

Marina Magic - Fisherman's Wharf, Bermagui

When an architect with an international reputation takes a personal interest in a small building in a seaside village you can and should expect something really special and architect Philip Cox has certainly delivered for the Bermagui Fishermen's Co-op.

Although not yet finished the beautiful bones of the building are clearly visible and will remain so when it is completed, the exposed post and beam structure demonstrating an ongoing relationship with the sea and the forests.

The timber columns came from the Bermagui forest, a far better use of this wonderful resource than being sent willy-nilly to the chip mill. The colonnade supporting the upper level deck is reminiscent of an old timber wharf and a reminder of the sea and the forests that are the basis of our tourist industry.

The solid block walls that form the cool rooms and storage areas for the co-op can be seen as an unapologetic reminder of the importance of the marine ecosystem to our fishing industry and as a warning not to overstep the mark and over use the resource. *The Triangle* was assured that the grey block work would eventually be softened visually by a render finish.

The one criticism that emerged from an examination of the plans was the lack of any toilets on the upper level. What is it with Bermagui? It never seems to get the public toilets right. On this occasion, however, the project manager told us that this had already been noted and actioned; it seems the drawings were being

consultant advising them on leasing the retail spaces in the building but no leases have been finalised yet because Lands Department approvals are required and we all know that that can take a while. There have been inquiries and it is hoped that the retail areas will include cafes, restaurants, gifts and clothing and presumably fish.



The new Bermagui landmark: 'a reminder of the sea and the forests that are the basis of our tourist industry.'

The writer would like to see an outlet for locally produced jams, sauces, pickles and preserves included as well; perhaps the Co-op could facilitate such an outlet somewhere in the complex.

This building is potentially a 'must see' landmark development that will bring more visitors into the town,

amended as we spoke.

By early August the building shell should be completed and leaseholders will then have a further two months to complete their internal fit-out. There will be guidelines provided to ensure a level of cohesion and consistency throughout the building. The owners are hoping for an official opening date in October or November and to have the complex up and running smoothly before the Christmas holiday season.

The Co-op has a Sydney

creating jobs in retail and building maintenance (timber near the sea needs very regular maintenance) and also helping to underpin the existing tourist businesses.

Congratulations to the Fisherman's Co-operative, to Director Alan Broadhurst and to everyone involved in the development. It is a joy to be able to offer such unreserved praise to a local development.

Jo Lewis



Editorial

Winter seems to have disappeared and the Indian Summer has returned with the water off the coast being warmer than it was in the real summer. It is very rewarding to be able to swim with pleasure in May and without a wetsuit. Unfortunately the storms have made the sea a bit wild recently but nothing like up north – we could do with the rain without the damage.

The Triangle has changed its email address – oh bliss – no longer on dial up, it is so exciting, emails actually getting downloaded! The new address, very similar to the old one, is the_triangle2@bigpond.com. Please change it in your address book.

Prue, our stalwart Bermagui contact person, is taking a well-deserved rest, so *The Triangle* is looking for a Bermagui contact. Please let us know by the email address above if you would like to be a hands-on reporter in Bermagui and surrounding areas for a few months or even years if you enjoy it.

Whilst we are on happenings with the *Triangle* crew, one of our founders is now a first time Granny although I am sure she is not going to be called Granny – Louise Brown has a baby granddaughter, Harriet, who arrived over the weekend. Congrats to the new family and we wish them long life and much happiness.

There are great opportunities to get fit in the area now that the days are shorter and presumably will get colder. Yoga classes, Functional Fitness at the Country Club, the dirt bike track and of course the wonderful walks either along the coast or in the bush. So there is something for all ages and we all know the “use it or lose it” expression is very true.

Our reporters have been busy researching the information on the new buildings in Bermagui and the first one being featured is the new Co-op, offices and shopping complex. We are more than happy to accept stories on areas of interest in our Triangle so please send them in with your letters too so we can provide variety and we all continue to enjoy our local paper.



Don't forget, our new email address is as follows:
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Letters to the Editors

Who really benefits?

Dear Editors,
The Federal Government's proposed Emissions Trading Scheme (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) is a con.

Under the proposed Scheme large polluters benefit from emission abatement measures undertaken by others with no consequent reduction in Australia's carbon emissions.

This cost shifting is inconsistent with the 'polluter pays' principle and the use of the market to provide environmental benefits.

Mr Rudd's proposed legislation must be changed in the Senate so that large polluters are prevented from benefiting from emission abatement measures undertaken by well-meaning households and communities such as ours.

Jack Miller
Bermagui

NOT for sale

Dear Editors,
Just want to set the record straight ... Bermagui Real Estate is NOT for sale – maybe it is one of a similar name. Gary and Paul are here for the long haul. We each have completed our Stock & Station Agents Licence and Business Agents Licence. Gary has also completed his Real Estate licence.

Gary's parents live in

Bermagui and he has no intention of leaving the area in the near future. Gary was born in Bermagui, the youngest son of Robert and Gloria Cotterill. Bob and Gloria celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on 22 April 2009.

We have also opened an office in Cobargo as we have faith in real estate sales/rentals in the Bermagui area.

Kind regards,
Gary Cotterill and Paul Oleary

WIRES safety tips

Dear Editors,

Here is a timely safety tip.

Now that it is winter and getting dark early, animals are often out searching for food and crossing the roads when they are more heavily travelled. WIRES does get a few calls regarding animals hit by cars in the evening. Probably, the drivers were heading home from work and were not used to having the animals on the road at that time.

Please be very vigilant when driving during the evening. A bit of extra care could help you to avoid the heartbreaking experience of injuring an animal.

If you see injured or orphaned native wildlife, please ring WIRES on 6495 4150 for help.

Lois Katz
WIRES Far South Coast Branch



Catching Crabs!

The Cancer Research Advocate Bikers (CRABS) now have a branch based in Bermagui called 'Kingies', and it would like some new members.

Rob Grimstone, the President of this branch and founder of the club, started the ball rolling as a tribute to his mother who died from the disease at 55 years of age. 100% of all funds raised goes directly to cancer research.

Fun and fundraising go hand in hand here. On the third Saturday of each month a ride is planned, the last being to Piper's Lookout on Brown Mountain. Eleven bikers rode on this

occasion, lunch being provided by Peter and Maryanne Blunt. On their return to Bermagui a raffle was held at the Hotel, with prizes donated from various businesses in Bermagui. The raffle and ride combined raised \$1025, a great achievement.

