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More to moorings than meets the eye?

Owners of the ten or so leisure boats parked along the west bank of Sinclairs Cove (Bermagui South Lagoon) turned out in force at 8.00 am on Monday, May 10 to protest Council's removal of the leased floating pontoons and attached walkways. The BVSC work team advised they were simply carrying out directives from the NSW Lands Department to take out the pontoons beside each vessel and after numerous phone calls to Council by their staff and by boat owners, the work went ahead.

The owners now have to tie their boats up to the concrete pylons and make their own arrangements to get aboard either by dinghy or clambering down the rocks, which is extremely difficult as most are senior retirees who just want to do a bit of fishing. It seems that leases signed by Parks and Foreshores – including owner Kevin Riley's 10-year lease costing \$3,500 and

with six years to run, and providing for access to his boat via floating pontoon and walkway – hold no water at all. This raises an interesting legal question. When does a correctly executed lease become null and void? And if so, is there compensation, or do the lessees simply have to 'wear it'?

Note: At the time of going to press, BVSC has responded as follows:

'The nine pontoons in question were considered unmaintainable – replacement cost \$150,000-\$200,000 –



Going, going, gone: mid-lease, the Sinclairs Cove pontoons are removed.

and too great a public risk. Have reached a verbal understanding and will be negotiating with NSW Lands Department to take over responsibility for Sinclairs Cove (with improvements similar to those at the breakwall).'

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Debbie Does Alice

Deb Elton finally got to celebrate her 50th in style when the 'Debbie does Alice' tour took off for the Red Centre on May 4th.

From the outset it was destined to be pure fun and hilarity – eight Tilba ladies, both biological and soul sisters, hell bent on having a good time! Uluru



Resort was the first stop, with just enough time to find the mini bar before heading off to Kata Tjuta and then sunset drinks at the Rock, watching the beautiful colours dance and glow and as more wine flowed, gradually forgetting to do as instructed and take pics at five minute intervals as the light changed. Live entertainment and dancing was later provided courtesy of a chivalrous group of fellas on a fishing trip (go the Camel Shooters). Then up again in the morning for the Uluru sunrise, followed by a spot of retail therapy before boarding the bus to Kings Canyon.

Alice itself gave us the not to be missed experience of Bojangles night club, where the teenage backpackers were blown away by the stamina of us

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Editorial

Well winter has arrived with a vengeance in some areas of the Triangle and the dry weather certainly has made the cold more obvious as the area starts to brown off.

We can all relax and take some time off over winter after all the busy events of the summer, especially with Easter being so late, summer seemed to just linger. Maybe in winter we should get our heads together for new fundraisers and events to attract more visitors to our area.

Tourism is suffering badly with the increased cost of fuel, not only in the country but also in the cities as it is easier for city folk to jump on a jet and go overseas rather than jump into the car and keep fueling up at the bowser. Thus we need to ensure that we spread out our attractions over the year and vary them to encourage more visitors, hence the excellent response to Narooma's Oyster Festival (see page 4).

The other important thing we all need to do is to keep fit and active over winter instead of sitting by the fire for too long. It is important to get out and walk during the beautiful clear days or to indulge in one of the many exercise programs in the area, ie Body Balance and Pump, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates – all of which have excellent teachers and standards for young and old. Not to forget swimming in the heated pool and surfing and diving for those extra hardy souls.

Our condolences to the family and friends of the fisherman who met with tragedy in Bermagui this month. It was most unfortunate but a lesson to all to observe the safety regulations with radios and life jackets, which are familiar to all who head out to sea.

The long weekend in June will be arriving soon with its familiar exodus for some people to Merimbula for the Jazz Festival. If you have not ventured south for this event, it is a really fun thing to do, especially for the Grand Parade held on the Saturday morning down the main street culminating in a jam session by the waterfront. The picnic on the Monday is also an open event, which has apparently been moved from the race-course this year to a site in town.

Happy Fire lighting and Rain Dancing to keep warm, from all at *The Triangle*.



Letters to the Editors

Anyone interested?

I was wondering if anyone who is doing any study might be interested to meet with other people who are grappling with the joys of studying part-time/at home/by distance education? Now that we have such a great space as the new Bermagui library, I thought it might be useful to meet, say once a month and talk to other people in the same boat – really informal – just a chance to swap ideas/books/articles/contacts, ask somebody to read your work etc. No obligation to come every month – just agree on a day (eg the first Wednesday a month or whatever) and see who turns up – the worst that can happen is no-one does and you just spend an hour in the library or go and have a cup of coffee! If anyone is interested, email me on h.oconnor@bigpond and we'll set a date and see what happens! Otherwise – all the best to those who are doing study anyway! Cheers,

Heather O'Connor
Fairhaven



Bark Kent?

Sea to Snow team

Yippee – half of the first Sea to Snow team is now chosen – please support them!

Five young people have now been chosen to join The Crossing Sea to Snow Journey for 2008 and five places are left, to be filled by mid May. Congratulations to those chosen so far, including Eamon Jackson and Tom Newton from Bega High, Caroline Buckley from Lumen Christi, and Ashley Mather and Jessica Thomas from Moruya High.

After a three-day training camp in mid June these young people will canoe and bushwalk from the sea at Bermagui to the Wadbilliga River Escarpment over six days in early July. The second part of this epic Australian journey walking and cycling from escarpment to snow will occur in late November after a second training camp. Along the way they will help out with landcare work, meet amazing people, visit special places and learn more about the natural environment at different altitudes and about living more sustainably. They will also complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions.

If you are fit, positive, well organised and between 16 and 23 years by June this year then you can still apply.

Applications close Friday 16 May at 5 pm. Check out thebegavalley.org.au/ thecrossing.html or email thecrossing@thebegavalley.org.au or phone 6493 3400.

Cheers,

Dean Turner
Bermagui

McCarthy Park?

Dear Editor

I would like to separate the facts about McCarthy House from the fiction.

The land at 50 Princes Highway, Cobargo has been subdivided by the owners, Council, into three (3) blocks – the rear portion has been sold to the Cobargo Co-op, the front portion has been zoned Village 2(v) and contains the old house, and the middle portion has been zoned for the car park – this centre portion is the only part of the land that can be used for car parking by way of Council's zoning.

The money from the sale of the house block goes to the construction of the Car Park. Council has already been offered \$100,000.00 for the old house "as it is". Council wants to demolish the house, lower the block and then sell it to fund the car park.

Council has heritage listed the house and must prepare a DA for demolition. This will cost \$25,000.00. Earthworks may cost another

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"Tilba Tilba" ... means ... "Many Waters"

These days, people in Tilba often ask 'What is the true Aboriginal meaning of "Tilba Tilba"? There are several authoritative references, which all agree that Tilba Tilba means 'Many Waters'. (The repetition of the word gives the meaning of many.) As a child, I was always told it meant 'place of many waters'. It has been suggested that the precise location of Tilba Tilba was somewhere just south of Tilba Lake. If that is the case, it would make sense to me, considering the number of waterways nearby, including: Tilba Lake, Little Lake, Wallaga Lake, Corunna Lake, and others a little further north towards Wagonga Inlet. However, this is my speculation as I have no authoritative information on this issue.

It is interesting to note that Eurobodalla Shire has adopted the slogan 'Land of Many Waters'. This is good marketing, but is much closer to the meaning of Tilba Tilba, and it has the unfortunate potential to be interpreted in the future as the meaning of Eurobodalla. The meaning of Eurobodalla is somewhat different as indicated below.

