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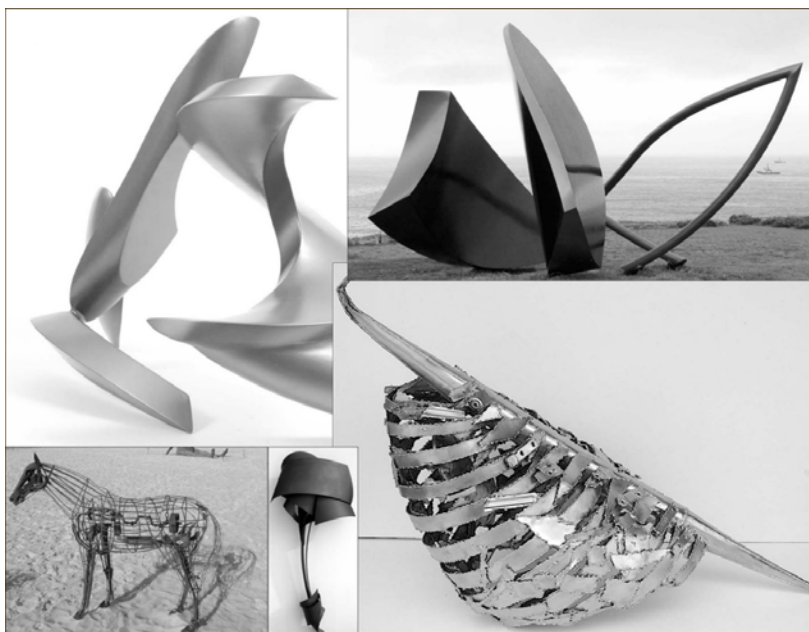
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A Feast for the Senses

Bermagui Seaside's *Sculpture on the Edge* promises a feast for the senses and imagination in 2009. Seaside's would like to thank Horizon Credit Union, Cursley Financial Services, Bega Cheese, Neilma Gantner, Rhonda Drakos, Rosemary and Tony Millard, Candelo Books, Erica Dibden, Bermagui Cellars, The Gelato Clinic, Margot Douch, Frances Perkins of Rusty Fig Winery, and the Buttsons of Mimosa Wines for their help in making this event possible. Event Manager Jan Ireland is very excited that Amanda Stuart of *Bush Pack* fame will be exhibiting one very feisty, surly girl this year and that Andy Townsend and Suzie Bleach are bringing a wonderful horse, which resembles the one at Bondi's 2008 *Sculpture by the Sea*. Also in the line-up is Bruce Radke from

Braidwood who, with Philip Spelman, will be taking work to Denmark in June, and Ayako Saito from Canberra. A contingent of

Simms will be showing their work, as will first-time exhibitor and acclaimed photographer Wesley Stacey, whose *Siren* promises to be full of surprises.



The symposium on March 15th will be held at Carolyn Killen's beautiful Ivy Hill Gallery and will feature speakers Bruce Radke, Karen Charlebois, Malcolm King of Kingstudio Ulladulla, and fire sculptor Yuri Wiedenhofer. Definitely a date for the diary, and registration for that event is essential. Please download the form from www.seasidefair.bermagui.net/features or ring Jan on 6493 3868. This year will see children's workshops run by three invited sculptors: Joy

Georgeson, Karen Charlebois and Yuri Wiedenhofer. These will take place at Bermagui Public School and Bermagui Little Lambs and Little Yuin Pre-Schools.

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Local Library Services for Vision Impaired

Funds donated or granted by the Mumbulla Foundation, Friends of the Libraries, Rotary, and Robin Hood Service Clubs, have made possible new Bega Valley Shire Library services for borrowers with low vision. These services add to the existing audio tapes and books on CD. Four devices are currently available at both Bega and Merimbula libraries. In time they will be available in Bermagui. Borrowers without good vision can now borrow an Audio Navigator© - a computerised device something like an iPod© in size but which plays audio books rather than music. It reads books straight into

the user's home speakers, ear phones or car stereo system. A borrower simply selects the book of choice from a catalogue of titles currently available from Bega or Merimbula. The chosen book is then loaded onto the device at the library, and the device is then borrowed in the normal fashion at the circulation desk. Bega Valley Friends of the Libraries, Inc. initiated the introduction of the Navigators to the Shire's library services and are seeking local donors to help purchase additional Navigators so that borrowers in the northern area of the shire can benefit.

Each device costs \$600. Anyone considering contributing all or part of the cost of a Navigator, or the cost of new book titles, is invited to telephone Helen of the Bega Valley Friends on 6494 6613. For more information about the service itself phone Ros at the Bega Library on 6499 2127. At the moment, because there are only eight Navigators in the library system, their use is restricted to borrowers with low vision. However, their potential use is enormous, for example for reluctant teenage readers, and as soon as more are available the use restrictions will be lifted.

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Editorial

Well how things have greened up with the February rains! Some areas have had over 50mm this month. We hope that your tanks and dams are filling up as more unsettled weather is predicted. Storms seem to be the February message every year, but unfortunately this year they have been incredibly damaging what with the catastrophes in Victoria and then in Queensland at the same time.

Our thoughts go out to all concerned and also thanks for those who gave extra support for Victoria from this area and other areas throughout NSW.

A Women's lunch is being organised for International Women's Day on 6th March. Details are in the paper and as there are only limited numbers available, it would be great if those interested could book and pay at Morrison's in Bermagui to avoid disappointment.

The two major events in Cobargo this month were really well attended, particularly the Folk Festival. The heat at the Cobargo Show was probably a bit overwhelming for many. Their committees as ever need congratulating for their excellence.

Now it is Bermagui's turn and entries are all being organised now for the Bermagui Seaside Fair and Sculpture on the Edge which attract close to 10,000 people to the town annually. There is a wonderful Symposium on Art and Sculpture being held on Sunday, 15th March at Ivy Hill Gallery; bookings are essential for this as a catered lunch is included in the price. All details are included in this issue.

Your *Triangle* committee is gratified to have many letters arriving regarding articles we feature, not all are complimentary but that is the essence of having a forum for this area. We will try to publish as many letters as possible from all points of view, providing they are not libelous or offensive. We also reiterate that the letters present the points of view of the writer, **not The Triangle committee**, so please no more agro phone calls about content, put it in writing for the next issue.

We must apologise for the glitch in the presentation of our paper last month which meant that a couple of ads were somewhat blurry, these things happen with a bunch of volunteers even

though our printers are very professional. Some other housekeeping is the fact that the lengthy articles are creeping back, please try to limit to 250 words, or you will get the editing pen whether it is a story or advertorial for events.

Our next issue will be the Easter one. You are being reminded that the earlier your advertisements and articles arrive, the easier it is for our Committee. Ads are finalised no later than 20th of each month and editorial on 23rd. Please do not come weeping and wailing if your tomes miss our deadlines, you have been warned yet again.



Letters to the Editors

Angophora tree decline

It's been a big month for ecological misinformation in *The Triangle*. First the beach-washed mutton bird furore, and now the bizarre explanation offered in Brogo Babble for the poor health of Angophora trees: displacement of bellbirds by noisy "minors" (sounds like the neighbours' kids on trail bikes) leading to increased insect attack on trees. In fact both Bell Miners (a.k.a. bellbirds) and Noisy Miners have similar effects on tree health by driving other insectivorous birds out of their territory, increasing insect attack on trees. But Bell Miners live in forest and Noisy Miners live in open woodland and farming areas, and their paths would seldom cross. The so-called BMAD (Bell Miner associated dieback) has been listed as a Key Threatening Process in NSW. Anyone wanting more details can look up the following web address: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/determinations/bellminerfd.htm.

