

HOLY (HOYER'S) COWS! WHAT A MILKING THAT WAS

Richard Tilzey

THE HOWLING gales that ushered in winter across the Triangle tested all sorts of emergency responses, but few could match the milkathon the storm caused at Tilba.

When the big storm blew out the power to Tilba during that fierce weekend, it left Hoyer's dairy in Sherringham Lane inoperable – and with 200-odd cows waiting outside in urgent need of milking.

Fortunately, Nick Dibden has a back-up power supply at his dairy down on the highway, and a swift phone call confirmed that Nick was happy to help out.

Thus began the grand odyssey of the cows, starring Charles Lucas, Jamie Stuart, Aaron Whiffen, Scotty Stone, and Kelly McPherson.

Charles and Jamie headed off into the howling gale and pouring rain to drive the herd across the paddocks around Little Dromedary Mountain and over the gale-ravaged Bobundara Valley to Dibden's dairy.

It's a trip that took nearly two hours – not helped when the herd balked at crossing the unfamiliar and swollen Bobundara Ck. Jamie went off on his dirt bike to fetch one of the Dibden cows to lead them across – and he and bike nearly disappeared under water while searching for a suitable crossing. Charles just made it across on his quad bike.

Both were near hoarse from yelling at the cows and, in Charles's words, "the dogs were barked out".

When the wind-swept and bedraggled couple finally reached the dairy, where they were joined by Aaron, Scotty and Kelly, the hard work had only just begun. Between them, the herds totalled about 500 cows that had to be milked twice a day.

The five heroes worked virtually non-stop for the next two-and-a-half days until power was restored to Hoyer's dairy. Milking finished late on the Sunday evening and then resumed at 3am on the Monday and went through to 7.30 pm, followed by another early shift on the Tuesday.

Just to make it harder, the Dibden milking shed and yards are somewhat exposed and the milkers had to endure showers of cow urine



Jerseys wishing they had geurseys to cope with the storms that caused so much damage (right)

– and other delights – at the height of the gale. The numerous chores associated with milking were exacerbated by the congestion. Washing down took on a whole new meaning, as the cows were covered in mud. And keeping the two herds separated was an added difficulty, as was the competition for hay stalls.

The absence of Robyn Lucas and Nick Dibden, marooned in Bega and Canberra respectively, also complicated matters. At the end of this marathon milkathon the five heroes were ready to sleep around the clock.

Dave from Pam's Store also warrants praise for keeping the troops supplied with tucker. Charles and Robyn wish to particularly thank Nick and Jamie for helping them out in their time of need.

FOOT NOTE: The story of the Tilba milking marathon solves a bit of riddle for those of



us who often travel the highway past Tilba: why black-and-white cows suddenly appeared in early June among the picturesque (and often photographed) herd of Jerseys in the Bobundara Valley. They were, of course the Hoyer Friesians on their enforced "holiday" at the Dibden dairy. We could never have guessed at the drama being played out behind the peaceful scene of the two herds grazing together.



Sam Sinclair's Workshop in Bermagui about 1906. The Sulky at right driven by J. Parberry is very similar to the one we hope to acquire for Bermagui. (Below) the Sulky at Bega Museum last week.

SEEKING HOME FOR SAM'S SULKY

BERMAGUI Historical Society is seeking a home for Sam Sinclair's Sulky.

In need of some more space for a recently donated large wagon, Bega Pioneers Museum have offered Bermagui Historical Society a sulky which was built and owned by Sam Sinclair in Bermagui.

Sam was the village blacksmith, wheelwright and coachmaker from around 1904 and our museum would like to accept such an important vehicle from the horse drawn transport days.

There is one small problem, and that is that

we have no storage space or access for the Sulky in our present location in the Community Centre. We are hoping to find a storage space where volunteers might be able to do some restoration work on the old girl, preferably close to, or in Bermagui. The length is 3.7 metres to the shafts, It is 1.6 metres wide and 1.5 metres high.

If anyone has a suitable space, or if you have restoration skills and some spare time, we would love to hear from you. Ring Dave on 6493 3800 if you can help.



NPWS MONTAGUE STRATEGIC BURN "A SUCCESS"



THE NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has successfully completed two strategic burns on Montague Island Nature Reserve (June 8-9) with the aim of controlling the common lawn grass Kikuyu which had been threatening to choke the island's seabird habitat.

The burns were designed to remove grass from areas which had previously been sprayed with a diluted herbicide. The burnt areas will now be replanted with native shrubs and trees. This concludes almost a decade long program to restore seabird habitat. Seabirds, particularly Little Penguins are now readily colonising and nesting in the rehabilitated native vegetation on the island.

THE RISE OF THE PROVIDEDORE

LOCALITIES such as Brogo can be seen as scattered food forests when enthusiastic new settlers to the Bega Valley planted fruit trees galore on their small holdings. As decades went by and many of the original owners sold on, the fruit trees continued to produce heavily while numbers on the properties declined from young families raising children to couples seeking a 'tree change'.

The recent increase in awareness of eating fresh local produce has seen the establishment of Farmers Markets with the SCPA Markets in Bega and Transition Towns getting one going in Tilba.

Many a time I've visited neighbours to find

fruit rotting on the ground as the owners both work in town and simply do not have the time to manage or harvest the abundance. Or, nothing as the orchard has been left idle with little care and is at the mercy of fruit eating birds, foxes, possums or any number of diseases.

Is it time for the rise of the local food providedore? Each locality has somebody that acts as a middle person collecting that fruit and then selling it on through local markets and businesses. Enterprising folk could even value add this produce and market jams, chutneys and preserves.

An extension of this is if small orchard maintenance businesses emerge. Someone who

comes around regularly and begins to manage the orchard properly.

In my 15 year old Permaculture designed orchard systems I've ended up with abundance and way too much fruit that even a family of five can possibly consume. We dry, bottle and preserve as much as we can and then excess becomes a commodity to either sell on or barter for produce we don't grow such as olive oil or meat.

So, it's off to the SCPA Markets for this permaculturist and if anyone living in Brogo is interested in supplying fruit, please call.

John Champagne. Ph 6492 7306.

SCPA President.



Sculpture by the Sea event manager Jan Ireland with Peter "Beatle" Collins

BEATLE'S BOMBORA OFF TO SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

AFTER winning the people's choice award at this year's Sculpture on the Edge event, Peter "Beatle" Collins has been chosen as one of a field of 570 to exhibit at the prestigious Sculpture by the Sea in Sydney.

And the local sculptor who perfected his stick wave sculptures at Philip Cox's property has also been accepted for Sculpture at Sawmillers Reserve at McMahon's Point Sydney in September.

"This is the sweetest confirmation of my endeavours and your inspiring belief in the quality of my work," Beatle said.

"My eternal gratitude will be expressed in all my future works to celebrate our existence juxtaposed with nature."

But first Beatle needs help to get his big

Bermagui Bombora wave sculpture to the Sculpture by the Sea event held at Bondi from October 28 to November 14.

Sculpture by the Sea is the largest free to the public outdoor sculpture exhibition in the world. Over 100 sculptures are sited each year along Sydney's scenic Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk and last year some 500,000 visitors from around Australia and overseas attended the exhibition.