While preparing this note, I thought it worthwhile to provide meanings for some other local place names, hence the list below. It is worth

quoting here from the Foreword to Reed's book as follows. '*...it must be remembered that a single word may have had more than one meaning in one language, and that the same word may have an entirely different meaning in another.*'

Local Aboriginal Place Names and their Meanings

In the list below: (T) means from Tyrell, (R) means from Reed, (M) means from McCarthy

Bermagui:

Canoe with paddles (T), Canoe, or canoe with paddles (R), Resembling a canoe with paddles (M)

Bodalla:

Several waters (T), Many interpretations: to toss a child up and down; several waters; you run hard; haven for boats (R), Tossing a child up in the arms; haven for boats; several waters. (M)

Cobargo:

Grandfather (T), Grandfather (R), Grandfather (M)

Eurobodalla:

Land between waters (T), A small haven for canoes; land between the waters (R), Small haven for boats; land between waters (M)

Narooma:

A sacred doctor-stone (T), A zania palm growing in water; A sacred stone. (R), Magic stone; Zamia palm

growing in the water (M)

Nerrigundah:

A camp where edible berries grow (T), A camp where edible berries are found (R), Camp where edible berries grow (M)

Quaama:

Shallow water (R)

Tilba Tilba:

Many waters (T), Many waters (R), Many waters (M)

Wandella:

Bark stripped from tree (T), Bark stripped from tree (R), An initiated youth (M).

Harry Bate

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Letters to the Editors (continued)

\$20,000.00. A vacant block, even in the good location may sell for \$70,000.00 – \$80,000.00.

Council is taking more than three (3) months to assess DAs. So the time to assess the DA, do the work and sell the land will take a year at least the way Council works!

The nett money from the sale of a vacant block by Council will be (optimistically) \$80,000 less costs of \$45,000 = \$35,000.00, and it will take a year or more.

The nett money from the sale of the house as it is = \$100,000.00 and maybe more! This is at least a \$65,000.00 better option for ratepayers and Cobargo!

Dianne and Bob Saunders
Cobargo

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Thumbs Up

To the local surfers and Beauty Point residents who cleaned up Camel Rock Beach after a teenage party was held there on Sat 17 May.

To the Bermi Lions Club for all the work that they do for the community and **Thumbs Down** to those who fail to support them. Only one person

(from *The Triangle* no less) showed up for Bermagui Lions' working bee to construct and install another picnic table in Lindo Park. Pretty poor when you consider the amount of money Lions raises and donates to clubs and causes in Bermi.

Thumbs Down

To those teenagers who held the party at Camel Rock Beach and left

broken bottles all over the beach for others to clean up. (Imagine the injuries this could cause to unsuspecting beach goers.)

To the low-life who walked in and stole a good 10 foot pole from a fencing job in Quaama. Too lazy to cut your own?



Lions of our community: Geoff Bell, Ray Clements and Rod Moore

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Narooma Oyster Festival Rocks!

Full marks must go to the inventors and organisers of Narooma's first Oyster Festival, an ambitious three-day event. I understand Robin Carmichael and Heather Ferguson were the ones who first put their heads together and the inclusion of Maggie Beer was a brainwave. Whether she can be tempted to return after her two-hour stint on the Saturday morning judging the Oyster recipes is another thing – after an international flight and arrival

down south, she did a fabulous job and was ever the charming presenter, even without her filming chef/friend Simon. Congratulations to Janine and Val Halasz who pulled it all together with their quirky book of recipes, and the contestants who performed admirably under the spotlight of a tent full of people.

The weather wasn't the kindest in the afternoon but fortunately the parade, which set the scene, was held in the morning. Those teeing off for the \$100,000 prize for the Floating Hole in One had the wind against them but several managed to land on the carpeted green. Saturday's program was finalised with a ball held in the auditorium of the golf club, with oysters in many styles as the entrée, beauti-



A local MC and Maggie Beer



Maddie and Brigitte, Tilba's own Narooma Idol winners, play at the Oyster Festival

fully presented and served as guests arrived to enjoy the excellent wine and food.

Not content with Saturday's full program, the tireless organisers had arranged boating and music on Sunday as well as a very entertaining poetry reading.

Rosemary Millard



The Big Picture: Wes Stacey to exhibit in Canberra in July

Wesley Stacey, a stellar local photographer who has exhibited in France, Italy and the UK, as well as in Australia, will show his magnificent and evocative work *Sunrise in Riverland, East & West* at the first National Photography Festival, 'Vivid', in Canberra, from 11th July.

Stacey's work will be exhibited in the foyer of the High Court Building through the good offices of Nigel Lendon of 'Art Wranglers'. Art Wranglers will also have their own fringe exhibition of photographs by the renowned Axel Poignant during the fes-

tival.

Stacey's 'folded panorama' was photographed in 1988 at Katarapko Creek near Berri, SA, and consists of two large six-panelled screens mounted on River Red Gum stands beautifully crafted by another well-known local, Clayton Simms. The work has been displayed on only one day previously, at Narek Galleries. Stacey is represented in this area by Karen O'Clery.

For further information please contact Jan Ireland on 6493 3808.



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Eco developers happy with their successes

Bega Eco Neighbourhood Developers Inc. (BEND) are pleased with the success to date of their visionary subdivision and are now looking for support for the affordable housing component of their vision. BEND is a community based, not for profit, incorporated association proud to have come as far as they have with this project. BEND is developing the land to the north of Casuarina Hostel and west of the old Bega racecourse on East St. Bega. They are well on the way to achieving their aim of developing a working ecologically and socially sustainable urban housing neighbourhood, with a diverse socio-economic community. They are committed to including affordable housing in the project and the intention is to match the ratio in Bega of one-third rental to two thirds privately owned homes.

The proposed BEND rental housing gives an opportunity to disadvan-

tagged people (single parents, young, elderly, Indigenous, disabled) who cannot afford to create their own energy and water efficient homes. The homes will be cheaper to live in as the energy and water costs will be less. Tenants will have access to the resources available in the Eco Neighbourhood – agricultural land, the anabranch conservation area and a neighbourhood house with shared laundry. Bega will attract much interest by modelling socially and ecologically appropriate development based on Permaculture principles. To see for yourself come along to the BEND open day on Saturday 21st June from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.

For more information about



Peter Ascot, Jenny Spinks and Michael Sharman inspecting an affordable housing site at the BEND development

BEND and about how contributions can be made to BEND affordable housing go to www.bend.org.au or please contact Jenny on 6492 5901 or email to jennyspinks@acr.net.au. 'If everyone in the Bega Valley gave \$25 we would have enough!' she said.



Evidence for Koala Crossing at ... the Crossing

On The Wilderness Coast of NSW there are few koalas left. So recent finds near Bermagui are providing a faint hope of koala recovery.

Stacey Grey, international student volunteer with The Crossing Land Education Trust, has found recent evidence of koalas on Aboriginal land adjacent to The Crossing, which is located on the Bermagui River approximately 6 km inland from Bermagui.

On Friday 23 May International Student Volunteers team leader, Lilli Nicolson said, 'We were just being introduced to the survey site when Stacey walked up to me and said I think I've found koala poo! It was pretty exciting and after that we found it under lots of trees in the plot'.

Stacey was working with other international volunteers, local Aborigi-

nal people and the Threatened Species Officer for the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Chris Allen.

Chris, who is coordinating a unique survey of a threatened koala population in coastal forests between Bermagui and Tathra said, 'Stacey's find was very significant. The level of evidence that we found at this and an adjacent site means that this Aboriginal-owned land is a very important area for koalas in the region.'

'I am particularly grateful for the contribution that Aboriginal people are making to this work, having now located evidence of koalas at several of the plots we have surveyed'.

The find presents further evidence that The Crossing and adjacent lands provide the key forested corridor for threatened species between

two major national park areas on the wilderness coast.

