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Let's Keep the Tradition Going

Do you have a quiet and reliable horse? Would you and your horse like to lead the ANZAC Day march in Cobargo?

For several years Warren Davis and Keith Salway (pictured) have been proudly leading the march in their uniforms of the 7th Light Horse. However, they were sadly missing from this year's march, and we need two or more people, 16 years of age or older, male or female, to carry on the tradition.

You will be provided with a uniform and the necessary training, but you will need to provide your own horse. If you are interested, then please get in touch with the Secretary of the Cobargo RSL, Malcolm Elmslie, on 6493 6787.

What was the 7th Light Horse?

The Light Horse Regiment was a key part of Australia's forces in World War One. As mounted infantry, the Light Horse were a cross between cavalry (troops who fought on horseback) and mounted infantry (troops who used horses only to ride to battle). They fought dismounted, like mounted infantry, but were organised like cavalry, and carried out certain roles such as scouting and screening on horseback.



Warren Davis and Keith Salway leading the march

Until 1918 they did not carry swords and so could not function as cavalry, although they could sometimes carry out a mounted action using their bayonets, as at Beersheba in 1917.

The 7th Light Horse Regiment, whose memory is perpetuated by the riders who attend ANZAC Day marches from Batemans Bay to Eden and inland as far as Harden, was the regiment in which the majority of the

Light Horsemen from this part of NSW enlisted. It saw action at Gallipoli, and in Egypt and Sinai-Palestine between December 1914 and June 1919. It was one of three regiments comprising the 2nd Light Horse Brigade. At least one name on the Cobargo Memorial is that of a 7th Light Horseman – FG Motbey. The 7th Light Horse Regiment suffered 820 casualties overall, including 165 killed.

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Shorebird nesting season underway on South Coast beaches



Pied oystercatcher chick (photo: John Perkins)

National Parks and Wildlife Service rangers have urged South Coast beachgoers to watch out for vulnerable and threatened nesting shorebirds. NPWS Ulladulla Shorebird Recovery Co-ordinator Jodie Dunn has asked local beachgoers and particularly dog walkers to be aware that this year the shorebird breeding season has started a little early.

'Please minimise disturbance to the breeding areas as chicks are very vulnerable to trampling. Shorebird chicks are about the size of a golf ball and are brown and fluffy', she said. Ms Dunn said the South Coast is lucky to be the home of four threatened species of shorebirds. They are the Hooded Plovers, Little Terns, Pied Oystercatchers and Sooty Oystercatchers. All are listed on the Threatened Species Act 1995.

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Editorial

What to start with this month: the weather, the looming end of the year or the sad slide into reality? Let's start with that.

Forty years ago the saying was 'Save Water - Shower with a Friend' nowadays it's 'Save Water - Shower with a Bucket!' What a sad indictment on our life.

Where are those spring rains? It is awful watching the pastures turning brown again. Hot north westerlies just suck the moisture out of the ground. If we don't get rain soon it's going to be a shocker of a season.

Only another month before the end of the year, time just seems to fly past. Our December issue will as usual be combined with a January issue, so our editorial close off for the Dec/Jan issue will be Monday December 3. It will be a bumper issue with plenty of reading to keep you going over the summer. While we are on *The Triangle*, we would welcome anyone in the community who is interested in joining the committee, especially if you have a computer, are interested in attending events in the Triangle area, taking photos and putting the odd word to paper.

There were a couple of fatalities on our roads this last month and there has been a call to have the speed limit lowered on the section of the Princes Highway from south of the Bermagui turn off at Tilba to Dignams Creek. Dianne and Tony Pye have already broached the matter with the RTA. Their response in a letter dated 12 June 2004, was: 'Speed limits are set on State arterial roads with the objective to provide efficiency for the transportation industry and vehicle mobility, whilst maintaining a balanced degree for road safety.' (Who writes these letters? Vehicle mobility?) There are 13 concealed driveways on that stretch, the road is narrow and winding and very beautiful. Why not lower the speed limit; it's only about 10 kilometres so 'transportation efficiency' would be held up for what, maybe four minutes!

Film preview

Shadowplay

by Gillian Norman

A challenging perspective on 9/11

Small Hall, Central Tilba,

Saturday Nov. 10, 7pm.

Bookings: John 9949 8936

And a final word from Kiwi: Why are all the All Blacks and Wallabies drinking out of saucers? Cos everyone else is drinking out of cups.



Letters to the Editors

AWAs: answers please?

So we now have yet another academic study, this time by the University of Sydney's Workplace Research Centre, that shows WorkChoices and AWAs are bad for Australian workers and families. Of course, the outcome of this latest study is completely consistent with the conclusions of every other similar academic study of Howard's workplace laws that has been undertaken to date.

And yet again we have the Workplace Relations Minister, Joe Hockey, criticising such a study because its cost has been funded or partly funded by a state government or a union or some other organisation.

You would think then that the solution to Joe's problem would be obvious – the Howard Government should itself commission and fund an academic study and provide the researchers with access to the whole body of AWA data that is held by the Government. However everyone, including Joe Hockey, knows why the Federal Government won't do that – because the Federal Government knows that any competent academic study in this area will clearly reveal that Howard's AWAs are bad for hundreds of thousands of Australian workers.

Roger McEvoy
Narooma

Just too busy

This week I received (undoubtedly at public expense) a letter from my local member, The Hon. Gary Nairn MP, Special Minister of State. It is a plaintive kind of autobiographical letter, but what made me see red was a P.S. (written as if it were a personal note to me) which said: *My staff and I are always available to hear from you and assist in any way.*

My experience with Mr Nairn has been anything but helpful. I called his office about a matter I was involved in that was, I believed, of considerable importance to the Eden-

Monaro electorate. I simply wanted to talk with him and perhaps get some assistance, or at least brief him on the matter so he would know what was happening. His support might have added weight to heritage and tourism prospects in the south of the electorate.

But his office said he was a very busy man. He has parliamentary obligations, he is a Minister you know, etc, etc, and asked me to send by email details of what I wanted to talk about. I dutifully sent a long email on 26th June last year to someone in his office called Andrew Heath. But nobody ever got back to me. Not as yet, anyway. My local member was just too busy with his duties to phone me or even bother to acknowledge receipt of my request.

John Blay
Queanbeyan

Water issues

Large areas of the south east are facing a water crisis which will only get worse under climate change. Threats to water quality and availability are escalating, but some simple measures can be taken to combat it. I am a firm believer in demand reduction and smarter water use as the most sustainable and cost effective solutions to water scarcity. However, these low tech solutions continue to be overlooked by governments in favour of monumental infrastructure projects.

I am an economist and I know that cheap water for big users causes excessive water consumption, with few heavy users paying the full cost of their water. We need a system of water pricing that is fair to lower income households, but dramatically increases the cost of excessive water use.

Large parts of the south east have again been drought declared. While it can be difficult to untangle the impacts of climate change from long-term drought, it is clear that lower rainfall is already a fact of life in some regions. While families and individuals can make an important contribution to water saving, Governments must make improved water efficiency in industry and agriculture the highest priority.