Any organisation or business that supports Beatle will get their logo printed in the exhibition catalogue, next to the description of the artist and their work. Last year approximately 30,000 catalogues were sold to visitors at the exhibition and to help out contact Beatle at pc064082@bigpond.net.au.

WATCHING WALLAGA WATERS

WATERWATCH, a community program that is monitoring the condition and ongoing health of Wallaga Lake, is looking for local support and volunteers to help. The program is assessing the condition of the seagrass beds, monitoring the water quality and identifying and recording the species present on regular basis. Volunteers are trained in the techniques required to make this a valuable record that can be used to help in decision making at a local or state level.

It is all part of a survey of estuary health on the South Coast which is government funded and administered through the Bermagui Fishermens Co-Op and the Community Environment Network which includes Waterwatch.

A gathering at the Sundeck Cafe had new volunteers from Wallaga Lake Heights and from Akolele. Following an explanation and an outline of the scope of the project an initial site near Wallaga Lake Bridge was identified and recorded to enable ongoing study and comparative records to be taken. Participants were shown how to record the height of the lake and the bearing of line where the readings were taken. They were also shown how to assess the amount and recognise the type of seagrass and how to read the water quality.

Because this is an ongoing program more volunteers are needed, if you are interested in being part of this project please contact Suzanne Gray on 0414 084 588.

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IF A TREE FALLS...

The Editorial Team

WELL, THE storms hopefully have passed, especially ones of the intensity which recently buffeted our coast and countryside. Now on the subject of those trees, we all love them but did you know that you should not have any eucalypts closer to your house than the distance measured by the spread of their roots and or the height of the canopy? No wonder there's so much chain sawing going on as we all take stock of the situation and plan for the future. The only blessing is the extra firewood for next year, think of your city friends paying \$15 for 20kg and stack some in the car – better than those jars of jam as a present.

The wonderful work started by CEFÉ urging us to participate in alternate energy is in evidence all over the Shire(s) as not only has the solar hot water been installed but also the alternate solar electricity systems which received substantial subsidies. Let us hope that we all get our 'little black boxes' and can switch on to the grid to offset those increasing electricity accounts.

We have had some changes in our Triangle Team and we wish to thank Justin who has come on board to assist in the publication of our July issue, if he hadn't you would all have missed out on our mid winter local news. Our thanks to Rose Chaffey who has been doing the layout for some time now with Jen Severn as back up – you can both rest easy and hopefully you will not get our emergency calls in future.

The social scene has quietened down since the end of summer but the Living Artists group held a successful June long weekend function in Bermagui to raise funds to support the next fortunate artist selected. Talking of art, the wonderful Shirley Hannan portrait prize and other entries are now on display at Bega Gallery, the third richest portrait prize in NSW if not Australia.

Please keep your letters and reports coming in, we are always happy to receive them and print both sides of any controversial story as you know. The Triangle is now approaching its 8th Birthday and we 'on the team' appreciate the ongoing community support.



Thumbs Up

To the SES crews who battled the wild weather to clear the roads during our mini cyclone. It was dangerous and arduous work. Nice job!

To Julie and Gordon Steele at the Cobargo Hotel for continuing to come up with wonderful ideas for the local community. Music sessions, family days and pizza! The heart of the town is beating strong.



Thumbs Down

To those who have harmed the seals around Montague Island. These magnificent sea creatures deserve to be protected from this mindless slaughter.

To the person who rang ABC radio to complain that Country Energy weren't out working at night in the middle of the cyclone to fix the electricity. Perhaps you could get yourself a gas burner and make a cup of tea next time!

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Your Say

WHAT IS WASTE WOOD?

IF THE definition of "waste" is logs that are not suitable for saw logs, then why is it those logs have to be cut down at all. Surely in this day and age we can tell if a tree is hollow or not. Surely in this day and age FNSW should have to check if a tree is hollow or not.

I am amazed that SEFE do not show some initiative by releasing the fact that the Eden woodchip site is the best site in our region for wind power. Five wind turbines located in the right spot would produce more energy than their proposed bio-mass and return a better profit for their shareholders.

Wouldn't it be nice to see an industry make the right choice.

Eden is also a great spot locally for underwater wave technology, and the Carnegie Corporation appear to be heading in the right direction and recently received great reviews from the Government in response to the role underwater wave energy can play in providing base load power.

The World Energy Council have been quoted as saying "with underwater wave technology placed in a number of positions around the world, we could presently produce twice the amount of energy the world currently uses."

I will be raising awareness on these issues and others in the coming months.

Cheers

Ray Buckley

FAREWELL FROM DAMON

GREETINGS fair Trianglians. A wee note to bid farewell (if moving 40kms or so is considered leaving). We landed on our feet in a big way,

coming from Sydney and landing on the South East in (Sweet Home) Cobargo - with thanks to Elizabeth Andalis.

We could not have asked for a better place to, ah, do-all-those-things-that-humans-do: Families; sport; music, living and learning; and of course digging holes an' stuff.

So, big, Big, BIG thanks to everyone for everything! (except maybe some of those stockbrokers, politicians, multi-national goof heads, etc.-nasty). Viva la South East! Viva Transition! Viva Viva! And with a final prayer: May we all fare well during these times.

Lots of everything, Damon, Julie, Ella, Rhys.

Many thanks for all your work - it makes a difference to/for this community.

With respect

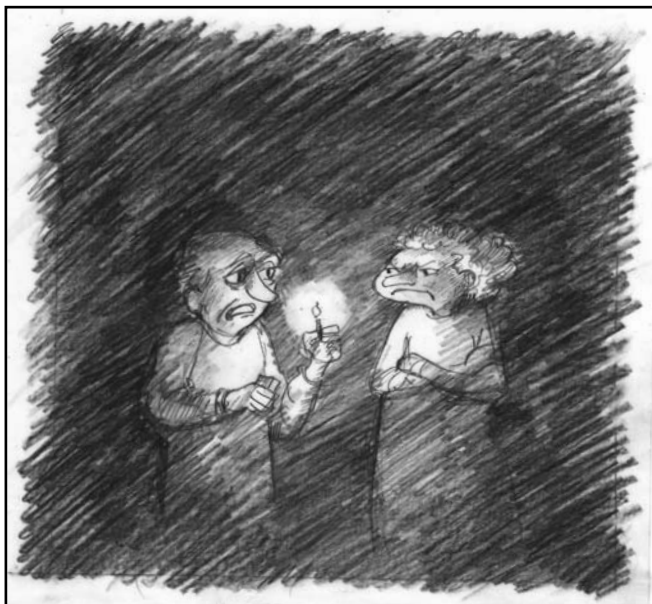
Damon Davies

THANK YOU, BERMAGUI

I WOULD like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 70th birthday with such a great party last Sunday 13 June. Also thanks to whoever could not be there but send me congratulations anyway. A special thanks to Alan Broadhurst for providing his own living space to have the celebration, Jon Orr and Vic Clegg for helping set up and Tony King and Kris Ralph (aka "Beautifully Mad") for the great songs and the energetic way they made me and everybody dance. And last but not least: thanks to these beautiful Bermagui people for having me as their fellow resident for more than 16 years.

Cheers!