Membership of CRABS costs \$25. This includes riding members, pillions and social supporters. Fees for each ride are \$10 for riders and pillions alike.

Monthly meetings are held at the Bermagui Hotel on the first Tuesday of each month. New Crabs are most welcome. For more information call Rob on 0417 325 660.



Crabs Coxy and Pappy

My Triangle

Dave Bennett

Dave lived in Bermagui 20 years ago and loved it. He was really keen to return to the area and three or so years ago did just that, and became the



proprietor and licensee of Pam's Store in Tilba Tilba. He has no regrets regarding his boomerang relocation. From day one, the locals greeted him and his family warmly and made them welcome in their new surroundings.

Dave shares his home with wife Angela and daughter Kelly. Cavalier King Charles spaniels Bellamy and Barney provide canine companionship. Outside in the aviary lives Cocky, commonly known as 'Shut Up'! Shut Up is calculated to be 40 years old and widely suspected to be a girl on account of her laying an egg. Other pets include Dave and Mark who can be often seen frequenting the veranda, stubbies in hand. Hopefully they don't give the dogs fleas!

Dave loves living in the Triangle and is really sold on the relaxed lifestyle, wonderful beaches, scenery and fishing, not to mention the golf.

The only downside for Dave is the lack of medical and associated services in the area, a problem for many people.

Dave's favourite day of the week is Sunday. On Sundays he has a sleep-in as the store doesn't open until 8am; it closes early too. Some people just don't work hard enough!

If he is actually not working and has the chance to eat elsewhere, his favourite spot is Mimosa Rocks Winery and Restaurant.

Another happy Triangle resident.



Better safe than sorry.

Everything old is new again! Cobargo Primary School

Next in our series of features for local primary schools is Cobargo. Things are really on the move here!

Cobargo PS is undergoing a major makeover, and by the look of some of the old buildings, the toilets in particular, it's not before time.



Students enjoy the facilities of the new library.

Already in place are two state-of-the-art new classrooms: the old demountables that they replaced are ready for a happy farewell. Four other demountables are due to be replaced in the very near future as are the antiquated toilets. The staff room and office area is looking forward to a new carpet (all one colour this time please!) and a paint. There is already a new tennis/netball court and the original school building has been turned into a fresh, well-appointed library. The renovations are expected to be finished before Christmas. The demountables were only temporary when they were put in position who knows how long ago, so this is all really good to see.

Pupils number 133 at this school and make up six classes. The classes are of a modest size, giving a good teacher to pupil ratio. This ratio is further increased by parent and community volunteers who assist with reading recovery. Some of these volunteers come via YESS, the Youth Educational Support Service, who assist with tutoring and mentoring. Reading recovery is an intensive support for students in year one, which aims to bring them up to grade

level before they enter year two.

There are eight teachers at the school, including Rob Whymark the principal, two administration personnel and a number of teachers' aides who assist the students with special needs. The school is happy to

have a higher than average percentage of special needs students integrated into their general population. This is helpful to the students themselves and to the mainstream students who support and encourage them to achieve their fullest potential.

Norta Norta is a new tutoring program for the 20 Indigenous students. This is government funded and progressing well.

The P&C is an active group. Its present focus is the design and planning of gardens for the new and improved campus. Fundraising is afoot for edible, aromatic and bush tucker gardens. Already new turf has been laid around the new classrooms. The water tanks that come with these new structures will help keep these gardens alive and thriving.

Cobargo PS excels in public speaking, with classes and competitions for all students that culminate in a regional competition, a great way to boost confidence.

Principal Rob Whymark will say a sorry farewell at the end of this school year as he is retiring. Just when the renovations will be finished too! A nice beginning for his successor.



Sea to Snow Crossing 2009

Applications are still open for the 2009 Sea to Snow Crossing covering 250 km in 13 days, journeying from Bermagui on the east coast of Australia to the top of the Snowy Mountains using boats, bikes and boots. Young people who believe they're up to the challenge should give The Crossing Land Education Trust a call this month.

Applicants should be 16-23 yrs at the end of June as the Sea to Snow Journey is also a direct entry to the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Dean Turner, Project Director at The Crossing, says young people need to be 'fit, positive, well-organised and determined – it's a great adventure!'.

Last year, the inaugural journey saw five young people from the South East reach the summit of Mt Jagungal in Kosciusko National Park. Jessica Thomas (Moruya High) wrote in her

diary, 'It was the best feeling ever to get up there ... We all stood up on the cairn one at a time, and we felt like we were higher than anything. The view

landcare learnings. They met with land managers, visited wild places and even helped rebuild a mountain hut. Heather Gow Carey (Narooma High), who also completed the journey last year, talked about the people she met: '...That sort of love for the land and passion was amazing and made me ponder about what I wanted to do in the future and not to waste what precious time I have'.

Training camps will happen in mid July and September. A final training day will begin the 13 day journey in late November to double check all gear and supplies before departure.

Contact Dean Turner at The Crossing Land Education Trust on 6493 3400 if you think this unique journey is for you.

Look at <http://thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au> to find out more and to download application forms.



Tom Newton (Bega High) on top of Mt Jagungal with other Sea to Snow crew members on the southern peak.

was breathtaking. A full view in every direction, out to all horizons. It felt special to finish this huge journey'.

Along the way the young people shared lots of laughs, challenges and

Bermagui Mountain Bike Park June Race Day

Following the success of the April event, Bermagui Dirtsurfers Mountain Bike Club will be holding another race day on Saturday 13 June.

Registration will open at 8.30am with races commencing at 9.30am. Race classes include:

Non-Members Open (cost \$20 + \$15 day licence), Members Open (\$10 + \$15 day licence) and a Social Ride for Under 10 Years (\$10+ waiver). All riders

must bring a helmet, water bottle or camel back and of course their mountain bike to join in the racing.

Directional signs will be posted on Wallaga Lake Road and at the Scenic Drive turn-off to the park. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale. Even if you don't ride, you are welcome to come along and enjoy the social side of the event and the beautiful setting.

The race day held in April

attracted 38 riders. Results were:

* Under 10 Social Ride – 1st Charlie Todd, 2nd Mitch Iskov, 3rd Luke Holley

* 10 to 15 Years – 1st Kyle Zucco, 2nd Max Logue, 3rd Katrina Rose

* Over 15 Years Female – 1st Tara Sutherland, 2nd Nicole Holley, 3rd Stacey George

* Over 15 Years Male – 1st James

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THUMBS UP

To the person who rang WIRES about the Wedgetail Eagle on the side of the road north of Cobargo. Your telephone call resulted in the Wedgie being rescued, splinted and on its way to health and release. Thank you and a reminder that WIRES 24 hour telephone number is 6495 4150.

