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Tilba Triumphs

The 24th Tilba Easter Festival is being hailed as another great success. The enthusiastic crowd of around 5,000 was unperturbed by the light misty rain as they enjoyed the huge variety of entertainment.

One of the highlights was seeing the beautifully painted birds being paraded down Bate St by the singing children of Central Tilba Primary School.

The new Tilba Cheese roll game was a hit and a great addition to the traditional bushie's boot and egg throw games.

It's hard to single out entertainers when everyone's performances were so brilliant ... but we did note how popular Lenka's puppet show and Zamboni's Magic show were in the packed Small Hall. The Art Show in the Big Hall was a feast for the senses. DJ and the Karizma Katz, Damon Davies and Damien Cohen's Fathers of Necessity shone like the stars they are. Tilba locals were thrilled to hear how far Jake Phillips and Emma Russack have progressed on their musical journey with



Magic happens ... Tilba 2008

their band 'Lola Flash'. And thanks heaps to all the other great musos who kept five stages of stirring music rolling on all day. Jackie Howarth's Reggae band 'Burnum' ended the festival with a bang at the Pub Stage.

Special thanks to the Dromedary Hotel for once again contributing to the music, and thanks for all the volunteer energy from the dedicated Festival Committee and other helpers. You guys have kept this great, totally independent event alive and healthy!

(Photos courtesy Bruce Coulsen)



Sol Clarke, the festival jester



The village in festival mode



Sean Burke: MC or town crier?

Editorial

Thank you to all our valued readers and advertisers as your continuing support gives us volunteers the heart to keep producing this iconic local newspaper. We distribute 2,000 copies each month and our feedback is that you like what we do and would miss it if we didn't! Please note that The Triangle's address for all correspondence, subscriptions and payments is P.O. Box 2008, Central Tilba, 2546.

What a fantastic end to our season of local shows, festivals and events with Bermagui's Seaside Fair, Tilba's Easter Festival and the Four Winds Festival at Cuttagee.

Daylight Saving is about to end; time to get a stack of firewood and maybe get the kids to bed at a reasonable hour. After our run of late summer weather, it is refreshing to have some moisture in the air with the odd brilliant rainbow (keep an eye out for those pots of gold!).

A big welcome to Cliff and Rita Tarrant from Brogo, who will attempt to fill John Champagne's big boots to represent the Brogo district. Hopefully 'the hat' will fit. We ask you, our readers, to let your local *Triangle* representative know of any interesting local stories, happenings and decent gossip. What goes round comes round and we all benefit.

The Marine Park controversy continues in this edition but further comment will need to be restricted to 150 words or less if it is to be printed.

The *Triangle* is a community service and is dependent on advertising revenue for its production. We love and value our advertisers but note that some are lagging way behind in payment. We know who you are, please come good.

Next month will have an early deadline (21st April) and due to factors beyond our control we will not be able to accept late material. Please get your copy and your advertising (19th April) in on time.



Letters to the Editors

Thank you very much to those who willingly toiled at Clean Energy for Eternity's display at the Seaside Fair: Bill Caldicott who tirelessly sold our Solar Water Feature raffle tickets just about all day, Rosemary and Tony Millard, Arthur Gatley, Jo Lewis, Noel and Heather Kenway, and Bill Southwood for getting and installing the solar pump. To Mudworks Pottery for supplying the outstanding pottery Water Feature pieces, and Lyn Cleverley for the plants. To Andrew North of LiveDesigns for his great solar display and help throughout the day. To CEFE President Matthew Nott and his family for coming from Tathra, also CEFE Bega colleague Philippa Rowland. And last but not least to all those wonderful Bermi residents and visitors who bought raffle tickets and made donations (including Bermagui Pharmacy) which helped us raise just over \$700 towards the cost of solar and wind power for the Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club. Another outstanding community effort – we couldn't have done it without you.

Prue Kelly
Events Manager
CEFE (Bermagui)

'Artfelt thanks

Dear *Triangle* people,

The arts pages in the March *Triangle* were fantastic! I have had many people taking copies of that publication from Narek as Ewen kindly left some at 777 for us. The photographs also were terrific. Hasn't the response to *Sculpture on the Edge* been exhilarating?

The Poppy Benton exhibition 'Imbue' continues at Narek Galleries until 14 April followed by 'Flow', an exhibition of wood by Andrew Wood (he was destined!) from Melbourne that will be open from 18 April through to the June long weekend. Please find below details along with an extra picture of 'Aerial', Red gum, stainless steel and limestone.

Re the June long weekend: Sunday 8th June, 6pm – 8pm is the 'Living Artist' celebrity Art Auction in the Tathra Primary School Hall. There will be a live auction and a silent auction and drinks and yummys made by the Living Artist

**Early content deadline
for May issue: 21st April.
Please get your stories
and photos in on time!**

committee chefs. Expect an exciting, lively night with Guy Higgins as auctioneer.

Artists whose work will be up there include Richard Moffatt, Tanja Reise, John Wolsley, Poppy Benton, Mandy Martin, Ken Done, Sara Freeman, Arthur Boyd and many more.

Thanks for your *Triangle*.

Karen O'Clery

Silence please!

Having been informed that I am probably the subject of this month's "Thumbs Down", I take this opportunity to respond.

Imagine the scene: the Four Winds MC has informed the crowd that it will take a few minutes for the stage crew to set up for Omar Faruk Tekbilek's ensemble, and that shakuhachi flautist Riley Lee will be playing in the meantime, a performance that will lead into the opening of Omar Faruk's first piece. Lee commences, and Omar Faruk, having been seated on the stage preparing, feels moved to pick up his own flute and join Lee in a spontaneous duet. It's a sublime moment, and possibly the only time this pair have ever played together, or ever will. But it's a moment completely lost on the three women behind me, immersed in their conversation.

There had already been one request for the crowd in our area to be quiet, and still these women chatted on. Yes, I'm sure I would have used the F-word, but having been a fan of Omar Faruk for twenty years, I didn't want this unique moment to be spoilt, for me or for other music lovers around us, and I spoke passionately. And, for the record, my words provoked words of agreement from those around.

The Four Winds amphitheatre is a beautiful environment but, being open-air, it possibly does not command the same respect for performance, in terms of silence during items, that an indoor concert hall would.

John van Horssen
Quaama

Stories from the Triangle

Early History of White Settlement in Tilba

In the spring of 1833 a small party set out on horseback with a pack-horse carrying supplies, and travelled from the Sydney area down as far as the Goulburn area, which was at that time about the limit of white settlement, looking for suitable sheep country. The head man was a Mr Curlewis. There were two brothers Curlewis. My Grandfather, John Jauncey, born Herefordshire, England, 1816, was at the time a youth of 17 and a member of the party.

The party came on from Goulburn through Braidwood (unsettled then) and came down to the coastal area and subsequently returned. At that time there were two cattle stations in the Bega area with a couple of stockmen living at each.

As a result of the expedition Tilba Tilba was taken up as a sheep station by the Curlewis brothers. It was a squattage lease from the Crown. Nothing was done to develop the station for several years.

My Grandfather continued to have business dealings with the Curlewis family. He was married at Goulburn and the first child, John, was born at Windelama near Goulburn on 22nd January, 1843. At this time the Curlewis family decided to develop Tilba Tilba, and my Grandfather, John Jauncey was the first station manager. He and his wife and baby son, John,

and also his father, James, came to Tilba Tilba in April, 1843, and they were the first white people to sleep on Tilba country. They lived on what was later known as the John Young Estate property (now Nic and Erica Dibden's dairy

which grazed everywhere as there were no fences at first. He had primitive buildings and made cheese, which he transported by bullock team to where Bermagui now is. There was no port, but sailing ships called in fairly

regularly to some convenient spot and unloaded meagre supplies and took on cheese and anything else like bacon and corn.

