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## Sculpture on the Edge 2008

Excitement is building as Bermagui Seasideers prepare for next year's 'Sculpture on the Edge', which will be held over six days and which will include a large sculpture exhibition on the Bermagui headland, a small sculpture exhibition in the new Community Centre and a symposium, entitled, 'Sculpture: Process & Passion'.

The event will open Friday, 7th March and finish on Wednesday, 12th March and the symposium will be

held on Sunday, 9th March.

Speakers at the symposium will include local artists, Richard Moffatt and Karen Charlebois, who are invited sculptors for 2008.

Other invited artists include Alan Watt, Bruce Radke, Murray Ambler and Ulan Murray. Murray and Ulan have both enjoyed recent success, Murray with his People's Choice Award at 'Sculpture in the Forest' at Ulladulla and Ulan with his sell-out exhibition of work at 'Artisans in the Garden' in Sydney.

Bruce Radke exhibited once again this year at 'Sculpture by the Sea' – a wonderful piece called *Regatta*.

Alan Watt and Richard Moffatt have exhibitions coming up locally this month, Alan at Narek Gallery and Richard at The Priory.

Bermagui Seasideers are pleased to welcome on board Horizon Credit Union as their new partner in Sculpture on the Edge and to announce Horizon's commitment to the event for a three-year term.

Support will also be provided

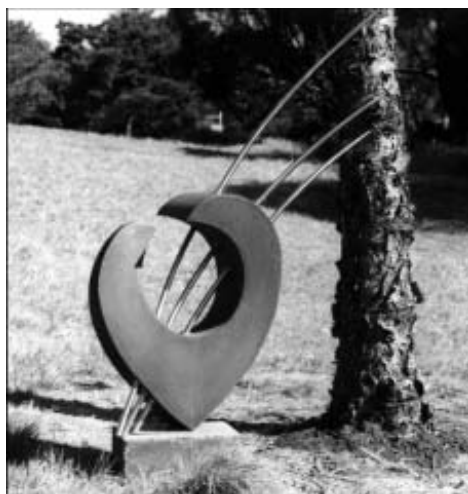


"The Observer" by Richard Moffatt

by the Regional Arts Fund (ACT), Horizon Credit Union and Cursley Financial Services, who will be sponsoring a People's Choice Award.

If you are interested in sponsoring a sculptor or a prize, volunteering over the event's six days or wish to exhibit, please contact Jan Ireland, Event Manager on 6493 3808 or Murray Ambler, Event Coordinator on 6493 6083.

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"Heartache" by Donald Blaikie

## Rejuvenated Library Hosts Book Reading

On Thursday, 13 December, Bermagui Library is hosting three readings, two from local writers, Ian McFarlane and Pat Thompson, and one Sydney writer, Gayle Kennedy, at the new library space in the recently reopened Community Hall.

Gayle Kennedy's moving and infectious collection of short stories, *Me, Antman & Fleabag*, won the 2006 David Unaipon Award, going on to be published by University of Queensland Press this year. Gayle was born in Ivanhoe, a member of the Wongaibon Clan of the Ngiyampaa speaking nation of NSW. She has spoken widely on the

issue of disability and culture, and is in demand at literary events and workshops. She lives in Sydney. Her book was reviewed in November's *Triangle*.

Bermagui's own Pat Thompson has received rave reviews for her jazz singing – notably from the Edinburgh Festival. And her passion for social justice, plus a well-tuned ear for political spin, has kept her in the firing line of print and radio opinion. This feisty octogenarian with a compassionate and remarkably adroit understanding of current affairs will read from her memoir: *She's a fat tart ain't she?*

Ian McFarlane is a local poet, es-

sayist and critic who lives at Beauty Point with his wife, Mary. Ian is the author of three novels and a collection of stories, essay and poems, and has reviewed books for *The Canberra Times* for many years. He is the Contributing Editor of *Voice*, a quarterly journal of comment and review based in Canberra. Come along, celebrate the opening of our new library, listen to some wonderful readings, have a cup of tea and a slice of afternoon tea at 2.00 pm, Thursday 13 December.

See you there.

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## Editorial

Here we are with another year coming to an end and this is the first one for ages when we have beautiful green grass and full water tanks, let us hope it continues into 2008. Shame is, we can't run to full colour photos but you all know what it looks like and will have to send photos to your friends, although if you see *The Triangle* on line, the photos are in glorious colour.

The election, which has occupied so many pages of newsprint, is over and let's hope that the new government will produce some satisfactory results in the deep South – a piece of the action and access to all that funding is overdue down here. It would be fantastic if those ghoulish election posters were removed before they deteriorate beyond recognition. Having said that we need more money in the future, it was wonderful to see the Bermagui Community Centre up and running and hosting a very pleasant afternoon tea at the opening last week. Not only was it open to the public three weeks early but a wedding was held on Saturday 24th – congratulations to the Bega Valley Council, the builder and all concerned with getting the project to completion. Photos and information are in the paper.

Thanks must go to the support and articles that have come over the years from John Champagne, who is now moving from Brogo and will be more occupied in Bega. Also Veronica Coen has temporarily resigned her 'correspondent's post' from Quaama. This also means that we in *The Triangle* need some assistance for both Brogo and Quaama if you would like your area represented.

Thanks are due and actually overdue to Louise Brown who has resigned her post as Public Officer and Secretary. Louise and Rosemary have been working together for over five years since *The Triangle's* inception and we will miss her reliable assistance, although we still will be getting much input as usual at meetings. After many early trials, we are also fortunate to

have a reliable printer in Chris, at Narooma Print, who can accommodate our little broadsheet and its timetable every month, and thank you to all our advertisers who keep us running.

In 2008, we need some Triangle area coordinators who would assist in getting better coverage of all the happenings in the various areas.

*The Triangle* committee, helpers and friends enjoyed a combined birthday/Christmas party at Pam's Store Tilba Tilba. Thanks to Al, Dave and Angela, sorry to keep you up so late but it was a great night.

As this is our 'bumper Christmas issue' we wish all our readers and supporters a Happy Christmas and may the New Year see you all healthy and enjoying life in this wonderful corner of the State.



Here's another one ... "Dear Santa, ... Please can you bring me a 4GB Ipod Nano ..." ??

## Letters to the Editors

### Lost Keys

Hello Everyone,

There was a set of keys left in the Catholic Church after the last concert. Father Mullen held onto them before contacting the MCs, thinking that they would be claimed.

If you lost your keys please contact me and I'll arrange to get them to you.

Rosemary Towers  
Narooma  
4474 1806 (W)

### A note from the Steks

We would like to sincerely thank all our friends in the Triangle for all their support, letters, positive thoughts, and prayers. In case you didn't already know, on the 11th of September Fin was diagnosed with Burkitts Leukaemia, after being flown to Westmead Childrens Hospital from Bega. She has just completed the third round of chemo and will have six more rounds to complete the protocol. Fin is doing very well and is looking forward to seeing everyone back home, including her dog Lucy. A huge thanks once again to everyone back home.

27th November - Further testing has shown no cancer cells in her bone marrow and no signs of tumours. Go Finn.

With love from Nick, Jen, Eloise and Fin.

Nick van Steken  
Dignams Creek

### Democracy at work

A big thank you to Triangle residents Ivan, Alan and Allan, Nina and Jan who gave up their time to work at the Your Rights at Work stall at the Cobargo Polling Booth this election. Thanks also to the workers from the ALP, Greens and Liberals who showed that politics and friendship do mix.

This type of engagement with the political process

demonstrates that democracy is alive and well in this country and while doorknocking in Cobargo before the election and seeing most of its residents during election day I saw the sort of community spirit that is the backbone of that democracy.

Peter Essex  
Central Tilba

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## Letters to the Editors (continued)

### Cobargo market venue

Dear Editor,

The Cobargo Tourist and Business Association Inc. would like to advise of a venue change for the Cobargo Market Day from the School of Arts Hall to the Cobargo Information Centre Princes Highway Cobargo every 4th Saturday 8.30 am to 12.30 pm Phone 02 6493 6572. Commencing immediately.

Thank you,

N. Cooper,  
President.

### Community news web site

Hi there.

This is Laurie McArthur of Bega, writing to inform you of the new community driven news web site that I'm developing. You're invited to view the site at [www.sapphirecoastnews.com](http://www.sapphirecoastnews.com).

Do you see your organisation benefiting from the exposure you'll get through periodically contributing to *Sapphire Coast News*? Will the community be better informed about your services or the advantages of club membership, if you use *Sapphire Coast News* to publish your news? Using *Sapphire Coast News*, you'll publish your community news direct to the web. *Sapphire Coast News* also presents community views in the form of comments on the news, and letters, also with community comments added.