Naino Groen



S'truth Martha! - You're always complaining!
Last week you were nagging me to give up smoking -
Do you realize if I'd done that, we wouldn't even have this
box of matches?

ELECTRICKERY... SCARY, ISN'T IT

IT COULD be bush fires, or it could be a cyclone as we have just experienced, but either way, the electricity has failed. Power lines down and the situation so extreme that the lads can't get out immediately to fix the problem, and life as we know it comes to a full stop.

No petrol, no money, no food from the supermarket, no public telephones (need electricity to connect coins to phone), sewerage stops working, live out of town - no water. Put the car in garage for safety, damn it, can't get it out the garage door is electric.

Live in an all-electric house - no lights, no heat, no cooking, no hot water. Got a cordless phone - no phone and in the majority of cases no internet connection either. Dairy farmer with no back up - no milking and all those poor cows, legs crossed desperate to be milked. It's scary, our total reliance on electricity.

Forget terrorists coming in on boats, want to take out Australia? just take out the Snowy Mountains and we are stuffed. As a minimum, every home should have: a radio that takes batteries, an old fashioned Telstra phone that plugs directly into the phone line, a single gas camper burner (for those with electric cookers), a packet of candles and a torch with spare batteries.

Then at least you can talk to the outside world, make a cup of tea, heat water for the hot water bottle and read a book.



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If you are interested in becoming a Carer call the Coordination Unit and we can send you a Prospective Carer Pack.

*Successful applicants will be subject to a "Working with Children" check.

SURF CLUB CRANKS UP

Maralyn Callaghan

AT LONG last construction on the surf club has started to move again with the placement of steel girders forming the framework of the upper floor club house. The delay has been caused by bureaucratic restraints and red tape, so thank goodness it is only a surf club and not a hospital. Although surf clubs are generally considered by the Australian community to be essential to the enjoyment and safety of our coastal way of life.

Bermagui featured recently in a Sunday Telegraph Escape supplement as a 'rich hinterland to a blue jewel'. Luckily the writer was not visiting during our recent storm when I braved 50 of the Blue Pool steps to get some action shots.

As promised the Murrah Hall again delivered a fantastic musical variety night comprising mostly of Triangle performers. Despite a strong desire to mix and socialise the performances kept me in my seat for the duration of the show. Compere Andrea Powell, on behalf of a University of Wollongong study on 'sustainability and amenity in Australian country towns' encouraged the audience to participate in a questionnaire 'Out and About' at the Murrah Hall.

Supporter and tireless fundraiser for Burma,



Naino Groen celebrates his 70th birthday and shows his love for life with Leigha Mansfield



The steel framework goes up for the Bermagui Surf Club's new building

Mary Lightfoot, organised a glimpse of life in Burma recently to coincide with the 65th birthday of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's democracy icon, who has spent most of the past 20 years under house arrest. "Burma VJ: Reporting from a Closed Country" gave a horrifying account for the struggle for freedom from oppression and brutality by the saffron robed peace loving monks of Burma. If you couldn't make this screening but want to see Burma VJ contact Mary (who worked in Burma for two years) on 6493 3628 about arranging a showing for your group.

Congratulations to Peter "Beatle" Collins on his inclusion in the Sculpture by the Sea event held on Sydney's eastern beach coastline. 'Bombora wave' stick sculpture will be making its way to Bondi for placement in late October. Beatle acknowledges that it was the vision and support of Jan Ireland that has made his dream a reality (along with a few thousand sticks).

A great night was had by all when 'Beautifully



Mad' performed at the 70th birthday party of Naino Groen.

Farewell and best wishes to Jacqui and Matt who are taking time out from the River Rock Café. Thanks for the music and let the good times roll – yeah, yeah, yeah!

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PROBUS POWERS ON... WITHOUT POWER!

WHILE EVERYTHING was blown around in the wind and freezers were turned off during the blackout, the Bermagui Probus group made the most of it.

Usually on the "afternoon without power", the special group within Probus called the Brewers Group hold their gathering. They have a gathering whenever there are five Mondays in a month so they weren't put off by a mere blackout. They were talking about their 'brews' when the discussion turned to the food going off in freezers.

Without much prompting they returned home and brought loads of meat, etc and had an impromptu barbecue. They cooked up so much that they supplied some SES workers with an unexpected bonanza. So expect the unexpected with this group!

The Pot Luck dinner earlier in the month was great success with Joost van Delft keeping everyone entertained with his accordion. The food worked out very well considering the pot luck aspect. A great night resulted.

Another fellowship gathering at Bithry inlet in June became a little unstuck as the gas in the National Parks BBQ ran out just as cooking started and they moved to the Lions Park at Tathra. The weather and company couldn't have been better.

At the June meeting the Club voted to return to having regular meetings on the second Monday of the month. The venues will be the Lower Auditorium or Sports Bar of the Bermagui Country Club. The meeting time was also altered to be 9.30 am to allow some members to pursue other activities in the afternoon.

Plans are well advanced for our Christmas-in-July celebration which should be another social event too good to miss. With limited seating capacity available members are reminded to get in early with their bookings.

Our wine trip this year will be in the Orange area, but that is much later in the year when the weather will be much warmer, but it is well worth planning ahead.



BERMI BURGERS AT THE LODGE

TERRY AND Jeanette Hendren have opened Bermagui Burgers at the top end of Lamont Street. Terry has been a chef for 40 years after completing his apprenticeship at the Hilton Hotel Melbourne.

Wanting a less stressful lifestyle and with the best view in Bermagui Terry and Jeanette have created 15 types of burgers as well as the usual takeaway fare. They have also the biggest choice of ice-creams on the South Coast with a choice of 37 stick ice-creams and 30 scoop flavours, plenty of drinks too.

While the sun is out, eating in their courtyard is warm and relaxing and if its cooler inside, with takeaway available too. The views are fantastic all year round whatever the weather. Simply the choice is yours and they open most nights until 7.30 in winter, later in summer. It's nice to see the old Sorrento Lodge Cafe opened again.

BERMAGUI'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

THE WET weather didn't stop over 160 people including a table full of men coming along to Bermagui's Biggest Morning Tea.

More than \$2700 was raised to aid the Cancer Council's research, education and prevention programs and support services.

There were enough lucky door prizes for everyone who came through the doors to receive a handmade or donated gift and more than 150 raffle prizes were shared around.

Art and Craft Group members provided a scrumptious morning tea and the whole event went off like clockwork. The Bermagui



Art and Craft Group would like to thank the Bermagui Country Club and the many local businesses and individuals who helped make the event such a success.



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WILD WEATHER WHIPS BERMAGUI

THE WILD June storms that ravaged the coast took their toll on trees and the emergency services charged with cleaning up the mess. Happily there were no reports of death or serious injury, and property damage was relatively minimal. What those tempests did provide was dramatic images as the sea crashed against the Far South Coastline. Intrepid Triangle correspondents Maralyn Callaghan and Rosemary Millard braved the lashing winds to capture these telling images of waves crashing over Blue Pool and the dog poo bags whipping in the wind.



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QUAAMA Primary School P and C finally has the school's front garden under way, and memorial bricks in place – and it's looking fantastic! There is a big thankyou from the P and C to our paving "specialist", who has done so much wonderful work. It is very much appreciated and admired.