No-one has yet nominated "NMAD" as a threatening process, perhaps because it doesn't threaten forestry and hence does not have an easily quantifiable economic cost. As for the Angophoras, I think the long drought is responsible for their current condition, combined with the fact that many trees exhausted their reserves by flowering profusely in 2007, only to be plunged back into drought in 2008. Not only Angophoras are affected: red gums are in a similar poor state, and many other trees, including some in forest.

I thought at first that the poor health was more pronounced in areas remote from the forested valley edges, which might imply a role for insects, since predators of insects are likely to be fewer in isolated trees. However, I have seen equally sick looking trees on the forest edges (where neither type of Miner is present), so this explanation does not hold water. Conversely, trees with access to a bit of extra water, such as the one in our yard, and ones growing close to dams, appear in better health. Hence I would pin the blame on the drought. Let's hope it ends soon, before too many more trees give up the ghost altogether.

Jackie Miles
(Ecologist) Brogo

Grateful Mum

On Friday 30th January, my five year old started 'Big School'. She had a fantastic day. There were no tears (from her anyway), no separation anxiety and no tantrums as I left. I seriously believe this is due to my daughter's three wonderful years at Bermagui Little Lambs. She has great confidence and people skills, loves socialising and LOVES school work! I would like to thank all the teachers past and present for the work they have put into helping my daughter's transition to school. It is absolutely priceless. I can NEVER thank them enough.

Kirsty Edwards
Bermagui

Koala evidence

A. Cotterill (Letters to the Editor, February 2009) has the right to express an opinion about the koala status in the south east region of NSW. However, the findings of a joint project between the National Parks Service and the local Crossing Land Education Centre and Aboriginal students from Bega High and Eden High show reality from a different perspective.

We should not discount the work of these young students who trekked through bushland to find evidence of koala habitat. They discovered that koalas are living in forests just one kilometre from logging operations in the Bermagui State Forest. The evidence was: fresh koala scat and plenty of it. Reported in Narooma News, 12 November 2008 by Vesna Andric.

These young people, who will

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Seeking Sam Sinclair

In 1904 after the Boer War ended, Sam Sinclair cycled into Bermagui and set up a Blacksmiths shop.

Over time the shop developed into a hardware and petrol stop and was a well known spot for a yarn. Sam was respected for his great kindness and sense of humour and over 60 years Sam's talents expanded to dentist, undertaker, boat-builder, fisherman, big-game weigh master, boxer, champion strongman and emergency midwife.

Although he rarely drank, Sam featured on Tooheys advertisements for half a century with his quip, 'Here's Toohey'. He died on the 21st August 1964

at the age of 82. An obituary read, 'He was a man of many roles, with a stout heart and tremendous resolution.'



In 1935 a visiting circus, in debt to Sam, left him a 1912 Minerva motorcar as security, but nobody returned to collect it. Sam stored the car in his workshop, where it lay full

of chooks until he gave it to his friend Jack Winter on condition that it was not to be sold.

50 years on, 'Minnie', as she is affectionately called, has been beautifully restored and passed down through the family. On Sunday 22nd March she will return to Bermagui, driven by Jack's Grandson Andrew.

The Minerva was an early member of the Antique and Classic Car Club which formed 50 years ago. As part of the anniversary run from Sydney, she and 30 other vintage cars will park outside the Museum for an hour. What a sight!

To help celebrate this wonderful

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be guardians of the forests in the future, expressed their genuine dismay about the impact which logging has had and will have on the koala population unless immediate actions is taken to preserve their habitats.

SERCA members support endeavours such as this. Our members work voluntarily on the ground and lobby Federal and State Members, to help empower communities who want the environment to be protected, not desecrated. There are difficulties involved with changing mindsets and laws made in haste at the expense of nature. I suggest that A Cotterill might like to get behind the people who care deeply about our beautiful flora and fauna and rejoice in its bio-diversity.

*Dr Bronte Somerset
Quaama*

Aussie Diversity & Equality

Dear Editor,

Thank you for printing Laurel Lloyd-Jones's informative and rather shocking letter. It is right that this subject is brought to the community's notice and *The Triangle* is congratulated for doing that.

We acknowledge the often difficult role police must play in

remote and regional areas with distances and lack of realistic back-up as a major constraining factor for their necessary work.

Nevertheless, new ways need to be found, utilised and practised for the mutual benefits of police, community, Kooris - and human rights.

It is not good enough that Aboriginal people are the automatic scapegoats for crime in our region. It is not good enough when a local and an off-duty policeman 'visit' an Aboriginal family to find 'something' that isn't there and never has been. Will they offer any compensation, redress or apology when the real culprit is found? It's not good enough when people shout racist

remarks across a crowded retail area. There are so many true stories that unfortunately, you could run a never-ending series of anecdotes!

Prince Harry is evidently required to enrol in a 'Diversity and Equality Course' according to news bulletins.

Perhaps it's time we developed our own Aussie Diversity and Equality Course and require attendance and qualification for those who could benefit. What do you think?

Yours sincerely,

*Marlene Wall
Wallaga Lake*

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THUMBS UP

To the Triangle residents who travelled to Victoria to help fight the fires, and to everyone who donated clothing, blankets, toys etc to those who lost all in the inferno.

To all the Brogans who so generously gave their time to pack the goods donated to the fire relief campaign.

To Tony Hayes for so generously offering to ship the goods donated to the Victorian fire relief campaign.



THUMBS DOWN

A MONSTER Thumbs Down to whoever was responsible for the mess in this photo.



Letters to the Editors (continued from page 3)

Re 'Racism in Bermagui'

Firstly I am amazed that *The Triangle* printed the article with its content that has implicated a number of families (four to my knowledge) in the Cobargo area who have two sons with one presently in the armed forces serving his country. Future articles will be taken with a grain of salt. Has *The Triangle* got any standards, or can anyone vent their ill-informed frustrations on innocent parties?

My attention was drawn to this questionably 'newsworthy' article when my son came home after being accused of being involved in a 'racist' attack in Bermagui. Who are the victims here? Ms Lloyd-Jones has obviously only spoken to one of the parties and has repeated hearsay. Why bring up an incident in 2006 which only involved one of the

Seeking Sam Sinclair

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event, Bermagui Historical Society is keen to expand its knowledge of Sam and is seeking information and memories people may have to share about his interesting life. A Sam Sinclair Display will be put on for visitors to the Museum.

The Museum would greatly appreciate the loan of any documents or old photos not previously forthcoming. They can be scanned and saved into our archive, where they will be preserved for posterity. This allows public viewing of the images without originals needing to be re-handled. All property will be promptly returned. Please call Museum photographer Dave Cotton on 6493 3800 if you have any suitable artifacts.

Local historian Marianne Hunter is also keen to talk to anybody who interacted with Sam during his life. A small collection of living memories have been recorded with the hope that it can be built upon. If you have any stories or recollections of Sam and feel comfortable in sharing them, please call Marianne on 6493 3322 after 6pm.

Closer to the 22nd of March when Sam's old Minerva returns, a free competition will be run for anybody interested in riding around the town in the Classic Car. It's all about history in the making.



parties? It doesn't do anyone justice to infer they are regularly involved in conflict unless you have all the facts. My overall sense of this letter is – 'Believe half of what you see and none of what you hear'.