Keith Hughes
(Greens Candidate for Eden Monaro)
Tathra

My Triangle

A chance to meet the locals and learn their thoughts and feelings on living in "The Triangle"

Jo O'Connor

Rosemary interviewed Jo, who was thrilled to be asked to contribute as her daughter Madison was helping with the children's page until school studies got in the way.

When did you arrive in the Triangle?

May 30th, 1988 after I vowed not to spend another winter in Melbourne.

Did you know anyone?

No, I didn't. I came here without a job and decided after three weeks and seeing Camel Rock that this is where my heart is and that I would stay. I had to call up my friend in Sydney as I had a job to go to and was planning to share a flat with her.

What do you like best about the Triangle?

The pace or lack thereof after the city, the feeling of community and the clean air.



Do you enjoy having your own successful business in the Triangle?

Yes, I love that it is centred around food and I love increasing people's food experiences and knowledge of different foods, fruits and vegetables.

Worst aspect of life in the Triangle?

Clothing or lack thereof, especially as I am tall. Lack of educational opportunities for my children.

Best aspects of family life in the Triangle?

Everyone is an Aunty or Uncle to my children and they are safe here but can still be aware of the dangers which could be around them.

Who would you most like to sit next to on a long bus trip?

Robyn Davidson, the camel lady, who wrote *Tracks*. The Dalai Lama, he'd uplift me with his chuckle. Someone with lots of chocolate.



Thumbs Up



To the RTA workers keeping us safe when our highways are closed due to shocking accidents, and to Julie Welsh for thinking to give the RTA boys a cold drink when they had to stand in the heat directing the traffic.

To the Cobargo Tourist & Business group for promoting Cobargo in Victoria.

To the good rapport between bike riders and locals.

To the BVSC for response and consultation with the community over the BBQ shelter in Quaama.

Thumbs Down



From Leo – to all levels of government for constantly ignoring the need for respite care for people with a disability.

To whoever damaged the new plants in Quaama park.



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Rare South Coast Koala Sighting Sparks Intensive Survey



Wayne Bell and Erikka Luff from the Bega Aboriginal Land Council help in the preliminary study after the sighting of a female koala and her baby.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has announced it will supervise one of the most intensive koala surveys ever conducted on the far south coast.

The survey comes in response to the sighting of a female with a young koala on her back by two Koori men, Wayne Bell and Daniel Jones, in Mumbulla State Forest, near Wapengo, in August. The sighting represents the first record of a breeding koala on the far south coast in twelve years. This triggered a preliminary field study involving Forests NSW (FNSW) and DECC as well as local residents and members of the Koori community. This study found evidence of fresh koala droppings at 19 different sites. △

New Zoning Laws for Batemans Marine Park

NSW Marine Park rangers working along the South Coast are currently busy educating and advising park users about the new zoning laws.

Acting Manager of the park, Sue Brown, said that yellow buoys mark

the entrance to all sanctuary zones in all of the estuaries, and land based zone boundary signs, currently being installed, will assist land based fishers to recognise and navigate around these 'no-take' areas. △

SCPA News

SCPA (Sapphire Coast Producers' Association Inc.) has emerged with renewed energy and will grow to be a major vehicle for assisting sustainable development in the South East of NSW. A new executive committee was recently elected: Carole Broadhead (President), Paul Davis (Vice President), Kym Mogridge (Treasurer), Geoffrey Grigg (Secretary), Cliff Cochran (Markets), John Champagne (Media), Lynndal Tock (Food) and Andrew North (Technology).

Primary activities included:

Farmers Markets, Community Gardens, On Farm Markets, Networking & Communication, Field Days, Rural Tourism.

SCPA aims to attract funding to support these regional developments, building on the great work its members have done over the years.

SCPA is working towards sustainable communities and increased food production in the region, in partnership with Austcom (www.australiancommunities.org.au) and Clean Energy for Eternity

South East NSW Clean Energy Expo 2007

Clean Energy for Eternity is proud to announce the first NSW regional Clean Energy Expo on 9th and 10th November at the Bega RSL Club. Entry is free.

Leading Australian and International brands will stand alongside the SE region's own leading companies to showcase their clean energy products and services. Seminars and case studies will run throughout the Expo.

Friday will focus on topics of interest to business and trade, Saturday will focus on topics of interest to the general public.

Confirmed case studies include a unique presentation of a Bega Valley-based community-owned solar farm, and confirmed seminars include a presentation of Al Gore's Climate Project.

At noon on Saturday a special Schools Forum will allow primary and secondary school children from Cobargo, Bermagui, Bega and the Snowy River and Eurobodalla Shires to present their own solutions to our biggest environmental challenges. For further information please contact Sascha Saharov on 0407 203 489 or email u4185866@anu.edu.au. △

(www.cleanenergyforeternity.net.au). These three organisations are working together also to produce a monthly journal – SUSTAIN – a 10,000 copy, free magazine, which will be launched in November throughout Eden-Monaro. SCPA is also working closely with Far South Coast Community College (www.learningworks.org.au) and SERTEC (www.sertec.com.au) to develop education and work training opportunities. △

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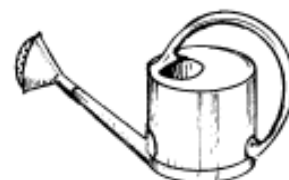
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Kyoto: To join or ignore? An important question

The Kyoto Protocol represents the only serious effort to look at a global solution to tackling climate change. Most countries around the world have joined, and most countries are expected to meet their targets by 2012.

Kyoto works on two main assumptions. Countries that have been most responsible for generating the problem of climate change should show the greatest leadership (75% of the increase in atmospheric CO² has come from developed countries).

Countries most able to pay should show the way. Australia is a developed country that can afford to be part of a global solution.

What does Kyoto mean for our country? Under Kyoto, Australia is obliged to reduce its emission rise to 108% compared with 1990. This is a lenient target compared with all European countries, and is only being met because of reduced land clearing in Queensland. Australia's emissions have actually risen by 25% in the last 10 years.

On world environment day 2002, John Howard announced that Australia would not ratify Kyoto. He told Australia that joining Kyoto would harm our economy and cost jobs. (We are told by our Prime Minis-

ter that we are meeting our Kyoto target, whilst at the same time told that the economy is booming, and unemployment is at an all time low.)

John Howard says that Australia should wait until China shows leadership. Eight hundred million people in India and China live without electricity, and yet we are asking them to reduce their emissions before we do. That is unfair.

China's renewable target is twice what Australia's is, and set to double by 2030. Over the same period, the percentage of Australia's energy coming from renewable sources will decline. China is showing leadership, and Australia is not. This is the antithesis of Kyoto.

What Australia does, matters. We are the tenth highest polluting nation, we are the biggest exporter of coal, and our per capita CO² production is the highest in the world. We are world leaders, for all the wrong reasons.

Australia can afford to tackle climate change, it is in our short term and long term interests to do so, and leadership has many advantages. I

want to remain proud of my nationality. I implore Australia to join Kyoto.

Matthew Nott
CEFE

PS: ABARE (the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics) has looked at the economic cost of tackling climate change. Their worst-case scenario for deep emissions cuts in our country will see a trebling of Australia's GDP by 2050 and a growth in jobs, compared with business as usual.


