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End of an era - farewell to the Ruths

In the early 1980s a young family drove down from The Hills area in Sydney to take a look at a small business. They had been looking for a change, a chance to get out of the rat race of city life for some time but, mistakenly, had been searching areas north of Sydney.

After two years of looking north, they had almost given up when they spotted an advertisement about a small mixed business for sale on the far south coast. A place called Quaama. They had never heard of the place!

Yes you guessed it: Ros and Greig Ruth are who I am talking about. They arranged an inspection and took off one weekend to head south. Initially they were not impressed with what they saw on the way down, but decided to stop for the night in a motel on the north side of Narooma. What they saw next morning as they headed further south changed their minds. Greig and Ros fell in love with the area, the countryside and the feel of the place before they had even seen the business they were coming to inspect.

Heading in to Quaama from the northern end, the young couple drove past the Quaama store and continued on through the village looking for the 'other' businesses. When they arrived at the picnic area back at the highway they realised their mistake and turned around.

Like many 'incomers', the Ruths fell in love with the region. 'It felt just right', they said. They also said 'yes' to the business. It took a little while before they sold their Sydney home and

moved down with their two children, Kylie aged nine and Mark aged six. 'Kylie was happy being anywhere she could have a horse, and Mark settled right in after a week or so', said Ros. A deciding influence for both children was the relaxed atmosphere at the school. 'They got home from school on the first day and kicked off their shoes – those heavy school shoes – and wore sandals every day after that', said Ros.

manner of innovations in technology, and made changes to the layout of the store itself to improve safety and functionality. At one time, around 1988, they leased the front room of the house to a business partnership called 'The Wise Fool', which ran a gallery and café for a while. They also witnessed the Olympic Flame relay through our tiny village.

Greig and Ros have not just been store owners. They have been actively involved in various aspects of village life. Ros is on the management committee for the Quaama School of Arts Hall, assisting in securing funding for the repairs and renovations to the building, organising Christmas parties and visits from Santa, as well as maintaining the garden around the Hall. Greig is a member of the Quaama Rural Fire Service, responding to the call for help in emergencies. He has also played trumpet with the Quaama Band since its inception as 'The Quaama Big Band' several years ago.

The Ruths have also been a fantastic support to people in the community; checking up on an elderly resident if they hadn't collected their mail as usual; giving advice to newcomers on where to get things or whom to ask for a particular service. They have responded to late night calls to open the petrol pump and helped out in midnight emergencies for villagers. 'I've felt so privileged in this position [as store owner]. I've gotten to know a real broad spectrum of people, and it really gives you an appreciation of the people round here', said Ros.

Their generosity can best be

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The Quaama General Store and Post Office with (inset L to R) Olympic Flame Relay in 2000, 30-something-year-old Greig Ruth, and Ros Ruth in the store in 2008.

When Greig and Ros moved to Quaama there were very few trees, and they could see the Dry River and the highway from their back window. There were 27 children at the school and classes were held in the building that is now the office.

When they took over the post office, telegrams were still the fastest means of written communication. There were no computers, faxes, emails or mobile phones, and they had to empty out the coins from the public phone outside to send off to Telecom.

In the time that the Ruths managed the store they saw in all

Editorial

The Changing Face of the Far South Coast

This year seems to have been the busiest we can remember down the Far South Coast. The weather for our tourists has mostly been fantastic with the exception of a few days over 40 degrees and then the little freeze in mid January with snow up on the mountains.

Unfortunately for the locals, the rain has produced 'a green drought' and the countryside gives the impression of lushness whereas many dams are dry and water is in really short supply. We had better get used to it, if this is what is meant by Climate Change.

Bermagui has never been busier and it is as if it has been discovered by a whole new group of people, some saying it is like 'Byron Bay in the old days!' Not exactly, I don't think Byron ever gets to 15 degrees in winter, let alone in the middle of summer but that has not deterred the visitors who have arrived earlier and stayed longer this season.

The summer commenced with the opening of the new Fisherman's Co-op (photos included in the paper) with some excellent speeches and praise for all connected with its innovation and completion. The Bermagui Surf Club suffered a few hold ups but is now well under way with its second storey and lo and behold some very welcome new toilet facilities on the ground floor.

The addition of new places to see and be seen within the Co-op is very welcome with its relaxed atmosphere and beautiful views across the harbour to Gulaga. The main street has not suffered from lack of business as it has been busy with parking at a premium from 10 to 5pm and compliments flowing for all the charm and friendliness coming from the local businesses who have handled the crowds so well.

The Tilbas have not escaped the crowds and their overflow car park has been well used not to mention the throngs down at Tilba Tilba visiting the shops and the gardens.

Preparations are now under way for Cobargo to get its share of the tourist dollar with its Show and the Folk Festival in February. Let's hope the weather is kind for both events and they are as successful as ever.

Art and culture seem to be

burgeoning with exhibitions opening up all over the district and this is providing something for everyone with most media being shown at one time or another.

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Letters to the Editors

Signage spoils Co-op Building

As a regular if occasional visitor to the Bermagui coastal strip, like many of the tourists passing through, it has been my pleasure to notice any new constructions being built to enhance the landscape, as well as offering improved services to the community at large.

The Bermagui Fishermen's Co-op is one prime example of such an initiative for the region. It has a very striking and interesting presence, and greatly enhances the setting and character of the area. Walking along the long verandah made into a colonnade by the beautiful timber posts, gives one a good feeling of being in a special place.

What a pity it is then to see this beautiful structure plastered by placards and posters, notices and glaring posters, which give absolutely nothing to the facility, but rather degrade its visual amenity and downgrade it to the category 'Fish shop' and 'Renta cabin', edging it towards the 'Ugly Australia' category.

Why should the commercial tenants have such unfettered access to this lovely building, and who on the local Council approved of such an intervention into the public aesthetics of this important community acquisition?

Was this agreed to in any negotiations with community representatives?

Yours sincerely

Bill Leslie
Wollongong

My Christmas Miracle

My son flew off to Los Angeles on Christmas morning. This was his email to me after I had written that my Christmas Miracle was the rain on Christmas Day.

"I got off the plane at Auckland. All good. Made my way through the transfer customs. All good. Went over to the transfer desk

to find out my boarding gate. They asked to see my passport. All not good. It must have fallen out of my pocket as I was getting off the plane. I remember placing it in my back pocket when leaving but it wasn't there. So the man from Air New Zealand, and I swear this is true, named Jesus, came over to me and asked what was wrong, I told him my story. He got on the radio and started to hunt. After a heart breaking 20 minutes he returned and in a thick Latino accent said, 'Jonathan, the arrivals customs people have it, you must go back the way you came and speak to them. Tell them Jesus sent you'".

Louise Brown
Wandella

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highlighted by recounting an occasion when a passing traveller pulled in to the village needing to replenish his supplies.

'He sat for some time in the door of his van opposite the store', said Greig, 'and I wondered what he was doing. A while later he came inside. He apologised and said he had no money to pay for the goods he needed but would I accept a sketch he had done of the building'. It's a good sketch and Greig is looking for the right place to hang it in their new home.

So what's next for Ros and Greig? They plan to explore the region, go to all the places they haven't had time to see but have heard about for nearly 30 years. Then there are fish to be caught, gardens to develop, trumpets to be blown, a granddaughter to be indulged and the list goes on.

For now Ros and Greig need a well earned rest. Greig has an easy chair on the back verandah where he can sit and contemplate the view. Ros has a garden to plan and once it rains, hopefully she will call in a few favours to get it established. After nearly 30 years of service to the community they deserve a rest.

Thank you Ros and Greig. We will miss you both at the store and the people of Quaama wish you well in your retirement.

Rose Chaffey

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Is our Winter Rain Falling as Snow?

Historical records show that the Bega Valley has experienced many droughts over the last hundred years. There is no doubt that the earth's climate is subject to cyclic variations which are further exacerbated by reckless emission of green house gasses. Over recent years, the Bega Valley's winter rainfall has been at record low levels.

By comparison, the snow season for the last two winters in the Snowy Mountains has been some of the best recorded in recent times. It seems that over the last six years, Snowy Mountains Hydro has been conducting trials with cloud seeding. The aim was stated to be to improve down stream flows in the Snowy River and improve the winter tourist industry. Information found on Google (go to www.nrc.nsw.gov.au/Workwedo/Cloudseeding.aspx) indicates that early trials were not very successful. After some adjustments to the experiment about two years ago snow has come in abundance.