Their second child, Mary, (her mother's maiden name) was born at Tilba Tilba on 5th June, 1844, and was the first white child born on Tilba. She subsequently became Mrs John Otton Snr of 'Numeralla', Bega.

The next child, William, was born at Tilba on 1st June, 1847, and was the first white boy born at Tilba.

All this family history goes back before the days of selections which only came into law in the Colony in 1861. Grandfather stated in later years that he had no idea that the law about free selections in 1861 would ever have become law, or he would have thought twice about leaving Tilba Tilba.

*By Margaret Evans of Kalaru
Originally written in the mid 1990s.
Manuscript provided courtesy of Mal Dibden,
and edited by Harry Bate.*



The punt at Wagonga Inlet before construction of the Bridge. The bridge was started in 1929, and opened for traffic in 1931 at a cost of £42,000. The old approach to the punt still exist immediately to the west of the bridge.

farm), more out towards the sea. They lived in a primitive home for seven years, and then in a better one built alongside for another seven years. It is doubtful if there is anything to show where the house was.

John Jauncey soon discovered that the land was unsuitable for sheep, but very suitable for cattle and converted it into a dairying venture. He established a big herd of milking short-horn cattle for the proprietors, having a percentage of the heifer calves for himself. Labour was no problem at that time, and he milked a big herd of cows,



Thumbs Up

Seen on a Wicked Van in Tilba 'Men are from Mars, women are from Visa'.

Thumbs Down

To the man who told three ladies, two of them elderly, to 'shut the f—k up' at the Four Winds Festival. Certainly the three were involved in a serious discussion of their own just before one of the last ensembles began to play but the snarling, abusive and foul-mouthed remark was not warranted.



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ANZAC Day Services

Cobargo

A Service of Commemoration will be held at the Cobargo and District Soldiers' Memorial on the corner of Princes Highway and Tarlington Street, Cobargo on Friday 25 April.

The Service will be preceded by a march, which will start at 10.30 am outside the Cobargo School of Arts in Bermagui Road. The Service will commence as soon as practical after the march reaches the Memorial.

Local and visiting members of the RSL, serving members of the Defence Force, and ex-service men and women and their relatives and descendants are invited to join the march, which will be led by children from Cobargo and Quaama schools and the Cobargo Scout Group, and will be accompanied by the Tarraganda Pipers and the 7th Light Horse.

All who will be participating in the march are asked to wear full (not miniature) medals, as they may be entitled. Serving Defence Force personnel may come in uniform, as appropriate.

Lex Gannon will provide transport for anyone who would find marching difficult.

Local organisations and individuals may lay wreaths at the Memorial at the appropriate time during the Service.

Quaama

A brief service will be held at the Memorial in Quaama commencing at 9.30 am, to which local residents and others, and especially school children and ex-servicemen and women and their relatives and descendants are in-

vited. Wreaths may be laid at the Memorial at the appropriate time during the Service.

Dawn Service

No Dawn Service will be held in Cobargo or Quaama, but those wishing to may make their own arrangements to attend Dawn Services in Bega or Bermagui, which are timed to begin at 6.00 am.

Tilba

A ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day will be held at the Tilba District War Memorial in Bate Street, Central Tilba, commencing at 11.00 am on Anzac Day.

The ceremony will be preceded by a march past of service personnel and Tilba school children. All ex-service persons and currently serving service personnel from any location, as well as relatives of those who served and who wish to march in their memory, are warmly invited to join this march, which will assemble adjacent to the Dromedary Hotel at 10.45 am.

All members of the community are encouraged to come along and join in the service as a show of respect to those in our armed services, past and present.

Tea and Anzac biscuits will be provided after the service in the Small Hall, where old acquaintances can be renewed, and new ones are often established.

Bermagui

Dawn Service 6.00 am

Memorial service 11.00 am



Local Volunteers Working Hard to Help Save Unwanted Pets

Residents of Wallaga Lake for four years, Steve and Kerry Walker are members of the Animal Welfare League Far South Coast Branch (AWLFSC), which is a volunteer organisation dedicated to saving the lives of unwanted companion animals of Bega Valley Shire. Branch carers take unwanted pets into their homes and care for them as their own until suitable loving new homes can be found for them.

Kerry describes their carer roles as very rewarding and satisfying in seeing so many pets move on to wonderful new homes. Having served as Treasurer, Kerry is now in training to become Welfare Officer and will then co-ordinate surrenders and adoptions of all animals taken into care by AWLFSC throughout Bega Valley Shire.

If you are interested in adopting dogs and cats in care with AWLFSC, please contact the enquiries phone 0400 372 609. All pets are vet-checked, de-sexed, microchipped, vaccinated and wormed prior to adoption and property inspections are required to ensure the best and safest possible future for all these lovely pets. Adoption fees are \$195 for dogs and puppies, \$100 for cats and \$150 for kittens.

AWLFSC receives no government funding and operates solely on the fundraising efforts of its volunteers. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to P.O. Box 101A Bermagui 2546, and new members are always very welcome.



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Animal Cruelty Case Prompts Extra Surveillance

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has said it is cracking down on illegal activity in Bournda National Park, on the Far South Coast, following a case of animal cruelty at Turingal Head. NPWS staff had no choice but to euthanase a female kangaroo with horrific injuries recently after the kangaroo had apparently being deliberately run down by a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Far South Coast regional direc-

tor Tim Shepherd said, while it was an area where cars had been engaging in illegal off-road activity this latest incident was abhorrent to both staff and the community.

'Field officers found the kangaroo still alive with her joey by her side. Tyre tracks and nearby damaged bushes painted a very ugly picture of what happened', said Mr Shepherd.

'Our National Parks are areas of sanctuary for our precious wildlife and

will remain so. We will be increasing surveillance of the area. There are significant fines attached to illegal activities in National Parks and offenders will be prosecuted. Animal cruelty convictions carry heavy fines and jail terms'.

The NPWS has asked anyone with information regarding the Turingal Head incident to contact the Merimbula office on 6495 5000

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Going Green in Narooma

Work has started on a new NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service office at Narooma. The office will also house Batemans Marine Park staff and NSW Maritime.

The building will include a sub-floor maze through which air is drawn from the outside. Passing through the maze the air either cools in summer, or heats in winter and is then passed through a filter into the building. Extensive windows allow cross ventilation, opening and closing of the upper windows is controlled automatically

via a building management system which monitors temperature and airflow. The building management system will have a 'live' display screen in the foyer, which will allow visitors to see in real time how the building is being managed to minimise energy use.

There will be no air-conditioning for most of the building. Its energy use will be reduced by 75 per cent compared to a similar size conventional building. Construction started this week and the building is due to be completed by September and operational by Christmas. During excavation work the Wagonga Lands Council will be onsite to make sure Aboriginal heritage is protected.

It will be a one-stop shop for people wanting to visit the Batemans Marine Park and our beautiful national parks. The office will also be a shop front for anyone with boating issues.

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Who is a victim of crime?