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Cobargo Conversations

There's movement in Cobargo to finish off the work already started by Barry Harridan at the Cobargo Cemetery. Barry has fixed the fence at the north end and built some planter boxes and now Ken from the newsagency is rallying the troops to finish off the job. The plan is to complete the fence, put in new gates and a couple of seats. Ken already has \$1,000 in the kitty, thanks to the help from Andrew Tarlinton and Peter Howarth and the Tuesday night pub raffles, and Toby Lucas has offered to donate the seats. The concrete company and the Co-op have pledged free and at cost materials and offers to help with the labour will all be gratefully received.

Well the horse flu put paid to the Cobargo Spring Horse Show but all is on track for the Cobargo Show in February. The decision as to whether there will be horse events is still up in the air, but regardless there will be a show, so start thinking and preparing your exhibits!

More show news – calling on all young ladies between the age of 18 and 25 to enter the Cobargo Show Girl Competition. You get to be an ambassador for the local show, have lots of fun and it's a great experience. It also looks good on your resume! For further details con-

tact June Tarlinton on 6493 7207.

The Wandella Christmas Tree – yes that time is looming – will be held in the Wandella Hall on Sunday evening December 2. Starting time is 7.00 pm with Santa arriving at 8.00 pm. Fun and games for all, bring a plate to share, everyone is welcome. For further details phone Joy Masterton on 6493 7254. Cobargo Swimming Club got off to a fabulous start on 22nd October, big thank you to Felicity for getting it all together and to Helen for volunteering as BBQ coordinator. I am sure everyone will do their bit to support you.

Jenny Baker and June Tarlinton have just returned from three weeks in Umbria, Italy. A great time was had sampling the vino, the olives and cheeses and exploring the region.

There was an exodus of the Allens of Cobargo to Mauritius recently to attend the wedding between Mark Allen and Kerry Chandler. All reported a great time and would recommend the place as a great place for a holiday.

Cobargo CWA held its Annual General Meeting last month and all positions were filled, in spite of dwindling numbers. We are very anxious to recruit new members so if you have ever thought of joining now would be a very good time! We provide an opportunity to meet new friends and to

work for women both in Australia and around the world. We are also calling for nominations for Cobargo Citizen of the Year, both Junior and Senior, for Australia Day 2008. If you would like to nominate someone, please list the reasons you think they should be selected and post to: CWA Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 5075 Cobargo NSW 2550.

Recently we catered for a Weeds Meeting at the Cobargo School of Arts, providing bowls of soup for all participants. This was an excellent fundraiser, helping us to help others.

The CWA Far South Coast Group held its 76th Annual Conference at Bermagui Country Club on 22nd October and all the branches belonging to the Group were in attendance as were members from the Monaro Group and the Hume Group. Plans are afoot for the coming year to assist in further drought relief. Best wishes to Sue McGrath for a full & speedy recovery following your recent surgery.

The results from the Quaama/Cobargo Quilters Raffle: 1st Prize – Quilt – won by Hannah Schaefer of Yowrie, Cobargo 2nd Prize – Cushion Covers – won by Roy Gannon of Cobargo. Thanks to all those people who bought tickets and to all those who sold tickets as well. \$700 was raised with the proceeds going to the Cobargo Primary School P&C Association. △

Cobargo Preschool needs your help!

The Cobargo Preschool is giving notice to the parents of future students and the general community that the next AGM to be held in March 2008 will require six new positions to be filled.

There is a mass exodus of the current committee due to the students leaving preschool and progressing to primary school. Therefore the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Fees Director, Newsletter Editor, and Fundraising Coordinator will all be up

for grabs. (The current secretary will be available for a position on the new committee.)

If you have an interest in the running of the Preschool and would like to be involved in the Management Committee for 2008 feel free to start attending meetings as an observer (the fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7.00 pm at Preschool) alternatively if you would like a copy of the minutes send your email details to Debbie Platts (Secretary) at richardplatts@bigpond.com.

Committee members can be general community people or parents of students. If we don't get sufficient people coming forward by the AGM the preschool will have to close as it cannot function without a full Management Committee. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome enrolments for the 2008 year. Contact the preschool on 6493 6660 for more information.

Debbie Platts

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Art in the Triangle

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On the weekend of 3/4 November, Dimitri Ashkenazy, with pianist Susanne Powell, one of Australia's leading accompanists will give two recitals on the far south coast. On Saturday 3rd at 2.30 pm they will play in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

in Narooma. On Sunday 4th at the same time they will play in the Wolumla Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door for both concerts, and, for the Narooma concert, from Bazaar Home Beautiful, Narooma, the Pineapple Shop, Bermagui, and Bay Office Supplies, Batemans Bay – Adults \$20, Concessions \$15, Students \$10, Children free. Enquiries 4473 7541.



Damian Coen Launches New Album with The Fathers Of Necessity

Renowned for his lyrical old-time blues harmonica playing, Damian Coen has emerged as a roots and blues singer with a lot to say. On Friday, November 2nd, he will come to Cobargo to release his much-anticipated second album of all-original songs, *We Gotta Move*. He is joined by old comrade, guitarist Damon Davies, and their dazzling band, The Fathers of Necessity. In fact, this latest album

was co-produced with Davies in his Cobargo studio, Planet Mars!

Drifting through swampy blues, hillbilly tunes, sweet ballads, and gospel harmonies, the band (and the album) showcases Coen's unique knack for marrying blues and roots influences with contemporary story telling. As an extra treat, the Cobargo show will feature a set by local talent, Jacqui Howarth, who also sings back-

ing vocals with The Fathers of Necessity.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall. It's BYO, and kids under 12 get in free. Doors open at 7.30 pm.



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Brogo Babble

The annual Ante Pizza Nite at the Fire Shed in October proved once again to be a popular and enjoyable event. While Ante and his crew churned out the pizzas, Brogarians mingled and swapped tales of life on the land, hot topics from the mailing list as well as the odd mischievous rumours no doubt thrown in. Thanks Ante for your business and it's just nice that at least once a year we get treated to dinner coming to us rather than us doing the miles.

Our local Brogo LETS Group continues to make things happen. In searing 30+-degree heat last month, a dozen dedicated folk arrived at the home of Bruno and Eve Hoffstetter in Hawkshead Rd for a workday. Bruno

was organised so we went about maintaining his fruit trees in the covered anti-aviary and other surrounding edible fruit. Clearing kikuyu and plants from around their drip line, mulching heavily and then a layer of cardboard weighed down by tyres as chickens are integrated in the system, stops them from scratching away the mulch. The heat did get to us though. Around lunchtime Eve had prepared a wonderful meal where Jack, aged 80, had us enthralled of his tales gone by. These days represent a special social event we all look forward to them with such a good outcomes. Anyone living in Brogo is very welcome to join us.

Driving through the Brogo Pass with all the construction work being carried out, I just can't stop thinking about that film 'The Power Of Com-

munity' and its message toward energy descent. We tend to design our lifestyles and the infrastructure that supports this all around the motor vehicle, when the fuel that drives the engine is drying up. The increase in transport vehicles using the highways is directly related to our inability to meet even the most basic of needs such as food grown in our local region.

If sustainability is such an emotive passion for many people these days, then the more we question the choices we make every day, the more we realise just how dependant we have evolved toward large-scale external forces with no environmental feedback for those decisions made everyday.