Why actually print what was 'allegedly' said unless you are going to state what was said by both sides? There might have been racial taunts from BOTH parties. We are talking about two families leaving the local hotel in the early hours of New Year's Eve; they have got into a fight. A good question we might all like answered is, 'Where were the local police?' I think they were in the area. These adults should take responsibility for their own 'actions' and 'reactions' like the rest of us. I love this area we have chosen to rear our children in. I am proud of its Australian/Aboriginal heritage. It's who we are. It is sad to see people making judgments on the young people in our community

based on what *The Triangle* allows in its columns.

Mary Parson
Cobargo

Over 50's Fun and Fitness

Over 50's Fun and Fitness group, active for many years in Bermagui, is in need of new members now. Everyone can do the programme that Nancy Casu offers; our eldest member is 94 years of age and attends every week, a testament that physical activity equals health and well being. People with some disability can be included in the group, to do gentle moves to music even when seated in a chair. We work to our own capacity and the class is filled with a variety of styles and easy-to-do exercises. Cost is \$8.00 a week with the first visit free. Phone Nancy on 0412 405 076 or just come and join in at The Country Club's Fitness Centre on Tuesdays at 2pm.

Elizabeth McFadden
Bermagui



Lament for Marysville

Eucalypt and mountain ash,
etched against a blood-red sky,
crushed beneath the summer's lash,
and withered by a futile cry.

This day-dream town of dappled light,
cloaked by forest, deep and green,
lies wasted by an awful blight; empty,
brooding and obscene.

The seductive curve of shop-front path,
the tea and scones of rustic charm,
are embers in the aftermath
of loss and deeply rooted harm.

Can autumn days cool the pain?
Shall passing years temper grief?
Regrowth buds *will* shoot again,
and the ash will green the leaf.

Ian McFarlane,
February 2009



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Sheena Boughen

When did you first arrive in the Triangle?

When Bill and I bought a farm at Verona in 1990, we moved there and set it up as a dairy farm with our neighbour. I had no idea what adventures were before me, being an inner city girl!

What type of work do you do?

I have my own consulting company, and work as a strategic facilitator on social and environmental issues with large companies and the community. That means that a company will ask me to work with them to help understand how they can set up a process to get people external to the company together with their staff to design a better way of doing business. Sometimes it's with ANZ on their indigenous housing policy, or BHPbilliton on corporate responsibility listening to NGO leaders from around the world, or Reconciliation Australia planning and running their annual staff retreat. I get to work on controversial issues with people who have more in common than they think.

Obviously your work takes you away from the area. What makes

returning so special?

Well I really love where I live, the physical beauty of the coast, and the people I live with. I think to be in a place with a small population and in a rapid state of change brings out



interesting tensions and also great possibilities. I am very excited about the way in which we are designing the future here, and think the role of the arts and culture can be a great driver for sustainable growth. I love the idea that the script for the future isn't written yet ... so why shouldn't we design it and make it innovative, sustainable and profitable for all?

What do you most enjoy about living in the Triangle?

I like the silence and the natural beauty, and the optimism of the people who are putting in so much

effort for our future. The ones who believe in a low energy society, high on cultural and agricultural activities that will make money, having great fun and a rich life from encouraging diverse ways of thinking and living.

You are currently the Chair of the Four Winds Festival at Bermagui. What benefits does the community gain from this bi-ennial festival?

Our audience constantly tells us that they adore being in an outdoor amphitheatre near the beach, with the best of Australia's musicians and special ones from overseas, who surround us with the magic of classic music from around the world. For three whole days! Then they get to eat delicious local food, and be nourished by the generosity of the volunteers who plan it all with such passion and enthusiasm. Putting world class music, natural beauty and food together with friends is our definition of luxury. And the 1200 people per day who come spend a lot of money while they are here!

What leisure activities do you enjoy in the Triangle?

Listening to the surf, yoga with Lois Irwin, weights with Bear, eating and drinking with all the great cooks and gardeners, and being so inspired by the huge array of brilliant artists and crafts-people here.



Does Your Pet Have Bling?

On Saturday 14th March at 1.30 pm, the Bermagui Veterinary Clinic will once again be coordinating the popular annual Bermagui Seaside Fair Pet Pageant.

This playful light-hearted event invites pet lovers to bring along their beloved pets and compete in **one** of the following seven categories:

Special Children's Category: My Buddy & I. Children up to age 12 are invited to dress up with their pets and show us your best!

Most Glamorous Pet – *Is your Pet a Hollywood star?*

Dog with the Best Smile – *show us those shiny canines!*

Owner/Pet Look-alike Competition

Dog with the Waggiest Tail

Dog with the Most Clever Trick – *start practising!*

Pet Pageant Hall of Fame – *The Star of the Day!*

Pet Pageant Coordinator Motria von Schreiber from the Bermagui Veterinary Clinic is busily

organising final details and prizes.

'This year's theme at the Seaside Fair is BLING! We want this year's pageant to be more fun and shinier than ever, with all the pets and their owners feeling pleased and delighted.'

If you'd like more information on how your pet can participate, please contact the Bermagui Veterinary Clinic on 6493 4813. A safety reminder: to join the Pet Pageant, all animals **must be restrained** on leads, harnesses or in pet carriers.



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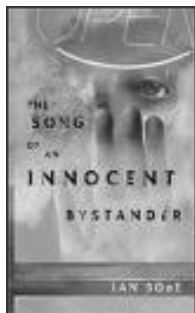
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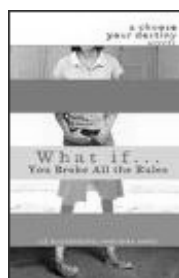
is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away - until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car. Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires - and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. (This series is very popular with young adult girls, so much so that we have 3 copies of each of the books in the series. The Movie is out at Merimbula Pictureshow Man, which is making it very hard to keep up with the demand.)

seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella. Bella

years ago. Now he must enlist the aid of his fairy friends to travel back in time and save them. Not only that, but he must face his deadliest foe yet ... his younger self.



Liz Ruckdeschel: *What if - you broke all the rules?*



with a potentially disastrous New Year's Eve party and end with what could be the spring break of her dreams.

Ann Brashares: *Girls in pants: the third summer of the sisterhood*



this series is titled *Forever in Blue*.

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Eoin Colfer: *Artemis Fowl and the time paradox*

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Pat's Piece

How saddened I was to read Laurel Lloyd-Jones's letter in last month's *Triangle*. It would seem that when it comes to Indigenous affairs we take one step forward and two back. Surely as a community we should be concerned when we see the injustice meted out to members of the Campbell family.

Gary Campbell's Mum and Dad were the first Aboriginal people I met when I came to live here. They were without doubt two of the gentlest people I have known, with great kids. All were held in high regard by all who knew them. Those same kids, along with others, visited me on a regular basis when I lived in a small cottage opposite the lagoon. Later, when I moved closer into town, on two occasions when they visited and I happened to be away, my neighbours called the police. This made them too afraid to visit me – how shameful is that!

On another occasion when I brought some friends from Wallaga Lake home for coffee after a meeting, my friend Shirley Foster said, "Aunty Pat, what will the neighbours say about us blacks being in your home?" (Aunty Pat being my adopted name, which I am very proud of). Just one example of what's been done to the self-esteem of one of the finest individuals I have known.

