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## Cobargo's community show is on again!

On Friday 8th February entry at the gate is free of charge, so come along to see the dairy cattle judging in the morning and the beef cattle in the afternoon.

Kevin will keep you happy with a BBQ lunch or if you would prefer to sit in comfort away from the flies, the Cobargo School P&C will be catering in the dining pavilion on both days.

The main pavilion should be open just after lunch time to see who has taken out the prizes and admire the handicrafts and art work of our local talented people. Some of us will look at the farm and garden produce and wonder where we went wrong, as ours never looks that good!

Don't forget to have a look at the children's entries, especially the novelty arrangements using vegetables and fruit. What great imaginations these young folk have!

**Saturday 9th February – A great way to spend a day with the family!**

Come along and wander around the market stalls and displays. There will be various activities throughout the day ranging from The Reptile Show, The Great Zamboni Magician, Poddy

Riding, Team Yarding on foot, 2WD Ute Barrel Races, Dog High Jump and many other novelty events for you to participate in.

Kids, bring along your bikes so you can test your skills at the bike novelty races. The

judging of Tiny Tot and Baby of the Show will be judged next to the main pavilion at 1.30.

Richard Otton will be there with his newly acquired bullock team. Richard has only been training the beasts for a short time, but he tells us that they are fast learners. He bought ten hoping to make a team of six, but all 10 have proven to be very trainable.

Everyone will enjoy the fireworks at 9pm and whilst waiting for



Paddy's Bullock Team: Patch, Paint, Tiny, Toby, Poss, Mick, Pea, Pie, Rattler and Radar

the lights to come back on, listen to our local singer Kenny Matthews, before the Momsen Motors Demolition Derby concludes the show.

The Cobargo AP&H Society consists of local people who give their time voluntarily to make this community two day show a fun time. It is an event for families to come together, enjoy themselves, have a chat and catch up with people they may not have seen for some time. Hope you can join us!

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## Not for the faint-hearted

After their outstanding third place in the George Bass Marathon and the RAN's Team Award, the Bermagui Ladies' Surfboat Rowing Team has been asked how others can become involved in this sport of strength, determination and endurance.

Team member Tanya Ford, pictured left, already a Bronze Medallion surf lifesaver at Horseshoe Bay, says she set her sights on the George Bass Marathon back in early August last year when invited to join the team.

Over the next five months team training included at least three one-

hour workouts per week designed and generously donated by Sharon and Bear Humphreys of Body Bliss; rowing an hour most weekdays and three hours on Sundays in all surf conditions; and on Mondays the ladies met on the beach at Horseshoe Bay, jogged to Blue Pool, ran up and down those steps 10 or more times and jogged back to the beach.

Add to all this huge team spirit and family support, and you have the ingredients for a winning performance.

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Tanya Ford, member of Bermagui's GBM Ladies Rowing Team

## Editorial

Welcome to 2008; from all of us, to all of you, we wish you a healthy, happy and harmonious year.

There are good things happening in our Triangle, with two of our four biggest shows/festivals on this month. First up is the Cobargo Show in early February. The Show has been hit hard with the horse flu, but has fought back with a great program including a demolition derby and fireworks. There's lots more information in the following pages. Then at the end of the month there's the Cobargo Folk Festival. This festival is going from strength to strength and is much more than a 'folk' festival, with dance, bush readings, workshops and a big youth program.

Have you ever noticed tiny, white drops on your floors? One of our committee members had a very educational and surprising lesson this month.

Sitting in bed, reading, feels tiny drops of moisture splatter on arm; looks down, sure enough little specks of white; look up and see big, fat huntsman looking very pleased with himself.

Summer has been wonderful, blessing us with adequate rain, lovely sun and for coastal dwellers, the usual nor'easterlies. But compared to the north coast, we have been soooo lucky, which may account for the increase in

tourist numbers down here this year.

Which brings us into what we have decided will be our call for 2008.

Forget the upgrade to the Princes Highway; let's lobby for a train line. With petrol prices rising and unaffordable and even petrol rationing in the near future lets get a train line down here. Why spend huge amounts of money upgrading a road, when the upgrades are going to be obsolete in 10 years – and it will take at least 10 years to even start the up-

## An afternoon to remember

On Thursday 13th December I was privileged to share a reading gig with Pat Thompson and Gayle Kennedy at the wonderfully light and open new library space in the recently reinvented Community Hall. The afternoon blend of words, tea and sandwiches, was a great success.

Pat and Gayle are two passionate and beautiful women, both in wheelchairs and coming

from very different backgrounds, but sharing a common humanity that was movingly illustrated by their spontaneous embrace following the laughter and applause greeting a couple of Gayle's warm, earthy and life-affirming stories.

Ian McFarlane  
Beauty Point

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



Bloody grass! Bloody flies! Bloody visitors! Bloody summer! grade?

We delight in the response to Richard Tilzey's article – fish rise to de-bait! Read further in *The Triangle*.

You will notice that pages from Brogo and Quaama are missing ... Brogo and Quaama are you listening?

Happy New Year again, and may it be a peaceful and healthy one.

By the way, our next issue is the Easter one; please get your copy and ads in as early as you can.



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## Letters to the Editors

### Heartfelt gratitude

I am so happy to be able to express my heartfelt gratitude to Rodney of Cobargo and all the other brave individuals who assisted when I got myself into trouble swimming at Mystery Bay on Thursday 10th January, and to the women who heard my cries for help.

I did not get all your names beautiful people but I will never forget you. A thousand blessings on each of you.

With love and light

Barbara Gellony  
Quaama

### Congrats & Thanks

Congratulations and a huge vote of thanks to Bermagui CEFE (Clean Energy for Eternity) team who pitched in with good humour, creativity and hard work for making Market Day and GBM Day such a fundraising success – \$900.80 towards solar/wind power for Bermi's Surf Life Saving Club.

We refer of course to Bill Caldicott, Noel Kenway, Kim Mitchell, Arthur Gatley, Ros Jubb, Margaret Kenny-Levick, Sheena Boughen, Tony and Rosemary Millard, Jo Lewis and Lindy Hume (photographe extraordinaire). Special thanks to Chris Bimson of Seaside Fair for lending us the watermelon marquee, Pauleen Harris for the great photo prop, Robert from Fletchers Bega for the camera, Anthony Jubb for the bottled water, all donated and much appreciated! And to Bermi Fruit & Veg for supplying the great melons and David Lamb, our esteemed DJ. We look forward to more fun together in 2008!

Bill Southwood & Prue Kelly  
Clean Energy for Eternity  
Bermagui Chapter

## My Triangle

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

### Stasia Hyland

Stasia was born at Wandella on 17 February 1918, and has lived in the area all her life. She did the milking on the family farm every morning, before walking the two miles to Wandella School.

Stasia was married to Basil for 35 happy years, and has one daughter, Betty, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Stasia was awarded the Cobargo Citizen of the Year in 2004, for her kindness and generosity towards those around her.

#### What is your happiest memory?

When daughter Betty was born. (I had to say that as she is sitting in on the interview.)