To Chris and Dougie from Cobargo, our local knights in modern shining armour. You both keep the locals and the tourists on the road, often going over and above the call of duty – or modern day knighthood!

To the Bermagui handyman and

his wife, a special thanks for taking an injured cat to the vet when the owner wasn't able to. Not only did they take the cat, but also paid the vet's bill. The cat is now home and happy.

There are not many people out there like you.

THUMBS DOWN

To all those motorists who decide the main street of Cobargo is a great place for a U-turn. There will be tears before bedtime one day.

To the people whose horses have run across the Bermi Golf Club greens several times recently causing extensive damage.



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Bermagui mountain bike park June race day

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Brassington, 2nd Samuel Parker, 3rd Jake Iskov.

Bermagui Dirtsurfers Mountain Bike Club was established by several enthusiastic mountain bike riders in July 2006. Working with State Forests NSW, guidelines and agreements are in place enabling a first class facility in Bermagui for this great recreational sport.

Club members have put 'mountains' of effort into building the track, with special care taken to preserve the natural habitat, prevent erosion and make mountain biking safe and fun for all.

The success of the track is also due to contributions from the local community. Bermagui Dirtsurfers acknowledges the ongoing support of IGA Bermagui, Bermagui Hire, Jacko, Stewie Longhurst, Tathra Beach & Bike and local residents.

Suggestions and feedback on the track are welcomed by the Dirtsurfers committee – email committee1@bermagui-dirtsurfers.org or visit the website:

www.bermagui-dirtsurfers.org.



Uniforms for the 7th Light Horse



Troopers Rowan Alcock, Wal Berman and Daena Saye

The 7th Light Horse Bemboka Troop is now looking their smartest thanks to the Mumbulla Foundation. After receiving a grant late last year, the troop now sports new Bedford Cord breeches, dress tunics that have been altered to suit their ceremonial needs and to properly fit all the riders, and AIF pattern boots with spurs and leggings.

The troop is a re-enactment group representing the old 7th Light Horse Regiment, active during the years 1921–41 and whose members mainly originated from southern areas of New South Wales. They are

also a local treasure, and are used extensively throughout the region, whenever there is a need for a guard of honour. Anzac Day ceremonies, Australia Day celebrations, re-dedications of memorials and

other official functions held within the Shire are likely to witness the splendour of these fine troopers and their horses.

Although most of the original members of the 7th have long since passed away, there are still seven men, mostly living within the Shire boundaries, remaining. These seven, Mike Huggett, Terry Garnock, Keith Bent, Austen Holdsworth, Ernie Gardiner and Mick Byrne along with Farrier-Sergeant Ian Young are honorary members of the 7th Light Horse Bemboka Troop.

With the financial squeeze taking its toll, prospective members should not shy away from contacting Captain (AAC) Garry Berman on 6493 0449, as the Troop policy is to do its best to supply all suitable candidates with the correct equipment, so that they can ride in honour of the former Light Horse Regiments.

By providing small grants the Mumbulla Foundation aims to support local groups within the Bega Valley to further their interests, and thus enhance the community as a whole.



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Apparently a true story!

On Thursday, 24th January 2002, Derek Guille broadcast this story on his afternoon program on ABC radio.

In March 1999 a man living in Kandos (near Mudgee) received a bill for his as yet unused gas line stating that he owed \$0.00. He ignored it and threw it away. In April he received another bill and threw that one away too.

The following month the gas company sent him a very nasty note stating that they were going to cancel his gas line if he didn't send them \$0.00 by return mail. He called them, talked to them, and they said it was a computer error and they would take care of it.

The following month he decided that it was about time that he tried out the troublesome gas line figuring that if there was usage on the account it would put an end to this ridiculous predicament.

However, when he went to use the gas, it had been cut off. He called the gas company who apologised for the computer error once again and said that they would take care of it. The next day he got a bill for \$0.00 stating that payment was now overdue. Assuming that having spoken to them the previous day the latest bill was yet another mistake, he ignored it, trusting that

the company would be as good as their word and sort the problem out.

The next month he got a bill for \$0.00. This bill also stated that he had 10 days to pay his account or the company would have to take steps to recover the debt. Finally, giving in, he thought he would beat the gas company at their own game and mailed them a cheque for \$0.00. The computer duly processed his account and returned a statement to the effect that he now owed the gas company nothing at all.

A week later, the manager of the Mudgee branch of the Westpac Banking Corporation called our hapless friend and asked him what he was doing writing a cheque for \$0.00.

After a lengthy explanation the bank manager replied that the \$0.00 cheque had caused their cheque processing software to fail. The bank could therefore not process ANY cheques they had received from ANY of their customers that day because the cheque for \$0.00 had caused the computer to crash.

The following month the man received a letter from the gas company claiming that his cheque had bounced and that he now owed them \$0.00 and unless he sent a cheque by return mail they would take immediate steps to recover the debt. At this point, the man decided to file a debt harassment claim

against the gas company. It took him nearly two hours to convince the clerks at the local courthouse that he was not joking.

They subsequently helped him in the drafting of statements which were considered substantive evidence of the aggravation and difficulties he had been forced to endure during this debacle.

The matter was heard in the Magistrate's Court in Mudgee and the outcome was this:

The gas company was ordered to:

[1] Immediately rectify their computerised accounts system or Show Cause, within 10 days, why the matter should not be referred to a higher court for consideration under Company Law.

[2] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by the man.

[3] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by all the Westpac clients whose cheques had been bounced on the day our friend's had been processed.

[4] Pay the claimant's court costs; and

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Pat's Piece

We finally leave Thimpu for the journey south. My excitement builds as we head out of town and the camera shutter

is clicking. How lucky I am to be travelling across a large swathe of this remote and fascinating country. The surprises, as we come around bend after bend, just keep on coming.

The journey is remarkable on so many levels it's impossible to capture it all: the endless high mountain valleys and rocky streams; the tantalising glimpses of jagged peaks and spectacular scenes; the changes as we move from aridity to high altitude splendour, magnificent ferns and very tall, tightly clustered forest trees; the myriad hazards and wonders on the roadside – or sometimes right in the middle of it! At the checkpoint we stop to show my papers or give Tashi's licence details or have someone poke their nose into the cabin to look us all over – employment opportunities for rural people? There are 150 species of rhododendrons in Bhutan, many of which are actually huge forest trees. The forest diversity as we soar up into the mountains or plunge into the deep valleys is mouth watering.