Also why is it that whenever

someone breaks the law here, everyone, including those in authority, presumes that it's "those kids from Wallaga Lake"? Not once in all the years those same kids visited me did anything go missing, not even a biscuit out of the biscuit jar that I kept on the kitchen bench especially for them. It is also a known fact that the break-ins etc that we have are committed by all sides of the community.

It's such a pity that, as a group of people all living in the same area, we can't just sit down together and discuss our differences. After all, hatred inevitably leads to violence and violence will never allow us to live in peace with each other. If we can't achieve some kind of communication with our fellow human beings at the village level, what hope have we got to create a better world for future generations?

To those with nothing but anger in their hearts I would say, why not visit our wonderful local library where

PUBLIC MEETING

all welcome – please come along and bring a friend

A conversation with Senator Bob Brown

Laura Tingle

chief political correspondent with the Australian Financial Review,
in conversation with Bob will cover - his photography,
the beauty of nature – environmental issues and more

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2009 1.30 PM

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Cobargo Conversations

14th Folk Festival a Winner

Record numbers of attendees turned out for the 14th Cobargo Folk Festival. This year the festival was bigger and better than ever. There were visitors from as far away as Wales (UK), Germany, Western Australia and Queensland.

Unanimous opinion appeared to be that the hits of the program were The Beez from Germany, whose energetic music brought standing



Delighted crowds at the 14th Folk Festival.
Photo: Prem Samira

ovations – almost unheard of in folk concerts.

The Yuin Folk Club committee wish to thank all the volunteers whose help is invaluable, co-ordinator Jen Van Gorder, Brian and Shirleyanne Myers who worked all weekend on ticketing and administration, Don Firth for his help, Helen Stafford who co-ordinated the Market Stalls, Athol Cairns (MC extraordinaire) who kept us all sane.

And of course our Reg whom we all love and admire for his enormous contribution to the erection of the venues.

Coral Vorbach
Festival Co-ordinator



Helping the Victorian bushfire appeal

Local Cobargo identity of 56 years, May Blacka, has been working hard raising funds for the appeal since this emergency was brought to our notice. Spending hours in her kitchen from 4am most mornings, May has made and sold pickles, relishes and jams, and peach, rhubarb and apple pies with produce from her own garden.

Thelma Salway not only gave a cash donation but has crocheted beautiful hand towels for sale at May's verandah stall and they are very fast to sell! Another local resident, Anna Koch, has given a full money box to help with relief funds.

Naturally, a number of local residents, first to see May's sign on the roadside, were buying up her wonderful pickles and pies and donating vigorously, including myself.

May would like to offer a 'challenge' to all golfers – 'to get off their butts, make an effort and help!' She believes at least some of them *must* know how to cook, sew, knit, crochet or paint and this appeal will not be over for a long while to come.

'And give up your excess golf shirts!' May asks. 'I know some of you have more than 20 of them! Any number of your excess would be welcomed by the Red Cross. Other clean, decent clothes, handbags, wallets, shoes, toys, and books will be needed.'

She goes on to say, 'I have made a lot of pies, pickles, relishes and jams – over \$300 worth to date. It's not a lot but if every golfer and others I know would help in a similar way it would help those folks who have escaped this


tragedy with only the clothes on their backs and no home, no car, no pets, and many without their loved ones. So DIG DEEP!'

All funds raised by May Blacka are being deposited with the Commonwealth Bank. 

Australia Day in Cobargo

A large crowd attended celebrations in Cobargo at the School of Arts Hall. In the absence of Brian Ayliffe as MC, Mary Williams welcomed all and continued to do a grand job. Students from Cobargo and Quaama schools shared their reasons for being proud Aussies, Mayor of Bega Valley Shire Council, Tony Allen, and local MPs shared their views. Richard Tarlinton and Henere Wilson-Fenwick were very popular choices in receiving Citizen of the Year awards. Lindey Milan, Australia Day Ambassador, entertained with her thoughts on Australia Day.

Cobargo CWA Ladies provided refreshments at the conclusion and would like to thank others in the community who generously provided a plate.

Branch News: Members of Cobargo Branch of the CWA will cater for the Quilters weekend at the Showgrounds on 7th and 8th March. 



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Cobargo Conversations

(continued)

Help the victims, but don't forget the fires!

The Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade is collecting donations for the Victorian Country Fire Authority Public Fund to help Victorian Fire Brigades to replenish supplies and equipment lost in the recent fires. You may have given generously to help the victims via the Red Cross, but the money we are collecting goes directly to the Victorian Country Fire Brigades. They, like our brigades, need to raise their own funds to purchase basic supplies.

So far \$460 has been raised from donations at the Cobargo Hotel and a large amount from the attendees of the Cobargo Folk Festival. Even young children were putting their spare change into the CFA Barrel.

If you would like to donate anything please contact Christa, Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade, on 6493 7103 and all funds will be sent on, or contact the CFA Headquarters to send your donation directly to them. Other local brigades are also collecting for this cause. △



Athol Cairns at the Folk Festival.



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Diverse works at Wolfgang's exhibition of erotica

On 14th February, Valentine's Day, the opening of the Erotic Art Exhibition was held at Wolfgang's Gallery in Cobargo.

Over 100 guests attended the event.

With the collaboration of 16 talented South Coast artists, this exciting exhibition featured over 65 artworks in diverse mediums and caught the imagination of all who attended.

Works on display included painted portraits, provocative digital photographic creations and sensual sculptures, luscious lithographs and erotic drawings, hand crafted glass works and original installations - including a "peep" box show!

Rebecca Norman commented, 'I was really impressed with the quality and diversity of the works and how the space at

Wolfgang's Gallery was used to its full potential. It was great to see and hear the laughter of so many people enjoying an evening dedicated

to pleasure and beauty'.

The Erotic Art Exhibition was a first for the region and was a very special presentation for Alice and Edward, the owners of Wolfgang's Gallery and Framing. The whole exhibition could not have been done



Farming Women, by Sarah Gardiner.

without the kind help and inspiration of Andrew and Rebecca Norman.

Special thanks to all the artists who made the exhibition possible and to the community for such a positive response and overwhelming help to make this exhibition such a huge success. △

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Tilba Bites

Welcome to March 2009. How quickly the year progresses after the summer holidays; kids go back to school and the local shows get underway. Drought has still been biting with the worry of surface water and pastures depleting. Summer storms and lightning strikes leave everyone on edge and no real rain to calm the fury. I've just come inside after watching the two kelpies, the cat, five hens, one chicken and the rooster playing and fossicking for tasty morsels amongst 300 jerseys, enjoying some fresh pick around the house yard. What a difference two weeks make with daily/nightly showers and storm rain. The kikuyu is springing, the corn has its ears outstretched and no-one is listening to me complain about the sloppy farm tracks despoiling my new motorbike. Ah well, they say the farmers are always complaining!

Phil Elton has let me know that for insurance reasons items stored under the Central Tilba Halls must be cleared out. This includes things like old theatre seats, a dunking machine, benches etc. If you are interested in over 20 years of historical and perhaps nostalgic clutter, please contact Phil on 4473 7360. Whilst on Phil, his Village maintenance crew are now doing four days a week attending to lawns, verges, roadsides, repairs on the halls, fixing/repairing of street furniture and

anything else Phil can come up with. Another crew has been working down at the Tilba Cemetery, re-aligning fences and oiling them, fixing a new gate and doing some gravel for the road. You have probably noticed how Tilba Tilba has been benefitting from Phil's work crews as well. Donations

challenges, playing music in a jazz band and enjoying sharing house with her sister Aila. Good luck Brigit as it is a challenge, but also such a great opportunity with a good and stimulating education more important than ever.