The P and C is doing another paver drive, so anyone who is a past pupil or has had some contact with the school, and would like to help by purchasing a paver, please call Letitia on 64938507 for more info. And if anyone has any local native plants they could donate, we would love to hear from you also.

Chris Marmount would like to pass on a special thankyou everyone who helped out

when her son Evan had an accident on this motorbike on Friday, June 4: a head-on collision with a car at Wandella.

First thanks to the ambulance guys who Chris said were fantastic. Next thanks to Dougy, who came to the rescue when the ambulance became bogged thanks to our horrendous weather that week – which meant a helicopter had to be called in to airlift Evan to hospital.

Meanwhile Sarah, Evan's newly pregnant fiancée, was stuck on the side of the road some distance away, unable to reach her beloved. Sarah and the Marmount family would also like to thank Lisa Harrington for transporting Sarah out to the crash site, where she witnessed Evan being winched up to the helicopter. The

ambulance men were very comforting to her.

We all wish Evan the best for his recovery and we're relieved to know that though he has many broken bones and months of recovery that he had no internal or head injuries. The driver of the car was not hurt, and we hope he has recovered from the trauma of the accident. Best of luck, Evan, for your recovery and best wishes for your new baby.

I hear one of my favourite farmers has had a spell in hospital: we wish you a swift and complete recovery, Oliver Green, because you're a very special man. However, on a very sad note, our hearts go out to the Clifton family for the tragic loss of their beautiful daughter, Bella. We are so sorry.

Opinion

NAMIBIA SHOWS THE WAY ON TOURISM

Rosemary Millard

SINCE Namibia became independent about 20 years ago, great progress has been made in the development of Tourism which other than minerals is their major earner. Some similarity could be drawn with Australia and our need to co-ordinate travel more effectively, especially as Namibia does tourism so well with a population of only two million people.

We spent two weeks in this exceptional country and the enthusiasm, professionalism and genuine hospitality shown by employees and employers has to be experienced to be appreciated.

If you are not aware of this, you only have to travel from Australia to realise that there is world wide competition for the tourist dollar and the better we are at tourism the more stories get told to other prospective travellers and thus our share keeps growing.

It is a shame that in our local Shire/s there is such as fractured approach to tourism, the

money does not go into one pot to market our region, let alone train employers, employees and other staff in the areas in which Australians could be more professional. We need more pride in giving pleasure to guests to our country and providing a service which is given freely and rewarded by happy and returning travellers. This used to occur in the past when Australians were known for their friendliness, never big on the service area but they could get away with these discrepancies with friendliness not any more, the competition is intense out there.

Picture yourself coming from overseas to our area, not speaking a lot of English and desperate to know what to see and do or even hire a guide to take you around. We do not have those facilities, sure we have excellent Visitor information offices in some towns but we do not have personalised local services, the tourist has to find much out for themselves especially if the Information offices are not staffed and open each day as often happens.

The other problem is that many of the staff in the information offices have not even been

to other offices, seen new developments or tourism sites in the immediate shire so their experience & knowledge is not current through no fault of their own, just lack of training and opportunity.

Private individuals have tried to provide this service and embrace the local attractions including the flora and fauna but unfortunately this has not been successful in the long term which is disappointing.

We were very impressed at the pride of the local people in Namibia in each region, their knowledge of the geology, geography, fauna & flora and their enthusiasm in further education to improve this knowledge. This pride also extended to the serving of local foods and the presentation of it, even in the humblest places.

Maybe with all the changes being suggested in tourism, this area will benefit and we can make it even more successful each summer by embracing our visitors who provide many

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COBARGO SCOUTS TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS

THE 1ST Cobargo Scout Group is celebrating 75 years in the district on 24 July. The group will be having a celebration day on from 11am till 4pm, at Cobargo Show Ground, with a spit roast for lunch. If anyone in the area has old photos, uniforms, stories or memorabilia that we can use on the day as part of a display it would be greatly appreciated. All photos will be copied and returned straight away. Contact Naomi by email at njvl@bigpond.com or phone: 6493 6636, mobile: 0417 456 354.

FOLK FESTIVAL DATES SET

YUIN Folk Club Inc has announced the dates for the 2011 Cobargo Folk Festival. The three-day event will be held February 25-27 at the Cobargo Showgrounds.

Applications for what will be the 16th festival are also now open. Visit www.cobargofolkfestival.com for details.



Budding magician Rhys Davies with the Chinese linking rings – part of a growing repertoire

BROWNE OFF

Louise Brown

IT HAS BEEN discovered that Bega Valley Shire Council has outsourced its management of contractors and suppliers to a company based in Baukham Hills called BNG Contractor Services. This service charges each contractor or supplier \$95 per year.

Bega Valley Shire Council already has a problem getting contractors onto their books, I can't see that outsourcing this service is going to make it any easier.

What can be seen is that city contractors on BNG's books will be coming down to the Shire and doing local work that should be done by local contractors. Shame Bega Valley Shire Council.

For the second time in 18 months, businesses in Cobargo have been warned of an electricity shut down that DIDN'T happen. This month, businesses in Cobargo were warned of an electrical shutdown from 9.30am until 2.30 pm. Many businesses didn't open and it never happened.

It would be great for customer relations if they actually kept the businesses aware of their changes.

WATCH RHYS PULL A RABBIT OUT OF HIS HAT!

THERE'S something magical happening in Cobargo... Young Rhys Davies, son of local musician Damon, has wowed a couple of crowds now with his magic and juggling act.

The 11-year-old has a range of tricks, can juggle, make animals from balloons and is learning to ride a unicycle.

"I've been practicing magic for about 18 months now," he says. "And Davide Stern from Candelo has been teaching me how to juggle."

It all started from popular children's book, Hocus Pocus, which a friend gave him as a

Christmas present.

"The book showed how to do a couple of tricks, so I tried them and put together a little show for friends and family."

Word has got around, and now the young man is performing at birthday parties and variety shows.

"I'd like to work with professional magicians and learn more about the craft," he says, but baulks at suggestions we may one day see him on stage in Las Vegas.

In the meantime, he's available to bring a little magic to your next party. Call 6493 6813.

COME AND PLAY AT THE PRESCHOOL

COBARGO Preschool Play Group runs each Monday from 10am to 12pm at the preschool on the corner of Park St and the Princes Highway.

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LAUNCH OF A SPECIAL ALBUM

COOLAGOLITE'S Martine Horder is launching her first album at Bega RSL on July 16, which just happens to coincide with her birthday.

The album, titled *Bakers Dozen*, is a collection of songs the soon-to-be 33-year-old says reflects the talented singer's influences.

"I really enjoy singing these songs!" she says. "They're some of my favourites and it's exciting to see them altogether on my first album."

The songs range from Stevie Nicks' *Leather and Lace* to an excellent version of Prince favourite *When Doves Cry*, but what makes this album even more significant is that Martine suffers from Asperger's Syndrome – a form of high-functioning autism.

Through her youth, music was a form of

communication for her, influenced by her musician father, Greg, who sadly passed away in 2005. In fact, the track *No Reprise* is one of the songs Greg recorded himself, and through the magic of the sound studio, Martine is able to sing the song together with him.

