

Hazard Reduction - To Burn or Not to Burn

Many *Triangle* residents living on rural 'bush' blocks are naturally concerned about the threat of bushfires. Most take steps to reduce the fire hazard around their residences and outbuildings by periodically reducing or removing combustible materials from the immediate area. For those of us without the appropriate machinery such as tractors and slashers, the most practical method is controlled burning. Indeed, in the large areas occupied by National Parks and State Forests this is the only practical method of hazard reduction.

The recent tragic bushfires in Victoria have again precipitated much discussion about the pros and cons of hazard reduction by periodic burn-offs. Opponents of burning claim that it harms wildlife and damages soil quality by greatly reducing the invertebrate organisms that break down leaf litter and other plant matter. There is probably some truth in this latter claim but a good 'slow' burn certainly allows wildlife plenty of time to avoid immolation, although a few small animals inevitably fall prey to kookaburras, magpies and the like as they break cover to escape the flames. The bottom line is that a fast-moving uncontrolled 'hot' fire destroys virtually all before it, particularly if there's ample fuel. I certainly think that any cumulative damage to biodiversity by periodic controlled burning is greatly exceeded by one uncontrolled bushfire.

Controlled burning should only be carried out in winter. A few tips for people wanting to undertake such burns

follow. First, inform your local bushfire brigade (even if a permit isn't required) and immediate neighbours of your intention to burn and give them a rough estimate of the time period involved. As the timing of burns is largely dictated by prevailing weather conditions one should allow a generous time limit. Once optimum weather conditions occur and you are ready to proceed, a back-up phone call to the brigade and neighbours is

extinguish the fire as it creeps along the boundary, but a spray backpack is also a useful accessory. A good time to start such a burn is late afternoon, as the burn will usually be extinguished by the dew settling at dusk. Once a fire break has been established around the perimeter through a series of creep burns, one can commence burning earlier in the day.

It goes without saying that the best firebreak is a cleared paddock regularly grazed by livestock. However,



A volunteer firefighter conducts a hazard reduction burn.

many of us don't have that option. My property is on the slopes of Mt Dromedary adjacent to a heavily timbered national park that, for reasons known only to them, the NSW Parks & Wildlife Service steadfastly refuses to conduct hazard reduction burns. Living in such proximity to a proverbial tinderbox makes me very aware of the value of my periodic burns. When burning, caution should be exercised at all times. I

must confess to having one fire that 'got away on me' following a sudden wind shift and am eternally grateful for the prompt actions of the Tilba Bushfire Brigade that brought it under control.

Richard Tilzey

mandatory and the Brigade's advice should be sought if you're unsure about the burn.

An ideal burning day is one without wind and one should closely follow weather forecasts and meteorological maps. If the area to be burnt is reasonably large a series of 'creep' burns is recommended. Such burns should start at the area's edges and be directed inwards by progressively extinguishing the outer limit of the boundary creep. In hilly country always start a burn at the highest point and direct it downhill. Basic tools such as a wide shovel and a rake are usually adequate to

Postscript: The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has begun an investigation into the illegal lighting of two fires in the Brogo Wilderness within Wadbilliga National Park west of Cobargo which have now burnt approximately 200 hectares of bushland.

Editorial

Over the last couple of months *The Triangle* has welcomed with open arms several 'new' members – Olivia and Carolyne, both on the production side, Virginia on the computer and Maralyn who is replacing Prue as our Bermagui contact person. This is very exciting for us as anyone who works on a volunteer committee will know that finding 'new blood' to keep the enthusiasm high is a constant worry. So thank you all, once again *The Triangle* rises from near ashes.

September will see the start of fresh logging near Bermagui. Information so far gleaned is that this will be in the area north of the Bermagui-Cobargo Road, an area that was clear felled after the Second World War. The logs are apparently earmarked for the Batemans Bay mill. They will be logging down to 50 metres from Narira Creek and taking 50% of the canopy

around Black Lagoon. Although the initial information was supplied by State Forest, at the time of going to press this had not been confirmed.

Our area is a perfect example of



What's left after logging!

a 'green' drought. The little bits of rain that we have received have kept the paddocks greenish but the state of our dams and rivers tell the true story. Certainly hope we get some serious rainfall in spring or we will all be facing a shocking summer, especially if it throws us up some of that horrible, hot, hot weather we got last year.

A reminder to all groups interested in fund raising – *The Triangle* has an amazing inflatable screen and projector which is available at a minimum rent and with winter on the wane it is time to start thinking of getting out of the house again after dark.

We all heard/read that Council has spent \$800,000 on consultants' fees over the Wolumla Tip site fight. Well, we here at *The Triangle* did some pretty basic arithmetic and worked out – give or take a few houses – that that \$ 8 0 0 , 0 0 0 represents 400 houses, working on the average of \$2,000 a year in rates for a house

in Cobargo. Four hundred houses, well that's Bermagui. That's an awfully large chunk out of the Shire's budget gone on one issue. Is that really money well spent, especially when the issue has still not been resolved? How much are our rates going up again this year?

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Red Light on Water - Give way to Flashing Lights

Recreational boaters and professional fishermen - Give way to flashing lights on the water.

The next time you see flashing blue and red lights may be on the water – not the road. Bermagui Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (RVCP) is installing new emergency flashing lights. RVCP is entitled to use these in an emergency (rescue) situation. If you are skippering a boat and see these lights please give way as the rescue vessel will be proceeding to the emergency at greatest possible speed.

Recently the Lifeboat James T Lees was called out to an emergency involving a vessel in distress and about to wash up onto the rocks at Mystery Bay. Our volunteers responded to the emergency like trained professionals, the boat was readied for sea and set out in good time. The Skipper then had

to heave to and wait for a long line of vessels both commercial and private to enter the Harbour. With no end in sight the Skipper pushed in and forced his way through the line to put to sea. If you look, you will notice that in an emergency, the rescue vessel currently has a flashing blue light at the top of the RADAR mast (soon to be accompanied by an additional red flashing light). These lights indicate an emergency situation is in progress. If waiting is frustrating at the time, think – it could be you out there next time.

On the return of the lifeboat, if it is towing the rescued vessel, the lifeboat is required by maritime law to fly a yellow blue yellow pennant. Racing it into the harbour while it is displaying this pennant could cause an extremely dangerous situation for

everyone. Please, for the sake of five minutes, be careful and allow the RVCP to provide the care you need when bringing both you and your vessels into harbour.

So look out for the big orange boat (soon to be under the new combined Marine Rescue colours of white with an orange flash) with the flashing blue and red lights. We are here for you and we are doing our best to provide you all with the quickest and safest possible response times and we need your help to prevent the loss of life at sea. All you have to do is provide the Rescue Boat with right of way when our emergency lights are flashing.

Denise Page

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My Triangle

Marge Shipton, Cobargo

'Have you had your lunch?', Marge Shipton greeted me as I turned up to talk about her life spent dairying in the Triangle. Born in Cobargo at the home of Midwife Nurse Hadget in the early 1930s, Marge was the third child to Robert and Margaret (Hyland) Blacka. Raised on a dairy farm at Quaama and later on Tarlinton's farm "Cadjancarry" in Verona, Marge and her two older brothers helped with the hand milking.

In 1949 Marge's father was badly burnt in an accident on their Quaama farm, and was hospitalised for months. As the older brothers worked away, Marge and Margaret did the dairying and ran the Quaama farm purchased by Robert when the children were teenagers. Marge also cleaned and cooked for the Postmaster, Mr Slater. Eventually Marge's parents swapped houses with Earl and Joan Horne who had previously owned the dairy farm, as Robert's injuries prevented him from

working as hard as he needed to keep the farm viable.

Marge later worked in Cobargo at Spencer's Café opposite the present day paper shop, and the Cobargo



Marge Shipton, Cobargo born & bred

Hotel, where the passengers off the Pioneer Tour bus came every night for tea (dinner), bed and breakfast.