In 2010 the Snowy Mountain Hydro Commission are committed to a review of downwind effects of the cloud seeding experiment. The Bega Valley is not listed as being part of that review.

In October last year the writer sent a letter to the Natural Resources Commission requesting that the Bega Valley be included in the review. No response was received. Just before Christmas, a further letter was sent to the Premier of NSW. A response was received last week to wit that the Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer) would review the issue and respond in due course.

Without sufficient scientific knowledge on the subject of cloud seeding and its effects it is difficult to make a judgement as to whether this trial may have affected our winter rain. The Bega Valley naturally lies in the rain shadow created by the Snowy Mountains. However, it begs the question with our area experiencing such drastic weather conditions, why we should not be included in the trial?

Further updates will be provided when a response from the Minister is forthcoming.

Robin Philp & Rosemarie Griffith



Water Restrictions Now in Force for Triangle Towns

We knew it must be coming – tanks are running dry and the ground's as dry as a bone. By late January, Brogo Dam levels had reached a low of 12 per cent, almost down to the 2002 record of 11 per cent. Last month Level 2 water restrictions came into force for Quaama, Cobargo, Bermagui, Wallaga Lake and Akolele.

This means no fixed watering systems, eg fixed sprinklers, micro-spray systems, unattended hoses or drip-irrigation systems. Handheld watering is permissible only from 6am-8am, and 6pm-8pm, on an odds-and-evens basis – odd-numbered properties can water on odd-numbered calendar dates (eg 1st, 3rd,



5th February etc), and even-numbered properties on even dates (eg 2nd, 4th, 6th February).

Washing of private vehicles (including boats) must be done on grass areas using buckets, during the times listed above. A final rinse with a trigger nozzle hose is permitted. Washing of boats at public boat ramps is banned.

Fines up to \$220 apply.

Tilba and the rest of the Eurobodalla Shire have been under the more severe Level 3 restrictions since December: one hand-held hose per property may be used for a maximum of 30 minutes under the odds-and-evens system, between 6-8am or 6-8pm (in summer) or 6-9am or 4-7pm (in winter) – that is, only once per day, on every second day. All fixed watering systems are banned.

State Water, who controls water release from the Brogo Dam, is currently releasing eight megalitres of water every day to supply town water, dairy pasture irrigation, environmental flows, stock and domestic uses, riparian uses and dairy washdown.

However, as of July 1 2009 allocations have been at zero and no irrigation has been allowed.

A further 100 megalitres 'flush volume' has been released at fortnightly intervals to maintain the

health of the Brogo River, which has now ceased to flow even as far as Bega. At this rate, with no rain the dam would be empty by April. To prevent this, Bega Valley Shire Council is currently in discussions with State Water to reduce the volumes released.

For full details, go to www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au and click on Water Restrictions.

Jen Severn



Fire Danger in the Bega Valley – How are we Doing?

With the prolonged drought conditions and memories of last year's tragic events in Victoria, many Triangle residents feel quite edgy and nervous about living close to bush areas and National Parks. Our readiness to deal with bush fires in the Bega Valley is often the subject of neighbourhood discussions. It is heartening to report that to date, we are managing well. Whilst there have been fires in many local areas, with better awareness and a determined effort on behalf of the Rural Fire Service no fires have been allowed to get out of control.

Late in 2009 lightening strikes resulted in two fires in the Wadbilliga National Park in the Nelsons Creek and Tin Hut areas. The Bega Valley now has a fully trained 10 person RAFT team (Remote Area Fire Team). These hardy souls were helicoptered onto the ground within a very short time after the fires were spotted. Their aim is to strike during the early gestation of the fire and establish a helicopter pad and an assembly area. This quick action allows equipment and personnel from both the RFS and National Parks to get on the ground and ready to attack the fires and bring them under control.

This summer for the first time, a helicopter is on permanent standby at Mogo. This machine is equipped with a 1000 litre bucket and winch and can quickly deliver personnel and water right where it is needed. A light fixed wing aircraft is also available in the Southern area and patrols the countryside from Nowra south to Monaro and Bega Valley to the Border. Both aircraft play a vital role in patrolling after electrical storms, providing early detection of any fires which occur from lightning strikes, often in remote areas.

The current BKDI (Brian Ketch Drought Index) is 157 for the Bega

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From Trash to Treasure

Residents may have noticed disturbing changes at our local tip. No more overt or covert scavenging from the tip, no more recycling of discarded junk/treasures. Conversations with a Council spokesperson reveal that the old chestnut of OH&S and insurance has been brought into play. People who search for stuff at the tips are well aware of what they are doing and the inherent 'dangers'. They're not out there in their stiletto heels or crocodile skin brogues, they are people who work with their hands and are used to manual work, they don't need nannying, we don't need nannying.

The spokesperson did admit that Council has never been sued by anyone taking discarded stuff from the tip, although he did say that there had been two near misses. Well yes, every time you venture onto the road there are near misses. Life is made up of near misses. However, Council did finally say that if a person is looking for a particular item, they can inform the person in charge and they will look out for it! So here is a starting list:

Old carpet for composting, old baths for troughs, the insides of old washing machines for pots, any size of wheel for billy carts, bits of reo for the garden, old rabbit, ferret hutches, old water tanks, pvc pipes and here's a doozy for the poor person, any interesting pieces of metal for the as yet unseen, unmade sculpture! For a Shire whose catch cry is 50/50 by 2020, this seems to be a very shortsighted and mean spirited decision. What we want is to reuse and recycle and the tips are a perfect place for this to take place. Shame.

Louise Brown

Murrah Hall

The Murrah Hall finished the year with memories of a 'best ever' Members Night and a couple of fundraising garage sales (and yes there will be display adverts for the next one). Once again thanks to all who participated.

We were successful in negotiating \$4,500 from Council funding to replace the guttering and stove and to have the building repainted, which is a good result, given that the allocated pool of \$58,000 is spread among 22 Halls. We were in line for \$5,000, but donated \$500 to the Brogo Hall for much needed capital works there.

The Solar panels were activated by Country Energy ten days before Christmas.

The Committee have submitted our application with the Department of Lands, Office of Rural Affairs, Community Hall Renewal fund for our General purpose/Green Room extension - and we take this time to say an appreciative 'thank you' to Alan Ray, Gary Richardson and Clayton Simms for plans, advice and assistance.

The Committee's application with the Foundation of Regional Rural Renewal (FRRR) for the installation of lighting bars and lights for the Hall was (this time) unsuccessful. We will be re-applying for the March round of applications, as well as investigating other avenues of funding. If anyone has three lighting bars, a dozen or so parcans and a lighting board kicking around in their shed ???

Saving the best till last: February. Don't forget the 'Cheers For The Years Of Volunteers' Members night. It'll be a big public thank you

party for all of you who have tirelessly 'put in' over the past couple of decades and a big thanks to all, for helping (by nominating) the Murrah Hall get the Solar Panels. More details soon.

All in all it is shaping up to be exciting, entertaining times at the most exciting, entertaining Community Hall south of Sydney and north of Melbourne and east of Canberra - the Murrah.

Howard Stanley
Pres/Sec

Murrah Hall Committee



Here be Dragons

Shortly before Christmas the NSW Flying Dragons came to Narooma. Tempted and curious to discover what dragon boat racing was about I made my way to Wagonga Inlet to find out.

There was a real buzz of activity as about forty people examined the boat, signed indemnity forms, listened to instruction on the terminology used and instructions called by the 'sweep' and warmed up prior to going out onto the water.

The dragon boat seated twenty, the 'sweep' standing at the rear steering the boat and the stroke was called from the front to the beat of a drum. The boat featured a dragon's head prow and the twenty paddlers seated in pairs along its length were the motive power.

On the water, flying along with little effort, the sensation was great. The boat seemed almost to be alive and an extension of the combined will of those it carried. The sun shining on the

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water of Wagonga Inlet, the expertise and enthusiasm of the sweep, Ghena Mohamad, and the Sydney Flying Dragons coach who showed us the correct paddling technique all helped to fire the interest and enthusiasm of novice paddlers like myself.