Cobargo music identity Damon Davies provided studio space and much of the backing music, along with Martine's step-father Ron, her sister May-lu, and family friend Chris Wright.

All this was made possible with funding through a special disability grant and the hard work of her mother Adele Wilson.

Martine will be performing tracks from the album at the launch, where there will be copies available for purchase.

PRESS STALWART TO SPEAK HERE

LONG-STANDING member of the Canberra press gallery Alan Ramsey will be speaking at a public dinner at the Bermagui Hotel to be hosted by the Bermagui Institute on Wednesday, August 11.

Ramsay began his 56 years in journalism as a three pounds a week, less ninepence tax, copy boy on Frank Packer's *Daily Telegraph* in 1953, the year Hillary climbed Everest.

In 1987, he wrote the first of 2273 columns from the granite quarry of national politics, Canberra, for *The Sydney Morning Herald*; same time, same place, most every Saturday for 22 years until he was pardoned on 20 December 2008. Alan's first book, 'A Matter of Opinion' was published in 2009.

The topic of his speech is: "How the Labor Party stopped being the Labor Party and became just another meaningless political label."

Bookings can be made at the hotel, phone 6493 4206. Cost is \$18 a head.

CEFE MEETS CANDIDATES

IN WHAT could be seen as a move away from its previously non-political stance and obviously anticipating a Spring election, Clean Energy for Eternity has bitten the bullet and arranged a "meet the candidates" event in Bermagui on the ninth of August. Sitting member Mike Kelly, newly preselected Coalition candidate David Gizard, Greens candidate Catherine Moore and local independent candidate Ray Buckley have been approached.

The event is being organised from Bega CEFE by Matthew Nott and Prue Kelly.

PIZZAS AT THE PUB

GOT A HANKERING for good ol' fashioned pizza? Well, the Cobargo Hotel has got you covered with a range of traditional pizzas.

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HOW SWEDE THEY ARE

Rosemary Griffith

WAYNE AND Angela Keith like many of Brogo's more recent residents had lived and worked in Sydney for many years. They dreamed of escaping the frantic city pace and enjoying a more balanced and sustainable country life.

Angela's family live in Sweden so to enable them to travel cheaply for six months, visit family and make sure the rural existence is what they wanted for the future, they joined the WWOOF organisation. This stands for "Willing Workers on Organic Farms".

This worldwide scheme puts the "willing workers" in touch with people who need assistance in exchange for room and board. The range of work is wide but can include assisting with harvesting, fruit picking, gardening, wood chopping or even child minding.

Back in Sydney after WWOOFing on olive farms and wineries in France and Spain, they began to look for a place in the country. After a futile search north and south of the coastline around Sydney, a friend recommended they check out the Bega Valley.

They found the area quite beautiful and during a very early visit found the property they ultimately purchased some eight months later. In the interim period Wayne spent time in the Valley as a "WWOOFer" to check out the "cultural landscape".

He found a wonderful mix of old timers, new blood and a thriving community, with many artists, musicians and craftsmen and women. It ticked all the boxes. The property they had fallen in love with on their first visit was still available and their offer was accepted.

There was much work to be done on the farm. Cattle had been agisted for a short time and young bulls had all but destroyed the fencing. The plan was to run sheep so fencing was the first priority. After some research, Wayne and Angela decided to farm Dorpers.

This breed is a cross between a Dorset



This visitor from Europe helps out on the Keith's organic farm

and Persian and were chosen for their low maintenance - they shed their wool so that crutching or shearing are not needed. Their Persian genes ensure they keep reasonable condition even during periods of drought. Their first flock began with 60-odd ewes and 50 lambs from Candelo. They hope to build the flock to about 200 ewes. From their progeny, the ewe lambs will be kept or sold and, subject to the quality and quantity of feed the balance will be sent to market.

Apart from the sheep, Angela's two horses are much loved members of the team. Alfie, a welsh pony, is a great help when checking fences and driving in the sheep from those hard-to-get-to places. Possum, a beautiful Andalusian filly is still learning the ropes, and will hopefully one day have foals that inherit

her great temperament and beauty.

Having had wonderful experiences as WWOOFers, Wayne and Angela are now WWOOF hosts themselves, and often have mostly young, overseas backpackers staying with them. This gives much needed help for weed control, fencing and other jobs, but also gives a unique insight into other people's lives.

There is an old cottage on the property too, with newspaper from the late 1800s pasted to the wall. Maybe sometime in the future, they will find time to restore this reminder of the longevity of farming in this area and expand into the farm stay business. That's a way off yet but in the meantime they enjoy their cosy home and the opportunity to share their lovely property with friends and wwoofers.


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STORM FOR THE AGES

Richard Tilzey

IF SHERLOCK Holmes was a meteorologist his response to queries by his trusty offsider about recent weather events would be "Elemental dear Watson". The past few months have certainly seen an array of elements; fire, flood and now ferocious winds. The storm caused havoc across much of the Triangle district and Tilba was no exception. Everybody was replete with stories of trees down across roads, driveways and fences and the hills were alive with the sound of chainsaws. Tilba SES and Rural Fire Service volunteers worked around the clock to clear highways, access roads, driveways and the like. Our thanks go to all of them.

The electricity blackout also disadvantaged many, although the Tilba candle shop did a roaring trade. Television addicts were seen forlornly wandering the streets and it was difficult to tell if it was the wind or grief that brought tears to their eyes.

One event that caused much weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth was the closure of the Drom. Some dedicated drinkers were even contemplating hiring a large generator

until it was pointed out that Waz deserved a day or two off. Us few mortals that live in solar powered residences did our best to wipe smug grins off our faces as we headed off for home comforts.

The heavy seas associated with the storm were a sight to behold as waves crashed into headlands and swept into local lakes. The mouth of Wallaga Lake is now as wide as it's been for some considerable time and some waves even splashed across the bridge causeway. Closed lakes, such as Little Lake, enjoyed an influx of ocean water as waves surmounted sandbars. Next summer should indeed provide good prawning and fishing. Be gone winter!

Other than the storm, life rolled on as usual. The Queen's Birthday weekend saw a good number of tourists in the area and the annual "Woodies" (woodworkers) Exhibition in the Tilba hall enjoyed a good attendance. The notorious chook was traumatised by being tossed around in a rolling nesting box during the storm and is still shell-shocked. Interview postponed yet again. Finally, it should be noted that Craig's bought a brand new log-splitter, but don't you dare tell anyone.



ALL SAINTS BERMAGUI 100TH ANNIVERSARY

ALL SAINTS Bermagui will celebrate 100 years on Saturday 8th October 2011 and planning is already underway to celebrate this historic event.

The church with its beautiful stained glass windows will be open with an on-going historical display, and a dinner will be held that night. A thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday morning on 9th October with Bishop Stuart Robinson in attendance. Other activities will be advertised close to the date.

We are searching for items of memorabilia, if you can help please contact Shirley Carter, 64934453 and if you would like more information contact Judy Wells 6493 3227.

Brogo Babble


BIG BREKKIE

OVER THE past 11 years Lena Pearce, her daughter in law and the Brogo Hall committee have hosted the Big Breakfast in the Brogo Hall.


This year's event raised \$1385 for the much needed cancer research. It also provides the local people of Brogo with an opportunity to catch up with their neighbours over a hot cuppa and fresh sandwich.