#### Your favourite place in The Triangle?

All beautiful gardens, especially Foxglove Gardens at Tilba.

#### What do you love most about living here?

All my friends and loved ones live here – and I love the beautiful climate.

#### What are your favourite hobbies and pastimes?

I love cooking, and have won many prizes at the Cobargo Show with my scones, sponges, jams and fruit. I love being in my garden, tending to my beautiful dahlias, zinnias and fruit trees. I maintain it all myself, even the mowing until two years ago.

#### What are you looking forward to?

I thank God for my good health, and I am looking forward to celebrating my 90th birthday with dear friends and family in February.

#### Stasia, who would you like to share a long bus trip with?

Well, doesn't everyone say Reg?

Stasia, you are a gem. Happy birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Letters to the Editors (continued)

### Meads Bay - just the start

Congratulations to the *Triangle* for providing such a consistently open forum, information and enjoyable reading for so many people in our community. A big Thank You to all those who work to achieve this.

Other volunteers who have been working for umpteen years to protect the environmentally vulnerable Meads Bay Wallaga Lake are very pleased with the recent State Government decision that upholds its protection.

Meads Bay health is essential to the health of Wallaga Lake and the

local & wider fishing industry – so anyone who ever drops a line or a net is directly involved! As a local commercial fisho said: 'Every fin fish and crustacean that swims through Wallaga Lake has spent part of its life cycle in Meads Bay'.

The significance of Meads Bay's environmental importance has been established by thorough scientific research and recognised by the protection recommended by the Wallaga Lake Estuary Management Plan, Sanctuary Zone status in the Batemans Marine Park, Refshauge Panel, and now the NSW State Planning Department.

Government aerial photos dating back to 1944 show old heavily forested areas. These areas include

significant rain forest, endangered fauna & birds, and a permanent spring.

The waters of this spring evidently nurture optimum conditions for prawn development when they merge into the Bay.

Meads Bay was an idyllic habitat when Aboriginal people freely lived here as shown by the significant evidences of those lives which can still be seen. It remains a place of great beauty and landscape value.

And there's more – much more; suffice to say, Meads Bay protection needs to increase still further.

Marlene Wall  
Wallaga Lake

### Thumbs Up



To the owners of the Cobargo Hotel. Recently I spoke to some German tourists who had their car break down at Wallaga Lake.

Unfortunately the repairs were going to take over a week because of the holidays. The owner of the Cobargo Hotel loaned the visitors a car while they were staying in Cobargo. What a lovely gesture and should be commended for such generosity.

To the pleasant attitude of all the retailers and service industries in the towns – it has been noted how helpful and obliging most people are during the busy season.

To Bermagui beach sprinter, Madeleine Charlton-Owen, who claimed a gold medal during last week's NSW Surf Lifesaving Country Championships held at Port Tacking. Madeleine, a member of Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club, smashed the competition in the Under 13s girls beach sprint with a winning margin of about three metres.



### Thumbs Down

We all know that road-works have to proceed but does the Bermagui Bridge have to be half closed during the busiest week of

January?



## A clayton's victory for the Bermagui community

Congratulations to all the people who, over the years, have attended the many meetings, written letters and have stood fast in their resolve to protect the integrity of Meads Bay. Your dedication and common sense have eventually prevailed.

The Minister has resolved that, in accordance with the Dr Refshauge Committee's recommendation, the portion of Brock land that does not drain into Meads Bay (approximately 8.5 ha) may be developed for residential building purposes. The remainder of the land will remain as rural small holdings.

Members of the Wallaga Lake Estuary Management Committee (WLEMC) feel proud to have been in a position to serve their community by playing a major role in achieving this favourable outcome.

The final meeting of the WLEMC as a 'BVSC Committee' was held on 13th December 2007. Community members of the committee have determined to incorporate as the Wallaga Lake Estuary Management Committee with the NSW Department of Fair Trading. This will enable the committee to continue its work as a community-based committee with sole re-

sponsibility to the people of Bermagui.

The committee has also been encouraged by the response from the various NSW government agencies who have been active members of the WLEMC in the past. They are now very supportive of the committee continuing with its work and have indicated they would endeavour to attend key meetings.

To paraphrase the announcement made when a ruling monarch dies it could be said: The WLEMC is dead! Long live the WLEMC inc!

*Bill Ballantyne*

Bill is a member of the WLEMC

### CEFE donates to surf club

Bermagui Chapter of Clean Energy for Eternity were proud to donate \$900.80 to the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club, the proceeds of fundraising during the George Bass Marathon's visit to Horseshoe Bay on Jan 2.

Construction of the new Clubhouse is expected to start mid-year and this money is going towards the cost of solar and wind energy sources, part of CEFE's Livesaving Energy campaign to power all 305 clubhouses in Australia.

This would not have happened without the fantastic support of Bermi residents and visitors who bought CEFE t-shirts and calendars, paid for a fun photo and willingly made donations along the main street. Even the free watermelon given out at the CEFE marquee earned gold coins.



### Pat's Piece

H a p p y  
New Year –  
Thank you so  
much for having  
me back. It's such  
an incentive to  
keep this 85 year

old brain ticking over, and by the way, congratulations to the exceptional group of people who keep this great little newspaper going.

Just a couple of observations about the change of government and the fact that we should give thanks every day that we live in a democracy. There is, I feel, an air of expectancy around the country that has been lacking in recent years, particularly when it came to our cultural soul and our overriding belief in a fair go. We were, I felt, in danger of becoming a nation of 'Hand over our Hearts' flag waving patriots. That's okay if it is part of your physique, but it's definitely not ours. If you watch our body language at any ceremonial gathering, sporting or otherwise, you will notice a kind of embarrassing humility alongside a smattering of irreverence, which is exactly who we are. The hand over the heart

symbolic gesture has been part of the American way since time immemorial. Since we have allowed so much of US culture to insidiously invade our lives, it is my passionate hope that this particular one doesn't. Here's to a touch of irreverence when needed.

On a different note, have you been to visit our new library in Bermagui? Such an excellent space has been created; please visit it if you haven't already done so. I had the privilege of sharing an afternoon with the talented Ian McFarlane and Gayle Kennedy. Gayle is a young Indigenous writer who has written an award-winning account of her life while growing up out west in Ivanhoe. She was presenting a copy of her book to the library and the three of us had been asked to read to an audience of book lovers. It was a joyful and heartwarming afternoon. Gayle is wheelchair bound due to contracting polio as a child. Her readings were a hilarious, inspirational and poignant account of her life. We were both doubled up with laughter or fighting back the tears.

Ah, how the soul of this little village never ceases to amaze me, I just feel so incredibly blessed to live here.

*Pat Thompson*



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## The edge on sculpture

Bermagui seashiders are thrilled to announce that the featured artist at 'Sculpture on the Edge' this year will be well-known ACT sculptor and lecturer, Philip Spelman. Philip has been a regular exhibitor at Sculpture by the Sea in Sydney, as well as at Newtown's Defiance Gallery. He has also exhibited widely in the ACT, in WA, in a number of regional galleries, and at Meridian Gallery Melbourne.