The Shows - at Cobargo our local Misty Glen Firecracker Gem won champion Jersey and also supreme champion of all breeds. At Bega Show Firecracker Gem won reserve champion and at Milton Show won champion Jersey. Back to Cobargo Show, Charles Lucas's kelpie dog Skip jumped 8 foot 3½ inches in the dog jump. All other dogs managed at least a foot less than Skip. Charles and Kelly are currently touring New Zealand looking at farming practices with a bit of spare time for sightseeing and culture. Hope you're not spending Skip's winnings!

Central Tilba's newest B&B, 'Charmed' has opened at 27-29 Bate Street. The facility is suited to a couple or two close friends and offers a spacious suite with lounge, dining, ensuite and privacy. Hosts Matt and Michelle O'Neill include a gourmet breakfast and other treats to make the guests stay special. Historically, this was the home of the first B&B in the whole Tilba District, which opened in 1984 as Nachanuka B&B.

Vale to Ina Whiffen who passed away quietly in her sleep a couple of weeks ago. A tribute to Ina, her five children and family and their lives in the Triangle is planned for next month's paper.



Drew Dibden the steer-riding kid. The steers didn't look too big from a distance, however, up close they were monsters! Good on you Drew, champion ride at the Cobargo Show.

to help Phil keep the crews going are most welcome. Phil does this on a voluntary basis (I think it gives him and Deb some positive time apart) and anything volunteered (money, tools, equipment, timber) helps to make this an on-going and positive initiative. It helps those doing community service to gain a positive sense about their time and input and perhaps learn new skills and teamwork at the same time. Don't forget that a little bit can help a lot and thanks to all the givers up to date.

Congratulations to Brigit Murane who has made the big shift to Canberra to complete her last two years of high school. Mum Lisa reports that she is enjoying all the new

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Tilba Bites (continued)

We offer condolences to all her immediate and extended family.

Thanks for listening.

Ewen Genders.



Stan Whiffen 1922–2009

Readers may recall our feature on Stan Whiffen of Tilba in *My Triangle* in September. Sadly, Stan passed away on 25 January 2009, aged 86 years.



Stan was a veteran of World War II, a proud dairy farmer who first ploughed by draft horse, and loved fishing and dancing. His strong work

ethic was the key to his success. Above all, he was regarded as a man of his word. Stan is survived by wife, Cathy, their two sons and six grandchildren. Stan died just days before Cathy and his fiftieth wedding anniversary, illustrating a strong, loving and enduring partnership. It is exemplified by his actions shortly before he died. When he was recently admitted to hospital due to deteriorating health, he pulled Cathy close to him during one of her visits and said, 'Cathy, you look beautiful today, give me another kiss. How did I find a girl like you? You're beautiful'. Stan is one of the last of his generation in Tilba, and will be missed by all who knew him.



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Silver Jubilee Tilba Easter Festival

The fun filled family day that is the Tilba Easter Festival is even more special this year as it is the 25th



Egg tossing at last year's Tilba Festival.

celebration on Easter Saturday. The organising committee is calling on everyone who has played a part in the past to make an extra effort to come back in 2009.

To celebrate the 25 year history of the Festival this year the theme is 'All Things Silver'. A children's dress up competition and prizes for the most creative silver outfit will be given on the day.

The Tilba Easter Festival is an annual highlight of the Eurobodalla Nature Coast. It is a unique event on the South Coast, taking over the entire heritage village. On offer will be entertainment and activities to suit all tastes, including street games with prizes and live music on five different stages.

The Festival is proud to be a volunteer non-profit community

project, completely free of corporate sponsorship, and dedicated to a day of fun for everyone who attends. A modest donation upon entry covers the costs of the day.

The Festival urgently needs more volunteers to help with logistics on the day. Call Pep to register on 4473 7226 in business hours please.

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Bush Fire Collection

The people of Brogo have responded to the call for help from the bush fire victims and the fire station has been a collection point for two weeks. A team of volunteers lead by Mary Elliot have spent their afternoons sorting and packaging the piles of donated goods. We now have over 50 boxes ready for transport by Hayes Transport of Bega who offered to deliver the goods to the collection centre.

Brogo artist goes international

Motria Tymkiw von Schreiber spent a week not long ago working with Cirque du Soleil in Canberra. She had the thrill of a lifetime working on over 3000 costumes for Darlton, zooming around behind the scenes sewing, glueing, fitting, and preparing the performers for each show. The hours were long, crazy schedules but such a great adventure with a fascinating glimpse into the most extraordinary magical world of Cirque du Soleil.

Dryness

Though we have had some showers to turn the earth green, the dams are still falling and Bega Valley Shire is the third driest in NSW - come on the winter rains.

Cobargo Folk Festival

Once again the Brogo contingent of musicians performed with the Bega Chamber Orchestra to a packed audience and popular acclaim. Another successful performer from the area was Daniel Champagne.



Brogans help out

A relief campaign was started on Monday 9th February, with the Brogo RFS in Warrigal Range Road opening its doors each afternoon during the week, from 4.00 to 6.00pm for two weeks, accepting donations from the



Motria von Schreiber ran away and joined the circus.

community. From the moment we opened the doors, we had goods coming in steadily each day.

All the goods were sorted, boxed and marked accordingly. Amongst the goods we received were: lots of toiletries from soaps to perfume; boxes of cutlery; kitchenware, including a coffee machine, cups and coffee, crockery, glassware, toaster, mugs, etc; several boxes of woollen blankets, doonas, bedspreads, doona/pillow cases, sheets, towels; stacks of woollen jumpers, many of which appeared to be brand new; several boxes of ladies', men's and boy's clothing; shoes; hats; gloves; socks; books, soft toys; babies' blankets and sheets, and a box full of babies' cloth nappies; a heater, boxes of sports gear and sports bags, and plastic chairs.

We were quite overwhelmed by the generosity of the community effort and also by those who came regularly to assist in the packing of the goods.

Tony Hayes of Hayes Haulage

has very kindly volunteered to take the goods down to either Whittlesea or Churchill, or wherever else he is advised by the powers that be in Victoria. Tony will be leaving Bega on Sunday 1st March, arriving on the Monday.

So, many, many thanks and cheers to all those Brogans who contributed to the relief campaign, and to all those Brogans who helped with the boxing and packing of the goods. And many thanks to all the other people who also contributed generously.

Mary Elliott

Beer 'n' Chat Nite

Bogo RFS is holding a Beer 'n' Chat Nite at the Brogo RFS on Warrigal Range Road, on Friday 13th March 2009 starting 6.00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle at \$2 per sausage, and a lamb on the spit at \$3.00 per lamb and gravy roll. Salads will also be on offer, as well as tea and coffee. BYOG.

All monies raised on the evening will go to the Victorian Bushfire Relief Campaign.

Come on Brogans - we need you there and we need your support. Also, anyone else who would like to attend will be more than welcome as we would like to have a big turn out to show our support to those Victorians who have lost their homes and to those who lost their lives.

Thanks again.

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Quintessentially Quaama

Apologies for the lack of a QQ last month as I was enjoying myself visiting relatives on the Mornington Peninsula.