And thus it was I found myself fronting up to Corunna Lake on a cool Sunday morning to extend the experience a little further. There was no sun on the water, no drum and no dragon headed prow this time but in my mind's eye I could see the dragon emerging from the mists and hear a muffled drum beat.

Take care when you visit Corunna Lake, for Here Be Dragons

Jo Lewis



Fire Danger in the Bega Valley – How Are We Doing?

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Valley. This is on par with Broken Hill, Lightning Ridge and Ivanhoe. Please be prepared with survival plan, equipment, and do all those things we are being constantly reminded to do to keep you, your family and your neighbourhood safe. Take extreme care when using mowers or other farm equipment and if at any time you see smoke – do not hesitate – call 000 immediately and report your sighting. The Rural Fire Service will respond and thank you for your vigilance.

Robin Philp &
Rosemarie Griffith



Rare Stingray Discovered in Wagonga Inlet for First Time

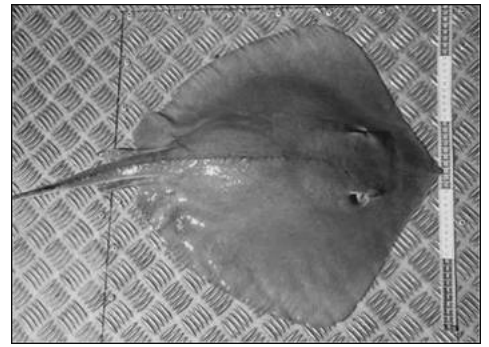
Researchers from the University of Newcastle and the Batemans Marine Park have discovered a species of stingray never before seen in Wagonga Inlet at Narooma on the Far South Coast.

The Estuary stingray (*Dasyatis fluviorum*) has never been recorded any further south than Botany Bay and disappeared from the Sydney region by the 1880s.

Batemans Marine Park Research Scientist, Dr Melinda Coleman, said that finding the Estuary stingray in Wagonga Inlet was 'a big surprise'.

'This is a significant finding. The species is listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as vulnerable', Dr Coleman said.

'The fact that these activities have been significantly limited in the pristine waters of Wagonga Inlet may go some way towards explaining why they have been found here,' Dr Coleman said.



The Estuary stingray (*Dasyatis fluviorum*)

The Estuary Stingray may be seen feeding on mudflats with the incoming tide and is distinguished by its extra long tail, the white marking along the edge of its body and 'tubercles' or bumps along the top of its body.

'Fishers are reminded that stingrays are not only protected in Sanctuary Zones but also in Habitat Protection Zones and if hooked should be returned to the water without harm'.



THUMBS UP



To all those who have donated equipment; P.A., and Speakers, and money to the Triangle Film Mob.

To the Animal Welfare League for their Christmas gift to the Triangle staff.

To all the people and businesses who have contributed so generously to the Skate Park Fund in Cobargo.

To the Council for the roadwork in the area, especially on

Wandella Road.

To the new Bermagui Fisherman's Co-op.

THUMBS DOWN



Over the past 5 - 6 months someone(s) has been writing nasty things on the front of a Cobargo cafe at night. Please stop as it is upsetting our valued customers and the other business owners in town.

To the signage at the new Bermagui Fisherman's Co-op. △

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Bermi Banter

Happy New Year and welcome back and thanks to the many contributors to Bermagui Banter who are realising that *The Triangle* is your community newspaper and contributions are always welcome: mazcall@hotmail.com

Wonderful summer holiday weather and loads of tourists saw Bermagui packed to capacity during the Christmas/New Year week. The Fishermen's Wharf car park overflowed onto the surrounding grassed areas and our town positively hummed as our local economy enjoyed the benefits of being a domestic holiday destination. Who could deny the dollar benefits that tourism brings to a small community, though as one local pointed out 'we don't want a Woolworths here – it would spoil it'. So if you had to queue at IGA for a few more minutes, so be it!

The Bermagui Country Club Twilight Bare Foot Bowls proved a popular tourist activity each Friday. Estimates of 80-100 people turning up with their families for a fun evening with tuition given freely by members and ending with a BBQ afterwards would have to be hard to beat at \$6 an adult. Well done Bermagui Bowling Club for providing this event during January.

Having worked in Bermagui for many years Sandy Jubb is moving on to Canberra where she is taking up the position of PA for the Director/Partner of an advertising company that makes TV commercials. Friends wish her all the best for her new adventure.



Sandy Jubb (second from right) and friends

Opening for AC/DC on their Black Ice Tour in February will be our local Tilba boys Haydn and James Ing from Calling All Cars, based in Melbourne since completing high school at Narooma. The Bermagui Pharmacy was buzzing when mum Kate found out they had been signed for the tour. Recently Calling All Cars supported Green Day in New Zealand and will be touring with Grinspoon nationally as well as featuring at Melbourne's Big Day Out. Their debut album has been described as 'channeling Nirvana and Silverchair' and will be out in late February.

Bermagui Beach Hotel saw record crowds on Saturday 16 when Black Velvet's lead singer Sue combined the gig with her 50th birthday. Sue announced during the evening that she is moving to Bermagui because she 'just loves it here'. Local musician Vince Melouney (ex Aztecs and Bee Gees) performed alongside Black Velvet. There were several other birthday celebrations during the night including Bev White's 50th.

In case you have been wondering about the activity behind

the fencing adjacent to the Bermagui Public School, it is the multi purpose school hall being built with funding from the economic stimulus package.

Click, the second big show held in early January at the Cuttagee Art space, saw works by local photographers in demand. Luran Hankinson, a recent contributor in South Coast Style magazine sold several works as did performer Vince Melouney.

The Bermagui Fishermen's Wharf will soon boast an Italian Seafood Restaurant, Il Passagio, upstairs next to Horse and Camel wine bar. That leaves only a small shop and another large space available for rent.

The Sydney Water Police Force patrol vessel Nemesis docked in Bermagui Harbour as support boat for the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. Inspector in charge of Marine Area Command, Joe McNulty, opened



Sydney Water Police patrol vessel Nemesis

Nemesis for a few hours on the morning they visited Bermagui and many happy tourists and locals enjoyed scrambling around the decks. Joe said it was the crew's first visit to Bermagui and they were very

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impressed with the facilities at the new Fishermen's Wharf, not to mention the beauty of the area.

Maralyn Callaghan



Crunch Time for Marine Rescue

Marine Rescue is very pleased that after discussions within Marine Rescue the category 3 vessel the James T Lees, which is the preferred vessel of the Water Police and very suitable for Bermagui conditions, is staying in Bermagui. Bermagui is a small town and despite continuous fund raising it is difficult to raise the necessary funds to maintain a vessel of that size. The compromise appeared to be to give the Lees to Bateman Bay and for the Batemans Bay category 2 vessel to come to Bermagui. It was the general view however that the particular vessel was not suited to Bermagui conditions and may not be capable of doing some of the heavier towing currently done by the Lees, eg some of the deep keeled ocean going yachts.

This outcome however may only be short term. Another of the factors in consideration was that Bermagui did not have an adequate number of suitably qualified skippers to crew the boat. This will be a major training objective in the New Year.

In the interests of the long tradition of boating safety in Bermagui David Gelme (Divisional Commander) and the skipper John Perry urge the residents of Bermagui and surrounds to support the local Marine Rescue organisation either by becoming a member, by listing their vessel with Bermagui Division for easy radio log ins or by donations. You can get information on 6493 4506, email coastalpatrol@bermagui.com.au or send

donations to PO Box 51, Bermagui 2546.

At a meeting at the radio base, as a result of the extensive training carried out by the Education Officer Aaron van Kampen (now at Merimbula), nearly everyone in



10 year service. Barry Wisener, Brian Kenyon, Sandy Livingstone. Absent on radio duty Dawn Kenyon.

Bermagui division received training certificates. This reflects the current high standards put into place by Coastal Patrol and even more so by the new Marine Rescue. Also encouraging was the introduction of six new members to Bermagui Division. In addition four members received badges acknowledging 10 years service. It was an encouraging occasion but more members and help are needed if Bermagui is to retain its tradition as a safe harbour for recreational fishermen.