An old Saudi Arabian proverb goes like this ... 'My grandfather rode on a camel ... My father drove a limousine ... I flew in my private jet ... My son will again ride a camel.'

John Champagne △



Barb and Jack take a break during the LETS working bee in Brogo.

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The Spiegel experience in Scotland

One of the best and most entertaining events to attend on a tour of the UK and Scotland has to be the Edinburgh Festival.

There are truly professional performances from classical music and ballet to outrageous music, dance, drumming, comedy, theatre, etc featured all over Edinburgh in venues ranging from the Festival Theatre, the streets, to little spaces in disused warehouses, but one of the best sites has to be that of the Spiegel Tent.

The owner, Aussie David Bates, who is well known in this area as an accompanist to Pat Thompson, has created his own brand of magic with two specialised tents in a large park connected by bars, covered drinking areas, food areas and of course a BBQ. Aussies have lent their special flavour and stamina to this site from the resident 'masseuse' Robyn Sedgwick to Phoebe on the door making sure that only those with current tickets get through her clutches. We tried the BBQ, only to find it had more of a Scottish flavour than Aussie with nothing green or resembling a tomato making

its way onto the hamburger.

Never mind, it was the only bad thing about the Spiegel experience as we bought tickets to one of David's best shows, *Camille*, and loved every minute of it.

One day before we left, we sat out in the pale Scottish sun in the beer garden and enjoyed a chat with Tiffany Hart. Tiffany has embraced the world and is having such fun moving around and working, I don't think we will see her back here for some time.

I hope some of you will have the opportunity to take in the Spiegel Tent at the Sydney or Melbourne Festivals over the summer. We are fortunate in Australia not to have to travel to Edinburgh to see such fantastic stage acts. If you do decide to embrace



"the BBQ ... had more of a Scottish flavour than Aussie ..."

Edinburgh, we have recommendations for a great B&B as Tom, the owner, has been to Bermagui several times and even attended the Triangle Christmas Party last year.

Rosemary Millard



Pat's Piece

Mr. Abbott keeps telling us that Howard and Costello are the greatest PM and Treasurer in Australian history. This while we have a million people living below the poverty line and we live in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Housing affordability is worse than any other English speaking country in the OECD. On top of this we have an overseas debt of 544 billion dollars. That's 50 per cent of our GDP.

Let me now make a telling comparison here, according to Australian Official History pertaining to the war years between 1939-45, when John Curtin was PM and Ben Chifley was Treasurer. That war cost more than ten times the budget revenue of 1938 and involved more than a million Australians under arms and the creation of a whole new war industry. During hostilities Chifley introduced the widow's pension and lifted servicemen's pay, while at the same time interest rates

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Compared to the team of Curtin and Chifley, Howard and Costello look like second-rate monopoly players. What's the point of all this? Well with global warming staring us in the face and the experts telling us we must learn to live more simply, maybe all sides of politics should take a look at this part of our history when we were not driven by the 'Golden Calf Philosophy' and our goal was not a McMansion full of stuff we don't need. Then maybe we can seriously start trying to save this beautiful planet in a society built on compassion and intellect, where our children and grandchildren don't literally inherit 'Hell on Earth'.

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The Great Relief of Coming Home ...

The day finally came on October 14th, for three Bega Valley families to return home with their show horses, having been placed in a lock down at Parkes Showground on August 25th, due to the Equine Influenza outbreak.

The Oneil family from Candelo, the Bartlett family from Bega, and Robert and Kristen Salway from Wilgo Cobargo, set out homeward bound for a long arduous drive. The Department of Primary Industry had set a course for the trucks to travel with no deviation of route allowed. No horse traffic is to pass through the ACT. The horses were to remain on the truck the whole trip, with stops only being allowed for re-fuelling.

No doubt driving down the cemetery hill must have met with a breath of relief from local lad, Robert Salway, who had been at Parkes since August 8th. Seeing his grandchildren again brought a huge smile to his face. No doubt he will be staying at home for a while, catching up with his friends and doing some work around the farm.

When finally being put in their paddocks, the horses galloped freely for around ½ an hour, releasing some built up energy, having been stabled and penned for over two months.

On my behalf, a note of thanks to everyone who offered help and assistance, plus those who rang for a chat to check on the welfare of the horses whilst they were at Parkes.

A special thanks must go to Debra Cox for helping me with a heifer calving. Also Colin and Linda Sutherland who are very handy with an injection. Also to my three sons Tim, Aaron and Patrick who helped with some difficult situations while their Dad was away.

Happy Horsing,
Janelle Salway



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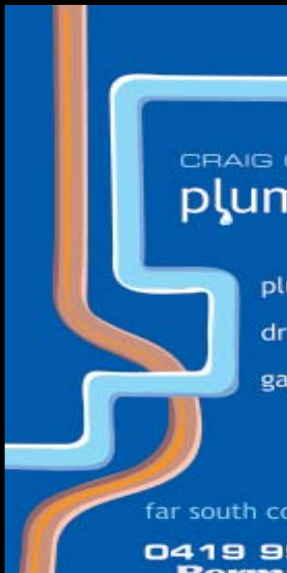
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On the topic of roses, please keep an eye on the new plants that are behind the Memorial Wall in the park. Perhaps some curious little innocent hands are responsible for some recent damage to them? Ros Ruth has made an 'executive decision' (consultatively of course) and dedicated the last Sunday morning of the month for garden and general maintenance at the hall/park. Come as early as you like and then share a byo lunch.

The BVSC team made very quick work of dismantling the BBQ Shelter remains. It has been taken to Bega Depot for storage while the replacement materials are being ordered. Mark Canaider and Tony Candotti (BVSC Engineering Dept) have promised the

rebuild will be completed in time for Christmas!

The School of Arts Committee and Progress Association have named the date for our community Christmas Party – Friday 21st December! This event is a combined effort involving the P&C, Fire Brigade and the Quaama Band as well as anyone who wants to join in this annual event! Many willing community members always ensure there is fun for all ages. We've already let Santa know too, kids!

While we're talking community goodwill, send Dave Cowan your best wishes, as he's in hospital. Lilly may appreciate transportation back and forth from hospital, so anyone able to help please call Veronica – 64938406 and I'll pass it on to her.

Over the road from the Cowan's, Vic's having a rock'n roll rebirth – practising on his drum kit in the hall. No secrets when you're a drummer, eh?

A big thank you to the crew from Mumbulla View for another wonderful Quaama Open Day. It was great to

get together with old friends and meet newcomers and guests in the district. This event has the potential to grow into the whole village – perhaps incorporating the School of Arts and the Memorial Park as well as individual stalls and 'shop fronts' and so on. The Quaama Fire Brigade benefits and that's for us all. The Quaama Anglican Women also held a stall at the Open Day selling the last of their Huge

Garage Sale items. Thanks to our support, in total they raised over \$1500 for the ramp and toilet projects!

The Where is Quaama? t-shirts are selling fast. More are on order and you can order yours at the store with colours and sizes of choice. All proceeds go to the Hall Restumping fund. Isaac Rae will need one for sure now that he's moved to Tathra. Another young man who's been away from home for some months was travelling even further afield having just returned from a school excursion to China! Merlin's mum had to milk lots of cows to finance that one!