Philip will be exhibiting at 'Sculpture on the Edge' and speaking at the event's symposium, 'Sculpture: Process & Passion' which will be held on Sunday 9th March at Maggie and John Cursley's property, 'Digadoo', at Dignam's Creek.

Joining Philip as a speaker at the

symposium will be another ACT sculptor, Rachel Bowak who, with a background in gold and silversmithing, now teaches blacksmithing at ANU School of Arts sculpture workshops.

Local speakers will include Richard Moffatt (currently exhibiting at the Priory at Bingie) and Karen Charlebois who is presently having a show with Cheryl Davison and Rick Anderson at Ivy Hill Gallery Wapengo.

Cursley Financial Services will be offering a \$2,000 People's Choice Award and Rosemary and Tony Millard will be providing a prize of \$100 for children's sculpture.

All enquiries regarding 'Sculpture on the Edge' should be directed to Jan Ireland, phone 6493 3808.



Turpine Towers, 2007, by Philip Spelman

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## Volunteers make Four Winds Festival

Things are hotting up in Bermagui and Barraga Bay for the Four Winds Festival at Easter (21st-23rd March) and its most ambitious program to date.

As well as beautiful music from Bach and Vivaldi there will be a premiere by Australia's leading composer and honoured guest Peter Sculthorpe, world music, jazz on Friday night, and lively Japanese drumming with an Aussie twist.

As always there is an army of

volunteers who are working on getting the Festival site ready and ensuring the weekend runs like clockwork. In fact Four Winds, which is a not-for-profit organisation, would be nowhere without the tireless work donated by so many. Volunteers from Narooma, Bermagui, Cobargo, Upper Brogo, Bega, Canberra and elsewhere make the Festival happen, and give it the reputation as one of Australia's leading regional festivals.

This year the Festival is giving back to the wonderful local community with a lively free concert on Good Friday at the Dickinson Oval in Bermagui – bring a cushion and your family and prepare to be transported by the music.

Early Bird tickets end February 8th. \$100 for 2 days, (concessions \$70), from the Pineapple House, Bermagui, or [www.fourwinds.com.au](http://www.fourwinds.com.au), phone 6493 3414.

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### Pony Club news

Cobargo and District Pony Club is alive and well When equine influenza hit in August the pony club movement went very quiet, as did all other horse activities.

The last event for 2007 was the club's Christmas Party at Magic Mountain where families had a great day without their trusty steeds.

The club held its AGM in January and members are now looking for-

ward to an active horsey 2008. Rally days will commence in March, so if you are interested in joining please call Lisa on 6493 7278 to check if there is any special travel document or paper work required before attending with your horse.

One of the club's life members, Bruce Reid, celebrated his 70th birthday late last year; congratulations Bruce from all your friends at Cobargo and District PC!

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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.*

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## The Ocean's View

Anyone reading Richard Tilzey's article in the December – January edition of the *Triangle* could be forgiven for reaching the conclusion that there was no need for marine conservation in our South Coast waters. If only that were the case.

Mr Tilzey shows no sign of being aware of the actual history of Australian and international efforts to counter threats to the health of the world's oceans. Marine protected areas (no-take zones, or sanctuary zones, in the NSW marine park system) have always been a major component of plans for remedial action.

Australian governments have been building action for nearly 20 years to protect the marine environment. The Howard government adopted Australia's Oceans Policy, which included a commitment to 'accelerate the development of the National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas', in 1998. NSW passed its Marine Parks Bill in 1997 (ie well before the time of the alleged 'deal' claimed by Mr Tilzey). In

this context, the anti marine park lobby's mantra that the whole thing is nothing more than a parochial vote grab is ridiculous.

Mr Tilzey refers to his background as a fisheries scientist, presumably in an effort to persuade readers that he speaks with authority. However, nothing could be further from the truth. The Australian Marine Sciences Association and the Australian Coral Reef Society, the peak professional bodies for marine scientists in Australia, with over 1500 members, stated in 2006, that 'the vast majority of ecologists and marine scientists agree on the value of Marine Protected Areas (ie no-take or sanctuary zones) to marine biodiversity and sustainable fisheries ... Comments to the effect that no good evidence exists for the value of MPAs and that most scientists dispute their value, are incorrect or misguided'.

The statement goes on to say that the benefits of MPAs have been demonstrated in many scientific studies. To quote one review of the literature, no-take zones 'have led to in-

creases in abundance, body size, biomass and reproductive output of exploited species. Such measures often increase many times over ... Population build up is usually rapid ... Increases are sustained over extended periods ... Reserves have benefited species from a wide spectrum'.

Similar consensus statements supporting the long-term benefits of marine sanctuaries have been made by hundreds of marine scientists in Europe and the USA.

As time goes on, more and more people are seeing the benefit of the park. There has been a bumper season for tourists, no doubt to the chagrin of the doomsayers, and the sky hasn't fallen in. Surely it is time to get on with it, and to view the park – especially its sanctuary zones – as a positive step toward the preservation of our marine environment for future generations, as well as an opportunity that can promote recreation and tourism.

Bill Barker, Secretary,  
Nature Coast Marine Group



## Time for respite

I am convinced that Richard Tilzey is no red neck; would a little teeny phrase such as 'the lines in the water represent a land grab by conservationist' indicate otherwise?

I also am an avid fisherman with my 30 year career being manacled to the whims of the Commercial Fishing industry or are they not less convincingly identified by their preferred tag as our 'Stewards of the seas'. In concert with Mr Tilzey I abhor the use of mechanical devices for scraping and destroying the seabed, the use of the continuous ocean scooping and pumping techniques being adopted for krill. But our commonality falls apart when

he attacks the issues of biodiversity with spurious arguments and what appears to be a series of convenient oversights.

Starting with the latter we have no mention of inter-generational equity and for that matter the treatise after correctly identifying the lack of base research data then does not evoke any possibility of the precautionary principal being applied.

With questions of the effectiveness of fishing controls being applied on both a seasonal spatial basis because their effectiveness then I need point out that these measures have been adopted in many applications ranging from cod beds to anchovy

nurseries and soon to krill fisheries a few weeks ago, to tuna in the whole Mediterranean. So we are left with the intellectual argument that allows us to go ahead and stuff it all up, just because we, as a nation, have been delinquent in establishing benchmarks.

I work in the world of recycling marine waste streams and in that capacity I see what has happened in Greenland, Iceland and Norway. I have at first hand witnessed the demolition of the Asian fisheries and the situation in South America is little better when you see Chile having to import fish oils. We are in a situation where there is not a single area of wild fish or

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crustacea catch that is not being decimated. In most cases we are losing 80% of catches realised only a generation ago. Certainly the issues of land-based run-offs, pollution, loss of sea grass beds, urban development and trawling techniques/quotas, remain sentinels of our fish losses but that is not the end of the capricious argument against on sanctuary points.

Recently in Tasmania we have given away 700,000 tonnes of krill. In Port Lincoln we import sardines so

that 16 kilos of this fish will produce one kilo of Southern blue fin tuna for the Japanese market.

