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SAS & Sassy coming to Bermi

In celebration of our beautiful new library and in conjunction with National Book Week, the Bermagui branch of the Bega Valley Friends of the Library have invited two of Australia's leading authors to speak at the Community Centre about their latest books on Saturday August 16th. The day will also include sales and signings of both authors' books; readings for children in the library, a performance by noted improvisational group, Theatre On-Set; a sausage sizzle and the sale of books provided by our local bookseller, The Pineapple House.

The day will start at noon with Keith Fennell speaking and answering questions about his recently published book, *Warrior Brothers: My Life in the Australian SAS*. The book will be in the Bermagui library by mid-July (courtesy of *The Triangle*), or you can buy an advance copy at The Pineapple House from early August on, or it can be purchased on August 16th when Keith will be available to sign copies. Following

Keith's talk, there will be a break of about an hour – enjoy a sausage, buy some books, see Theatre On-Set, or join our volunteers as they read to the children in the library.

At 3.00 pm well-known cartoonist and children's book author, Judy Horacek will talk about her books and her career as a cartoonist, and will answer questions. Two of her most famous children's books are *The Story of Grawl* and *Where is the Green Sheep?* (with Mem Fox). Judy has also kindly offered to stay around for book sales, signings, and more informal questions, and to judge the book-design competition in which our local school children are participating.

In a village with so many book



Meet children's author Judy Horacek in Bermagui this month

lovers, we are really delighted to have this opportunity to host such great writers and to show off our new library. As with all community events, it wouldn't be possible without local supporters and sponsors: Jane Coates at The Pineapple House is our book seller and supporter of the day. Bev and Peter Bray of Bimbimbi House, and Rosemary and Tony Millard of Moorhen are donating accommodation for Keith and Judy. Many thanks to all of them for their support.

For more information on the day, keep a lookout for posters, or contact Jenny on 6493 3534 or Louise, 6493 7370.

A gold coin donation will help cover some of the costs, and hopefully leave some over for the purchase of new books for the library. So – put it in your diary – and keep an eye out for more information and updates.

STOP PRESS

You read it first in *The Triangle*. Your local reporters have been hard at work and have unearthed some excellent news that our own Prue Kelly is going to run for the Council Elections for Bega Valley Shire. Following many years of service from Janette Neilsen, it would be wonderful to have another local representative from the Bermagui area and most necessary for the northern end of the Bega Valley Shire.

Please give your support to Prue Kelly to ensure our Triangle area is well represented



Prue Kelly: Local interests at heart



Editorial

Cold windy weather is described by some hardy souls as bracing but the winds this month have at times been extreme and the morning chill quite bitter so most of us have just battened down the hatches and endured. At least we are now well past the winter solstice and the days are starting to lengthen.

On the verge of Spring and pinched by rising prices the home vegie garden is starting to look like an economic necessity as well as being a source of chemical free truly fresh food. The recently started Cobargo Community Gardens will be a valuable resource for sharing knowledge and experience, not to mention cuttings and seeds. There are even moves afoot to establish outlets for excess produce.

The Triangle web site went live last month: to find it type in <http://thetriangle.org.au>. The site is hosted by NSW Communities and the address above will actually take you to www.nswcommunities.org.au/thetriangle.html. The latest *Triangle* will be on the Home page and a click will download the paper into your computer. We are yet to get it to open on screen and there are many other things that we might do with the site but we intend to hasten slowly as we explore the technology and its potential.

We need a *Triangle* banner heading for the website so if there are any web savvy designers who would like to submit a proposal we would be keen to see it. If there is more than one proposal perhaps we could rotate them month by month until one of them seems really right for our paper. The NSW Communities site also carries the Transition Towns web pages and many others. This is an amazingly powerful tool for developing community interests and disseminating information and well worth a look.

Some travellers have returned so *The Triangle* is all the better for the interesting reporting on their journeys or hints for the prospective traveler. Any news that can assist in enjoyment and coping with some of the unexpected whilst away is always welcome.

We also welcome recipes by well-known local caterer, Carole Broadhead, who is giving us the benefit of her experience in this month's issue.

You will notice in the paper this month our advice about a fantastic



Cloud formations in July over the Triangle

fund raiser which Prue Kelly has organised using 'recycled designer clothing' so get out those unused items. This exciting afternoon will also promote what will be Bermagui's first venture into a parade of wearable art. If you need any inspiration please go to the website which shows this mode of designing at its best www.worldofwearableart.com. It would be really excellent if we could have some creative entries especially with a Coastal Theme to make this a fun event and something which could recur every two years.

Winter will be ending by the next issue as it will be Spring when we are next in print so we hope that with its arrival there will be some good rains and a good growing season for farmers, hobby farmers, in fact all of us who like to grow something. There will be updated pruning and planting hints in our Spring issue.

Congratulations to Nardy House on their success so far and their decision to commence work on the long term residential building. Much has been achieved against great odds.

Congratulations also to Luke and Ivana on the birth of their beautiful baby son, Joshua. We presume he will be brought up with a great sense of taste and smell with such clever parents.

The Romanian Government has recently passed unanimous legislation in their Parliament that ALL media must report at least 50% of positive news. We think that we already exceed that percentage.

Letters to the Editors

Bega Mum's Fundraiser

I'm sorry I'm late asking but I was wondering if it's too late to publicise the fund raiser for Karen Bell that is happening at The Great Southern Inn in Eden on the 3rd August. Karen is the lady who had three children murdered about three weeks ago. She is a close personal friend of mine and I'm doing all I can to help raise some money so she can pay off the car used to gas her children and to help her get on with her life a little easier. Karen currently owes about \$10,000 on it. Although she did appear on 60 mins, she wasn't paid for her story as many believe.

If you could add the dates and time somewhere in your next issue that would be great. I realise there is only three days of August until her benefit but we may get some extra people because of the *Triangle*.

All the best

Kirsty Edwards
Bermagui

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My Triangle

A chance to meet the locals and learn their thoughts and feelings on living in "The Triangle"

Mary Cunnane Literary Agent

Mary Cunnane is a softly spoken, born and bred New Yorker who first visited Bermagui in 1994 and built her home here in 2001. She is also one of only 16 literary agents registered with the Australian Literary Agents Association (of which she was a founding member and is currently Vice-President) and earlier this year moved The Mary Cunnane Agency from the Central Coast to premises on Lamont Street.

The expansive views across Horseshoe Bay to magnificent Gulaga seem a fitting backdrop for a woman who spends her business hours quietly assessing the manuscripts she receives from around the world, negotiating and drawing up contacts for the sale of book rights to Australian and overseas publishers, and carefully

managing the literary career paths of her 40 plus client authors who include Peter Doherty, Anne Summers and Mark Latham.