Though we are nearing Easter, I still had to mention our Quaama Christmas Party (held in the Park due to the renovation work at the Hall). It was a wonderful afternoon, with the children entertaining us with music with help from local music teacher Greg Ough. Santa was fantastic as usual; it was a wonderful moment to have all stand around the tree for a Christmas photo. Congratulations to Doreen Blanchfield who won the raffle. Well deserved! Thank you to the Quaama Hall Committee and Santa for a wonderful celebration.

Debbie Dale is pictured here in her 'Where is Quaama' T-shirt when on holiday with her husband Ron, visiting her sister in Colorado in February last year. On one occasion the temperature reached -30 degrees! They also 'ragged-out' with the drummer from The Beach Boys! Thanks Debbie for the photo. Who'll be next to show off our Quaama T-shirt in far off lands?

You may have noticed two smiling and very happy people celebrating around our Triangle area recently: Brett Horne and Rachel Miller.



Brett's mother and father, Joan and Earle are proud to announce their recent engagement. We all wish them congratulations and warmest wishes for future happiness. Local Cobargo Pony Club representatives Sam, Jacob, Mikala and Alex Hutteroth with Tiffany Street and Tegan McGrath (Cobargo) came third overall in the Michelago Sporting competition held at Bredbo over 31st January and 1st February. Also, Mikala won the 13-year old comp. Congratulations for being fabulous representatives for our area. Special thanks to Mum, Margaret, for your consistent support of these talented kids. Quaama School bid a sad goodbye to our Principal of the past three years, Mrs Suezanne Bourke last December as she was transferred to Candelo. Our loss is their gain. Whilst awaiting a replacement, we have the pleasure of Mrs Jenny Hobbis as Acting Principal and welcome Mr Nick Snell who is currently teaching year 5-6. It's a pity he's only here for this term. That brilliant golfer, Murray Gibbs, has done it again winning the Monthly Medal for February at the Bega Country Club. Rumor has it that he's been invited to play in the upcoming Bega Cheese ProAm at Tura Beach. Stay focused and do us proud!

Finally work has begun on the ramp at Quaama Anglican Church. Local craftsman Peter Wellington is photographed on the job. Hopefully the toilet plans will come to life next.

Quaama School of Arts Committee members Caroline, Pam and Ros have applied for a \$50,000 grant that they have calculated will enable completion of the restumping and renovation of the kitchen. Good on you ladies and thank you for your ongoing commitment. In other news from the committee, plans for a bus shelter are under final consideration

and Council has preapproved installation of a power supply in the Park, and a new fence. It's great to see some \$\$\$ being spent in our village! We wish a speedy recovery to new Quaama residents Emma Hudson, her father and passenger Matt who were injured in a serious accident on 16th February near the Bega Lookout. We also look forward to seeing Dave Cowan home from hospital and back on his verandah in Lily's loving care.

So, signing off for this month. Don't forget to call me with your news for the April (Easter) edition by the 20th of the month.

Letitia Carroll; 6493 8507 (thanks to Veronica for her 'secretarial' services!)



Peter Wellington on the job.



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Bermi Banter

Little Yuin addition

Construction of the long awaited Family Centre at Little Yuin Pre-School is nearing completion. Planning was started way back in 2000 by Aunty Shirley Foster and Gabrielle Powell, Project Development Officer, and after a long and arduous journey, the dedicated Little Yuin team is now organising the Official Opening, to be announced soon.

The new facility is an extension of the Pre-School and, with the emphasis on family, includes space for counselling and for children up to 8 years of age and their parents to share educational and creative projects. The Centre (4473 7927) is looking for secondhand office furniture – filing cabinets, chairs, tables, etc – and any donations would be gratefully received.

Lions roaring again ...

Roaring ahead, that is, with a homestay program for Victoria's fire victims. Bermagui Lions Club is seeking expressions of interest from householders in our Triangle area who are willing to host singles, couples or families for short holidays in our beautiful, green part of the world. Bermi Lions are liaising with Victorian Lions Clubs to give some respite to those who have lost everything. If you feel you are able to offer accommodation for a few days or a week, please contact Chris and Doreen Goldhagen on 6493 3675 or email: goldhagen@aapt.net.au.

First aid training course

The Bermagui Community Centre Management Committee has

organised a two-day First Aid Training Course (maximum 20 persons) and invites community members to attend.

Dates: Friday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 24 – 9am to 4.30 pm

Trainer: Malcolm Lucas, SCFAS Bega.

Cost: \$110 per person (prepaid)

Place: Bermagui Community Centre

Bookings through CTC in the Centre, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.



Gillian Taylor back at Montreal

'International Patron' of the Montreal Goldfield community project, Gillian Taylor, is once again in Australia. She comes from South Brent, Dartmouth, south-west England.

Gill stays in Bermagui with Ted and Del Hutt when she is in Australia and has been involved with the Montreal project since its planning stage, even before the first post-hole was dug for the perimeter fence. Taking a tour of the Goldfield each time she is here keeps her up-to-date with the innovations and additions that add to the unique presentation of the site.



Gillian, a joy to have her back.

The fundraising effort of 'money for the dunny' made her laugh and started her financial contributions to the project.

Last year she bought one of Bill Shaw's Montreal money-boxes and took it back to England with her. It sits in pride of place in her kitchen and creates lots of comments and interest from her friends who want to hear the 'Montreal' story. The box holds all Gill's 20p change after shopping and after exchange into Australian currency it came to well over \$100.

It's a real joy to have Gilli back with us again and we thank her for her support and interest in our special attraction.



RCVP Invites New Members to Join in Exciting Training and Activities

David Gelme, the Divisional Commander for the Bermagui Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (RCVP), and Aaron van Kampen, Skipper and Education Officer, want to raise the profile of Bermagui RCVP and the valuable and often demanding, but exciting, rescue work it undertakes.

They are aiming to broaden the base of recruitment and will be concentrating on providing training for members. Accredited training is provided by the RCVP free to members who wish to become radio operators and/or crew up to skipper level.

Aaron, who has a military background in the infantry and two years with the commandos, and returned to civilian life a few years ago

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RCVP Invites New Members

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at the age of thirty, is the driving force behind education and training activities. He says, 'I am proud to say that there are a number of female members in the Bermagui squad, with three relatively new ladies currently undergoing crew training.

'Trainees can work up to their own level and pace and many believe that they have improved their physical and mental fitness by taking part. Female crew members are usually physically able to undertake the same roles as the men, so long as they are trained in the correct techniques. A bonus is the opportunity to train on the James T Lees, an ex-police boat with a top speed of 22 knots and good capability in up to extreme conditions, in the beautiful waters off Bermagui'.

Recently in front of a crowd of spectators and vessels the 'Lees' gave escort into Bermagui Harbour to the futuristic and world record breaking vessel *Earthrace*. On board were David Gelme along with Barry Harrison

(Merimbula Divisional Commander), and Ian Noomets from Narooma Division.

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Global Love and a Bermagui Wedding

The wedding of Katie Callaghan from Bermagui and Daniel Lopez-Lomeli from Mexico City occurred on Saturday 17th January at Mill Beach Cuttagee. They met at a bus stop outside the metro in Rome, Katie having travelled overnight on the ferry from Barcelona Spain with a girlfriend (bridesmaid Emma Horsman) and Danny having travelled overnight by train from Vienna with his childhood friend Juan Carlos.