Systematic under funding of marine research by all levels of Government, fishing industry and by tourist operators has assured us that we do not have reliable benchmarks but the lack of this is a lame excuse for attacking the sanctuaries being implemented.

If the tourist operators are miffed because they may lose profits then do something positive about it and contribute to the research efforts. Don't just whinge and whine because of some ill-

defined perception that offering a timed sanctuary to some pelagics is of no consequence. Because any respite from relentless ravaging of our seas is of value and if that time is found to be insufficient then let us expand those boundaries and keep them out of the hands of those money grubbing commercial interests.

Seeing it is the holiday season I will pack my rods and dingy and head for a spot just outside of the Jervis Bay no fishing zone and have a good time.

Joe Ruiz-Avila



## Grant bridges the gap at Horseshoe Bay

Horseshoe Bay Beach at Bermagui recently became a 'wheely' great place for people with limited mobility with the arrival of an all-terrain wheelchair.

The Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club purchased the wheelchair using a Clubs Community Development Support and Expenditure (CDSE) grant coupled with funds raised by Bridge Motors in Bermagui.

Club president, Warren Marshall, says the need for the wheelchair was really highlighted last season when one of the Nippers with mobility issues had to be carried down the beach.

The new wheelchair has a stainless steel frame and a canvas seat which can be pulled apart to allow easy transportation.

It can be used on the beach and in the shallows, including in small waves, and is available to anyone who needs it.

Mr Marshall said the wheelchair was a great demonstration of the way a community could work together to gain something worthwhile.

If you would like to use the chair outside weekend patrol hours, contact Rob Shaw on 6493 4131.



Bermagui SLSC Captain, Rob Shaw, checks out the club's new wheelchair alongside Andy and Josh Caves from Bridge Motors.

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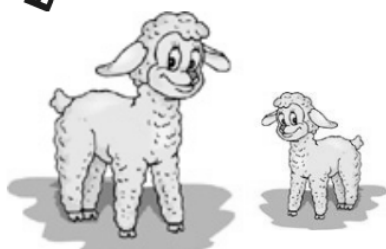
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## Bermi Banter

### Lighting up

In case you hadn't noticed, Bermagui's main business areas displayed Christmas decorations thanks to funds raised by the Chamber of Commerce. The metal forms were made by John Dunlop of Bermagui Foundry and mounted on the light poles by Greg McLaren and his willing helpers from the Bermagui Rural Fire Brigade.

Country Energy demonstrated their ongoing community support by organising and fully sponsoring the power supply to four of the poles in Lamont Street, and from the positive feedback received the Chamber will push on for more lights for next Christmas season. Business and individual donations towards this project would be most appreciated and can be made

through the Chamber of Commerce or Information Centre.

### To pee or not to pee

Proud of our new Resource Centre as we are, it's not as user friendly as it looks, but fortunately the list of grumbles is being addressed.

Very limited public access to the toilets – including the only disabled toilet in Bermagui – and the pleasure of redirecting locals and visitors to public amenities elsewhere has worn very thin with staff and volunteers. And, just who supplies the toilet paper? So far it's been at the expense of BVIC and CTC.

Wheelchair/ walking frame access is not via the newly constructed ramp from the staff parking area on Young Street but over the bumpy old weed infested brick paving and along the front of the building. Air circulation

in the Information Centre is almost nonexistent – hopefully installing at least two more louvered windows and canvas sails over the decking will make the temperature bearable. And watch your step halfway up the front stairs, where sapwood is still attached to the plank and likely to give way one of these days.

### Goodwill riding high

Many businesses throughout Bermagui have told *The Triangle* they're enjoying their best trading season for at least five years, with regular visitors slightly outnumbered by the many new faces spending time in this beautiful place. There's a strong sense of goodwill in the air right now and with the amazing array of community activities happening in 2008 let's all breathe deeply and appreciate what we have.

## Bermagui's their second home

Mr Rus Davis (91) and his wife Bette (86) have been coming to the Bermagui area since the 1930s when Mrs Davis' family stayed in Narooma every year and came to fish off the

Bermi Wharf and picnic in Zane Grey's shed on the headland on wet days.

Rus was 15 when he met Bette Thompson, aged 10, in 1927 at Homebush where Rus's father was a Methodist Minister. They married in 1949, raised three sons and holidayed firstly at Narooma, then at Tilba for many years, often on Bates' Farm, before buying their own holiday house at Wallaga Lake Heights in 1977.

Since then, four generations of the Davis family have made Bermagui their second home and enduring friendships have formed with long-term residents and visitors. Rus and Bette have only praise

for Bermagui's business and medical services – 'if you can't find what you want in town, someone will always find it elsewhere and get it to you quick smart'.

Mr and Mrs Davis have always been a busy couple – he in banking, manufacturing and on retirement, sheep farming, while she was a senior English teacher as well as wife and mother. They both swim almost every day at Bruce Steer Pool, enjoy drives around the area, visiting friends, and are serious observers of the local birdlife and ever-changing face of Wallaga Lake stretching across to the ocean from their doorstep.



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## Bermi Banter (continued)

### Good memories of great times

The arrival of Midge Didham in Bermagui over the New Year weekend brought back some great memories for many people. Midge's reputation as a winning jockey is known far and wide and it has been a real pleasure to be able to catch up with him and shake his hand. Midge stayed with long time friend, Joe Thomson and his wife, Norah.

Judi Hearn



Pictured from left to right are Mick Hornsby, Gino Meggetto, Midge Didham, Leon Creamer, Graeme Baxter and Joe Thomson.



### Bermagui Annual Tennis Tournament, 2008

The Bermagui Country Club Tennis Club held its annual tennis tournament 4th, 5th and 6th of January. Seven ranked players competed in this successful event and all competitors enjoyed the great atmosphere. Players from Darwin, Sydney, Canberra, Monaro, the Illawarra, Riverina, Batemans Bay and Moruya competed as well as some local talent.

The standard was extremely high. One of the highlights of the tournament included the match between Daniel Parker from Darwin and Billy Quist, grandson of former great Australian player, Adrian Quist. Daniel, a strong supporter of the Bermagui tour-

namment for the past four years, was the winner.

For some players, the tournament was a family affair. The winners of the Boys Under 14 Years were the Batten brothers Oliver and Nathan, and the winners for the Girls Under 14 Years were sisters Veronica and Christine Dummett.

It was great to see the tennis attracting local support from both players and spectators.

Naino Groen

Bermagui Country Club Tennis Committee



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The 13th Cobargo Folk Festival is on this month – Friday 22nd through to Sunday 24th.

They have a great line up: music and dance sessions, world music and country, comedy, bluegrass, acapella and traditional bush poetry. There is also a special kids program, The Crossing Youth Music Expo and workshops. Something for everybody.

A great way to enjoy the weekend is to pack up the kids and go and camp at the Cobargo Showgrounds, but don't forget to leave the dog behind, no dogs allowed. Take advantage of the Weekend Earlybird Offer and buy your ticket before Feb 18th.