Elna Martin, the Regional Coordinator for Victims Services will be in Bega on Thursday 3rd April 2008 at:

The Women's Resource Centre, 29 Parker Street, Bega from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. Services offered by Victim Services include:

- Who is a victim of crime?
- Resources to assist victims
- Charter of Victims Rights
- Victim Support Line
- Approved Counselling Scheme
- Victims Assistance Scheme
- Victims Compensation
- Restitution from Offenders
- Victims Register

If you would like to know more about the counselling and compensation services please make an appointment: phone either Gabrielle Powell at Women's Resource Centre on 6492 1367 or Elna Martin on 4472 9311 or email: Elna_martin@agd.nsw.gov.au.

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Pat's Piece

It was such a relief to hear that Australia had signed up alongside many other countries to ban the use of torture.

Trying to justify this appalling practice under the guise of National Security just doesn't add up. One only has to view the filming of the drowning procedure being used, to realise the abhorrence of this barbaric act. When we do this I believe we are no less human than the person it is being perpetrated upon, no matter what his or her crime has been.

The western world has come a long way from the days of the barbarians, where abject cruelty was part of day-to-day life and as a species we are better off for it. I find it interesting that most people are uncomfortable when it comes to discussing either torture or

the death penalty. Yet surely it is imperative, that as concerned citizens, we need to be ever vigilant about these procedures, as many good people have and still are fighting every day of their lives to ensure our human rights are protected. I'm sure we're all aware when discussing these subjects among friends, that there are solid arguments about why they should be used, yet when my 11 year old sister was hit by motor bike and died a few days later as a result of her injuries, my Mum and Dad's despair etched into my soul. Six months later the parents of the bike rider arrived on our doorstep begging my parents to visit their son, as someone had made the remark to him after the accident, that it was murder even though the coroner had called it an accidental death. The boy had hardly slept and was extremely traumatised. Of course my parents visited him and assured him that he was not to blame. I gather that gesture helped their healing as much as his.

You know, we all need to be reminded, that every 20 minutes a child, somewhere in the world, is either injured or dies as a result of stepping on one of the millions of land mines spread throughout the globe. So maybe we should start by tossing the death sentence onto people who manufacture these horrific weapons.

Just a little something for us all to think about!

Like Nelson Mandela, I believe the power of love far outweighs anything we've so far come up with.

Pat Thompson

Thank You

For all the thoughts and wishes
for all the helping hands
To all the wonderful people
Too many to name on two hands

You know who you are
and so do we
Without you all
I don't know where we would be

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From all the family of
Wendy Williamson

Sarah Benjamin, Janet Ross and friends

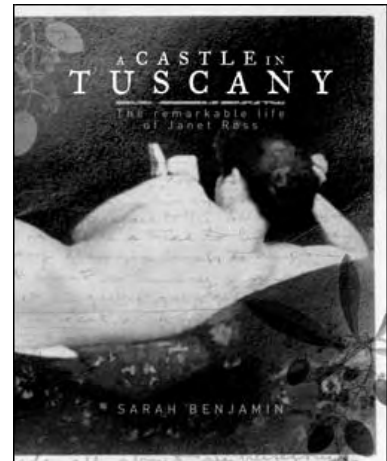
The new Bermagui Library is the perfect place for a conversation about a life well-lived. Around 40 people gathered there on Easter Thursday to hear Sarah Benjamin, author of *A Castle in Tuscany: The remarkable life of Janet Ross*, tell her absorbing story of writing this book.

It is 1867 and Janet's husband's business in Egypt had gone bad. Choosing to settle in Florence rather than return to Victorian England (which in itself tells a lot about her), Janet throws herself energetically into renovations, into farming, writing, business – and appreciating food.

Janet's most lasting claim to fame is recognising her Italian cook's way with vegetables: while he cooked, she observed and recorded. Janet's book *Leaves from Our Tuscan Kitchen* is a classic. It inspired Elizabeth David and is still in print.

Sarah read passages from *A Castle in Tuscany*, illuminating them with her personal journey of research, discovery and determination to know her subject.

A Castle in Tuscany: The Remarkable Life of Janet Ross is available at The Pineapple House, Bermagui.



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The Marine Park Debate Continues

Response to Richard Tilzey

Richard cannot be in any doubt that we are rapidly losing our manifest of marine product. Nor can his adoption of the stance '... sit back and do nothing', give us a modicum of hope. Immediate work needs be done with our littoral resources; on our harvesting techniques; and, the way in which our water quality is debased. It cannot be an acceptable strategy to reject MPA'S in our region, merely because they have not been proven in this environment.

Surely, as a society needing to participate with intergenerational equity, we cannot afford the luxury of saying big fish do not eat little fish, or, for that matter, greater biodiversity has no impact on the pelagic stocks. This is defeatism at its very worst, with those that have not yet been able to have their forty years worth of experience, as the main losers.

As for suggesting that the federal government has matters of the Precautionary Principle ingrained into law, well that is just reiteration of a statement advocated by the commercial fishing industry to lull us into a sense of security. If this were to be the case, then the government would ban the importation of tens of thousands of tons of sometimes diseased sardines, entering Australia to enable tuna fattened for the Japanese market. This is an outrageous feed ratio of 16 kilos of sardines for each kilo of tuna growth.

Further, if the Precautionary Principle were in place, would this same government not stop the practice of allocating tuna catch licences on a weight basis, rather than a simple numbers count. We would then catch larger tuna, contribute to maintenance of that fish stock and have to import less of these sardines.

These are complex issues. The driving logics are simple, if only commercial interests are not given the control of the tiller.

Joe Ruiz-Avila
Wandella

Marine Park Ripples

It is reassuring to see that Mr Tilzey's further comments on the Batemans Marine Park (March *Triangle*) acknowledge the value of marine protected areas from a biodiversity perspective and the harm done by overfishing. It is still of concern, though, that a preoccupation with fishing prevents opponents of the marine park from viewing it as anything other than a tool for managing fisheries.

What, after all, is a marine park for? It is not to ensure that there are plenty of fish for recreational fishers to catch. That would be like saying that the purpose of having a national park on land is to ensure there are plenty of kangaroos to shoot.

The principles that underline decisions to protect particular areas, whether on land or on sea, are well established and have been endorsed by all Australian governments. According to Australia's Oceans Policy, adopted by the former Howard Government ten years ago, a protected area is 'an area of land and/or sea especially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, and managed through legal or other effective means.'

Within this framework, the primary goal of the National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas, endorsed by all Australian Governments, is 'to establish and manage a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of marine protected areas to contribute to the long-term ecological viability of marine and estuarine ecosystems, to maintain ecological processes and systems, and to protect biological diversity at all levels.'

No reference here to managing fisheries, because that is not what marine parks are for. The aim of the Batemans Marine Park, as elsewhere, is to provide **adequate** protection to a **comprehensive** selection of areas that are **representative** of the habitats in the park as a whole. Thus, sanctuary zones must include sufficiently large areas of inshore reef, offshore islands, sandy beaches, deep water, estuaries, bays and so on. It is not primarily a question of having some science to show that this or that species or habitat is under threat, though such information would strengthen a case for protection of certain areas.

Establishing a representative selection of sanctuary zones promotes natural biodiversity and creates a buffer against threats such as climate change or pollution. Sanctuary zones also protect threatened species, nursery grounds and breeding areas. They will allow some habitats to return to something approaching their natural (i.e. pre-human intervention) state. Experience has shown that they lead to a rapid and large increase in size and numbers of marine creatures. They can have associated benefits for society through recreation, eco-tourism, research and education. There is also a large literature indicating that they have fisheries benefits.