Mary studied history at university and in 1976 joined publishers WW Norton & Company, New York as a temporary employee to earn some money while she looked for a permanent job in the world of medical philanthropy. She found herself filling in for the Editor-in-Chief's PA who was on jury duty, fell in love with publishing, and in 1996 after 20 highly successful years left the Company as Vice-President and Senior Editor.

Not surprisingly, Mary is passionate about the enormous importance of public libraries to their communities, and the quality and range of books available to both children and



adults – she is amazed that the budget for purchasing books in the Bega Shire has remained at \$75,000 per annum for several years – and has joined Bega Valley Friends of the Libraries, which is organising the Bermagui Big Book Day on August 16. She is also a member of the recently revamped Support Our Bermagui Action Group.

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Letters to the Editors

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Thanks from AWL

A delayed thank you to the Committee at *The Triangle*, for the wonderful coverage given to AWLFSC Branch activities in your

July Edition. Our Secretary, Glenis, was again kind enough to send me a copy and I was thrilled to see mention of us on several pages. As you know, media exposure is a vital tool which helps our Branch in our mission to care for and re-home the unwanted companion animals of Bega Valley Shire, and all of

our volunteers are very appreciative of your help.

Kind regards,
Wendy Hawkins, Publicity Officer,
AWLFSC Branch

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THUMBS UP

A big thumbs up to the Cobargo Horse and Trail Riding Club for supporting Cobargo Pre-

School Incorporated's fundraising efforts by allowing them to sell yummy treats in the canteen at the Horse and Gear Sale in May. Your community spirit is appreciated, ta!



THUMBS DOWN...

Once again to those semi-trailers and heavy trucks with dog trailers travelling south who persist

in exceeding the 50 kph speed limit through Cobargo. In the short term, *The Triangle* is willing to compile an eyewitness list of these offenders but it would be much more effective if NSW Police set up their radar. In the longer term, what about a roundabout or set of lights near the service station?

To the Cobargo home owners who allow vegetation to cascade over fences and encroach the walkway, forcing pedestrians off the narrow grassed nature strip and on to the road. This is especially dangerous when the properties face the Princes Highway.

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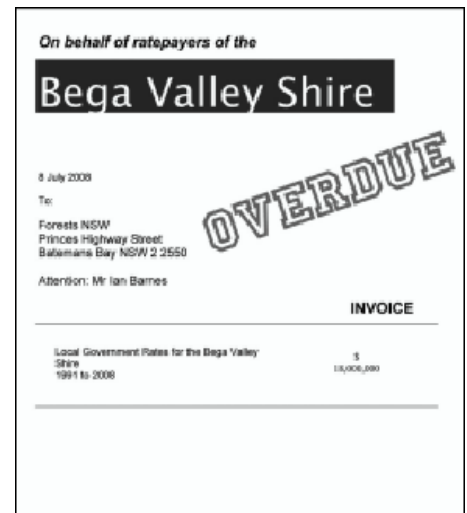
Councillor Keith Hughes has presented Forests NSW Manager, Mr Ian Barnes with a bill for \$18 million he says they owe in local government rates to the Bega Valley Shire. Cr Hughes presented the invoice as Mr Barnes attended a Council meeting in Bega on Tuesday.

'By my calculations, Forests NSW owes Bega Valley ratepayers about one million dollars a year for every year since the operations of the Forestry Commission were corporatised in the early 1990s', Cr Hughes said. 'A private forestry operator would have to pay local government rates on the land. Forests NSW is the biggest land owner in the shire yet

it pays no rates.

'At a time when local councils are struggling to maintain even basic services, it is no longer acceptable that this industry should get a free ride on the backs of other rate payers, Forests NSW hides behind an outdated provision whereby different levels of government do not impose taxes on each other.

'Other government owned trading enterprises such as Australia Post and Sydney Water all pay rates and Forests NSW should follow their lead. It's time for Forests NSW to pay up for woodchipping. Incidentally, even with this rates exemption, Forests NSW still manages



to make a loss of \$3.5 million a year on its woodchipping operations', Cr Hughes said.

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Specialist karate classes coming to Bermi

Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate-do is considering opening a club in Bermagui. Goju Ryu is one of the oldest forms of karate originating in Okinawa south of Japan. Based on a one thousand year old system called Te, it was developed by Chojun Miyagi, one of karate's forefathers.

Sensei Joshua (4th dan) has been training for 24 years since the age of six and trained in both Okinawa and Australia under three of Okinawa's top teachers, Kinjo, Saito, and Kiyoda. He also trained in Kobudo (Okinawan weapons) and Aiki Ju Jutsu. His lineage is 3rd generation, which is rare for Goju Ryu where the lineage is generally 6th or 7th generation.

Okinawa Goju Ryu will be setting a date to teach depending on pub-

lic response and encourages all prospective students to contact them to express interest either by phone at 0421 106 220 or via the web site at www.okinawankarate.com.au.

'We only accept students over the age of 15 and as this style of karate-do is so strong due to lineage, we are selective as to who we teach dependant on character (as it has been done for over 1000 years). We also only teach a maximum of 20 students in any area. I'd recommend prospective students research our style and web site prior to applying', Sensei Joshua (yondan)

A self-defence course may also be run with a maximum of 12 students and a minimum of eight. The course will be of a 10-week duration. If you are interested please contact Joshua at

Joshua.j@hotmail.com.

'This is a very traditional and non-sport karate-do. We do not compete in tournaments as it promotes fighting. Please do not apply if you are interested in fighting. We also understand that there is already a karate school in Bermagui, which is very good. However, our system of karate-do is very different'.

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The Diesendorf Climate Cure

The lights shone forth from the little church on the hill at Tilba when Dr Mark Diesendorf visited Open Sanctuary on Tuesday 1st July and addressed a full house on the subject of Climate Change. His message was clear. We have the technology and the ability to cut our greenhouse emissions by up to 37% by 2020 and up to 90% between 2050 and 2080. This can be done without destroying our economy although some restructuring will be required.

Not to make the necessary changes will inevitably result in a world that will be unrecognisable to us today with sea levels rising by six to eight metres as a result of the melting of the Greenland Ice sheet. Oceans, which are now absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide, will become increasingly acidic as they reach saturation point with catastrophic impacts on marine life including coral reefs. Rising temperatures will be augmented by feedback loops that are generally described as tipping points such as the melting permafrost releasing methane

into the atmosphere. In spite of these dire predictions the Political Will to make the necessary change is faltering.



Dr Mark Diesendorf: we can cut emissions by up to 90% by 2080

What it will take to make the necessary adjustments to our habits and lifestyle was also spelt out.

Dr Diesendorf said that it will take commitment and action from all levels of government, from business and from individuals over a long period of time. It will mean preventing the expansion of coal fired power stations until such power can be guaran-

teed to be clean. It will mean recognising that economic growth for its own sake together with population growth for economic reasons will put the planet at risk. And it will mean accepting that we must all think carefully about how we spend our money and realise that as consumers we can influence the direction of the economy.