Marge married Neville ('Fatty')

Shipton in 1952, and they purchased "Willowsmere". While 'Fatty' worked away on other farms, Marge trapped rabbits, sprayed blackberries, fixed fences, drove the tractor and used the axe and chainsaw, as well as milked 35 cows twice a day. The cream was separated by hand for the Cobargo Butter Factory. The milk was for pigs and calves as everyone had their own cows in those days.

Fatty passed away in 1980. Marge has a son in Griffith, a daughter in Adelaide and Jenny in Wandella who works in Bermagui. There are ten grand children and seven great grand children. Grandson Joel works in Cobargo and calls in for lunch most days, and granddaughters Kayla and Danika work in Bermagui together.

Apart from caring for her family, Marge's favourite pastime is exploring the bush off the back roads with younger brother Jim Blacka of Quaama. A hard working life may have taken its toll on Marge's back but the old fashioned warmth and hospitality of an earlier era remain.

Maralyn Callaghan

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Blooming Algae

Lurking in the waterways and dams is a strange algal bloom, a light olive green in colour. Bega Valley Shire Council has been monitoring the bloom at the mouth of Narira Creek, where it flows into Black Lagoon. Their first sample taken about two weeks ago showed a high level of contaminants. The second sample showed a marked drop in the contaminant level at the estuary but still high further up the creek.

The samples have tested non toxic and Council reports that there has been no fish kill. Council is continuing to monitor the situation but is puzzled by a couple of things - the water temperature has remained at 11-12 degrees, usually judged too cold for blooms, and this bloom has been found in dams as well, although one reader reported, happily, that although the dam looked milky and murky the frogs seemed to be thriving.

Hopefully, nothing that a good ten inches of steady rain wouldn't sort out.

Local birdwatchers have reported the arrival of up to thirty percent of the total population of the highly endangered Swift Parrot in forests on the Far South Coast within the past fortnight.

The small green Swift Parrot is among the most endangered parrots in the country with less than a thousand breeding pairs remaining.

The species annually migrates between Tasmania and south eastern mainland Australia but has dramatically declined in numbers because of habitat disturbance and an unfortunate habit of colliding into windows.

NPWS Ranger, Robyn Kesby, said today that anyone who knows

anything about this very rare species is very excited about the news they have arrived in such numbers on the

Far South Coast. It is ironic that they arrive just as logging is about to resume.

Because it is so rare the Swift Parrot is the focus of intensive efforts nationally to reverse its decline. A National Recovery Program is active for the Swift Parrot with the help of volunteers in NSW, ACT, Qld, Vic and SA who help conduct national surveys twice annually that track the

movement of this species across the landscape.



Swift parrot, photo Max Sutcliffe

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Wallaga Lake Bridge Opening – 1894

I wonder whether our forefathers would have contemplated that in the twenty first century, the bridge they constructed in 1894 would still be fundamental to a primary access to Bermagui. What a wonderful contribution they made to posterity at that time.

The text of the speech below has been kindly provided by Norm Hoyer,

afterward moving to Bredbatoura through lack of water, Captain Bunn Cobargo. Narira was then unoccupied and Curlewis decided to make that his heifer station. Not seeking further, we brought the cattle down in February 1834 and men to erect hut and yards etc. On reaching Narira, we found the place had been 'jumped' and occupied by Dr Wilson of Braidwood, no doubt

George Curlewis as a heifer station till 1843, when Septimus Curlewis and I became joint possessors of the Tilba run and started dairying and pig rearing and continued on till 1846, when he sold the run to William Campbell, then of Bergalia, who stocked it with 100 picked cows and heifers bought of William and Jas Walker of Kameruka. They had

recently purchased them from the late Imlay Brothers. I remained on the station as Manager till 1856 when the cattle run was sold to the late Thomas Forster. At that time Bega was being surveyed for settlement, which I had been looking forward to, for some time, to procure a permanent home, where civilisation I hoped, would soon follow settlement. I am thankful to say it did.

I, my wife and a black boy in 1848 carried a child each on horseback across the tidal inlets, then all open to the sea, to Moruya for Baptism, by chance hearing that a visiting clergyman would be



Wallaga Lake Bridge Opening 1894. Photo from the Corkhill Collection, National Library of Australia

and was given by John Jauncey, Station Manager for the Curlewis family, and one of the first white persons to sleep at Tilba Tilba. The text has been edited slightly with some current spelling of place names. The speech gives some insight into the early history of white settlement in Tilba Tilba.

'The Residents of Tilba Tilba and neighbourhood, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I, being one of the pioneers of the Cobargo and Tilba country, I think some explanation from me will not be out of place at this large gathering of the residents of the neighbourhood, as to who were the first takers up, of the different stations [as they were then called]. As there seems to be some misconception, as to who were the first comers, I was one of a party - George Curlewis's - in search of a suitable place, to form a heifer station.

This was in November 1833. A year or so before that time, Major Elrington had taken up Wandellow. The late WD Tarlinton, Murrabraine -

induced to do so by James Nowlen, Manager for Capt Bunn at Cowdra near Braidwood.

We had with us two Aborigines, brothers Tom and Dick Toole, who said there was another 'budgery' place, Nurrung, way off on the coast. We came, we saw and settled, choosing the site for hut and yards, on the clear hills near where the Reid brothers homestead now is. The real Tilba Tilba, a far preferable place to Narira, it being unconnected with other runs, by natural boundaries.

The Currenna [Corunna] Lake was settled as the North boundary by George Curlewis, Frank Hunt, who had recently taken up Nurrama [Narooma, now Mrs Foster's Homestead] boundary, Wallaga Lake and the Dromedary.

Tilba was occupied by

there - in those times Tilba was an isolated place, on the road to nowhere, no churches, no schools, no postal communication.'

Article compiled by Harry Bate

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Community Garden Fundraising

Well on its Way

The first sausage sizzle – organised by The Triangle Community of Gardeners – was successfully held on 18 July. We would like to thank the sponsors: Robert from Benny's Butcher; Janet from Cobargo Farm; Sharon from Cobargo Bakery and especially the cook, Amiee Van Kampen, for their contributions and assistance. Thanks also the people from *The Triangle* for publishing our articles.

As you may be aware from reading reports in *The Triangle* and *Bega District News*, a small group of locals are trying to secure a space to set up a Community Garden Project for Cobargo. We may be close to securing a hectare of land within the Narira Trust

area, although still awaiting for permission to use that Crown Land.

Therefore we feel that it is pertinent and timely for community groups and residents to come and be involved and have their say, regarding organising, planning, set-up, goals, etc. The input from the community is important.

An information-gathering meeting will be held on Monday 10 August, at 7 pm, at the Cobargo CWA Hall. The next sausage sizzle is on Saturday 15 August, next to Cobargo Bakery, from 9 am to 2 pm.

See our website thetrianglecommunityofgardeners.org.au/

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'Wind Stories' Community Participation in the Four Winds Festival

A group of musicians and performing artists, Dan Scollay, Geoffrey Badger, David Hewitt, Lee Pemberton and John Bolton (director), have been commissioned to create a community performance as an opening to the 2010 *Four Winds Festival*. The performance, to take place on Dickinson Oval, will include members of our local community as well as musicians from the Festival program. The theme they have chosen is wind and local peoples' relationship with the wind.

Do you have a story to tell about the wind? It needn't be a long one, just a few words, a poem, a memory, or musings. You can write your thoughts down and send them or better still, meet for a cuppa and tell your story to Dan Scollay.

The group is hoping that locals will tell their stories as part of the performance. Dan stresses that, '[They] are not looking for great literary works, just something simple in your own words would be wonderful!' she said. Please contact Dan Scollay on 6493 4361 or send your writing to Four Winds 'Wind Stories', PO Box 73, Bermagui NSW 2546.

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WIRES

First of all, WIRES would like to thank all of the Valley's wonderful vets for the time and expertise that they donate to WIRES and other native animal rescue organisations. We would not be able to help our native fauna to the extent that we do without their help. We really do

appreciate our vets for their kindness and generosity, and we are so lucky to have them to turn to. A big thank you to them all!!!

Bega Valley residents often say that they live in paradise because of our valley's natural beauty that has been protected. Incidentally, the word paradise is derived from an Old Persian word *pairidaeza* meaning enclosure, and gardens in ancient times were generally found in enclosed courtyards.

Thus, enclosure meant garden. Gardens and paradise are closely related.

In our 'paradise' we are blessed with beautiful birds. Lots of people try to encourage these lovely creatures into their gardens. It is wonderful that our native birds are appreciated and here are some hints as to how to go about attracting and caring for them.

The best way is to plant native trees, bushes or flowers in your yard. Even if you only have a small area, one tree or a couple of bushes would appeal to the birds. If you live in a flat with no yard at all, perhaps there is a small balcony where you could put some flowerpots with natives in them.

What are some of our native birds' natural foods? The natural diet of Rosellas, Cockatoos and Galahs is native grasses, a wide range of insects and their larvae, and hardened fruits like gumnuts. Lorikeets and Honeyeaters survive on nectar and pollen from eucalypt and other native flowers. They also thrive on berries, blossoms, and insects and their larvae.

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Tilba Bites

Benefit night success

The benefit night for Greg Negus proved to be a great success with a significant amount of money being raised. Blood Line's music soon had the Drom's dance floor trembling as many locals shook the dust out of their booties. As the night progressed there were some remarkable arabesques with a particularly fine jeté from Arthur as he avoided the dainty tootsies of his partner Lyn. His landing reverberated through the village. Arthur was plugged into a heart monitoring machine at Moruya Hospital two days later, but I'm happy to report that he has since been given the all clear and has returned to his hale and hearty self. Well done all who contributed on the night.

Defining boundaries

Quite a few people are wrestling with the implications of the new Eurobodalla Environment Plan. The detailed maps appear to be confusing to some as a well known Bermagui identity speaking as a witness in a Narooma court case referred to Tilba as being "a northern suburb of Bermagui". Now I've nothing against the fair town of Bermagui, but this is taking somewhat of a geographic liberty. No doubt we'll soon be seeing an inner city metro to the suburbs of Beauty Point and Akolele. One can only hope the magistrate wasn't too confused.

Baseball gets going

The Tilba Valley Baseball Club is going from strength to strength since being formed in 2008 and now has two teams, the Foxes and the Cubs. The driving force behind the club is Martin (don't mention Stoke United) Pye and his lovely wife Robyn. The teams have been drawing good crowds to the Tilba Sportsground with catering being

provided by the inimitable Mutt (sorry, Marty) and Jeff. One feature of the club is the strong female representation, with 2008 players Cheryl and Annie since being joined by Jo and Sharon. The 2008 President Kellie handed over the reins to Tagan in 2009 and her sister Golda is current Vice-President. No glass ceiling here! Tilba-based male players include Ry, Charles and demon pitcher Kurt, with others being drawn from the surrounding area. The Cubs have just become minor premiers in the South Coast Baseball Association's league and beat Moruya to advance to the Grand Final. As the Foxes play in this week's other semi-final there's a real chance of the two Tilba teams battling it out in the final. Not bad for an outfit currently acknowledged to be the smallest baseball club in Australia!

The school holidays saw numerous tourists around Tilba taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather. When, oh when, will we get some reasonable rain? The climate continues to confuse. I normally don't start pruning until August but have had to attack a plum tree that's already in bloom. Would that I could take the secateurs to a certain Senator Fielding!

Richard Tilzey

'Hooked On Learning':

Bermagui Public School

Bermagui has had a primary school since 1876 when, under pressure from some local families, a half time school was opened to cater for the 15 children in the immediate area. They shared their teacher, a Mr Michael Doyle, with Tilba Tilba, another half time school.

Mr Doyle had the unenviable task of riding the 20 miles between the schools, or braving the hazardous Wallaga Lake crossing. Things are a bit easier for the teachers of today, drowning en route to work not being an OH&S issue.

Numbers have swollen in the past decades. Now 170 children attend the school. The staff (unthinkable to the courageous Mr Doyle), include 11 full time teachers, a full time Aboriginal education officer, three administration staff, five teachers' aides and a general assistant, making the school one of the largest employers in the area.

The school is widely recognised as a leader of innovation in the delivery of quality teacher and learning, with the teachers trained in Accelerated Literacy which engages the students in rich literacy and a deep understanding of text.

A scientific approach is implemented at all levels, the three focuses being significance, quality learning environment and intellectual quality, to support the students in areas of knowledge, engagement and problem solving.

All students have access to lessons in Japanese, music and gymnastics, a nice balance. There is also a combined sports activity for the younger students.

Years Three to Six have been engaged in special homework tasks, including the challenge of taking an egg home to look after, paint and encourage it to perform tasks!?

The school parliament appears more organised than that other more notable one. Prime Minister Matilda Trendall, Deputy Jay Kildea, members of their Ministry and Year 6, organised an activity to raise money for the flying doctor service. The activity, aptly,

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Pat's Piece

Philosophy – now there's a word I love. I might have studied it, had I not been in the middle of the Great Depression. Meanwhile, on Radio National I have been listening to a reading of the late Dorothy Hewett's autobiography, where the opening pages threw me back into a sea of memories. It's strange to have lived long enough to remember boiling the copper every Monday morning then spending the whole day in that small annex at the back of the house washing clothes, when today I have this neat little machine where I press a button and, hey presto! – the washing is done.

What the hell has this got to do with philosophy, I hear you ask. Well, I believe that somewhere between these two eras we've had stolen from us two very important commodities: *time* and *contentment*. And why? Because we all seem to have this mad desire to create a better 'lifestyle', whatever that is, no longer do we indulge ourselves in "Sometimes I just sits and thinks, and sometimes I just sits". And for what? Well from where I'm sitting it's about

two people occupying a double-storey mansion with four bedrooms and three bathrooms alongside their double garage full of stuff they never use, and a debt over their heads that will probably never be paid in their lifetime, all down to the new god of consumerism who tells them they must own whatever gadget that comes along while they try to crack the imaginary glass ceiling of whatever career they have chosen.

My argument is that surely if our minds are liberated we can scrub the toilet until it gleams then stand back and admire our handiwork with the same pride that the CEO of a large corporation feels if business is doing well. Now tell me, who between the two of us has more time to read a book, listen to music, visit a friend, smell the roses and watch the birds in the garden? Of course technology has its place but surely we have to control it rather than the opposite.

At this particular moment in history this all-invasive, demanding brute has us all running so hard we're likely to fall over the cliff before we realise it's there. Don't get me wrong – I love my electric blanket, especially on a cold winter's night, but I don't have a computer, a mobile phone or a microwave oven, which means that "sometimes I just sits!"

So why don't we all take a deep breath and slow down a little while you forgive me for this self-indulgent philosophising!

Pat Thompson



'Hooked On Learning': Bermagui Public School

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involved the design of paper planes.

A yearly highlight is NAIDOC week. This year's plans include a BBQ of bush tucker including crocodile. The bush tucker garden is expected to produce other delicacies by next year.

The active P&C organises fundraisers such as the Spring Fair. November 14th is the date for your diaries this year.

Bermagui is proud of the quality of teaching, the students and the support given to it by the local community.

This wraps up our 'Mini Series' on the primary schools in the Triangle. We think they are great, all unique in their way, but the same in their pride, support and nurturing of their pupils. Soon there will be an amalgamation of primary schools in Bega, leaving one school of up to 500 pupils! How daunting for the average five year old just starting their school life. We are so fortunate to have these smaller establishments where children can learn and grow with real individuality.

Sallie Hand



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Bermi Banter

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Janelle and Shirley of Lamont's

The café was previously owned by Luke and Ivana Casacelli; Ivana is now concentrating on young Joshua instead of Portuguese tarts while Luke concentrates on Bermagui Realty. They extend their thanks to the community for their patronage and wish Shirley and team all the best.

Zumba Latin rhythms, resistance training and freestyle aerobics fitness classes are commencing in August at the Community Hall, Tuesday and Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Contact Kumi on 0412 638 071 or email: zuccakumi@hotmail.com

Our beautiful harbour has been blessed with a multitude of vessels recently, and the gracious skipper of the *Furneaux Explorer* has been a pleasant recent visitor to spend time with. A 1950s cray fisherman in the Furneaux Group off Tassie's north-east coast, Brian has spent the last 20 years living on board, and is on his annual migration north. Russell Drysdale, Eric Worral, lighthouse keepers and

caretakers of wind swept islands, have enjoyed this gentleman's company on early commercial adventures.

Returning to her home town with husband in tow is Luran Hankinson, photographer with 'bitofadoo' event visuals and music. Moving images video production and music to get people bouncing is Rufus Hankinson's gig. Check out www.bitofadoo.com for beautiful bride photos.

Pilates and ultimate Stretch for Health programs are conducted in Bermagui by Hazel Davenport at her Holistic Pilates Studio. General fitness classes and Pilates equipment-based private sessions are also available with Hazel, who has been practising Pilates since 1993 and has extensive post-graduate qualifications in the use of Pilates, based on the latest scientific research. Pilates is part of the Australian Institute of Sport training. It is a body conditioning method designed to activate and strengthen muscles in a correct, controlled sequential manner. Enquiries to Hazel on 6493 5304.



(L-R) Garry Campbell, Muriel Campbell, Laurel Lloyd-Jones, Edwin Lloyd-Jones.

There was a high level of community support at a recent fund-raising dinner for Franciscan Sister, Laurel Lloyd-Jones (pictured above). Laurel is the Executive Director of the Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust founded in 1983, which works to uphold human

rights, social justice, and environmental care.

The dinner was held at the Bermagui CWA Hall and many in the community provided assistance with dinner preparations. Kris Ralph and Tony King of 'Making Whoopee' fame provided the musical entertainment, along with donations of photographic artworks, and a Green Gables B&B accommodation gift voucher for auction as well as many wonderful raffle prizes. Everyone expressed how much they had enjoyed the evening and already plans are being mooted for another event to lend support to defray legal costs.

Maralyn Callaghan



Changing of the guard at Country Club



Geoff Vercoe, newly elected President of Bermagui Country Club

Geoff Vercoe was elected President of the Bermagui Country Club for a three year term at the AGM. Retiring from the Police Force in Sydney in 1995 to live permanently in Bermagui, he and wife Fran have had a holiday home here since 1976. Fran is a local Bermagui girl and they have three adult children and one grandchild christened in Bermagui in early July.

Geoff has held the position of secretary of both the Bowling and Golf Clubs and is currently Treasurer of the Golf Club. Geoff's vision is for the Club

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to work with members and the community in a supportive role, encompassing honesty to develop the trust of the community that may have been lost in recent years. Mr Vercoe said that the subdivision of land adjoining Parbery and Nutleys Creek Road by the Club and their partner is waiting on Ministerial approval. Once approved, the land value should go sky high, and will ensure the future prosperity of the Club and the community. A staged housing development over 15-20 years is envisaged.

The club currently employs thirty-eight locals from the Triangle community.

Maralyn Callaghan



Don and June Rumball

At the Annual General Meeting of the Bermagui Country Club, on Sunday 28 June, the Board of Directors and attending members bestowed the honour of Life Membership on retiring President, and local resident, Don Rumball. Don, now aged seventy six years, has been a member of the Bermagui Country Club since 1987. He retired from the Royal Australian Airforce and with his wife June moved to Bermagui.

Club life appealed to Don and he was elected to the Board of Directors in 1991. Apart from a period of three years between 1997 and 2000, when illness interrupted his service, Don continued to be a Board member at the Club in all a period of sixteen years, culminating with the last three as President.

Don has not only been active as a Board member, but also a participating Sports Member. He has a contributory membership of Men's Bowls, and he was President of that organisation between 1992 and 1995. He played Pennant Bowls from 1989 to 2000. On the way through, he was a member of the winning team of Mixed Pairs. He is also a member of the Fishing Club and has been since 2001, and he was good enough to win the title of Champion Male angler for the past three years.

Don was absolutely committed to his role at the Bermagui Country Club. He has an outstanding knowledge of the Licensed Club industry, an excellent knowledge of the progress and growth of the Club and he has been part of the decision making that has made the Club what it is today.

Now what will Don do in his second "retirement"? Rumour has it that there is a new caravan in the yard!

Brian Fennessy

photovoltaic system at the pre-school.

The winner of the tender to supply and install the system, Origin Energy, has been advised of the department's approval and has been asked to schedule the installation as soon as possible. Clean Energy for Eternity member Bill Southwood assisted the pre-school in assessing tenders, arranging site inspections and liaising with Origin Energy and he will advise us of the installation date as soon as it is locked in.

This is a very successful outcome deserving congratulations to both Pre-School and the CEFE fundraising teams.

Jo Lewis

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Delay in Solar Installations

Pyramid Power advised today (July 24) that no approvals have been received from Canberra for residential solar panel installations.

Applications lodged on May 7 for the free public building installations (including Cobargo School of Arts Hall, Little Yuin Pre-School and the Murrah Hall) have only recently come through and Pyramid is expecting the same delay for households, ie mid to late August.

However, approved public building installations are due to start early in August.

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Bermagui Co-op Update

The original Bermagui Co-op was established in 1946 on the site of the present fish and chip shop near the fish weighing station, which makes the current building under construction the third co-op building. Forgetting Zane Gray or Bob and Dolly Dwyer who fished for pleasure, fishing for profit has been one of the main industries of Bermagui for over sixty years.

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Solar: Sofar Sogood

News has come in from CEFE that the combined fundraising efforts of Clean Energy for Eternity and the Bermagui Pre-School together with support from the Bega Valley Shire Council has resulted in approval by DEWHA (Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts) for the installation of the government-subsidised 2KW

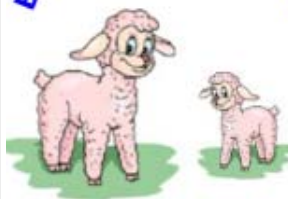


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Quintessentially Quaama

Goldfields Tour a Hit with Quaama School

A group of 26 students and five parent/teachers set out on a very damp morning recently to explore the history of the Montreal Goldfields near Wallaga Lake. The excursion was organised to give the students some hands-on knowledge to compliment class studies.

Under threatening skies they set off to explore the field under the guidance of several volunteer guides covering from the time Henry Williams and party discovered alluvial gold in a shingle deposit on the beach north of Bermagui in September 1880. Williams and his crew had actually been looking for alluvial gold eroded down from the

reef on Mt Dromedary.

The students were told about how Montreal is unique, not only because of its shingle deposits and its seams of perched gravel but it is the only goldfield right on the coast in NSW, possibly Australia. It is also unique for the disappearance of the Government surveyor, Henry Lamont Young, creating the Bermagui Mystery which was a real hit with the students. They came up with many theories as to what had happened to Young.

They found it hard to believe that within three weeks there were 2000 diggers on the field working the area between Wallaga Lake and the ocean. There were butcheries, bakeries, stores, a chemist, three hotels, a receiving office and a newspaper, some of them operating out of tents.

Students learned how shaft sinking was accomplished using picks and shovels with the mined material

being raised to the surface using a windlass with a bucket. The students studied the workings of the windlass system and imagined just how hard the miners worked digging and could see why shaft dimensions were kept to a minimum with just enough room for one person.

By the end of 1883 the settlement of Montreal was almost a ghost town. Very little gold was being mined and very few people remained on the site. Many of the diggers moved on to Bermagui as the gold petered out, finding work in the developing timber and wattlebark industries and on nearby farms growing produce for the Sydney market.

With the rains holding off, the students completed some word and game activities to reinforce what they had learnt then headed into Bermagui for lunch.

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The Nardy Perma what?

The Nardy House PermaBlitz was a huge expression of goodwill and community, a coming together of disparate elements all determined to make a difference. The underlying theme promoted the Permaculture basic principles - "care of the earth, care of people and sharing the surplus". Permaculture stresses the value of fresh produce grown using organic guidelines. It is a concept which aims to design productive systems that can vary in scale from the pocket handkerchief-sized backyard to an acreage capable of supporting many families.

When this concept is linked to a long standing

project and much valued community asset such as Nardy House the results are phenomenal.

Between eighty and one

hundred volunteers helped with the work, building raised garden beds which can be tended from a wheelchair, treading the mud and forming the mudballs that went into creating the cob oven, weeding existing beds, mulching, planting and providing tea, coffee and refreshments to sustain the army of workers.

The materials donated were amazing: one hundred and twenty massive timber sleepers; the use of a post hole digger; a water tank; vegetables and herbs ready to plant out. Donors included Hayes Haulage, Sapphire NuPulse, the



The community came out in force for the Nardy House PermaBlitz last month.

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The Nardy Perma what?

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Cobargo Co-op, Bermagui Mitre 10 and Illawambra Natives and in addition many volunteers arrived carrying contributions along with their gardening gloves and tools.

The event was driven by Cobargo local Ray Buckley, Transition Bega and the Bega Valley Permaculture community.

The Permablitz concept was initially developed in Victoria in the Melbourne area and introduced in the Bega Valley by Transition Bega where local Permaculture designers have remained true to the twelve design principles, namely: observe and interact, catch and store energy, obtain a yield, apply self regulation and accept feedback, use and value renewable resources and services, produce no waste, design from pattern to detail, integrate rather than segregate, use small and slow solutions, use and value diversity, use the edges and value the marginal, creatively use and respond to change.

Nardy House currently offers respite care for profoundly disabled people and work has started on an additional wing which will eventually offer permanent residential accommodation

Jo Lewis
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Brogo Babble

Nardy Pardy

Wow! What a turn up to the Nardy Permablitz, great going guys. We participated and got Cliff all sweaty and in Rita's case rather muddy. Thanks Grant, and "mud in your eye" too!

Took a grand photo of Brendon in his wheelchair. We gave him a huge



Brendon makes cobs for ever.

mound of mud to make into "cobs" and he smiled all day, especially when we lobbed them at Heidi to stack! Wonderful community effort to be proud of, hats off to all the grubby glovers.

Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre

Just a note to say, what a marvellous time for families can be had on the Beach Walk at Eden. Our hopeful family trip didn't come about but we two grandparents went along and had an informative time finding "elephants", glass and mulberries plus lots of other things including an octopus. The kids leapt about like gazelles finding the items that our guide Alan Scrymgeour requested. Alan has the gift of enthusing all, young and old, and speaking from a vast knowledge of the sea and its contents. Rita did find an enviable piece of broken thick green glass bottle "at least 100 years old" which sits in a sunny window. The Marine Centre has lots of bits too with magnifiers handy. Good fun! Thanks Alan and Co.

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Cobargo Conversations

Cobargo School P&C are holding a family bush dance on Saturday 22 August at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall. A kids' sell and swap market will be held on the lawns of the Hall from 3pm - 4.30pm with our local kids selling or swapping their toys, books, clothes etc (adult shoppers are very welcome).

Dancing kicks off at 5pm with Gordon Budd and his Irish dance troupe accompanied by local musos to get everyone up and moving. Local youth talent will be performing in-between as we all stop to catch our breath.

There will be scrumptious home cooked food available to purchase for dinner, consisting of filling soups and bread or hot beef rolls, hot and cold beverages plus a few sweet treats.

A kids' trivia will be held with fantastic prizes, only \$2 entry fee.

The raffle prize will be a family pool pass to the Cobargo pool - not long until we all show our lily whites and hit the water again. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the prize will be drawn on the night.

All monies raised from this fantastic family occasion will go towards landscaping our new-look school. With four new classrooms on site and another two new rooms arriving soon, it's time to re-veg the school grounds with lush natives and a working vegetable patch for our children to be proud of as a place of learning, nurturing and sharing of the plentiful produce.

Entry for the event is \$10 per family or \$5 a single.

Maryann Green

Red Nose Day

Friday 26 June was Red Nose Day. Cobargo Public School wore red on the day and had a very successful stall at lunch time selling lots of red nose novelty items. We would like to thank all the students and staff for their kind support. We would also like to thank the Cobargo business people and the Cobargo and Bermagui communities for their generous support. We raised \$1368 - a great effort for a small community.

*Thank you,
Guy and Tania Lingard*

Change Afoot

A controversial change to Cobargo's streetscape will be happening soon. Council finally called for tenders for the removal of McCarthy's House and the levelling of the site and the building of the whatever. Tenders closed on 15 July. Having heard about applying for contract work for Council, we hope that the work method statements are written and will watch out for the 'tool box' talks each morning before work!

Antiquities Abound in Cobargo

The third biannual antiques appraisal was held in Cobargo on Saturday 18 July. If you missed it you will have to ponder on the worth and rarity of your treasures for a couple of years until the 'road show' hits town again.

Around 80 people attended, some with up to 12 items each. It was lovely to see some young people attending and showing a real interest,

not only on the objet d'art that they brought in, but in the items in general. Collectors of the future, hopefully. Spectators were welcome to attend, some were so riveted by the action that they stayed all day!

Cobargo is fortunate to have a friend in Alan Landis, one of Australia's leading experts in fine arts, Australian art and a specialist in English ceramics; he gives his time free of charge as he really likes the town. How nice! He certainly seemed to be having a good time, his enthusiasm lasted the whole day, with a smile and a genuine interest in the items offered for appraisal.

Assisting Alan were Mr T Hoynes, conservator and specialist on paintings, and Ms B Tworek Matusziewicz, also a conservator with her specialty being the conservation of objects in general.

The general consensus on the most unusual and rare item was a 1911 edition of 'The Tale of the Fierce Bad Rabbit' by Beatrix Potter. This came in the form of a fold out book, and none of the experts had seen one of these before.

This event is organised by the Tourist and Business Association. It works from a nil budget and is run by volunteers. They did a great job and brought many people into the town for the day, which has to be good in winter!

Sallie Hand



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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

Movement at the Station

The Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade has had a busy and eventful month. We had several call-outs including two motor vehicle accidents, one of which was at the notorious Dignams Creek section of the Princes Highway. The rest were grass and bush fires. Bega Cheese has generously donated more than \$13,000 to the Bega Valley Rural Fire Brigades which will be distributed to the 26 Brigades in the form of equipment. Our Brigade has requested one GPS and one Kestral Weather Meter which will greatly assist us at fire incidents.

Andrew Spencer has been busy in Cobargo township surveying all hydrants in the Village. Only one has had to have major work performed. Hopefully new or upgraded hydrant markers will be visible soon.

Saturday 25 July was very

successful with the Fire Wise Community Education Trailer parked outside the Post Office. Plenty of

it and a HUGE thank you to the community who have supported us.

Whilst I was sitting there selling tickets a

w o m a n scuttled past me, looking as if in pain. Before I could say anything, she informed me she had gas. It took me a while to decipher!

A big THANK YOU to Jen Hunt from ABC Radio who came out on Saturday to do



Fire Wise in Cobargo last month: advice, literature and

advice, literature and giveaways were handed out. The trailer load of firewood we are raffling was on show next to Bangles Gallery. Thanks to the Brigade members who cut and split

interviews, which have since been aired; the exposure has been a bonus for our Brigade.

Janet



Twilight opening hours for Bermagui Library

From 25 August, Bermagui's library will be open to readers on Tuesdays until 7.00pm for a three month trial period.

To celebrate National Book Week the first evening will include a panel discussion by avid local readers of the hugely successful *Twilight* series by Stephanie Meyer plus a display of fantasy and vampire novels held in the Shire's collections. Together with black jelly beans and balloons there will be lucky door prizes – a poster of Edward from the movie is one. So, join the fun while the lights are on in the Bermagui

Communication and Technology Centre.

Further Book Week celebrations include the second *Bermagui Big Book Day* on Saturday 29 August in the CTC. Come at 12.00 and hear Jim Shepherd, Australian publisher (and avid collector) of Phantom comics (for more on Jim go to www.frewpublications.com.au). Enjoy lunch by SCPA and bring the children to Puppets and Stories in the library from 2.00 pm. Finish with Words and Music in the Hall featuring local poets and musos. All events

welcome a gold coin donation and proceeds assist the Friends of BVS Libraries, Inc. to add value to the collections.

Supporting Book Week, the Shire is hosting *IMPACT: a changing land*, a NSW State Library Travelling Exhibition. Bermagui is lucky to have it. Usually these go to larger centres and Bermagui misses out. *IMPACT* features exquisite accounts of Australians' impacts upon the land in which they live.

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Sometimes we at *The Triangle* hear stories that are so good that we squirm to publish them. This one is straight out of Hagar the Horrible or Dagwood and Blondie. So no names no pack drills ...

Many years ago a happily married couple, now living in the Triangle, was living out west. Their 'house' was a camp site and they had two small children. 'Dad' tells 'Mum' that he's off to the pub to pick up a slab of beer. Three days later he reappears

with a cheerful, 'Hi honey, I'm home'.

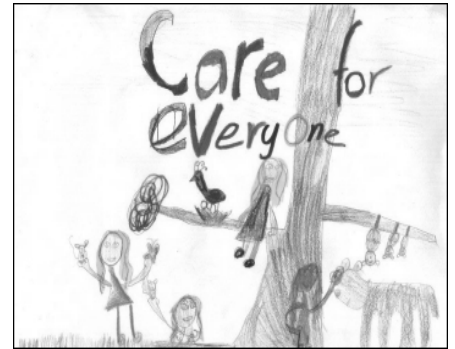
Mum, without a thought, whacks Dad across the head with a cast iron frying pan, laying him out cold, where he was left in the sun and no doubt dehydrated after three days in the pub! No rolling pin for this Mum.

'He had the biggest egg on his head I've ever seen', said Mum, and yes they are still happily married and Dad has never disappeared to the pub for three days again!



The Triangle and Bega Valley Shire does not support or condone domestic violence at any level. People who experience domestic violence should contact the Police to report it, or seek help from their doctor or other support service.

Postcards against violence



Women's Resource Centre has received funding through Victims Services NSW to produce 10 non violence postcards with images by local children and young people.

The Women's Resource centre would like to invite children and young people to participate by submitting an A4 artwork which illustrates the theme of non-violence.

The message of the non violence postcards is to: educate people about the need to eliminate domestic violence and acts of violence towards women and children; highlight the importance of friendships; encourage peace amongst people; raise awareness that all types of violence are unacceptable; portray a positive message about non violence; and show support for a safer community.

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Re-homed last week were Carla, the 8 year old female grey Persian cross; Jackson, a 16 week old black male kitten;

and Jed, a 4 year old male Maltese x Shih Tzu.

Give the AWL FSC branch adoption line a call on 0400 372 609 if you would like to put your name on the waiting list or would like to know more about these lovely companion animals.

Did you know ...

It is estimated that well in excess of 100,000 healthy companion animals are euthanased across Australia each year. Animal Welfare League Far South Coast Branch volunteers raise money so they can provide a de-sexing subsidy programme where subsidies are paid to people experiencing financial hardship, to help with the costs of de-sexing their cats and dogs and they also run the subsidised pet re-homing scheme for animals that are unwanted or have been surrendered due to their owner's inability to care for them. These programmes aim to keep the number of euthanased animals in this area in check.

Pet owners should take into consideration the health benefits associated with the de-sexing of their pet and also the financial benefits when registering a neutered dog or cat. If you need financial help to have your animal de-sexed please collect a subsidy application form from any Bega Valley Shire Vet before your animal reaches 6 months of age.

Please note that Far South Coast Branch Animal

Welfare League NSW volunteers raise the funds to support this de-sexing subsidy and do not receive any Government funding. Donations can be sent to AWLNSW FSC Branch PO Box 101A Bermagui 2546.



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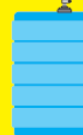


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Art in The Triangle

Cobargo Students Play Recorder at Opera House

For the fourth year in a row students from Cobargo Public School have participated in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. This series of concerts organised by the Arts Unit of the Department of Education showcases music from public school students around the state and includes a massed recorder ensemble.

On Monday 1st June, 2009, at Bega Public School, Susan Sukkar, the mover and shaker behind the concert and our conductor at the Opera House, held a rehearsal for the three schools participating from our region: Candelo, Cobargo and Bega Public Schools. This was a big deal as she hasn't visited this area before. Thanks to Jane Grose, Candelo parent and recorder teacher, for organising Susan's visit.

At the Opera House the students played with other students from all over the State and had the opportunity to watch the whole concert. The concert was amazing with items from a huge range of ensembles. For one of the

pieces the 700 recorders were joined on stage by 200 string players which shows the incredible scale of the production.

For some of the rural kids this was their first trip to Sydney which made it even more exciting. As always the Cobargo students performed and behaved beautifully. Thanks to Carrie Evans, Ellen Evans, Lillian Green, Tiarna Roots, Makayla Spires and Lucinda Walker who all worked hard to master their recorders and the pieces. The music is quite challenging and the potential to drive the other household inhabitants mad is high, \triangle thanks to the supportive families. Thanks also to Sonia Evans, parent and teacher's aide, who learnt the recorder in a flash so we could have an adult sitting with both parts.

This experience also forges collaborative rather than competitive links with other schools. As part of the SCLC Performing Arts Festival, on 18 August, the Cobargo recorder players will be performing two of the pieces with recorder players from Candelo and Bega, accompanied by high school students on other instruments.

Jude Walker



Sculpture by the Sea

At *Sculpture by the Sea*, Phil Spelman's prominent and commanding bright red work *Inca* (next page) was a sister work to the one he exhibited in Bermagui this year.

Bruce Radke's *Kvartet* (Quartet, pictured below) offered a visually floating, luminous, and metallic coloured form nearby.



Bruce Radke's *Kvartet*



Kris and Tony from 'Beautifully Mad' will play at the Yuin Folk Club on Saturday 15 August. Enquiries: Coral Vorbach 6493 6758 or 0427 919 010.

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The Art of Language

Language is an ever-changing phenomenon. Words change in their usage and meaning, sometimes over decades, sometimes over centuries.

Last month we published a list of 'Neologisms' from the *Washington Post* competition. Here are a few more.

The *Washington Post's* Style Invitational asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are this year's winners:

1. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

2. Foreploy (v): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

3. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

4. Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

5. Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

6. Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

7. Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness.

8. Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

9. Karmageddon (n): its like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like,

the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

10. Decafalon (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

11. Glibido (v): All talk and no action.

12. Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

13. Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after

you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

14. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

15. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature:

16. Ignoranus (n): A person who's stupid AND an as*hole.

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We still have the same services including copying from VHS to DVD which is also very popular, laser color printing, photocopying, book binding, laminating A4 & A3, camera to disc, faxing, CD burning, high speed internet access, and basic computer training, all at

very reasonable prices.

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Reminder to those of you who need to phone Centrelink, fax off your fortnightly statement (our staff can assist) or have original documents sighted, it can be done from our private access centre in Bermagui, it saves a trip to Narooma or Bega.

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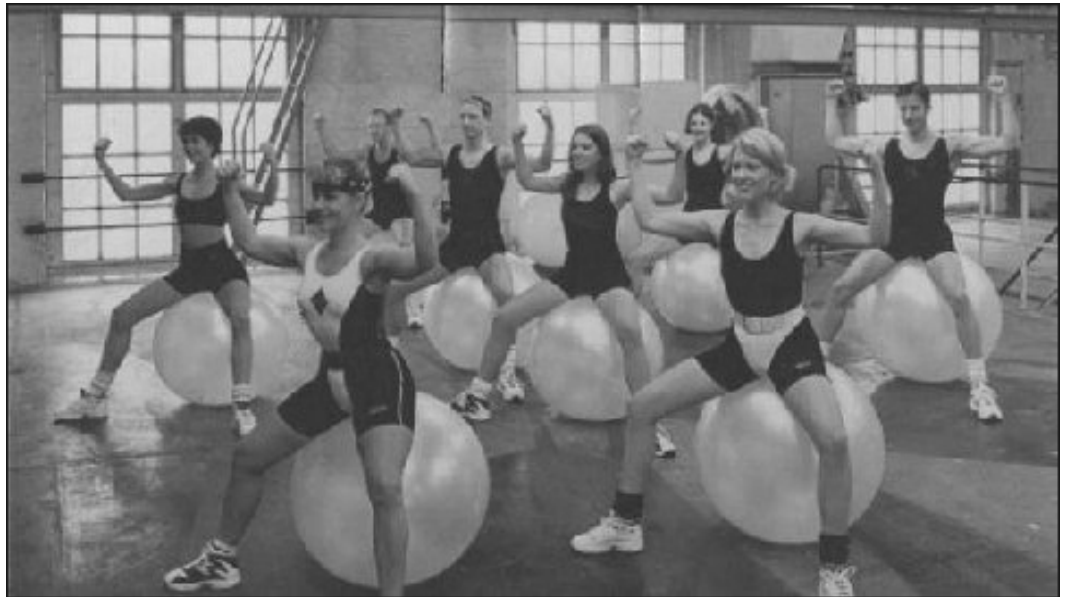
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A. USB flash drive is a key-size portable storage device that plugs into a computer's USB port. Though the

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The hazards of eating bubble gum!

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Soft Footprint Recipes



Hi everyone, I found a beaut chip recipe in a Greek cook book, it is simple and delicious. Use good floury potatoes to get the best result.

Ingredients:

1 kg potatoes peeled and cut into large chips.

130 ml olive oil

Juice of one lemon

1 teaspoon oregano

3 teaspoons thyme

300 ml water

Olive oil to grease the baking dish

Method:

Pre heat oven to 200 degrees.

Arrange the chunky chips in a lightly oiled baking dish. Blend half of the olive oil with the lemon juice until smooth, then pour evenly over the potatoes. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the herbs.

Pour in the water and cook potatoes in the oven for 30 minutes, drizzle with the remaining oil and bake till golden ... around 30 minutes.

Check the seasoning and add more salt and pepper if necessary.

These are great on their own with

a salad as main course or a lovely side dish for BBQ fish or meat.

Kiwi Fruit

Colin and Anne Browne of Cuttagee have some organic kiwi fruit ready to go and I'm very keen on the idea of using them instead of tomatoes in chutneys and pickles. Here is a Kiwi Fruit relish recipe to try.

Ingredients:

2 kg peeled and chopped kiwi fruit

4 large onions

4 cups sugar

2.5 cups white vinegar

1 tablespoon curry powder

1 dessertspoon mustard

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/2 cup plain flour to thicken

Method

Peel and dice onions and sprinkle with salt and let stand while you prepare the kiwi fruit.

Peel and dice kiwi fruit, not too small! Drain the onions, rinse and pat dry.

Place vinegar and sugar into a large pan to boil, when boiling add the kiwi fruit and onions, simmer for half an hour.

Mix the spices with the plain flour and add some vinegar to make a smooth paste. *Take the relish off the*

stove and cool slightly or you will have curry dumplings! Add the thickening to the relish and return to the stove and stir till thickened. Makes around 10 medium jars.

*Happy cooking,
Carole Broadhead*



Mullet Ova



Cool waters offshore have slowed the Yellow Fin and Albacore bite

considerably. We await a push of warmer water down the coast to provide a point of difference for these fish to hold in. See Bee and Mr Hooker ventured 60km off shore on Sunday to find the Blue Fin. They found them and saw some sizable fish come out of the water but failed to hook up.

Reef fishing continues to be excellent with good numbers of Snapper to 2kg being taken readily, the Four and Six Mile reefs being the prime spots. Paul Lazzaro and sons anchored up on the bottom of the Six Mile to bag out and release some 20 fish also.

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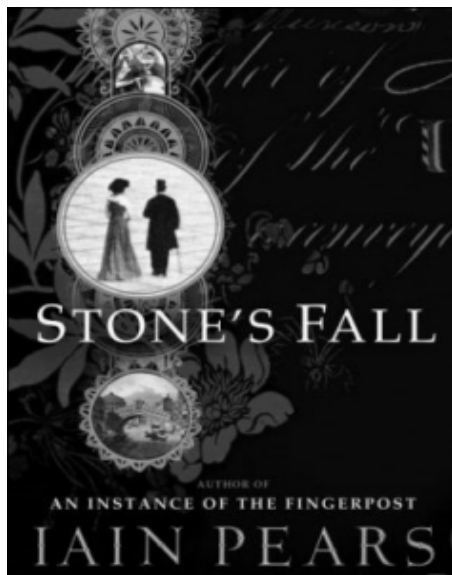
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**Iain Pears,
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For all those who loved Iain Pears's first novel, *An Instance of the Fingerpost*, here is yet another delight,



and one just as fascinating as much because of (again) the unusual structure, as because of the enjoyable story line. Chronologically, the story unfolds backwards – from London in 1905 when John Stone, the main character, dies by falling from a window, back to Venice in 1867 when he becomes the narrator of the story. John Stone is an immensely wealthy armaments manufacturer and I was constantly struck by modern parallels as he manipulates the international financial markets. The mystery of his death is central to the plot, but the truth

is not revealed until the final chapter – a real twist which you'll never guess. Like *The Fingerpost*, it's one of those books best read in one or two sessions – a real winter treat from the Bermagui library.

Speaking of treats, while on holidays I read two other books by the author of *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, Paul Tordray: *The Girl on the Landing* and *The Irresistible Inheritance of Wilberforce* – both terrific, especially the latter. *Salmon Fishing* is also in the library now – so call in soon, and don't forget to take some of your unwanted books to help build up the collection.

Heather O'Connor



Bermagui Co-op Update

(Continued from page 9)

Allan Broadhurst, Co-op Director, reports that building works remain on track to be finished by early September, leaving two months for tenants to fit out their individual premises. There are two shops and one office space not allocated at this stage, however as current leaseholders plan their fit-outs, interest remains high in the three available vacant premises. Confirmed tenants include a wine bar, Asian restaurant, take-away fish and chips, coffee shop, men's clothing outfitters and gift shop with professional offices to be confirmed.



Progress at the Co-op.