They were both looking for the same Youth Hostel in Rome and that's where the four spent the next four days unexpectedly exploring Rome together. Later the four travelled on through Florence where Danny planned to leave some of his father's ashes of in the vicinity of Michelangelo's 'David', as Carlos was an artist who had studied as a student under the wings of Diego Rivera. By the time the four had reached Vienna

love was in the air and eventually Katie and Danny reunited in Germany and again in Mexico City on Katie's way home.

Over the next four years, every university semester break was spent in each other's hemispheres, culminating in the decision by Danny to abandon his architecture scholarship in Mexico City for love and the long immigration process to enable him to be united with Katie for good.

The couple are setting up home in St Kilda where Katie starts at The Alfred Hospital as a 'new grad' registered nurse and Danny in hospitality in a Spanish restaurant in Chappell Street while waiting for Australian residency to enable him to finish his degree in Melbourne.

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Daniel Lopez-Lomeli of Mexico City and Kathleen (Katie) Callaghan of Bermagui.

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Bermagui has a committee which has been working hard investigating the possibility of installation of a 1KW Residential Solar Power System with an outlay of less than \$2000 after the Government Rebate.

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Art in The Triangle

Easter Art Show at Tilba Festival again

Put Easter Thursday night into your calendar for the busy Easter season – kicking off with the opening of the Gulaga Art Show, at Central Tilba Big Hall on April 9th, from 6pm onwards.

Now in its fourth year, local artists of the South Coast can again participate in the Gulaga Art Show, which is a great competition and exhibition run as part of the 2009 Tilba Festival. The inspiration or theme for the public art exhibition each year is Gulaga – the sacred mountain dominating the Tilba landscape. The 2009 theme is 'Gulaga – Standing in the Power of the (Mother) Mountain'. All types of artwork can be included in the exhibition, ranging from paintings and sculpture, carvings and ceramics, to poetry, performance pieces and more. Exhibitors need to drop their art pieces to the Big Hall on Easter Wednesday 8th April, between 9am and 12noon.

International Women's Day Luncheon

Date:	Friday, March 6, 2009 from 12.30 to 2.30 pm
Venue:	Morrison's on Lamont, 14 Lamont Street, Bermagui
Theme:	Women and Reconciliation – Starting Locally
Special Guests:	Muriel Campbell and Pat Thompson
Cost:	\$16.00 pp for choice of lunch mains, dessert or coffee. Drinks extra. Morrisons is licensed.
Payment:	Please bring cash, we'll collect at the door.
Bookings:	Please call 02 6493 3165 – only 46 seats available.

There will also be an entry form to fill in. Entry fees of \$10 per adult and \$3 per child/young person will be charged to help with administration costs. Gulaga Gallery next door will also have entry forms available.

'We need people to sit in the Hall over Easter with the exhibition, so the entry fee can be waived if people give four hours of their time to assist with this', said Virginia Sada.

As per previous years, there will be a people's choice voting system operating over Easter. The exhibition will be open 10am – 5pm on Easter Friday through to Monday 4pm. There will be two sections: adults, with a \$200 prize being offered, and young entrants (up to age 18), with a \$50 prize offered. Multiple entries are permitted, but an entry fee must be paid for each entry. The prizes will be awarded on Monday evening, to allow for maximum viewing and voting time. For further information or to obtain entry forms, call Virginia on 0419 200 737 or email vyork@bigpond.com.

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Zephyrs Performing Arts Group increasing its invitation mailing list

Zephyrs is a non-profit local organisation, established to present non-mainstream, professional, performing arts here on the Far South Coast. We choose performers at the peak of their genre as recognised by their peers and the market. Most of

the performers come from the capital cities, as this is where their work is. Our artists are Australians at the height of their careers and many have appeared overseas on numerous occasions. This is our seventh year of presenting '5 star' artists to our community. Our aim is to present one jazz concert and one theatre performance each year. On 24th May, 2009 we will present a quartet headed by singer Tina Harrod from Sydney performing improvised jazz music standards and, in October, a theatre group from Canberra. All of these performers love their art form and you will see this in the professionalism and passion they exhibit on stage.

We are currently negotiating with another group of contemporary jazz musicians for a major performance in 2010. Venues are chosen to suit budget, audience size and the performance group. Theatre performers have come from Melbourne and include Andreas Litras, Kevin Summers, Marita Wilcox, Gillian Hardy and Chris Bunworth. Performances are usually followed by a glass of wine and finger food. Invitations are sent by email or post if you prefer.

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Local performing artist Tony King, from Fairhaven, wowed the crowd as always with his ensemble Beautifully Mad, at the Cobargo Folk Festival last month.
Photo: Prem Samira

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Contemporary French Ceramics

Below are images of some of the works you will see at a new exhibition at Narek Galleries this month. The exhibition of Contemporary French Ceramics will be opened by Pierre Labbe, Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of France, on 28th February 2009. The exhibition will run until the end of March.



Left, right and below are some exquisite ceramics by French artists, showing at Narek Galleries this month.



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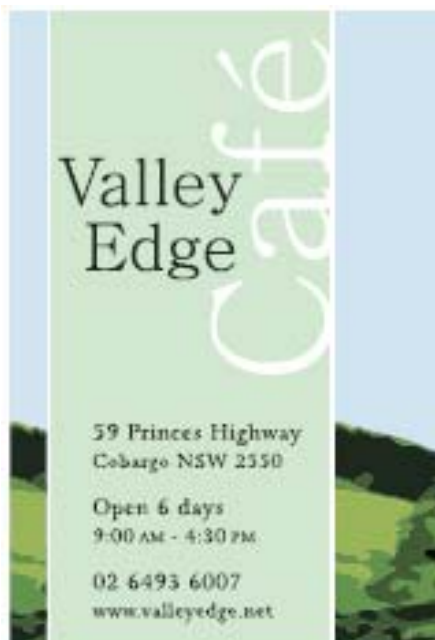
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Soft Footprint Recipes



This month I found some lovely Golden Nugget pumpkins that are grown locally and tried them several ways.

Their round shape lends to cutting them in half, filling and baking.

Golden Nugget Bake

Cut in half and scoop out the seeds, make the bottom level by cutting it flat. Fill with peas and a decent dollop of butter, some chopped mint, a dessert spoon of water and pepper and salt. Cover lightly with aluminium foil and place in a moderate oven till the pumpkin is cooked, about half an hour. These are nice with a roast or barbeque.

For a meal in a shell fill with a savoury mince, any leftovers or a good curry and bake. You can get carried away and cover the filling with mashed potatoes. Grate a little parmesan cheese on top and you have a good meal. Nice too with vegetables in season cooked in a cheese sauce and then baked.

Onion and Thyme Marmalade

This makes 1 litre.

2 kg onions cut into rings
3 cups malt vinegar
6 peppercorns
2 bay leaves

3½ cups firmly packed brown sugar

2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves

1 teaspoon salt

10 sprigs of thyme 3cm

Place the onions and vinegar in a large pan. Put the bay leaves and peppercorns in a square of muslin or a new Chux and tie up. Add to the pan, bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 40-45 minutes, or until the onion is very soft.

Add the sugar, thyme leaves and 1 teaspoon of salt. Stir until all the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 20-30 minutes, or until thick and syrupy. Skim any scum off with a slotted spoon. Discard the muslin bag and stir in fresh thyme sprigs. Spoon pulp immediately into sterilised jars, top up with the syrup and seal the jars. Label and date. Leave for a month before opening to allow flavours to develop.

To sterilise jars: place clean jars on a tray in the oven at 110 degrees for 20 minutes. Place lids in a bowl and pour boiling water over them, drain in a colander.