Much further along we come to where the road works begin. They actually never really cease – but this is serious! There is a swarm of humanity on the road and verge, mostly tiny women (some with their children tied

to their backs), predominantly Indian nationals. They appear to be doing this major reconstruction work with the merest of tools and their bare hands.

... It is no time at all and the fortnight of training in Phuntsholing

many people, but it is first and foremost a Buddhist monastery. It houses a series of temples large and small, various courtyards and anterooms *and...* it is the administrative centre for the district. Government offices, the court and many other local service agents

operate within its fortress walls. The centralisation of power is ancient and fascinating – monks chatting on mobile phones are a sharp reminder of modernity.

There is one last celebration. Of course there is dancing and, even though it's expected, the moment arrives suddenly for the evening to end. Protocol deems I must leave first as I am the

honoured guest. So there are sudden, fractured goodbyes. I turn around from the car to wave and the entire company have arranged themselves on the steps in the freezing cold to wave goodbye. The sting of the tears is real. I will hold that last, moving moment in my mind's eye for a very, very long time.

Along the way to the airport next morning there is a totally new and unexpected traffic hazard on the road – langurs – large (maybe one metre tall), beautifully marked monkeys. They have the most beautiful creamy fur, black goggles around their eyes and fabulous black and cream circularly striped curling tails – maybe a metre long. Tashi tells me they have come out especially to honour me and say goodbye. There are those stinging eyes again!



Cate in Bhutan

is over and the return journey to Thimpu is upon us. Space does not allow the detail to be published here.

We pack up the training room and head for the celebrations. There is the usual protocol and graciousness, charming and moving speeches and wicked humour. We celebrate the significance of the accreditation of the first BRIDGE facilitators in Bhutan *and* the successful completion of the workshops by the first participants! We eat 'tea', perform several of the favourite traditional dances and sing with great gusto. We say farewell and wish each other 'safe journey'.

I am privileged to visit a 16th century Dzongkha – beautiful, remarkable, astonishing architecture and decoration. It is many things to

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A housekeeping tip. Forget the spring cleaning, do an autumn cleaning. That way, you'll get a two or three month window of opportunity when the spiders have gone into hibernation so no webs! Why clean in spring and just give them clean houses to breed in?



Welcome
Lucinda Mae

Congratulations to Ian and Helen and welcome to the world Lucinda Mae. May you have a happy and healthy life. Look at the thumb in relation to the baby, one forgets doesn't one?

Our thoughts are for Joy Masterton and her family. Joy is one of those wonderful silent workers and her enthusiasm for the

restoration and continual use of the Wandella Hall is proof of this.

Don't forget the centenary of the Wandella Hall on Saturday 6 June. The official program starts at 2.00 pm, with the 're-opening' at 2.30 pm, followed by afternoon tea at 3.00pm (bring a plate to share). At 7.30 pm there is a bush dance with music by Darryl Lamb, dress up in 1909 style, prizes for the best dressed lady and gentleman, there are also door prizes. Bring a plate to share and it's a BYOG event. Make this night a night to remember for the next 100 years.

On 28 March at the Cobargo Hotel a party was held to celebrate the 60th birthday of Denis Whiffen of Cobargo and the 50th birthday of his brother in law Stephen Smith of Biloela, Queensland. It was a great gathering of 100 family and friends who travelled long distances to be there, including Denis's



Counting the candles!
Denis and Stephen
admire their birthday
cake.

son Todd from New Zealand who surprised his father with a visit, daughter Tina and granddaughter Karla from Cobargo, and Stephen's daughters Tara and Natasha from Queensland. A wonderful time was had by all, dancing the night away to True Blue. Much catching up was done by people who hadn't seen each other for many years.

Instead of gifts it was asked that guests make a donation to the Jane McGrath Foundation and a very generous sum of \$417 was received and forwarded to the foundation. Denis and Stephen would like to express their appreciation to all who donated.

OK old timers, what's with the number of dead foxes. We've never seen so many dead foxes on the side of the road. Does it have any correlation to the murder of crows recently also seen in the Cobargo area?

Cobargo Pub held a very successful two-up day this ANZAC day – thank you Michelle and Dan. The game was played with different rules this year – if the 'banker' won they donated 10% to Legacy/RSL. \$391.60 was raised, well done.

The traffic to the northern end of Avernus Street has increased since the February issue of *The Triangle* described the fence at Number 7 created from

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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

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rusty farm junk by Ivan Hollins. They come by car and on foot, often with cameras to record the unique structure. Will it be tour buses next?

Nicole Saunders of Cobargo is moving on to an exciting career in a retail florist/giftware/antique furniture/gourmet chocolates store. She has noticed there is a lack of antique shops and creative style floristry. Her new shop is in Bega.

Nicole trained at Sydney TAFE and has been in the floristry industry for five years, working in one of the leading artistic floral businesses in Sydney. In these hard economic times it is certainly an adventure opening a new business and we wish her well.

The Cobargo Co-operative has set the goal of enticing more people to their community-owned store. So, on Friday 12 June, along with their annual sale, there will be their fourth instore field day.

In line with the Co-op's philosophy of supporting the community, there will be a showcase of local producers and industries. There will be olive producers and eucalyptus oil distillers; some local artisans; fresh local fruit and vegetables; displays of troughs and cattle grids; advice from solar and alternative technology experts and more. The CWA will have coffee, cakes and sandwiches during the day, and the Cobargo Scouts will provide a barbeque. All proceeds to aid their projects. Sounds good! See everyone there!

Wadbilliga burn called off again because of wind

Plans to continue with large scale hazard reduction burning in Wadbilliga National Park have been spoilt yet again due to adverse weather conditions.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) had planned to drop more aerial incendiaries into three areas within the park to complete a program of burning three thousand hectares which began two months ago.

Two areas, Jessops Creek and Illawambra, are behind Murrumbidgee Mountain in the high country between Upper Brogo and Yowrie. The third area, called East Belowra, is on the eastern side of the Belowra Valley.

NPWS Ranger, Ross Constable, said today that those plans have been called off because of wind.

'In the end it was just way too windy to undertake the burning safely so we are now looking at having another go next week.

'We have completed the edge burning and most of the aerial incendiary for two of the three target blocks and now we would just like to complete the burns.

'Hopefully weather conditions for safe burning will improve next week', he said.

The Wadbilliga burns have been interrupted four times in the past two months.