The Crossing hosts International Student Volunteers each winter with regional youth being the focus for spring and autumn. These older students come from universities throughout the northern hemisphere to spend some of their summer learning about Australia and helping with community conservation projects. They are able to take on many skilled tasks at The Crossing. The international crews also contribute to local landcare projects and to the local economy at a traditionally quieter period.

Dean Turner
Project Director

The Crossing Land Education Trust
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Congratulations 'Can Assist'

Local Volunteer group 'Can Assist' was formed in Bega in November 2004. Since that time they have continually raised funds to financially assist people across the Bega Valley Shire area who are suffering from cancer.


Publicity Officer Lori Hammerton said this week that the volunteer members of the group can be extremely proud of their efforts over the past three and half years. At a recent meeting the Treasurer informed the members present that over \$50,000 has been raised and donated to locals and their carers during this time.

Lori said 'The enormous financial strain for people with cancer and their carers can at times be overwhelming. The 'breadwinner' is often forced to abandon his or her work in order to receive treatment. Many have to travel out of their own area and are often required to remain in accommodation for weeks at a time. This is especially so if they are receiving radiation treatment, which is usually a daily happening. This is where 'Can Assist' is able to help. All that is required is a

referral to 'Can Assist' from the medical officer or oncologist, and then phone the liaison officer. All inquiries and assistance are strictly confidential. We are also willing to assist with the payment of overdue accounts and provide grocery vouchers'.

President Frank Irving said he wishes to sincerely thank all of the business houses and local people, who so generously donate goods for raffles and prizes. Also everyone who purchases raffle tickets, makes donations or comes along to our fashion parades and shows. Every dollar counts!

A new raffle will commence on Sat 29th May with the first prize a large and magnificent framed photograph of the Bega Valley donated by Robert Hayson of Fletcher Photographics of Bega. So if you see the volunteers in their green and gold, sitting patiently downtown, sometimes in inclement weather, please give them your support in the knowledge that every dollar stays within our area and goes to a genuinely great cause.


Locals Helping Locals! 

Grow your own garden and eat it too ...

The Women's Garden Project, sponsored by the Mumbulla Foundation is a hands-on workshop for women and children. It will be facilitated by Kathleen McCann, a qualified Permaculture gardener/trainer.

The group will run for four Thursdays starting on 12th June - 3rd July 2008 from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. This is an opportunity for women and children to:

- begin a lifestyle of self sufficiency
- make their own home gardens sustainable
- learn easy steps to grow their own produce
- increase their awareness of methods that are achievable at home.
- boost their self esteem and confidence by working with other women outdoors.

Other topics include no dig gardening, composting, propagation, seed saving, harvesting, food storing and food preservation, eg jams, pastes, pickles. To be held at 29 Parker St Bega. For more information contact the Coordinator, Women's Resource Centre 29 Parker St Bega NSW 2550 PO Box 468 Bega NSW 2550 Phone/fax: 02 6492 1367. 

AWL Giant Garage Sale


Saturday, June 7, 2008

Venue: 115 Fairhaven Point Way, Fairhaven (near Bermagui) from 8.30 am.

Anything and everything will be for sale. All proceeds will go to the Animal Welfare League, Far South Coast Branch to help support pets in care and the ongoing Branch desexing programs.

Come along and support your

local Branch. Get a bargain, grab a sausage from the sizzle and don't forget to get a raffle ticket for the trailer load of wood kindly donated by the Bermagui Lions Club.

If anyone would like to donate clean saleable items please contact Glenis on 6493 4984 to arrange collection, or leave items outside the gate at 115 Fairhaven Point Way. 



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Acoustic virtuoso Nick Charles to perform in June

Nick Charles has been a performing and touring acoustic musician on the local and national scene for over 20 years.

He has performed at the Edinburgh Festival and supported a 'who's who' of musical visitors to this country from B.B King to Guy Clark.

A winner of the Australian Songwriters Competition and 'Roots Album of the Year' Award, Nick Charles is known for both his instrumental virtuosity and original compositions.

After a successful and much acclaimed journey through the 'blues scene', both Australia wide and overseas, Nick launched his solo career in 2000 with 'My Place' – a brilliant release according to all reviews and es-

tablishing once and for all Nick's standing as an acoustic stylist and composer par excellence!

He has supported big names like Dan Crary and Beppe Gambette, Chris Smithers and Taj Mahal. Now regularly touring Australia wide again, Nick brings to the lover of the acoustic guitar a feel for the traditions and grace of the instrument gathered from more than 25 years of musical experience.

2.00 pm, Sunday 22nd June.
Cost is \$12 members/\$15 non-members, includes tea/coffee and light refreshments.

Bookings essential. Contact Coral Vorbach on 6493 6758 or 0427 919 010.



The Big Gig, Back on the Road Again

Oh yeah, you'd better believe it we're back and rearing to go. Many readers will remember the Big Gig fondly, but for those who are newer to our area you're in for a treat.

The Big Gig is a large-scale musical theatre show put on by local high schools. Each school prepares a different 30-minute musical based on a common theme. It was originally conceived as a competition between participating schools and was run annually in the 1990s. Nowadays the competition element has gone and it's a chance for our talented young musicians, singers, actors and dancers to participate co-operatively in presenting a spectacular musical backed by professional lighting and audio personnel.

Over the years five high schools, from Eden, Bega, Narooma, Moruya

and Batemans Bay, have taken part in the shows. This year there are three schools preparing sections for the show: Bega, Moruya and Narooma High Schools. The theme for this year's show is 'Myths, Legends and Tall Stories', and each school is preparing a very different performance. Moruya High is doing a Bollywood style tall story derived from a Persian background, Bega High is preparing a crazy story about aberrant pixies and leprechauns, whilst Narooma High is presenting a medieval fantasy called 'The Quest'.

Together these three schools are guaranteed to produce a high octane roller coaster ride of fun and fantasy for the whole family. This year's show promises to be just as big as ever with a whole arsenal of lighting and audio effects that will blow you away. There

will be nine performances all up, three in each town. When The Big Gig juggernaut rolls into town you'll know it and you'll want to be a part of it.

The shows are on June 25th in Narooma, June 27th in Bega and June 30th in Moruya. School students will be able to attend a daytime matinee, with their local school, for only \$5 a student. There will be a public performance at 7 pm in each town. Costs for the evening shows are \$15 adults and \$10 for students.

The Big Gig is back and firing on all 12 cylinders. Don't miss this chance to support our talented students and have a damn fine time along the way.

Rob Rogers,

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Come to life at the Vineyard!

Autumn/winter opening hours from May-September: Wednesday-Sunday, from 11.00am – 4.00pm for wine tasting, cellar door sales, snacks and lunches

June events:

Sunday Live Music: 1st Heartbeat, 15th Collage from 12.30pm

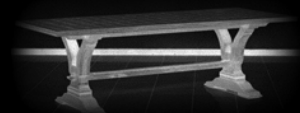
Social Bridge: Wednesday 4th from 2.00pm

Art Exhibition: "Splish, Splash 'n' Dash" from Judee Harry continues through June

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Cobargo Conversations

Cobargo continued the light horse tradition at this year's Anzac Day ceremony. Ross Rixon, wearing Keith Salway's uniform and carrying the flag, led the parade riding Rembrandt, a beautiful Anglo-Arab owned by Jack Wilson. Following the lead was the band, school children, walking and Lex Gannon chauffeur driven ex-soldiers. By all accounts it was the most moving and well-attended ceremony held in Cobargo for a long time. Michelle Tyrell from Cobargo sang like an angel. At the end of the ceremony, in the silence, the wind caught the microphone and a ghostly sound like distant gunfire electrified the crowd. Thanks to the local ladies for providing a delicious morning coffee.