On a sad note, Ross Lancaster's death last month has been a shock. Ross moved away last year to Wallaga Lake and was one of the volunteers who helped build the BBQ shelter. It was great to know you Rosco!

Susanne Lowe is to be congratulated on a fabulous day – the Mind-Body-Spirit festival attracted lots of interesting stalls and demonstrators. Massages, readings, health and spiritual consultations as well as market stalls with crystals, jewellery, clothing etc transformed the old hall with radiant colour. The food and singing were fantastic too! Thanks Suzanne, the restumping fund is healthier for your work! Will we have it again next year? There are also now even more regular opportunities to stay healthy and balanced in Quaama, with Jule offering an additional Yoga session at 7 pm on Monday evenings at the School of Arts.

A visit to Quaama Primary School is always a delightful and colourful experience. The children's art work displays are brilliant and the P&C



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Quintessentially Quaama (continued)

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One of Quaama's favourite girls, the indefatigable Letitia Carroll, has turned Quaama pink! At the time of writing she's organising and baking for a morning tea for breast cancer research. Another of Quaama's best girls

celebrated her 30th birthday last month. Congratulations Charlie, the fun's just starting!

Jesse Blanchfield has a cute new puppy! And the Heino's old dog passed away last month bringing a bit of a downer to Glennnda and Heimo's 30th wedding anniversary!

Welcomes! To Nicole and Jessica – great to see you're back! And to Mark, a fresh face in the village; to Julie and John in 'Verona Heights' and Julie and family in Upper Brogo! For those young people finishing your HSC, Well done and enjoy your well-deserved holiday from study for a while.

Finally, I will be taking a break from such a high level of community participation from end of December for 6 months to complete my BA Honours study program. Both the *Triangle* re-



Suzanne Lowe, Facilitator, Mind/Body/Spirit Festival.

porting and secretary's position with the School of Arts will be up for grabs! No pretenses about it – it's time consuming, but immensely satisfying. Call me (Veronica) on 6493 8406 or email vmbe@exemail.com.au if you're interested. I'll give you lots of support!

Veronica Coen

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Nardy News

The Bermagui and District Lions Club has succeeded in securing a grant for US\$50,000 to help build a permanent supported accommodation facility for six residents at the Nardy House site in Quaama. Denise Redmond from the Nardy community wishes to acknowledge the consistently dedicated work of Quaama man, Keith (Blue) McKee, in particular his representations on behalf of the Bermagui Lions in initiating the submission that was approved at all levels of the Lions in Australia and then affirmed at the International level as a vital cause to support. Whilst further funds are still needed for this project, this grant will enable the committee to commence the 2nd stage of building now that BVSC has approved the plans.

Meanwhile, the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

(DADHC) is currently undertaking staff recruitment and training and the committee is carrying out (DADHC funded) works requested under an OH&S audit in preparation for the DADHC Official Opening of the Nardy House Respite Facility in mid December. The Facility will be operated for the first two years by DADHC with an Advisory Board on which two Bega Valley professionals, Anne Leydon and Kelly Peters sit.

Martin Richardson, media officer with DADHC, stated that the Department's response to the query, 'How is DADHC notifying potential clients/carers of the profoundly disabled about respite places at Nardy House?' is: 'The process for clients to access service at Nardy is dependent upon them being referred by their case manager to the DADHC intake and referral officer. The intake and referral officer can be

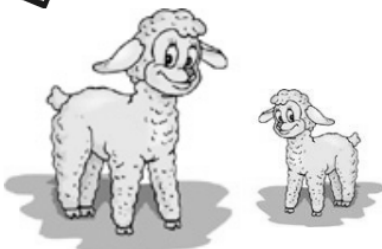
contacted on 6200 7300.' The next question to DADHC must then be, 'How will you ensure that case managers are informed about the availability of respite services at Nardy House?'

Big and small projects – Lions are King!

Betsy Hilton, the mother of Zeke Hilton, whose disability was the causal factor behind the Nardy House Project for the profoundly disabled, wants to publicly thank members, Stuart Tyrrell and Ray Clements of the Bermagui Lions, for the beautiful red-gum picnic benches they created out of the remnants of a long fallen, dead tree near Nardy House. Betsy said that thanks to Paco and Todd this splendid tree supplied firewood to warm the Hilton household. Then, when the Lions gardening crew asked for a log from

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that she has had six months out of mainstream, waiting for a critical disc in her spine to heal. Her strength of character, bright and happy demeanour and friendly nature are awfully infectious.

Another young achiever in our community is Wal Noonan (his proud mum is Sue Croft). Wal is in year 12 at Canberra Grammar School with his sights set on a degree in science followed by a medical degree. In his spare time Wal trains and com-

redecorating and setting up, locals and visitors are enjoying the results with fresh exhibitions staged every two weeks. You can't get bored with that! The business is called Tilba Cameo Collection and the landlord was a little askance at the three neat rows of empty champagne and wine bottles along the verandah (is this a Cameo?) after the opening. Thanks ESC for recycling bins. I guess quite a lot of you have already seen and encountered a few of our reptile friends as the warm weather brings them out to bask and be more noticeable. Whether you are in the garden doing spring things or tramping over the hills, it's time to be a little careful, well shod and trousered. I decided a couple of weeks back to do a bit more beach walking for me and the dog. Pip and I had been walking out the back of the village when she disturbed a well grown red bellied black snake sunning itself in the end of a big old log. Pip was just in front of me and I saw her suddenly pull her head back as the snake struck at her. We both felt a shot of adrenalin and probably the snake as well. They are such beautiful creatures who prefer generally to mind their own business, but can generate such fear in us mere mortals. Keep in mind that they have been native to our land a long time. An anonymous donor recently stuck a copied photo of man (we presume) observing huge snake on the window of the Tilba Teapot. Can we just ask two questions – who is the idiot standing nonchalantly by in bare feet? and has it been digitally enhanced? We will let you know next month of any enlightenment.

In closing for this month our thoughts should be with our families and friends who are doing it tough for all sorts of reasons. All communities suffer the loss of loved ones and the extreme nature of some of our cancer treatments. This can leave us feeling very sad and alone and with a sense of



Junior Dragon Boat races, Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

workshop some years ago at Cobargo School, conducted by Rodney Hall. I had recently read his acclaimed novel, *Just Relations* (set around Tilba and Nerrigundah in days gone by) and was somewhat in awe of his prosaic writing style (heavy going!). Anyway, he encouraged us as writers to start by writing a line or sentence of what first came into your head. Once you have written SOMETHING it seems easier after that. I'll just cross all this out and start again.

How good has it been to see the beautiful Tagan back at work at the Tilba Teapot. I mentioned previously

petes in Dragon Boat racing. The Dragon Boat (origins in China I believe) is a long, slim craft with dragons head and tail, with 20 rowers, an oarsperson to keep them on course and a drummer seated up front to give them timing. Wal and his Canberra Grammar Team have just won 3 Silver Medals for Australia in Junior Dragon Boat races, held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith. The races were over 200, 500 and 1,000 metres. Congratulations Wal and good luck with your HSC.