It is a fact of life that acquiring information about marine environments is slow, difficult and expensive. But we definitely wouldn't want to be in a situation where we only became aware of a problem after it was too late to do anything about it. To guard against this, we apply the precautionary principle, described in Australia's Oceans Policy as: 'Incomplete information on possible impacts should not be used as a reason for postponing precautionary measures intended to reduce or avoid unacceptable levels of change or to prevent serious or irreversible environmental degradation of the oceans'. Mr Tilzey says he supports the precautionary principle but, oddly, he doesn't seem to want it to apply in our waters.

Currently, no-take zones protect less than 7% of NSW waters. This is well below the target put forward by the World Conservation Union and scientists as necessary to promote the health of our oceans. Why is it that some people have such difficulty in accepting the idea of allowing so minimal an area of our coastline to return to something approaching its natural state? Surely it is time set aside the carping and get behind something that promises such widespread benefits.

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Secretary, Nature Coast Marine Group
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Brogo Babble

Your New Editors

Hello Cliff and Rita Tarrant here. We have taken on the task of local (loco?) *Triangle* Correspondents, so although new to Brogo we hope to contribute something useful to the community. We shall have to rely on you to give us the stories and general whatever! What tales would you like to pass on? What events etc. We had a stall on Saturday and did well, although not able to take our wardrobes to sell. The sun got a bit hot, didn't it? Hope you all did well and enjoyed the sociability, we did. Mind you Rita had sunstroke later on so missed the spit-roast.

Brogo Fire Brigade Giant Garage Sale

As the mist rose over the Brogo Fire Shed the sound of vehicles and the chatter of early birds fill the air. Tables are set up, tarps spread and treasures laid out for all to scan for their personal bargain. The day looks like it will be perfect for the event. Soon the tempting scent of bar-b-qued sausage fills the air, more stallholders drift on to the site. The early bird bargain hunters are already sifting the wares 'what do they look for?'. We sellers watch and hope that we have what they are looking for. Now the sun is up and a few hardy locals are out to see what's what at the Fire Shed. As the morning progresses stall holders pass around to see if there is something they can't live without, all murmuring about being here to sell not buy but ...!

The next phase is the arrival of vehicles carrying families, which quickly separate, he looks for 'bloke'

stalls and mum and the kids scan the rest. Sales are brisk now and successful buyers are drifting by clutching their purchases. As late morning comes the queue at the barbie is growing and the duty cooks are serving out the tucker. The photo shows the good turn up of stallholders and the busy crowd of bargain hunters. By lunchtime it is very hot and cool drinks are the order of the day and it seems a long time from breakfast for the organisers and stallholders who are looking for food at 11 o'clock.

The crowds are slowing down by 1.00 pm and signs of heat stress are showing and some are preparing to slowly pack the remaining goods, slow just in case of a last minute sale.

In the evening a successful lamb spit roast was well attended and stories of sales and happenings are swapped. All in all a good day for the Fire Brigade, which raised some very necessary funds. A very special thanks to the brave stallholders and to the organisers who created a great environment for a successful day.

Cricket Match Brogo v Nerrigundah

Nerrigundah had tossed down the gauntlet and Brogo rose to the challenge with eleven men good and true, fronting the pitch on Sunday 9th March.

Brogo were to bat first and posted a great score of 241 runs with starring performances from Liam and Paddy McMannus and Sam Hodder each adding 35 runs to the score, also



Brogo Fire Brigade Giant Garage Sale

John Champagne 21 and Steve Nicol 24, giving the score line a good nudge.

Nerrigundah chased down the Brogo score and were all out for just 251 thanks to the fine bowling of Sam Hodder who sent two of their batsmen to the clubhouse. Congratulations to Nerrigundah for a great match and the win, the cup is yours but Brogo will be back.

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Greetings one and all. We've received the grand total of zero phone calls about the goings on in the big Q which either means that nothing is going on, or no-one wants to admit to anything. We can change names to protect dignity if that helps.

So what has been going on? Easter was interesting with some more rain seeing the Dry River not live up to its name. The Quaama Hilton (ie Rest Area) was showing signs of needing some more staff to handle the laundry as one group of intrepid travellers had rigged up a temporary clothesline under the picnic shed with their smalls proudly waving in the breeze.

The idea of a hotdog stand floated in last month's edition of the *Triangle* is now revised to include a mobile bank of coin-operated washing machines and a clothes dryer. A mezzanine level will be added once Council approves the DA. Stay tuned.

There have been several instances of wandering canines in the last months with a few of our furry brethren intent on claiming back the roads. If it isn't enough for the average motorist having to play chicken with the local wildlife, dodging the family pooch is adding another dimension to motoring in the

district. A dimension we hasten to add that isn't really welcome.

I get the feeling that some people are of the view that their pets understand what fences are and that, even if the strands are far enough apart to fit a small elephant through, the family schnauzer completely comprehends the fences' purpose and therefore won't take the opportunity to slip out when no-one's looking.

The same thing, apparently, goes for dogs and chooks with the dog owner absolutely convinced (in some cases) that their beloved Fluffy is not a chook killer. Sure. Genghis Khan's mum reckons he was just misunderstood too.

Therefore, we at the big Q news desk humbly suggest that people keep their pets appropriately housed – that means behind their fence. What, no fence? Simple – get one. Or, got a fence but K9 walks through it? Well, folks, that isn't exactly a good fence now, is it? Answer – attach wire mesh to existing fence.

Can't afford fence? Probably can't afford pet. Suggest trade in for

caged budgie or well-trained goldfish.

Unrelated note – WW2 Pilot overheard on the weekend relating how he had been shot down four times over Germany and walked out on each occasion. His fellow servicemen claim he had more walking time than flying time.

Stay well.

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Bermi Banter

Not all Tea and Scones ...

Bermagui and District CWA were successful with three Firsts, four Seconds and three Thirds in *The Land's* annual Cookery Competition at Moruya on March 10. Successful competitors from branches within the CWA Far South Coast Group go on to be judged at statelevel. These include Daniel Wills (12) who was awarded a First for his sultana and apricot loaf, and his sister Stephanie (9) a First for her banana date muffins.

The Land's handicraft competition was also well contested and again Bermagui and District CWA did us proud by achieving overall Third place, with an equal Third in the 'Eight Articles Group Competition', a Second place for their Branch project, and Second in *The Land* section for Lee Fitchett's woolen cot blanket. Lee's entry will go on for judging at state level.

As publicity officer Cheryl Horton points out, CWA is **not** all tea and scones – as they spread the word in Bermi's Seaside Fair Parade on March 8 – [this] included drought relief parcels and funds, scholarships for country kids, medical research sponsorship and lobbying governments and au-

thorities on the plight of rural Australian families.

Montreal Gold – Digging up the Future

The Montreal Goldfield Committee and Guides were flat out all day at the Seaside Fair, talking to visitors about the old Montreal Goldfield. They also launched the 'Friends of Montreal Goldfield' membership 'Club'. For just \$10.00 per annum you can be part of the great Montreal Community. This means that you get: * free entry each time you bring along a friend (or more), for a tour;

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Your membership form can be found at the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre, at the Triple Seven Store, or on site, or contact the Committee Treasurer at PO Box 106, Bermagui. 2546. The first event is coming soon. Be a 'Friend', Be involved, Be in it for the fun, Be a Member, now!

CEFE Raffle Winners

Monique & Roger Dupre, Bermagui are the winners of Clean Energy for Eternity's Solar Water Feature Raffle (displayed at Seaside Fair).

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Monique & Roger Dupre of Bermagui, winners of Clean Energy for Eternity's Solar Water Feature Raffle

funds for Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club.