Of course, there are the free ads in various categories:

- General
- Automotive
- Garage sale
- Real estate
- Trade and service

Then there are product reviews, sports news, social happenings, entertainment information, up-to-date weather information and whatever else the community expects of a community driven news service.

So, have a look, huh? Maybe *Sapphire Coast News* can become your news service. See the How To page on *Sapphire Coast News* for help or simply register on the site and start contributing your community news.

Regards,

Laurie McArthur, Bega

### Thanks to the community

Having lived in the Triangle area for only five and a half years, my faith in communities has been restored, due to the kind gestures and sympathy after the recent death of my wife Diana. The amazing unprompted efforts and support by both individual women and men that helped me through these hard times – from this small community, have been simply exceptional and I cannot thank them enough.

Although you all know who you are, I would like to mention a handful of individuals that particularly touched my heart. Carmel, Janet, Helen and Steve. Mary and David, Norma, Helen, Sue, Evelyn and Ron, Beryl, Anne, Pam, Linda and Derrick. Charlene and Athol, Nerrida and Barry, and not to mention Jenny.

Although I mention only a few, all of your friendship, time, thoughts and love truly did touch my heart. You will all be forever remembered and I thank you all very much.

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### Thumbs Up



Thanks to Nelson Lucas who won the Cobargo Pre-School 100 club. He kindly donated the money back to the Pre-School (that means more books for our children!). Thanks Nelson.

To Bega Council for eventually fixing the pot holes in Wandella Road

To all involved because Nardy House is **Open For Business! Hooray!**

### Thumbs Down



To the person who knocked down all the white guide posts on the southern side of Bermagui Road heading towards Tilba. Other drivers who do not know the area might need these 'guide posts'.

To the thieves who are helping themselves to the plants at Cobargo Co-op, you will be on surveillance camera, maybe that will slow you up.

To thieves who have been stealing spotlights from patrons' cars at the Cobargo Hotel. △

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## Bovine Blurters Become Beneficial

Biogas (methane) electricity from animal waste and organic matter is not a new idea but new technology in the industry is leading to a plethora of uses for biogas.

The industry in Europe is booming, in fact in Germany alone by 2020 700,000 jobs will be created in the environmental technology industry and local expertise cannot keep up with the

global demand for knowledge. Refinement of biogas through research in Germany has now seen it included into the natural gas pipeline and for powering cars and buses.

The biggest growth in biogas in the EU will come from agriculture where generous feed in tariffs and construction subsidies have led many farmers to construct plants to be either privately run or as a cooperatives.

The small alpine country of Austria has 140 on-farm plants with 15% of these operated as cooperatives where farmers deliver waste from their farms and share in the profits according to their inputs.

So why not join these trailblazing farmers from Europe and start Biogas on the Far South Coast of NSW?

We have a large dairy herd available for a constant supply of waste for gas production and it is not restricted to just animals alone: lawn clippings, sewage, food waste the list goes on! The possibilities are endless, not to mention new jobs created, expertise and knowledge to help develop

the industry in Australia.

Maybe a lifeline for the struggling pig industry!

As a dairy farmer myself I know how operating costs are squeezing us constantly. A welcome boost in our income from Biogas would not only help all our local farmers but spread our risk off farm and give us a buffer from ever rising operating costs.

For those worried about diseases and weeds being spread from farm to farm in the composted filtrate left after the gas has been harvested, this is eliminated through a pasteurisation process similar to milk pasteurisation.

The future of Biogas is just beginning. Let's be at the forefront of this. What better marketing tool do we need to add the finishing touches to our clean and green image than to market cheese products that are not only animal friendly but manufactured using renewable energy produced by the cows themselves!

Tim Williams  
Stony Creek, Bega



Tim Williams sees Biogas as clean, green and profitable

## Financial Assistance for People with Cancer: Locals Helping Locals

For people with cancer, the cost of travel, accommodation, and treatment, can have a major financial impact on their lives. Help is at hand! 'Bega Can Assist' is a local volunteer group, who raise money to assist people right across the Bega Valley Shire area. In the past two years the group has assisted over forty families and recently held a very successful fundraising night in the Bega RSL, raising over \$6,700. Ongoing fundraising occurs throughout the year with raffles and other activities.

Having substantial funds at hand at present, we urge anyone who may be having a struggle to meet costs to ask your Doctor for a referral to 'Can

Assist' and then simply phone 6492 1382. All inquiries are strictly confidential with only the Liaison Officer and the Treasurer aware of the client's name. Please do not feel embarrassed to call. Apart from accommodation and travel the group has also paid electricity accounts and has assisted with vouchers for groceries and so on.

Publicity officer for the group ,Lori Hammerton said, 'There would not be many people in our area who do not know of, or who are not personally affected by this dreaded disease. We are about to commence ticket selling for our Christmas Fund Raiser with the first prize being a beautiful

recliner chair donated by Southern Home Furniture One in Bega. Many other prizes are also included in this raffle, which will be drawn on the 20th December at the last late night shopping in Bega'.

If you see the ticket sellers in town in their distinctive green and gold 'Can Assist' shirts, buy a ticket: only \$2, and all funds stay within our area. 'Locals Helping Locals' is our motto with no administration costs.

We thank *The Triangle* for assisting us to get the message out to people in the northern end of our shire.



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## Wooden Boat Carnival at Wagonga

A beautiful day dawned, really hot, and it meant that a great day was had on Wagonga Inlet when 28 boats of varying sizes took part in the inaugural get together of wooden boats.

The day was organised by a group of friends with boats of all shapes and sizes, some under sail, some motoring and some meant to be motoring but being rowed or towed.

Guess Who, Smiley.

An excellent morning tea stop at Paradise Point for billy tea and fresh scones, cream and jam was a chance to fine tune motors and or sails and get to meet the visitors from as far away as Ulladulla, Wagga and Canberra.

The boat owners had organised an 'oldies treasure hunt' which meant most of Wagonga Inlet was covered looking for the clues, and prizes were



Smiley's crew after the Backwards Race

awarded at the celebratory dinner at Pelicans Restaurant in the evening.

The outstanding crew must be the eight rowers on Smiley's boat who came in second against motor boats in 'the backwards race' and very stylish dressing was a feature of this crew with their hats and salute of their oars.



## Take action against domestic violence

The NSW 16 Days of Activism project from 25th November to 10th December is dedicated to highlighting the problem of domestic violence and actions people can take to protect the rights of women and children to safety, and Bega Valley residents are joining the campaign to make their community safer.

This year the committee is inviting local men to discuss what men can do to stop violence and men are supporting our campaign by being interviewed on radio and making comments for a newspaper article. A street stall is planned in Ayres Walkway,

Bega on 7th December from 11.30 – 1.30 pm.

Always call the police on 000 if you see or hear violence happening.

If a woman tells you she has experienced violence, listen and support her. The Domestic Violence Helpline number is 1800 65 64 63, 24 hours a day.

Children can be affected by exposure to domestic violence even if they do not directly see or hear it. Call DoCS' Helpline on 132 111 if you are worried about a child or young person.



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## Living Lunches & Community Gardening

'Living lunches' are a form of community celebration, focused around helping to develop the growth of quality food production locally and throughout the region. The idea is about bringing people together regularly, where we can all learn more about and support local food production. People are wanting to better understand and live in more sustainable ways. There is growing concern about climate change, water uncertainty, degraded farmland, and rising oil prices, which paint a grim picture for mainstream food production and may well lead to constantly rising food prices. There is also a growing desire for better quality food to improve our health and strengthen our immune systems. The answer to many of these concerns is to increase the local production of quality food, while creating a stronger regional economy.

Community gardening is expe-

riencing rapid growth around Australia (over 100 now in Melbourne) and is an important key to providing a greater percentage of locally produced food. It also offers many social, educational, economic and health benefits. It motivates people and it is fun, it will help you to save money and get fit, and it builds community!

Regular 'living lunches' with experienced growers sharing their knowledge, can help you to get a good kitchen garden and medicinal plants growing, show what grows well and where, or demystify companion planting and plant propagation.

Expanding the LETS (local exchange) network, now with an easy online banking system, is a great way to manage the input into gardens, trading surplus produce, seedlings and other items and developing the skills, capacity and organisation of the local

community. Resource sharing and direct/wholesale purchasing of equipment and supplies, are other important issues where the best thinking can be brought together. If you would like to join us for the next 'Living lunch' in February please call Andrew on 4473 7488 and come along and get growing – musicians and story tellers welcome.

Living Lunches are a SCPA initiative and provide a chance to share ideas, strengthen local community spirit and enjoy making merry. Bring produce, seedlings, seeds and/or food to share or prepare on site for a fabulous 'slow food' feast. The program works like this: 9.30 am on: community garden practical, hands on learning or music making. 11.30 on: preparing food, discussion and feasting. 2 pm on: documentary viewing – various to choose from.

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## Montague Island Tours Receives NSW Tourism Award

Montague Island Tours has taken out first prize in the Ecotourism category at the NSW Tourism Awards, which were held in Sydney during November. It's the third year in a row that Montague Island Tours has been recognised at the awards and it will now compete in the Ecotourism category at the Australian Tourism Awards in Canberra early next year.

NPWS far south coast regional manager, Tim Shepherd, accepted the award and said it was testimony to the successful partnership between the NPWS, Charles Sturt University and Conservation Volunteers Australia.

Montague Island Tours offers visitors a two-night stay in the historic refurbished lighthouse-keepers quarters. Visitors are asked to help researchers involved in conservation projects

on the island. The island, about 9 kilometres from the South Coast town of Narooma has a thriving fur seal colony and seabird population.



Volunteer with Little Penguin,  
Montague Island

Mr Shepherd said visitors were asked to participate in the seabird habitat restoration project, working on tasks that varied from weeding to

building nesting boxes for the little penguins and working alongside researchers involved in the project. "Montague Island Tours allows visitors to get away from everything in a unique environment, while at the same time contributing to the very important conservation work surrounding the island's wildlife and habitat", Mr Shepherd said.

Montague Island Tours (overnight stays) won the Ecotourism category for the first time last year. In 2005 it was awarded first prize in the category of New Product Development. Presented by Tourism NSW and the Tourism Industry Council NSW, the awards night at the Star City Hotel is the biggest night on the state's tourism calendar.

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## Umbarra Real Time Stories

### A Big Day at Wallaga Lake – Umbarra Summer Concert

The Friends of Umbarra held a Summer Concert & Art / Craft Day at the Umbarra Cultural Centre, the cultural centre of the Yuin people, at Wallaga Lake on Sunday November 25, just after the election! The aim of the day was to bring together people from the broader Indigenous and non-Indigenous community, strengthening community links in the spirit of reconciliation through music and art.

More than 100 people visited through the day – attending the three art workshops and then the four-hour concert. The day raised more than \$1500 from entry fees, the raffle and Friends of Umbarra memberships. It was a lovely time of coming together, making an enjoyable community day.

The organisers are extremely grateful to all the volunteers and performers who gave their time, for the fabulous practical support from many businesses in the area, and for

support for art materials coming from Eurobodalla Council under their Community Well Being Unit.

Lorraine Naylor thanked the organising committee and all the volunteers for all their time and efforts, for a well-organised day and also thanked the Central Tilba Festival Committee for the use of the stage.

Friends of Umbarra are considering running this as an annual event – a core group will be meeting next week to talk about the successes of the day, and to debrief about the day. Anyone else interested in being a Friend of Umbarra please call either Kerrie 4473 7137 or Virginia 6493 3579.

A big thank you to all who supported the Umbarra Summer Concert with materials or donations:

- St John's Ambulance
- Cobargo Coop
- Country Energy
- Yuin Folk Club
- Tilba Bakery
- Jo at the Fruit and Veg in Bermi
- Eurobodalla

Council, with a grant for art materials under the Community Well Being

Unit  
· Sonya Naylor for the beautiful art work that appeared on the poster and the Friends of Umbarra bags.



The community comes together:  
scenes from the Umbarra Summer Concert



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## Bermi Banter

Congratulations must go to Sharon Humphries who has been head hunted to Canberra by Les Mills (the creators of Body Balance etc) to manage their Training and Video Dept.

The Body Bliss complex will be run by her husband Bear and Robbie Hart with new instructors coming on line. It says a lot for the quality of the teaching in Bermagui with both Garry Hart and Sharon having such excellent careers in Canberra and commuting to Bermagui at weekends.

The new Bermagui Community Centre must be the best addition to the town and its people this century, if not last, and we hope that it will provide benefits to all residents as well as visitors. The CTC is up and running as detailed elsewhere and the new Visitor Centre has pride of place and a beautiful view.

### Bermi Women Tough it Out in Weekend Marathon

Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club's female rowers have shown they will be a force to be reckoned with in the 2007-08 George Bass Surf Boat Marathon. The crew showed some fine form to take out the second leg of a pre-Bass mini-marathon between Batemans Bay and Moruya on the weekend, despite only having four of their crew of 10 competing.

The first leg of the women's competition was won by Moruya with Broulee coming a close second. Batemans Bay men won both legs of

their event in a close tussle with Bulli. The weekend marathon, sponsored by Clean Energy for Eternity, attracted four women's crews, four men's crews, a team of veterans from Narooma and a number of surf skiers. The event gave all crews a taste of what is to come during the George Bass marathon, which begins in Batemans Bay on December 30 and finishes in Eden on January 5.

The Bass is the longest surfboat race in the world and one of the most



Sue Brown & the winning Moruya team

gruelling. Entries to date include teams from Victoria and Sydney Surf Lifesaving Clubs. More information about the Bass can be found by following the links on the Oz Events web site, [www.ozevents.com](http://www.ozevents.com).

Batemans Bay Marine Park is a major sponsor of The Navy George Bass Surf Boat Marathon, which is scheduled to make landfall in Bermagui on the morning of January 2nd and to depart for Tathra the following day. The biannual event, which has been held on 16 occasions since the mid 1970s, will travel through the

length of the new Batemans Marine Park. Other major sponsors include Clean Energy for Eternity.

### Mrs Taylor is Retiring!

After 22 years at Bermagui Public School, Jillian Taylor is leaving. A 'Thank you and farewell' will be held at Bermagui Public School, George Street, Bermagui 11 am, Friday, 14 December 2007. We are looking forward to seeing past students and parents. Please RSVP to the School on 6493 4271 asap.

*Bermagui Public School P&C.*

### Arts & Crafts Amateur Exhibition

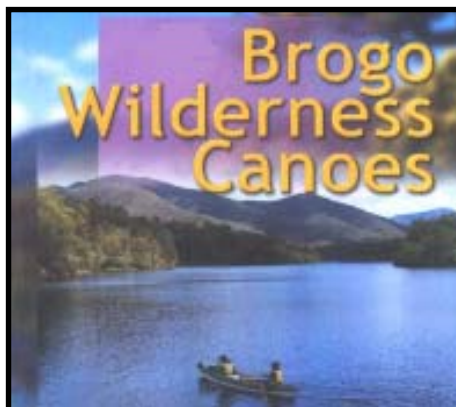
Bermagui Country Club Amateur Arts and Crafts Group will hold their annual exhibition and sale in the Country Club auditorium from 1st to 3rd January 2008. The Exhibition opens at 7 pm on 1st January with free drinks and nibbles – a hair of the dog hang-over cure for the vulnerable and a

chance to secure the purchase of a unique hand made craft item as well.

The exhibition will include china painting, pottery, painting, leadlighting, photography, needlework, hand knits, quilting, spinning and woodwork and it will be open from 7 pm till 9 pm on the opening night and from 10 am to 8 pm on Wednesday 2nd January and Thursday 3rd January 2008.

### Memorial to Stan Creamer

On November 25th a memorial ceremony for former resident of



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## Bermi Banter (continued)

Bermagui, Stan Creamer, took place at Nimmitabel. It was held at Lake William and the memorial was in the form of a seat made by Chris Reid and bearing the inscription of, 'In Memory of Stan Creamer, Stock and Station Agent Nimmitabel, 1946 to 1982. A Friend to the Community'.

The Nimmitabel Lions Club provided a BBQ for about 50 people who turned up to remember Stan and participate in the memories and general affection that greeted Leone on the day.

The seat is in a beautiful spot, looking out over the lake and the Show Grounds where Stan was a Life Member and actively involved for a great

for community minded people to help as volunteers and coordinators for the 11th Bermagui Seaside Fair, Saturday 8th March, 2008. Not only is Bermagui Seaside Fair a multi award winning tourism event, the committee is a registered charity, which donates proceeds back to local youth and community projects.

We can discuss tasks and projects from which you can nominate your involvement.

Either phone Jo on 6494 0191 or Christine on 6493 3378, or email nativeinstinct@bournet.net.au.

Why not ask a mate and do it together, alternatively, make friends with one of us!

### Bermagui Pre School: Bermikids December Report

Getting Ready for School ...All year the children have been practising their skills to get ready for primary school. They have learnt to play socially, solve problems, be independent and confident, recognise and use letters and numbers and lots, lots more. Towards the end

of the year, they started visiting Bermagui Primary School and joining in activities, such as the school concert, sports day and assembly. The home corner became a school and the children read stories, sang songs, had lots of discussions and even made a book about going to school. They had so much fun learning at Bermagui Pre

School and are ready and excited about taking their next step to primary school.

Mini Olympics ...On Wednesday 7th November, the children went to Narooma for the Mini Olympics. They joined over 100 preschoolers in the area, including our friends from Little Yuin Preschool. After the 'Welcome to Country' and opening speeches, the children had fun doing relay races, hurdles, spear throwing, exercises and jumping. All the participants received ribbons and fun bags for their great efforts. Back at preschool we talked about ways to stay healthy and used our drawing and literacy skills to make a book about being healthy. A big 'Thank You' to Tarshi Long, Bodalla Old School House Playgroup and the Department of Sport and Recreation for making this event possible. △



Stan's memorial at Lake William

many years.

### Bermagui Open Tennis Tournament

Planning is well underway for the Bermagui Tennis Club's Open Tournament to be held on 4, 5 and 6 January, 2008.

Bermagui's unique combination of clay courts and (artificial) grass courts attracts visitors from all over the state, from the ACT and Victoria. Many incorporate the tournament into their holiday for a bit of extra fun.

The organisers also hope to see many local players enter.

Events include ladies' and men's singles and doubles as well as mixed doubles in three grades. There are also boys' and girls' under 14 singles and doubles.

Entry forms have been sent out and the closing date is 21 December. Further information and entry forms are available from Kerri on 6493 4527.

### Do it with a Friend

Doing something worthwhile outside of one's own daily grind has benefits on many levels. When you do it with a friend, the benefits are compounded.

Bermagui Seasideers are looking

The three wise men arrived to visit the child lying in the manger. One of the wise men was exceptionally tall and smacked his head on the low doorway as he entered the stable. 'Jesus Christ!' he exclaimed. 'Write that down, Mary', said Joseph, 'It's better than Derek'.

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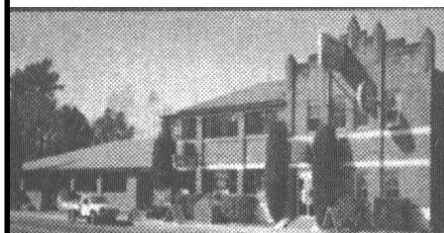
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## Brogo Babble

Following on from the great result last year, the December Beer and Chat night on Friday 14th will combine with a **Spit Roast** fundraiser for the Brogo Fire Brigade. At \$20 per head and a limit of 70 people, this event should rattle the coffers of the brigade to provide much needed equipment toward the protection of our community. Brad and Deirdre Smith have once again kindly offered to cater for this fundraiser and I'm sure a local beast is on the menu.

Brogarians James and Belinda Peel have started an appeal fund to help out friends. Nick and Jenny Vanstekelenburg from Dignams Creek were recently given some bad news that their eight-year-old daughter, Fin, has been diagnosed with Burkitt's Leukemia. Given a good chance of beating the disease, Fin requires months of chemotherapy treatment at Westmead Children's Hospital in Sydney. This has created a financial burden on this young family with living away from home expenses, so James and Belinda have set up a web site for the community to make donations. To make a contribution please go to [www.letshelpfin.org](http://www.letshelpfin.org). Everyone in *The Triangle* wishes Fin a full recovery.

Brogo artist in residence Motria Tymkiw has just completed a two-week exhibition in Tilba Tilba featuring her amazing collection of hand-made hats. Displayed in the Tilba Cameo Collection Gallery, her work included fantasy hat sculptures crafted from flowers and recycled materials as well as a feature of mythical masks. The creativity in them there hills knows no bounds. Well done Motria, even art needs to adapt to uncertain future.

Brogo Social Cricket Captain Steve Nicol has got the team off to an early start this year with a trip up to Nerrigundah to warm up. Although falling short by just six runs, Steve blooded in a few first-timers to the

game that should keep Brogo well stocked for the big season ahead.

The Brogo Hall again played host as a polling booth for the recent Federal Election. Good to see 238 locals use the venue as there were whispers that it may close as a polling booth due to lack of patronage. For the record, the results were ... Gary Nairn - 90, Mike Kelly - 78, Keith Hughes - 50, Acacia Rose - 11, Peter Robert Harris - 1, with both Tim Quilty and Matthew Chivers receiving no votes and 11 were informal.

So sadly, this is my last posting for the Brogo Babble. It's been a wonderful four years of writing about stories and events that have occurred in our blissful locality. I'd like to thank the many who have supported Brogo Babble with material over these years and the people of Brogo who make this column possible. As the polling figures above indicate, we are a diverse group of people, mostly city arrivals each carving our own niche into the patchwork quilt that is Brogo. We are tribal in our social networks but come together sometimes and particularly when the need is great, such as the wildfire threat last year. Sharon and I have decided to move the clan in to Bega and the eco-neighbourhood being developed so we say goodbye to almost 15 years of memories. We may be physically leaving Brogo but part of our heart remains and I'm comforted by an old song line by The Eagles - 'You can check out...but you can never leave'. (I've actually borrowed that line from talks Greg McManus often gave to parents at Mumbulla School.)

To the dedicated staff that makes up *The Triangle*, it's been an absolute pleasure to have known and worked with you all and may this publication continue to provide the invaluable service it offers the community.

John Champagne.



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## Carrping About a Carrpark

To fishers carp are a nasty, habitat-destroying, introduced pest. Hence the oft repeated joke; 'What's the difference between a carp and a lawyer? One's a bottom-sucking, mud-stirring scumbag and the other one's a fish!' However, if the word carp is used literally, it means to find fault, criticise or talk capriciously. It is in this context that I comment on the latest (Bob) Carr induced park, namely the Batemans Marine Park (BMP).

Lest readers swiftly judge me to be a red-neck, greenie-booting hoon, I will state at the outset that I'm a great fan of national parks. In most instances their creation was prompted by a real need to protect the environment from encroaching human activities and hard evidence about the impacts of such activities. Likewise, I support marine parks where there are demonstrated benefits from their creation.

A major carp about the BMP is that it is the product of a political process rather than a demonstrated need to protect the biodiversity within said park. Moreover, the NSW government's scientific report supporting the creation of the park is badly flawed by the selective, biased use of available information. In short, it represents a 'snow-job' to justify the aims of the NSW Marine Park Authority.

The implementation of the NSW marine park process began with a commitment by Bob Carr to the Green Party to create such parks along the NSW coast in exchange for their preferences in the state election before last. This commitment was then formally enshrined in government legislation and the marine park juggernaut was born. At the time no hard evidence was produced to support the need for such parks, other than the motherhood statement 'to protect biodiversity'. Political opportunism ruled the day. Most of the resultant parks were railroaded through, with little prior consultation with local stakeholders. This was certainly the case with the BMP.

A basic premise in establishing any national park or protection area is to first identify what is being protected

and what it is being protected from. To my knowledge this premise has not been satisfied in any NSW marine park, other than by the selection of a few iconic 'threatened' species such as the grey nurse shark. Little is known about the biodiversity or ecosystems within these parks, nor about human impacts upon them. Park site selection has been based on so-called 'bio-regions' determined by geomorphology rather than any information on biodiversity. In es-



sence, the lines on the water represent a 'land-grab' by conservationists with little knowledge about what they are grabbing. In the absence of such knowledge it is all too easy for them to make spurious claims about the benefits of these parks.

Whereas the scientific report for the BMP acknowledged threats to biodiversity such as coastal development, catchment run-off, pollution, etc, the only perceived threat targeted in the park zoning is fishing, with 20% of the park area being declared as no-take (i.e. no-fishing) zones. Therein lies another major carp. Whereas I'm obviously somewhat biased and disgruntled because I'm a keen angler, I'm also a fisheries scientist who understands that in virtually every instance these zones will do little, if anything, to benefit fish stocks. Fish are highly mobile creatures and will continually move in and out of such zones. All these zones achieve is to displace fishing effort elsewhere. Overall fishing mortality will remain largely the same unless, of course, there is a downturn in fishing activity by tourists as a result of the park; an ongoing matter of concern to local tourism-based businesses.

Having said the above, I do applaud the total ban on trawling within

the park boundaries. There is substantial scientific evidence to show that bottom trawling is a wasteful and damaging fishing practice. The biodiversity of benthic organisms [bottom dwelling] and the stocks of targeted fish species such as flathead, nannygai and silver trevally should benefit from this ban. Fisheries scientists have long been pushing for a ban on fish trawling in coastal waters and it should be noted that considerable trawl effort off the south-east coast had already been removed by a Commonwealth buy-out initiative, with the BMP buy-out being miniscule in comparison. I repeat that the current BMP no-take zoning is nonsense and challenge the Marine Park Authority to come up with hard scientific evidence to the contrary before these zonings are reviewed in 2012.

A final, most-concerning, carp is about the ongoing decline in the scientific integrity of government 'factual' statements on environmental issues. This is due in part to the increasing politicisation of the public service, with growing pressure on government scientists to come up with answers that suit the purposes of bureaucrats and ministers (and in some instances, big business). The 'null hypothesis' appears to be going out the window. Another reason is the unseemly scramble for limited research funding that enables cashed-up conservation groups to dictate the research agenda to funding recipients. That such integrity is lacking at the ministerial level was recently evidenced by the NSW government's response to a scathing criticism of the BMP scientific report by Robert Kearney, the Emeritus Professor of Fisheries at the University of Canberra. The Assistant Environment Minister's response was a wonderful (but depressing) confection of bombast and selective reasoning.

Rest assured dear readers that the most common response to criticism of the current NSW government is 'We know best!' You can all sleep easily now, with the carp (anagram = crap) swept under the Carrpet.

Richard Tilzey



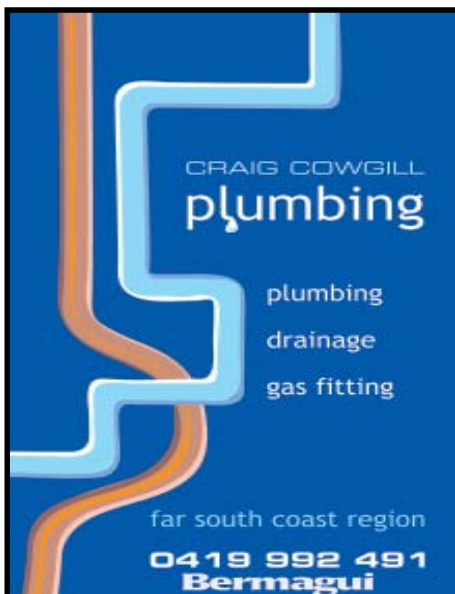


## Cobargo Conversations

Yuin Folk Club is having their end of year party and fundraiser for the Cobargo Folk Festival at the Cobargo Showground on Sunday 9th December from 4.30 pm. There will be food, entertainment, jams and sessions and special guests, including Damon Davies, Mike Martin and Bob Hart. Your \$10.00 single and \$15.00 family entry includes membership of the Yuin Folk Club. So come along and have some fun.

### CWA Cobargo Branch

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend the Australia Day celebrations at the School of Arts in 2008. We will be providing refreshments, as usual, and if you would like to bring along a plate to help it would be appreciated. This will be the last Cobargo Citizen of the Year that we will organise as we would like to hand this task over to another group or organisation. CWA have been hosting this event for many years now but feel it is time to move on. We will be happy to assist in the catering but our depleted numbers will mean that we can no longer do this unaided.



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We catered for the Cobargo Coop AGM on Thursday 22nd November at the cottage and we are grateful to the Coop who gave us this opportunity. Our December meeting will be followed by our Christmas lunch, which will be at the Cobargo Train.

Thanks to everyone in the district who has supported us in any way this year. If you would like to join us in our efforts, or simply to come to our meetings to enjoy the friendship, you are most welcome on the second Tuesday of every month (except January). Contact by phone is 6493 6167.

Mary Williams  
President  
CWA Cobargo Branch

### Cobargo Info Centre

You may have noticed activity at the Cobargo Storage Sheds over the last month. Saturday 27th October was both the grand opening of the new Cobargo Information Centre and the re-launch of the Cobargo Market in this new location. Bega Valley Mayor Tony Allen performed the ribbon cutting and spoke enthusiastically about the importance of the centre in promoting local business and developing tourism.

Cobargo Information Centre, an initiative of the Cobargo Tourist and Business Association, runs entirely on volunteer effort. Di Saunders deserves a special mention for her tremendous energy and persistence in making it all happen, with no funding whatsoever. An amazing 32 people so far have volunteered to staff the centre. Many busi-



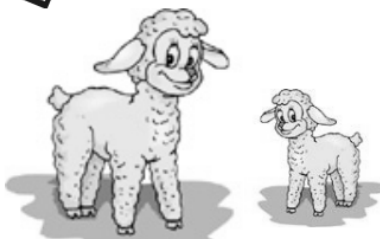
Opening of the Cobargo Information Centre

nesses and individuals have offered their practical and financial support: Warren and Lynn Smith kindly donated the use of their building for the first six months; Reg O'Meara gave the Centre his collection of photos of old Cobargo and others have loaned items for display; Julie Rutherford and Cobargo Co-op sponsored signs; local suppliers of craft and produce sold at the Centre are donating 20% of sales; Carla von Eck designed a garden makeover, Mission Australia provided a grant for mulch and plants and Albert Pickalla is working hard two mornings a week putting the garden plan into action.

If you haven't been down yet, pop in soon to check out what's on offer. Don't forget to refer your visitors, for information about the area and a copy of the Cobargo Historic Walk brochure (only \$2, including a two-for-one coffee offer). And if you're involved in tourism, craft or food production consider placing your brochures and products at the Centre. You could also help by volunteering, donating second hand goods to raise funds or lending items of local interest for display.

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## Cobargo Conversations

(continued)

Cobargo's huge tourism potential. A huge thank you to everyone already involved and thanks in advance to those of you who will be in the future.

Cobargo Information Centre is open Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.

### Skates on at the Disco

Cobargo Skate Club will be holding a disco at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall on Saturday 22nd December: Primary age from 5 pm – 7 pm (please chaperone the younger kids) high school age 7 pm – 10 pm. A local band will be playing for the older kids. They are called 'Let me down Jungle man, gently' featuring Sam Rees, Jack Wotton and Cody Munroe-Moore. Thanks guys for donating your time and talent. Refreshments will be available.

Pub raffles for the skate park will start on Friday 23rd November – Friday 14th December, every Friday starting a 6:30. We will also be selling for a separate raffle to win a Skateboard (to be drawn 21st Dec.)

We are planning a bale sale soon so keep an eye out at Bass Gas for posters. BMX rally has not been forgotten Kids. However, too many kids are away over Christmas so we'll aim for the next holidays.

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## The Mexican Fisherman

An investment banker from the United States was standing on a wharf located in a coastal Mexican village. He watched a small boat dock at the wharf and cast an eye over the day's modest catch of just a few large yellow-fin tuna. The banker complimented the fisherman on the quality of the fish he'd caught and asked how long it had taken to catch the fish.

'Only a little while', replied the Mexican man.

The banker asked why he didn't stay out there longer and catch more fish. The Mexican replied that the fish he'd caught that day would be enough to supply his family's immediate needs.

The banker then asked, 'But what do you do with the rest of your time?'

The Mexican fisherman said, 'I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a siesta with my wife, and stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play guitar with my friends. I have

a full and busy life'.

The investment banker scoffed: 'You should spend more time fishing. You'd catch more fish and therefore you'd make more money. With the proceeds you could buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several more boats. Eventually you'd have a fleet of fishing boats and a huge catch of fish each day. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you could sell directly to the processor and in time you could open your own cannery. Of course, as the business expanded, you'd need to leave this small village and move to Mexico City, then to Los Angeles and eventually to New York, from where you'd run your expanding business'.

The Mexican fisherman asked, 'But how long will all of that take?'

The banker replied 'Fifteen to twenty years'.

'But what then?' the fisherman asked. The banker laughed and said, 'That's the best part. When the time is right, you'd float your company on the stock market, sell your stock to the public and become very, very rich. You would make millions of dollars'.

'Millions ... then what?'

The investment banker took the fisherman aside and whispered confidentially, 'Your dreams will all come true. You can retire and move to a small coastal fishing village. There you'd be able to sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take a siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play guitar with your friends'.



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## Quintessentially Quaama

In Quaama, as everywhere we are speeding towards the end of another year. Spring is flourishing into Summer and the abundance of young birds are rapidly learning how to sustain themselves. Watch out for your fruit this season! Our most precious harvest is of course our children. The Quaama school newsletter (15 Nov) reported "a man in a ute asking a child if he would like a lift home". Please keep the community safe and respond if a child is frightened or looks to be in danger. The school's advice to the children is 'GO! TELL!' Also be alert for the very small ones often seen about on the village roads especially near the shop and park! On the topic of community safety, there are two current building safety challenges that we must effectively address. These are: the Quaama Memorial Park BBQ Shelter and the School of Arts re-stumping work.

Great news! Tony Candotti, Civil Engineer, BVSC advised on 21 November, "The shelter is still scheduled for erection prior to Christmas ... the town team hopes to start about the 12 December". Construction will take place according to the revised plans on view at the Quaama Store porch. There has been a lot of consultation to ensure that the completed shelter will be structurally safe. To save the School of Arts the supper room and stage area are sagging badly on the western side due to rotted stumps. The committee has ac-

rued several thousand dollars through fundraising and grants, but needs more as this is a big job, which will also require water and electricity disconnection and thorough structural investigation and rebuilding where necessary. Anyone with submission writing skills who is willing to follow up funding sources for grants please come forward.

Contact: Veronica Coen 6493 8406. Also, any parties wishing to submit quotations for this work, now is the time! Contact Hans Wiedeman - 6493 8427 or Veronica.



Niamh Nicol and Brent Lucas - Queen and King of the Quaama Public School 'Prom'.

Caroline (0427212529), who is taking over the secretarial office for the Quaama SoA Management Committee and sub-committee Quaama and District Progress Association, is also happy to receive community responses to this challenge! At the last meeting corporate sponsorship was discussed. There are many criteria, including social, cultural, architectural and historical under which the School of Arts qualifies as a valuable community asset. The building is a listed her-

itage item under the Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 1987. An upcoming opportunity for everyone to support the hall is the Community Christmas Party - end of term night, Friday 21st December. There will be the biggest Christmas tree in Quaama, a special visit from our very own Santa, Christmas singing, lots of music and dancing. If you wish to perform, or place your name on the blackboard on the night, contact Letitia Carroll on 6493 8507!

Food - by donation - BBQ sausages, rissoles (from Bennys), bread etc, tea/coffee, cordial supplied - BYOG and please bring a salad, dessert or vegetarian dish to share. There will be activities for the children. Fill Santa's sack (child's name on parcel) at Quaama Store by 5 pm on 21st. Christmas hamper raffle - please leave items in the box at Quaama Store. Big thanks in advance to the core group making this happen - School of Arts committee, P&C, Quaama Fire Brigade and more. It's *our* party, so 'pitch in' where you can on the night, so we can all celebrate together.

Yet another initiative that will both raise funds and fun is the staging of the play, *Dimboola*, by Jack Hibberd. Janey Wetzler is behind this idea. And guess who's agreed to do it too? The play - a country wedding reception, is performed "before, amid and among a live audience" and is described as a comedy of manners, even if those manners are bad". Production team and cast for 2008 please talk to Janey, 6493 8393.

'Where is Quaama?' T-shirt orders are now being filled. The next batch is going to the printer soon, to be

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The St Saviours Anglican Church Centenary Ball was a fabulous success and the Centenary Service the following day doubly memorable as it was the final service in the Bega Valley for the retiring Bishop George Browning, who jointly led the celebratory worship with Reverend Mal Dunnett. Thelma Salway, who was baptised (Thelma Blanchfield) confirmed and married on 18 March 1939 at St Saviours, cut the cake with the Bishop! There is a small quantity of etched centenary glasses still available for sale. Contact Robyn Love 6493 8208 to order. The lucky raffle winners were, Nannette McDougal (Beauty Point) Brett Horne (3 prizes!), Sandra Hale, Joan Horne, Malcolm Dunnett, Mrs Weber (Wandella), Jan Whyte, Norma Lucas and Pat Bragg (Bermagui). The Anglican Women sincerely thank everyone who generously bought tickets and sponsored prizes.

Another dazzling event in Quaama was the QPS P&C 'Prom' theme disco. What a delight to see all the children getting dressed up in their best gear. It was great to see Donna Moore back again as MC and thanks to Mel Shipton for the new disco dance CDs. Sue Lucas did a brilliant job of the 'crowns' for prom king and queen, prince and princess! The next big event at school is the play – *Under the Sea*, followed by 2008 school captain speeches and elections, then in the final week, Presentation night is 17th December!

Lots of birthdays around the district. For the celebrations that have been and those to come, wishes for health and happiness to Jacinda Ralph 10; Debbie Platts; at least three of the Salter children, Katrina, Joshua and Edward (just as well Sharleen is a great cook!); Daisy Boyle; Jenny Hobbs; Tiffany Street; Mikala Hutteroth and 16th birthday wishes to two lovely girls, Jamie Monck and Samantha Hutteroth. Last but not least, happy 50th to Dave Hooper – still performing like a young thoroughbred! And someone who loves thoroughbreds, happy 60th to Laurie!

If you ask Elwyn Platts, he'll surely oblige you with delightful stories of the recent Platts' family reunion and memories of his childhood at Ando where the big gathering took place, with wider community celebrations at the Bombala RSL. The whole family from Stevenson's Lane travelled up for this very special event. Love your stories Elwyn, thanks for sharing them.

Old friends also reunited at the Wednesday Morning Coffee Ladies Christmas lunch in November. One of the founding members, Pat O'Donnell, travelled from Goulburn for the occasion and Mrs Connolly, formerly of Bermagui Street, also joined the ladies! There's been a couple of departures from the district, Pam Cox, not so far, to Mystery Bay and Mick Moore, completing his 10 month sojourn in Quaama is heading south again to reunite with family.

Suzanne Lowe, who organised the *Mind Body Spirit* Day held in October has made a donation of \$205 collected on the day, to the School of Arts Hall. The kitchen made a further \$181.50.

Well done Suzanne, what a great show of community spirit (no pun intended). She thanks all the participants and visitors who contributed to a successful day. In response to popular demand, Suzanne has plans to facilitate the event again next year!

A small impromptu cake and coffee stall was held on Election Day to add to the re-stumping fund. Surprisingly, with minimal effort \$65 was raised. Thanks to everyone who donated their \$.

When you next go into the Quaama Store, wish Ros and Greg Happy Anniversary – what date is it exactly again?

This is my final QQ for a few months. Over the next 5–6 issues of the *Triangle*, the Quaama pages will be presented from various organisations across the district. The Quaama Fire Brigade, Quaama Public School, Wednesday Morning Coffee Ladies and Anglican Women, the School of Arts and hopefully an 'envoy' from Upper Brogo will enlighten us with stories from the 'hill country'. Anyone else, either individual or group, wishing to contribute or take a month please contact

thetriangle2@bigpond.com

I've loved the experience of writing for this fabulous community. Although I've endeavoured to be representative, I know that's impossible so I'm very gratified that these different sectors of the community have agreed to share their perspective of life in Quaama over the next new months! Best Wishes for very happy and safe holidays!

Veronica Coen △



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## HORSE HYPE

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

### Tribute to local horse identity

The equine flu may have taken away club riding activities but does not prevent other functions. One such recent outing for Cobargo Horse and Trail Riders was held at Tarraganda Hall.

With lots of skilful organisation we were able to invite Richard Otton to a Sunday lunch to watch a slide show presented by Ben and Jo Marden. Unbeknown to him Richard (Paddy) was the guest of honour! The real reason behind the lunch was a way of saying thanks to him for his membership and support at our Annual Horse Sale.

When asked to announce the entries he always accepts, only missing one in our fourteen-year history. His tips and anecdotes keep the crowd entertained. Paddy has a knack of extracting information about each horse so potential buyers can know what to expect.

He had a very bewildered look on his face when president of the club, Richard Tarlinton, and Trish Hayes in-

vited him to come up to receive his tribute, a very fitting figurine depicting a horse with its rider seated by a campfire.

Paddy was a little lost for words but recovered quickly to relate a few memories of the early days of the club.

Quite a number of past members came along to swap tales of past rides, a bit of a trip down memory lane for some! All those who attended agreed it was a very social afternoon and hopefully trail rides will soon be underway again.

Other activities the club has held recently included a camp at Belowra. A small group drove instead of riding and camped at Ferg Thompson's property overnight. We dined in style with oysters and yummy nibblyies by the river.

The second day was an exploratory drive through the Belowra Valley, lunch by the creek, a dip for one brave member, more oysters, then home. What a way to spend a weekend!

A few of our members ventured down to Wyndham to support the Horseless Trail Ride for Pink ribbon day! Cobargo Trail Riders made a Donation of \$500 towards this fundraiser. It seems Trish, Les, Richard and Ross had a fine time. There seems to be a new pony in Trish's stable, pink in colour and very well educated in dressage. Not much good on a trail though.

Even though horse related activities are slightly curtailed we can and do still have fun.

We must be patient though and we will be able to resume riding when ATHRA has official approval from our insurance provider.

Contact Trish Hayes, Secretary for information about Cobargo Horse and Trail Riders Club 6492 1459, Rich-

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## Tilba Bites

Lest some listeners assumed there was some major change at the ABC factory in Tilba, Marie Annand, (one of four local owners of this iconic cheese factory) confirmed that San Miguel have sold National Foods to a Japanese company. The ABC Cheese Factory continues to offer tastings and to market Tilba Club cheese and remains as the factory outlet for the parent company, National Foods.

Last month's photo of brave man and huge snake (reportedly a local red-bellied black) has caused a lot of comment and interest. Workers at Narooma Printing were talking about the 'large snake' as *The Triangle* was coming off the press. The image caused much talk about the biggest local snake sighted,

being threatened by old-man red-bellied black and cranky tiger snakes, also large diamond pythons, which can look silvery black with insignificant patterning.

As promised last *Triangle*, enlightenment would follow if possible (core or non-core?). As it happens, there was not much super sleuthing on my part, but the anonymous bill poster surfaced and with a cheeky grin admitted 'Photoshop' had enabled the snake to get so big. I quickly outlined our paper's 'ABC Policy' and desire not to terrify small children or believing adults too much. Sheepish acknowledgement followed as well as another horrifying image. This time it is a local man being terrorised by a native dingo over a ravine! What Next?

Congratulations to Suzanne Eddie, home from Western Australia for a wee break with folks Colin and Betty. She has just completed nurse training after a hard slog, during which mum Betty felt on the other side of the world whenever Suzanne was doing it tough. She is being sought by one of the big Sydney hospitals to start work soon.

Also well done to Kath Hoyer for her gold medal at the Australasian

Masters Squash Championships, recently held in Adelaide. Husband Norm, is proud of you, as we all are.

Tilba locals reveled in a relatively impromptu music night at The Drom to celebrate John Small's coming of age. Quite a few of you are pleased he's caught up! The occasion was perfect for lots of friends to show Smally what they think of him. John has been a Tilba local over the past 25 years, involved in top notch sign writing and capturing much local social history through the camera lens (as did William Corkhill about 100 years ago). He has produced two delightful Tilba Dog Days Calendars and is snooping around at the moment capturing images of current Tilba dogs and their sassy owners (or is it the other way round?).

What with the Aussie Dollar so high, exports to Ireland have slowed dramatically. However, the government managed to get part-time Tilba local Noel (Louis to some) back to Ireland a few months ago. Convict conversations have it that Noel actually reads *The Triangle* online and keeps up with news down under. We miss you Louis and hope the contra-deal may see you back soon.

Happy Christmas and a safe holiday season to you all.

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The festival is proud to be a vol-

unteer non-profit community project, completely free of corporate sponsorship. Tilba's warm community spirit makes it possible, so come and share this spirit with us!

The festival is run by a dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers. Anyone who would like to be part of the festival and help as a volunteer, please call Isy Gabriel ph 4473 7700.

Unfortunately the local council is unable to help us with traffic control, so we are also seeking qualified traffic controllers to help on a part vol-

unteer /part payment basis.

Stall holders are also welcome, but spaces are limited, bookings and enquiries can be made by calling Christine McKnight ph 6493 5485

Entertainment is already being booked, with both national and local performers. Further entertainment enquiries can be directed to Shanti Ramana ph 4473 7233.

Being part of the Tilba Easter Festival is a wonderful way to spend the day, come and join in the fun.



### Pat's Piece

December it can't be! Whatever happened to the rest of the year? How can it be that, even

though a good part of my life is spent sitting at my garden window, pen in hand watching the birds take their daily baths or just tottering about because the old legs don't work all that well, that when I pick up the phone to order one of Jenny Morrison's scrumptious Christmas puddings (as I have done for more years than I care to remember) it seems like only yesterday that I ordered the last one.

I've just returned from a trip to Canberra for a specialist visit and us oldies know what a pain in the b-m that can be. There were other delights to compensate; such as a visit to one of Barbara Blackman's Sunday afternoons. This sightless woman's courage and spirit never ceases to amaze me. The most intriguing thing about these gatherings is that you're never sure what will happen next, for while you are being served with delicious nib-

bles and fine wine a beautiful young woman with the voice of an angel stands up and sings a song she has written about her grandmother, a famous Irish folk singer, followed by two gentlemen who make their way to the piano and give us a wonderful rendition of Gilbert and Sullivan. All this with children and conversation flowing freely, including a couple of quite fascinating stories from a very learned gentleman about life in Beijing.

Fast as you think it can't get any better, another young woman takes centre stage and plays the flute so beautifully you are holding back tears. Finally we gather round the piano for a good old fashioned sing song and then wander back home with a glow in our hearts.

But the icing on the cake was a trip to the Canberra Theatre to hear a wonderful young trio from Sweden playing Brahms and Beethoven for 'Musica Viva'. While there, we ran into Prue, the marmalady and Allan, it's always great to see someone from home. Finally, it's lunch in the beautiful University Gardens with Cate and Ian, then back home where the election will be over by the time you read this and where regardless of the results we will just have to get on with living, loving,

laughing and crying and hope that we can get all the Christmas cards done in time.

Thanks so much for reading Pat's Piece, have a wonderful Christmas surrounded by those you love, take care on the roads, be kind to one another and may the New Year fulfill at least some of your dreams.

See you in 2008.

Pat Thompson 



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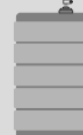


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## Art in the Triangle

### Christmas Choristers

December is the month for Christmas music, and for the Montague Choristers to stage their annual Christmas concerts. This year the Choristers will give three concerts: in Narooma, on Thursday 6 at 7.30 pm in the Catholic Church; in Bermagui, on Saturday 8 at 2.30 pm in the rejuvenated Community Hall; and in Moruya, on Sunday 9 at 2.30 pm in the RSL Hall. Three fine venues for choral music, and the Choristers aim to fill the air with joyful



Bill Hawkey conducting the Montague Choristers

sound.

Professor Bill Hawkey MBE will conduct, and Mary Taylor, our wonderful accompanist from Bega, will play piano/keyboard.

The Choristers' program will include a number of songs with a hint or more of Christmas, including opportunities for the audience to participate; plus three glorious Hallelujah Choruses, two from Handel (*Messiah* and *Judas Maccaebus*), and the powerful, majestic hallelujah from Beethoven's *Mount of Olives*. Then the choir, with its own soloists, will sing arias and choruses from Parts 1 and 3 of Handel's *Messiah*.

All three concerts will also include the Eurobodalla Children's Choir, which will sing two brackets of songs. This fine choir of girls and boys aged six to twelve years is centred in Moruya, with children coming from Batemans Bay to Narooma. It is directed by Sarah Shalders, a soprano who has an imposing

record of performances in oratorio and opera. She is passionate about cultural enrichment in rural areas, and aims to provide children with choral tuition of a high standard and expose them to a wide range of musical styles.

Tickets will be available at the door, and at Bazaar Home Beautiful Narooma, The Pineapple House Bermagui, and Bay Office Supplies Batemans Bay.

Adults \$20, concessions \$15, students \$10, and primary school children free.

Enquiries for the Choristers 4473 7541, and for the Children's Choir 4474 4751. △



Sarah Shalders conducts the Children's Choir

## Books, Computers, Information and History

Our 'new' library in the 'new' Bermagui Community Centre is fantastic. It's bright, light and roomy, a lovely space and very welcoming. To celebrate the new space, a Bermagui branch of Friends of the Library has been formed. The emphasis is on 'learning and discovery', the idea to make the library one of the community hubs.

Kicking off the various events being planned is a book reading on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't visited the library this will be a good time to come along and get to know the space. In the New Year there will be poetry workshops and an ambitious plan to start having 'Living authors', hopefully on a monthly basis.

The call went out to the community for donations to the library and the staff have been overwhelmed by the response, although a word of warning, if you are donating books they must be mould free. Mould spreads, so one mouldy book, like equine flu, will spread like the proverbial bushfire.

The children and youth section is badly under represented, so the staff are organising a 'Buy a book for the library for Christmas'. Books will be available at the library for you to peruse and hopefully buy and donate to the library.

In fact everything that happens


in the new centre is about learning and discovery, from the library to the CTC, to the Visitor Information Centre to the Historical Society.

This is a wonderful new resource for our community and we encourage everyone to take full advantage of it. If anyone is interested in joining the Friends of the Library, just contact Jo at the library. △



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## Return of Tilba public art competition at Tilba Festival: 'Gulaga – Wisdom of the Forest'

After the successes of the public art exhibitions and competitions held over the last two Easters, local artists of the South Coast can again participate in a great competition and exhibition by putting their artworks in the 2008 Tilba Festival Art Show!

The theme for the public art exhibition, to be held at Easter, is 'Gulaga – Wisdom of the Forest', and the inspiration she is to all who live in her foothills. All types of artwork can be included in the exhibition, ranging from paintings and sculpture, carvings and ceramics, to poetry, performance pieces and more. So local artists have plenty of warning for next year.

Exhibitors need to drop their art pieces to the Big Hall on Easter Wednesday between 9 and 12 am. There will be an entry form to fill in also. Entry fees of \$10 per adult and \$3 per child/young person will be charged to help with administration costs. If you need to drop artwork earlier, leave it at Gulaga Gallery next door, where there will be entry forms available.

"We also need people to sit with the exhibition in the Hall over Easter, so the entry fee can be waived if people give four hours time to assist with this", said Virginia York, gallery curator.

As per previous years, there will be a people's choice voting system operating over Easter. The exhibition will be open 10-5 on Easter Fri-

day, Saturday and Sunday.