Ross Rixon on Rembrandt led the parade

Congratulations to:

Charmaine Blair and Daniel Lucas on the arrival of Chloe Elizabeth; Les and Nerida Patterson on the arrival of their first granddaughter, born on granddad's birthday; Julie and Craig O'Meara, a daughter Evelyn, sister to Sophie, Ruby, Ivy, and Fiona.

And to Maggie Clowes, graduating in ornithology (branch of zoology concerned with the scientific study of birds) at Charles Sturt University. Go Mags, never too late.

Happy Birthday to Tim and Helen O'Meara, Kaitlin and Donna Moore and all the other O'Mearas.

Time capsules

Guess where all the old *Triangles* end up? They are becoming time capsules – buried in Will The Upholsterer's furniture. Watch out for Black Books of Cobargo opening soon. Hope Barry Benny is on good terms with his new knee and Shirley has never looked better, says TO, who may or may not be going on a cruise.

Fire Shed

The new Cobargo Fire Shed is nearly finished, a grand opening will be held soon. Once again the spirit of volunteers reigns supreme, a special thanks to Greg Holland, the Martin brothers.

Trivia Night

A night to enter into your diaries is the Dry River Soccer Trivia Night. This successful event and main fund raiser for the soccer club is held annually. This year it's on Friday June 20, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start. Bring your own drinks, nibbles and some spare change. There are tables of eight and entry is \$10.00 per person. The night is to raise money for Team Shirts, so aside from trivia there will be raffles, games and prizes. For further details phone Carmel Duffy 6493 6728.

Mothers Day

What a beautiful day it was. The weather turned on a magic day for all to enjoy. Once again Cobargo news agency had lots of beautiful cards, chocolates and flowers.

Drawing group

The Cobargo Drawing group is working on a project called 'Cobargo Characters'. Every second Saturday we are drawing portraits of well-known and lesser known personalities from in and around Cobargo, including our 'Golden Oldies'. When we have



Maggie Clowes, local ornithologist

enough portraits, we aim to hold an exhibition as a fund-raiser for the Cobargo School of Arts. So please help ... be prepared to come and sit for your portrait sometime! Call Naomi on 6493 7307 for details.



Mothers Day in Cobargo



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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

Community Dinner, Solstice Party and Hall Fundraiser (new stumps for the Hall)

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Pat's Piece

If this column has taught me anything it's made me realise just how quickly the months slip by, for no sooner

do I finish one story than the next deadline is staring me in the face, which begs the question whatever will I write about this month, 'WRITE' being the operative word for me.

I'm pretty much what is known as a full blown luddite – no computer, no mobile phone or microwave oven, but then I've never really felt the need for them. I love holding a pen in my hand and I love the smell of something like a bread and butter pudding in my oven with its aroma wafting around my little unit, though must admit to a twinge of envy when my friend Candy tells me about having a conversation on the internet with a student in Moscow who has green hair! But then the danger for me in having this kind of access to the world is I'd probably never get to bed!!

All this doesn't mean I'm knocking technology per se; couldn't imagine life without my electric blanket or the feel of my morning hot shower on

these arthritic old bones. Unfortunately there is a downside to modern technology that is quite disturbing, as we are already hearing of teenagers being counselled on their addiction to mobile phones, plus other young lives that have taken a worrying turn through their exposure on a 24 hour per day basis to violence, soft porn, celebrity worship, alongside their fear of being overweight or growing old. Maybe the practice of a couple of old adages such as self-discipline and moderation in all things would help, while the uninitiated try to take the good things out of this remarkable age we are entering into and reject the garbage.

In comparison here I am on my 85th birthday sitting on my verandah in the sun – the pansies are out in a myriad of colours, the birds are splashing about taking their daily baths, my kitchen table is covered in birthday cards from family and friends, a few mates will drop by later for a wee dram and none of this has anything remotely to do with technology. Just the sheer joy of being alive and living in this beautiful village within the shadow of Mt Gulaga and Najanuga, without the help of machines, fill my soul's daily needs.

Pat Thompson



Business Treading Lightly, a new initiative

Business Treading Lightly works with targeted local businesses and councils in the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands to help them operate more sustainably and save money in the process. The current funding phase will target three local business sectors: aged care facilities, service clubs and small businesses within industrial estates.

Business Treading Lightly is funded by the NSW Environmental Trust and works with NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change's Sustainability Advantage Program.

Southern Councils Group is an association of seven councils including Bega, Eurobodalla, Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee and Wollongong.

The program will be launched on Thursday 29th May 2008 by Councillor Sandra McCarthy, Chair of Southern Councils Group and Mayor of Kiama Council.

Keynote presentation by Alex

Kanaar, former Australian and NSW Waratah Rugby Union player and Climate Change Messenger for the Australian Conservation Foundation Climate Project.



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Tilba Bites

It's another beautiful morning in the Triangle. We could all do with a bit of rain, but that will happen. I can't help but tell you that in May, 70 family and friends gathered in Yass to celebrate my mother's 80th birthday (photo, below). The event was catered for by friends and family at Mum and Dad's golf club in Yass with a late roast lunch, followed by pavlova, apple pie and a huge chocolate birthday cake with fresh cream and strawberries (and a couple of drinks to lubricate the vocals!).

Charlotte, their great granddaughter, who is all of two and a half, sons, daughters, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and the interweaving of cousins plus their lovely golfing fraternity enjoyed every moment. Mum is cheeky, great company and much loved by all her family/friends and she and Dad have a busy life whacking golf balls and sharing stories.

My brother and sister-in-law, Jeremy and Helen (from the William's farming belt in Western Australia) then brought Mum and Dad down for a couple of days on the dairy farm at Tilba Tilba. We sat around in the sunshine with cuppas overlooking the magnificence of mountains, valley, Jersey cows and the ocean just over Bobundra Swamp. We dined at home with friends, ate fresh fish at Bermagui, visited Pat Thompson (who the folks first met at Le Marlin Cafe in Bermi in 1982, where Pat and her jazz band were having a practice) and it was almost over too soon. But to share the laughter, the quiet moments, reflections and our fu-

tures is all that matters.

Congratulations to David and Angela from Pams Store, Tilba Tilba, on their May nuptials. They celebrated the occasion at Kellywood (Dignams Creek), their new property and home to be. A large gathering of family and friends, fantastic food and a huge bonfire set the scene for a memorable occasion.

Congratulations also to Pat and Chris from Mystery Bay on the birth of Sophie, a beautiful sister for son Luka, who is schooled at Central Tilba. We hear Sophie is a good sleeper.

Tilba has a new sporting baseball team, which is full of young!!! and enthusiastic players. As we go to print they are playing their first social match with Batemans Bay at the Tilba Tilba Sportsground. The team is being sponsored by the Dromedary Hotel and mentored/trained by

Marty Pye (who does love his sports!). It is an adult competition with male and female players who must be 15 years and over. Anyone keen to join and play should contact Marty or Robyn at Narooma Hire or leave a message with Warren at the Dromedary Hotel.

Scott and Jo Dibden and family went through a harrowing 24 hours recently, when their two boys Bowie and Drew accidentally collided on their home motocross track at Couria Creek. Scott was heading down to join them for a bit of fun after the workday and witnessed their pending stack (going in opposite directions over a blind hump). Thankfully Drew is already back at school in Cobargo, but only after being quickly attended to by local ambulance crews and then airlifted to

Canberra Hospital by Snowy Mountains Hydro Helicopter (2 pilots and 2 doctors) to be thoroughly assessed. Drew was lucky to have only broken ribs, bruised lungs, general bruising and youth on his side to help with quick healing. We wish you well Drew and hope that you and Bowie agree to only ever race in the same direction!