Bermagui Preschool Christmas Banter

On Thursday 10 December the Bermagui Preschool celebrated the end of 2009 with a fabulous Christmas Party celebration. Over 150 children, parents, grandparents, friends and Pre School staff joined together for a balmy evening of entertainment, food and fun.

Thank you to Kristy Callaghan for organising the successful fundraising event and all the local

businesses that supported this fundraiser, which raised over \$550 for the Preschool children.

A special guest appearance from our beautiful Belly Dancing Mums; Tanya, Sarah, Sundaramani, Sarah and Lynda was a huge crowd pleaser. The jumpy castle and Preschool activities kept everybody entertained for the evening. We then shared delicious healthy homemade food from our families, fruit platters from Goldies Fruit and Veg and pizza from Bermagui Pizza and Take Away. Yummy!!

The evening finished on a high note with a visit from Santa on the fire engine, and all children received a book to develop their reading and early literacy skills.

The staff at Bermagui Preschool would like to thank all the children, families and local businesses for making 2009 such a fantastic year at Preschool. Please phone 6493 4183 for Preschool information.

Happy New Year from Narelle, Sarah, Caro and Nat.



Bermagui Country Club News

Bermagui Country Club had their Members Family Fun Day on 1 January. Three hundred and seventy people came along for a BBQ and loads of family fun.

The club gave the following donations: \$1,500 to the Scouts, \$1,000 to Bermagui Breakers Auskick and \$2,002 to the Bermagui Surf Club.

The Club also sponsored the Bermagui George Bass Team with their t-shirts and had a monster raffle with all proceeds going to the Bermagui Community Garden Worm Farm.

Jen Smith

Assistant Manager

Bermagui Country Club



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Tilba Bites

Two thousand and ten already! When I was a kid I used to think that a decade was some sort of fizzy drink. These days they seem to slip by all too frequently. At least we were spared the Y2K nonsense of 2000. My increasing awareness of the passage of time was heightened by the presence of my two loveable grandkids, Jack and Abbi, over the Christmas/New Year period. Early one morning I was blearily meandering around in a pair of daggy jocks, only to be admonished by young Jack who solemnly intoned, 'Put some clothes on grandpa'. Ageing gracefully is indeed difficult.

The holiday period saw Tilba once again inundated with tourists, particularly on overcast, 'non-beach' days. By all accounts local businesses have enjoyed, and are still enjoying, a very good summer. It is not yet known if Alfie has surpassed his 2009 daily sale record of a zillion meat pies, but your intrepid reporter will find out. A somewhat exhausted Lady Di informed me that the new Tilba Teapot motto is 'Grin and pour it'.

The Drom profits were swelled by relief barman Mardy inadvertently selling tourists half-empty bottles of wine camouflaged by paper bags.

Check yer screwtops Mardy!

The social scene was boosted by a mixed bag of holidaying relatives, familiar vagabonds and expat Tilba-ites such as neo-Darwinites Robin and Barbara. Parties were many and varied but your gnarled correspondent must confess to ducking off from most ('Jeez, you're showing your age grandpa'. 'No Jack, it's a mere matter of survival'). An appraisal of wounded bodies following New Year's Eve suggested that Mardy's and Jeff's party was possibly the most damaging, although some were bearing scars from other venues.

The holiday spirit was not limited to humans. A handsome chook spent a couple of days wandering the main street hoovering-up choice tidbits shed by munching tourists. Now, the aforesaid eggheads Mardy and Jeff can be said to have a good eye for creatures of a fowl persuasion and they followed the chook's progress with keen interest from their own perch on the Drom's verandah. When it became apparent that our feathered friend had no owner, the pair pounced with an empty beer carton and triumphantly bore the cackling captive off to their ute to be conveyed to their chook shed. On opening the ute's passenger door,

two eggs were observed on the floor. The mists of alcohol parted and the penny slowly dropped. It was their chook! The cunning beast had snuck onboard for a brief vacation. The pair have since signed up for a chook identification course at Moruya TAFE.

Organiser extraordinaire Caroline Leach reports that this year's *Tilba Now* exhibition was a great success, raising over \$1,500 for the upkeep of the village's treasured halls. The exhibition kicked off with yet another sparkling performance from the Tilba Tappers (Busby Berkeley eat your heart out!) who were accompanied by an impromptu performance by a passing minstrel from Ballarat, Jack Callil, who wandered into the hall and shared his fantastic piano skills. Well done Caroline, the talented exhibitors, Judyanne, Sada and Norm, Issy and the numerous other helpers for making the exhibition so successful.

As the new decade dawned, a most extraordinary event occurred. Punkalla Road was graded! I'll exit to the sounds of a massed choir of shock-absorbers singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Richard Tilzey

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Brogo Babble

Good news from the Brogo Fire Brigade general meeting held on 14 January. The very successful fund raiser held last July has raised enough money to enable the long planned extension to the fire shed to proceed. Work should commence in the next few months after final refinements to the design. The extra space is much needed for training, storage and office space. None of this would have been possible without our ever generous sponsors, the commitment of many of Brogo's finest. The ringleaders – Mary Elliot, Ros Fish, David Ubrihien and David Crowden – were acknowledged with Certificates of Appreciation from the Rural Fire Service.

Thanks must also go to Laurie Jarvis who, late in 2009 successfully applied (on behalf of the Brogo Rural Fire Service) to the Volunteer Grants programme for funding for equipment. The Brogo Cat 7 fire truck will soon be sporting an electric hose reel which will make the job of winding up that darned hose at the end of a long shift so much easier. Well done Laurie!

Those pesky rabbits are still with us. In October 2009, twenty four households in the Brogo area carried out a simultaneous release of the Calicivirus. Vicki Younger did a great job of co-ordinating the distribution of 'dosed' carrots and reporting on the results. Unfortunately, feedback has been disappointing with most residents reporting a small decrease initially, with numbers then back to where they were before. Most people avoid the use of Pindone (due to the possibility of

affecting native animals) but it may be the only tool we have available to break the cycle and reduce this damaging vermin. Contact South East Livestock Health & Pest Authority on 6492 1283. They will be able to give you information on the supply and safe use of Pindone to rid us of rabbits – not the native animals.

Like all of us in the Triangle and right across this Southern Region talk always returns to the weather. It is very sobering to see how deeply this prolonged drought is affecting everyone. Those who farm commercially struggle on while small hobby farmers are selling stock which they can no longer afford to feed. One Brogarian has had to send her beloved goats to be converted into dog food with no feed left on their property. Let's hope the recent sight of black cockatoos, apple gums in blossom, and other 'reliable' indicators bring the rains back to our valley and it arrives like a lover's kiss – long, gentle and wet!



Bermi Banter (continued)

U3A Bermagui Kicks off for 2010

The recently formed University of the Third Age in Bermagui is starting courses for term one beginning on Monday 1 February. Courses on offer are: An appreciation of Afro-American music, Art History, Beginning Indonesian language and culture, Beginning sewing, Buying and selling on eBay, The chemical garden, Computing, Conversational French, Classical music appreciation, Introduction to Geology, Gentle yoga



and meditation, Introduction to writing, Life writing, Practising public speaking and Watercolour painting. One off events visiting Montague Island and Green Cape are also being planned.

Over 85 people have now become members. Membership costs \$20 per annum and entitles you to attend as many courses as you wish.

For further information, or if you would like to offer a course next term, contact Course Coordinator Kerry Davies on 6493 4323 or President Bob Georgeson on 6493 5914. You can also e-mail u3abermi@gmail.com or visit our website at sites.google.com/site/u3abermagui/



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Cobargo Conversations

By the time *The Triangle* comes out it will be all over. Yup holidays over, kids back at school and the long year stretches ahead. But to help with a gentle let down we have a month packed with shows, festivals and films. First off is our Cobargo Show on the 12th and 13th of the month so start nurturing your veggies, cossetting your flowers, clean the weevils out of the flour and pamper your chooks, cows and horses. The competition is hot. On 20 February, *The Triangle* with the Cobargo Swimming Pool is showing *Jaws* on the Outdoor Screen. Promises to be a great family night out.

And finally last, but not least, the final weekend gives us the 15th Cobargo Folk Festival, three days of music, comedy and dance. Not bad for a little town.

Cobargo welcomes its latest shop, 'Life's Little Treasures' (if I got that wrong, sorry, blame a senior's moment). Skye, from Dignams Creek, is opening soon, a shop selling all Australian handmade treasures. One down and only another, what is it, four more empty shops to fill.