The unrelenting resistance to change by vested interests in the coal and mining industry and the failure of successive governments has been demonstrated by the failure to rein in government subsidies to these industries and by the Rudd government's refusal to release promised funds for renewable energy projects other than geothermal. This would seem to be counter productive because the Climate Change Challenge requires support for industries that are ready to roll out now.

Dr Diesendorf called for concerted non-violent action by a united front of all climate change bodies to ensure that Australia meets effective emission reduction targets.

Jo Lewis △

Say No to Violence

The Bega Valley Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee has been involved in the provision of support to women and children experiencing domestic and sexual violence for twenty years.

Domestic, family and sexual violence causes significant social and economic costs to communities and happens in all areas of society, regardless of location, socio-economic status, age, religious beliefs, culture and ethnic background.

The committee's key strategy to increase the awareness of domestic violence is the message 'Bega Valley Says No to Violence'.

Additionally the committee members have organised 16 days of activism and white ribbon day activities and created a sub group addressing the needs of children through the Child Protection Group.

A broad range of services work together to address domestic violence in this community and towards the elimination of violence.

To show your support for the Bega Valley Domestic Violence and Sexual Com-

mittee - SAY NO TO VIOLENCE campaign you can purchase a SAY NO TO VIOLENCE wrist band for \$1 or make a donation to the committee so we can continue our work.

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
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
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Pat's Piece

Uluru

Dear Readers, that's where my daughter and her partner Ian have just taken me to fulfil a lifetime dream I've had to watch the sun set over that geographical phenomenon they call Uluru. These two people fetched and carried, pushed and nurtured and spoilt me rotten for ten days so that I could visit the blood red heart of this land.

Alice Springs itself was a surprise, surrounded as it is by the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges. We visit the colourful market, have lunch in a garden café served by a charming bubbly German student, a whisky at sunset on the edge of the desert and coffee by the pool under the palm trees. Talk about 'the Grand Old Dame'! Ian tells me the water supply is fossil and thou-

sands of years old, it tastes great. We visit Emily Gap and Jessie Gap where it's hard to take in the sheer beauty and different sculptured shapes through millions of years of erosion.

The drive from Alice to Uluru is a landscape that almost defies description: the earth is blood red with flora of many different colours and although the view from the plane is like being in a huge Aboriginal art gallery, here among the rocky outcrops the red earth and different coloured vegetation, it paints instant pictures for you as you drive through it.

We all booked into the Desert Island Resort – very posh darlings; very kind staff, beautiful surrounding gardens full of birds we've never seen, their song can be heard wherever you are and I can see the top of Uluru from my window.

We first visit the Olgas (Kata Tjuta), which remind me of a herd of elephants that have grown so large they're unable to move, but from every angle you see different colours and shapes and feel the sense of walking on

a very ancient landscape.

And so to fulfil that lifetime wish to see the sunset over Uluru Cate and Ian drive me around the base where you can almost reach out and touch it, the immensity of the rock itself is overwhelming, but watching the changing beauty as the sun sinks and the whole rock glows is indescribable. I felt sad and wept with the feeling I was in the presence of something so powerful it was hard to absorb. But amid all this wonder is the heartbreaking reality that the people who belong to this land are almost invisible among the tourist dollar.

It is a miracle that this once proud and remarkable culture has survived at all, after all we stripped them of their self respect and dignity, replacing them with what can only be seen as total deprivation of the human spirit.

And I hope with all my heart that somewhere down the track we will learn to respect their culture while repairing their damaged souls.

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Curious? Come to Open Day at The Crossing

Have you ever wondered what The Crossing Land Education Trust is? Have you read articles about what The Crossing is doing, but you're still not exactly sure what the place is for? Have you wanted to visit but never quite got around to it?

The Crossing's inaugural Open Day is the perfect chance to come along and find the answers to all your questions. The Crossing would love you to come and explore the journey of our first nine years of existence, see what we have achieved in that time and see where we are heading.

There will be chances to explore the infrastructure (including a 1930's train carriage bunkhouse), find out

about our programs, enjoy the natural surroundings and take guided tours of the sustainable facilities and permaculture gardens. There will be family friendly activities to get involved in and a chance to talk to current board members as well as some of our young program graduates. You can even lend a hand on the day or sign up to join our long list of wonderful volunteers. Local performers will provide music and food will be available on the day or feel free to bring your own picnic.

We are very excited that our inaugural Open Day will incorporate *The Clean Energy Club to Crossing Paddle* presented by The Bermagui Surf Club and

Clean Energy for Eternity. The paddle will begin at Bermagui and finish at The Crossing. Please arrive early at The Crossing if you want to see the finish of the paddle – we expect the first paddlers to arrive from about 10am.

Check out The Crossing website for more details – www.thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au The Open Day is on **Sunday 31st August 2008 10am – 3pm**. The Crossing is located off Nutleys Creek Road about 5 km up the river from Bermagui – please follow the signs from Bermagui bridge. No dogs please.

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Umbarra Real Time Stories

Where do we go after Sorry Day?

This is a question that was raised by members of the Narooma Get Up group at one of their meetings. After a discussion with two members of the local group at a social event I became aware that the topic of reconciliation was on the Get Up agenda, members were contemplating how they might genuinely extend the hand of friendship to Indigenous people. One barrier they faced was how to initiate contact with members of the local Indigenous community. Another was that members wanted to offer something real and heartfelt to the local In-

igenous people and their community and needed a starting point.

I suggested that Little Yuin Preschool would be a great place for Get Up members to connect with the Indigenous community of Wallaga Lake and at the same time provide assistance to our centre through a volunteer program.

After consultation with our Committee and Get Up members the volunteer program got off the ground with a weekend working bee. The purpose of the working bee was to create a vegetable garden funded through a Mumbulla Foundation grant for our preschoolers. From my perspective the day was very successful on many different levels. With so many people showing up to lend their support there were ample opportunities for Get Up volunteers to not only work but also to meet and yarn with community members, including elders Auntie Shirley Foster and Auntie Irene Leon. Many a laugh was had on the day by the women as they exchanged stories. And as a result of everyone's hard work we now have a beautiful veggie garden. The highlight of the day for me was watching the faces of the children as they excitedly helped to build the garden. A big thank you to everyone who turned out on the day, your contributions big and small are appreciated. They say it takes a community to raise a child but when two communities come together for the children, friendships will surely follow.

Stay tuned for future reports, many plans are in the making for Get Up members to continue their involvement with Little Yuin and strengthen their connection with the Wallaga Lake community.



Willing workers at the gardening day

Pet of the month

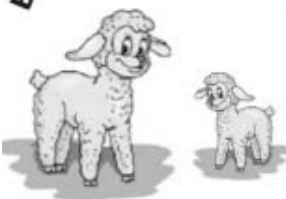


Butch and Bear, 10 yrs and 12 yrs respectively and presently being cared for by local AWLFSC Branch carer Penny, are father and son Pomeranians who have had a very rough trot but have been able to stick together for the whole of Butch's life. The two little fellows are now desperately seeking a kind and loving new family who can keep them happily together. Both dogs are very healthy and sprightly with lots of years of loving companionship left in them yet. They are affectionate and love being close to you and are used to living inside and out. Butch and Bear would be very well suited to a quiet family or couple household and possibly with another quiet dog and in view of their seniority the adoption fees are only \$95 for each beautiful dog. If you are interested in adopting Butch & Bear, or any other pets in care with AWLFSC, please contact enquiries phone 0400 372 609.

All pets are de-sexed, vet-checked, 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 PO Box 101A Bermagui 2546, and new members are always very welcome.

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Brogo Babble

Christmas in July

A very successful evening was enjoyed by over 50 people in support of the Brogo Fire Brigade. A heap of tucker was available thanks to the very hard working Deidrie and Brad. Lovely warm fires kept the chill away on a fine cool night. After the delicious dinner some lucky people went home with some great prizes donated by businesses and individuals.



Deidrie and Brad hard at work

Flight simulator

The simulator has been located near Quaama and is under construction. It really is one like you see on the TV. The builder tells us that it should be open in about 18 months and you will be able to have a go. Sounds like great fun for those who dream of flying a plane.

Dog poison

We are aware of two cases of pet dogs being poisoned by 1080: one was in Brogo which survived because it was luckily owned by a vet's family, the other near Wandella was not so lucky and a very sad family is now

without its pet.

We are aware that there has been some aerial baiting of wild dogs in the area so please be careful where your beloved pet is roaming.

The following is a letter to the Rural Lands Protection Board from the owners of the surviving dog.

'It alarms and shocks us that NPWS (whose main function is supposed to be conservation and wildlife protection) have actually funded RLPB to fly across the pristine wilderness on our doorstep and drop vast quantities of 1080-injected meat into the bush, without even letting us know beforehand. Any native carnivore may take bait and die a horrible death, (not to mention possible contamination of streams and creeks). Foxes have been known to carry off and stash the baits elsewhere and the baits may even end up on our property. Having witnessed first hand the terrible agony of a poisoned animal, we simply cannot understand this action.

Regards, Motria and Carl von Schreiber"

New addition

The population of Brogo has gone up by one. Congratulations to Sue-Anne and Steve Nicol for the arrival of a son to be named Ned.

Micro Festival

Quaama Public School Saturday 6th September

Lots happening, including local entertainers, great food and events.

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tact Stephen Nicol, President Quaama P&C on 6492 7110.

Local artist

Matt Jones arrived in Brogo a few months back and was busy right away getting involved in the area. We are proud to say he was a finalist in the Far South Coast Regional Living Artist Award. He was one of three finalists chosen out of nearly 20 local artists for this prestigious award. He is a talented artist working in various mediums. Matt grew up on the South Coast outside of Nowra. While here he found out he also won a short story writing competition put on by the city of Brisbane while he resided there last year. So now he is a published author as well!

Matt and his partner, Blue, have decided to move on to Bermagui where he spent many a childhood holiday (his grandfather was born in Tathra, lived in Cobargo, and then lived in Bermagui as an adult), so luckily both Matt and Blue will still be in the Triangle.

They plan to open an Art Workshop, called 'The Room', a space for children and adults to develop their artistic side. Look out for it – it is sure to be a wonderful opportunity for all.

TV in the valley

Sydney Weekender is visiting the Brogo area (and Cobargo too!) at the end of August. They contacted Hallie and Corinne at the Fernmark Inn – an overnight will be had there to experience the full treatment of Fernmark – gourmet dinner and breakfast hampers, massage, walks through the Voluntary Conservation Area, and of course the Brogo Dam. So be on the lookout for them. And spruce up your place as you might see it on Telly! For more info or to be part of Hallie and Corinne's working bee in August, please contact them on 6492 7136.

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Quintessentially Quaama

This month we have included a short story by Rose Chaffey that went to air in July on ABC Radio's Bush Telegraph, Country Viewpoint. Rose is just one Quaama writer who has had stories accepted by the ABC. Watch this space!

Apples

Today I decide to take the netting off the apple tree. Armed with a broom and the ladder I head down the garden. I remove logs and other weights that have held the net in place for the past six months, and then begin the task of un-snagging every little bit.

Even before I have made any progress I vow never to net the tree again. I hate this job; arms above the head, neck strained, sun, leaves and rubbish in my eyes, not to mention the frustration of it all.

Then I recall the deliciousness of a tree ripened Granny Smith, the juice running down my throat as I munch and walk around the garden. And there is also the stash of neatly sliced and dried apple in the pantry.

This year was the best ever. For some reason, perhaps good management, but I suspect good luck, for the first time in eight years there was no codling moth and only a couple of apples that were hit by fruit fly.

A neighbour lent me their magic gadget that peels, slices and cores. It makes a laborious job fun and quick to do. The apples were so big after good rains that nine were enough to fill the six-stack drier. Five batches later and I am set for some time with tasty snacks, not to mention apples stewed, baked and given away to friends.

It's the first official week of winter and after a chilly start the days have been mild, the result of a holding pattern the weather man explains. It's great for getting things done in the garden, not too hot, a mild breeze, and myriad jobs outside get done. How can I be inside on days like this?

Warren is here again finishing off a bit of fencing, clearing a fallen branch, removing stumps of old world roses to make way for a new planting of natives, and now splitting and stacking a few loads of red-gum under the house, ready for those midwinter fires so necessary here.

When the morning frost puts two millimetres of ice on the fish pond and chook's water bowl, my toes will be toasty warm.

I treasure these things that mark the seasons, and even though some jobs make me almost weep with despair or frustration, they only come around twice a year perhaps, and the benefits are so wonderful.

This year I resolve that, before the next netting adventure, I'll prune the apple tree lower and set up a proper star picket and poly-pipe frame to make the job easier.

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Bermi Banter

New CEO for Sapphire Coast Tourism

It's a pleasure to welcome Bruce Leaver and his wife Ashley Fuller, who moved into the Triangle 15 months ago from Canberra. Bruce is the recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of Sapphire Coast Tourism and is looking forward to tackling the 'huge challenges' facing our Bega Shire/Wilderness Coast tourist industry. He is originally from the NSW Central West and has a strong Forestry/National Parks background and knows the Far South Coast extremely well.

Bruce will be working closely with local communities to bring tourism and park management together to stimulate ecotourism – attracting soft footprint visitors who are interested in learning more about and appreciating our unspoiled region and getting to know the people who live here.

For those of us who don't know, the Wilderness Coast (stretching from Bermagui to Lakes Entrance) is one of eight sites listed with National Landscapes: the others are the Australian Alps, the Great Ocean Road, the NSW Blue Mountains, the Green Cauldron (Upper Tweed River), the Flinders Ranges, Kakadu and the Red Centre.



Friends of the Goldfield, July 5th

Montreal Goldfields – No gold but still a success

July 5th was a very happy day for the friends of Montreal Goldfield, at the site on Wallaga Lake Road. The day was sunny with rays of light slanting down through the trees, and little or no wind. Almost everyone brought meat to cook on the BBQ to have for their lunch and chatted to all and sundry while it cooked under the watchful eye of Ian Barklamb who took on the job of chef for the day.

Twenty-five people turned up. The program varied from a chorus or two led by the Bermagui Probus Singers, some great reading by Chris

Franks, some anecdotes from the Montreal Guides and a talk by Mal Dibden on the unique features of the great mountain, Gulaga.

One visitor described it as 'so Australian', with everyone sitting round the fire telling yarns and relaxing in the bush setting.

Anyone who would like to become a member, (ten dollars per annum) please contact Leone Creamer, 6493 4127, and she will send you a form. Being a member means being connected to this great community project at Bermagui, making friends and having a good time.

SOBAG announces a new name – and aims

SOBAG, the organisation formerly known as Save Our Bermagui Action Group, has changed its name to Support Our Bermagui Action Group – thus preserving the acronym – in order to underline its new mission statement.

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Bermi Banter (continued)

ment: To work toward community cohesion and ecological sensitivity through communication, building relationships, investigation, education and lobbying.

The new name emphasises its members' view that a vital and inclusive citizen group is important to promote the economic and social wellbeing of the community.

Founded in 2005 in response to residents' concerns about sewage outflow at Beares' Beach, the preservation of Meads Bay, and a proposed development of up to 440 new units in the village, SOBAG will continue to keep a vigilant brief in these areas, but will now cast its net wider to include a series of new projects. The first two are:

- Public transportation – SOBAG will shortly be conducting a survey about public transportation needs in the Bermagui area – from Barraga Bay north to Fairhaven, Beauty Point and Wallaga Lake Heights.

Restroom facilities – adequate public toilets in the commercial area of the village are sadly lacking for residents and visitors alike. SOBAG is undertaking a feasibility study to see what can be done to remedy this situation.

SOBAG's new website (www.supportourbermagui.org) is under construction and will contain more information about these and future projects. In the meantime, contact us at supportourbermagui@hotmail.com or by phone on 0409 468 480.

Public dinner

When: Wednesday, 13 August 2008 @ 6pm for 7pm

Where: Bermagui Hotel

Cost/Bookings: \$15 (prepaid and direct with the Hotel – 6493 4206). Limit 50.

Topic: 'Population Growth: the Elephant in the Climate Change Room'

Guest Speaker: Tom Kirsop

Tom has worked variously as committee chairman or campaign officer with organisations including ACF, The Myall Lakes Committee, The Surfrider Foundation and Sustainable Population Australia (formerly Australians for an Ecologically Sustainable Population). He holds a first class honours degree in Science. As a pharmaceutical scientist he was appointed to the Australian Government's Therapeutic Goods Standards Committee and as a Managing Director was elected President of The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association. He still rides a surfboard.

(The dinner is hosted by the Sustainable Population Division of the Bermagui Institute)



Pre-loved, Priceless and For Sale

Clean Energy for Eternity (Bermagui) are staging a pre-loved and new fashion show and sale on Saturday, 27 September 2008 at the Bermagui Community Centre to raise enough money to top off the solar power funds for the Bermi Surf Club and the Bermi Pre-School.

This will be the first fashion parade held in Bermagui for several years. and we're delighted that boutiques in Bermagui, Cobargo and Central Tilba are participating in the Boutiques Showcase part of our program, as well as donating an item each for our silent auction. Full program details will appear in the September issue of *The Triangle*, and tickets will be available shortly in each Triangle community.

We need your **donation** of up to three high fashion, designer or unique garments, shoes and handbags that may be hiding at the back of your wardrobe that you no longer wear or need. They must be in excellent condition, spotless and ready to wear. Garments selected by our fashion committee will be modelled, and all items will be displayed and for sale on the day.

Would you please deliver your kindly donated items to Simone Ellis, Ruby Vivant Boutique, at the end of the arcade in Lamont Street **by 30 August 2008**.

If you have any questions please call Prue Kelly, CEFE Event Coordinator, on 6493 5317 or email pruekelly@bigpond.com.



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Cobargo Conversations

This is the news we love to publish, our young ones doing well.

Congratulations to Joshua Goulton. Joshua started at Wollongong University this year and at the end of his first semester has scored high distinctions in economics, accountancy, management and business information. He's also playing for the Wollongong Bulls, the university rugby team and scored a Win TV appearance for scoring goals. His parents Sue and Graham are very proud of him – as we all are.

And, there's more ... Tim Benson Taylor and the regional squash team (all from Bega High!) were placed fourth in the State competition held in Newcastle; and, congratulations to Morgan Boyle of Quaama who was selected to train with the NSW Under 12's Rugby League at Narrabeen. Morgan spent a terrific week with other boys from across the state and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Cobargo township is undergoing something of a renaissance. Now, dear readers you may think this is exaggeration but a toilet block that welcomes rather than leads you there by the nose is underway. Thanks to the wonderful team from the Local Council repairs are currently being under-

taken with painting to be done in the spring.

The Bazaar has started selling local fresh produce. Ray Buckley is passionate about reducing food 'miles' by encouraging people to grow and sell food locally. So, the Bazaar will be selling chemical free and organic fresh foods and will take goods on consignment. Somewhere to sell your excess fruit and vegetables – somewhere to buy what's in season locally. Couldn't be better really.

Unfortunately all is not blissful: the vet and doctor's were broken into on Monday night 21st July. The bullmastiff recovering from serious surgery at the vet's knows who you are! Naturally, any information should be passed on to the authorities.

Congratulations to Derek and Linda Quinto who are celebrating 40 years of marriage. And, to Graham and Margot from Kinetix seen out to lunch to mark twenty years of wedded bliss!

For the diary, the annual Scottish Country Dancing gathering is to be held in Cobargo 10–12th October 2008 details Sheelagh Brunton.

Vale – Wally Ferguson of Cobargo. Our thoughts to Edna and family.

Winter solstice community dinner in Cobargo

Well what a night it was! Sold Out read the black-board sign.

An immense effort from the dedicated volunteers, various Cobargo ovens and chef Alex, who put on a wonderful roast dinner followed by pud for 128 of us. There was a wide variety of excellent entertainment including music, singing, poetry recital, and dancing with impromptu cleaning – our local talent is truly inspirational. Elizabeth did a great job playing violin and introducing our entertainers including familiar names such as Damon Davies and family (is there any event this man doesn't play at? – not that I am complaining) and Heather Black. Bob Allison surprised us all with his voice and crooned his way through a couple of songs. Anyone who is thinking of taking up Scottish or Irish dancing got a great demonstration. Alice Lafferty and Judith Clarke performed wonderful poems they had written. Justin, Dave Parsons, Greg, Don Green and



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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

Dave Lamb sang and played to the appreciative audience. Sorry if I missed anyone off the list.

It seemed that the whole community was there catching up and sharing a yarn. There was a birthday in the house for one local colourful identity so there was a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' for Ross Rixon who is forever young.

The whole event was a fundraising effort for the School of Arts re-stumping fund and raised \$1116.30 after expenses. Not enough to re-stump the hall but a good start! The beef and lamb naturally came from Benny's Butchers. The cooking, slicing and delivery of the Bain Maree + \$50 discount off bill kindly donated and organised by Rob and Ange. Janet & Kerri from the Cobargo Farm supplied all the vegetables peeled and cut to size and bread rolls from the Cobargo Bakehouse. Definitely a local produce event – minimal petrol involved!

So if you missed it this year, you missed out but we can all hope that this becomes a great tradition in Cobargo and the organisers would like to thank all involved for making such a great night.

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Tilba Bites

Back from three weeks holiday up north in June as far as Lismore and district, I'm rather settled back in at Tilba. I love aspects of the North Coast of NSW – its big rivers and its proximity to the border ranges abutting Queensland. It is also about the journey and friends along the way and how you feel refreshed about being back home. We celebrated my daughter Kate's 30th birthday in Lismore, helping to housewarm her first home, which is a loved and well maintained Queenslander style (about 1910) on a large block backing onto Leycester Creek in South Lismore. Kate purchased it from the third generation of previous owners. Music for the event included Kate on mandolin, boyfriend Rohan on guitar and housemate Laura on banjo. What beautiful music they

30th birthdays, Miles Tilzey and family are arriving from Western Australia to celebrate his milestone (apologies Richard) at Shuff's place. It will be a big event with lots of friends gathering and no doubt the whole valley will hear it! Congratulations Miles. My question is will Richard sleep as he says he's too mature for all night parties?

Golda Dibden has flown the coop and headed to Sydney for work and possibly study. I'm sure she is well wished on her journey, even though the reality of her departure has left mother Di and sister Tegan a bit shell-shocked.

Winter can be a great time for music, getting inside a bit earlier and justifying those heart-warming open fires and slow combustions. We were treated to an afternoon with Jenni Noble at Tilba Valley Winery. Jenni's voice, guitar and stories are tantalising and then there were Maddi and Bridget, teenagers with so much talent. Not to forget Mike and Scott

this as I didn't make it.)

Trevor Eldridge from The Tilba Teapot Cafe is investigating the idea of a monthly Growers Market in Tilba. If Eurobodalla's Council does not come up with insurmountable requirements, this could be a once-a-month event under cover (with power if required) just up the road from Central Tilba. It all makes sense with fuel prices, global you know what and also that even home gardens end up with surplus. This is a great initiative that deserves support. If you are interested and/or have ideas, please call Trevor at The Teapot (ph 4473 7811).

Tilba's Community Halls Committee are organising a fund-raising night – Curry and cabaret – for Saturday September 20th at 7pm (I think). Please call Judyanne on 4473 7302 for bookings/details. These occasions are usually great fun, a good community



Wendy & Ian Corfield dancing to Elvis

make! Kate was only four years old when we moved to Tilba so I guess you can say, my how time flies. Speaking of

Ward at The Dromedary Hotel playing Elvis and others for Wendy's birthday. (Tilz is penning a few words for



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cause and not an expensive night out.

Finally, thanks Tilz for all your good footage last issue. A small note – Robin Croxson did say to me as he was leaving for his latest assignment to Coffs Harbour something about a pisspot calling the kettle black! Enjoy the days getting longer

Ewen Genders



Tilba invaded by gangsters & molls

The Drom saw yet another fancy dress-up party when Wendy Woo celebrated yet another 50th birthday, plus one. This time the theme was Gangsters and Molls. One can only assume that the Maid Marion of the Murrah wished to be surrounded by Hoods. The resultant flurry of dark suits and dark glasses created an ambience resembling treasurer Costa's waiting room, not to mention the after-mint table at the notorious Iguana nightclub. As the night wore on the resultant collisions from the visually-impaired, sartorially dressed 'mobsters' created enough room for the back-blocks, balaclava or beanie wearing dags to observe the thrilling Tri-Nations test match between the Wallabies and the Springboks. Speaking as one in the latter group, my moll observance was not as it should be for reliable reporting to the *Triangle* social pages. The birthday girl's fishnet stockings caught my piscine eye as did Annie's formal 'don't mess with me brudda' dress suit. The stand-out garb belonged to John Small who exuded a Capone/Gatsby aura. At the end of the night it was hard to pick the Wallabies from the Wanna-bes and I picked up my violin case and fled.

Richard Tilzey



A memory of Christopher Vere Packe

(10/04/34 – 01/07/08)

Chris was one of the first people I got to befriend when I came to live in Tilba in the 1980s. Sometimes the people you meet influence your feeling about a new place and my choice to settle here was helped along by the warmth of Chris. His instant friendliness on meeting new people and his genuine interest in them was charming, just as an English gentleman should be, which he was always.

He was a man of Dorset in England but more a man of the world. He left the nest early for the wild world working a property on the Falkland Islands, but had fortunately left before the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina. Chris was a social creature and more populous and warmer places beckoned and along his journeys he picked up new skills and interests as well as a young family.

When I got to know him in the early 80s he was on a new journey, living at Blue Hills behind Tilba Tilba with Anne. He hand made lentil patties to his secret recipe which he cooked for his famous Lentil Burgers, one night a week in the shoe box kitchen at Pam's Store É a local take away at a time when good healthy fast food was a rarity round these parts. I worked with him much later in the kitchen of the Tilba Tea Pot where he was chef for Friday and Saturday nights, glass of red on the hob and his glasses fogging up as he rattled those pots n pans on the stove. On very busy nights or when the drunken waiter was on his case he would sometimes wilt but he never lost his sense of humour for long. His 60th birthday party was the first 60th celebration I had been to but Chris somehow didn't look his age É well maybe he did the day after his legendary street party but he was always just one of the 30-40-somethings that a lot of us in the community were then. He just went to bed a bit earlier than most.

Memorably for me, Chris saved the day when I was part of the beginnings of a new local band inspired by The Commitments movie. With 12 members the just-formed band was faced with a difficult vote over what

to call ourselves. When the problem was mentioned to Chris one crowded boozy night in the back bar of The Drom he instantly retorted with a guffaw that we should be 'The Predicaments', and from that moment on that's what we were. Never a more apt moniker has there been.

Chris took an interest in the band and was often seen in the rear stalls of the Small Hall on rehearsal nights applauding and encouraging the band along. He could have as easily stayed at home in comfort and listened to the racket like the rest of the town had to but he'd bring down his wine glass and would enjoy the repartee on the stage and the in between tea breaks, sometimes bringing a sample of his latest cake for the band or something from his beautiful garden.

He often helped out in the community with his timber and handyman skills, although after an accident with his bench saw where he lopped his thumb off, he looked for less dangerous pursuits. At this time he acquired a nickname of Stumpy É which didn't stick É just like the attempt to reattach this thumb.

After this Chris and Anne took over The Tilba Rose Cafe, and renaming it the Rose & Sparrow they began to make their mark on the street. Chris was in his element as proprietor, the locals and the visitors grist for his mill and rarely hesitated to sit down for a natter or relate his latest joke or help with a crossword. He loved good food and good coffee and served them with pleasure, humour and courtesy to one and all. Even as we saw him less as he fought his illness, when our paths crossed it was rare not to get a pithy comment or chuckle out of him as he crossed the street bearing a freshly baked cake for the caf•, or in the queue at the post office.

He bore his struggle with dignity and modesty and was in many people's thoughts over the recent past. He was a well-loved father, friend and fellow of any of his varied homes and workplaces. His fine spirit will be missed by all. Thoughts go out to Anne and Chris's family.

John Small



Art in the Triangle

Spring exhibitions at Narek Galleries

Fluid 2: from 5 to 22 September

Garments as Art, an exhibition of innovative, body caressing knitwear by Melbourne-based, Zlatka Viola Sirakova. With a dazzling array of diverse yarns, Zlatka creates forms on knitting machines that sit almost as a second skin on the body – not hugging, just gently flowing. The garment forms have no seams, they are shaped by adding or subtracting stitches resulting in comfortable and elegant timeless garments.

Masterworks in Glass: 4 October to November 17

An exhibition of thoughtful, measured quiet beauty. Recent works by three of Australia's foremost young glass artists, Mel Douglas, Elizabeth Kelly and Wendy Fairclough. Using techniques of blowing, engraving, casting, sgraffito and sandblasting, these artists consider space and light in a soft, subtle and contemplative manner.

Karen O'Clery
www.narekgalleries.com



Artist Rachel Burns will conduct a 'Narratives in Art' Workshop in Bermagui from August 1-4.

Wood at the heart of the matter

Here's a date to mark on your calendar: Friday the 26th of September 2008. The event is the opening of a new exhibition 'Wood at the Heart of the Matter' to be held in the School of Arts Hall at Central Tilba. Representing different mediums, four local artists, Sam Davis, Lois Irwin, Sonja Jacobs, and Terry Irwin, are coming together to present their experience and feelings towards wood through photography, ceramics, woodwork and painting.

Locals with a keen appreciation of photography will recognise the work of photographer Sam Davis, and enjoy her eye for the unusual. Sonja Jacobs is an emerging ceramic artist whose work will instantly appeal to many. Her work ranges from the extremely delicate and beautiful to textured and robust. This is Sonja's second showing following a successful exhibition at Spiral late last year. Terry Irwin will make his exhibition debut with fine crafted woodwork, pieces of

function and beauty, and painter Lois Irwin will bring a body of new work following on from exhibiting with Cuttagee Artists at Easter.

The Opening is Friday evening the 26th of September, from 5pm to 7pm. The Exhibition will run from Friday, the 26th, till Monday the 29th. Opening hours are Friday 11.00 am till and including the opening at 5.00 pm, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10.00 am till 4.00 pm.

SEMAG Workshop

Well known contemporary painter Rachel Burns of Bega Art Gallery is conducting a 'Narratives in Art' Workshop at the Bermagui Community Centre from August 1-4. This is an intensive four-day course examining what the artist is trying to say through their art and exploring different ways to tell their story. Limited vacancies exist. Cost is \$225.00 for SEMAG non-members.

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Art in the Triangle (continued)

The heat was on

On Friday night, the 4th of July, the Showroom Gallery at Cobargo had their theme night exhibition opening 'Heat'.

Jay McMahon and Jack Wotton entertained the crowd with live music and Livo supplied a fire drum and wood to 'Heat' the night up.

The old Bass Gas building was quite abuzz. John Gosch unveiled his metal sculpture titled *The Devil's Hog* by concealing it in bed sheets, dousing it with accelerant and setting it on fire.

An enjoyable night was had by all as the Showroom Gallery rocked the main street of Cobargo until the early hours of the morning.



Above, John Gosch's *The Devil's Hog* revealed; below, the crowd rocked into the small hours.



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Soft Footprint Recipes



In this new column, Carole Broadhead helps to reduce our food miles by sharing quick and healthy recipes for local, seasonal foods.

Spice up your vegetables

I attended the Farmers Market in Bega on Friday and came away with locally grown freshly picked cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. Cabbage is great cooked with mustard seeds in the Indian way.

Cabbage and Mustard Seed

Slice cabbage finely, add enough olive oil to the pan to cover base thinly and heat. When the oil is hot add a dessertspoon of mustard seeds and quickly cover with lid and take off the heat. Keep the lid on till all the seeds have popped, add the cabbage and half a cup of water and cook till the cabbage is limp. Make sure the mustard seed has been well folded through the cabbage, drain and serve.

While on an Indian theme, the broccoli and cauliflower with perhaps some onion, are good made into Pakora.

Pakora and parsley garnish

Make a batter by putting a cup of cold water into a bowl and add self-raising flour in small quantities whisking all the time until your batter is like runny cream. Put in the fridge till vegetables are ready to be deep fried.

1. Cut broccoli and cauliflower into florets and put into boiling water.
2. Cook till tender, drain and let cool.
3. Slice an onion and separate into rings.
4. Heat a wok or saucepan with oil for deep frying. Place some plain flour in a plastic bag, add vegetables and shake them till well dusted. Do not batter parsley.

5. Dip vegetables into the batter, then into the hot oil, cook till golden, place on kitchen paper to drain.

6. Try deep frying old fashioned curly parsley in the wok for a few seconds and serve as a crisp accompaniment. Make sure the parsley is dry and be careful as it spits!

These can be eaten with the cabbage or with meat, chicken or fish and are good with a green salad.

The Sapphire Coast Producers Association (SCPA) holds their Farmers Markets on the first and the third Friday of each month. For enquiries call Paul Davis on 6492 3207.