RSL Honour Roll ...Where Is It?

With the dedication service of our new RSL War Memorial to be held at 11.00 am on 12 April 2008 on the old memorial site at end of Lamont Street, RSL members would appreciate any information leading to the recovery of their former Honour Roll, which has been missing since about 1972. This Honour Roll Board used to be on the wall above the door leading to the main hall in the School of Arts building where the present doctor's surgery stands. Despite extensive enquiries by RSL members over many years, the Honour Roll Board has still not been found. Many of the older members of the Bermagui community clearly remember the Board being in the Hall before it finally fell into disuse, was condemned and demolished around 1972. And local resident, Chris Franks, who conducted a business from the building until it was demolished, has confirmed that the Board was not there when he took over the building.



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The Bermagui RSL is appealing to the children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of Returned Service men and women who lived in Bermagui around 1972 who may know the whereabouts of this highly respected part of Bermagui history.

If you have any information at all, please contact Barry Wisener, RSL Secretary, PO Box 90 Bermagui, NSW 2546, or phone 02 6493 5252.

Reminder

Anzac Day – 25th April Dawn Service, Memorial Service 11.00 am.



A Spectacular Seaside Success

With sculpture to inspire and delight, photography to admire, country music, bush poetry, paintings and pots, who wouldn't have found a few hours of relaxed family fun among the stalls and stages at this year's Bermagui Seaside Fair.

There were many deep and meaningful conversations under the hoods of sparkling motor vehicles. The Bega Band played under the trees, the Batemans Bay Pipe Band resonated through the crowd and Georgie cooked. Kids of all sizes won prizes and built sandcastles. Pets were paraded proudly, young folk rocked into the night, and the harbour was ablaze with fireworks. People from all around mixed it with a good number of visitors from Canberra and along the coast.

Overall the 11th Bermagui Seaside Fair was a spectacular success, with the core committee of four singing the praises of the hard working volunteers, and in particular, the Event Coordinators, several of whom rose to the challenge at the last minute.

Police report that incidents were reduced due to the security management plans put in place by the Fair committee, the Bermagui Beach Hotel, and the Police. Retail business and accommodation reported a steady flow over the weekend.

Sponsors were down, the budget modest, and profits will be distributed to

youth and community projects as usual, in June.

Once again a whole town mobilised in spectacular fashion to produce a unique event with lasting social, financial and cultural benefits to the Triangle and beyond.

Well done Bermagui.

Jo Jacobs



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Cobargo Conversations

What an exciting month it has been for Cobargo.

First we had the highway disrupted for three days as the RTA resurfaced the road, and what a great new surface it is too.

Then we had a visit from 'The Viking', a guy who seems to spend his life moving up and down the east coast of Australia. He has been spotted at Mission Beach, Nambucca Heads and Cobargo. An eccentric and very smelly man, dressed in skins, he called into the butcher and asked for a dozen eyeballs! He also visited Robyn and bought a Feng Shui compass, for which he was very careful to ask for a receipt, and

chatted with Trish about barbed wired and road sides.

Then of course it was the great Country Energy debacle! Enough said about that, but please check on your next bill to make sure you have been given the \$20.00 refund/credit.

Last month lightning struck the 'Big Tree'. This tree, which used to stand on Shane Gale's property, was struck by lightning and started to burn, and as it was very close to the electricity wires the Cobargo Fire Brigade came out and attempted to put it out. Unfortunately they were not successful and the big tree is no longer a big tree but a big stump. This tree has much history in Cobargo; one of the many stories is that when the Catholic school was still operating, the chil-

dren, as morning exercise, were asked to run to and around the big tree.

Little bit of housekeeping. A reminder to you all, although Horst and Margaret have decided to close the supermarket on Sundays, Benny's meat, bread, milk, cheese and a limited number of groceries can always be picked up from Bass Gas (Mobil).

Power supply interruptions

Country Energy is apologising to residents in Cobargo, Wandella and Yowrie, following an extended planned supply interruption on Tuesday 18 March.

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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

the late connection of Tuesday's planned supply interruption.

Customers were supposed to have their electricity back on late in the afternoon, but unfortunately power was not restored until late Tuesday evening.

The supply interruption was required as part of Country Energy's major project to upgrade the power lines that provide electricity to Cobargo and Bermagui. Once this work is complete, residents should notice a better and more reliable electricity supply, with increased capacity to allow for future growth in the area. Country Energy has postponed the second planned interruption, originally scheduled for Wednesday 19 March by one week.

David said that 'Unfortunately, this further supply interruption must take place as soon as possible to allow Country Energy crews to complete the project to secure Cobargo's electricity supply. All customers affected have been notified via letterbox drop of the change.

'I thank customers for their patience and understanding during this time, and apologise once again for the disruption caused by Tuesday's supply interruption'.

Easter Sunday in Cobargo

On Easter Sunday with the sun shining on Cobargo the inaugural history walk took place to celebrate the completion of the project. The project was an initiative of the Cobargo Tour-

ist and Business Association and was sponsored by the IMB Community Foundation. A diverse group of visitors from the local district, Canberra, Victoria and Argentina, spanning the generations, strolled around Cobargo Village guided by Dianne Saunders and assisted by Ross Rixon who was superbly outfitted in bunny ears perched upon his Akubra, distributing Easter eggs to all, with boundless enthusiasm and confidence. Ross and Reg O'Meara also took the time to stop and chat with all the visitors.

The Walk was followed by a Grandfathers Sizzle in Apex Park, complimentary to all Grandfathers and featuring the famous 'Cobargo Sausage' cooked to perfection by the 'Cobargo Bush Fire Brigade'. The talented Dave Hooper entertained the crowd and the Grandfathers enjoyed all the attention.

Prizes were won by Grandfathers only, of course: 1st prize - Cricket Australia wallet/key ring set won by Grandfather Bankstown; 2nd prize - sports bag/T-shirt to Grandfather Cobargo alias Reg O'Meara who was celebrating his 88th birthday on Easter Monday; 3rd prize - cast iron boot jack to Grandfather Easter Bunny alias Ross Rixon.

Special thanks to Cobargo Bush Fire Brigade, Tony Hunt for the re-



Historic walkers on Easter Sunday

corded voices from the past, Warwick Adams for sourcing the equipment and devising the method to use the voices in the reproduction telephones and Steve Stafford for computer services, and last but not least thanks to all our wonderful grandfathers.

History Walk Brochures are available from participating businesses in Cobargo and the Cobargo Information Centre at the cost of \$2.00, which offers a two-for-one price coffee deal in our fabulous Cafes.

Further information - ABC Radio Ian Campbell will be doing a recording of the History Walk with Ray Sawtell and Dianne Saunders next Tuesday which, will be aired at a later date on radio.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* journalist Dougald Jellie walked the History Walk in pouring rain and covered it in the feature on Cobargo 16th/17th February.

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Holy dooley it's me again! Can you stand it? Okay if you're game I'll try. It's a bit stormy and wet and the harvest has had to stop. At this autumnal time of year apart from all our festivals people are trying to harvest crops of grapes and maize and such like and it's not necessarily easy, but is it ever? Life goes on, the best we can do.

Central Tilba's Easter Festival



has happened again as you will see from Sol and Shanti's report on the front page. Amidst seething excitement at the forthcoming festival, it has happened again. After all the months of preparations, bookings, think tanks, consultations and resolves we applaud you for the event. Dawn breaks on Tilba and the stallholders, musicians, performance artists and the like roll into town. What is normally a cow paddock on top of the hill becomes a parking lot for all and sundry and the team kicks into action. I'm feeling a bit guilty because I don't have much news, but I know Misty Glen Jersey's Firecracker Gem has won her class (5 years

and under in milk) at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. This is an outstanding result for a local girl, although we know she has proved her oats locally so magnificently in recent local shows.