Great to see Council has seriously started to tackle Wandella Road on the flat. This has been a notorious part of the road, pot holed and patched, but the machines have been out, the whole lot stripped back and serious repacking going on. Not so sure about the clearing of the embankments. They have been left seriously open to erosion when we get

our drought breaking rains, thank you Inigo Jones! I'm sure Council will sow something, just hope it is in time. Next hopefully Council, will be Wandella Road from the bridge through, another notorious part which gets all the traffic, both Yowrie and Wandella.

Cobargo Village had a huge number of visitors over January if the number of cars parked in the main street was any indication. Spotted one day was a tourist van broken down in the middle of the road, just before the bridge opposite Bermagui Road, the passengers just sitting in the van. Our intrepid lads from Benny's Butchery sprang into action and pushed them off the road. Now that was an accident just waiting to happen!

Cobargo Characters was a great exhibition. Everyone loved guessing, gesticulating and remarking on the portraits. Congratulations to all the sitters, artists and especially Naomi Lewis the driving force behind it.

The Cobargo Skatepark is back on the books again with a \$15,000 grant. Fingers crossed there should be something to show by the end of the year, especially with the help of people like Dave and Barbara Rugendyke. Dave made a Santa's village Christmas display down at the Cobargo Hotel over the Christmas period. It was amazing - he had a wishing well people could put donations in and all money raised was generously donated to the skate club. This was around \$220. Thank you also to Julie and Gordon of Cobargo Hotel for your support as well.

In 2009 we did some fundraising and applied for many grants with the help of Susan Bear. Without Susan's help we probably wouldn't have been as successful as we have been. The first grant we received was a Volunteers Grant of \$1,420, and the second was a Community Building Partnership grant through the State Government for \$15,000. The office of Andrew Constance in Bega was extremely helpful also. Thanks to Steve and Chris of Society Skate Shop in Nowra and Dapto for their generosity too. We will be having a meeting soon to discuss our next steps and will keep you all up to date.

Congratulations to Gordon and Julie, the Cobargo publicans. They have shown themselves to be inclusive and community-minded, organising huge Christmas raffles, a visit from Santa, family friendly days, markets, music evenings and rumour has it that a karaoke machine is on the cards, heaven help us, Australian Idol look out.

Louise Brown



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Cobargo Conversations

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Music, Dance and Comedy – Festival Time Again

February is when we reclaim our area from the influx of visitors and what better way to celebrate but with the Cobargo Folk Festival.

Held on the last weekend of February (26th – 28th) at the Cobargo Showground, it is a three day festival of music, dance and comedy. This is an affordable family festival which aims to develop and foster Australian, multicultural, traditional music and dance.

Festival attendees will experience a full program of concerts, workshops, dances, poets' breakfasts, comedy acts, sessions, intimate blackboard concerts, plus exotic food stalls, bar and refreshments.

There is wheelchair access for toilet and showers, on site camping for weekend ticket holders and free parking.

So if you are interested in music, dance, blues, roots, sessions, world music, country, comedy, open mic, bluegrass, acapella, traditional, bush poetry and spoken word, kids programs, the Crossing Youth or workshops, the Cobargo Festival is the place to be.

Early Bird adult weekend - \$65, youth - \$25. Ticket enquiries: 6493 6758 or at Magpie Music in Bega, or Planet TX in Moruya.

Graeme Fryer



Cobargo Show 2010

It is once again time for the Cobargo Show so set aside Friday 12 and Saturday 13 February for two great days filled with fun and excitement.

On Friday the judging will be

held in the pavilion, as well as the beef and dairy judging. There will also be three great rings of hack events and the very entertaining showjumping. The Bermagui Real Estate Campdraft will be on in the evening.

On Saturday there will be more showjumping and hack events, post ripping, Zamboni the Magician, gold panning extraordinaire, Pam's Store and Cobargo Co-op team yarding events and a huge array of events for the community to join in. The baby and tiny tot judging will be held at 1pm and the official opening will be held on the main arena at 2.30pm.

Anne Farr will officially open the show. Despite her tender years Anne has a very long history with the show movement and a lot of drive and energy and hopes to inspire the youth of our area to become more involved with the show.

After the official opening there will be fun events to join in with like the egg toss, foot races, the lolly scramble and hay bale rolling. Throughout the afternoon there will be motorbike barrel races, ute barrel races, the finals of the bending, barrel and flag races as well as dog high jump, hoof and woof showjumping, chute dogging, Cobargo Hotel Open Steer ride and a new bareback showjumping event plus lots more. As you can see there is never a dull moment at the show.

We also have our wonderful Showgirl Stephanie Anderson, Showgirl runner-up Terlisha McGrath, junior Showgirl Taylan Jackson and junior runner up Tegan McGrath.

The pavilion will be open for perusal on Saturday and it is always jam packed with flowers, cakes, art, photography and so much more. The

show will culminate on Saturday evening with the AL Chalmers & Son fireworks display. If you would like to enter the show and be part of this wonderful event give Lynne Parr a ring at the showground the week prior to the event on 6493 6666.



Playgroup on Mondays at Cobargo Preschool

Playgroup sessions will be running at Cobargo Preschool on Mondays from 10am – 12pm, starting on Monday 8 February, 2010.

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Families Invited to Applaud Shark Attack at Cobargo Pool

(This headline does not reflect on the training methods of the Swimming Club)

Two thousand and ten (the year of the tiger) is set to be a moneyed triumph for lucky community groups with themed fundraiser screenings on *The Triangle's* large, inflatable outdoor film screen.

Since the last issue when, you may remember, in the spirit of intercommunity cooperation, a plea for a sound system and trailer were entered, Bermi local, Steve Buckley, donated an entire PA, so the sound now is a big, loud, Go! *The Triangle* thanks Steve for his generosity.

We are still hoping for our purpose built trailer (donation or really, really good deal) and local businesses have been approached for the ancillary equipment (block splitter and crowbar for the pegs and sheets of 12mm ply for the trailer and protective equipment cases). All material donations will be acknowledged via logos on the distinctive white trailer.

The Triangle Fundraiser Screenings for February:

Saturday 20 February – *Jaws*.
Fundraiser for the Cobargo Swimming Club, Cobargo Swimming Pool.

Start time 7.30pm. \$6 per person 12 and over, \$15 per family (2 adults and 3 children), extra children \$2. No child under 12 allowed without an adult. No alcohol allowed. Season passes don't apply for the night.

Saturday 27 February - *Breakfast at Tiffanys*. Tilba Valley Winery - start time 7.30pm.

Cobargo (and the Far South Coast's) New Writing Centre

It wasn't easy, unpacking all those boxes of books and notes. It wasn't easy *carrying* them. You try and drag a two ton trailer down the Bulli Pass. Give me burning cookies any day over burning brakes. The *Heart & Place Writing Centre* in Cobargo is the result, and already we have two *Heart & Place* courses filling up (a foundation writing journey that connects with relationships, community and place), the *Finding Home* weekend (fiction, myth and memoir, with a bit of art), and the new *Generation W*, a combination of deep writing and the art of the essay, for parents and their high-school kids: a Cobargo-inspired course.

After over two years of writer-in-residence at Byron College, and hundreds of workshops, a chance to start an actual writing centre was hard to pass up. And this area is home to my partner's heart. A couple of comments: the bananas are expensive, and I notice the Friesians and Jerseys are gathering by the hundreds in tight little herds, on well-travelled tracks. They could be planning something.

If you're interested in anything writerly, feel free to call. Besides the workshops, there'll be books for sale, tea and bickies. There's a whole lot more workshops, too. And an official and deep thank you for the furniture donations and word-of-mouth support. And gardening advice. Heavy-lifting help. Chats. Hope. The *Heart & Place Writing Centre*, Cobargo.

Peter Shepherd

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Pat's Piece

Happy New Year to all my Triangle friends, and many thanks to the

dedicated few who produce our great little paper for their much appreciated Xmas gift and the card with all those signatures that brought a tear to this old Grannie's eye.

This column will not be as frequent as the old one, more of a little catch up now and then from your Canberra correspondent. (How cheeky does that sound!)