There will be two sections – adults, with a \$200 prize being offered, and young entrants (up to age 18), with a \$50 prize offered. Multiple entries are permitted, but an entry fee must be paid for each entry. The prizes will be awarded on Sunday evening, to allow for maximum viewing and voting time.

For further information or to obtain entry forms, call Virginia on 0419 200 737 or Gulaga Gallery on 4473 7233 or email [vyork@bigpond.com](mailto:vyork@bigpond.com).



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# Draft Kosciuszko National Park Horse Management Plan on Exhibition

The draft Kosciuszko National Park Horse Management Plan has gone on public exhibition today. The plan looks at ways to manage the existing horse population in Kosciuszko National Park and follows on from recommendations in the 2006 Kosciuszko Plan of Management.

A horse management community steering group has helped write this plan. The group was made up of horse groups, conservation groups and representatives from local Indigenous communities, animal welfare interests

and NPWS staff.

In NSW there is a moratorium on the aerial shooting of horses and this method will not be used. The horse management steering group has recommended the main horse control method should be trapping and relocating horses from the park. △



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## Book Review

### Pat Barker: *Life Class*

Hamish Hamilton, 2007, \$32.95

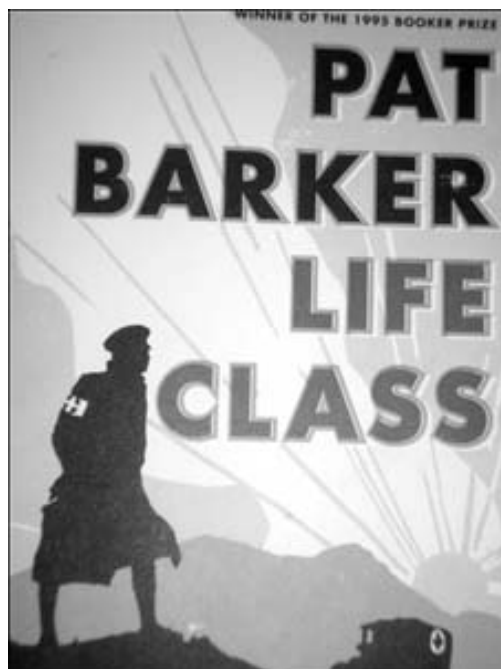
Pat Thompson and I share a long-held passion for Pat Barker, going back many years when we first shared the joy of reading her first novel, *Union Street*, followed in 1996 by her Booker Prize winner, *The Regeneration Trilogy*.

Part of Barker's genius is to get inside the heads of men who fight in wars, and how they adjust (or not) to their return to civilian life, which must be amongst the male experiences least able to be understood by anyone who hasn't been there, and perhaps, even more so by women. Nonetheless, she has succeeded better than many male writers who tackle the same tragic stories. In this latest book, *Life Class*, she

returns to the theme of the First World War, where her central character volunteers as a medic for the Belgian Red Cross, allowing Barker another opportunity to describe the indescribable effects of senseless war and the mountain of issues confronting those who try to retain or regain some connection with civilian life, including with the women they love.

Although this latest book doesn't reach the heights of her earlier books on the same theme, once it's in the Bermagui library, you are strongly recommended to read it, if only to lead you to the *Regeneration Trilogy*, (and to *Union Street*) – then you'll know why Pat T and I stand in awe of this amazing author.

Heather O'Connor



## Garden Magic

We're going to be very serious for a moment regarding plant names. To ensure you buy the tree/shrub you want, it's important to know its botanical (or Latin) name. This is not for showing off purposes, but because there are so many plants now common names are very confusing.

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*Lagerstroemia* (Crepe Myrtle) 'Christmas Bush'.

Anyway, onto a less serious topic – Christmas and holidays. This is the time we all unwind and relax with family and friends, and welcome tourists to our area.

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During the evening of 19/11/07 and the morning of 20/11/07 there was a spate of thefts and break-ins and two stolen vehicles in the Wallaga Lake, Fairhaven and Bermagui areas. Police have identified three suspects and are attempting to locate them. Police ask that the public assist in prevention of

these types of offences by locking cars and not leaving keys hidden in the vehicles, securing boats with locks and chains on the riverbank and reporting suspicious activities and vehicles.

The law eventually caught up with a 46 yr old Forster woman who visited the area in March 2005 and stayed at a Narooma motel. She paid for the motel with a valueless cheque, which later bounced and the matter was reported to police. Bermagui police recently located the woman in Forster and she was arrested and charged with passing a valueless cheque. She will appear in Narooma court in 2008 where compensation is being sought.

On the afternoon of the 10/11/07 a 36 yr old Cobargo man was charged by Bega highway patrol with mid range pca after being caught driving with a blood alcohol reading of 0.090 on the Princes Hwy at Cobargo. He will

appear in Narooma Court.

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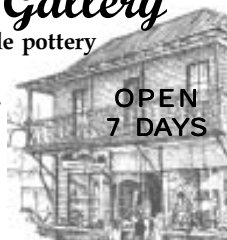
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grounds, 7.30. All horsey people welcomed. Ph. Katrina  
on 6492 7138.

### REFLECTIONS

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

### MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

### MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

### LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

### SOPHIAN Gnostic CIRCLE

For further info, phone Sue on 6493 8473.

### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

### THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

### 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.

### SOUTH COAST CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Bermagui Country Club, 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4.30pm,  
enquiries Gary & Michele Tyrell 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

An ecumenical centre for contemplative and creation  
focused spirituality at Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
Tilba Tilba, 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings at 6pm,  
Meditation every Thursday at 10am, no Sunday service.  
Contact Linda Chapman 4476 1006.

# FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

<b>December</b>			
Sunday 2nd	Once Bitten	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Sunday 2nd	Gleny Rae Virus + Tamworth Playboys + Ante's Pizza. Entry free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm start
Thursday 6th	Montague Choristers & Eurobodalla Children's Choir, \$20, \$15 (conc.) \$10 (Student)	Catholic Church Narooma	7.30 pm
Saturday 8th	Montague Choristers & Eurobodalla Children's Choir, \$20, \$15 (conc.) \$10 (Student)	Community Hall Bermagui	2.30 pm
Sunday 9th	Vince Melouney	Bermagui Hotel	4 pm - 8pm.
Sunday 9th	Phil Moriarty plays solo Book: 6494 0194	Georgina's Cucina, Wapengo	4pm - 8pm
Sunday 9th	Ross Ward & Co	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Friday 14th	Farewell to Jillian Taylor RSVP 6493 4271	Bermagui Public School	11 am
Saturday 15th	Black Velvet	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 pm - 11.30 pm
Sunday 16th	Bob Porter with Porterhouse Blue Entry free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm start
Sunday 16th	Bo Jenkins	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Monday 17th	Quaama School Presentation Night		
Friday 21st	Live Loud & Local	Bermagui Hotel	Starts @ 6 pm
Friday 21st	Quaama Community Christmas Party	School of Arts Hall	Starts 5.30 pm
Saturday 22nd	Bo Jenkins	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 pm - 11.30 pm
Saturday 22nd	Skate Club Disco (Primary Age 5-7pm High school age 7-10pm)	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	5 pm - 7 pm & 7 pm - 10 pm
Saturday 22nd	The Nashberries	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 pm til late
Monday 24th	Ante's Pizza	Bank of Ales Cobargo	5 pm - 9 pm
Friday 28th	Dave Debs	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 pm til late
Saturday 29th	3 On The Tree	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 pm - 11.30 pm
Monday 31st (NYE)	Figjam	Bermagui Hotel	Starts @ 8 pm
Monday 31st	Bush Medicine New Years Eve Party, \$65.00	Tilba Valley Wines	
<b>January</b>			
Tuesday 1st	Over The Moon	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 pm
Friday 4th	Carra (on tour)	Bermagui Hotel	8.30 pm
Friday 4th - Sunday 6th	Bermagui Open Tennis Tournament Details call Kerri 6493 4527		
Saturday 5th	Janet Levy's Good Intentions	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 pm
Sunday 6th	Heartbeat	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm start
	Lounge Lizards	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 pm
Tuesday 8th	Comics on the Run	Bermagui Hotel	8.30 pm
Sunday 13th	Once Bitten	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 pm
Friday 18th	Live Loud & Local	Bermagui Hotel	Starts @ 6 pm
Saturday 19th	Kate Meehan & Skip Landy \$15.00 entry	Tilba Valley Wines	7 pm start
	Black Velvet	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 pm
Sunday 20th	Kate Meehan & Skip Landy Entry free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm start
	Vince Melouney	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 pm
Saturday 26th)	Lounge Lizards	Bermagui Hotel	4.00 pm
Sunday 27th	Chris Mawer Band	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 pm