Cattle duffing does not seem to be a regular local thing, what with tagging and tattooing of registered herds, but Nic and Erica Dibden are still smarting after the theft of 12 of their jersey stud heifers from Candelo Showground Stockyards. Nic and Jamie had yarded the 190 heifers and dry cows the day before with approval from the Candelo Show Society, to relocate them after a period of agistment at Candelo. It appears six head were taken before the truck arrived and a further six were taken between loads. This represents a loss of about \$25,000, but as Nic said, it's also all the work, time and planning that goes into getting your herd members to this stage, before they start producing themselves. These cows have their herd number tattooed in one ear (plus an ear tag) and in the other ear is tattooed 'CTJ'. The Far South Coast Rural Crime Investigator is Senior Constable Heffernan and can be contacted on (02) 6492 9927 or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. The theft occurred between May 1st and 2nd. Any information or suspicious thoughts on the matter would be most appreciated.

I will be away for the next *Triangle* (July issue) and Richard Tilzey has kindly agreed to sharpen his pen for Tilba Bites. For any stories or local tidbits please call him on (02) 4473 7126 or email tilz@activ8.net.au.

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Tilba Bites (continued)

Oh, to see ourselves as others see us ...

Most readers would be unaware of the article on the Sapphire Coast in the April QANTAS 'Inflight' Magazine. We thought this section was particularly interesting. Some drinkers at the Drom at Central Tilba are apparently a bit miffed by the somewhat unflattering reference to them, especially when it is suggested that 'refinement is only a couple of kilometres down the road at Tilba Tilba'. Ahh well!

"Central Tilba, north of Bermagui in Eurobodalla Shire, is the south coast's closest thing to a theme village. It's listed by the National Trust and its historic buildings, house shops and galleries stuffed with arts and crafts. There's also an award-winning cheese factory. The rough diamond is the Dromedary Hotel. Regular patrons are gnarled, scarred, earthy individuals who might be direct from those ripping yarns so popular in early Australian literature. Few visitors can resist dining in the dim glow of the corner jukebox, rubbing shoulders with the Australian vernacular. Refinement is only a couple of kilometres down the road in Tilba Tilba, ..."

Extract from QANTAS 'Inflight' Magazine, April 2008. △

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Wedding Bells for Pam's Store

On a beautiful and balmy autumn afternoon, Angela Hay and Dave Bennett of Pam's Store, Tilba Tilba, tied the knot under a quaint and leaning hay shed. The location was Angela and Dave's new 30 acre property, Kellywood Park, on the flats at Dignam's Creek, and the day was Sunday 4th May.

With the backdrop of Gulaga beyond the nearby trees, Angela's son, Ben, handed out programs in the gentle warmth and light of the afternoon sun as the wedding party settled into place. Groomsmen, Jack Bennett, Paul Bennett and best man, Dave Debs, all looked very dapper indeed.

Bridesmaids Melissa Hay, Rachael and Kelly Bennett sparkled in ivory and lavender. Dressed in a flowing, beaded, white satin wedding gown, Angela arrived to a touching rendition of *Annie's Song* by Jenny Noble. The couple exchanged vows, with David in a fine, dark suit, and all in the wedding party similarly formally attired under the hay shed, which was adorned with ribbons and flowers. A truly 'country style wedding'!

Guests came from near and far, with many, including family, from the southern highlands. All in attendance were delighted at the beauty of the setting and the occasion.

The vows were followed by an Irish blessing, the cake was cut under

the large white marquee, and guests consumed a generous and tasty buffet while they mingled across the paddock. More and more friends arrived. Tents were pitched, music emanated from the marquee, and well dressed children raced down to the creek.

In the preceding weeks, a group



Congrats to David and Angela

of Dave's friends had built a giant, teepee inspired bonfire. This was lit as the sun waned. It became a focal point and in true bush wedding style, people gathered for the warmth and gazed at the crackling fire. Conversations flowed and stubbies were plucked from ice boxes as boots hit the makeshift dance floor.

Thank you Dave and Angela for a truly beautiful wedding. Taking a line from the Irish Blessing, 'may pure be the joys that surround you, may true be the hearts that love you'. Enjoy your life at Kellywood Park. △

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Fire Weed

The fire weed is doing well at the present moment. We have been working through our property to pick it up by hand, some areas seem to grow more than others – we are sure it pops up right after we have cleared an area. Unfortunately it does need everyone to keep on top of it, even our absentee owners. If you walk the dog it is worth picking off the roadside too, may stop it spreading your way. There was a conference about the latest research, held in Bega on the 28th May. The latest information can be seen at www.fireweed.org.au. And of course

the Bega Valley Shire weeds officer is always available to advise anyone who needs help.

Peter and the Wolf

The Bega Chamber Orchestra and Theatre Onset put on a wonderful performance of Peter and the Wolf. They gave six performances for the local schools and three public performances: over 2000 adults and children saw the performance. The orchestra included musicians from the Babble area. And, the wonderful costumes were created by are very own Motria, who slaved away in her studio to produce eight very different characters, especially the scary wolf. I think the duck got the biggest laugh.

The choreography by Theatre Onset was very entertaining with a special mention for the cat and the bird, who was so energetic. The musical interpretation of Prokofiev's music was very appropriate and well played by the orchestra.

Biggest Morning Tea

Congratulations to the team at Brogo Hall for the wonderful 'Biggest Morning Tea' event. Trish Pearce assembled a grand team; supplying mountains of beautiful home made sandwiches, cakes and soup with bottomless cups of tea and coffee. The busy kitchen staff, lead by Lenna, kept the supplies coming as well as keeping up with the demand for crockery (aka washing up). Then, the around 150 people were entertained with displays of quilts, cross-stitch work, an amazing collection of over a 100 tea pots, some beautifully dressed dolls and angel readings from Rita Tarrant, Brogo clairvoyant.



Brogo's Biggest Morning Tea

As well there were masses of Raffle prizes, which seemed to elude our team somehow, the star prize being a large load of firewood donated by Trevor Pearce.

The man from the ABC interviewed many of the folk there, did you hear the replay on Ian Roberts Show the following Friday or Monday? Rita enjoyed meeting the man with one eye, you may have seen him on R.P.A. His lost eye was painted on his specs! We teased him about his Angel Message titled Playfulness, good fun all round.

And there's more! The event raised a staggering \$1300 plus, final account to be advised. If you missed this one be sure to watch for the next year's event.

Christmas In July

This is an important fundraiser for the Fire Brigade. It will take place on Friday July 11, and all are welcome. This will be another great event for Brogo as in previous years. It will cost \$20 per person and it is very important to book with Deirdre Smith, **no later than 30th June** please. So call Deirdre soon on 6492 7265 or mobile 0428 366 403. Be early so you don't miss out.

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Quintessentially Quaama

The wedding of Jake and Anna Krausmann enlivened Quaama on Saturday afternoon, 3rd May, with a big party afterwards at the Hall. The couple met in Salzburg where the bride had been studying cello for 10 years. Her parents came from the US to Quaama for the wedding, seeing Australia for the first time. Jake is the son of Angela Wright, of Bega Street. The couple has settled in Sydney.

Danny Jones called the *Triangle* and asked us to say a big THANK YOU to all the people who helped him in his

time of crisis, and special thanks to Greg Ruth at the Quaama shop, Rob Pearson and Graham Spicer.

Quaama reports a very successful 'Biggest Morning Tea' and the organisers would like to thank everyone involved. They raised \$531, a really good result.

Quaama's regular scribes Glen & Ann are gallivanting about OS. Hopefully they will be back on board in time for next month's Triangle.



Quaama Fireside Notes

Last year our hamper was drawn for Easter. This year we decided to go for Mother's day. The support has been amazing. Over 30 businesses and quite a few individuals contributed to what we divided into 2 big hampers and 3 lucky door prizes. In all we raised over \$800. The lucky winners were – 1st Prize Elsie Berry, 2nd prize Janet May, both from Quaama.