For more information and a full program ring the Festival Hotline on 6493 6758 or mobiles 0427 919 010 or 0427 215 118, or send an email to [cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com](mailto:cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com).

#### Volunteers Needed

The Cobargo Folk Festival, is organised entirely by volunteers from the Yuin Folk Club Inc.

If you would like to volunteer you will need to provide 6–8 hours in exchange for a weekend ticket (worth \$70).

#### Full Volunteer Benefits

The benefits to becoming a full volunteer are:

1. Be part of a supportive group of people who love the Cobargo Folk Festival
2. Special invitation to the Festival farewell and BBQ
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## Changes necessary for Cobargo Showground

Not everyone in the community will be aware that the showground is a Crown Reserve, which is managed by trustees appointed by the Minister for Lands, all of whom are local residents who serve in a voluntary and honorary capacity.

As well as being the home of the Cobargo Show Society, the showground is also the home ground of the Cobargo District Pony Club, the venue for the Yuin Folk Club's folk festival and also for the Cobargo Horse and Trail Riders Club's horse and gear sale, and the regular meeting place of the Cobargo scout group.

Without doubt the most visible change that has occurred at the showground in recent years has been the construction of Cobargo's new sewage treatment plant with its associated holding pond and irrigation system. The showground now has access to a regular supply of treated water for irrigation of the grassed areas.

Another change has been the disappearance of the apple gums, which used to overhang the seating beside the main ring. These were removed with Council permission as they were considered a hazard. To replace them, a local nursery generously donated a number of shade trees.

### But ... why???

Brenda Stone was saddened recently when two bottlebrushes on either side of her father's grave at Cobargo Cemetery were cut off at the ground. Her father was Hughie Williamson and Brenda had nurtured the shrubs through the drought on her visits to his grave. One shrub had been there for 12 years and there seemed no obvious reason to remove them. Brenda is awaiting an explanation from Bega Valley Shire.



Visitors to the showground frequently comment favourably on its attractive appearance and the high standard of its amenities, which the trustees are continually striving to improve, and such comments are very gratifying.

The trustees have, however, been forced to discontinue forthwith the hiring of the showground for certain night time private functions. The reason for this action is the increasing prevalence of antisocial behaviour and malicious acts, which seem to occur at the showground and elsewhere in the town whenever such functions are held. All the precautions and security measures hirers take seem to be no deterrent, and the trustees regret having to take this step.



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## Cobargo Show: President's Message

Another year of show activities have passed but this year has had a different twist to it. We held an extremely successful annual two-day show in February 2007 with the second day concluding with a torrential downpour of 11 inches. What a grand finale that was!

On the 24th August we received notification that Equine Influenza had broken out. With quarantine restrictions in place, our state was put into lockdown mode, which resulted in the cancellation of our popular Spring Horse Show. As time passed it became apparent the severity of the situation and restrictions still remained in place on the hosting of horse events as our Annual Show date approached.

On the 5th of December 2007 the decision was made to not have horse events at our Annual Show for 2008. This decision was the most difficult and gruelling of any experience I have had to deal with, but I'm extremely proud of the strength shown by the members of the committee and the situation was handled very professionally.

Once the decision was made, we then all pulled together and set about planning the alternative entertainment. I take this opportunity to congratulate our Showgirl Debra Taylor, Showgirl runner-up Tennealle Robinson and also Junior Showgirl Gemma Harrington, runner-up Tamara Martin. I believe with your support we can make the 2008 Cobargo Show the highly successful show it always is.

*June Tarlinton  
President*



Showgirls left to right: Jnr. runner-up Tamara Martin, SG runner-up Tennealle Robinson, Jnr. SG Gemma Harrington, SG Debra Taylor



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### Happenings at our new Community Centre

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The Library with its wonderful space and light may not have the views of the previous one but it has given us a venue for having book readings and the *Triangle* hosted the first one in early December. Three authors assembled for what we thought would be a small gathering. News had got around and we used every spare chair and our afternoon tea was enjoyed by those who attended to hear visitor Gayle Kennedy and locals Ian McFarlane and Pat Thompson read from their books.

Reading is one thing but to hear passages and poems from the authors themselves read aloud with all the emphasis in the necessary areas was a special experience and one which we hope to be able to repeat every few months. Any thoughts on participants for our next event would be appreciated.

### Gift of the gab

The Bega Valley Shire Library is inviting adults to read to children as part of the GAB (Grandparents and Books) Volunteer Reader Program. Initially it was started at the Bega branch but now we are asking for volunteers for our Bermagui branch.

Bega Library successfully held two trainings and will hold further ones for the new volunteers, where they will be introduced to popular

read-aloud titles and learn fun ways to share books with children. The GAB Volunteer Reader Program brings adults and children together to share their love of reading. GAB readers are trained in techniques that make books come alive.

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Sculpture on the Edge builds on the success of its inaugural year. This year it is extended to 7-12 March and large sculptural pieces are once again to be set on the spectacular Endeavour Point Headland. High profile sculptors from Canberra and known local artists display major works. There are also smaller and more delicate pieces displayed in the nearby Bermagui Community Centre. This year's symposium 'Sculpture. Process and Passion' will be held on Sunday 9th March. Bookings are essential. The Exhibition is made possible by Regional Arts ACT,

and the support of Horizon Credit Union and Cursley Financial Services.

Saturday's Seaside Fair celebrations include the fancy dress Street Parade at 10.00am, traditional Blessing of the Fleet at 8.00am and helicopter joy flights over the scenic coast. The quality Bermagui Country Club Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the large marquee on Dickinson Oval will include many invited local and regional artists.

The Children's Events will take place on the netball courts behind the Country Energy Stage. There will be a monster toy run for toddlers, chuck a tuna, three legged and sack races, as well as the popular water balloon throw, which was so much fun last year. Volunteers are required as always. More information can be obtained from the website [www.seasidefair.com](http://www.seasidefair.com) or by phoning 1800 645 808. △

### Children's story time

Bermagui Library would like to start 'Children's Story time' for preschoolers with their caregivers. 'Children's Story Time' will comprise stories with rhymes/songs, or videos and a craft. It will run twice a month

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Groups will have a maximum of ten children in each. More information: phone 6499 2242. △

## Two sad losses

The Bermagui district said good bye to two of its more prominent citizens in January.

John Crewe, journalist, broadcaster and much loved citizen of Beauty Point whose impressive obituary was published in the Sydney Morning Herald in early January.

Emmanuelle Drakos, whose sad passing left his wife and young family. Emmanuelle did a lot for the youth of our area with his interest in Judo and his obituary was published in the Bermagui and Narooma papers on 14th January.

### Koala Meeting

A meeting is being jointly organised by Department of Environment and Climate Change and Forests NSW.

It will:

1. Provide information about koala surveys that were undertaken in Mumbulla State Forest in October/November 2007 and those that are proposed for forests to the west and south west of Bermagui in autumn 2008;

2. Launch a consultant's report that is an outcome of a community consultation process on koalas in the region.

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## Art in the Triangle

### 'Artless'

The Cuttagee Artist Group will be staging their 12th annual exhibition over the Easter period from March 21 to March 30, from 10am to 4pm daily. This year's challenging theme is 'Artless', meaning without deception, guileless, totally natural.