Bermagui books grow arms and legs

As part of the National Book Week celebrations, in between guest authors, book sales and sausages, Theatre On-Set of Bega will present for your delight and delectation a dramatisation of a small bit of the children's book, *Rowan of Rin* by Emily Rodda. Watch the characters leap off the pages and run all over the new Bermagui Library. Perfect for your 8 to 12 year olds and for those young at heart. Saturday 16th August from 2 – 2:30 pm.



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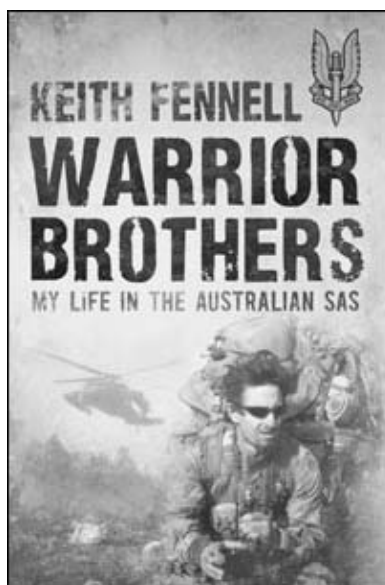
Keith Fennell,
*Warrior Brothers: My
Life in the
Australian SAS*
Bantam, 2008, \$34.95

At noon on Saturday August 16th, Keith Fennell will be at the Bermagui Community Centre along with Judy Horacek to talk about this, his latest book – see Tea and Talk information elsewhere in this edition of the Triangle for all the details.

Keith joined the SAS at the age of 21 and over the next 11 years served in East Timor, Afghanistan, the Southern Indian Ocean and Iraq. His book recounts his life in the elite SAS – a unique opportunity to learn about the daily life of these men and their close bonds with each other. Because the SAS has been so shrouded in secrecy, his experiences provide at least one insight into the training and the challenges of the life, but more importantly, into the motivations of the men who undertake such dangerous work. This is a very honest and at times confronting book; courtesy of the *Triangle*, it will be in the library before August 16th – so take the opportunity to read it and come along armed with questions for the author.

On a personal note – I've discovered Michael Connelly – several of his books in the library – if you want an easy "switch off" read in front of the fire, his detective novels are the thing – you can watch the footy at the same time! Happy winter reading.

Heather O'Connor △



Tea and Talk

One of Bermagui's celebrations during National Book Week is an opportunity to hear Stephen Mathews of Ginninderra Press. Stephen has actively supported local poets and authors, especially those voicing social concern. On Thursday 21 August at 3.30 pm he will discuss the complexities of publishing in this age of dynamic technology and celebrity and will welcome questions. Enjoy the discussion over afternoon tea in the Library. Gold coin donation please.

Stephen will also address a lunch on Friday 22 at the Merimbula – Imlay Bowls Club, tickets \$25.00 each. Both events are supported by Bega Valley Friends of the Library, Inc.

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Garden Magic



A Triangle reader was telling me about an article she read in the June issue of *Burke's Backyard* (available in libraries). It pertained to plants that are poisonous to dogs and is probably an important reference for those of us with gardens and pets. Space doesn't permit my quoting the entire piece, but be aware that the following are potential killers: stephanotis seed pods (this plant has a highly fragrant flower, often used in wedding bouquets); oleanders (I think everyone would be able to recognise this old fashioned number); thevetia (yellow flowers, sometimes known as 'Capt. Cook bush', but not native); lilliums (showy blooms, the white trumpet flowers growing prolifically by the side of the road are in this family); cotoneaster (red berry bush, now known as an environmental weed); windflowers (pink or white, flowering in winter); and so on. As you can see, these are not obscure species, but ordinary, everyday shrubs. Wandering non-Christian-religion causes allergies and we all know not to give the dog chocolate or to include onion when cooking food for fido. I recommend that pet lovers read up on this subject.

Speaking about animals, I need to share with you my own personal 'Thumbs Down' experience from Sunday, 20th July. A friend (yes, I have one) and I were driving down the hill into Tilba, just past the road works, when we saw a creature in the middle of the road. Upon stopping, we realised that a dead, but intact, possum had been propped up by means of a stick in its nose and one under a front limb. Its little body was still warm. To the perpetrator of this grotesque act I say – if you have the guts, contact me via the Triangle – I'd like to shout you to a psychiatric assessment. It's a fact that most serial killers start their careers by harming small animals, so to the residents of Tilba I say – take your pets inside while this fruitcake is on the loose. Until next time,

Lindy Marshall

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- Gently brush the teeth daily if you can and check gums and teeth regularly for brownish tartar build-up. Ask your vet to remove any tartar and check for rotting teeth.
- Dogs and cats need **raw** bones to gnaw on and to prevent tooth decay. Beef and lamb bones are ideal for dogs and raw chicken necks and wings for cats.



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

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

Christian Gnostic teachings and discourse, first Saturday each month. CWA Hall, Cobargo, 2-3.30pm. \$10 donation. Phone Sue on 6493 8473.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

AGLOW is a world wide Interdenominational Christian Women's Fellowship, providing opportunities to help women discover their identity in Jesus Christ. Enquiries ph. Elizabeth Farnsworth 02 4473 8413.

SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

Sundays @ 4pm, Union Church building, West St, Bermagui. Pastors Gary & Michele Tyrrell 6493 6483

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm Thurs 7.30 - 9.30pm Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room. Scottish Country Dancing for everyone - no experience necessary. Teacher: Sheelagh Brunton 6493 6538.

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Beginners to Advanced. Adults and children over 6 years old welcome. Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm, Cobargo School of Arts Hall. For more information please call 6494 3332 or 6493 8267.

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the second and fourth 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. Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 44761006.

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of children aged 0-6 welcome to join. Cobargo - Every second Wednesday 1.30pm - 2.30pm at the CWA cottage
Bermagui - Every second Friday 10.30am - 12pm in the Ambulance station grounds
Quaama - Wednesdays by prior arrangement
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Sunday 3rd	Karen Bell Fundraising Auction	Great Southern Inn, Eden	11.30am - 3pm
Wednesday 13th	Bermagui Institute Dinner - Tom Kirsop - Population, the elephant in the Climate Change Room	Bermagui Hotel (booking essential pre-paid \$15 direct with Hotel 6493 4206)	6pm for 7pm
Saturday 16th	Book Reading Keith Fennell & Judy Horacek	Bermagui Community Centre	12 - 5pm
Saturday 16th	Theatre On-Set perform extracts from the 'Rowan of Rin'	Bermagui Community Centre	2pm - 2.30pm
Thursday 21st	Stephen Mathews, Ginninderra Press	Bermagui Library	3.30pm
Thursday 28th	Transition Towns Meeting	The Pink House, 8279 Princes Highway, Central Tilba	10.30am
Sunday 31st	Open Day at The Crossing	The Crossing, off Nutleys Creek Road (5km up river from Bermi)	10am - 3pm
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