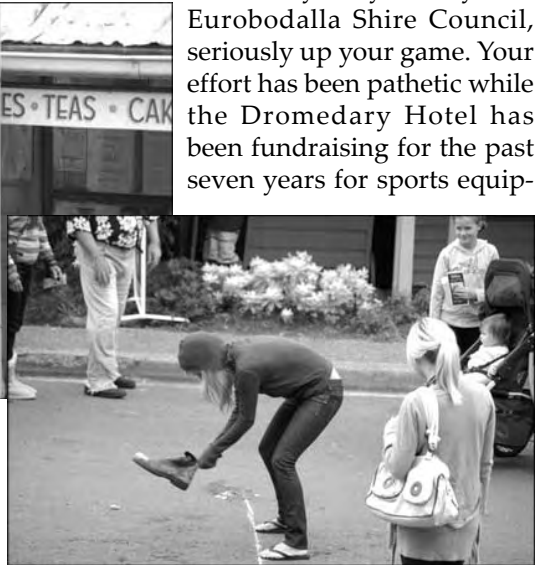
Speaking of teams, I'd like to acknowledge the likes of Dave Preston, Kiwi and the lad from Tuross who did such an exemplary job of parking and vehicular movement control on behalf of Eurobodalla Shire Council. You guys are the silent ones (apart from this way, that way, over here and not there) that make it work – you are our human gems. I have experienced Tilba's ability and acumen in staging festivals over the past 26 years and

ter things. How close to the action do you want to be? You only have to experience the talents of Brigit, Clancy, Maddi and Mitch among others to see that we have a bright future. I'm not sure that they will keep us in a manner we would like, but the small stage should see them well.

And big accolades to Emma Russack and her band for exceptional original material and performance. Special thanks to Tuck for his inaugural Casting Competition on Tilba's outstanding sport's ground at Tilba on Easter Sunday with funds to the local school and fire brigade. This nouvelle event adds hugely to a lack of sporting facility for our local district and only says 'hey' to Eurobodalla Shire Council, seriously up your game. Your effort has been pathetic while the Dromedary Hotel has been fundraising for the past seven years for sports equip-



Games, games and more games at the Easter Festival



this one lacked nothing as far as I could see. I had the pleasure of an hour's meandering before I started work at The Drom at 1.30 pm. It is such a delight to see the gathering of people, friends and family who choose to celebrate together. It is ourselves, our children and other chosen artisans who get to share the stage and potentially move on to bigger and bet-

ment and our local school still lacks sport's facilities. We want power and basic amenities and we deserve attention. We are a sporting and active community in Eurobodalla Shire and believe our contribution to the whole Shire deserves more attention. We could always negotiate with Bega Valley Shire for a boundary adjustment. They couldn't do any worse than Eurobodalla. Speaking of Bega Valley Shire, I attended the Four Winds Concert at Cuttagee for the first time this year. What a fabulous event! This is world-class music and performance of original material from the sixteenth century to now with outstanding composition, arrangements and rendition incorporating didgeridoo from an outstanding Australian, William Barton. This festival is held every two years and if you have not been, then you owe it to yourself and your friends in 2010.

Bye for now,

Ewen Genders



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Tilba Bites (continued)

Casting day

Well, the day after Tilba Festival a heap of locals headed for the Tilba Tilba sports ground for a casting competition and family day. Rods and hand-lines were in abundance as were activities for the children with the proceeds of the day going towards the Tilba Primary School P&C and the local Bush Fire Brigade.

The casting competition comprised a longest cast and an accuracy event with a 5 metre target 45 metres away.

Ex Pro fisherman Mr. Ron Snape blitzed the longest cast with a throw of 115 metres, well beyond the range of the rest of the field and I must say a lot of interest was shown in the equipment he used, which he refers to as 'the yellow peril'.

A young fellow by the name of Brendan (I don't know Brendan's surname), from Dignams Creek, took the honors in the accuracy event, beating the 'old hands' and leaving a few of us wondering where we went wrong.

It was quite a pleasant day on the paddock with music by the Noble-Fry girls, Bridget Murane and a few songs by Jennifer Noble as well.

Good to see people using the sports ground and lo and behold, the amenities block seemed to withstand the assault of 40 or so people on the day.

Thanks must go to the sponsors of the day, including Pam's Store, Dromedary Hotel, Bass Gas, Braeside Cabins, Bates Store, Gulga Gallery, South Coast Cheese, Tilba Cameo Collection. And to the rest of you who helped make the day what it was, I salute you.

Tuck.

Paul Fry

And Akolele

Little Akolele has no central gathering point like a shop, hall or church where news is exchanged and stories swapped, but change still happens albeit generally unreported. Recent months have seen a few properties changing hands and buildings and renovations commencing, perhaps the most exciting being a house on Bermagui-Tilba Road. This little architectural gem had fallen into disrepair but on inspection the design integrity was still visible and the quality of the interior joinery and the timbers used could still be seen. The new owners are to be congratulated for their commitment in undertaking the restoration of the building – a really big job, and with local, Jimmy Drakos and award winning Drakos Constructions doing the work the result should be stunning. Already, as the roof is repaired, the grass cut and the structure stabilised there is a sense that it is coming back to life.

On another vein the clearing and fire control burns together with the cooler weather patterns in the area seem to have changed the insect populations. Last year two of the solitary native bees were spotted in the locality; the Blue-banded bee which is

about the size of a honey bee and a Carpenter bee, which looks a bit like a yellow headed blow-fly only its metallic sheen is more beautiful and its yellow head quite amazing. Both these bees are great pollinators; they reportedly land on the flowers and hold on with their jaws and shiver the muscles they use in flight. The body of the bee vibrates so passionately it buzzes loudly and excites the flowers so the anthers burst open, covering the bees with pollen. (ref : Native Bees in the Sydney Region - A Field Guide)

This year it seems that mozzies and midges are taking over. Here's hoping our true blue Aussie bees will be back next season.

On Easter Sunday Akolele awoke to find a new species visible in Wallaga Lake – we should have expected it to take up residence, after all Wallaga Lake is part of the marine park which was renamed the CarrPark by the Triangle...

Jo Lewis

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Art in the Triangle

Local Artists at Ivy Hill

The April exhibition at Ivy Hill features three artists working in diverse media. Kathy Golski uses water-colour and pen with an Asian influence for an assured look at local subject matter. Veronica O'Leary has a new twist on the sky with a compilation of small paintings which can be configured in a number of ways. She has large detailed drawings in graphite with a mere touch of colour, and a look at the wedding dress as a statement of our times and those past. Madeleine Meyer's hand built, painted and glazed ceramics are large pieces; her shrines give more than a passing nod to Eastern culture.

Carolyn Killen, Ivy Hill



Tanja Ficus Tree by Veronica O'Leary

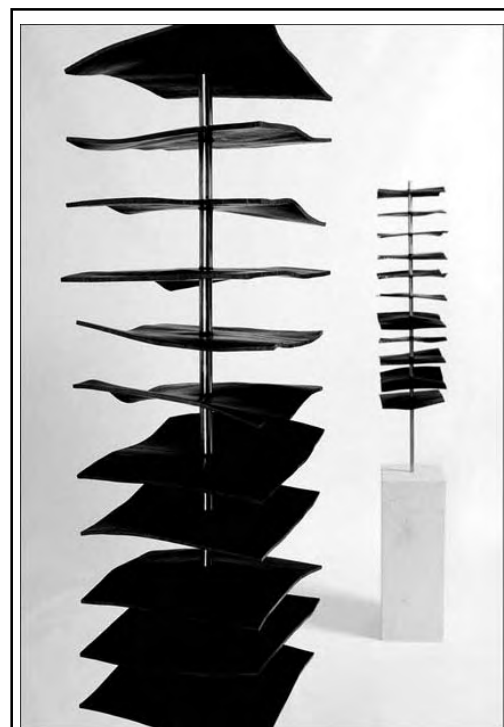


Art and Craft Market Day in Cobargo

The Showroom Gallery annual art and craft market day will be held on Sunday 27th April at the Showroom Gallery, Princess Hwy, centre of Cobargo (the old Bass Gas building) from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Our talented local artists have produced an eclectic selection of original art and craft including ceramics, paintings, jewellery, sculptures, textiles, baskets, photography and more. Many items will

be at special reduced prices for the market day. There will also be demonstrations and a sausage sizzle. Come and have a browse, treat yourself to a unique piece of art or find a special gift. Pictured is an exhibit by Cobargo Showroom Gallery Co-operative member Ian Livingstone.



Aerial by Andrew Wood. Wood's exhibition 'Flow' previews at the Narek Galleries on 19th April and will continue until 9th June, open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10.30 till 5.30 pm. His work relates to the environmental challenges facing Australia and he finds inspiration in the work of scientist and author Tim Flannery. He explores the natural warping tendencies inherent in timber and also employs traditional steam bending techniques.



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Sculpture on the Edge – Post script

From her very own plinth, 'Sculpture on the Edge' event manager, Jan Ireland, pronounced the six day exhibition a huge success. The event was opened on Friday 7th March by Councillor David Hede after a moving 'Welcome to Country' by Gary Campbell. It presented a wide variety of thought provoking work for its audience's enjoyment and delight.

Local exhibitors acquitted themselves more than creditably with popular pieces by Richard Moffat (Winner of the Cursley Financial Services People's Choice Award) Ulan Murray, Karen Charlebois, Murray Ambler and Clayton. Who could forget Clayton's 'Titanic Deckchair' looming on the beach and providing a virtual magnet for giggling young couples?

Peter Berenguer's 'Black Cockatoo' and Edward Wilson's 'A Politicians Conscience' also had real impact.



Alan Brown and Linda Sang, of Yowrie, Winners of the 4 Winds tickets for People's

Featured sculptor Philip Spelman exhibited 'Kanji' on the headland and three other works at the small sculptures exhibition in the Community Hall. With him came a contingent of young Canberra talent, including Amanda Stuart whose 'Bush Park' was a crowd favourite, as was Hanna Hoynes 'Soulsearch Naut' swaying gently high above the sensational view. Rosalind Lemoh, also from Canberra, made several strong statements with works like 'Forked' and 'Hands Like a Hammer'.

'Outsider Art' from Marco Frith and John Ramsey was very well received as was Tony Millard's 'Watcher No 4'.

It was gratifying to see how many visitors the event attracted and to welcome the whole Bermagui Public School with Principal Neil Rutherford.

This year's symposium 'Sculpture: Process and Passion', proved to be a stimulating one with keynote speaker Professor Nigel Lendon setting a cracking pace for the others. All rose magnificently to the challenge. They included Rachel Bowak (also an exhibitor) Karen Charlebois (whose ceramic pieces were glorious) Richard Moffat and Andreas Buisman. Carole Broadhead once again provided an exceptional picnic lunch and the Cursleys' picturesque property lent itself



Titanic Deckchair by Clayton

beautifully to the occasion.

Sculpture on the Edge culminated on the Wednesday night with one of Yuri Wedenhofer's pyrotechnic marvels. Although the fire sculpture partially collapsed just as it was finished Yuri was undeterred and provided a wonderful display far into the night.

Thanks go to the Regional Arts Fund ACT, Horizon Credit Union, Cursey Financial Services and Rosemary and Tony Millard and to countless other businesses and individuals for their unstinting support.

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Soulsearch Naut by Hanna Hoynes



Watcher No 4 by Tony Millard turned heads



Orbs by Richard Moffat (Winner of the Cursley Financial Services Peoples Choice Award)

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The Four Winds Festival Board has appointed Genevieve Lacey (centre), acclaimed recorder virtuoso, as Artistic Director of the Festival for the next four years. Genevieve replaces Chris Latham who has moved to The Canberra Festival as Artistic Director. Also pictured: Sheena Boughen (Chair) and Board Member Mrs Neilma Gantner.



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Mullet Ova

There have been numerous requests for a *Triangle* fishing section. Unfortunately, our monthly publication schedule precludes fishing information of a 'what's biting and where' nature because by the time it appears the fish have probably long departed. However, we welcome fishy tales of an entertaining nature so that the 'mullet ova column' can continue. Notwithstanding the truism that 'all fishers are innate liars', a modicum of veracity is required. Preference will be given to tales of a humorous bent.

The following true story occurred in the late 1980s. A well known Narooma commercial fisher, whom we will call 'Nugget', frequently targeted kingfish around Montague Island. However, Nugget was very fond of a drink and his fishing trips were often interrupted by lengthy sessions at a certain Narooma pub. Following a week long bender, Nugget was unceremoniously hauled out of bed by his two disgruntled deckies and thrust into the wheelhouse of his vessel. The kingies had been running for days and his frustrated deckies were becoming increasingly short of a quid.

An exceptionally hung-over Nugget was feeling queasy before crossing the bar and a large southerly swell added to his discomfort en route to the island. While his deckies hauled in a procession of kingfish, Nugget

made frequent 'berley' trips to the stern betwixt his wheelhouse duties. Despite such trips his bowels continued to churn and he was forced to dangle his arse over the leeside gun'whale and let fly. I will spare readers a detailed description of the malodorous substance that clung to the hull like tar. Suffice to say that mutton birds blanched and seals fled.

At the same time that this gastric upheaval occurred a NSW Fisheries vessel came from behind the island and launched a 'rubber ducky' containing a fisheries inspector. Legislation requiring all commercial fishing vessels to carry ice when fishing had just been introduced and vessels were being inspected accordingly. The ducky pulled alongside and the inspector threw a line and announced his intention to board. Just as he gripped the gun'whale a large swell left him hanging midst Nugget's effluvia. As the ghastly nature of his plight became apparent, a super-human effort propelled him over the gun'whale.

As the inspector writhed on the deck discarding his soiled overalls Nugget strode from the wheelhouse. For the first time that day a smile crossed his face. Raising his arms skyward he bellowed 'Praise the Lord my prayers have been answered. I finally shat on a fisheries inspector!' Needless to say details of said event did not take long to spread through the south coast fishing fraternity. △

Garden Magic

You'll notice that all the spring flowering bulbs are in the nurseries now. Bulbs require cool soil temperatures, so until the nights get a bit nippy there's really no point to plant them. I'd suggest leaving it until the end of April/early May. Remember that tulips and hyacinths need to go into the crisper tray of the fridge for a few weeks to chill them. In fact, because of climate change it's probably a good idea to give daffodils the same treatment.