Caroline Leach had a lively and well-attended opening to her new gallery space in Central Tilba recently. After much work in

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Tilba Bites (continued)

heartbreak. We all need a kind word, a bit of company, a reassuring hug, a compliment and a smile at times. And the more often, the better. We should step out each day giving thanks for life, taking a fresh breath and loving all that is natural and beautiful around us. Cheers,

Erwen Genders △

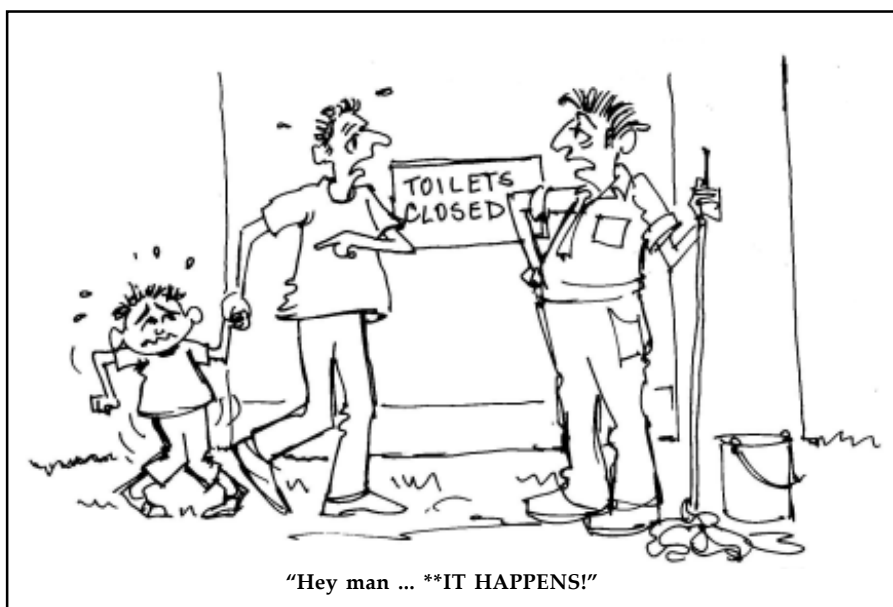
To the Family & Friends of Sally Whiffen-Lingard

Jake, Cody and I would like to thank our community for their support, care and love through Sally's illness and our loss. We have had 100s of cards of sympathy and support, which is testament to Sal's spirit and love of life. Sally will always be remembered for the heart and spirit she gave freely to all she met. She was a dedicated and true Tilbilly; one foot planted in the heritage of her town and the other striding into the modern world that we raised our boys in. We feel greatly for the loss all who knew Sally as you have shown you feel for ours. We know all who knew Sal will miss her happy, beautiful, positive and loving presence but are privileged to cherish the life and memories she left us with.

Sean Lingard △



Headless or just mindless?



Toilet Block Update

Here's an update on the ill-fated \$91,000 toilet block on the new Tilba Sports Ground. After checking with Council we were told that, yes the toilet block is now functioning BUT if you are planning an event with more than 50 people, Council advises that you hire a couple of port-a-loos! So you organise a school athletics carnival and invite family and friends and have to add to the cost the hire of port-a-loos. Ah, dunno. △

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The opening of our revamped Community Centre is fast approaching. CTC have already moved into their new space, however for the next couple of weeks anyone needing Centrelink contact is asked to fax from the Post Office. Library furniture and fixtures are being delivered by semitrailer on Oct 29 and our new-look Info Centre will probably be operational by the second week of November.

Bermagui Primary School is holding their Spring Fair on Saturday, Nov 24 from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. And what a Fair it will be this year: amusement rides (all-day ride passes are available at the School), raffles, art show, stalls, music, yummy food, real coffee. It's the place to be!

Way To Go – Update from The Crossing

The following is an extract from a letter Dean and Annette Turner from The Crossing received from one of their volunteers, reflecting on what she had got out of her time spent at The Crossing Land Educational Centre.

'... As regards what I gained from the experience, well I think most of all I want to help more in terms of doing volunteer work. The course unit which I am actually doing this project for is called the Manchester Leadership Program and it is all about business, morals and ethics and to pass you have to do a number of weeks of volunteer work in a year. This might seem quite incidental but actually had I not done the project at The Crossing I would never have chosen it! I find it easier to see 'the bigger picture' now in that I don't just think oh what difference can one little person make but now I'm more positive and think sometimes little things can make a big difference! ...

'More directly to what I gained in terms of environmental awareness I feel like I have learnt a lot about sustainability and about what things I can do now to help. I was also really inspired by the way you guys live and how much things can be reused. I'm gradually spreading the word and trying to get my family to take note! ...

'To summarise though I would say that my experiences at The Cross-

ing really have changed how I think and my outlook. Not just in terms of the environment but in generally living well and being a good person too. I was never really very outdoorsy but now I appreciate nature and wildlife so much more. Watching the sunrise and sitting around the camp fire are amongst my fondest memories. Oh and I almost forgot, I gained a lot of new friends too! Gosh they would have killed me for forgetting them, but yea most of us have stayed in touch which is cool!

Thanks again, Rachael'



Volunteers working on the Crossing's grey water system.

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If any of our readers have any new, or very good condition second hand books, CDs or DVDs they would like to donate to our new library, Joanne, our local librarian will be very happy to receive them. Our libraries are a wonderful facility; we encourage you all to use them frequently.

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Umbarra and Friends of Umbarra Summer Concert

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The revitalised Friends of Umbarra, in association with Umbarra Management Committee, is holding a fundraising concert in November – yes the day after the election!

The aim is to involve the community in a family day – with art workshops during the day and a concert from 3–8 pm. This will be a great day, so come along – bring a picnic lunch and a rug. A sausage sizzle will be provided in the early evening, and tea, coffee and cakes will be available through the day. If the weather is wet we will be moving the whole event over to the Central Tilba halls, but let's not think that way!

Local musicians supporting this event include Warren Foster, and other Yuin performers Damon Davies, Elisabeth Andelis, Jacqui Howarth, Richard Cooke and more.

If you would like to perform please contact us as soon as possible.

The art activities will be for children and adults, and include mural making, print making face painting...

The whole day will be \$10 per person entry, with gold coin as a concession. Children under 10 years age are free. Everyone is welcome to come

together to celebrate the strength of community through art and music.

There will be information available about further activities of the Friends of Umbarra,

Joining costs just \$20 per year.

We need volunteer help on the big day, so contact us if you would like to help in any way.

Kerrie Ryan 4473 7137

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Lorraine at Umbarra 4473 7232.

See you for the post election concert debrief!



Southern Right Whale Rescued



A Southern Right whale was rescued from certain death after a week-long operation, led by NSW National Parks far south coast division in October. The female Southern Right whale and her calf were first spotted off the coast near Bermagui with trap line entangled around the mother's tail. Photo: The NSW National Parks and Wildlife crew get close to the distressed whale off the NSW far south coast.



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To digress – a non-native which is coming into its own is the unpronounceable Ornithogalum 'Starlight' or 'Snowflake'. I just love the simplicity of

the green stems and foliage with the white blooms. It makes a great cut flower.

Until next time.