Architect Philip Cox has commissioned local sculptor Peter (Beagle) Collins to do an art sculpture to enhance the exterior building works, and a Melbourne businessman with close trade links to the Co-op has also offered to pay for a sculpture of a teenager repairing his net. Both these works first of course have to be approved by our Council.

Other facilities will include a lift for the disabled, public toilets and a laundromat for visiting yachties, although visiting boats are finding berths limited as wharf space is not always readily available. Boats tie up sometimes two and three abreast of each other, said Co-op Manager Rocky Lagana.

The working hub of the co-op will take centre stage and includes the fish handling facility, co-op office where Sue Lockton presides, the forklift operation and ice machine building. The noise from the ice machine will be

minimal as this section of the building has been made from double bricks with cement block infills.

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Meets once a month. Venues vary. For info phone
Ana Walker 0417 936 746/6493 6746 or visit
www.thetrianglecommunityofgardeners.org.au

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

2nd Wednesday every month, 8pm - CWA Rooms.
Contact Lynn Parr 6493 6795.

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yo and over. Caring for your
child's early education. Chris McKnight, 6493 6660.

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets quarterley. Hall bookings and enquiries
Maryann Green 6493 6280.

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

Children 6 - 15yrs wanting to learn new skills, enjoy
outdoor activities, have fun. Meetings 6.30pm to
8pm in school term Cobargo Showground dining
hall. Contact Graham Parr on 6493 6795, Jim
Abraham on 6493 6668

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month, Cobargo
CWA Cottage 6pm. Phone Helen Stafford 6493 6572

COBARGO CWA

CWA Rooms Cobargo - 2nd Tues of the month
10.30am. Enq. Dawn Evans 6493 7301, Cottage Hire
6493 6428

TILBA GROWERS' MARKET

Grow it, Make it, Bake it, Sew it begins each Sat., 8am
to 1pm in Central Tilba Hall. Tables may be shared
so book with Annie Eldridge on 4473 7338 or email
annieandtrevor@hotmail.com.

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

A non-denominational ladies Bible study group
meets at the Union Church, West Street, at 9.45am
every Tuesday. All ladies welcome. Ph Maree
Selby 6493 3057 or Lyn Gammage 6493 4960

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

Bermagui Sports Stadium. Social Badminton -
Tuesdays 2 to 4pm, Sundays 10am to 12noon.
Contact Heather on 6493 6310. Competition
Badminton - Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm.
Contact Nicci on 6493 6602.

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

West Street, Bermagui.
Family Service 11.00 a.m. All Welcome.

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB

AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.
Monday mornings: Porcelain Art, Tuesday
Mornings: Needlework/Patchwork and Art,
Thurs. am: Embroidery and Leadlighting, Fri. am:
Pottery, Friday pm - 2nd & 4th Fri. each month:
Spinning. Visitors and new members welcome.
Ph. 6493 3445.

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

16 Young Street Bermagui. Meetings every
Tuesday 6pm. Ph. 6493 4199

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the
Bermagui Red Cross. Gary Stevens, 6493 6581

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

Fri. am in school term 10am - 12pm Bermagui
Preschool, Young St, Bermagui. Ph: 6493 4183.

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Needs new members. Those interested please
phone Rod Moore on 6493 5068. Meet 1st Thurs.
each month at Bermagui Country Club & 3rd
Thurs. at Cobargo Hotel at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium
Bermagui Country Club at 7.00pm. Ladies and
men. Contact Joy on 6493 5104.

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

Meet at 11am every Wed for morning tea and
friendship. Newcomers always welcome. Bring a
plate. Contact Lorna 6493 8417 or Judith 6493
8347 for next Wed's venue.

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.
Dianne Smithett, 6493 8590.

QUAAMA BAND

Come & join a community band. All levels
welcome. Sundays 3 - 6 at the Quaama Hall. Ph.
Greg 6493 8240.

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui
Country Club, with Nancy Casu, qualified fitness
instructor. 'Heart Moves' and 'Tai Chi' program.
Cost \$8, free introductory class. Contact Penny
Levin (Pres.) 6493 5602 or Jan McCartney (sec.)
6493 3573.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

Folk Night Evenings, visiting performers, usually
first Friday in month (please check first.) For
more info, ph Secretary, Coral Vorbach 6493 6758.

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bega Bowling Club,
Cobargo Hotel, Narooma Sporting Club, Tuross
Kyla Park Hall and Quaama Hall. Visitors,
Children, Musos welcome. Contact Ted Weiss on
6493 6548.

SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

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

SCOTTISH DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm:
Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room
For information phone: 6493 6538

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of chn. 0-6 welcome to join.
Cobargo - every 2nd Wednesday 1.30pm - 2.30pm at
CWA cottage; Bermagui - every 2nd Friday 10.30am
- 12pm in the Ambulance station grounds;
Quaama - Wednesdays by prior arrangement.
Enquiries: 0428 667 924

TILBA VALLEY WINES

BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All
standards catered for - partners not necessary - stay/
play as long as you like - visitors to the area
especially welcome. Further details: Peter 4473 7308

QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

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 4476 1006.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings 1st Hole, Narooma Golf Club, 2nd Tuesday
of the month, 7.00pm. Whether beginner or pro,
come & experience the joy of photography. Dave
Cotton, 6493 3800.

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Croquet Club play Every
Thursday 2.00-4.00pm. New players always
welcome, tuition and friendly games always
available, equipment provided. Dave or Tina
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FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Saturday 1st	Footloose Strangers	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7.30pm
Monday 10th	Triangle Community of Gardeners Information-Gathering Meeting	Cobargo CWA Hall	7.00pm
Saturday 8th	Free Juke Box	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Friday 14th	Matt Gow and the Dead Leaves	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7.30pm to 11.30pm
Saturday 15th	Yuin Folk Club Concert with "Beautifully Mad"	Lyrebird Ridge Road Coolagolite	2.00pm
	Free Juke Box	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7.30pm to 9.30pm
	THCG Sausage Sizzle	Next to Cobargo Bakery	9.00am to 2.00pm
Friday 21st (until 6 September)	Impact: A Changing Land	Bermagui CTC Meeting Room 1	9.00am to 5.00pm weekdays
Saturday 22nd	Kids sell/swap meet	Cobargo School of Arts lawns	3pm to 4.30pm
	Free Juke Box	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7.30pm to 9.30pm
	Family Bush Dance	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	4.30pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 25th	Twilight Launch	Bermagui Library	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday 29th	Bermagui Big Book Day	Bermagui CTC Hall and Library	pm
	Q&A with Jim Shepherd, publisher of "The Phantom"	Bermagui Community Centre Hall	12midday
	Food by SCPA	Bermagui Library and Community Centre	1.00pm to 2.00pm
	Stories and Puppets	Bermagui Library and Community Centre	2.00pm to 3.00pm
	Words and Music	Bermagui Community Centre Hall	3.00pm to 4.00pm
	Black Velvet	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7.30pm to 11.30pm



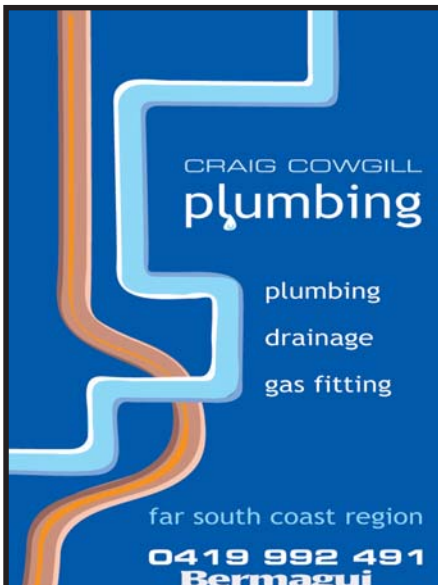
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