The lucky door prizes drawn were exclusive to those present at the afternoon tea. The three winners were: Hayden Kidd, Rose Roberts and Di Tooley.

Our next major effort is the firewood raffle drawn on Saturday 7th June at the Cobargo Hotel. Two great loads to be won. Come and join us at the draw for a beer or a meal perhaps. Meet members from your local Brigade.

We are chipping away at the controlled burns we have been asked

to do. Please be patient as the magic ingredients required are available manpower, dry fuel and suitable weather conditions.

Stop press – It seems the intrepid younger members of the Brigade have done us proud at the Towamba Fire and Wood Festival by bringing home the shield, a vast improvement on our previous efforts of only winning the cleanest truck. This is a reflection of their commitment and skills development. Well done Tim, Hayden and Pete – we deeply respect

your enthusiasm and your talent in a highly competitive environment where there are many other skilled individuals.



Angela Wright with her son Jake and his bride Anna, married 3rd May in Quaama

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Why is it that in an area where our Council rates went up last year and are planned to rise to above average levels this year, we are not meant to question the spending of the Council's income?

I am not the only one who has written to object as to why no charge is placed on the free usage of copious amounts of water to hose down boats, not only in Bermagui but in other sea-side towns in the Bega Valley Shire. I have been told that it is not the done thing to charge the boat owners and they will not come if they have to pay for their water. Some of these boats are worth over \$250,000, to say nothing of the fishing gear on them and the large 4WD pulling them, do we really think

that they are going to hesitate if they have to pay \$5.00 for half an hour's water to take the salt off, especially if there is a sign beside the payment facility explaining that the income goes to providing tourist facilities in our towns. Bermagui might even score some decent public toilets before the end of the decade with a little extra money coming in.

Maybe a coin operated meter or pre-purchasing a token to use in the meter would heighten awareness of the value of our fresh water supply.

Aaaah! Sand Sign Postponed

CEFE President Matthew Nott had recently organised for sand signs in Bermagui and Tathra to be photographed by helicopter on May 20.

Local CEFE event organiser Prue Kelly nominated '50/50 by 2020' for Bermagui and Tathra chose 'Lifesaving Energy'. Several CEFE (Bermagui)

members, with help from Dean Turner and students visiting The Crossing, were all set for an early start at 6.00 am when the project was called. Lynda, Zoe, Fiona and Jeff, Julie and Darren, Nicole and all the kids. Also, thanks to the nurseries at Tilba Tilba, Dalmeny, Bodalla, Bega Plants and Brogo for donating all the beautiful plants and to Tulgeen Disability Group and Neilson's Mitre 10 for their support.



One enthusiastic gardener at Bermagui Pre School

Not to be discouraged, the signs will go ahead in the next few weeks.

Celebrating the Solstice Triangle Style

The Murrah Hall RPA are having a Full Moon Dance on Friday June 20th, with two great dance bands, new Bermi band Burnum and awesome young'uns' band Team Rasta from Bega! Come and dance in June! Burnum and Team Rasta are two local bands doin' **hot** music on a cold night! WOOT!

Let's dance the night away at the Murrah Hall! 7.00 pm; cost \$10.00.

From Little Things

Big Things Grow

On Saturday 10th May, Bermagui Pre School was alive with community spirit as families joined together to help create a beautiful garden in the playground. Young and old, ranging from three to 70 years old, worked to plant natives, strawberries, herbs and vines. The preschool now has an amazing garden where children can explore, make discoveries, learn and grow, complete with a dry creek bed, stone gathering circle and outdoor chalk board. We can cultivate herbs, vegetables and fruit to use in cooking activities, and observe birds and insects that our garden attracts.

A big thank you to all the families that helped out, including Marion, Lynda, Zoe, Fiona and Jeff, Julie and Darren, Nicole and all the kids. Also, thanks to the nurseries at Tilba Tilba, Dalmeny, Bodalla, Bega Plants and Brogo for donating all the beautiful plants and to Tulgeen Disability Group and Neilson's Mitre 10 for their support.



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Pressure from an informed electorate needed: renowned ecologist

'Lifestyle changes by individuals and groups, worthwhile as they are, will not alone be sufficient to overcome the current ecological threats to humankind', according to Dr Stephen Boyden. Dr Boyden, who has received many international awards for his research work in biology and human ecology, was speaking at a big public dinner at Bermagui Hotel, hosted by the Bermagui Institute.

'The transition to an ecologically sustainable society will not come about without strong action on the part of governments', he said, 'and such government action will not come about

unless there is concerted pressure from an informed electorate'.

He urged concerned individuals to take steps to improve their understanding of ecological processes and to communicate what they have learned to others.

'Social change towards a sustainable and bio-sensitive society comes about after this process of learning and communicating. Also crucial are the personal, community and political actions of informed individuals'.

Dr Boyden was thanked on be-



Kevin Claydon, Dr Boyden and Susan Jesson at the dinner last month

half of those present by Pat Thompson of Bermagui.

Jack Miller △

Celebrating Recognition of a Sacred Waterhole

The happy sounds of children and the presence of elders again graced the sacred Bermagui Waterhole of the Yuin nation, watched on by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the local community as it was formally gazetted an Aboriginal Place under Section 84 of the National parks and Wildlife Act 1974 on Wednesday 7th May, 2008.

These sounds echoed back down through the ages to when this waterhole was regularly surrounded

by young children and elders of their clan as they sat to share their stories, drink the fresh water while camping, swimming and feasting on fresh fish and shell fish in the vicinity. This waterhole, part of the Dreamtime Walking Track, close to the salty lower reaches of the Bermagui River and ocean inlet, was of great importance in the past and remains a place that is sacred to them.

The importance of the site was expressed in the insight and social wisdom of the organisers who included the young children from the Bermagui School in the ceremony and the wonderful scene of new trees being planted by black and white children together with Indigenous elders, created a marvelous symbol of hope for reconciliation, of growing understanding and respect.

It is shared cultural information and celebrations such as the one held recently at Bermagui

Waterhole which gives us such hope for the future.

In acknowledging its importance Uncle Guboo Ted Thomas stated on 27th July, 1981, 'It's fresh water, yes. So it is a place for the Aborigines ... a sacred waterhole. I think it'd be a wonderful thing if we do have this place here set aside in Bermagui here, it'd be a landmark, a sacred site here where people could come and see the waterhole. I think we should preserve it and look after it and ... ah ... if they're going to build here there're going to be problems but I think we've got to see what we can do about it and save the waterhole ...'.

The Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust now plans to run a fund-raiser to assist with the supply of interpretative signage and provide seating for those who would enjoy to spend time by the waterhole. The Crossing Land Education Centre has offered to plant bush tucker plants on the site. These offers of cooperative action have been discussed with the Merrimans Land Council and the NSW Dept of Environment & Conservation. It would be a wonderful expression of respect and support by the wider community towards the ongoing upkeep and care of this sacred site, which the Indigenous community is so willing to share as a place for all to enjoy.

All donations to support this work can be made to the Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust, PO Box 286, Bermagui and donations are tax deductible.

Further details can be obtained from Laurel R Lloyd-Jones, Executive Director, Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust, www.elmgrovetrust.websyte.com.au.

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From left to right – David Campbell, Uncle Harold Harrison, Kyle Harvey

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Bermi Banter (continued)

A Place in History

After much hard work by a few dedicated individuals, the Bermagui Museum is pleased to invite locals and visitors to the Museum open day on Saturday 7th June from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. The Museum has a brand new space in the Bermagui Community centre. Entry is via the timber stairway opposite the sports stadium and cost is a gold coin donation for everybody to enjoy the growing collection of old wares, maps, photographs and stories collected over many years.