It is easy to see why it is so popular, as there were over a hundred supporters for the community spirit of giving and caring, a most amazing selection of home-made produce, interesting display of collections, and the drive and enthusiasm of the committee to make this an all round outstanding success.







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PAT'S HOME THOUGHTS FROM 'ABROAD'

CAN YOU believe that half the year has gone? So I thought it was time your "Canberra Correspondent" sent a little about my life in the capital. First, let me tell you the visitors have been thick on the ground, coming from Canada, Scotland, East Timor and Western Australia, not to forget precious friends from the coast.

To a man they have all been more than impressed with my set up here, where the 'Greek Gods' from Wilbur's Café across the road serve us all delicious food, a fine selection of drinks from the bar plus coffee made in heaven. We now refer to this corner of the world, "The Paris Corner of Hackett". In the meantime, I have been watching the beauty of this city come to its fruition, with avenue after avenue of magnificent trees displaying their spectacular autumn colours.

It would seem to me, that the older you get the more you appreciate the wonder of the natural world, rather than someone's mad desire to create, so called 'resorts', from one end of the coast to the other. Like the one on our beautiful wharf in Bermagui, where for me, they have destroyed one of the most breath taking views on the planet. It has been built by men, who at the end of the day, run away to their own piece of paradise, where their own views are totally without interruption.

Ah well, perhaps I am becoming a little grumpy in my old age, having just had another birthday, my 87th. My dear friend Mary McFarlane arrived on my doorstep with a beautiful crocheted rug, in which she had incorporated all the colours of the AFL football clubs. I told her that



when I tuck myself in under it to watch the footy, it's like having her in the room with me.

Then our own dear John Small dropped in to share a 'wee dram'. He had in his hand a beautiful glass filled with sea water, a small hill of sand covered in pretty shells at the bottom with a sea plant floating above. He had gathered it from beautiful Mystery Bay, which I love and it has pride of place on my kitchen window sill. Next Tony and Kris from Beautifully Mad fame rang me from the beach to ask me if I could hear the sea, where they tell me my spirit still lives.

They had recently attended Annie Thomas' farewell, what a remarkable woman, she was feisty, gentle and such a tireless worker for her people. With these kind of friends, "WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE"? Finally, bravo to the writer of the June editorial. Yes The Triangle is a very special part of the world and I for one, will always be grateful for the privilege of being a part of it and all it gave to me.

Pat, warm and snug in Canberra.

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2010 A SPACEY ODYSSEY

THE NAROOMA High School Music and Drama Department is working on a spectacular new musical. Titled 2010 A Spacey Odyssey it is the humourous tale of the travelling Strawberries who go into space to make a documentary.

They visit all sorts of weird planets and meet all sorts of strange aliens and also some familiar ones, like Chewbacca from Star Wars, and the wonderfully eccentric Dr Who.

Students from the school have been working on the show for 6 months. The show features 43 musicians, singers, actors and dancers. Both the story and the music has been made up by the students. Yes, that's right this is an original piece of music theatre made up by our local high school students.

It is a fun piece with loads of comedy along with spectacular visual effects and a 10 piece band including a brass section. Many parents and teachers have been helping to make the beautiful costumes, set and props and many of the songs will feature their own movie backdrop created especially for the show.

Musical director for the show is the amazingly talented Mr Dan Efraemson, director is the drama teacher Mr Rob Rogers and choreographer is Ms Nicole Arthur from Theatrix. This is the team that brought you the high octane Big Gig two years ago and they promise another entertaining and visually spectacular event.

Local primary schools will get a chance to see a matinee performance whilst members of the public can come to a night time show. The shows are on early next term on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th July at 7.30pm. Narooma High School has long been known as a school with a big artistic streak along with its academic excellence. This



Chewbacca (Dylan Clark), Cameron Harris, Sarah Navara and Nicole Lucas rehearsing the Narooma High School musical 2010 A Spacey Odyssey

show will continue the tradition and promises to be an awesome night's entertainment. Please come along and support our local students. Tickets are only available at the door and are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for concessions. Music, song, dance and comedy, you'll get it all in 2010 A Spacey Odyssey at Narooma High School.

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Another look at Peter "Beatle" Collins' Bermagui Bombora, which won the People's Choice award at the Sculpture on the Edge recently. See the full story on Page 3.

BOOK REVIEW: TRUST

Heather O'Connor

THIS IS the second novel by the Australian author, and the first I have read, but I'll try to get hold of "Listen" (the first one), on the basis of how much I enjoyed this.

It's a contemporary novel about an ordinary Australian family which, to both family members and the outside world, appears to be almost perfect – successful and devoted father, talented and reasonably behaved teenage son and daughter, moderately successful art teacher as the mother, who in turn enjoys great relationship with her own mother and with her reformed drug addicted sister.

There are enough tensions between all of them in the first half of the book to make it all

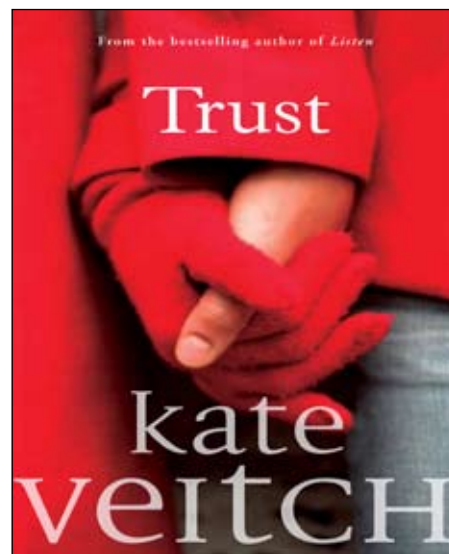
believable, but when a tragic accident befalls the family, the whole thing starts to unravel, in large part because of betrayal of trust.

There's also a challenge thrown down to the husband to accept that his wife could be equally as gifted as him, and that she has the opportunity to become an artist in her own right.

To an ageing feminist, this was the weakest aspect of the book – it was hard for me to believe her patience with his arrogance, although I certainly got the point that the alternative was to face a radically different life than the one she'd had. I found myself really "barracking" for her – and at the end of the novel, you can't help feeling optimistic that she'll make it.

All in all, an enjoyable and easy read.

Kate Veitch, *Trust*, Viking, \$32.95



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Anne Summers: *The Lost Mother: A Story of Art and Love*, Melbourne University Press, 2009, \$34.99. True story of the author's quest to uncover part of her mother's past, and to reassess their own relationship.

Keith Fennell, *Warrior Brothers: My Life in the Australian SAS*, Bantam, \$34.95. Personal experience of the author.

Tim Winton, *Breath*, Hamish Hamilton, \$27.95 (discounted). Novel based in WA of young adolescent boys, their growth and their connection to the sea.

Barack Obama: *Dreams from my Father*, Text Publishing, \$24.95. Obama's account of his life before seeking the presidency.

Peter Goldsworthy, *Gravel*, Collection of short stories.

Alison Booth, *Stillwater Creek*, Batam, \$32.95. Novel set on the far south coast of NSW in the 1950s.

Denise Mina, *Still Midnight*, crime fiction set in Scotland.

Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*, Pan Macmillan, \$22.99. Survival novel set in post-apocalyptic world.

Don Winslow, *The Winter of Frankie Machine*, William Heinemann (reduced to \$10.00 at Angus and Robertson). Crime novel involving Mafia types, hit men and organized crime.

Richard Flanagan, *Wanting*, Vintage Books, \$24.95. Novel of colonial Australia, and our

nation's links with Charles Dickens.

Sue Pieters-Hawke, *Hazel's Journey: A Personal Experience of Alzheimer's*, Macmillan. One family's battle to protect and support a sufferer of the debilitating disease.

Paul Torday, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, Phoenix, \$22.99. Comic fiction set in the Yemen; an exploration of faith, current political and bureaucratic follies and the dreams and visions of philosophers.

Victoria K. Haskins, *One Bright Spot*, Palgrave Macmillan. A story of the indigenous people of Wallaga Lake and the effects of government policies on their lives.

Simon Winchester, *Book, Bomb and Compass: Joseph Needham and the Great Secrets of China*, Penguin. True story of Needham and his life long relationship with all things Chinese.

Orhan Pamuk, *The Museum of Innocence*, Faber and Faber, \$35.00. Story of a Turkish man who creates a museum as his tribute to his unattainable love.

Christos Tsiolkas, *The Slap*, Allen and Unwin, \$32.95. Best selling Australian novel set in suburban Melbourne.

Tracy Chevalier, *Remarkable Creatures*, Harper Collins, 2009, \$27.99. Story based on the lives of two women in 19th century Lyme Regis and their contribution to the study of fossils.

Pierre Bayard, *How to Talk About Books You Haven't Read*, Granta Books, \$29.95. Literary criticism.

Tan Twan Eng, *The Gift of Rain*, Scribe Publications, \$32.95. Novel of the Second World War set in Malaya.

Dympna Cusack, *Say No to Death*, Personal experience of the author supporting a close friend dying of TB.

Melvyn Bragg, *12 Books that Changed the World: How Words and Wisdom have Shaped Our Lives*, \$22.95. His selection and their justification for inclusion.

Gayle Kennedy, *Me, Antman and Fleebag*, University of Queensland Press. A 'road novel' by NSW Indigenous woman.

Pat Barker, *Life Class*, Hamish Hamilton, \$32.95. Novel set during the First World War.

Kiran Desai, *The Inheritance of Loss*, Hamish Hamilton. Story set against the Nepalese insurgency in the Himalayas in the 1980s.

Khaled Hosseini, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Bloomsbury Books, \$32.95. The lives of women in Afghanistan during the last third of the 20th century.

Tana French, *In the Woods*, Hodder and Stoughton, \$32.95. Detective novel by Irish novelist, in the style of Ian Rankin.

Lionel Shriver, *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, Text Publishing, \$23.95. A mother's account of her son as a mass murderer.

Lionel Shriver, *So Much for That*, Chosen as "book of the year" by several Triangle readers.

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COOKING WITH LEMONS

Dawn Hollins

LEMONS are such a versatile fruit; indispensable on fish, as a tenderiser and flavour enhancer, and they have a starring role in baked goods, sauces, cordial and preserves. A lemon tree in the back yard is almost an Australian icon.

When we raised our own sheep the mobile butcher would arrive with the carcass ready to cut up to our specifications. I had previously mixed the ingredients for the two types of sausage he would make with the trimmings.

One lot would feature rosemary and garlic and the other would have chopped fresh mint and grated lemon zest with the oatmeal, salt and pepper. They remain in our memories as the best sausages we've ever eaten.

So, knowing how superbly lemon goes with lamb, it's not surprising that the following recipe has become a favourite. It uses home-made preserved lemons, a strong salty, tangy pickle that keeps for years without refrigeration.

LAMB SHANKS WITH LEMON FOR TWO

- 4 lamb shanks
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 or more dessertspoons chopped preserved lemon
- 1 tablespoon rosemary sprigs
- 4 small onions, halved
- 1 cup dry white wine (optional)

1-2 cups beef or chicken stock
cracked pepper

Toss shanks in flour, shake off excess and brown in a pan with oil over medium heat. Place all ingredients in a casserole and bake in a medium slow oven for about 2 hours, turning shanks once during the cooking. Serve with mashed potatoes, parsley and seasonal veg and have some crusty bread available to mop up the juices. A simple but delicious meal!

During winter I prefer to use the top of our wood-burning heater to cook recipes such as this one, as well as soups and other dishes requiring long gentle simmering. It's a good feeling to know that not only is the fire warming the house, it is heating the hot water and cooking the dinner.

PRESERVED LEMONS, THE SPEEDY VERSION FROM STEPHANIE ALEXANDER

PUT SCRUBBED and quartered lemons in a plastic bag and freeze for about 4 hours to soften the peel. Scatter 1 cm kitchen salt into wide-mouthed sterilised jars, then layer fruit and more salt as tightly as you can, pressing down on fruit to release maximum juice.

Include a few peppercorns and slivers of cinnamon stick if desired. Finish with a layer of salt and top up with lemon juice to cover. Press to ensure there are no air pockets.

Top with a layer of olive oil, seal, and leave in a cool, dark place for 1 week before enjoying. The flavour will get better over time. This I know, as the preserves I'm using now are three years old. Time to make some more!

GETTING READY FOR THE WAR OF THE ROSES

Ivan

WHY WOULD we be thinking of roses in the middle of winter? Quite a few reasons actually. First of all, now is the time to buy and plant bare rooted roses, and there are so many kinds to choose from. The choice should reflect the position chosen for them.

Bush roses for a rose bed. Miniatures for a border or in front of larger roses. Pillar roses to be supported on a structure such as the corner post of a verandah or pergola. Climbing roses to climb on a fence, hide something unattractive. They look wonderful against stone or brickwork. And standard roses are superb when flanking a driveway or garden path.

It is little wonder that roses are so popular around the world. They offer so much; beauty of form, colour and fragrance. They are excellent cut flowers and the hips are a good source of vitamin C and can be used in syrups and jelly. Provided that hardy, disease-resistant varieties are chosen, roses have few problems.

Roses will be ready to prune around the end of July or into August. If you are in a coastal area where there are few or no frosts, perhaps a bit earlier. The thing to avoid is forcing new growth that could be affected by frost. Roses are very forgiving and often will do well with the minimum of fuss.

The essence of pruning is; by cutting the plants back, they respond by making new

growth and that is where the flowers are. It is good to cut out older material in favour of younger growth that will be more productive. I have heard of people giving their plants a crew cut with a garden hedger. Certainly the miniatures should be treated this way, with the secateurs of course; just cut everything off about five centimetres above the ground.

Do not be afraid of the pruning job, a lot of fanciful stuff has been written about outward facing buds and so on. Just remember; off with the old and shorten back the new and you will be rewarded once again with the glory of another season of lovely roses.

Keep your garden producing food for the soul as well as the body!

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Missy the seven-year-old female Silky cross; **Snoopy** the little 16 months old Spitz cross; **Brownie** the four-and-a-half-year-old Whippet x Staffy; **Jet**, the 12-week-old JR x Foxy pups; **Penny** the six-year-old female JR x; **Daisy** the two-year-old small grey/white cat and **Zeba** the one-year-old female Tortie/White cat are still looking for their forever homes.