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Bermi Banter

Find the koala

Chris Allen with the help of many local volunteers has been conducting a survey looking for evidence of koalas in the South Coast forests. Positive evidence has been found in forests in the Cobargo, Bermagui and Tanja areas including the area around Black Marlin Drive and close to The Crossing. The survey must complete its work by the end of June but there are still large areas to survey and Chris is looking for more volunteers to help cover as much of the as yet unsurveyed area as possible.

They go out on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and they would welcome more volunteers. Chris suggested that small groups of friends might like to join the search and spend a day or two exploring the bush.

Tim Cambridge is coordinating the volunteers; call him on 6494 0066 to book your day in the forest.

The survey is being undertaken by National Parks and Forestry personnel and the results could have a real impact on logging in the district.

Money money money

Rumours ran rife and so the intrepid *Triangle* team decided to investigate the state of the Surf Club building project. Let's see if we can get the story straight.

First the grants:

The Club applied for and received a grant for \$350,000 from Surf Lifesaving. They also applied for a Sport and Recreation grant from NSW State Government for which they believed they would be eligible, but at the last minute Sport and Recreation advised that they were unable to approve the application because the

Surf Lifesaving Grant was actually funded by Sport and Recreation money and to approve a further grant would be "double dipping". Money promised by BVSC was held up for a short time but has now been paid into the project.

The Surf Club is lobbying the Federal Government and local MP Dr Mike Kelly seeking a Federal Works Grant. You can see the plans and sign the petition at Mitre 10.

Now the variations :

The need to build close to the beach pretty much made sure that the ground on which the building was founded would be suspect. As a result of the routine soil test the engineer specified six metre screw piers for the foundations. Just before the full six metre depth was reached, the sound ground gave way to shifting sands or something similar and the screw piers had to be taken to a depth of 15 metres.

Oh boy! One massive variation, a cost increase between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

The ground floor of the building will be completed and the suspended slab that is to form the upper floor will be poured. However the balance of the work will not be commenced until a further grant has been finalised. The contractor has been paid.

Clean up

There will be a clean up at the Bermagui Community Hall on Saturday, 13 June from 10am to midday. If you can assist your committee to get rid of the rubbish behind the stage and in the wings, it would be appreciated and if you have a ute or trailer even more appreciation. Your reward: complimentary coffee and cake and a working stage area.

Bermagui Botanical Gardens

Next meeting to be held in the Bermagui Community Hall Meeting Room, 18 June at 3.30 pm. All interested please come along and help plan our gardens.

Car boot sale

The Committee of the Bermagui Community Hall is having a Car Boot Sale on 27 June in the car park of the Hall. Cost of a space is \$20 and all proceeds to go to the lighting of the car park. Come along with your antiques, books, china and have some fun getting rid of 'stuff' and trying not to buy more. Bookings to pruekelly@bigpond.com.

Go girls

Earlier this month, Bermagui Ladies Bowling Pennant Team traveled to Merimbula for the zone finals. Despite a spirited effort they narrowly missed out on a place in the state finals at Coffs Harbour. We wish them all the best for their future tournaments. △



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Bermi Banter (continued)

MP Constance at public meeting

On 2 May, local MP Andrew Constance held a public meeting at the Bermagui Surf Club site to discuss funding for completion of the building. The location of the meeting made apparent the stalling of the construction as the building was a shell with a roof of clear blue sky on that day.

Mr Constance urged supporters to make known their feelings about the



Andrew Constance and members and supporters of the Bermagui Surf Club and Coastal Patrol.

need for funding to complete the building by sending letters to the Federal Member, Dr Mike Kelly.

The meeting was well attended by members and supporters of the Bermagui Divisions of the Surf Life Saving Club and of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (RVCP). RVCP, which is hoping to use the top floor of the building as its radio base and also to be able to conduct training there, has since then been busy collecting signatures and preparing a letter of support for the Surf Club.

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'All around the world people are questioning how markets could have got things so wrong', according to Dr Richard Denniss, Executive Director of The Australia Institute.

'Hundreds of billions of dollars of taxpayers' money has been spent trying to undo the mess that money market and stock market traders have caused, but in Australia we seem quite comfortable with the claim that if we leave tackling climate change to the soon-to-be created carbon market nothing could go wrong'.

Dr Denniss was speaking to a capacity audience at a large public dinner in Bermagui hosted by the Bermagui Institute in May.

He said that while there is no doubt that markets have a role to play in tackling climate change, the idea that all we need to do is set one up and forget about it is bizarre.

'The Rudd Government seems

to be walking both sides of the street on this issue of the role of markets. On the one hand we see the Prime Minister writing essays on the

Bermagui Institute Dinner Examines Emissions Trading

risks of an excessive reliance on market forces, and at the same time we have the Climate Change Minister placing all of her faith in emissions trading'.

'Of course the strangest thing about the Rudd Government's version of emissions trading is that if households try to reduce emissions by turning off their appliances or driving the car less, they won't actually be reducing the level of emissions in Australia, they will simply be freeing up spare permits that will allow the big polluters to emit even more'.

Dr Denniss said that it was fortunate for households interested in reducing emissions that the flawed policy has little chance of making it through the Senate.

He was thanked on behalf of those present by Jim Collins of Bega.

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Tilba Bites

Congratulations and best wishes to all those May/June birthdays around the Triangle. Some don't wish to remember or be reminded so we won't! Also, congratulations to Louise Brown on the birth of her granddaughter Harriet on 21 May. All those years we bring up and nurture our own and suddenly the next generation is doing it. My contribution to this issue seems to be a bit more harried than usual with settling into a new old farm house south of Dignams Creek, having my wallet stolen (or strangely misplaced) the other day and the ensuing cancelling of everything and arranging re-issue of same, fitting in bike rides, planning a garden and more.

Tilba Growers' Market, held every Saturday in the Central Tilba Small Hall (8am till 12noon) is thriving. However, with less produce than

summer markets, the organisers are keen to welcome other home-style craft stallholders. If you are growing/making at home and would like a regular friendly outlet, then please phone Mardy on 4473 7284 for details.

I wasn't going to mention it but a group of us bikers had a fantastic ride to Mallacoota recently. It is about 2½ hours south of here and situated on a stunning inlet/waterway (likened to Wagonga Inlet, but on a much grander scale). If you have not been there it is well worth a visit. We stayed in very comfortable motel-style accommodation at the Hotel and enjoyed friendly hospitality and great food. Lots of great walking around the area gives quite an insight to its fantastic vistas and history. Caught up with John Atkins on his return from a great desert ride with other local dirt-bike enthusiasts.