Dave Cotton from Wallaga Lake has been scanning and restoring old photographs, maps and post-cards collected by the museum, as well as contributions from individuals: currently over a thousand documents are saved to file. Many photos are unidentified that Dave would love to put a name or place to: these come from collections of family names such as Ayling, Jaggars, Allen, Wilton, Steer, Hambling, Gilks,

Segboer, Geall, Smith, Mead, Young, Blacka, Richie, Hunter, Wren. Like this old photo (right) that is still a bit of a mystery; where was the photographer standing and which headland is it?

On the day of the opening, the collection will be projected as a slide show. If anybody can help in identifying unknown frames, please talk to a member. If you have old photos you would like to share, the museum can copy them so they are preserved for future generations.

The Museum also welcomes donations of 'old stuff' and even if you are not sure about parting with your memorabilia, they warmly welcome show and tell opportunities.

As the Historical Society relies totally on the time and effort of volunteers, the current need to find new



members who have a few hours a week or month to spare is critical to the museum being open on a regular basis. Your time would be a valuable contribution to this wonderful facility. If you are interested in becoming a member (**new locals welcome**) and you can't make the open day please register your interest by phoning Errol Masterson on 6493 4108 or Marianne Hunter on 0419 173 607. △

Bega Valley Friends of the Libraries, Inc

Bermagui readers, book lovers, library users, wordsmiths ... take note. The Bermagui Friends of the Libraries are planning for Family Reading Day, a celebration of books and libraries at the Bermagui Community Centre of Saturday, 16 August. Featuring nationally noted authors as speakers; activities for children; book sales, and a tour of the new library.

This event is part of the Great Book Expectations activities planned for National Book Week (Augst 16-22) in the BVSC. If you would like to be part of the planning for the *Great Book Expectations* event, please call Jenny Brookes on 6493 3534.

The Indigenous writers' tour will be visiting Bermagui for a book reading at 3:30 pm on Tuesday 3rd June. Barbara Nicholson, Ernie Blackmore and Elizabeth Hodgson will be the three authors who will do the readings. A bit short notice but it has been advertised on the SEAR website so hopefully there will be good support for this event. △

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HORSE HYPE

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

Water Element – Keeping your Horse Warm this Winter

Winter, for our horses, is a phase of rest and of storing energy. The phase in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) terms is 'Water', which encompasses the meridians Kidney and Bladder, highly involved with body fluids. This season will challenge the health and balance of the horse; he/she must use her inner resources at this time and reserve energy for warmth and the seeking of nourishment.

The kidney is seen as the 'Root of Life', it houses the equine's original essence, which is inherited from the dam and sire. Kidney essence can become injured and can dissipate too quickly resulting in premature ageing and death. Severe illness or injury can do this, or abuse, neglect, poor nutrition, over-work, stress, over-vaccination and being worked hard at too early an age.

The emotion of fear is associated with kidney, the most compelling emotion of survival. Without fear the horse may not survive, too much fear and the kidney essence can be inhibited. A subtle balance is required here for good health.

Kidney essence promotes bone growth and development, fertility, water metabolism, ear health and good hearing. When kidney or bladder chi are not in balance, especially during the winter months, the horse may have some lower back pain, not heal readily from an injury (especially if bone is involved), experience excessive fear or no fear at all, suffer from extreme lethargy, experience urinary tract problems and possibly have reproductive issues.

There are many holistic equine modalities in our South Coast area, do your horse a favour and make sure he/she is in balance and can be healthier in Spring!

Robyn Grice



Talented Teenager with Community Spirit

Cobargo teenager Hannah Abraham has been busy for many months painting a team penning mural on the toilet block at the Cobargo Showground. Hannah was seen recently adding the final touches before she departed for a working holiday in England. A member of Cobargo & District Pony Club, she has spent many hours painting and the Cobargo Showground Trust and Cobargo Show Society are very appreciative of her work. Hannah has also spent her weekends helping instruct at pony club when not riding. We all wish her a wonderful time in the UK.

Cobargo & District Pony Club held a dressage/jumping equitation day in May, our first competition since EI lockdown. Riders travelled from all

around Zone 14 for a chance to improve their riding ability and perhaps take home a ribbon. Dressage champions on the day were: A Grade – Sarah Keevers, B Grade – Renee Doyle, C Grade – Brooke Leslight, D Grade – Evelyn Robertson & E Grade – Carmen MacGregor.

Equitation Champions were: A Grade – Jennifer Holland, B – Samantha Hutteroth, C – Brooke Leslight, D – Nicole Gapps & E – Nicole Negus.

Well done to all Cobargo riders, especially Sophie Waddell who missed out on champion on count-back and Isaac Reid who placed in three events in between playing football. Thank you to all the members who helped make it a relaxed, fun day. The club would like to thank the Cobargo Trailer Riders Club for allowing them to raise funds at their recent Horse & Gear Auction.

Lynda Holland



Rear, left to right: Sophie Waddell, Henare Wilson-Fenwick, Hannah Abraham, Carmen MacGregor, Jessica Groves, Samantha Harrington. Front, Nicole Bailey, Tiffany Street.

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About to settle into a mild and peaceful winter reverie, Akolele was shocked into wakefulness by the news that all public access to Wallaga Beach could be lost.

The Department of Lands has advertised road reserves throughout the state as available for purchase by adjoining landholders. Under immediate threat is access to Wallaga Beach via Youngs Road and there is a distinct possibility that other road reserves providing public access to the beach are also for sale. If these are sold they will in effect create a private beach that stretches from Murunna Point to Mys-

tery Bay with no public access.

There were discussions underway that relate to the continuation of the coastal walking track, which currently ends at Murunna Point but it is hoped that it will eventually extend north as far as Batemans Bay.

The threatened Youngs Rd road reserve borders the historic Aboriginal site known as the Cricket Ground or the Old Camping Ground, where early settlers and Kooris held sporting events including horse races and cricket matches and it was here where Don Bradman was reportedly bowled for a duck. It would be logical to link Youngs Road, a boardwalk through the wetlands (complete with observation hides) and Serendip Lane into a cul-

tural, historic and environmental walk that would be of significance to local residents and tourist alike.

Petitions and objections to any land sales that restrict access to Wallaga Beach have been circulated and many residents have signed them. Many residents have also lodged individual objections.

It seems that this community would like to see these road reserves developed not as roads but as walking tracks and much needed cycle paths for locals and tourists alike, maintaining the 'Nature Coast' image that is promoted by Eurobodalla Shire.

Thank you Alison for organising the petition, knocking on our doors and alerting us all to this threat. △

Animal Welfare League Pet of the Month

AWLFSC Branch carer Helen Hall of Quaama is presently caring for 9 yo female German Shepherd x Malamute, Jarrah, who is very fit and healthy, has a beautiful nature and will offer a lot of love and companionship to a loving new owner. Jarrah will be best suited to a new home without other pets. If you are interested in adopting Jarrah, or any other pets in care with AWLFSC, please contact enquiries phone 0400 372 609. All pets are vet-checked, de-sexed, microchipped, vaccinated and wormed prior to adop-

tion and property inspections are required to ensure the best and safest possible future for all these lovely pets. Adoption fees are \$195 for dogs and puppies, \$100 for cats and \$150 for kittens.

