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Love the Local Show

Whatever you do, set aside the 6th and 7th of February for two great days of fun at the Cobargo showgrounds when the local show is on. The Cobargo Show, the best in the region, is packed full of entertainment.

If you've some vegies in the garden or a great photo you have taken, or you can cook a mean cake, here is your chance to enter in the local show and get to see your goods displayed. In the jams and jellies section there is a plum challenge, which is where you can enter four different plum preserves, for example jam, sauce, relish and chutney, and have a chance to win the champion exhibit plus \$10. Also not listed in the jam and jellies section is the opportunity to win champion relish or pickles. So all you budding show people get out the aprons and start cooking.

There are many other sections of crafts, vegies and flowers in the pavilion and entry is free.

On the Friday there will be four hack rings, also a showjumping ring, the dairy and beef cattle judging and the very entertaining camp drafting will be on from 5.30pm.

On Saturday, there is the post rip, woodchop, horse events galore, team penning, motor bike races, finals of the barrels and bending races and a special area with fun free activities just for all the children. Back by popular demand is Zamboni the magician. The ever-popular baby and tiny tot of the



Tucking in ...

show will also be judged.

The show will end with a spectacular fireworks display, so come to the show, settle in, grab a bite to eat at the BBQ and enjoy the best little country show on the coast.



Polish up your Fiddle, it's Folk Festival Time

The Cobargo Folk Festival is on again. Three days of exciting music, comedy and dance in the beautiful setting of Cobargo on the NSW south coast.

This affordable family festival

aims to develop and foster Australian, multicultural, traditional music and dance.

It began as a small celebration in the village centre but has become so popular in recent years it has been held in multiple venues around the showground where there is ample space, good facilities (including onsite camping with all amenities).

Special guests at this year's Festival include The Beez (Germany), The Fagans (all of them), Jez Lowe and Kate Bramley (UK), Graham Moore (UK), Warren Fahey and The Larrikins, Davidson Brothers, Beautifully Mad, Cobargo's own Damon Davies and a host of talented performers from all over Australia.

The program in 2009 includes exciting special features – 'The Southern Cross Is Calling Me' – songs about migration to Australia; 'Tom Waits For No Man' – a quirky, broad interpreta-

tion of Tom Waites' style and material; and a bluegrass special featuring some of the best bluegrass exponents in Australia.

Festival goers are welcome to attend workshops for guitar, banjo, accordion, fiddle, song writing and stagecraft. There will be opportunities for budding musicians to perform at open mic' sections of the program.

A folk festival is not complete without a Poet's Breakfast – this year to be held in the session area from 8.30am. So bring along your poems, yarns stories and join in.

The Crossing Youth Venue will be back with opportunities for young folks to strut their stuff on the 'Young Performers Stage'. There will be a special event this year for up and coming young performers in the 18–25 age group.

A special kids' venue, 'The

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The multi-skilled Mal Webb

Editorial

Well we have had a varied start to the New Year with the weather and temperatures varying from a low of 14 to 42 degrees in the Triangle plus some useful summer storms, we hope you have received the rain and no damage.

The crazy weather has not slowed down the visitor numbers nor their enjoyment of the area, many happy faces to be seen and it is gratifying to see so many enjoying what we all take for granted sometimes living in this forgotten area of NSW.

Unfortunately not all prospective customers have been happy with the services which are offered particularly in the café/restaurant area. We only have a month of intense visitor occupation in the summer and it is not good that there is often no food and nowhere to sit down and eat after 2pm in the afternoon especially on the weekends. We realise everyone is tired and overworked but we do want visitors to return and take away the best impressions and the complaints in this field are loud and long in summer. We have many months in winter to recuperate and relax when it is far from busy.

The situation above was really accentuated with the hundreds of visitors to see the arrival in Bermagui Harbour last weekend of *Earthrace*, the revolutionary boat, which is powered with 'used cooking oil' basically. Anyone who went on board could not fail to be impressed with their innovation and dedication getting such a project up and running and breaking the record for the fastest boat to circle the earth, only 60 days. See article elsewhere by our intrepid one legged reporter, Sallie.

We on *The Triangle* must congratulate the vision of our friend and member, Louise Brown for organising the Open Air movies with the 'Jumping Castle Blow up Screen'. This was a fun event and we thank all our local organisations for your excellent catering and wonderful fresh food and good coffee. We also appreciate the ice cream man taking back our surplus as once again the weather made sales of ice cream a non-essential as we froze on the Cobargo Show Ground a couple of evenings. To all our supporters, riggers, techos and especially movie goers, we thank you and watch this space for future developments.

We would also like to thank The Mumbulla Foundation and BVSC for

their grant, which enabled us to buy the screen. This means that we will be able to continue showing outdoor films and also to lend/hire out our equipment for the use by other groups.

It's festival time in The Triangle with both the Cobargo Show and the Cobargo Folk Festival on this month. We hope you all take some time out and visit both events, remember winter can be a long dark period!

All the best for 2009 and may it be a happy and healthy 300 plus days.

Letters to the Editors

Koala facts

Response to the South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc. for Bermagui SF

Well, well they have done their homework haven't they?

They say there are 400 species of wildlife, 200 of them vertebrates. Yes, one koala which I tracked for a couple of years until we lost contact. He was the only koala on the north side of the river, which is now being logged. However, that old koala was killed by dogs near the reservoir.

Spotted gum trees are not eucalypts as a lot of you think.

Bermagui SF has now been logged three times that I can remember. It was clear felled in 1912-1920, and these people are saying hollows take about 150-180 years to develop, possums and gliders are seldom found in trees less than 200 years old.

Bermagui SF is only about 100 years old, so how can there be any hollow trees? The logging over all those years has done wonders for all that wildlife to be in the forest.

All koalas in the district that have been killed, are killed in land clearing for subdivision. Narira Creek for instance, there were a lot of koalas down there but over the last 10 years none have been seen or heard.

The Crossing place was a high use area for about three females, you could go anytime and see at least one with its young on its back. But now, after the clearing and buildings they are no more.

These sort of clearings are killing the koalas, not the logging. I have found up to seven colonies of koalas in my time of travelling around the bush. I can go back to

areas that have been logged and still find koalas. So these people who say logging kills koalas are quite wrong. They should go and learn a few things before opening their mouths.

A. Cotterill
Cobargo

Threat to birds on Montague

Whilst working on Montague Island just prior to Christmas I found three lots of curly ribbon with balloon tags attached in the middle of the crested tern breeding colony. The third ribbon, as you can see in the photo (below) was completely tangled around this chick's legs. Clearly this rubbish had floated across from the mainland where celebratory balloons had been released.

Not only do the balloon rubber bits get ingested by seabirds and mammals but feet tangled that badly mean certain death.

Don't you think our wildlife has enough working against their survival without us adding more into the equation? I won't even start on about carelessness with fishing lines!

If you must use balloons for celebrations please do not release them into the atmosphere and even indoors they should all be punctured and properly disposed of after the party.