I have heard a lot of great reports and comments about

Narooma's second annual Oyster Festival. It drew a lot of people from near and far and our own Rosemary Millard made it to the cook-off, with Stephanie Alexander in judging role. Well done Ro; we love locals who have a go!



Quintessentially Quaama

Permablitz at Nardy House

Transition Bega have arranged a community event at Permablitz Nardy House. Hayes Haulage from Bega have donated 120 sleepers that will be used to establish raised garden beds. Other local companies that are contributing to the event are Sapphire NuPulse, Cobargo Co-op, Bermagui Mitre10 and Illawambra Natives.

This is intended to be a community event and there will be a lucky draw art prize, music, and a BBQ with tea and coffee available. Bring your own rake and shovel, wheelbarrow or other gardening tools and join the party on 27 June at Nardy House. The event will run from 9am until 4pm.



The new ramp at St Saviour's Church, Quaama, built with funds from *The Triangle's* fifth birthday donation in 2007. The ramp will make access available for all comers and is an attractive addition to the Church, in keeping with its style.



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YESS News

Local volunteers from Youth Educational Support Services, YESS, are working with Bermagui Primary School Monday-Thursday, 12.15-1.45 pm listening to children in years 1 to 4 read. This help with the school's literacy program gives the children one on one attention. If you would like to devote 60 or 90 minutes a week to helping local children improve their reading skills, please contact Frances Perkins on: 0423 780 498, 6493 6486, or: potts_perkins@bigpond.com. △

Shipping News from Bermagui

The locals of Bermagui are used to seeing a variety of vessels up on the slips at Bermagui Boat Repairs, but the Polynesian style catamaran SV Pelican caught my eye from across the river and I went to investigate.

Skipper, film-maker and part of the design/construction team who built the Pelican, Garry McKechnie, has

booked out a month or so at the slipway to do hull modifications to improve the performance of the vessel and for necessary annual servicing. Pelican is based in Melbourne but is looking at relocating to Bermagui

The 19 metre Pelican is a scientific vessel promoting environmental awareness through marine research, education, eco-tourism and film production. The design is based on Polynesian migratory vessels that have a 5000 year heritage.

She is a ketch rig and comes with satellite communications, computer, internet, video cameras, scuba tank, dive/fishing gear and two inflatable dinghies. The eight cabins can accommodate up to 20 people for extended periods, with a crew of 2-5 depending on the requirements, the crew of course all being multi-skilled.

Launched in December 2003, the vessel has been involved in various scientific marine projects. Pelican Expeditions, the company which runs the vessel, won the Queensland Premier's Reconciliation

Award for Community/ Business Partnerships for their work with Hope Vale Indigenous Community last year.

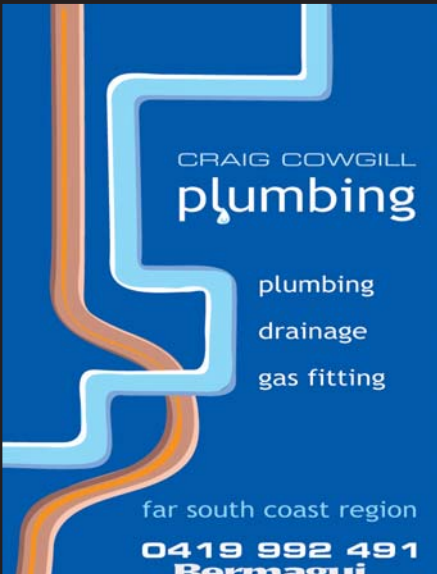
Other projects have included scientific expeditions studying the Blue Whale in the Southern Ocean with Dr Peter Gill (the subject of an ABC documentary *The Big Blue*), and the most comprehensive survey of coral bleaching ever conducted in a single year with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. This was also the subject of a documentary feature on ABC TV's *Message Stick*.

For a good view, stroll the river breakwater, or drive up Dickinson Point Headland or the road behind the Bermagui Boat Repairs harbour front to view the SV Pelican up on the slips before she heads out on another voyage of discovery. Personally I was wondering how much it would cost to hire the vessel to take me to the Marquesas?

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Luckily, a rich Russian tourist arrives in the foyer of the small local hotel. He asks for a room and puts a Euro100 note on the reception counter, takes a key and goes to inspect the room located up the stairs on the third floor.

The hotel owner takes the banknote in a hurry and rushes to his meat supplier to whom he owes E100.

The butcher takes the money and races to his supplier to pay his debt.

The wholesaler rushes to the farmer to pay E100 for pigs he purchased some time ago. The farmer triumphantly gives the E100 note to a local prostitute who gave him her services on credit. The prostitute goes quickly to the hotel, as she owed the hotel for her hourly room use to entertain clients.

At that moment, the rich Russian comes down to reception and informs the hotel owner that the proposed room is unsatisfactory and takes his E100 back and departs.

There was no profit or income. But everyone no longer has any debt and the small town's people look optimistically towards their future.



Mullet Ova



Albacore and yellow fin tuna are high on the agenda for local and visiting anglers whether trolling lures or cubing. The season so far has failed to produce a run of smaller tuna aside from stripies (skipjack). We have weighed in tuna to 94kg and had them leaping from the water in good sized schools chasing sauries from time to time on the continental shelf.

It's from now on we see some of the best bream fishing of the year as the cooler months arrive. Cooler waters of crystal clear nature become more prevalent in the region's estuaries. Whilst bait fishing provides a somewhat mellow day out in the tinny and some great captures, lure fishing with soft and hard baits is the most challenging means of tempting this species. Light braided lines, strong graphite rods and small thread line reels along with a piece of expensive Japanese-made craftsmanship on the end of the line is the ultimate means of catching these fish. It is well worth making an attempt to pursue these fish by this means and your local tackle shop will steer you in the right direction.

Local beaches are producing some tailor amongst the salmon and the odd bream. There



Some Canberran fishermen were delighted when they landed this 94kg tuna on their boat 'Water Rat' recently.

have been a few small kingfish spun up off the rocks amongst the salmon. The local clan of Luderick fisherman has been quiet this month but they have caught some nice fish with the average specimen down on size from last month.

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Helpful Hints

Dogs need to be provided with things to do such as bones to chew or a stuffed Kong when confined to your backyard, to help prevent them from becoming bored and destructive! Daily exercise away from your property will help provide mental and physical stimulation and socialisation opportunities.



Interesting History Lesson: from the horse's ...

Railroad tracks. This is fascinating. Be sure to read the final paragraph, your understanding of it will depend on the earlier part of the content.

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England and English expatriates built the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

Bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a specification/ procedure/process and wonder 'What horse's ass came up with



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The Cobargo Drawing Group is getting busy again; *Cobargo Characters* Exhibition No. 2 is well on its way.

In a frenzy of creativity, pencils clamped firmly in our sweaty little hands, we're busily producing portraits of local personalities for our next show.

We want at the end of the year to put on an exhibition that will again be a fundraiser for the School of Arts, but as well as that we want to create a show that will be an historical record of the richness and variety of our community.

Visitors to last year's exhibition will know that we not only had a number of portrait sketches of each character by various members of the drawing group, but we also had written profiles of each of our sitters, telling their stories and their involvement in the local community. It made for a very interesting show. But to make another successful exhibition, we need your help; we need models. We want anyone and everyone from Cobargo and the wider Triangle area as

well who is prepared to give up an hour of their time on a Sunday afternoon to come and sit for us (we can arrange Saturday if it's more convenient)

Most of our models say that it is an enjoyable and interesting experience. We play nice music to relax you and in some cases, put you to sleep and afterwards we give you a cuppa and bikkies.



So we want to hear from anyone and everyone; young and old, new settlers or old timers, big cheeses or little fish ... you're all an important part of our community. We'd love to draw your portraits, hear your stories

and make you part of *Cobargo Characters* 2009.

If you're willing to help us out or want to suggest someone you feel should be part of the show, please phone Naomi on 6493 7307.



Don't forget, our new email address is as follows:
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The Little Red Writing Workshop with Mark Tredinnick

Writing is talk tidied by art and set down on paper. Come and hear tips for tidying your talk into fresh and original prose or poetry into a vernacular music that sounds like no one else but you. In this workshop, based on his writing guide *The Little Red Writing Book*, award-winning poet and essayist Mark Tredinnick walks through some fresh ideas and powerful techniques that will help you lift your writing game.

The workshop will include discussion, writing exercises, feedback and a guided reading of a sample or two of great writing.

Mark Tredinnick, who lives in the Southern Highlands, is the author of six books, including *The Blue Plateau* (2009), *The Little Green Grammar Book*, *The Land's Wild Music* and a collection of poems on CD, *The Road South*. He is at work on a volume of poems, a novel and *Reading Slowly at the End of Time*, a prose work about the consolations of reading in a frantic age. His prizes include the Blake Poetry Prize, the Newcastle Poetry Prize and the Calibre Essay Prize.

The workshop is for creative writers in all genres. It's at Bermagui Community Centre, Bunga Street, Bermagui, from 10am-3pm, Saturday 25 July 2009. Cost is \$45 individual/ \$25 South Coast Writers Centre and ACT Writers Centre members. For bookings please contact South Coast Writers Centre on 4228 0151 (please leave a message), or at scwc@1earth.net. △

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TTT Plus goes to Oyster Festival

With the aim of supporting community efforts already in place the TTTPlus stall at the Narooma Oyster Festival was used to showcase locally produced sauces, preserves and baked goods that are available on a regular basis at the Central Tilba Market.

Also highlighted at the festival was a proposal to develop community gardening and cooking skills as part of the Narooma Public School 'Healthy Families, Healthy Communities' program. Stephanie Alexander, who was a guest of the Festival and judge for the cooking contest expressed interest and support and is herself involved in similar projects. She was good enough to provide details of funding sources that might be available in the future when the existing funding runs out. Stephanie Alexander's book, *Kitchen Garden Cooking with Kids*, outlines a similar project which she established in Victoria.

Once the Narooma project is underway the hunt will be on for an interested parent or local community member able to create a video record of the whole process.

The next outing for this Transition team will probably be a stall at the Slow Food Festival in Moruya.

What is a Transition Town? It is a community moving to a low carbon, low energy future in a way that strengthens and develops existing networks and organisations. TTTPlus meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm at The Pink House, 8279 Princes Highway, Central Tilba. All welcome.

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Narooma Oyster Festival a Great Success

Locals and visitors were treated to gorgeous weather and fine food at this year's Oyster Festival at Narooma in the middle of May. Huge crowds attended on a warm late Autumn weekend, to enjoy the food, wine and music on offer.

The weekend kicked off with a Welcome to Country and fireworks on the Friday night.

The Oyster Ball on the Saturday night was also a great success with a full house and a great time had by all.

Not only were there oysters, but the program included, oyster cook-offs judged by Stephanie Alexander, a \$100,000 hole-in-one golf challenge, oyster shucking record attempts, fine food and wine stalls, Aboriginal art demonstrations, exhibitions and dancing, a selection of children's rides (including camels) and face painting, RAAF hot air balloon rides, as well as top class live music all day.

There were food stalls of every description selling everything from local produce such as Oysters Kilpatrick to scones made by the CWA and everything in between, washed down with chilli wine or other milder drops from the numerous stalls that lined the Wagonga Inlet.

Golfers teed up for the challenge; to land a ball on the floating green that was 125 metres out in the inlet. Only 11 managed to hit it but no one achieved a hole in one to take home the lucrative prize of \$100,000!

The cooking competition this

year saw celebrity chef Stephanie Alexander assisted by chefs from the Australian Navy.

The winner of the cooked section was Dorn Phillips with her traditional family recipe of Thai Oyster Soup, while in the uncooked section Whale Motor Inn chef Damon Lane cooked and accepted the award for his colleague Gilbert Provost's finger lime oysters.

A poets breakfast on Sunday morning was a quieter event to wind down the weekend.

If you're not an oyster lover, think of the nutritional benefits: oysters are an excellent source of vitamins and four or five medium oysters are said to supply the recommended daily allowance of iron, copper, iodine, magnesium, calcium, zinc, manganese and phosphorus.

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Soft Footprint Recipes



Hi everyone,

The last couple of weeks it has become nippy in the evenings and I've been looking at meals that are warming and hearty. Cabbage Rolls are an old favourite and simple to make. The recipe makes quite a few so you can freeze some for later.

Cabbage Rolls

Ingredients

a full cabbage (using the outer leaves only)
500 g minced steak
2 onions
2 cloves garlic
olive oil
1/4 cup chopped mint or heaped
teaspoon dried mint
1 large or 2 small cans tomato
puree

2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 cup uncooked rice

Method

Heat the oil in a large pan and brown the onions and garlic.

Add the meat and stir until cooked, add the mint.