For local art patrons and visitors to the Triangle area, the Cuttagee Artists Exhibition has become a 'must see - must do' annual event, and this year will be no exception with a strong showing from the group's members, a big line up of guest artists, plus the debut of two emerging artists. There will be something to interest everyone with all new works: textiles, painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics and mosaics.

Locals will recognise the names of guest artists residing in the Bega Valley: Naomi Lewis from Cobargo, Lauraine Parker, Quaama; Tim Moorhead from Tathra and Jenny Mein from Bega. A welcome addition to the guest line-up is Dira Horne from Canberra with her wonderful mosaics.

Works by two new sculptors will be on display for the first time: Fran Vercoe from Bermagui and LeighAnne Sydenham of Narooma.

Long-standing group member Surajo Frith will return this year with her ceramics, as will Jay Ellard. Other group members exhibiting will be Sara Freeman, Deborah Mandira, Jenni Yamuna Bruce, Lois Irwin, Bhavana Moylan and Shunyam Smith.

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The endowment winner will receive professional mentoring by a successful, well-recognised artist in the relevant field of expertise and the opportunity to present their body of work to the community in a local gal-

ley Shire (including outlying Far South Coast postcodes 2537, 2545 and 2546), a practising visual artist with a body of work and some exhibition experience, and be willing to speak about and promote their work as a Living Artist in a public forum.

The judges for the 2009 Living Artist endowment are three well respected artists Michael Le Grand, Tim Moorhead and Prue Acton, and the founding Director of Narek Galleries, Karen O'Clery.

FSLAP is committed to keeping local talent in the region. Karen O'Clery said, 'We are very fortunate to

have a number of internationally recognised artists on the Far South Coast who chose to move here to live and work. We can now help emerging artists to reach that level of recognition while remaining in this beautiful region'.

Applications for the 2009 Living Artist en-

dowment **close on 1 May 2008.**

For information on how to apply for the Living Artist endowment and full details of the assessment criteria contact:

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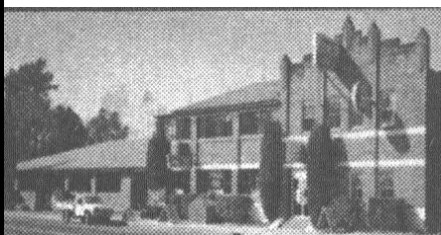


Poppy Benton with her work at Narek Gallery

lery exhibition (or similar event). The 2008 augural Living Artist endowment recipient, ceramicist Poppy Benton, will open her grant completion exhibition, *Imbue*, at Narek Galleries in Tanja on the 1st March 2008.

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## The art trail over summer

We are always hearing that in this area we are so fortunate to have so many talented artists of every pursuit, but we are more fortunate still to have galleries, both public and private, which exhibit their works.

Ivy Hill opened the new year with a very summer exhibition, featuring the sculptures of Karen Charlebois, the paintings of Rick Anderson and Cheryl Davison's indigenous works.



Sculpture at Ivy Hill

The lovely setting of Ivy Hill in the evening light was enjoyed by visitors, the artists and their friends and families viewing another successful exhibition.

Narek Gallery featured sculptor and teacher, Alan Watt, in November and then followed *Texture & Light*, an unusual display of the most beautiful woven textiles done by Jennifer Robertson. The exhibition was complemented by exquisite brooches in non-traditional metals displayed by her husband, Christopher Robertson.

Not to be outdone by the early openings in January, Bega Regional Gallery launched a very stimulating photographic exhibition on Friday, 18th January. A packed gallery and a lively crowd viewed, Zero <Boy> Incognito, by locals Eryca Green, Angela Tarlington and Bronwyn Wright, who is based in Darwin. △

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## Tilba Bites

Back on deck after holidays and my 25th summer tourist season on the South Coast. Aren't we so lucky with our clean air, uncrowded beaches, bays and lakes full of water. Businesses and workers seem to be happy with the season – a good mix of weather and overall happy visitors. Al Hinde has been cooking dinner two nights a week at Pam's Store to cater for extra demand, but is happy to be back to just Friday night so his energy can go into his building project.

Saturday 19th January saw the wedding of David Oliphant and Angela Young in the Open Sanctuary Church at Tilba Tilba. It was almost monsoonal



David Oliphant and Angela Young

weather to start but the clouds broke and guests enjoyed drinks and snacks on Angela's back verandah at The Sanctuary in Central Tilba.

The dynamic garden duo of Janine and Lisa had spent a couple of weeks sprucing gardens and dam area and

planting an abundance of colour. The reception was held at The Whale in Narooma, followed by wild dancing. The bruises on Caroline's foot are still coming out thanks Stuart.

Welcome to new business Passionfish Candles and Gifts in Central Tilba. Proprietors Kylie, Jason, Aaron and Andy are displaying an innovative range of practical and decorative candles, giftware and pampering products.

Also welcome to new owners of Love at First Bite in Tilba Tilba, who took over the iconic cafe just before Christmas. Kathy and Cathy are enjoying the challenge with good original staff and endeavours to source as much local produce as possible. I'm sure all patrons wish James and Megan a happy retirement after so many years of consistent delicious standards.

Nic and Erica Dibden and Jamie Stewart (Herd Manager) are justly proud of one of their stud jersey's prizes at the Candelo Show. Misty Glen Firecracker Gem won 1st in age



Heather and Butch at the races (photo by Bruce Coulson)

class (she is 5 years old), Best Udder, Champion Cow and then Grand Champion. She must deserve a special feed and a good sleep-in!

Time to thank Phil Elton for his ongoing role of local organiser for community service workers in Central Tilba. In his own words Phil is the man on the ground. This group of people comes to the Village every Thursday with their Corrective Services officer, Darryn. They have two lawnmowers and two whipper snippers supplied by the Department. Over nearly two years Phil has been organising their work with about a full year spent on the Central Tilba Halls. This included a lot of painting, cleaning, small repairs and re-organising around the halls. Since then they have painted the Fireshed (which was looking very sad), village chairs, tables, stairs and handrails. Recently Phil has organised a huge amount of pruning, tidying, weeding and mowing, sweeping gutters and maintaining public lawns, verges and car parks throughout the village.

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## Tilba Bites (continued)

and road edges around the Village, it has probably been done by Phil and Darryn's team of workers. The workers are benefiting themselves from the discipline and regular community work and some are quite proud of their results. Phil has stressed to me that his work would not be possible without donations of up to \$500 for this ongoing project from both business and private individuals. A fantastic effort from everyone with results that are obvious and ongoing. But a special Thank You to Phil for being 'the man on the ground'.

Deb Elton from Tilba Leather asked me to remind you to drop in any books and magazines that you have finished with to be sold for funds towards our halls and street furniture. Use it as an excuse to 'spring clean' your cupboards, shelves and storage areas. Books are better read!