Three cheers! **Gypsy**- **Rose** the 12-month-old JR x Heeler, and **Shelby**, the one-year-old female Tabby & white cat, had been in care for many months and they found their new homes last week, as did **Star** the 11-week-old JR x Foxy pup, **Dash** the seven-year-old male Foxy x, and **Alistair**, the six-week-old male black kitten.

If you are considering adopting one of the other companion animals in care, please email awlfarsouthcoast@hotmail.com or call the adoption line on 0400 372 609.

NB. Many animals never appear in the paper as they are adopted by potential owners who have their names on the waiting list. Some of the animals available can be viewed on the AWL website @ animalwelfareleague.com.au Potential owners will need to have secure "dog proof" fencing or suitability to the needs of the animal. The AWL adoption fee of \$295 for puppies and dogs, \$175 for kittens and \$120 for cats, includes de-sexing, vaccinations (two x c5 for pups and two for kittens), micro chipping, worming vet check, flea and tick treated and heartworm testing for dogs. (Please bear in mind that it could cost over \$460 plus the cost of the pet if adopting privately!). If you have lost or found a companion animal call BVSC Companion Animal Facility on 6499 2222. For wildlife enquiries contact WIRES 6495 4150.



Helpful Hints: If you are travelling make sure your pets vaccinations and other medications are up-to-date, and that registration and microchip contact details are current, an ID tag is attached to your pets collar with your mobile phone contact details or contact details for the place you are staying for the duration of your holiday!

If travelling by road, ensure you have the proper equipment to transport your pet safely. You might need to bring your regular pet food, bedding or a travel crate, a towel, grooming equipment, food and water bowl, fresh water, a 'pooper scooper' for cleaning up after your pet; regular medications; sun protection lotion; collar, lead and harness or similar and a coat or blanket for holidays in colder areas.

Make sure your pet is used to travelling before you leave. Take them on a few short journeys to get them used to the experience (some animals suffer from travel sickness!).

SEALS HARMED ON MONTAGUE

THE NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has begun a series of random patrols in the waters around Montague Island Nature Reserve following reports of a number of seals being found dead in recent weeks.

NPWS Far South Coast Regional Manager, Tim Shepherd, said today that so far three seals had been found dead under unusual circumstances.

"It's not normal to have three dead seals reported within a couple of weeks.

"Divers have reported two seals lying dead on the sea floor and another has been found washed up on a beach.

"Under these circumstances it's often difficult to determine the cause of death but we have been concerned enough to instigate patrols of the island and to make people aware that it is a serious offence to harm seals.

"Australian Fur Seals are listed in NSW as threatened species and Montague Island is a Nature Reserve which has been set aside to act as a refuge for wildlife.

"The seals are a real tourist attraction and therefore generate considerable revenue for the local tourism industry so anyone harming them will be harming an important local industry.

"The maximum penalty for harming threatened species is a fine of \$110,000 and/or six months in gaol. It is very serious.

"Anyone who has any information about people harming seals should contact the NPWS as soon as possible. All information will be treated confidentially," Mr Shepherd said.

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COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

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

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly. Hall bookings: Steve Ross smross@ozemail.com.au Other inquiries: Sheelagh Brunton
6493 6538

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

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

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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

COBARGO CWA

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

TILBA GROWERS' MARKET

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

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.

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

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

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

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

Meet at 11am every Wed for morning tea and
friendship. Newcomers always welcome. Bring
a plate. Contact Judith 6493 8347 for next
Wednesday'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 8275.

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

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

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

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

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

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

QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS 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,
1.45pm. Drawing, 2-4pm. Naomi 6493 7307.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the
second and fourth Saturday evening of each month
at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections,
supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able.
Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am.
Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

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

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Croquet Club play Every
Thursday 2.00-4.00pm. New players always
welcome, tuition and friendly games always
available, equipment provided. Dave or Tina Cotton,
6493 3800.

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday Morning every Month 10.00am until 12
noon. Venues vary.
For info phone Denese McCann on 4473 7885

TAROT, I CHING AND ASTROLOGY

Bimonthly readings: Saturday 24th July from 10.00am
to 12.30pm at Smart Brain Smart Body (above the
Commonwealth Bank) in Bega. Phone enquiries:
Janet Menefy on 6493 8458.

FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Sunday 4 July	Inaugural meeting informal family history group	Bermagui Country Club	2.00pm
Friday 2 July	Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Wednesday 7 July	State Of Origin Free Supper	Cobargo Hotel	
Friday 9 July	Garry Jones	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Sunday 11 July	Bermagui Lions Changeover	Cobargo Hotel	Noon for 1.00pm. Book on 0416 269 328 or 02 4476 7061 or email bermaguilions@hotmail.com
Friday 16 July	Brian and Annie	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 July	Transformation Through Sound with Chris James	Bermagui Community Centre	9.30am-4.00pm. Book on 0405 451 184 or simone@solique.com
Saturday 17 July	Live Music local musician Jay McMahon	Cobargo Hotel	7.30pm
Sunday 18 July	Forest Meditation Day	Murrah Hall	8.30am registration for 9.00am start
Thursday 22 July	Women's Introduction to Pilates	Women's Resource Centre, Bega	Noon-1.00pm. Book on 02 6492 1367
Friday 23 July	Wayne Trezise	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Saturday 24 July	Forest Fundraiser variety night	Murrah Hall	
Saturday 24 July	Live Music "Genevieve"	Cobargo Hotel	7.30 pm
Sunday 25 July	Xmas in July: two-course meal	Cobargo Hotel	1.00pm. Bookings essential
Thursday 29 July	Women's Introduction to Pilates	Women's Resource Centre, Bega	Nonn-1.00pm. Book on 02 6492 1367
Friday 30 July	Tony Jagers`	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Saturday 31 July	Cobargo Markets	Cobargo Hotel	9.00am
Saturday 31 July	Music session: bring along your instrument and join the fun	Cobargo Hotel	2.00pm
Saturday 31 July	Forest Fundraiser featuring local musicians	Tanja Hall	Night
Tuesday 3 August	Jeannie Gillet, psychic	Nourish (opp Bermagui Community Centre)	7.00-8.30pm. Book on 02 6493 5764
Friday 6 August	Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Wednesday 11 August	Dinner, speaker political journalist Alan Ramsey	Bermagui Hotel	6.00 for 7.00pm. Book on 02 6493 4206
Friday 13 August	Brian and Annie	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
Saturday 14 August	Rock-a-Billy Dance workshop	Nourish (opp Bermagui Community Centre)	10.00am- 3.00pm. Book with Evi 0412 601 095
Friday 20 August	Dave Nolan	Bermagui Country Club	8.30pm
	REGULAR EVENTS		
Every Tuesday night and fourth Saturday of the month	Come Dance With Me	Brogo Hall	7.30pm
Every Wednesday night	Free Pool	Cobargo Hotel	
Every Thursday and Friday nights	Raffles	Cobargo Hotel	
Every Saturday	Tilba Growers Market	Central Tilba Hall	8.00am-Noon
	ART IN THE TRIANGLE		
16 June – 28 August	Wes Stacey Exhibition	Bermagui Community Centre	Centre hours