursued by the law.

Her story is set against the return of soldiers from the First World War, within the harshness of isolated bush communities, and

peopled by flawed characters, including the newly arrived policeman. With the assistance of the Indigenous lover, he is desperately tracking her before she is captured by the local bounty-hunters.

Like me, you might find the use of her dead child's voice as the first narrator of the story really disconcerting, but somehow, the writer draws you into believing in its credibility.

If the Stellar Prize is going to introduce us to writers of this calibre – good on it!

Pet of the Month

Lillie has been in care for a long time and would dearly love to go to her permanent new home soon. She may not be the most beautiful dog you have ever seen, but her beauty is on the inside. She can be a bit of an escape artist when left alone, so secure fencing is a necessity.

Other pets in need of homes are:

Kookie, the two year old male Jack Russell x;

Tiger the male 25 week old Tabby;

Lillie, the 3 ½ year old female tri-coloured terrier;

Molly the 21 month old Blue Cattle Dog;

Jane, Oreo and Olly the 8 week old kittens;

Sooty the male black DSH; Ollie, the 12 month old Border Collie x;

Pearl, the cream and ginger 4 year old female DSH;

Billy, the 23 week old female DSH Tabby; and

Bowie the four year old white male DSH torte

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Lillie, beautiful on the inside.

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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 of these pets please call 0400 372 609.

Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch now has a Facebook page! www.facebook.com/AnimalWelfareLeagueFarSouthCoastBranch

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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 contribution is a photograph by Michael Adams of Tathra



Wave coming out of the low fog. Catching that wave dividing around the rock - the moment before it merges together - was too lucky.
And the foam-rimmed circle! Gulaga on the horizon.

Leave shags on rocks – please don't feed the cormorants

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has thanked Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) volunteers for nursing a cormorant back to health in Tathra, after the shag suffered a blow while stealing a fisherman's bait.

NPWS Regional Manager for the Far South Coast Tim Shepherd says native species that are regularly fed become unafraid of people, sometimes with serious consequences.

"I understand this particular shag had become like a shared pet to many in Tathra and while there are severe penalties for harming native animals, it's not surprising this bird ran

into trouble.

"Thankfully WIRES volunteers were called to help the bird and it has since recovered and been released.

"Parks does not condone the fisherman's actions, but had this cormorant not lost its fear of humans it would not have risked stealing bait from a person standing so near.

"People may think they are being kind and generous feeding native animals, but they are in fact making the animal more vulnerable to injury, illness, dependency, and becoming a pest.

"Over the years many native animals on the Far South Coast have had to be destroyed

because they have been fed and then become aggressive or diseased.

"Please do not feed cormorants, goannas, kangaroos or any other native species, and if you see somebody harming wildlife call Parks or local police.

"If you find injured wildlife, contact the local licensed wildlife carers, WIRES, on 6495 4150.

"The best way to enjoy native wildlife is to do so without interference, and harming native wildlife is a prosecutable crime under the National Parks and Wildlife Act of 1974," Mr Shepherd said.

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Blokes of the Triangle

This column is to provide a space for men and boys to air their thoughts. It also offers the opportunity for focussing on what matters to us. Please send us in your words (name and details withheld at your request).

Bermi.

I enter through the gates with the new sign. Decelerate.

Roll to a stop and wait for the bloke.

Giddaye he says

Giddaye I say.

Whaddya got?

Bit of recycle, bin, bag

He looks.

Ahh \$2.50, says.

Give him \$2.50. Drive to the recycle bins.

He's walking slowly toward the rear of the car.

He's writing the receipt. Finishes. Gives it to me.

Ta I say

S'allright he says, looks like a good one

Yeah I say

You right?

Yep.

He walks off, peers in the recycle shed, returns to his office.

I fill a bin.

Mainly grog. Normal.

Wash my hands.

Back to the car.

Drive around the mound and up onto the top.

Two blokes are emptying a trailer. Reno.

Giddaye I say

Giddaye they say.

We all nod and squint.

Open the hatchback again.

Hurl rubbish.

The bloke below is staring at the mowers, bikes and busted toilet bowls.

Looks up

I wave.

Him too.

Blokes.

Howard Stanley



CAN DO

The Cobargo Action Network (CAN) has done a lot of cleaning up along the bank of Narira creek from the park to Narira street and topiary walk, and we are planning to have a planting day on Saturday August 3, weather permitting, from 10am. We are looking for as much help as possible on the day as we will have several hundred plants to put in along the creek bank and on the bank behind the

swimming pool, so if anyone could spare a few hours that would be great. The Lions club will fire up the barby and feed us all lunch. If there happens to be a change of date, we will put notices up at Well Thumbed Books and the Post Office or if you are interested in getting more involved in this great project you can call Tania on 6493 6704. Thanks

Tania Lingard



AL-ANON

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COBARGO'S LANEWAY MARKETS

Every Saturday morning from 9am til 1pm.
An initiative of Cobargo Creators

COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

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

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm: Cobargo
School of Arts Supper Room. Information phone:
6493 6538. cobargohall@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL FOLK CLUB - CONNECT!

Every 3rd Sunday of the month, 4.30 for 5pm. Open
mic for songs, poems, stories, testimonies. Narooma
Uniting Church hall behind the church, Princes Hwy.
David 4473 7838.

TILBA MARKET

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

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All
standards catered for - partners not necessary.
Visitors to the area especially welcome. Further
details: Peter 4473 7308

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOC.

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

QUAAMA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Monday of the month, 7pm, at Quaama
School of Arts Hall to plan Quaama community
events and projects. Membership \$5pa. New
members and non-members always welcome.
Enquiries: Veronica Abbott 0437 263 128. See www.
quaama.org.au

MT DROMEDARY UNITING CHURCH

Bermagui: Sundays 9am at the Union Church, West
St. Bermagui, Cobargo: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at
11am; 4th Sausage sizzla at 7pm & praise night at
6pm, Cobargo Bermagui Rd.
Minister Rev. D. Oliphant. Ring Col: 6493 6531
Churches also at Narooma and Bodalla

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the
2nd and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 5pm.
Music, meditation and shared reflections, supper
afterwards so please bring a plate if able. Meditation
group meets every Wed at 10 am.
Inq: Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

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

HEART TO HEART

2nd & 4th Saturday of month from 12.30 to 3.00pm
at 2a Brighton Park Road, Beauty Point. Discuss the
Ageless Wisdoms of Alice A. Bailey teachings. Phone:
Christine on 4476 8732 or Lorraine on 6493 3061

NAROOMA BLUE WATER DRAGONS

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

WALLAGA LAKE/BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

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

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

Wed 3	social bridge at Tilba Winery	Tilba Valley Winery	2pm
Sat 6	fashion show	Little Birdie Vintage, Cobargo	5pm
	Jupiter and the Moon	Figtree, Cobargo, ph 6493 7272	from 5pm
	Tin A Tuna	Cobargo Hotel	7.30pm
Sun 7	Mike Horneman	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 4pm
	Latin Lounge at Tilba Winery	Tilba Valley Winery	12.30pm
Wed 10	U3A registration day	Bermagui Country Club	10am - 12 pm
Sat 13	American Honey promo night	Bermagui Beach Hotel	DJ from 8pm
Sun 14	blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge 345 Yowrie Road	1pm - 5pm
	Tin A Tuna	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 4pm
	CRABS duck race day	Bermagui River boat ramp	11am
Fri 19	Xmas in July hamper raffle	Cobargo Hotel	after 5pm raffles
Sat 20	Quaama Fireside Fair	Quaama School of Arts Hall	from 9 am
	monster garage sale	Cobargo main street	8am - 12pm
Sun 21	Brock Lette	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 4pm
	Trilogy at Tilba Winery	Tilba Valley Winery	12.30pm
Fri 26	Fireworks Night	Cobargo school	from 4pm
Sun 28	Mike Waddell	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 4pm
AUGUST			
Sat 3	planting morning	banks of Narira Creek, Cobargo	10am
	Woohoo Review	Murrah Hall	7.30pm
REGULARS			
Sundays	Cobargo Community Church	Wandella Hall	10am
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10am - 3.30pm
	BINGO	Bermagui Country Club	11am
	karate	Bermagui sports stadium	from 6.30pm
first Tuesday of the month	Narooma & Districts Camera Club technical evening	Anglican Church Hall, 13 Tilba St, Narooma	7pm
Tuesdays during school term	Tilba Craft Connect Playgroup	small hall Central Tilba	1pm - 3pm
every second Tuesday	Mother's group	WRC, 14 Peden St, Bega	10am - 1pm
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
first Wedn of the month	Bermagui Historical Society Meeting	Bermagui Museum in Community Centre	2pm
Thursdays	Art & Craft Scrapbooking	WRC, 14 Peden St, Bega	10am - 12.30pm
Thursday nights	dance and move	Quaama Hall	6 - 8pm
	karate	Bermagui sports stadium	from 6.30pm
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			
thru July	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	Lin Potter's textiles exhibition	