If you are quick (closes Sunday February 10th) Tilba Cameo Collection Gallery is exhibiting a fabulous range of cloth compositions by local resident and artist Viki Forscutt. They represent her interpretation of the Tilba District.

Thanks for listening,  
Ewen Genders.

## Brogo Babble

You may be wondering why these columns are empty. Well John Champagne has moved on, and Veronica Coen too, although temporarily, and over the Christmas period no-one has come forward to take up the challenge.

Come on you Brogarians and Quaamese, we love to hear your news, so someone needs to step forward and have a go. If you are on email all you need to do is gather the stories and cobble them together, then email them off to *The Triangle* by the deadline.

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**Techo Advice** for this month (from Craig Tulau, of DNC Alternatives)

It's thunderstorm season and we have been busy in the last few weeks fixing and replacing computers and modems which have been fried by lightning. To protect your valuable equipment from damage caused by power spikes and surges, it's a good idea to invest in a quality electrical surge protection device. It's wise to protect your equipment from spikes transmitted along both electrical and telephone wires and as such a surge protector that provides both levels of protection is recommended. For business and some home users a combination surge protector and uninterruptible

power supply (UPS) may be required. The UPS will provide you with immediate power backup in the case of black and brown outs. They are designed to give you enough time to save and close your work without losing critical data. Some models also come with a guarantee for the products connected.

Now for a bit of technology trivia, did you know ...

Time magazine named the computer its 'Man of the Year' in 1982.

A 1999 survey of 25,500 standard English-language dictionary words found that 93 per cent of them have been registered as dot-coms.

A 2001 study conducted by PC Data and Information Resources Inc.

showed that greeting cards, soup, breakfast cereal, and Imodium were among the most popular packaged goods bought online.

A computer on a chip that today costs \$10 is equal in performance to systems costing \$100,000 three decades ago.

A NUKE InterNETWORK poll found that 52 per cent of Internet users have cut back on watching TV in order to spend more time online; 12 per cent have cut back on seeing friends.

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## Book Review

This month's contribution is more a report than a review! *The Triangle* has donated two books to the Bermagui library this month – one is the winner of the 2007 Man Booker Prize – *The Gathering* by Ann Enright.

This is my third year in a row of failing to understand the choice of the judges, who I'm sure understood the deep and meaningful message of this book, set in Ireland around the gathering of a large and unruly family called the Hegarty's when one of the brothers dies and his body is returned to Ireland for the funeral. Parts of the book

are truly beautiful, but, overall, I found it very hard work, and not to my taste, not in the same league as *Chesil Beach* (Ian McEwan) one of the unsuccessful contenders.

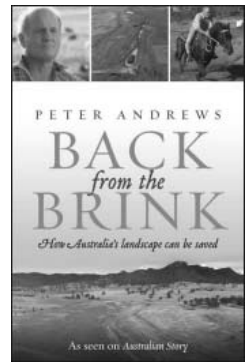
The second donation to the library is, *Back from the Brink*, by Peter Andrews; it tells of Andrew's work in returning parts of the Australian landscape to its original systems, and is an excellent reference and inspiring story for anyone interested in the debate about sustainability. Many of you will remember the ABC's 'Australian Story' on which he appeared; it became the most popular episode in the program's history.

A book already in the Bermagui

library, which I tried and failed to get into, is Cormac McCarthy's *No Country for Dead Men*, on which the reported best film of the year is based – I think I'll see the film, then try again.

My treat to myself for Xmas was to buy Philip Roth's latest, *Exit Ghost* – he's just about my favourite author, and I needed something after *The Gathering*!

Heather O'Connor



## Garden Magic

And so we embark upon another year of battling the elements, in an effort to beautify our surroundings to meet our own perception and of course, to try and reduce climate change.

It always amazes me when people move into wonderful, natural surroundings such as we enjoy and then want to rid their patch of native animals. The bottom line is that possums and wallabies don't deliberately single out your address to chomp your roses and lavender. They're just trying to survive, like all of us. However, there are products on the market which may move possums on – D'ter and quassia chips being a couple. They're not poison; they just taste yukky, apparently. Good luck with the wallabies – from what I've heard, the only

plant they don't enjoy is *Lomandra longifolia*.

On the subject of pruning, did you realise that annuals can be cut back to freshen them up? Plants such as petunias, marigolds, snapdragons, etc, tend to look a bit tired after very hot days, so nip them back and feed with one of the soluble fertilisers such as Aquasol, Thrive, Miracle Gro or Maxicrop. By the way, Seasol is not a fertiliser – it's classified as a tonic and is best used when transplanting, in order to overcome shock to the plant's root system. It also helps annuals settle in. Another product for that purpose is Plant Starter.

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Until next time.

Lindy Marshall



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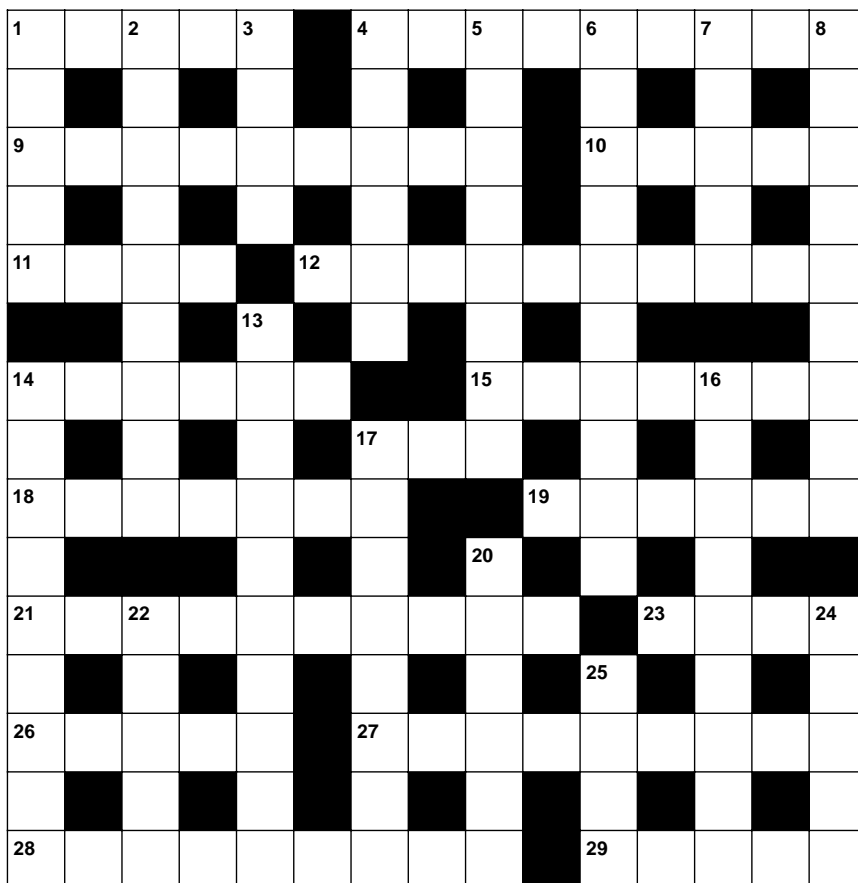
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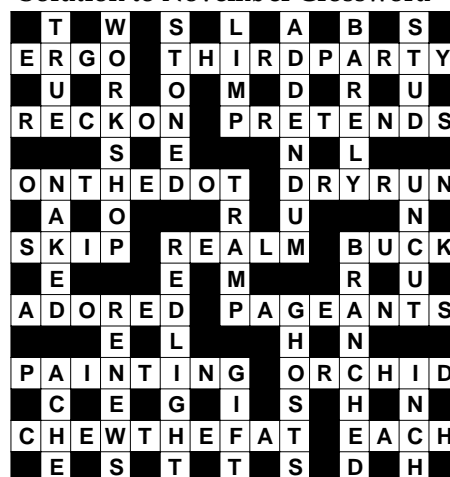
1. Fathers thanks for this meal (5)
2. Spin over stakes for Eddy (9)
3. Ready for headstone inscription over east (4)
4. Observed around credit shield (6)
5. Reminiscent and go over a period of fasting (8)
6. Consecutively returning to the rear part (4,2,4)