Well dear readers, I must say that the first part of my move here was a real bag of mixed emotions, as I love where I am living and my little unit is beautiful. And of course having Cate just around the corner is the ultimate bonus, but it's impossible to have lived in a village as beautiful as Bermagui for 30 years without a deep sense of loss when leaving. But if there's one lesson that life has taught me it's that you cannot afford to look back.

So let's begin at the beginning of my new adventure. On the third night that I spent alone here I had just settled down to watch my beloved Collingwood play in the semi-finals when there was an almighty explosion that shook my windows. On opening my curtains I could see no evidence of what may have happened.

Thinking it must have been a car accident I hoped nobody had been badly hurt, only to find my neighbour on the doorstep the next morning telling me that our letter boxes, which are in a group of seven, had been blown up, but I was not to worry as this was a very safe place to live.

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Pat's Piece

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regular intervals!

What has been a great privilege for me was launching Ian McFarlane's book of essays *Of Cheese and Chutney*. We were both quite nervous about the exercise, which I mentioned to my friend Laura, who said she would be visiting the little Sanctuary Church on the hill and would ask Gulaga to look after us. It was a great day with a great crowd in and many interesting questions. So you can see, although that beautiful mountain is now out of sight, she still lies deep within my soul.

Finally, I must tell you that the Café come Bar has opened straight across the road and is serving great food. So whether it is time for a coffee with lunch or a glass of wine with dinner, you can just wheel me over in my brand new wheelchair – which Mary McFarlane has christened 'The Silver Bullet' – my shout!

Oh yes, Collingwood won.

Pat Thompson

AWL Pet of the Month

Hugo needs a home

We don't know why handsome Hugo, the tan and black four month old German Shepherd x pup hasn't been re-homed yet. He is such a



How can anyone refuse those big brown eyes?

delightful, friendly lad and yet all his littermates have been re-homed before him. If you would like to enquire about adopting Hugo or one of the other companion animals available through Animal Welfare League Far South Coast (AWLFSC) Branch please call 0400 372 609.

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Do you have a kennel or collars

and leads your pet no longer uses? AWLFSC branch desperately needs two kennels for their new carers and is always in need of new collars and leads. Please give them a call if you can help.

Bushfire season is here. Do you have a place where you and your pets can go should you need to evacuate? Do you have carry boxes, leads and an emergency supply kit containing a few days supply of food and water, can opener, bowls, cat litter and litter tray, medications and blankets? Have you made sure your pets are wearing their collar and tags and microchip details are kept up to date? Have you supplied a secondary contact number on the ID tag and microchip record and do you keep a current photo of your pets in the emergency supply kit in case they do get lost?

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New Evening Event for Local Businesses from the Bermi Bowlers Club

Following on the success of the Barefoot Bowling during the holidays, the Bermagui Bowling Club is introducing a Business House Bowls Evening on Friday evenings.

The start date is early February so motivate your workmates and get your teams of four organised for a friendly competition in the cool of the summer evening.

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Nardy House News

The Nardy House Committee has taken the fund raising efforts of their group to new heights with the release of the Nardy House promotional film. The film is designed for presentation to businesses and corporations for sponsorship and support. The film package put together by Video Vision and local filmmaker David Condon consists of four programs. The first program outlines

The film is designed to raise funds to meet the building costs of this stage.

Denise Redmond, Project Manager outlined the reasons behind making of the film. 'Undertaking this film was a major task for a small charitable organisation. The Nardy House Committee needed far greater funding than the members believed could be raised in the local region and it appeared unlikely that the Project would receive Government funding at the present time. Philanthropic groups

amount if we are to progress to Stage 3. This seems to be a huge target however we have already achieved a great deal.

'We have a specialised respite facility offering very high-level support to people with profound disabilities on a twenty-four hour/ seven day a week basis. This facility is now catering for people with the highest level of need and nursing staff is employed to meet the clients' needs. The service is being fully funded by ADHC (Ageing, Disability and Homecare) and is being run in partnership with Nardy House Inc. This partnership has been extended for twelve months and there is certainty developing in this service provision. We also have the foundations and framework of the new facility in place. We are waiting for the arrival of oregon beams at the truss makers to take us to the next building stage.

'We have come a long way and the Committee is prepared to go further- the Nardy House promotional film gives us the means to do.

Denise Redmond



Nardy House Committee

the Nardy House group, the work already achieved and the group's future aims. It is eight minutes in length. The additional short pieces relate to young people in nursing homes, the role of carers and the impact having a person with a disability has on carers and a case study of Zeke Hilton.

The group has commenced the second stage of the project: the building of a six-bedroom permanent accommodation residence for people with profound disabilities. This stage of the project is the group's main aim.

rarely provide infrastructure funding and we were extremely fortunate to have received the Lions International grant of US\$50,000. With the help of a dedicated film maker we have reached the release stage and we have a means to enlist the support of groups outside the Bega Valley.

'We will be making our approaches to larger companies on a personal level and we are prepared to send representatives to discuss our needs with potential supporters. We need to raise over \$800 000 if Stage 2 is to be completed and twice that

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Sea to Snow Crossing 2009 Awesome Achievement

The coast was hot and tiring, the escarpment was climbed at 4am to avoid the heat, and then the Monaro Tablelands provided a taste of winter. But the final stage Mt Jagungal in the Snowy Mountains was summited on a clear day with clouds lapping the foothills and the crew spoke with ABC SE radio from the top.

In 13 days the Sea to Snow crew travelled 300km canoeing, biking and hiking, up the Bermagui river, over

rainshadow heathlands, tablelands, and the alps.

The journey is designed to meet the requirements of the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Training camp preparation over the year included navigation, first aid, physical preparation and sustainability. The group also developed a drama piece to perform at schools along the way and they painted their journey as they went.

The Sea to Snow crew are now trying to raise \$500 each to help the next group of young people to do a Sea to Snow Crossing in 2010, and the crew are keen to talk to your business or service organisation with a short 10min film of the journey and training. All sponsorship donations are tax deductible.

The Sea to Snow Crossing is a learning journey of a lifetime for young people from the South East region.

If you know a great young person who will be 16 by July 2010 then why not nominate them for 2010 - forms for referee nomination are available at www.thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au as well as nomination forms that can be filled in by young people directly.

Dean Turner
Project Director



Wallaga Lake and Gulaga Mountain, Jeffers and Wandella Mountains into the Brass Knocker Creek and along the Wadbilliga River, to Conways Gap and Tuross Falls, then along the Numeralla River to Carlaminda, onto Cooma, Middlingbank, Nimmo Hill the Gungahlin Valley, Cesjacks Ridge, and around the Toolong Range along the Doubtful River to O'Keefes Hut and finally Mt Jagungal. They met farmers, rangers and school children to learn more about landcare, sustainability and natural resource management.

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Of Cheese and Chutney Launch



Pat Thompson and Ian McFarlane

Madam Pat Thomspon launched Ian McFarlane's essay selection, *Of Cheese and Chutney*, in Canberra on 13 December 2009, and read one of his social justice poems, *The Girl on the Railway Platform*. A few days later, on 17 December 2009, Ian received the Z4 Wines 2009 Literary Award for Book Reviewing at the Canberra Writers Centre.

Of Cheese and Chutney can be ordered from www.ginninderrapress.com.au or Ian has a few copies, and can be contacted on mmc44926@bigpond.net.au.



Sculpture on the Edge

Sculpture can be controversial, engaging, confronting, moving, political, whimsical, obscure and irreverent. Above all, at Bermagui's *Sculpture on the Edge* it has become accessible to many people who might not previously have had a sculpture experience.

Since 2007, the event, held in the unparalleled setting of Endeavour Point headland and Horseshoe Bay beach and

in the Community Hall, has grown from its original three days, and in 2010 will encompass both the Canberra long weekend and that of the Seaside Fair, commencing on Friday 5 March and ending on Sunday 14.

Several sculptors selected for the inaugural *Sculpture by the Sea* in Denmark last year will once again exhibit with us, including Bruce Radke, Phil Spelman, Amanda Stuart, Michael Le Grand and John Ramsay. We hope to encourage people to meet at a Festival Club at the new Philip Cox designed wharf during the time of the event and a public Symposium *Sculpture Controversy!* will be held at a private property, 'Nerimbah' near Cuttagee on 7 March. This promises to be both entertaining and stimulating. And we haven't forgotten the children! Workshops will again be held at the primary and preschools and for a group of high school students for the first time.