Maggie Clowes
Dignams Creek



Shear exhaustion!

Jo Lewis (Dec. 08 Triangle) was rather unkind to Barragga Bay Beach in her article about finding dead birds on this beach.

The facts are that about September/October every year great flights of short-tailed shearwaters (mutton birds) migrate to nest and raise their chicks on the Bass Strait islands, particularly the Furneaux Group. This migration down our coast was first noticed by Matthew Flinders in 1798. The adult birds fly a huge figure of eight from north-

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east Asia, across the North Pacific and then north around New Zealand, and then down the south-east Australian coast. The adult birds depart Australia for Asia via the Western Pacific in April/May and the chicks about one month later. The entire journey covers over 30,000 km. Mutton birds are plankton feeders and are at the mercy of any strong winds/rough seas all the way.

Years ago Rodney Hall and I stood on Barragga Bay Beach as a great black cloud of birds flew southwards past us, very low to the water and just out to sea. One recent official estimate is that 350,000 birds per hour pass down the coast and some 23 million birds then nest on the Bass Strait islands each year.

It is not the hooks from long-liners that kill some of these birds, but sheer exhaustion!

*Geoff Cameron
Barragga Bay*

After reading the article headed 'Dead Bird Beach', I was incensed. Many other people I spoke to were also appalled by it.

In the December of the year that I settled in Barragga Bay I was horrified by all the dead birds on beautiful Barragga Bay Beach. I queried this incident with locals and learned that they were mutton birds. Each year these birds migrate from the northern hemisphere to the southern hemisphere. A great many of them don't make it to their destination – from sheer exhaustion they die at sea and are washed up on several of the beaches along the coast. Every summer it is the same.

The article's unfounded derogatory assumptions about fishermen and the fishing industry and the denigration of a spectacular part of our Triangle with an outrageous 'renaming' is, in my opinion, inexcusable. It most certainly does not create a favourable impression of Bermagui, the northern gateway to the recently announced National Landscapes Coastal Wilderness.

I am an avid reader of *The Triangle* and give enormous credit to the committee for producing such a wonderful local newspaper. However,

publishing this article without any apparent research into the circumstances is a great disappointment. I hope that at least the 'old friends from the other side of the world' are contacted and informed there was no human intervention in the demise of these birds and that it is a natural occurrence.

*Christine Bimson
Barragga Bay*

In the December issue of the *Triangle* I contributed an article entitled 'Dead Bird Beach' which recounted the experience of discovering the decayed corpses of numerous seabirds and the response of my overseas visitors to that experience.

I have now learned to my relief that this was almost certainly a natural phenomenon as this part of the coast is at the farthest reaches of the migratory path of the mutton bird and, sad as the deaths may be, they are not the result of human actions and I will advise my guests of this fact.

I am also happy to hear that long line fishing now has the option of using a hook that is weighted to sink quickly and in such a way as to preclude bird by-catch. I hope that this innovation is adopted widely enough to protect the Albatross populations that are reported to be the main casualty to date. We are all a part of our environment and it is our responsibility to care for it. I feel immensely privileged to live in this beautiful location.

*Jo Lewis
Akolele*

We at *The Triangle* wish to apologise to anyone who may have been offended by publication of the article 'Dead Bird Beach' in our December/January issue. Thanks to our readership, we now clearly understand these birds were almost certainly mutton birds which die in this way as a normal course of nature, and we are sorry to have conveyed thoughts to the contrary.

*The Editorial Committee
The Triangle*

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Too cute a baby hedgehog. Photo sent in by Bill and Joy Ballantyne

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THUMBS UP

To the happy little band of locals who go up to Blue Pool each year and do a great job clearing and cleaning the steps leading down to the pool.

To Saltwater for soldiering on when all south side cafes closed on Earthrace Sunday afternoon.



To Post Office staff in Tilba, Quaama, Cobargo and Bermagui, who toiled so hard to handle our enormous amount of Christmas mail.

THUMBS DOWN

To the desperate thief who stole a large plant from the entrance garden into the Bermagui Cemetery. Sleep well you creep.

To the Cobargo male who ensured a welcome to our tourists by haranguing and spitting on them. Wow that will really help the local businesses.

To those responsible for the disappearance of the memorial table from Montreal Goldfield.



Letters to the Editors (continued from page 3)

Racism in Bermagui

Gary Campbell's family, whose heritage connection to Bermagui and surrounding areas dates back for many centuries, were once again the victims of an unprovoked, racially-based, vicious attack.

Gary's parents George and Sadie Campbell reared their family in Bermagui as did his grandparents William and Ada and his great grandparents Ninum Campbell and Ada May Coombes who lived in pre-white settlement in this area. For Gary and all his family their connection to the land in Bermagui is rooted in a deep respect and a strong sense of belonging. Gary as the Aboriginal Liaison Officer at Bermagui Primary School feels honoured to share his family history and knowledge with the children that he teaches. He believes that the future is for all of us to share, However, it would appear that there is a minority of local bigoted and racially-focused young people who are certainly not of the same conviction.

Gary, his wife Muriel, and family were leaving the Bermagui Country Club to walk home early on New Years Day when it is reported they were attacked by two young white men who identified themselves as brothers from Cobargo, one allegedly stating that he was in the army, 'I'm not afraid of the police and I have guns and I can shoot you black c—ts any time I want to. You may have won in Sydney but you won't win this tonight'.

Gary now faces surgery due to the kicking that he endured after being knocked to the ground and other family members endeavour to heal both physically and emotionally.

Following a vigilante-style attack upon their home in October 2006 the Campbell's won their appeal in the Supreme Court in December 2008 due to the police not acting in accordance with the law in regard to interviewing Aboriginal persons. Senior Counsel, Peter King in defending the Campbells said that, 'A law intended to help Aborigines had been 'deliberately disregarded' by police who had failed to inform them of their rights to have the Aboriginal Legal Aid Service present during

their questioning.'

Now, they await the outcome of local police action to deal with this latest attack and nearly three weeks since the attack nobody seems to have been charged despite many witnesses. One begins to wonder at the prevailing police culture and despairs of the actions of those who harbour such racial hatred. It is time that some definite and positive action was taken by the leaders of our community to change these attitudes.

Laurel Lloyd-Jones
Dalmeny

Film Feast in Cobargo

Thank you so much for providing the wonderfully innovative Film Feast in Cobargo.

Unfortunately we can't rely on nature for assistance for such events but ... seeing movies on a big screen and outdoors was magic. Reminiscent of the drive-ins of childhood and the deck chair theatres of our north, all involved are to be heartily congratulated.

Susan Bear
Cobargo

Dear Editors,

The Triangle deserves a reward for the innovative idea of an open-air theatre. Although the weather did not produce warm balmy nights, the atmosphere for those who did attend the films made the night a lovely experience. We may have all seen the films before but not in such unique surroundings.

Well done, *Triangle*.

Judi Hearn
Bermagui

Sing your heart out!