AWLFSC receives no government funding and operates solely on the fundraising efforts of its volunteers. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to P.O. Box



101A Bermagui 2546, and new members are always very welcome. △

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Book Review

Lionel Shriver

We Need to Talk about Kevin

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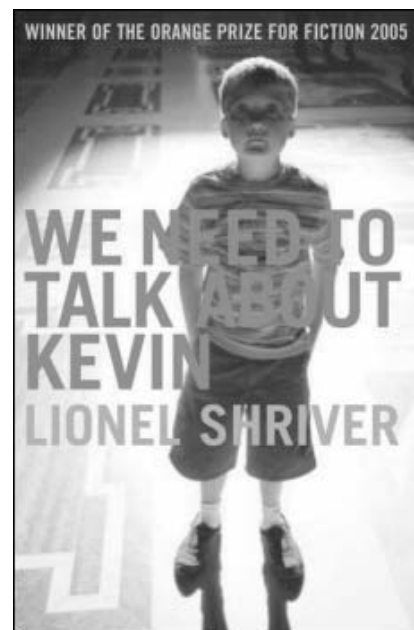
No, not that one – this American Kevin is a mass murderer and the book is a long letter from his mother to his (by now absent) father, trying to understand the tragedy. The book won the Orange Prize and it's easy to see why – it can hardly be put down once you start it and it's one of the best I've read for ages.

It raises all the questions about why we have children anyway, when for many people, including these parents, they were perfectly happy with-

out them; then why do some turn out so differently from their siblings (in this case, a perfectly nice young sister) and central to the book, can fault be laid at the feet of the parents for the inexplicable actions of their children? How can the parents of mass murderers re-build their lives, and what sort of relationship can they possibly have with someone who planned and executed a mass murder of his fellow students and staff at his school?

Check this out soon at the Bermagui library – I promise you'll really enjoy it. And don't forget – the library is still looking for good quality second hand books to build up its collection.

Heather O'Connor



Garden Magic

Aaarghh! It's rose time! These plants are so labour intensive I don't know why people bother, but everyone seems to love them (except yours truly).

The two main types of roses are hybrid tea (or bush), and floribunda. The difference is that the bush roses grow bigger, with specimen flowers. Floribundas are lower growing with clusters of blooms.

When planting, dig in some Biogrow for roses to give the shrubs a good start in spring. Heap the soil in the planting hole so the roots splay out

over the mound. Some nurseries dip rose roots in clay to seal them so they don't dry out, therefore it's a good idea to soak the root system in a bucket of water before planting. No need to fertilise at this stage because the plants are dormant, therefore they can't take up the food. Fill the hole in, firm the soil, mulch and water. Roses particularly like lucerne.

In winter, spray with lime sulphur in a futile effort to stop fungal diseases. Don't use this product in summer because it'll burn the foliage.

For established roses, pruning time is July or August, depending on whether you're in a frost prone area.

We'll talk on that subject next month.

There's some very imaginative marketing in the naming of roses. For sports lovers, there's Ian Thorpe. Pop music fans have Olivia Newton-John (part of the proceeds of this one go to breast cancer research). Humanitarians may choose Red Cross. We dog people might like Best Friend (named by the RSPCA and it benefits from each sale). Lucky people might go for Seduction.

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For now here are a few tips about using computer 'shortcuts'.

The key (no pun intended) to using keyboard shortcuts is this: The simple act of using the mouse to 'hone in' on the precise area of a 'button' in order to activate a particular task puts undue strain on your wrist and nerves.

Due to the sheer number of such movements associated with using the mouse, if you are a frequent computer user, and you primarily use the mouse for the majority of your computer tasks, then carpal tunnel syndrome is likely in your future.

Try these instead [these instructions are for PC users. Some functions are different on a Mac]:

1. Hold down **CTRL + Mouse Button** – you can change the size of your font.

2. You can get yourself out of most jams with this keyboard shortcut: **CTRL+Z [Command+Z for Mac]**. It simply 'undoes' whatever you've just done. (This works even in situations where there is not typically an 'undo' button option!) The reverse works too: **CTRL+Y** is the same as 'redo'.

3. Use **CTRL+A** to select all of the

copy in a document or browser window. From there, you can use **CTRL+C** to 'copy', **CTRL+V** to 'paste', or **CTRL+X** to 'cut'.

4. When you're on the Internet, in your browser window you can use **F5 to ReFresh** (bring up the most recent version of this page from your computer's cache/memory) or **CTRL+F5 to ReLoad** (bring up the most recent version of this page from the site owner's computer server).

5. Whenever you need to **mini-mise everything** in a hurry to get to your desktop, use **ALT+M**.

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Debbie does Alice

(continued from p1)

more mature but gorgeous souls!

From five star restaurant dinners (such ambience!) to helicopter rides and five star camping at Kings Canyon (complete with film crew from Channel 7) to the bright lights of Alice Springs ('There's eight of us here dahling ...'), the whole trip was a testament to laughter, love and friendship, touched by the soul of our beautiful sister and friend Sally who was very

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8pm Friday, Catholic Church Hall Gipps St

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Far South Coast Branch - Meetings bi-monthly at Tathra Beach Bowling Club every 3rd Tuesday of each even month. All welcome. Enquiries - 0400 372 609

ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

Quaama - St Saviour's - Every 1st Wednesday of the month, 10.00am Morning Service
Cobargo - Christ Church - Fri, 10.00 Morning Service. Sundays, 8.00am Morning or Communion Service, 5.00pm Contemporary Service.
Bermagui - All Saints - Thursdays 10.00am Morning Service, Sundays 10.00am Morning or Communion Service.

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

COBARGO LANDCARE GROUP

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

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yo and over. Caring for your child's early education. Ph Tracey Abraham on 6493 6660.

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets once a month. Hall bookings and enq. Maryann Green 6493 6280 m@blackdogfurniture.com

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

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

COBARGO MARKET DAY

4th Saturday of the month, Tourist Information Centre. 8.30am to 12.30pm. Ph 6493 6572 for bookings.

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASS'N

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

COBARGO CWA

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

COBARGO/BERMAGUI SCRABBLE

Competitive and social games. Tournaments. All enquiries welcome. Phone Tony Hunt for details: 6493 6861

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

Bermagui Sports Stadium. Social Badminton - Tuesdays 2 to 4pm, Sundays 10am to 12noon. Contact Heather on 6493 6310. Competition Badminton - Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm. Contact Nicci on 6493 6602

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKETS

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

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB

AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.

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

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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 Lorna 6493 8417 or Judith 6493 8347 for next Wed's venue.

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

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

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

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

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the 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.

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

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

Further details: Peter - 4473 7308

DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

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

MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

SOPHIAN GNOSTIC CIRCLE

For further info, phone Sue on 6493 8473.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

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

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Beginners to Advanced. Adults and children over 6 years old welcome. Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm, Cobargo School of Arts Hall. For more information please call 6494 3332 or 6493 8267.

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

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

Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 44761006.

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Saturday 7th	AWL garage sale	115 Fairhaven Point Way	from 8.30 am
Saturday 14th	Pre-school fundraising Auction (catalogue - call Lynda 6493 5596)	Bermagui Country Club	7.30 pm
Sunday 15th	Collage	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30 pm entry free
Saturday 21st	Hall fundraiser community dinner	Cobargo School of Arts	6.30 for 7.00 pm
Friday 20th	Full Moon Dance Party with Burnum and Team Rasta \$10	Murrah Hall	7.00 pm \$10 entry
Friday 20th	Soccer Trivia Night	Narira Sports Complex Cobargo	7.00 pm for 7.30 start
Saturday 21st	BEND Open Day	BEND Site East Street Bega	11.00 am till 5.00 pm
Sunday 22nd	Nick Charles acoustic guitar \$12 members \$15 non-members	Yuin Folk Club concert call Coral Vorbach 6493 6758, 0427 919 010	2.00 pm
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Friday 27th	The Big Gig	Bega High School	7.00 pm
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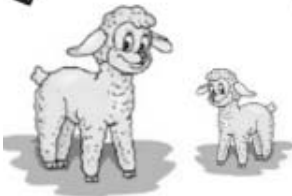
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