Try it with fresh crusty bread and camembert cheese ... good for a picnic or drinks.

Carol Broadhead

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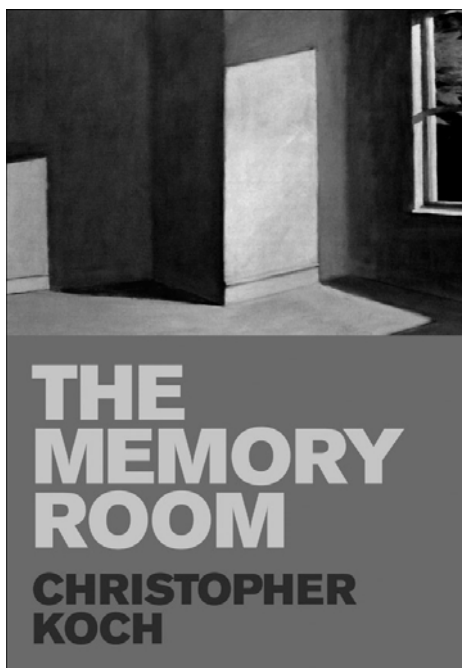
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Book Review



Christopher Koch,
The Memory Room,
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Many of you will remember *The Year of Living Dangerously*, if not for the book itself, then for the great film of the same name. Now Christopher Koch has repeated what he did in that book for helping us understand Indonesia, with this terrific novel, set in China and Canberra in the 1980s. It is a multi-layered book, centered on three main characters who were childhood friends in Tasmania, and who became entangled in the intrigues of ASIS, ASIO, and the KGB. I found it a bit slow to get moving, but once into it, found it equally hard to put down. The themes of obsession and secrecy are explored through the development of the characters, and their roles in the Australian Foreign Service in the dying days of the Cold War, and on the eve of the transformation of both the Soviet Union and The People's Republic of China. There are wonderful scenes of life inside China, and equally fascinating descriptions of Canberra



(and the Monaro) which will be familiar to most of us who live so close. I'm sure you'll enjoy this, and like me, it may provoke you to re-read Koch's earlier award winning books.

For those who haven't been to the Bermagui library for a while – drop in – you'll be surprised at how the collection is growing!

Heather O'Connor



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Garden Magic



'My Country'

Gardening in February may be summed up in a few words - trees died, shrubs fried and vegetables bolted to seed. I recited 'My Country' to myself every time I went outside.

What an incredible climate we live in. One end of the country is drowning and the other end is burning, so I suppose our garden problems are fairly minor. Nonetheless, it's hard to see our favourite shrubs shrivelling through the combination of heat and lack of water.

The fundamentals of gardening – fertiliser, mulch and water – will protect your plot to a certain degree, but these principles are becoming increasingly difficult for those of us who aren't on town water.

Nonetheless, I still won't resort to those so-called water holding crystals and other related products because they're petroleum based.

What I've done is had a big clean-up and thrown out all that stuff in pots that I keep meaning to plant, but never get around to. Besides that, the earth is so hard I swear I need a bobcat to dig a hole. Anyway there's a bit of a water saving in sacrificing plants that are runty or not really healthy.

I wouldn't be pruning anything for a month or so because as unsightly as some of the foliage is, it will protect the leaves that are coming on in the event of another hot spell before autumn.

Don't forget the Bermagui Seaside Fair. If you have any questions I'll be on the Potoroo Palace stand. Go figure.

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G'day Fisherpeople!

Well things have started to pick up offshore. After a quiet start the Marlin have finally shown up, with several caught recently.

Kingies and Bonito are being caught at Montague Island although seals can be a nuisance; I've fished the island several times recently and caught plenty of fish but kept very few over legal size. Some customers have been more fortunate with a lady from Churchill, Victoria, catching a very nice kingie of 88cm as well as some good snapper and morwong.

There have been plenty of sharks about. One angler hooked a nine foot hammerhead half a mile off Bermagui entrance.

I hooked and lost a mako on the 12 mile reef, around 180-200 kilos, a fortnight ago.

Other anglers have caught makos, bronze whalers and hammerhead recently. Bottom bouncing has improved as well; one customer recently had a good day out catching 33 tiger flathead, ten morwong and 15 snapper on the six mile reef. The Six Mile and Brothers reefs have also been producing some fair catches.

The surf has slowed a little after the mad Christmas rush of salmon, where customers were catching them by the dozen up and down the coast. However bream and salmon are still about.

The Estuaries are fishing very well; last weekend I fished Wapengo with my boys for ten bream over a pound and seven good flatties up to two kilos.

The Bermagui River is fishing well at present, customers report good flathead between the bridge and downstream to the entrance, particularly in the evening.

My young fella Billy caught his first good dusty flathead off the corner the other night, around 65cm.

Things are looking very promising for the upcoming comps, the sea is alive with baitfish so hopefully we are in for a promising game fishing season.

All the best and good fishing.

Malcolm Stubbs

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hall. Contact Graham Parr on 6493 6795, Jim
Abraham on 6493 6668

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

TILBA GROWERS' MARKET

Grow it, Make it, Bake it, Sew it begins each Sat., 8am
to 1pm in Central Tilba Hall. Tables may be shared
so book with Annie Eldridge on 44737338 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.

Bermagui Country Club Amateur Art and Craft
Group: Monday mornings: Porcelain Art, Tuesday
Mornings: Needlework/Patchwork and Art, Thurs.
am: Embroidery and Leadlighting, Fri. am:
Pottery, Friday pm - 2nd and 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 MARKETS

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. each month at Cobargo Hotel at 7.00pm for
7.30pm.

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI SEASIDE FAIR

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

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

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

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

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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.

SOPHIAN Gnostic CIRCLE

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

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Quaama - Wednesdays by prior arrangement.
Enquiries: 0428 667 924

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

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

DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

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Enquiries ph. Elizabeth Farnsworth 02 4473 8413.

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Bermagui. Pastors Gary & Michele Tyrrell 6493 6483

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.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings 1st Hole, Narooma Golf Club, 2nd Tuesday
of the month, 7.00 pm. 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 - 4.00 pm. New players always
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Sunday 1 March	Free live music: Scarlet	Tilba Valley Wines	1pm
Fri 6th	International Women's Day Lunch. Guest speakers: Pat Thompson & Muriel Campbell	Morrison's on Lamont	12.30 - 2.30pm
Friday 13th	Beer 'n' Chat Fundraiser for Victorian bushfire victims	Brogo RFS	6pm
Saturday 14th	Amnesty International Rock for Rights fundraiser	Waterfront Hotel Moruya	1pm till late
Sunday 15 March	Free live music: Heartbeat	Tilba Valley Wines	1pm
	Laura Tingle in conversation with Bob Brown	Bodalla Public School Auditorium	1.30pm
	Art Symposium Enq. Jan Ireland 6493 3868	Ivy Hill Gallery	
Sunday 22nd	Ken Churchill	The Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30pm
APRIL			
Sunday 5th	Dan Hanrahan & the Roadsiders	The Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30
Sunday 5 April	Free live music: Rattlesnake Shake	Tilba Valley Wines	1pm
Wenesday 8th	Delivery date Tilba Easter Art Show Tilba	Big Hall Central	TBA
Thursday 9th	Opening night Tilba Easter Art Show	Big Hall Central Tilba	TBA
Saturday 11th	Silver Jubilee Tilba Easter Festival	Bate Street Central Tilba	All day

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