Most bulbs need full or half a day sun, although muscari (grape hyacinths) will cope with shade. True hyacinths can be grown indoors, which is a good idea because of their gorgeous fragrance. Other bulbs that smell nice are old fashioned freesias and jonquils. Some of the cyclamen have perfumed flowers and foliage. Incidentally, never buy cyclamen this early in the season because they tend to flop. It's simply too hot for them as they're cold climate plants. That doesn't include the groundcover types sold in punnets because they're evergreen.

Nearly all the bulbs will grow in pots or containers. If you plant them in the ground, they don't need to be lifted for a few years. You'll know when the time's come because they won't flower as prolifically.

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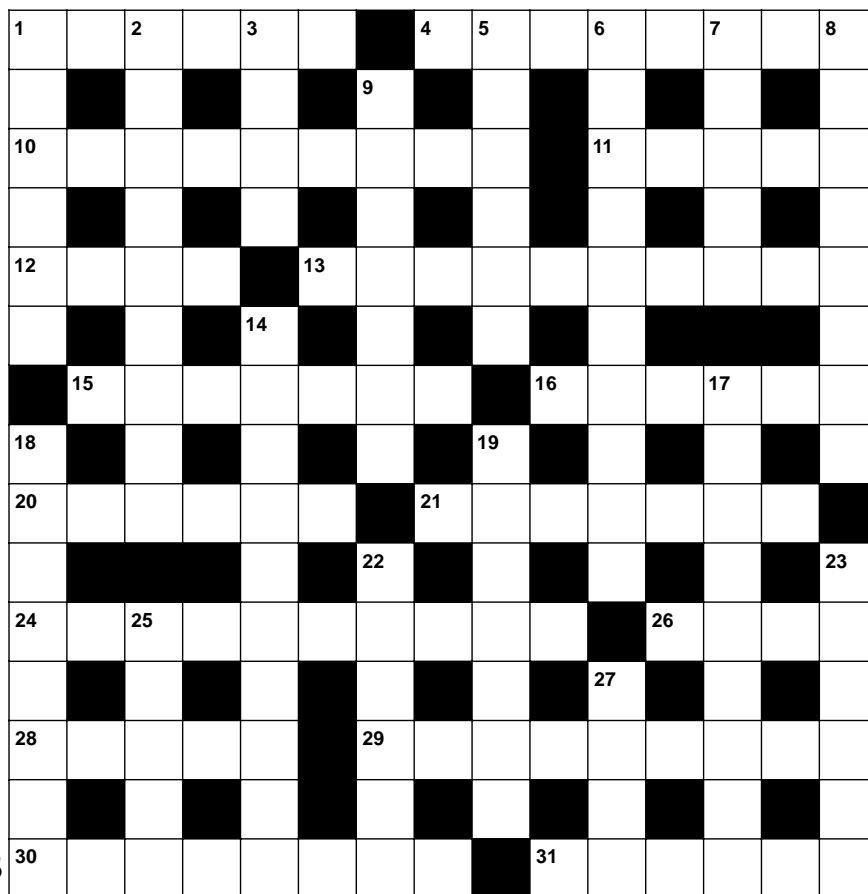
1. It's said a tree on this island (6)
4. Port went with worker (4-4)
10. Work together after a barrel builder dined (9)
11. Halyard used by the blind to read they say (5)
12. Took the front from a graphite core (4)
13. A great day to start a festival! (4,6)
15. Pays tribute to State instruments (7)
16. Package a vehicle with a weight (6)
20. Earth discharges make memorable occurrences (6)
21. Slice allows some chops (7)
24. Parts of a band-aid and tea help a criminal (3,3,4)
26. Heath land made space go backward (4)
28. Five out of a Volvo smashed with nothing but a rounded moulding (5)
29. Time a partygoer can make a limestone deposit (9)
30. A friend from old city south were not professionals (8)
31. Short sway ends a female greeting (6)

Down

1. Shellfish made from a bird by the French (6)
2. Support an entrance and breed (9)
3. Strange ruse for an employer (4)
5. Removes faults when a printers measure stops (6)
6. Broken table crane in a place of worship (10)
7. A prize for a child in care (5)
8. Deferring adding colour with beer in the wrong way (8)

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9. Its nonsense being isolated in an inlet (7)
14. Flower on a lapel, although a weight an opening (10)
17. Get even with a small bird for needle work (3,3,3)
18. Malignant tumour had doctor's association and a lemon in confusion (8)
19. Real mess after enjoyment of a burial (7)
22. English daisy for this festival (6)
23. This spirit was from a type unknown (6)
25. Party on a bed cover (5)
27. Belle's other half exist with gold (4)



Solution to February Crossword

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Quick Crossword clues

Across

1. Mediterranean island
4. Port side
10. Work together
11. Halyard
12. Start first
13. Start of a festival
15. Pays tribute to
16. Cardboard package
20. Happenings
21. Chops
24. Assist a criminal
26. Heath land

28. A rounded

- moulding
29. Limestone deposit
30. Non professionals
31. Female greeting

Down

2. Shellfish
3. Breed
5. Employer
5. Remove faults
6. Place of worship

7. Prize

8. Deferring
9. Nonsense
14. Eyelet
17. Get even with
18. Malignant tumour
19. Burial
22. Festival
23. Spirit
25. Eiderdown
27. Lady's escort



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QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays, 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage,
Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and welcomes anyone who
does patchwork, quilting, needlework, sewing or any
other handcraft. Contact Dianne Smithett on 6493 8590.

QUAAMA BAND

Are you interested in joining a local community band?
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QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

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Friday in month (please check first.) For more info
contact Secretary, Coral Vorbach 6493 6758.

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bermagui Country Club.
Bermi C.C., Bega Bowling Club, Cobargo Hotel,
Naroomba Sporting Club & Tuross Kyla Park Hall.
Visitors, Children, Musos welcome. Contact Owen
Hunter 6493 5151, Geoff Paul 6493 6582

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All standards
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Further details: Peter - 4473 7308

DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

Meet 1st Wednesday of the month at Quaama Rodeo
grounds, 7.30. All horsey people welcomed. Ph. Katrina
on 6492 7138.

REFLECTIONS

"Reflections", the latest journal of the Bermagui
Historical Society. \$7.50 Available at the Bermagui
Information Centre, Lamont St. and from Wilma
Masterson, 6493 4108.

MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

9.30am to 3.30pm fortnightly at Julie Terry's home in
Tanja. Ring Julie on 6494 0100.

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

Cobargo School of Arts Hall
every second Sunday. Set up, 1.45pm. Drawing, 2 -
4pm. Ring Naomi 6493 7307.

SOPHIAN GNOSTIC CIRCLE

For further info, phone Sue on 6493 8473.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

Meets randomly. For info phone Shannon Russack, Pres. -
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Teacher: Sheelagh Brunton 6493 6538.

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Sunday 6th	Damien Coen, Free	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30pm
	The Healers (from NY)	The Dromedary	5.30 - 9.30pm
Saturday 12th	Fig Jam	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 til late
Sunday 20th	DJ & the Karismakatz, Free	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30pm
Saturday 26th	Loud Live & Local	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 til late
	Dining with Simon, details call Jo 4473 7927, bookings essential	Clea's Cafe @ Cuttagee	7.00 pm
	Dinner & Music with Josh Wellington, bookings essential	Valley Edge Cafe	dinner from 6.30 pm
Sunday 27th	Annual Art & Craft Market Day	Showroom Gallery Cobargo	9.00 am til 4.00 pm
May Tuesday 6th	Bermagui Institute Dinner (Speaker Human Ecologist Stephen Boyden) \$15.00, book at the hotel	Bermagui Hotel	6pm for 7pm

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