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7. Sound system for a car with none (5)
8. Confused doctor of divinity cedes two points and went down (9)
13. A boat to get the party going (10)
14. It goes around a car to stir fifty (9)
16. Ways to get out of circular cavities (9)
17. Widest way in New York east street (8)
20. A short month with hesitation makes a dividing structure (6)
22. Due without a means to fly (5)
24. Dance step with direction was no longer fashionable (5)
25. Cut with a single bite (4)



## Solution to November Crossword



## Quick Crossword clues

### Across

1. Might
4. Malibu
9. Captained
10. Ciphred
11. Afflicts
12. Relax
14. Squat
15. Swindled
17. Never the less
18. Protective device for a car
19. Agreement

21. Ultraviolet protection for the earth
23. Cut of meat
26. Pong
27. Enmeshes
28. Mathematical table
29. Glue

### Down

1. Italian dish
2. Eddy
3. Mature

4. Shield
5. Fragrant
6. Consecutive
7. Sound system
8. Went down
13. Type of boat
14. Merry-go-round
16. Means of escape
17. Widest
20. Cavity division
22. Due
24. Old fashioned
25. Cut

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### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui: 2pm Saturdays, ID/Topic,  
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Bega: 5.30pm Monday, Steps & Traditions,  
Uniting Church Hall, Gipps St  
7pm Tuesday, Topic/ID/BBS,  
Catholic Church Hall, Gipps St  
6pm Wednesday, Uniting Church Hall, Gipps St  
8pm Friday, Catholic Church Hall Gipps St

### ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch - Meetings bi-monthly at Tathra  
Beach Bowling Club every 3rd Thursday of the month.  
All welcome. Enquiries 6493 7269.

### ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

**Quaama - St Saviour's** - Every 1st Wednesday of the  
month, 10.00am Morning Service  
**Cobargo - Christ Church** - Fri, 10.00 Morning Service.  
6.30 Youth Group (Years 5-12 during school term)  
Sundays, 8.00am Morning or Communion Service,  
5.00pm Contemporary Service.  
**Bermagui - All Saints** - Thursdays 10.00am Morning  
Service, Sundays 10.00am Morning or Communion  
Service.  
Enquiries: Reverend Malcolm Dunnett Ph 6493 4416

### BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### BERMAGUI SEASIDE FAIR

Volunteers and coordinators required for the 11th  
Bermagui Seaside Fair, Saturday 8th March 2008.  
Phone Jo, 6494 0191.

### COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2nd Monday every month - 12 midday. Venues vary - for  
info phone Robyn Herdegen - 6493 8324 Margaret  
Portbury - 6493 6461.

### COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

### COBARGO LANDCARE GROUP

Occasional meetings - for info phone  
Brian Lewin - 6493 4629, Rod Logan - 6493 8512.

### COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yo and over. Caring for your child's  
early education. For more info, ph Tracey Abraham on  
6493 6660.

### COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets once a month. Hall bookings and enq. Maryann  
Green 6493 6280 [m@blackdogfurniture.com](mailto:m@blackdogfurniture.com)

### 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 MARKET DAY

4th Saturday monthly. SOA Hall and grounds. 8:30 to  
12:30. Phone Helen on 6493 6572 for bookings.

### COBARGO PLAYGROUP

Recommences Cobargo Pre School, October 20th then  
alternate Fridays, 10am - 12pm, until December 15th.  
All welcome. Further info contact Pam 6496 1918.

### COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASS'N

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

### 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 SES UNIT

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

### 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. Contacts: Maree Selby -  
6493 3057 and Lyn Gammage - 6493 4960

### THE BERMAGUI MARKETS

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

### BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

Friday mornings 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. Meetings 1st Thursday of  
each month at Bermagui Country Club & 3rd Thursday  
of each month at Cobargo Hotel at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

### BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB

**AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.**  
Bermagui Country Club Amateur Art and Craft Group:  
Monday mornings: Porcelain Art, Tuesday Mornings:  
Needlework/Patchwork and Art, Thursday mornings:  
Embroidery and Leadlighting, Friday mornings: Pottery,  
Friday afternoons - 2nd and 4th Friday of each month:  
Spinning. Visitors and new members welcome.  
Enquiries: 6493 3445.

### 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. Contact Dianne Smithett on 6493 8590.

### QUAAMA BAND

Are you interested in joining a local community band?  
No matter what your ability is or how rusty you may be,  
you're very welcome. Rehearsal, Sundays 3 - 6 at the  
Quaama Hall. Ph. Greg 6493 8240.

### QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

Fabric and Textile Art Group meeting monthly at  
Quaama. Phone 0427 402 025.

### OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui Country  
Club, with Nancy, a fully-qualified fitness instructor.  
Cost \$6, free introductory class. Contact Judy Allen  
6493 5559 or Nancy Casu on 4476 3282.

### 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.

### QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

### TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

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

### DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

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

### REFLECTIONS

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

### MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

### MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

### LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

### SOPHIAN GNOSTIC CIRCLE

For further info, phone Sue on 6493 8473.

### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

### AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

### 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

Sunday 3rd	Spicy Fruit Chutney	Tilba Valley Wines	1pm start
Friday 8th	Cobargo Show	Cobargo Showgrounds	
Saturday 9th	Cobargo Show	Cobargo Showgrounds	
Sunday 10th	Play reading & public workshop ph 4474 5619	Bermagui Community Centre	11am - 2pm
Sunday 17th	The Dapper Rakes	Tilba Valley Wines	
	Young Guns of Blues	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30
Thursday 21st	Harry Laing poetry workshop. Booking ph 6499 2411	Bermagui Community Centre	
Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th	Yuin Folk Club Folk Festival	Cobargo	
Wednesday 27th	Public Meeting Re : koalas	Bermagui Community Centre	7pm
Friday 29th	Dave Debs	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 til late



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