Drain and keep any juices. Put to one side to cool a little while you cook the cabbage.

Cut the first eight or ten outer leaves off the cabbage carefully right at the base. Place them in a large saucepan of boiling water and boil for around five minutes. Drain and cut out the hard core leaving the soft leaves. Reserve two of these to place in the saucepan to stop the rolls from sticking to the bottom.

The very large leaves can be cut in half along the rib. Cool a little before you start to fill them.

Before filling the leaves, fold the uncooked rice into the mince mix and season with salt and pepper.

To fill, place tablespoons of the mixture into the centre of each leaf. Fold the side in then roll up loosely from the bottom as the rice will expand as it is cooked. Place seam side down in the pan. Continue until all the mixture is rolled.

Place rolls on top of the leaves in the saucepan and cover with the tomato puree and any pan juice. Add some water if there is not enough puree to cover the rolls by at least a centimetre. Add the sugar, pepper and salt.

Cover tightly and cook gently for 20 minutes to half an hour, until most of the sauce has been absorbed. (You could also place them in a casserole dish in the oven on moderate for forty five minutes.) Check that rice

is cooked. If getting too dry, top up with a little water to stop sticking.

Serve with plain boiled potatoes and some extra mint.

Now a really quick one ... I didn't believe this would work but it does!

Kaye's Cauliflower Soup

Ingredients

1 cauliflower
1 teaspoon Vegemite
Water or stock to cover

Method

Cut up the cauliflower and cover well with water.

Add Vegemite and boil until cauliflower is cooked, 15-20 minutes.

Blend the vegetable and the liquid, serve with some parmesan cheese or a drizzle of cream and chopped chives or parsley on the top. It's the best!

Happy cooking,

Carole Broadhead



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Garden Magic



I want to talk a bit more about the *Correa* family because I think these plants are really under utilised.

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featuring an interesting green bloom, its stem being a dark reddish brown. There are lots of others: *reflexa*, 'Tuckertime Dinnerbells', *decumbens* etc. Cobargo Farm and Kangarutha both have good ranges of these. Check them out, they are top plants.

Twitter, twitter. Potting mix, one



of my hobby horses. I am constantly astounded by people who spend umpteen dollars on gorgeous healthy plants and then pot them into potting mix from a supermarket at about \$4.00 a bag.

At that price there can't possibly be any nutrients in it, and that's why the plants struggle. Believe me, the expensive mixes really are worth the extra money.

Twitter, twitter. Pots – terracotta versus glazed. People usually have two concerns about terracotta – does it dry out quickly and will salts leach out?

My friend Sally says to line the pots with a wad of newspaper (about 6 sheets thick). This takes ages to break down, therefore plants have a good start. As far as

the whitish marking of the salts, if you want to be anal about it, there are products to seal the inside so this doesn't occur. (Ed's not: and we always thought this was just the male dogs 'marking' the spot.)

It's good to be home. I love the beauty and tranquility of the Bega Valley.

Until next time,
Lindy Marshall



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Book Review



Maria Quinn, *The Gene Thieves*, Harper Voyager, \$24.99

This book was the 'pick of the week' in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, so I decided to give it a go. It is marketed as an 'exciting near-future thriller', and involves surrogacy and the ethical dilemmas that are involved – and not only in the 'near future' I thought to myself! An extremely wealthy, lonely and unhappy genetic scientist decides he wants to become a parent, using the frozen embryos left by his dead parents – in other words, he wants to bring to life a brother whom he will raise as his son. He has made a world changing breakthrough in gene technology which the big pharmaceutical companies will do anything to get their hands on, placing him and his friends in danger of their lives. Along the way, there are murders, kidnappings, friendships renewed and quite a few characters you'll really warm to. And it does make you think about not only the ethics, but the human costs and benefits of gene technology and, in particular, surrogacy.

This is the sort of book you can read at one or two goes and get completely lost in, as long as you suspend belief and try to ignore the more fanciful exaggerations. It's set in Sydney which helps, and for a first time novelist, it is worth a try – not the greatest book of all time, but worth the few hours you'll spend on it.

Don't forget – all the books reviewed in *The Triangle* are donated to the Bermagui library, and as always, a special plea to donate some of your own if you're having an autumn clean out.



Interesting History Lesson: from the Horse's ...

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ends of two war horses (two horse's asses).

Now, the twist to the story:

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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
annieandtrevor@hotmail.com.

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

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

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui
Country Club, with Nancy Casu, qualified fitness
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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, Turoos
Kyla Park Hall and Quaama Hall. Visitors,
Children, Musos welcome. Contact Ted Weiss on
6493 6548.

SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

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

SCOTTISH DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm:

Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room
For information phone: 6493 6538

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All parents of chn. 0-6 welcome to join.
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- 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

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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 4476 1006.

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
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FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

Date June	Event	Venue	Time
Friday 5th	Raffle	Cobargo Hotel	
Saturday 6th	Official Opening, Wandella Hall Centenary	Wandella Hall	2pm
	Bush Dance	Wandella Hall	7.30pm
	Hearty Soup Takeaway	River Rock Cafe	5-9pm
	Tilba Growers' Market	Dromedary Hotel Beer Garden	Morning
	Narooma Woodies Exhibition	Central Tilba Halls	All day
Sunday 7th	Cocktail Party	Tathra Beach Surf Club	6pm
	Mark Whitty	Tilba Valley Winery	From 12.30pm: free
	Narooma Woodies Exhibition	Central Tilba Halls	All day
Friday 12th	Poddy Dodgers Raffle	Cobargo Hotel	
Saturday 13th	QBC Country Music	Cobargo Hotel	
	Japanese Food Takeaway	River Rock Cafe	5-9pm
	Clean up	Bermagui Community Hall	10am to midday
	Tilba Growers' Market	Central Tilba Hall	Morning
Thursday 18th	Bermagui Botanical Gardens meeting	Bermagui Community Hall	3.30pm
Friday 19th	Raffle Night	Cobargo Hotel	
Saturday 20th	Italian Food Takeaway	River Rock Cafe	5-9pm
	Tilba Growers' Market	Central Tilba Hall	Morning
Sunday 21st	Sorta Brass	Tilba Valley Winery	From 12.30pm: free
Friday 26th	Raffle Night	Cobargo Hotel	
Saturday 27th	Thai Food Takeaway	River Rock Cafe	5-9pm
	Car boot sale	Bermagui Community Hall Carpark	
	Tilba Growers' Market	Central Tilba Hall	Morning



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