We'd love to see you in Bermagui to share something unique and very special with us. Intending exhibitors only have until 5 February to apply. Please contact Event Manager, Jan Ireland on 6493 3808 and do check out our website at www.sculpturebermagui.org.au for further information.

Sculpture on the Edge

Raffle Winners

Sculpture on the Edge has recently conducted two fundraising raffles to meet the ever rising costs of event insurance and venue hire.

Many kind supporters donated prizes won by a number of deserving people. Congratulations to the winners and many sincere thanks to the individuals and businesses who donated prizes. Thank you ticket sellers.



The Living Artist

A programme not to be missed – on ABC1 Tuesday 9 February at 10pm and again on ABC2 on Sunday 14 February.

The townspeople of Bega have raised \$35,000 for a Living Arts Prize. This story follows the artists as they apply for this potentially life changing scholarship. Insightful, entertaining, and a little tongue in cheek, *The Living Artist* is the story of what happens when a lucrative arts prize is offered in a small community, the same community from which the money will also be raised. And what happens when the artists all know each other and the judges know all the artists – how can the process be fair, balanced and focused?

For further information or interviews contact:

Cian O'Clery, Producer *The Living Artist* Mob: 0406 203 976 or Amanda Werner, ABC TV Publicity 08 8343 4214 or Mob: 0412 007 273 Email: werner.amanda@abc.net.au.

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Four Winds Festival Makes Boats from Bamboo

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which are now being turned into beautiful boats in preparation for the *Four Winds Festival* at Easter.

The Easter Friday free community concert 2 April 2010 at 4pm on the cricket oval in Bermagui is called *Windsong*, and director John Bolton sent a message out to the Four Winds team asking for 100 pieces of cut bamboo, about three metres long and four centimetres wide.

Four local artists are working with Fling, orchestras and choirs to create a piece from the stories of local people. Looks like we will have around 150 local musicians involved!

So this week, a team of volunteers has gathered in Bermagui to start the process of making props in the form of boats which will be carried by musicians and local kids along with 100 orchestra and choir members will make a visual and sound spectacular.

The next workshop will be on 9 February and please contact Lara Crew at admin@fourwinds.com.au if you'd like to come and assist. All welcome and of course more volunteers for the festival are always needed. We hope to see you there!

To get the early bird discount book before 5 February online on www.fourwinds.com.au or call The Pineapple House.

And join up online for our e-newsletter to keep up to date with Festival activities.

Please note that all tickets will be mailed out on 1 March 2010.

For more information contact Sheena Boughen on 0418 656 916.

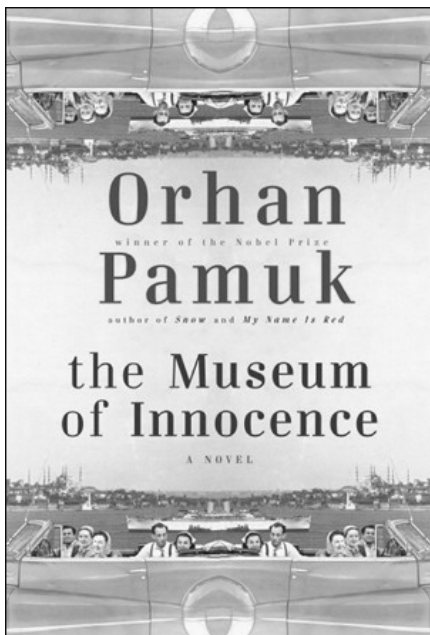


Book Reviews



Orhan Pamuk, *The Museum of Innocence*, Faber and Faber, \$35.00

It's been a mixed holiday reading season. I bought this book for *The Triangle* to donate to the library, and it proved to be a bit of a chore, although it has great reviews. At nearly 600 pages, it describes the obsession of a Turkish man with an



unobtainable love (although he could have had her if he hadn't tried to combine the affair with an intended marriage). Giving up the fiancée, he concentrates on winning back his love by visiting her family most nights for over eight years and 'collecting' (stealing) anything he can lay his hands on for his private 'museum' – including cigarette butts, clothes, ornaments etc. All this set within the context of the civil unrest in Turkey during this period, and the tension between the wealthy,

increasingly westernised class (of which he is a member) and the conservative/traditional forces in the country, all of which was interesting, but not nearly enough for me. Give it a go – but leave plenty of time for it!

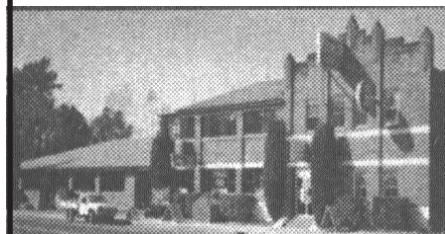
On the other hand, I found already in the library a great book – *The Last Station* – which is about to be released as a film. It tells the story of the last two years of the life of Tolstoy, his troubled marriage, facing old age and death with the legacy of his life's work undecided. –It's terrific – I read it at one go. A must read is also *The Piano Lesson* by Anna Goldsworthy – not yet in the library; I'll try to get a copy – but worth buying, as is *The Gurnsey Literary and Potato Pie Society* – you'd love to have both in the house for jaded visitors.

Don't forget – if you're having a post Christmas clean out – you can always share your favourite books by donating to the Bermagui library.

Heather O'Connor



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Soft Footprint Recipes



First, let me apologise for the error in the previous issue (No. 83). If you had decided to make Rhubarb and Rose Petal Jam you would have realised that 50g of rhubarb should have been 500g!

An abundance of basil in summer means tangy, fragrant pesto to me. There are all kinds of pesto, the basic formula being herbs, nuts, garlic and oil. It is usually stirred into pasta but can be used as a dip, a spread, a dressing for tomato salad and added to pizza, soup, meat and seafood dishes. Traditionally a mortar and pestle are used to grind the ingredients, but most of us will opt for a food processor or blender. The desired outcome should be grainy, not a puree, so watch while pulsing the ingredients. I use almonds instead of the more expensive pine nuts and grind about half a cup with a similar amount of Parmesan cheese. I prefer to use less olive oil than most recipes call for, so I remove the nut and cheese mixture to a bowl and then process 4 cups of loosely packed basil leaves with 1 clove of garlic, a quarter teaspoon of salt and half to three-quarters cup of olive oil.

Stir the mixtures together and adjust the seasoning, adding pepper or more garlic to taste. Pesto can be frozen for a remembrance of summer long after the frost has claimed the basil.

An easy, colourful salad to feed the family or impress a crowd of visitors is Salade Nicoise – a fancy name for a rustic mix of Mediterranean ingredients. Arrange the following on a large platter and pour over a garlicky dressing just before serving: new potatoes, cooked and cut into chunks, green beans, cooked until tender, ripe tomatoes, cut into chunks, red onions, finely sliced, hard-boiled eggs, cut into quarters, chunks of drained tuna, anchovy fillets cut in half and olives. Salad greens and basil leaves and thin slices of zucchini could add to the seasonal splendour of this dish.

Happy Cooking

Dawn Hollins



Goodbye to the Ruths

Greig and Ros are leaving
After 28 long years.
Every time I think of it
It reduces me to tears.

Ros, everyone will miss you
When you retire out to the farm
We will miss your smiling face
And your grace and your charm.

There is one thing that worries me
If you must know the truth,
How the hell are you going to spend each day
Alone with just Greig Ruth?

I'm sure it will not be easy
And it don't sound much like fun
I do have a suggestion for you dear Ros
Hurry up and buy a big gun.

When your nerves are at breaking point
And when it gets too much to bear
Just wack him over the head three times
And make him sit in the naughty chair.

Ros, I have a vision of you in the garden
Relaxing with a cup of tea and a crumpet
But what the heck is that dreadful noise?
OH GOD it's Greig and that bloody trumpet.

So in your retirement lady
Just remember everything will be fine
Because at least once a week
We will bring you around a big cask of red wine.

Pam Thistlewaite

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WIRES



Take care when fishing

The good old summer time is here and lots of locals and tourists are taking their fishing rods down to the surf or out to sea. Fishing is an ancient sport but there are some modern innovations that are helping to make it safer for our coastal birdlife. Did you know that traditional nylon fishing line takes up to 600 years to dissolve? This fact has created a huge problem for pelicans and other coastal birds that get caught up in the matted webs of the accumulated lines. Many birds have died sad deaths due to the fact that they could not fly or feed. There is so much concern over the adverse effects of nylon fishing line that \$20,000 from the fishing licence trust fund is being set aside for the instalment of bins at major recreational fishing spots on the NSW coast for depositing nylon line.

Happily there are new fishing lines available called biolines. The Australian National Sportfishing

Association has come out in favour of these new, safer fishing lines. They are biodegradable and are built to dissolve within five years in the water and within six months in the compost. Once they are spooled on your reel, they keep their strength from 10 months to a year. The next time you visit your tackle shop, please ask for the new bioline. Also, avoid stainless steel hooks as they take many years to break down.

Please remember to cast away from foraging birds or move away when casting. Birds can mistake a casting line for their dinner and get hooked themselves. Take home tangled tackle and dispose of it properly by cutting it up into little pieces as foraging birds at tips can get caught in it. Our wildlife will thank you for it.

If you see a native animal in strife, please ring WIRES on 6494 4150 to speak with a volunteer. You can also ring that number if you're interested in learning about being a WIRES volunteer.



Frame and Brush

Local art lovers will be excited to discover Frame and Brush, (formerly One Sunday afternoon at Wolfgang's from Cobargo), has opened in Bermagui. The official opening was held in December 2009, and the shop is now well and truly in full swing!

Frame and Brush can provide you with all your picture framing and art supply needs. The shop will be holding many interesting art workshops and evening art classes including water colours, pastels, mixed media and more and will kick off with a felt jewellery workshop on 6 March. For details and dates please contact Ed, owner and resident artist, or his wife, Alice at the shop on 6493 3380.

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Julia Willson



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Garden Magic



This Month in the Garden

Freshly-dug new potatoes, just-picked green beans, carrots and zucchini, steamed altogether and served with extra virgin olive oil, (Australian of course), finely chopped chives, pepper and salt. What bliss!

To achieve this happy state of affairs requires a bit of effort. We need to feed the soil to keep it healthy and productive. Healthy soil means healthy plants and that means you can be healthy too. By using compost, blood and bone, dolomite, rock phosphate and sulphate of potash we assure that there is an ample supply of the essential nutrients available to plants. The air content and water retention of the soil will also be improved.

I expect that your garden, like mine, has taken a beating on days of extreme heat. Many plants had started to recover from the first day of 43 degrees in mid-November when they

were hit a month later, and then again this month. It's depressing to have well-established plants damaged. If these bursts of extreme heat are going to be the norm, we may have to consider the use of shade cloth to protect the more heat sensitive plants.

In our garden this year there is an acute shortage of bees. I wonder if feral hives have died out due to the dry winter and lack of flowers to feed the bees. The Angophora trees are now in full flower and there's hardly a bee to be seen. Due to the lack of bees I have been hand pollinating the few female pumpkin flowers; the ones with tiny pumpkins at their base. I don't expect many pumpkins this year.

On a more positive note, the rain that we have just had has helped to freshen the garden. Our mulched beds have soaked it up and the soil moisture there is quite good. These beds have not been watered for many months and are doing well with just the rain. It has been enough to top up our two rain water tanks, so there is ample water for the vegetable garden.

The improved soil moisture has created an opportunity for late plantings of fruit trees or ornamentals, not bare rooted, but those established in bags or pots. They will of course need to be kept watered during the establishing period.

Happy gardening,

Ivan



Angophora tree with flowers (inset)

Bermagui: Proud of Our Place

Preparations are well under way for the multi award winning 13th Bermagui Seaside Fair to be held on Saturday 13 March.

With the theme *Bermagui: Proud of Our Place*, the committee is focusing this year's event around the history and progress of the Bermagui area since its early days.

Locals and visitors alike are invited to dress in period theme and the committee of seven enthusiastic locals and their hard working volunteers anticipate that this year's event will be as great as it has been in the past 12 years.

One of the major attractions for this year's Fair will be the inaugural *Art in Place* themed art exhibition. Coordinator for this event, Denise Page, said, 'The original meaning of Bermagui comes from the indigenous word *Permageua*, of which one suggested translation is canoe without a paddle'. This theme lends itself beautifully to an art exhibition and artist interpretation should produce some really exciting work.

The Seaside Fair will also have all of the old favourites there for young and old to enjoy.

Commencing with the Blessing of the Fleet to fireworks on the headland at the end of one hectic day, there will be something for everyone.

A special concert for seniors and their carers will be held at the Bermagui Country Club on Sunday 14 March with local and out of town entertainers.

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Anglican Church Hall, Wallaga St
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

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

Quaama - St Saviour's - 3rd Sunday, 7 pm Holy
Communion
1st Wednesday of the month, 10 am Morning Service
Cobargo - Christ Church - Fri, 10 am Holy
Communion, Sundays, 8 am Holy Communion

Bermagui - All Saints - Thurs. 10 am Holy
Communion, Sun. 10 am Holy Communion.
Please feel free to join us any time.
Enquiries: Rector: Rev. Canon Harvey Sloane;
Deacon: Rev. Liz Sloane;
Ph. 6493 4416.

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COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY OF GARDENERS

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

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

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Maryann Green 6493 6280.

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Children 6 - 15yrs wanting to learn new skills, enjoy
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Jim Abraham on 6493 6668

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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

COBARGO CWA

CWA Rooms Cobargo - 2nd Tues of the month
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Cottage Hire 6493 6428

TILBA GROWERS' MARKET

Grow it, Make it, Bake it, Sew it begins each Sat., 8am
to 1pm in Central Tilba Hall. Tables may be shared
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annieandtrevor@hotmail.com.

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

Bermagui Sports Stadium. Social Badminton -
Tuesdays 2 to 4pm, Sundays 10am to 12noon.
Contact Heather on 6493 6310. Competition
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Monday mornings: Porcelain Art, Tuesday
Mornings: Needlework/Patchwork and Art,
Thurs. am: Embroidery and Leadlighting, Fri. am:
Pottery, Friday pm - 2nd & 4th Fri. each month:
Spinning. Visitors and new members welcome.
Ph. 6493 3445.

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium
Bermagui Country Club at 7.00pm. Ladies and
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QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

Meet at 11am every Wed for morning tea and
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QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays, 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA
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6493 3573.

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QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bega Bowling Club,
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Quaama - Wednesdays by prior arrangement.
Enquiries: 0428 667 924

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All
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QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOCn
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,
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Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

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Sunday 7 February	KarismaKatz Band	Dromedary Hotel, Tilba	5.30pm
	Damien Coen	Tilba Winery	1.00pm
	True Blue	Cobargo Hotel	3.00pm
Friday 12 February	Darryl Lamb	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
	Cobargo Show	Cobargo Showgrounds	All Day
Saturday 13 February	Live Music	Cobargo Hotel	7.30pm
	Cobargo Show	Cobargo Showgrounds	All day
Friday 19 February	Candy	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Saturday 20 February	Outdoor Film 'Jaws'	Cobargo Swimming Pool	Film starts at 8.00pm
	Cobargo Markets	Cobargo Hotel	9.00am
	Karaoke	Cobargo Hotel	7.30pm
Sunday 21 February	Damon Davies	Tilba Winery	1.00pm
	Footloose Strangers	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30pm
Thursday 25 February	'Session', leading up to Folk Festival	Cobargo Hotel	6.00pm
Friday 26 February	Cobargo Folk Festival	Cobargo Showgrounds	All day & evening
	Garry Jones	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Saturday 27 February	Open Air Cinema 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'	Tilba Winery	6.30pm
	Cobargo Folk Festival	Cobargo Showgrounds	All day and evening
Sunday 28 February	Cobargo Folk Festival	Cobargo Showgrounds	All day
	Adam Hole	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30pm
Wednesdays	Bridge	Tilba Winery	
Wednesdays	Free Pool	Cobargo Hotel	
Thursdays and Fridays	Raffles	Cobargo Hotel	
	Art In The Triangle		
8 January - 22 February	'Daily Delights'	Narek Gallery Tanja	Fri to Mon 10.30-5.30
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