Lindy Marshall



CTC@Bermagui

CTC is Moving ... Bermagui's Community Technology Centre (the CTC) is moving to new premises in the new Bermagui Community Learning and Discovery Centre. The CTC will be shut for a week or two while the move and the new setup are organised. Please ring to check if we are open before coming to the CTC.

If you need to fax a form to Centrelink while the CTC is temporarily shut, the Post Office has a fax service, unfortunately not free, but still cheaper than driving to Narooma.

The CTC Learn to Use Your Computer Sessions will continue as soon as we re-open – one to one with our skilled and helpful volunteers, for only \$20.00 per one hour session. Please ring to

book a time. Low cost sessions are available, for a \$5.00 donation, for people who can't afford to pay, and who can show their Concession Card.

The new premises will provide all the existing services, and also we hope some new services. We are looking into the possibility of upgrading our big photocopier to a model that will give colour copies as well as black and white. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the new CTC, and to again be able to use the free NSW government website, Australian Taxation Office website, and the Centrelink Access Point.

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Quintessentially Quaama (continued from p15)

the remains for a community project, they found there was enough timber to build *two* very large picnic tables with benches as well, one for Nardy House and one for Betsy! I wonder if the table at Nardy is planted (who can lift and move a red gum table anyhow?) near 'Lion's Corner' – the spot where the first Nardy House construction commenced?

Betsy also is looking for a replacement 'revving toy for Zeke'. His old 12 inch long 'supertoys' red, blue and yellow plastic racing car with an easy-to-grip green revving lever is worn out! If you can help give her a call!

The Quaama Church Centenary Ball

The Quaama St Saviour's Community is celebrating 100 years of community worship with a ball to be held at the Quaama School of Arts hall on Friday 16th November. This will be a dazzling not-to-be-missed social event of the year in the district.

The Anglican Women always do everything with style and the ball is sure to delight. There will be prizes for best dressed – the colour theme is red, white and blue – as well as spot prizes and lucky door prizes. So, go shopping for your ball gown, dust off your tuxedos and start practising those old time dance steps, so that you can swing the night away to all the well-loved dancing tunes played by the Black Rose Band.

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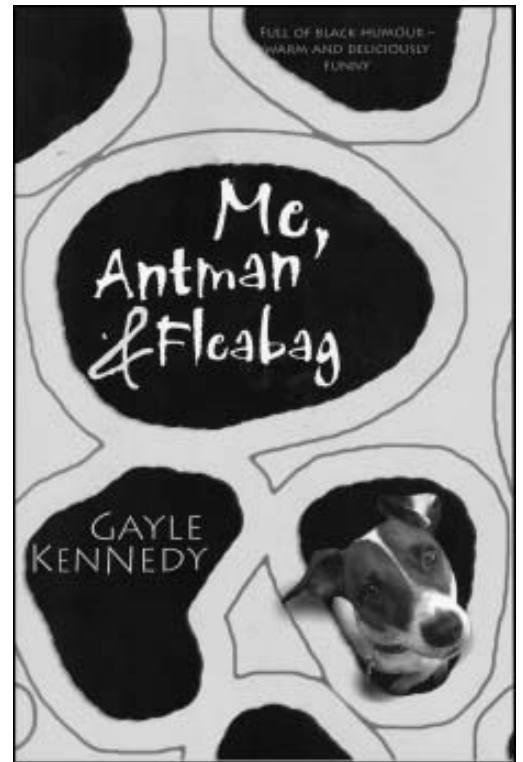
Gayle Kennedy:
Me, Antman and Fleabag
University of Queensland Press

I am going to buy and keep this book in pride of place at home, ready for any visitors as the perfect three hour read – and re-read! Gayle Kennedy is a member of the Wongaibon Clan of the Ngiyampaa speaking nation of South West NSW, and is a published author who lives and works in Sydney. The manuscript for this collection of stories won the National David Unaipon Literary Award – and little wonder. The stories are of a woman, her partner Antman and dog, Fleabag. Together the three travel and visit family and friends in both country and city and relate aspects of contemporary Indigenous life that both Indigenous and non-Indigenous readers will readily relate to – unless, like some prominent people we endure daily, they have no sense of humor and no sense of the chaos and tragedy of life.

Most of the stories are told with terrific black humour, but two of the pieces relating to dying away from family and land, and violence against women left me (literally) in tears. The

language is raw (so don't give it to your maiden aunt if she's easily offended) – but the words themselves and the stories are so authentic that they deserve to be read by everyone who lives in wonder that Indigenous people can have such a sense of humour in the face of so much misunderstanding of what are the important things in life for them.

Heather O'Connor



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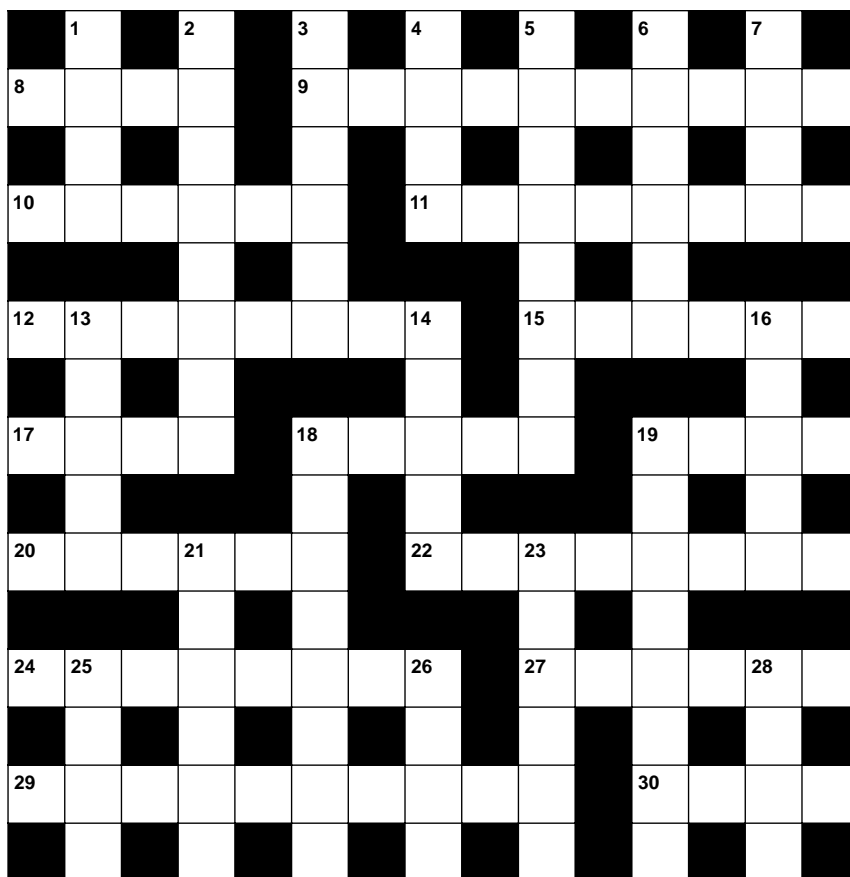