Hi Folks,

Just wanted to let you know dates for the two choirs; Narooma choir will start again on Wed 4th Feb at the Eco Hotel, 7.30 til 9pm, \$10/\$5, lead by myself ... and the Cobargo Choir kicks off on Tues 10th Feb at the School of Arts Hall, 7.30 til 9pm, \$10/\$5, lead by myself and Damon Davies. Love to see you there. I have attached two flyers, one for the Cobargo choir and one for the Deep River Choir.

Cheers,

Dan Scollay

(See notices on pages 10 and 17
for more info - eds)



Scenes from *The Triangle's* inaugural Film Feast



Sylvie, Pete and Brendan (the projectionist) settle in for a relaxed night at the Film Feast last month.



Dogs, bedding, even the car seats, locals and tourists alike prepare to be entertained.

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Human Rights: Who Needs 'Em ...

A Bermagui Institute Public Dinner will be held at the Bermagui Hotel on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 at 6pm (for 7pm). Guest speaker Susan Ryan, AO, will speak on the topic 'Human Rights for Australians: Who Needs Them, Who Doesn't'.

Susan Ryan was formerly President of the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (2000–2007) and CEO of the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (1993–1997).

She was a Federal Cabinet Minister

and Minister for Education and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women (1975–1988).

Currently, Ms Ryan is Pro-Chancellor of the University of NSW (since 1998) and chair of the Australian Human Rights Act Campaign Inc (since 2005). She holds honorary doctorates from several Australian universities.

Bookings: \$15, pre paid and direct with Bermagui Hotel (6493 4206). Limit 50.

Moving Right Along

If your New Year's resolution is to get fit and healthy, then free community exercise classes starting this month in Bermagui and Cobargo could be just the motivation you need.

Get Moving is a free 12 week community exercise and nutrition program. It is coordinated by the Southern General Practice Network, a not-for-profit organisation which was successful in obtaining a grant from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing to run the program.

Get Moving exercise sessions are tailored to specific groups and all ages are welcome to join in. Exercise groups will range from gentle exercise and stretching to higher intensity cardio sessions aimed at body fat reduction and muscle development.

The aim of the program is to get community members undertaking at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day and to improve healthy eating habits in an effort to reduce the increasing risk of chronic disease such as diabetes and obesity.

Bermagui classes are held each Thursday morning from 10–11am at the Community Centre hall and Cobargo classes are every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9–10am at the Cobargo School of Arts. Additional sessions will be offered as registrations to the program increase and early evening sessions can also be made available for those who work during the day. Anyone interested can come along at these times to have a look at a class in action to learn what the program is all about.

To join *Get Moving*, simply talk to your local doctor or call the *Get Moving* coordinator Linda Campbell on 0429 770 379, or go to the website www.sgpn.com.au for more information.



Madame Pat Thompson's amazing farewell performance was held at the Spiegelzelt in Melbourne on 14th December 2008. It was of course a packed house, and since everyone (including Pat) realised it was almost certainly her farewell performance (although as you all know, nothing is certain with this incredible lady) it was a highly emotional experience. Everything went beautifully well. It was a truly memorable evening. Wonderful stuff!

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YESS to Local Kids' Education

A young person's educational attainment is one of the key indicators of his or her lifetime's health, income, employment and personal fulfillment. Yet young people in rural Australia, including on the south coast of NSW, have considerably lower educational attainment and employment levels than young people in urban Australia. Koori young people are particularly disadvantaged.

Hence a group of committed local people has decided to establish a voluntary group called Youth Educational Support Service, YESS, to help mentor, tutor and support young people in their education and career choices. It plans to organise volunteers to mentor and tutor young people in local after school homework centres and libraries and to pursue other strat-

egies including seeking scholarships and internships for local young people.

YESS will hold its first public meeting at 5pm on Tuesday 10th February in meeting room 1, Bermagui CTC in the Bermagui Library. We hope everyone who wants to find out more about YESS and consider volunteering for this worthwhile and rewarding activity will come along. YESS will also outline its objectives at the Narooma Get Up meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th February, at the Ecotel Motel, Princes Highway, North Narooma. Retired teachers, parents and everyone with an interest in young people's education will be very welcome.

To find out more about YESS ring Frances Perkins on 6493 6486 or 0423 780 498.



And the winners are ...

Following the largesse of the Federal Government just before Christmas, Bega Valley Shire Council has chosen the lucky winners for the spending of such largesse. In the Triangle area the winners are:

Beauty Point Jetty – additional rock work, \$8,500.

Bermagui Blue Pool – viewing platform, \$10,000.

Bermagui Pre-school – solar project, \$6,000.

Bermagui – safety fence around children's park (Apex Park), \$20,000.

Cobargo – footpath to pre-school, \$30,000.

Cobargo – walkway to bridge handrail, \$5,000.

Cobargo – playground fence (Apex Park), \$16,600.

Quaama – park fence and shelter power, \$9,500.



Pat's Piece

'Happy New Year'. Are you all partied out? Let me tell you, this old girl is. Talk about hectic: three weeks

out of my own environment these days is a little wearing but the rewards far outweigh the difficulties and time spent with my family was very precious, especially a couple of days with my great grand-daughter, who was an absolute delight.

It was a mixture of joy and sadness for me at the end of last year. Losing my friend and neighbour Judith Allen was a real blow: so much graciousness and fortitude in one person is a rarity. I will miss her companionship, she was a kindred spirit.

My joy was at the demise of

George Bush's presidency. If ever a government has buggered up not only its own but the world's economy for favour of its foreign policy, America has. My great fear for Obama is that the expectation of what he is capable of is huge, when after all he's only human with a task ahead that seems beyond human comprehension. But as I'm always saying with monotonous regularity we must never stop hoping for a better world.

I managed to get a couple of good books under my belt over the Xmas break. Helen Garner's *The Spare Room* and Geraldine Brooks's *People of the Book*, both excellent reads.

Now as always trying to save the best til last, here's a little story about Mr Rudd's Xmas present to us poor old pensioners while he advised us all to spend it so we could help to bail out all those people who were going broke! In the year 2007, when travelling to Canberra to spend Xmas with my

daughter Cate and her partner Ian I took with me a lovely fresh crayfish as a little treat the three of us could enjoy together. When ringing to order the same this year after a wonderfully successful trip to Melbourne, including 'The Spigle Tent' and all that jazz, I was informed by my supplier that the cray' would be a little more expensive this year, whereupon I replied with great aplomb, 'Oh the price really doesn't matter, it's for a special treat'.

Talk about famous last words. That crayfish, Mr Rudd and anyone else that's interested cost \$112.00! Yes I did say 112 and I really don't care because now I have the pleasure of telling anyone who asks me what I spent Mr Rudd's gift on I can say, 'Oh I bought a crayfish with mine'. This, when the price of them was two bob when I was a girl!

Pat Thompson



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Earthrace Comes to Bermagui

This amazing Batmobile-esque craft was definitely worth a look and was well looked over by queues of locals and tourists alike in its few days in the Harbour.

Created to promote bio fuels, *Earthrace* has so far visited 152 locations and has no plans to down anchor anytime soon.

Built in Auckland two and a half years ago, her construction is a composite of carbon fibre, kevlar and hemp. Everything possible was done to minimise the carbon footprint as she was created. Even the clothes worn by the crew are made of hemp. Fuel tanks that hold 12,000 litres of biofuel can take her half way around the world at a conservative rate of knots before she needs a top up. The cosmopolitan crew number four for serious voyages and up to eight for educational tours that target school children in particular, as well as the general inquisitive public who can hardly fail to be impressed.

Funding for this project comes from donations, no major sponsors, but around 1000 smaller others keep her afloat, as does the money collected for viewing her interior when she is in dock.



Earthrace: hardly leaves a (carbon) footprint

Earthrace holds the record for power circumnavigation of the earth – 60 days, 23hrs and 47 minutes to be very precise. As her skipper Pete Bethune explained, size mattered. They built her as small as was practical, keeping the footprint down while still building a very fast fuel efficient craft.

Sailing under the mantra of 'Kia Kaha, Kia Mana' (Be strong, stand up for what you believe in), she is an outstanding example of what can be achieved when drawing attention to conservation.

If you missed her visit, her next port of call is Melbourne.



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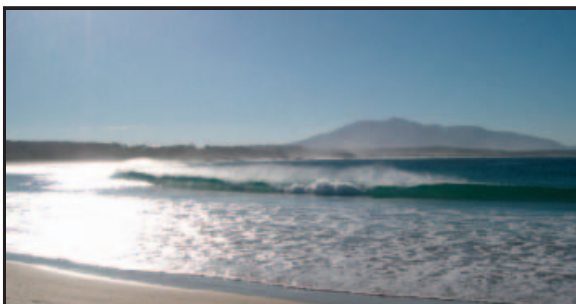
Sunday Live Music: 1st & 15th from 1.00 pm

On the Lawn: Saturday 7th February from 7.30 pm: Makin' Whoopee, \$20 entrance

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Art Exhibition Opening: Friday 13th February @ 7.00 pm: 'Dabbles in Digital' from Colin Maneylaws

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Tilba Bites

Tuck and Jenny are hosting Tuck's parents, Phyliss and Arthur Fry, who flew over from Perth to spend Christmas with family. Congratulations to Phyliss who is celebrating her 84th birthday and to her granddaughter Clancy making the most of her 15th birthday. Phyliss and Arthur have been gold prospecting for the past 25 years, so we can see where Tuck gets his yen for the glinting gold. Well done to Maddie, who has worked hard at the Tilba Teapot and South Coast Cheese at Bodalla over the holidays to buy her first car.

The *Tilba Now Exhibition*, staged a week earlier than previous years, was again a great success, raising more than \$1,600 towards restoration of the Central Tilba Halls. Caroline has expressed special thanks to all exhibitors and the raft of helpers who made it all happen.

John Small's latest Tilba Dog Days Calendar was on show and sold well during the Exhibition. It is an artistic, humorous and delightful expose of locals and their fab hounds and a very practical 18-month calendar. It is available for sale at Central and Tilba Tilba and proceeds will also help our village halls' restoration. Congratulations to Smally on such a professional publication.

The Eldridge initiative for the weekly Tilba Growers Market has been a fantastic success with locals bringing in their fresh local produce and other home made products to the Central Tilba Hall each Saturday from 8am to 12 noon. Stall space is available and shared stalls are allowed. Participants have commented that it is not just being able to buy, swap and sell fresh local produce (eat your heart out Woolies), but the community interaction and chat that goes hand in hand. This initiative should get better and better and encourage people to grow what they like and sell the surplus.

Local business people seem generally very pleased with the summer season. For some it has been the busiest ever, despite the doom and gloom. Comments have included 'we haven't been bored' and 'it's been like the League of Nations with visitors from all around the world'.

Local lad, Drew Dibden who is a member of the Angus Cattle Society, participated in the 2009 Landfall Angus Youth National Roundup at Exhibition Park in Canberra. This was a



Congratulations to Kim Atkins who, despite a large slice of denial, celebrated her forty plus ten birthday at the Drom on December 6th. A crowd to rival a New Years Eve effort turned up to celebrate with her, stretching the bar staff thinner than vegemite. Kim, you are one popular lady.. Photo shows Kim with good buddy Jean White.

four-day camp including cattle breeding; selection; cattle handling; cattle; beef marketing and teamwork. Drew won Reserve Champion Junior Judge with participants from all over Australia and New Zealand between the ages of eight and 25. Drew is 13 years old. Well done young fella.

Misty Glen stud jerseys from Tilba Tilba (Nic and Erica Dibden's) returned from Candelo Show with four ribbons. These included 1st prize for mature cow and 1st prize for 12-month old heifer. Great encouragement in these difficult days of farming.

Best wishes to all our Triangle family and friends for a happy, healthy and successful year ahead. Quite often if you want to do it you can. Thanks to all contributors and our community newspaper advertisers (some of you have been supporting us from near day one, which is over six years now) for helping maintain our *Triangle*.

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Tilba Bites (continued)

Alzheimers Awareness in Tilba

Two travellers 'coffeed' in Tilba the other day. They arrived on their bicycles, with odd spikey things protruding from their helmets. This was the opening for a conversation with the 'elevenses' crowd. 'What's with the spokes on the helmet'?

Magpie deterrent, we discovered. Peter and Debra are cycling from Perth, well Peter has cycled from Perth, and Debra joined him in Adelaide.

Peter is fulfilling a dream – to cycle from Perth to Brisbane – he is also on an Alzheimers awareness cycle. It took Peter and his friend 23 days to cross from Perth to Adelaide, 17 days with a head wind. At this stage the 'elevenses' club had already collapsed from exhaustion! Debra joined Peter in Adelaide and it had taken a further one and a half months to get from Adelaide to Tilba. 'It's all so beautiful we keep staying'.



Peter and Debra showing off the magpie defeating hats.

Their plan is to ride to Brisbane, where they are expecting to arrive at the end of November. The elevenses crowd was impressed.



Tilba Tap Dog? Local 'lad' Col Raynor gave a demonstration of his famous Tilba Tap Dancing at a recent jazz gathering in Dignam's Creek. Not sure about his choice of dance floor!

Clarification: 'Restricted Access', *The Triangle*, November 2008

In the November issue of *The Triangle*, an article appeared in relation to the sale of part of the road reserve for Young's Road, Tilba. Included in this was a statement that a public Reserve running from Wallaga Lake right through to Little Lake was designated in 1894, and the implication was that this situation continues to this moment.

One of our readers has in-

formed us that several hundred metres of this land at the northern end has been in private ownership for over 100 years, and remains so today, and we wish to correct any misconception we may have created.

Furthermore, the author of the article raised the issue of weeds and vermin for the purpose of asking why was the RLPB not consulted prior to the sale of the road. There was never any intention to claim that nearby private land is so infested.



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Surprise Visitor

We have a black cat that spends some time in our garage after mice I think. Just after Christmas I was in the garage one morning and heard the cat moving around on the shelf under the bench. Out of curiosity I bent down to look and came face to face with a small black head. I retreated quickly and after a call to council and then to Mark Wilton, who arrived about 30 minutes later. Mark went into the garage and looked in the same place and with one deft move appeared with a two metre red belly black snake. I understand from Mark that it is now resident near the Brogo River. So now I am more careful when checking on the activity of the cat.

Angophora tree decline

The Brogo area has shown a very noticeable die back of this species of tree and is a very clear local sign of the climate change and the protracted drought. The short showers actually make the situation worse as the trees grow extra foliage and draw upon their already limited energy reserves. The increase in insect predators has also added to the problem and this is exacerbated by the reduction of insect eating bellbirds, which have been driven off by noisy minors. Guess life for trees is complex too.

My thanks to Ben Gooden for his very interesting study of this problem – I can forward a copy to anyone who is interested in this problem or call Ben.

Brogo dog attacks

We have recently had a report of the death of a lamb and a mauled ewe. This is very serious and any roaming dogs should be reported to the Ranger. We dog owners must be ever vigilant of our own charges.

Brogo Fire Brigade

A public meeting was held on Thursday the 15th which was well attended. We were advised that Bega Valley was the third driest area in NSW. The Brigade is well geared up for the expected challenge. There has been an increase in the number of available members thanks to some successful completions of Basic Fire Fighters training – congratulations to all.

The 100 club

The major fund raiser the '100 club' is still running and some \$20 tickets are still available, so call Deidre Smith on 6492 7265 to be in with your chance to win \$500.

Latin music workshop

The next Latin American music workshop, aka Brogo Latin Orchestra, will be held on February 14th starting at 3.30pm with dinner about 6.30pm. BYO food and drinks. Pizza oven and BBQ provided. Call David on 6492 7318 for bookings.

Bega Chamber Orchestra

The BCO will be performing at the Cobargo Music Festival – several Brogan players in this group as well as many up and coming musicians.

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Tanja Riese Living Artist 2009

In December, Tanja Riese, a printmaker from Tanja signed her scholarship contract and was presented with the first cheque from her \$35,000 grant.

The Far South Coast Living Artist Project (FSCLAP) covers an area from Tomakin to the Victorian border, providing an emerging artist, selected by a panel of judges, an opportunity to focus on his/her art with both financial and artistic support. At the end of this period Tanja will hold a solo exhibition.

Ceramicist, Poppy Benton, was the inaugural winner in 2008.

Funds for the grant are raised through a biennial art auction, as well as through donations, social events and raffles.

'It's about raising awareness of art among the general public and in particular the professionalism in art', FSCLP president Prue Acton said.

The FSCLAP scholarship provides the largest community art grant in Australia.



2008 Living Artist ceramicist Poppy Benton (left) and 2009 Living Artist Tanja Riese (right) discuss Tanja's new work

To keep this wonderful work going new committee members and new social members are needed for the coming year. Anyone interested

in joining can email FSCLAP at info@livingartist.org.au

For more information check the website www.livingartist.org.au.



"Hey Mum, let me in! I know you've got the AC on ..."

An old Italian man lived alone in Victoria. He wanted to dig his tomato garden, but it was hard work for his advanced years and the ground was very hard. His only son, Mario, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

*Dear Mario,
I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me.
Love Papa*

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

*Dear Papa,
Don't dig up the garden. That's where I buried the bodies. Love Mario*

At 4 am, two days later, Federal agents and Victorian Police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

*Dear Papa,
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Bermi Banter

Memorial Table Stolen

The Douglas family, Montreal Goldfield Management Committee and residents of Bermagui are devastated about the theft of the big table from the goldfield site on January 7. The table was donated by the Douglas family as a memorial to Allan and the Montreal Committee has just received the memorial plaque to set into the table when the theft occurred.

The table is made from old bridge timbers, 1.2 metres by 1.6 metres, the wood stained blond in colour on the top

and very, very heavy. It would have taken some determined individuals to drag it to the fence and lift it over the top wire. What they plan to do with it now will be of interest to us all.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the table could they please contact a member of the Montreal Committee, the police or 6493 4645 or 6493 3054 if they wish to remain anonymous. △



Alan's table - now only a memory.

Wanted – Good Citizens

Bermagui Seaside Fair will include a youth category to the Citizen Of The Year Award.

Since 2003 the Bermagui Seaside Fair Committee has been presenting a 'Citizen of the Year' award, to a nominated person, to acknowledge their outstanding contribution to their community.

For the 12th annual event to be held on 14th March 2009, the committee has decided to double the interest and include a junior category.

Chairperson Jo Jacobs stated that, 'There are so many young people in the Bermagui community who work alongside their elders for the good of others,

it would be great to see them recognised. Consideration will be given to genuine nominations like surf club members, scouts or local fire brigade etc. Suggestions like "makes a great cup of coffee" or "is a cool person" will not be considered as a genuine nomination.

'We will still retain the 'Citizen of the Year' award, which is open to all ages, and nomination forms will be available closer to the date of the fair'.

Jo said, 'This is an early reminder for everyone to start thinking about who they would like to see receive the 2009 award'. △

Musical Chairs

The Committee of the Bermagui Community Centre would like to thank the Manager, Caleb Rose, from the Bermagui Country Club for offering 50 chairs to be used in our new Community Centre. This support is really appreciated as we have limited funds available to be spent on the Centre.

The chairs are exactly what we required, as they are a match to the chairs that were provided by the council. They will be dispersed in the lobby, visitors information centre, consulting rooms and library. So you can see that their old dining chairs have yet another life in Bermagui.

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CWA Bermagui News

The Bermagui Branch of the CWA will begin their activities for 2009 at their monthly meeting on Friday 6th February at 1.00pm in the rooms at 10 Corunna St, Bermagui.

The branch has been in recess over January, our last activity for 2008 being our Christmas lunch held at the Bermagui Country Club. Prior to this following our November meeting, we were privileged to view a microwave demonstration by Chris Richard-Preston. We were amazed to learn so many short cuts and new ideas relating to microwave cooking. Members have also been purchasing copies of *Country Classics*, a cook book of treasured recipes shared by members from all over NSW. I'm sure many of us have been experimenting from it during the holiday season.

This year our country to study will be Egypt, and we look forward to a busy and exciting year of other activities. If you wish to join us you will be most welcome.

Judy Wells, Publicity Officer

Arts & Crafts at the Seaside Fair

The Bermagui Seaside Fair, to be held on Saturday 14th March, will again feature the very popular Arts & Crafts Exhibition. This year it will be bigger and better, staged in two marquees on Dickinson Oval from 10am to 4pm. Local artisans will showcase their paintings, ceramics, pottery, glasswork, mosaics, leadlight, woodwork, china painting and sewing. A gold coin donation on entry to the exhibition will assist with costs.

If you are interested in exhibiting, entry forms are available at the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre or contact Helen Morris on 6493 5186 or Jenny Halliday on 6493 4537. △



Going, going, gone ... the old Fisherman's Co-op finally hits the dust.

Star of Tamworth Comes to the Coast

The Bermagui Seaside Fair committee is very pleased to announce that country music star, Leanda O'Brien, will entertain the crowd at this year's Fair.

Along with guitarist Michael Coutes from Cooma and long time entertainer Ron Milliner, she will perform on centre stage from 2pm to 4pm.

Leanda has been nominated for several categories at Tamworth over past years and in 2008 won the much-coveted Tiara award. She is often heard on local ABC Radio and recently recorded the song 'Fields of Gold' made famous by Sting in the 80s.

Publicity officer for the Bermagui Seaside Fair, Lori Hamerton, said, 'Leanda has a huge following in this region, and her guitarist Michael is equally at home playing

everything from Eagles classics to country and modern rock. He is very versatile, and also sings backing harmony behind Leanda, which makes for a fantastic all round great sound. Ron Milliner, patriarch of the famous Milliner Family, is equally popular among the older generation of country music fans as he does great versions of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggart and Lee Kernaghan'.

For the younger crowd there will be a Youth Talent Quest co-ordinated by local business woman and music lover, Jacqui Howarth. This will commence after Leanda's show and run until just before the fireworks at 8.30pm. Further details about the talent quest will be announced as soon as arrangements are finalised. △

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Cobargo Conversations

Congratulations to Dawn Evans who won 1st prize in the Cobargo Skatepark Club Raffle. Dawn is the recipient of a beautiful full size quilt. Sandy Gannon won 2nd prize, a night in the Tilba Water Front Cottages. The Cobargo Skatepark Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the raffle.

Congratulations to Joe Cox and Alecia Holmes who were married on January 10th at the Homestead. The ceremony included a naming of the couple's two daughters Izhaya and Kaylie.

The weather was splendid, the food and entertainment at the reception wonderful and a great time was had by family and friends who came to wish them well.

Have a wonderful life together guys!

The Working Village

Cobargo is known as The Working Village, and, apart from the artisans in the main street, there are many Cobargo residents who work. One of these is Ivan Hollins who, with his wife



Ivan's creative fence

Dawn, is responsible for the transformation of a horse paddock in Avernus Street to a garden surrounding a house, shed and enclosed orchard and raised vegetable beds. And this in less than eighteen months!

Ivan has used his collection of early farm machinery and 'rusty junk' to personalise the front garden. His latest project is a fence created from antique wheels, harrows, pick heads and other old items and using cream separator bases as posts: very appropriate in this dairying area.

The end of an(other) era - bye-bye Bass Gas

I don't like change when it means losing couples like Guy and Tanya Linguard from our main street. I remember probably 18 years ago driving home late and being delighted to find Bass Gas open at 7.00pm, with Kevin senior still merrily serving on that first day. We have watched as Carbine was retired, replaced by Shrek, and Angus and Dana came along. In the centre of town they provided driveway serv-



Joe and Alecia tie the knot at The Homestead.

ice with a smile for years. The move to the top of town meant modern pumps but no slowing down for either of them as they continued to be involved in supporting sporting clubs and in recent years the creation of a skate park. They always would help a local with '\$10 worth on the book'!

We will miss Tanya and Guy and wish them all the best for whatever's next.

Community garden for Cobargo

The Triangle Community of Gardeners has been holding monthly gardening workshops since May 2008. Their objective is to eventually establish a one-site community garden as a non-profit organisation.

The group's next meeting will be at Janet Doolin's 'Cobargo Farm, corner of Avernus Street and Bermagui Road, Cobargo, on Sunday February 15th at 9.30am. There will be a guided

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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

tour of the garden conducted by Lindy Marshall, *Triangle* columnist, and Janet, with a one-hour meeting and lunch to follow – please bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

For further information please call Ana Walker on 0417 936 746, and to offer new ideas and opinions, please have a look at their website: www.thetrianglecommunityofgardeners.org.au. △



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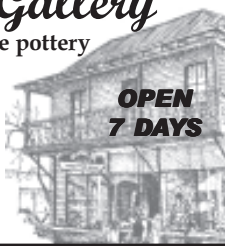
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January Police Report

During the evening 05/01/09 vandals have damaged two boats in the vicinity of Bunga St and Dickinson Ave at Bermagui. Offender/s cut the power/ignition wires of the outboard motors. No attempt was made to steal the vessels or anything inside.

During the same evening a vandal threw a rock through the window of a residence nearby in Mumbulla St, Bermagui causing the window to smash.

Police are appealing to the public for information on the identity of the vandals. Information can be provided to local police on 6493 4244 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. Police are also appealing to the public to be on the lookout for thieves and vandals and to report any suspicious behaviour to police regardless of the time of day or night.

During the evening of 28/12/08 a large party was held in Mill Street Bermagui to celebrate a birthday. By about 11pm police had received several complaints from neighbours about loud music, intoxicated youths and people congregating on the street being rowdy. About midnight the situation escalated with bins being set on fire and turned over and police decided to close down the party. About 150 intoxicated teenagers then spilled out onto the street and police were forced to deal with numerous reports of fights, damage and noise from the group for several hours af-

ter the party had closed. One 18yr old female was arrested and charged with Offensive Conduct.

Police are disappointed with the organisation of the party and have reminded parents/organisers of the following tips:

- Cap the number of people allowed. Do not allow an 'open invitation'.
- Organise transportation home for party goers (ie a mini bus/designated drivers).
- If a large gathering is expected have it away from neighbours (ie out of town).

During the early hours of 06/01/09 a 43yr old Coolagolite woman was arrested by police for assault following a report of a domestic disturbance. Police attended and found her 53yr old husband unconscious and bleeding from the head after being struck by her with a frying pan. The man was conveyed to Bega Hospital by ambulance. The woman was charged and will appear in Narooma Court and a restraining order was taken out by police.

Police are reminding people not to leave valuables in their cars and to report suspicious behaviour any time of the day or night. Do not be discouraged if your phone call is diverted to Batemans Bay as this means local police are on patrol looking for criminals and not sitting in the police station waiting for the phone to ring! Batemans Bay police will contact local police via police radio to respond to your complaint. △

Art in The Triangle

Art Trail News

The Art Trail has been very active over the summer and we are blessed with our local galleries and operators who provide such excellent works for us to see and purchase.

Indaba had an interesting exhibition of photography in early January with a display as varied as the photographers themselves. The opening afternoon was amazing with over 150 people enjoying their generous smorgasbord of eats, drinks and of course the photography.

For those with stamina it was on down 'the track' to the next openings, Narek Gallery in Tanja where Karen featured a super display of porcelain by Kirsten Coelho, Janet DeBoos, Ivan Gluch and Bronwyn Kemp

Carolyn Killen of Ivy Hill was also exhibiting some interesting work by Duncan Stothart, Sarah Freeman and Matthew Bashford and her opening on the same evening was well attended in her lovely gallery and garden.

The Bermagui Country Club had their New Year exhibition where much was sold and admired over their opening period, which we all wish could be extended as I heard many had not had time to visit.

Jan Ireland is going ahead with Sculptures on the Edge, which will be on the headland during the Seaside Fair, 13th and 14th March.

For the Love of Art

On Saturday 14th February (Valentines Day) from 11:00am we are holding our annual Art-market day at the Cobargo Showroom Gallery.

This year we are having art and craft demonstrations and sales, music, cheese and wine tasting (from 1:00pm) new art, BBQ and someone will win a lucky door prize (\$100 art gallery gift voucher).

At 8:00pm we will be enjoying music by local band 'Let Me Down Gently Jungle Man'. Entry is by gold coin donation. Join us for a fun day and support local art. △

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Exhibition of Erotic Art in Cobargo

The exhibition, to be held at One Sunday Afternoon at Wolfgang's, is a first for the region and will offer a selection of work not generally available in mainstream galleries. Resident artist Edward Willson and his partner Alice Borowska are running the successful Art Gallery and Custom Framing business at 8 Bermagui Rd in Cobargo and are inviting all those interested in the nature of art to visit. The exhibition will run from the 14th to the 23rd of February from 10am-5pm daily for the duration of the exhibition. Works from local and interstate artists

will be on display with all mediums represented. Admission will be restricted to age 18+ and one can expect to find pieces to tantalise the senses, create a mood, spark interest or to grace your bedroom wall. Late entries from local artists wishing to exhibit work for viewing and sale will be considered up to the 7th of February. Entry forms are available by contacting the Gallery on 6493 6800, or through the website www.wolfgangsgallery.com

Andrew Norman

Antony Peebles in Narooma this Month

In each of the last six years the Montague Choristers and the Sapphire Coast Music Society have joined to stage a concert series which brings to the Far South Coast performers from the top ranks of Australian classical musicians and from overseas.

This year's series will be opened by talented English pianist, Antony Peebles, in Narooma on 28 February and in Wolumla on 1st March.

A former winner of the BBC Piano Competition in the UK and the Debussy Competition in France, Anthony has an impressive record of performances as soloist with the London Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic, Halle and several BBC orchestras. He records for the BBC and has recorded all 55 of the Schubert songs that Liszt transcribed for solo piano.

Antony Peebles loves to travel – on last count he has, astonishingly, played in 131 countries, and this is his

third visit to the Far South Coast. He is not only a consummate musician but a delightful entertainer, with a fine English touch of humour. His program is likely to come from Brahms, Liszt, Chopin, Schubert, Debussy, Beethoven, and Gilbert and Sullivan.

He will play in the Catholic Church in Narooma at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th February, and in the Wolumla Hall at the same time on Sunday 1st March. Tickets, at \$20/\$15 in Narooma and \$28/\$25 in Wolumla, will be available at the door and from the usual outlets. △



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Earlybird tickets (\$55) are now on sale until 10th January 2009. Advance purchase tickets (\$65) from 11th January 2009 to 15th February 2009.

From 16th February full price adult weekend tickets are \$75. △

Art in the Triangle (continued)

Back from the Edge!

Despite funding glitches, Bermagui Seaside's *Sculpture on the Edge* 2009 is on track to be the best yet. The event will run from 13th March to 20th March with a Symposium on 15th on the theme 'Earth, Wind and Fire – the Shaping of a Sculpture'. Children's workshops run by invited sculptors will also be a feature this year, and new exhibitors, including Steve Crockett, winner at Jindabyne's *Lake Light Sculpture* on two occasions, will be participating.

Local favourites such as Karen Charlebois and Clayton Simms will make a welcome re-appearance, while expressions of interest have been received from as far away as Western Australia. First-time exhibitor in 2008, John Ramsey, said that *Sculpture on the Edge* had given him the confidence to apply for Sydney's prestigious *Sculpture by the Sea*. He was accepted, sold one sculpture to a Bulgarian private collector and another to the head of Transfield



Karen Charlebois's exhibit at Sculpture on the Edge, Bermagui, 2008.

and has now been chosen to go to the inaugural *Sculpture by the Sea* in Denmark along with two of our other exhibitors, Amanda Stuart and Philip Spelman. How special is that?

If anyone would like to volun-

teer for any of a plethora of tasks associated with *Sculpture on the Edge* or make a donation to help with the funding shortfall, please contact Jan Ireland, Event Manager on 6493 3808.



Triangle Artist Wins Postmodernist Award

Local artist Bob Georgeson from Beauty Point has won First Prize of \$1000 at the exhibition 'On the Edge – Towards Postmodernism' at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery. The exhibition was mounted by the South East Modern Art Group (SEMAG) that has over 90 members from the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires. The group's aims are to promote contemporary and new art, educate members and the public, net-

work with the wider arts community and to encourage innovation and professional work practice.

The exhibition's theme was in development for over two years and explores contemporary art issues reflected in post-modern practice and how artists have broken down boundaries in art and the use of non-traditional materials and methods.

The exhibition was critiqued,

selected and judged by Malcolm King of King Studio/Gallery in Milton.

The exhibition continues until 14 February.

Bob will also be showing his work at the 'Exhibition of Erotic Art' at Wolfgang's Art Gallery in Cobargo, 14–23 February.



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Congratulations to the Transition Towns team from Tilba for their great initiative in organising the Tilba market in the hall each

Saturday. I had a great time browsing through the quality products and came home with all sorts of goodies. It is great to see local products so beautifully displayed and to be able to speak to the grower or cook, well done TTT.

Bought clingstone peaches and we have had them grilled for desert, thought I'd share this one with you.

Grilled Peaches

Ingredients

Peaches, brown sugar, butter and brandy.

Cut peaches in half and remove stone. Arrange on a grill rack or oven tray cut side up. Place a small piece of butter in the hole, add a teaspoon of brown sugar and press down then put a teaspoon of brandy (or any other spirit) over the top.

Bake or grill till the peaches are hot the whole way through.

Serve with Greek yoghurt or thick cream.

Some - how it doesn't seem like summer without a meal of prawns! This recipe is simple and delicious

Prawn Pancakes

These can also be made in small spoonfuls and served as a finger food starter. They can be made with

prawns and scallops or fish pieces; use your imagination and the ingredients to hand.

Ingredients

Pancakes: 75ml milk, 1 egg, 20gm melted butter, 100gm plain flour, 1 tsp of baking powder, pinch of salt.

Combine all these ingredients to make a thick batter, set aside while you prepare the prawns.

Filling ingredients

500gm green prawns, 2 tsp of Green Thai curry paste, teaspoon



A perfect example of growing vegies in a small space

grated ginger, a tablespoon of chopped coriander and 4 shallots chopped finely.

Peel and chop prawns and onions, place in the batter, add curry paste, coriander and ginger, then mix well.

Drop desert spoons of the mixture into a pan of hot olive oil and cook till golden both sides. Serve with side salad and lime wedges.

Have a very happy New Year.

Carole Broadhead



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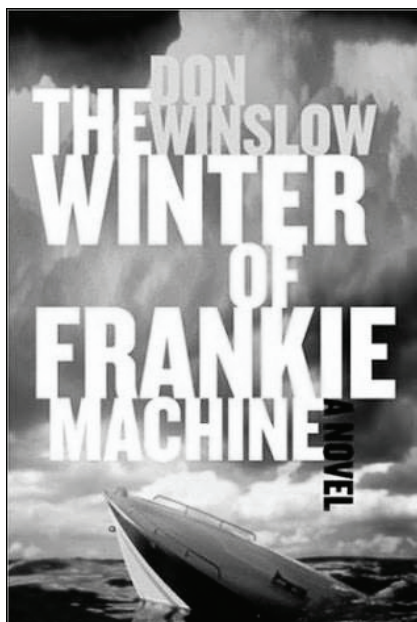


Don Winslow
The Winter of Frankie Machine
William Heinemann
(reduced to \$10.00 at

Angus and Robertson)

Welcome to a new year of reading! I'm suggesting this book by Don Winslow, for all you crime freaks, and to encourage those who haven't tried any yet that a good crime novel is not a waste of time, but pure enjoyment and a switch off. My favourite crime writer, Ian Rankin, writes that Winslow is 'so good you almost want to keep him for yourself'. This is the second of his books I've read – the first was *The Power of the Dog*, which I'll also put in the Bermagui library.

'Frankie Machine' is an old Mafia operator, living a quiet and 'retired' life, which includes lots of surfing, when long past events pull him back into the world of organised crime. The book races along, with all sorts of characters wanting Frankie (the ex-hit man) dead, while others who know him as a much respected local businessman want him protected. It's hard to believe – but I promise you'll be barracking for him,



even after he's done his own fair share of taking out an assortment of men from his past.

For a more serious read, I borrowed from the library Steven Carroll, *The Time we Have Taken*, winner of the Miles Franklin Literary Award, 2008. Set in a Melbourne suburb in 1970, it is a memorable look at the changing life of both the characters and the suburb itself – well worth borrowing.

Heather O'Connor



Garden Magic



Happy New Year to all. I can't think of anything we could ask for in this beautiful valley, apart from good health.

I come from Sydney and am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to spend the rest of my life here. I hope I live long enough to become as wise as the lady called Pat, who writes for this paper.

Enough. This isn't the 'sooky la la' column, as my daughter would say. It's a very, very serious garden column.

As a relative newcomer to the area, I am often astonished by questions that customers ask in a nursery situation. 'How do I stop wallabies from coming into the garden?' or 'How can I stop possums eating my roses?' The short answer is, of course, 'Move'. Why relocate to a place because of the wonderful nature that abounds and then set about destroying the habitat of all the creatures that have inhabited it long before us. It's bad enough that we build houses – we could at least leave them something to eat.

Something else that puzzles me is why people don't do any research before planting out new gardens. In the cities it doesn't matter what we put into the ground – if a seed escapes, it will probably end up on a road somewhere. However, here we can do much damage to the bush by being thoughtless. For example, I envisaged a very Tara like driveway, flanked by pepper trees (*Schinus molle*). That dream was shattered when I read a Landcare brochure.

I urge every gardener to get hold of Council's publication on noxious weeds and Landcare's guidelines. Also, if in a rural area, information on slow burning timbers in case of bushfires.

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Until next time,

Lindy Marshall



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www.blogger.com and www.wordpress.com are two of the most commonly used blog websites and provide free software and hosting.

According to blogger.com, 'a blog gives you your own voice on the web, a place to collect and share things that you find interesting – whether it's your political commentary, a personal diary, or links to web sites. Many people use a blog just to organise their own thoughts, while others command influential, worldwide audiences of thousands. Professional and amateur journalists use blogs to publish breaking news, while personal journalers reveal inner thoughts.'

Some of the tools available on a blogger.com blog include:

Blogger Comments let anyone, anywhere, offer feedback on your posts. You can choose whether you want to

allow comments on a post-by-post basis, and you can delete any comments you don't like.

Access Controls let you decide who can read and who can write to your blog.

Templates will get you started with an attractive site right away without you having to learn any HTML, though Blogger also allows you to edit your blog's HTML code if you want.

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Drag-and-drop page elements let you decide exactly where your posts, profiles, archives and other parts of your blog should live on the page.

The fastest way to understand blogging is to try it out, and you can be part of the blogging world in **less than five minutes**. If you have or know someone who has a bit of technical savvy you can even use your blog as a website for your business, and buy a domain name, such as www.cobargocars.com to disguise the fact that it's actually a blog.

Happy Blogging!

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Bermagui Red Cross. Gary Stevens, 6493 6581

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium
Bermagui Country Club at 7:00pm. Ladies and
men. Contact Joy on 6493 5104.

BERMAGUI SEASIDE FAIR

Sat 14th March 2009. Helpers and interested
people please phone Jo Jacobs on 6494 0191.

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

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

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

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 Casu, qualified fitness
instructor. 'Heart Moves' and 'Tai Chi' program.
Cost \$8, free introductory class. Contact Penny
Levin (Pres.) 6493 5602 or Jan McCartney (sec.)
6493 3573.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

SOPHIAN Gnostic CIRCLE

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

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

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

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

DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

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

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the
second and fourth Saturday evening of each month
at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections,
supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able.
Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am.
Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 44761006.

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6 Feb	Cobargo Show CWA Meeting	Cobargo Showgrounds 10 Corunna St. Bermi	All day 1.00pm
7 Feb	Cobargo Show Growers market Makin' Whoopee	Cobargo Showgrounds Tilba Hall Tilba Valley Winery	All day 8.00 - 12.00 7.30 pm \$20
13 Feb	Dabbles in Digital	Tilba Valley Winery	7pm
14 Feb	Love of Art exhibition with Let Me Down Gently Jungle Man Growers Market	Cobargo Showroom Gallery Tilba Hall	11 am 8pm 8.00am - 12.00noon
14 - 23 Feb	Erotic Art	One Sunday Afternoon at Wolfgang's, 8 Bermi Rd Cobargo (18+)	10 am - 5 pm
15 Feb	Cowpattys Molten Mick Cobargo Gardeners	Tilba Valley Winery Dromedary Hotel Cobargo Farm	1.00pm free 5.30 - 9.30 9.30am
21 Feb	Growers market	Tilba Hall	8.00am - 12.00 noon
28 Feb	Growers market Antony Peebles	Tilba Hall Catholic Church, Narooma	8.00am - 12.00 noon 2.30pm

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