Cryptic Triangle

Across

8. A retarded ore is thus (4)
 9. One of three do insurance for others (5,5)
 10. Suppose the conker was broken (6)
 11. Fantasises before leaning towards son (8)
 12. In the right place on time (2,3,3)
 15. Practice for desert race (3,3)
 17. Miss a bin (4)
 18. Kingdom for true men (5)
 19. Clasp the French left for a Yankee dollar (4)
 20. Loved fuss with a colour (6)
 22. Summons the workers to make public spectacles (8)
 24. I came in breathing quickly making a wall decoration (8)
 27. Sea monster concealed itself in the flower (6)
 29. Talk over the few, chat wildly (4,3,3)
 30. Everyone confused 25 down (4)

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Down

1. Correct time to regret (4)
 2. Group exchanging ideas in garage (8)
 3. Under the influence of drugs by a street going backward from France (6)
 4. I am on record for being slack (4)
 5. An addition to sum up and finish with little hesitation (8)
 6. Just graduate on trust (6)
 7. Dust off a boss (4)
 13. Nude and confused about loosing the last key (5)
 14. A vagabond was quite musical under a public conveyance (5)
 16. Not censored or Jewish (5)
 18. You? Stop at a district of ill repute (3,5)
 19. Divided a kind that lets a revolutionary in (8)
 21. Starts again regarding all directions (6)
 23. Spectres of string comperes (6)
 25. Got a pain from a beach east of here (4)
 26. On Tuesday fruit will be going up for the present (4)
 28. Trendy church makes small moves forward (4)

Solution to September Crossword



Quick Crossword clues

Across

8. Thus
 9. Any person other than the principals
 10. Suppose
 11. Makes believe
 12. At this precise time
 15. Practice
 17. Miss
 18. Kingdom
 19. Male deer
 20. Loved
 22. Stately processions

24. Wall decoration
 27. Flower
 29. Mull over
 30. Apiece

Down

1. Correct
 2. Group exchanging ideas
 3. Under the influence of drugs
 4. Slack
 5. An addition to
 6. Only just
 7. A boss

13. Nude
 14. A vagabond
 16. Not censored
 18. District of ill repute
 19. Divided
 21. Starts again
 23. Spectres
 25. Pain
 26. Present
 28. Move forward slowly

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COBARGO SENIORS

Seniors meet every Friday at 10am in the CWA Rooms,
Bermagui St, Cobargo. Come in and have a cuppa, a chat
and play cards. All welcome. Ph Ailsa 6493 6400 or
Joan 6493 6754.

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

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

COBARGO MARKET DAY

4th Saturday monthly. SOA Hall and grounds. 8.30 to
12.30. Phone Helen on 6493 6572 for bookings.

COBARGO PLAYGROUP

Recommences Cobargo Pre School, October 20th then
alternate Fridays, 10am - 12pm, until December 15th.
All welcome. Further info contact Pam 6496 1918.

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKETS

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

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.

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

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

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

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

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

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bermagui Country Club.
Bermi C.C., Bega Bowling Club, Cobargo Hotel,
Narooma Sporting Club & Tuross Kyla Park Hall.
Visitors, Children, Musos welcome. Contact Owen
Hunter 6493 5151, Geoff Paul 6493 6582

TILBA VALLEY WINES

BRIDGE CLUB

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

DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

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

REFLECTIONS

"Reflections", the latest journal of the Bermagui
Historical Society. \$7.50 Available at the Bermagui
Information Centre, Lamont St. and from Wilma
Masterson, 6493 4108.

MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

SOPHIAN Gnostic Circle Meetings

Twice monthly at Bermagui and Quaama. Enlightenment
teachings of a living western tradition. For further info,
phone Sue on 6493 8473.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

SOUTH COAST CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Bermagui Country Club, 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4.30pm,
enquiries Gary & Michele Tyrell 6493 6483.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

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

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

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

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

An ecumenical centre for contemplative and creation
focused spirituality at Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Tilba Tilba, 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6pm, Traditional
Service 4th Sunday at 9.30am, Meditation Friday at
10am. Contact Linda Chapman 4476 1006.

FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

Friday 2nd	Damien Coen & The Fathers of Necessity with Jacqui Howarth	Cobargo School of Arts Hall \$15.00 @ the door	8 - 11.30 Doors open 7.30 pm
	Spicy Mammias 'Sing for your Supper'	River Rock Cafe	5 - 9 pm
	Janet Levy	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 till late
Saturday 3rd	Spanish Theme Dinner, Bookings essential	Valley Edge Cafe	6 pm
	Dimitri Ashkenazi & Susanne Powell Recital	Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church Narooma	2.30 pm
	Fig Jam	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 - 11.30
Sunday 4th	Janet Leveys Good Intentions	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 - 8.30 pm
	Dimitri Ashkenazi & Susanne Powell Recital	Wolumla Hall	2.30 pm
	Damon Davies & Jay	Cobargo Hotel	
	Mark Whitty	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm free entry
Monday 5th	Jam Session	River Rock Cafe	6.30 pm till late
Friday 9th	Spicy Mammias 'Sing for your Supper'	River Rock Cafe	5 - 9 pm
Saturday 10th	Carbon Copy	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 - 11.30 pm
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th	Family Constellations Experiential W/shop, Book: Janet 6493 8458	Gulaga Sanctuary Tilba Tilba	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 11th	Pam Cox	Cobargo Hotel	
	Lounge Lizards	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 - 8.30 pm
	QBC Country Music & Variety	Narooma Sporting & Service Club	1 pm
Wednesday 14th	The Nashberries	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30 pm
	John Warhurst (ANU) 'The Federal Election'	Bermagui Hotel Limited tickets \$15.00	7 pm
Friday 16th	Spicy Mammias 'Sing for your Supper'	River Rock Cafe	5 - 9 pm
Saturday 17th	Kudos	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 - 11.30 pm
Sunday 18th	DJ & the Karizma Katz	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm Entry free
Monday 19th	Jam Session	River Rock Cafe	6.30 till late
	Karaoke	Cobargo Hotel	
Friday 23rd	Live Loud & Local	Bermagui Hotel	Starts 6 pm
	Damien Coen (with Spicy Mammias Takeaway, come before 7.30 pm, BYO)	River Rock cafe	Starts 7.30 pm
Saturday 24th	Ante's Pizza	Kinetix Cobargo	12 noon till late
	Spring Fair More info call 6493 4271	Bermagui Public School	10 am - 3 pm
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th	Himalayan & Gulaga Flower Essence W/shop, Book: Tanmaya 4473 7131	Gulaga Sanctuary, Tilba Tilba	9 - 5 pm
Sunday 25th	Sentimental Journey	Bermagui Hotel	4.30 - 8.30 pm
	Umbarra and Friends of Umbarra Summer Concert	Umbarra or Central Tilba Halls if raining	3 pm till 8 pm
Thursday 29th	Gyuto Monks Concert	Central Tilba	7 pm
	Dan McKinnon Touring	Valley Edge Café Cobargo	6 pm dinner 7.30 pm concert
Friday 30th	Tom Richardson Project	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 - 11.30 pm
	Spicy Mammias "Sing for your Supper!"	River Rock Cafe	5 - 9 pm
December 1 & 2	Gyuto Retreat Book: Isy 4473 7700	Bermagui Community Hall	All Day
December 2nd	Wandella Christmas Tree	Wandella Hall	7.00 pm
	Gleny Rae, Entry free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm