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Lessons From Cuba

It was a little scary coming out in public to present an information evening about permaculture, but judging the response from the packed crowd at the River Rock Café back in September, well worth the effort. I had felt a sense of frustration during the current climate change debate that the voice of permaculture was not being heard and that at the Earth Stewardship response to energy descent was simply ignored as some remnant oddity from the hippie era and totally unrecognised. So What! It's just a funky way of growing food isn't it?

Well ... it's not really. Screening the film 'The Power of Community' puts it into another league. Cuba was faced in the early 1990s with an oil crisis following the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union. A further embargo was placed by the US with cargo ships entering Cuba not allowed entry to the US for six months. They went through what they called a 'special period' for about six years in

which their entire country was re-designed. How they grew food, their transport, housing and energy all needed to adapt to oil depletion.

Permaculturalists from Australia played a prominent role during this period in setting up on-ground examples of what worked and training Cubans in permaculture design. In particular the area of urban agriculture was developed where every available spare space was dedicated to the production of local food supply. The result seen today is that the capital of Havana now provides 80% of its food needs within Havana and that all Cuban agriculture is 80% organic. The rooftops of buildings became premium space for growing vegetables and 'chook tractors'.

Bicycles were imported from China as transport and large public transporters, known as 'The Camel', became an ingenious use of prime

movers to cart hundreds of people around. Hitchhiking was encouraged and it was against the law for a Government vehicle not to pick up hitchhikers.

Energy provision was fast tracked toward solar panels and wind turbines while they continue to experiment with bio-fuels. Waste from sugar cane harvesting can now provide 30% of electricity usage to Cuba for three months of the year.

During the special period, vital social services such as education, housing and medical provisions were maintained and further developed, which are often the first areas cut when countries face an economic crisis. Cuba now exports doctors to assist in the health of the Third World and other Latin American countries.

The power of this story, however, is the Cuban people themselves and how they faced this crisis together, as a community and the empowerment this gave them. That's what permaculture is about ... it's about people, food, working relationships

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Havana now provides 80% of its food needs within Havana and Cuban agriculture is 80% organic (photo: www.onpeultefaire.com)



Thanks A Thousand! Bermagui Rural Fire Brigade accepting *The Triangle's* \$1,000 donation:

L to R: Greg McLaren (Captain), Anne Fulton, Greg Potts, Steph Lazzaro, Kevin Riley, Brian Blacka, Jo Lewis (Triangle).

Editorial

Is there anyone else out there, who, like us, is amazed at how quickly this year has gone? October and Spring here already, last school holidays before the big one and no doubt Christmas decorations will start appearing in the shops! And who else would wish the election over? This has been the longest campaign ... And to think we probably have another 6-8 weeks of it. All we want is some more rain before we head into summer proper.

A bit of housekeeping, isn't there always? *The Triangle* production team has decided that *The Triangle* will charge \$5.00 per change to standing advertisements. These seemingly innocuous changes take a huge amount of time when you add them all up and as we don't charge for initial layout and haven't changed our advertising prices in five years we have decided that this is a fair request. So as from next month, the November issue, all changes will carry a \$5.00 surcharge. The Bermagui CTC is always available for help in making these changes if you want to do it yourselves. A reminder that all submissions to be Word, jpeg or pdf, thanks.

Horse flu has caused the cancellation of the Cobargo Spring Horse Show, usually held this month, and cancelled all pony club activities, but luckily the area has remained flu free. Not so sure about the dogs though, there seems to be a lot of sneezing amongst our dog population at the moment - flu or hayfever? We have asked but they ain't talking!

Narooma GetUp Group is hosting the first Internet election debate on October 14. All announced candidates for Eden-Monaro are taking part. Voters from across an electorate can participate in a candidate's forum without being present in person. George Negus will facilitate the debate. Voters in Eden-Monaro will be able to submit their own video questions online and in person. If you are interested you can contact David Grace (Eden Monaro GetUp Coordinator Get Up) 0415 201 548 and that is all we are saying about the long, long upcoming election!

Finally, thank you to all our readers who were so complimentary and responded positively to our 'Village' donations.



Letters to the Editors

Brogo Thanks

Dear Editors,

The Brogo Hall Committee have asked me to write to you and express our very sincere appreciation for your generous donation of \$1000 from *The Triangle* to the Hall. I am sure you will appreciate that it takes some time and dedication by volunteers to keep the hall well maintained and therefore continue to be an asset to the local community. We did appreciate you coming to the meeting to present the cheque and assure you that your donation will be used thoughtfully.

Please thank all those involved with *The Triangle* and we congratulate you on your contribution to the community with such an informative magazine.

Kind regards,

Pam Taylor, Secretary
Brogo Public Hall Management
Committee



John Champagne from *The Triangle* with Lena Pearce (Treasurer) and Kim Lucas (President), Brogo Hall Management Committee

Montreal Goldfield Open Day

It was a great day at Montreal on Saturday 15th September but it couldn't have happened without the incredible support of our volunteers.

The Montreal Guides did a fantastic job, non-stop guiding all day and the Montreal Committee had an enormous day setting up at 8.30 am and cooking beautiful tea and damper for us to enjoy until late in the afternoon. Thirty-six dampers were made on the day and Bill still has a sore shoulder to show for it.

My thanks go to Malcolm and Jenny for the Diggers' Walk and to the Probus Singers who did such a fabulous job with Murray, their songs drifting through the trees, adding to the 'past times' atmosphere of the day.

As for our extra volunteers, we could not have managed without you. The CWA Ladies must have been down



Bill Shaw making damper at Montreal Goldfield

to their knees as they left for home, after serving non-stop for six hours. The Lions Club, working tirelessly, managed to have a successful day and the folk who helped on the trading table, and at the gate, just made the event go extra well. The Sapphire Historical Vehicle Club drove from Pambula and helped to attract some of the 200 plus people who came through the gate. Their support is really appreciated.

A big thank you goes to the spinners, the Loom Growers group and to Phil from Tilba who gave up their whole day to come and show us 'how it is done', just as it would have been done years ago. Your contribution helped us promote the theme of 'old world charm' and the feeling of life in the area so long ago, yet relevant today.

The raffle, the photo by Chan Garner, of brumbies in the snow in the Kosiousko National Park, was won by A Stoves of Merimbula.

Again my thanks for a really happy day that seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Judi Hearn, Chair
Montreal Goldfield Management
Committee

Very Cross Words

Dear Ed,

Let me be among the many to congratulate you all on a sterling effort in producing such a marvelous and informative local rag! One of my favorite sections in the *Triangle* is the crossword and I applaud anyone who has the intellect to actually create the things ... I genuflect before you ...

I must say I'm not that good with 'cryptic' clues, much preferring the 'quick' (read 'simple') option, or a combination of the two, and I must say that as crosswords go, yours are up there with the toughest of them. This month's example however, took the degree of difficulty to a whole new level for me.

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My Triangle

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

Ronald Arthur Benny – 'Cobber'

Happy 90th birthday Cobber.

What a pleasure it was to spend an hour with Cobber Benny. I heard on the grapevine that Cobber had turned 90 last month and thought it would be a good opportunity to have a chat with him.

Cobber was born in Cobargo in 1917, number 4 of 9 siblings. Cobber's father was already a Cobargo butcher. He originally set up shop with a mate – Welch and Benny Butchery, later going out on his own in what we now all recognise as Benny's Butchery. Cobber's original shop was where Benny's Butchery is, but was destroyed by the great flood. The present building was built after the flood.

Cobber went to the local school, leaving at the age of 14. His teacher said to him, 'We can take you no further, you may as well leave'. Cobber seemed pretty happy with that decision!

On day one of Cobber's very long working life, his dad gave him a bicycle and his first job was to ride round

Cobargo taking orders and then delivering them, neatly wrapped, the next day. But by the time he had turned 16 he could do everything, slaughter, clean, cut and sell. When I asked Cobber if he ever took holidays, he smiled and said, he worked every day, even Sundays. He did occasionally, though, get



Cobber turned 90 last month

some time off, and was known as a handy runner in his youth. He participated in the local sports days and at Narooma won 50 quid! A fortune then to the lad from Cobargo!

His elder brother Lou was the only other of the siblings who worked in the Butchery with Dad Benny and when Cobber was 25, Dad Benny retired and passed the Butchery onto Lou and Cobber. They worked it together until 1970, when Lou decided he'd had enough and Cobber bought

him out. On his recent birthday Cobber visited Lou. Lou is now 93, living in a retirement home in Bateman's Bay. He's wheelchair bound but still himself – great genes these Bennys.

Cobber's 25th year was pretty special. Not only did he become part owner of a butchery, he also met his wife, Doreen. Doreen's parents were dairy farmers and had moved to the area from Candelo. Doreen was working at The Bank Hotel in Cobargo – the building no longer exists, it was where the Vet's building is.

So there you are, 65 years later they are still happily married, Cobber still tends the garden, the citrus orchard and the plants in the shade house and he dries up after each meal! He counts himself very lucky: he has excellent health, learnt a good trade very well and found a life long partner.

Cobber was born to be a butcher, he has that lovely humour that we expect from our butchers and he's still got ALL ten fingers, and yes I did ask, 'Where does Cobber come from?' It's a nickname from his Dad. He loved hanging out with his dad as a small tacker and his father use to refer to him as 'his little cobber'.

Louise Brown



Letters to the Editors (continued from page 2)

Thank you for the 'quick' clues to 1 down and both options for 28 across. They were great! It's just a pity there wasn't provision for the answers on the actual crossword grid. That all of the 'quick' down clues from 2-7 were rendered out of kilter as a result of the 1 down insertion was an obvious outcome that even a child of 59 such as I could work out ... which brings us to 8 down. Well it would do for the cryptic clue readers because there isn't actually a 'quick' option for 8 down (still with me?)

Things go pretty well from here on although some sort of an idea about what to put into the '32 across' squares would have been nice.

I'm not sure how I'll end up this month and will avidly await the solution in next month's 'Equilateral'.

Oh.. by the way, I didn't bother whinging about the lack of a clue for 16

down because it really can only be one answer. 9 letters, first letter C, fourth letter L.....CHALLENGE!

Yours to a cinder ... (confused and tormented Deli worker) ...

Crocko (Robin Croxson)
Tilba

Traveling Notepad

Dear Triangle,

Thank you to Rosemary Millard for voicing my sentiment in her 'Traveling Notepad' featured in last month's *Triangle*. It is always wonderful to see streetscapes adorned with flowers, shrubs and trees, filling our hearts with civic pride.

It does us all good to develop this quality, whilst setting an example for our young people to follow. The valuing of natural beauty, along with the work of tending and caring for it, should be appreciated, supported and encouraged. As for those who choose to tear beauty to shreds? What a shame that vandalism should discourage us.

Isobel Wightman
Cobargo

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Thumbs Up



To Mick and Reg O'Meara for unselfishly volunteering to pull out fireweed, while we were in Sydney having radiation treatment.

Thanks heaps from John and Di.

To all the responsible horse owners who are lunging their horses at home to exercise them.

Thumbs Down



To the local person in the blue car, who pulled out onto the highway without looking, causing a semi-trailer to swerve into the oncoming traffic lane. Happens all the time.

To that someone who stole the extension ladder from the Bermagui Hall during the building stage. It was a great loss and worth \$800 to replace.



A Groundbreaking Idea ...

A minor setback occurred for the Clean Energy for Eternity community campaign when the Bega Valley Shire Council withdrew consent to paint the 50/50 by 2020 logo on the Bermagui water tower as it was deemed 'advertising'. Maybe it was a difficult legal decision for Council to make – to allow the first water tower in the Shire, State and probably Australia to be emblazoned for a non-profit urgent global cause. You can bet that one day soon, someone somewhere else will run with the idea and be considered progressive.

Meanwhile, there's nothing like the old fashioned word of mouth to keep

things moving. Since the ban, Clean Energy for Eternity has received growing support for its aims and objectives. No doubt that same old fashioned word of mouth will go a long way to helping CEFE along with its next awareness-raising project ... the *Clean Energy For Eternity 2008 Human Sign Calendar*, out soon!

Look out for the shot of a water tank we did paint! The calendar will show twelve months of the best human sign messages our region could produce in 2006/2007. You or someone you know is probably in one of these photos.

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Far South Coast Adopts Naroo the Humpback Whale

Narooma officially celebrated its adoption of Naroo the Humpback whale on Monday the 24th of September with a flag-raising ceremony followed by a whale watching expedition.

New South Wales National Parks, the Eurobodalla Shire Council and Eurobodalla Tourism, with sup-

port from the business and community of the area, joined the Humpback Icon Project, which aims to bring Australian communities together and raise awareness of the threat facing whales – especially Humpbacks – from Japan's whaling program, which begins again in November.

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Lessons from Cuba

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with animals, economy and plants. Most of all, it's about community and how we weave 12 Design Principles into meeting the basic human needs of bioregions: how we manage local natural resources to peak energy efficiency and how we connect to nature and re-learn what it is to be indigenous to our spirit of place.

When people first derive an understanding of permaculture, often described as ... 'Oh! It's just common sense' ... Well yes ... it is common sense which only goes to prove how much un-common sense we take for granted.

John Champagne
Permaculturist

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Celebrate 40th Anniversary of NPWS with events in the Snowy Mountains

Events across the Snowy Mountains to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will provide inspiration for parents looking to kick off the kids' holidays in style.

The NPWS will celebrate its official 40th anniversary on 1 October 2007, but celebrations are planned throughout the school holiday period (1-14 October) and beyond, making it an ideal time for many families to visit our national parks.

Head of NPWS, Dr Tony Fleming,

said, 'National parks provide a haven for many of our precious native plants and animals. They also offer a huge range of activities for the whole community, from bushwalking, abseiling and camping, to canoeing, swimming or skiing. Visiting parks is a great way to get out and experience the incredible natural environment of NSW.'

'Our key celebration period will be from 1-14 October, with Sunday 7 October being a free entry day to all national parks in NSW. Events throughout this period will celebrate

the conservation of some of the state's most unique and precious natural landscapes, cultural heritage and wildlife. From guided walks and bush food barbecues to campfire nights and art exhibitions, there's something for everyone'.

Dr Fleming said events planned for the Snowy Mountains include: a public presentation by Alpine Ecologist, Kosciuszko National Park; Yarrangobilly Caves House Open Day, Kosciuszko National Park; Jersey Cave Tours, Kosciuszko National Park.

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Art in the Triangle

Ivy Hill Gallery

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Current Exhibition: Sara Freeman, Craig Cameron & Tracy Luff

Narek Gallery

Where: Old Tanja Church, 1140 Tathra-Bermagui Road, Tanja

Opening Hours: 10.30 am – 5.30 pm Friday to Monday

Current Exhibition: *Landmarks* – Ros Auld

The Show Room

Where: Cobargo

Opening Hours: 10 am – 4 pm Thursday to Monday

Current Exhibition: *Sprung* – a celebration of spring by 12 Local Artists

Music workshop by 'il vente cinque' wind ensemble

Where: Bega Primary School

When: Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th October

Further information: Mark or Anne on 6492 7301 or Jude on 6493 6797 △



Snakes on the move ... The National Parks and Wildlife Service has issued a reminder for people to be careful during the emerging snake season. Eastern Brown snakes are one of the species of snakes that are likely to be seen out and about as the weather warms up.

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Brogo Babble

The smiles on the faces of the Brogo Hall Committee at last month's AGM highlighted just how wonderful *The Triangle* is to our community. A cheque for \$1000 was given to the tireless folk who keep the hall in good condition and viable.

There are not many structures in Brogo owned at a community level so it's really important for our future wellbeing that it's used regularly and kept in good nick.

Secretary Pam Taylor conveyed her thanks to *The Triangle* in a letter and congratulated us for our contribution to our community (see Letters to Editor).

Stuart Kemble celebrated his wedding to Jocelyn Moloney in Melbourne on the 8th of September. Guests included parents Jane and Martin (also best man), and his sister Rebecca, now at the University of Canberra.

The Kemble family moved to Dorrig Road in 1984, Stuart was only four years old then ... he was 19 when he left for Canberra to study Cookery in 2001.

John and Robyn Scott, ex of Brogo, Helen Pratt of Bega, Tim, Xanthe and Emily Metcalfe of Brogo all joined the guests in wishing Start and Jocelyn

all the best for their life together.

The Brogo Fire Brigade held their AGM last month and the following officers were elected;

President: Brad Smith; Captain: Dave Lucas; Senior Deputy: Steve Maginnity; Deputies: Phil O'Neill and Kerry Noble; Secretary: David Ubrihien; Treasurer: Warren Davies; Call Outs: Jan Jarvis, Linda O'Neil, Vicki Younger and David Ubrihien; Catering: Diedrie Smith, Cathy McGregor and Jan Jarvis; Honorary Auditor: David McGregor.

Following the elections retiring Senior Deputy Captain, Jim Hannam, was presented with a plaque and certificate thanking him for his many years of service to The Brigade. Jim thanked everybody for their help and assistance during this time.

The great annual pizza night is back. Yes Brogo! Ante returns with his mobile-munching, wood-fired marvel to treat us all to pizzas under a Brogo sky. It promises to be a wonderful night to meet and a strong rumour abounds that the musical talent of Brogo will once again resound through the Fire Shed. So it's on Friday 12th October at the Brogo Fire Shed on Warrigal Range Rd. All residents of Brogo and beyond are warmly invited.

Brogo Boy, Trent Auld has re-

cently returned from a trip to PNG where he trekked the Kakoda Trail with a group of young people. Maybe you'll give us an account of your journey Trent for the November edition of *The Triangle*? Well done.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank outgoing President of the Brogo Fire Brigade, Roger Bunyan, for his passion toward building community. Roger was instrumental in fostering the need to make The Brigade more inclusive to all residents. Setting up the local Brogo emailing list and initiating the Beer and Chat Nights at the Fire Shed on the 2nd Friday of the month are just two worthy examples of how he has contributed greatly toward the wellbeing of the Brogo community. Thank you Roger and keep doing what you do.

John Champagne



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HORSE HYPE

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

The Effects of Equine Influenza

After surviving the effects of five years of drought and high feed prices, we are once again faced with a major dilemma. The equine influenza virus has hit NSW and Queensland. This flu virus has the capacity of bringing hardship not only to the racing industry, but also to local breeding studs and any business involved in pleasure activities – local saddleries, farriers, equine dentists, chiropractors and many other people who derive an income from the horse industry.

The rigid controls put in place by the DPI regarding the movement of horses must be adhered to, if we are to control the spread of this virus. We all need to work together and be very diligent. A veterinarian should be contacted if a horse shows any signs of ill health. The symptoms of the horse flu

are high temperatures, nasal discharge, a persistent hacking cough, and the horse may be lethargic and off their feed.

Any horse displaying suspect symptoms must immediately be quarantined away from other stock, and a rigorous quarantine procedure must be put in place. Stables, gear and all persons handling the horse must go through a decontamination process. The property must then go into a lock down mode.

The importance of allowing no visitors onto a quarantined property is the only way we are going to stop the spread of EI. Transmission occurs primarily between horses via the respiratory track, but can be spread by people who have had contact with a sick horse.

The effects of being isolated in a lock down have major ramifications on all facets of family life. Income is affected greatly. Doing the grocery shopping is a task with the decontamination process that must be adhered to. The quarantine period lasts for up to 50 days after the horse has caught the virus, and the mortality rate is of course higher in very young foals and older

horses.

All up and coming horse shows, gymkhanas and horse events will no doubt be cancelled. This will also have an impact on people trying to get their horses qualified to compete at the Royals.

So far we have been lucky with no reported cases south of Nowra, and let us hope it stays that way. Information on the spread of Equine Influenza can be obtained by logging onto www.outbreak.gov.au. A few studs on the Far South Coast have put themselves into voluntary quarantine to try and protect their horses.

A news flash from Canberra Royal is that they will take into consideration that people have not been able to qualify their horses due to the cancellation of many agricultural shows.

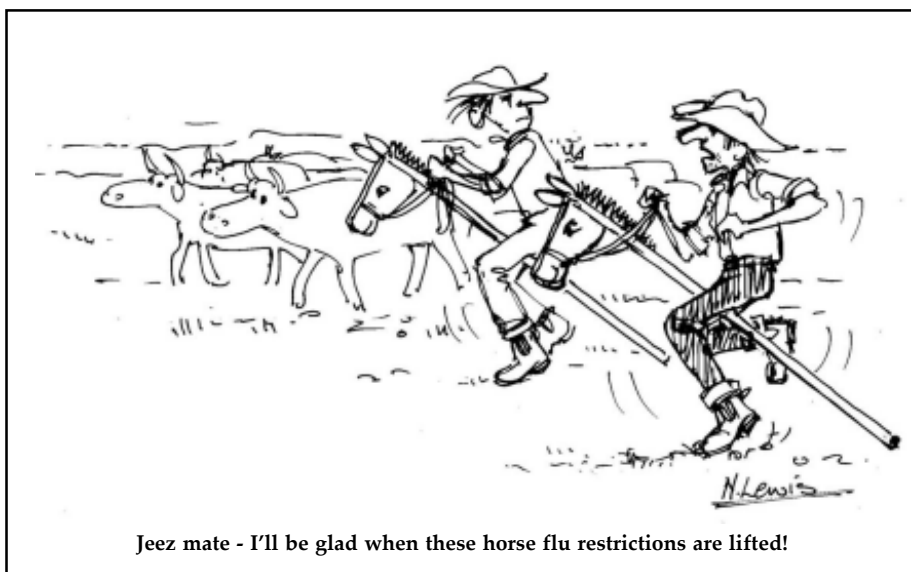
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Robyn Grice has studied with Tallgrass Animal Acupressure Institute for the past five years. Her course work has included both hands-on and online courses in Traditional Chinese Medicine practice and theory, which covers Yin-Yang Theory, Five-Element Theory, Assessment Techniques, Acupoint Classification, Location, Energetics and Function, plus Anatomy.



Jeez mate - I'll be glad when these horse flu restrictions are lifted!

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Quintessentially Quaama

Notes from Quaama will be relatively brief this month due to the writer's preoccupation with new love interest! Just the thing for Spring.

Barb Galloway has offered a delightfully appropriate alliteration expressing the season ... *Quaama quivers with spring!* In recognition of Quaama Village's 120-year anniversary on October 27, readers are invited to submit QQ alliterations for our very own T-shirt logos. Send your submissions to vmbc@exemail.com.au or c/- Quaama Post Office marked 'QQ competition'. Winners will carry the esteem of seeing their creativity in walking print and receive a prize of a T-shirt. Profits from T shirt sales will go to the hall restumping fund!

A couple of significant events must be mentioned. By far the most charming and good looking man on Stevenson's Lane, Elwyn Platts (pictured) celebrated his 83rd birthday on 19th September. Happy to see you so fit



Elwyn Platts, 83yrs, at work on Ellerslie

and still working on the farm!

And in the same neighbourhood, we joyfully welcome Kerry and Phil Dummett's new addition to

their family and the community – precious baby Shakira born on 10th September. Happy B'day also to Barb Galloway and Taylor Monk.

Should you see Jim Blacka about the district, wish him a fabulous retirement and thank him for his many years service at the Bega District Hospital. I guess that little caravan of yours will be on the road a lot more in the future, Jim ... enjoy!

On the topic of T-shirts, at the 2nd Annual Quaama Open Day at *Mumbulla View* in aid of Quaama Rural Fire Brigade, you can purchase and order 'Where is Quaama' printed Ts – great for Christmas gifts! Don't miss this great day – 6 October – for markets/music and mirth in marvelous local company.

Also 13th October the Mind Body Spirit Festival at Quaama School of Arts Hall – promises to be an interesting and inspirational day! The gardens are looking pretty thanks to the regular 'weeders and mulchers'. Next time you're in the Quaama Memorial Park keep an eye on the newly planted roses – behind the Memorial Wall. Following the very successful Fire Brigade Open Day, Tim Benson-Taylor, Peter Hiles and Dave T did the digging and planting for what will be the beginning of a beautiful rose garden to honour Tim's Grand Dad, recently deceased Sam Taylor who was a Trustee of the Park during his years in the community.

Still in the Park, we continue to look at a sinking pile of tin and sticks that was our BBQ shelter. It was very disappointing that the Shire representatives scheduled to attend last

week's Progress Association meeting did not make it. Consequently the meeting was postponed. It is important that Council recognises and responds to Quaama's needs and requests for advice and guidance. Advice of next meeting date will be posted at the Store as soon as it is confirmed.

Over at the school, Debbie Platts and Alan Holbrook are busy with a team of P&C helpers landscaping the area between the admin block and the new COLA. A generous gift of time from some very busy people. Thanks!

It was a lot of fun selling tickets for Quaama School of Arts restumping fund at Cobargo Pub over the past few weeks. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and to Benny's Butchery and Trady and Peter at the Pub for your support!

There has been a lot of travel out of the region for some Quaama School children over the past month. The *Southern Stars* dance group was fabulous in this spectacular show involving over 2000 children from the Illawarra and South Coast – every parent or support person present wept tears of joy and pride for our great kids! Local singer, Belinda Goodheart (Bega High) also performed beautifully as a featured artist in this amazing show!

Morgan and Millie Boyle and Erin Moore represented Quaama and the Bega District at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Wollongong – Well done. Then ... year 5/6 had a busy few days in Canberra seeing *everything* and going to the snow! But back at school there was also much excitement and colour with the Book Week Book Character Parade – what a talented bunch

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Quintessentially Quaama (continued)

of children, teachers and parents to come up with all those brilliant costumes. I don't know how Paddington Bear got all the cow poop off his wellies and coat before parading tho'?

Other Quaamerites out and about in the wider world this month have been Sue Ann and Steve Nicol who went to see Paul Kelly in concert, Glenda Heino to Wollongong to work on the final edits for her honours thesis, and Dave Hooper taking his plumbing skills to Tasmania!

What's going on with all the fractured limbs? Wishing speedy healing to Graeme Rayer, Tim Dummett and Angus Carroll.

Best wishes for a beautiful spring season – don't be tempted to plant those tomatoes yet tho'!

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Fireside notes:

NSW Rural Fire Service Open Day, 15th September

This was a great opportunity for members of the Quaama community to meet their local fire brigade. Two tankers and a 4wd appliance were there for people to inspect.

Once again people enjoyed the sausage sizzle and sat back to enjoy watching kids have some fun. Numbers were up on last year. More kids attended and more games were organised by the fire crew. Who had the most fun, the kids or the crew?

Some of the old favourites were combined with a message to help kids recall the procedure. One game was to crawl through three hoops holding an egg on a spoon as 'you get down low and go, go, go'! There was a gumboot toss and sack races and kids were shown how to roll out a fire hose and how to aim one at a specific target.

Even the 'big kids' got saturated with the water bomb balloons! There were opportunities for some kids to have their photo taken in the gear and in the truck.

A big thank you to the local crew, for giving their time, to make this a very successful day. Your volunteers on the day were Phil Bragg, Rob Taylor, Rick Raymond, Greg Ruth, Barry Bacon, Peter Hyles, Tim Benson Taylor, Dave Toolley,

Graeme Spicer, Adrian MacBeth and Dave Britten and a special mention to young Jared for all his help and running around.

Anyone can make a difference to his or her local community by simply getting involved. The local fire Brigade needs help at many levels.

Some of the possibilities might include building your knowledge by attending a Basic Fire Fighters course. This would help you to become fire ready and have something to offer others, if needed.

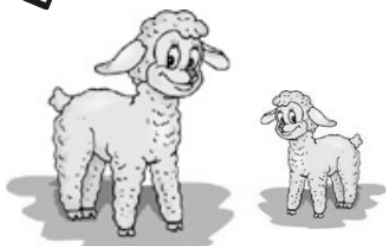
You may be able to help in fundraising to upgrade our facilities and equipment or help us to run open days (BBQs, games for kids or planning and logistics). Perhaps assisting with a newsletter is your forte. You are only limited by your imagination.

Contact us if you think you can help. Please consider joining the Quaama Brigade – From the community for the community.



Sack race at the Fire Service Open Day. Umm, looks like someone's missing the point there ... (photo: Kaitlin Moore)

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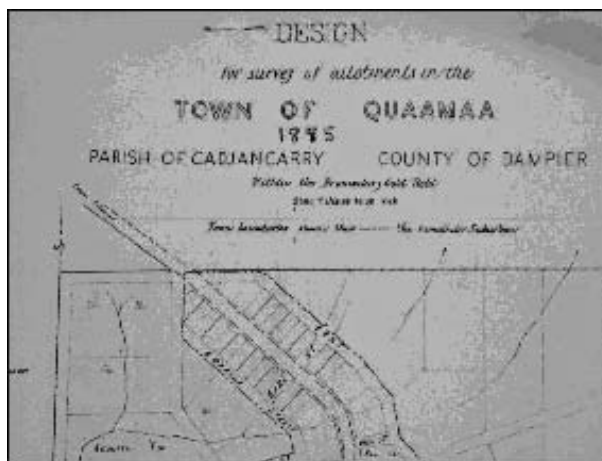
Dry River – Quaamaa – Quaama: A Brief History

Not only is St Saviour's 100 yrs old this year, but 2007 marks the 120th anniversary since the village of 'Quaamaa' (original spelling) was dedicated. There is a plaque in the Quaama Memorial Park commemorating the centenary of the village – '1887–1987'. Of course there was a white settlement here long before 1887, and even before the Robertson Land Act (1861) which permitted land leases south of the Limits of Location (on the south coast this was at the Moruya River).

According to Betty Taylor's research, Henry Badgery took up land at Dry River in the early 1830s! Betty's record states 'The settlement of Dry River was located mainly in the river area ... [but] as the village grew, it extended further up the hill to the north of the river. This area was known as 'Quaamaa', supposedly after the Aboriginal name for the area ... [the residents] petitioned to have the school and Post Office renamed Quaama'. Mrs Taylor adds that although the school was changed to Quaama on 18th March 1884, the Village of Quaama was not dedicated until 29th October 1887 and it was a further six years before the Quaama Post Office was officially

named on 1st June 1893 (ref. Betty Taylor (1997) *Dry River – Quaama: Our Schools and Our Heritage*, Published by Quaama Public School.)

Merv Penrith of Wallaga Lake, whose grandmother was Elizabeth Turner – herself daughter of Ko:ma of Dry River has roots in the Quaama region and explained that in his understanding – Quaama means 'shallow waters'. The more popularly known translations, 'squabbling ground' or 'meeting place' are also quite plausible as, prior to European occupation, this region was a big meeting place for Indigenous groups from as far north as Shoalhaven; from the Manaroo and Delegate regions to the West, as well as for tribes from Gippsland to the south. Mumbulla Mountain was a very important place for the *Kuringal* (young men's coming of age). (Ref. Sue Wesson, (2000) *An Historical Atlas of the Aborigines of Eastern Victoria and Far South-eastern New South Wales*, Monash Publications, pp. 163–4). It is well recognised that the strength of development of our Eu-



Copy of part of the map of the Town of Quaama sent to the Surveyor General on 7 January 1885, in readiness for the official village dedication in 1887 (small text reads: 'Within the Dromedary Gold Fields'). Map available for

ropean ancestor's occupation of Quaama was realised through the support of Indigenous populations in the region, and it is with awareness of this history, that all of us who are blessed to call Quaama home become more cognisant that we also are custodians not just 'property owners' of this special part of the 'Triangle'!



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Pat's Piece

If only we could be as passionate about peace on earth, climate change, ending poverty,

as we are about sport. Watching the self-righteous baying for Andrew Johns' blood recently was indeed a sad thing. Even sadder is the fact that an affluent society in a wealthy country like ours, gives access to our young people to all kinds of mind changing substances, some much more dangerous than others. But when does the blame game begin and end and how much right do we have to be the judge.

I have a vivid memory of having a drink with friends many years ago on the verandah of the Bermagui Hotel. At a table next to us was a middle aged, well known resident who was

well and truly under the influence of alcohol. Suddenly he started ranting and raving about how the local teenagers went out to the Murrah Hall to have their rock concerts so they could smoke dope well out of the eye of the local police. He was quite scathing about these so called 'pot heads'. The interesting thing about this scenario is that he himself was under the influence of a drug, because that's what alcohol is and if you abuse the use of it, it will kill you, the same as any other drug. The fact that there are other dangerous substances out there doesn't give us the right to blame the victim, something that some of us old fuddy duddies are damn good at.

While Andrew Johns and others like him are condemned, it just means that they have their human fallibility like the rest of us. So many of our young sports idol's lives are spent in a fish-bowl, while they have access to huge amounts of money. The trouble is we

expect them to be perfect and if there is one thing I have learnt in my 84 years it is that perfect doesn't apply to the human condition. One of the great tragedies of an affluent society is it tends to become gluttonous and encourages abuse, not only of drugs but in our very lifestyle.

So whilst I enjoy a quiet 'scotch' at five o'clock each evening knowing that a drug is a drug is a drug, I refuse to criticise those unfortunate enough to be in Andrew Johns' position. I first hope the general public can allow him to get on with his life, remembering that while it's love that makes this old world go round, it's also love that makes the ride worthwhile, not the practice of destructive criticism.

Pat Thompson

Helping hand for victims of crime

Elna Martin, Regional Coordinator for Victim Services will be in Bega on the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month commencing 7th & 8th November 2007. Appointments on Thursday 8th November at the Women's Resource Centre Bega from 10 am – 3.30 pm if you want to know more about the counselling and compensation services offered by Victim Services:

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The ABC Cheese Factory had to close their doors for a couple of days while they had new tiles laid in the shop area of the building. It looks good.

Layla has had another hard working crew of local tradespeople doing a great job of rebuilding her original outbuildings and a small extension to the back of the house. Welcome back to our much-loved Tagan Dibden, who has shrugged off her halo and returned to earth. Tagan, who must have been feeling like a Beaconsfield Mine disaster, has had a metal frame drilled to her skull and reaching down to her upper body to keep her neck immobilised for the past five months. She broke a disc high in her spine in a car accident and fortunately it has fused back together without the necessity of surgery. Life has been very frustrating for Tagan and her family and many friends are so excited for her.

The Dromedary Hotel has new

flooring in both bars and the hallway and our local coachbuilder, Arthur Worthley, has restructured the internal stairway.

One thing you can count on is someone having a birthday and there have been some. Lesley Heffernan, one of the friendly and helpful people at the Narooma Information Centre, celebrated her 60th down in the gully at Tuck and Jen's. Classical music by Trevor King on guitar was followed by a bit of Bush Medicine (the band) to a capacity crowd of seven well into the night. Lesley flies out soon for a European holiday without her Al, and we wish her well.

Deb Elton celebrated her 50th the other day with a capacity crowd of friends, children and family in the Tilba Leather back garden. It was a bloody cold night, but a myriad of candles, tall gas heaters, bbq and food and wine aplenty did the trick.

Melanie Atkins is celebrating her 21st at The Drom on Saturday the 6th of October. It's in the beer garden from 4 pm and family and friends are welcome with some music from Ako and plenty of fun for this auspicious occasion.

Congratulations to local girl Caroline Leach, who has opened her gallery Tilba Cameo Collection at 27–29 Bate Street, Central Tilba. Caroline is staging exhibitions, which will change on a fortnightly basis and her first feature artist is Pauline Balos.

A quiet achiever who deserves



She's with the band, OK?

special mention in Tilba is Phil Elton. For a long time now Phil has been organising groups of community service workers on different projects around the streets of Central Tilba. There has been lots of painting, repair jobs, makeovers on unsightly bits of public land and the result is a very tidy town to be proud of. If anyone would like to help with a few dollars towards paint and equipment, Phil would be most appreciative.

Best wishes to Jen Somers and Windhorse (Tibetan Buddhist Emporium) in their move to main street Cobargo. We are glad to have kept you in the Triangle and wish you very well.

Until the next,

Ewen Genders



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Letters to the Editors (continued from p3)

Firmness Dignity And Respect

Dear Editor,

This letter should have been sent much earlier than this but I have had to be in Canberra for medical reasons straight after our recent public meeting in Bermagui re Meads Bay development at Wallaga Lake. I can only say that I have been appalled at the downright unwarranted attack on Councillor David Hede over his handling of the Chair at that meeting.

I invited Mr. Hede to take on the position as he has paid us the courtesy of attending every meeting we have held re our concerns over such inappropriate development while other councillors, including our own representative, have ignored us.

During my 84 years I have attended an awful lot of meetings and Mr. Hede's chairmanship was carried out with firmness, dignity and respect for the Chair. He at no time made comment about the subject at hand. To attack him in such a way shows a mean-spirited, undemocratic approach to the whole procedure.

I can only thank most sincerely Mr Hede's competence and patience during what was at times a feisty debate. As for Mr Brock's sad story about his caring for the environment and being so badly done by, then I would suggest that it is not too late for him to realise the affect of what he wants to do to beautiful Meads Bay and maybe donate this piece of land back to the community where it belongs.

Patricia Thompson
Bermagui

Bermi Profiles in History

'Bermagui Profiles in History', a 'new book with a new look' at local history has recently been released. Written by Ron Gaha, it extends his two earlier books by establishing a chronology of the area, from the first inhabitants to the year 2000.

'Profiles' is recommended reading, not only for new arrivals but also for longer-term families, especially the young. 'Profiles' is priced @ \$20.00 including GST and is only available from the writer at his home: Unit 3/1 Corunna St. Bermagui NSW 2546, Ph 02 6493 4703 (after 9 am), add \$2.50 for postage.

Copies of Ron's earlier books are also available, namely 'Bermagui, A Century of Features and Families' (1994) and 'Bermagui Country Club Limited - The First Thirty Six Years' (1996)

I have sent this on behalf of Ron Gaha.

Regards,

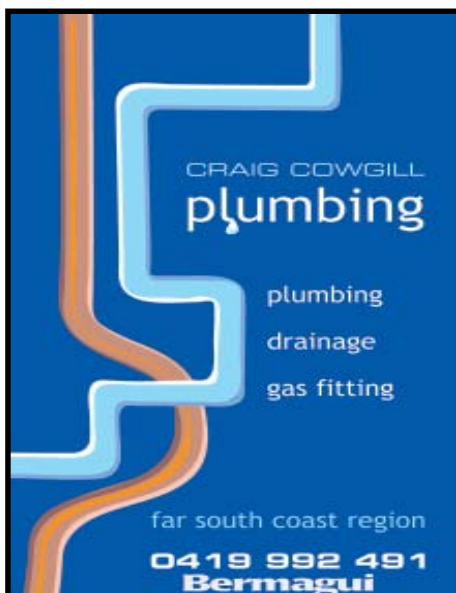
Brian Boulter
Bermagui

Dear Readers

This month we have received two theses (with opposing views) on the re-routing of the Bermagui walking track. Unfortunately both articles were extremely lengthy and would have required considerable time to edit. In consequence they have not been published. Please keep letters and articles to approximately 300 words so that your opinions can be printed.

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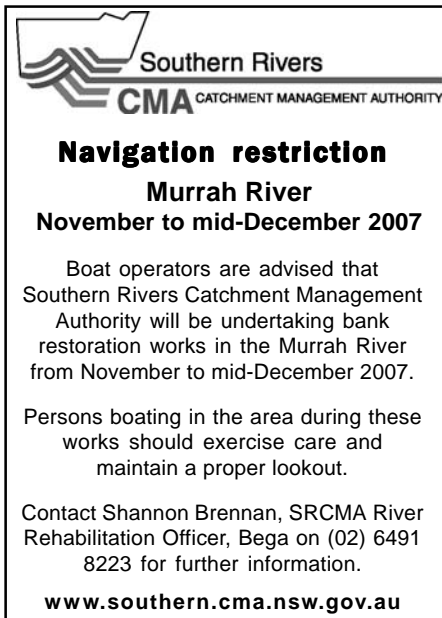
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Junior Tennis Tournament

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Age groups: under 10 y/o; 10-11 y/o; 12-13 y/o; 14-16 y/o.

There is a singles and a doubles tournament. The doubles tournament will be 'round robin'; the singles tournament is either 'round robin' or 'knock-out' style, depending on the number of participants. The doubles will start first. Doubles can sign up with a pre-arranged partner or can get a partner on the day from the tournament leader.

Starting time: 8:30 am

Registration: On the day. Entry fees: singles \$6, doubles \$6 per pair.

There will be a sausages sizzle for a fee of \$2.



For more information call Trevor Hilton on 6495 0334.



William Barton to perform in Bermi

Australia's premier didgeridoo performer, William Barton and the Sculthorpe String Quartet will be performing at the Bermagui Community Centre on Thursday 25 October as part of the 2007 Barnstorming Tour. This is an initiative of the Four Winds Festival in partnership with SouthEast ARTS Region, supported by the Mumbulla foundation.

Every school in the Bega Valley Shire has been invited to attend concerts by this unique ensemble that will also include percussionist Timothy

Constable from Synergy, with performances scheduled in Bega, Eden and Narooma as well as Bermagui.

William Barton has been profiled on ABC's Australian Story, and is recognised as Australia's most accomplished didgeridoo performer, with a growing reputation as a composer. His charismatic performance showcases the incredible range of sounds created with the didgeridoo.

The concert program for schools will be tailored to either primary or secondary students and feature music from different sacred traditions to demonstrate the capacity for peaceful co-existence through music, as well as a powerful symbol of reconciliation and cultural fusion with the string quartet and didgeridoo.

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Bermagui Dune Care Group

Another Dune Care group - No, there is no war. Bermagui Dune Care is a separate group, reformed in 2003. We have been working mainly on clearing Sea Spurge, with some other work on bridal veil creeper, and plantings in Mimosa Rocks NP. With a small but dedicated group, we decided to be methodical in our approach, working northwards from Cuttagee Beach to Baragoot Beach. Beares Beach is being covered by a subgroup of Bermagui Dune Care. Sea spurge is a major problem for our beaches, so any additional effort in removing it is welcome.

Karen Joyines

Bermi Banter (continued)

The 'Tarpin' Slips Away

The Tarpin, a famous old wooden boat that has graced Bermagui Harbour for many years has gone.

Built on the north Coast and owned by Keith Appleby for the last 23 years, she was made famous for her lead role as Billy Connolly's boat in 'The Man Who Sued God'.

Used primarily as a charter boat, countless parties of hopeful fishermen and women have enjoyed a day on the sea and many tales of 'the ones that got away' have been recounted back on the wharf.

This gracious lady was purchased by Ted Hardiman and Noel Coots, a couple of old salties who fell in

love with her, and she undertook the journey down south to cooler climes. There she will reside in Yuringa Harbour on the Mornington Peninsula, where she will be refurbished and enjoy a new life as a pleasure boat that they and their families can enjoy.

Ted and Noel are even talking about taking her to the Wooden Boat Show in Hobart next year.

There were only a few there to see her go but that didn't really matter. With her nose pointed south she steamed out through the harbour as she has so many thousands of times before.



The Tarpin's new owners with Keith Appleby

Fancifully, I like to think she was excited by the prospect of a new life. The next adventure awaits!

Article and photo: Jane Hall



Scarecrow Competition

Coming to Bermagui soon is a scarecrow competition to be held in conjunction with the Anglican Church Flower Show, at the Community Hall Bermagui on Saturday 27th October.

Yes, the Flower Show is back, having been part of the Bermagui calendar for many years, and everyone is encouraged to exhibit in the many and various sections, including a scarecrow section added for both children and adults.

There will be a bonsai demonstration at 11.30 am and a selection of Christmas gifts, craft, cakes, jams, plants, BBQ, donuts for sale, and white elephant stall.

A Devonshire tea is included in the admission price of \$5.00. Schedules



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Bermi Banter (continued)

Journey into Space: Bermagui Pre School Report

After the Lunar Eclipse, the children at Bermagui Pre School worked on many projects that focused on the moon and our solar system. We used our imaginations and fine motor skills to create spaceships at the collage table; we counted astronauts in a counting game, played socially in spaceship cubbies and pretended to go on a journey into space in music time. After reading stories about our solar system, we created our own solar system, complete with glittering stars, a red lunar eclipse and the planet earth to fly our model shuttles around.

The preschool will close on Friday 28th September and re-open on Monday 15th October, after the school holidays. Vacancies exist on Thursdays during Term 4. Contact the preschool after the October holidays, on 6493 4183, if you are interested in enrolling your child for Thursdays.



Bermi Breakers win the Grand Final

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Bermagui Football Club! Only their second year back in the competition and the Breakers Reserves won their grand final with a 48 point win over the Merimbula Diggers. We hear the celebrations went well into the weekend and one friend of the Triangle was warned to look out for "tired and emotional" drivers on Monday! Like all voluntary and sporting

events in the community, this win was made easier for our players because of the on-going work and support of the volunteer committee and supporters who turn up for training, fund-raising and to cheer the lads on – thanks to all of them for giving so much pleasure and fun this footy season. And good on the Under 13's for getting into their finals season and playing so well all year!



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Congratulations to Johnny Gosch and Tina Rixon on the birth of their baby son on 22nd September.

In this time of scarcity of rural doctors, Cobargo is extraordinarily lucky to have two doctors. Dr. Helen Anderson has joined Dr. Lee at his surgery in Cobargo. So not only two doctors but one is a female.

Ten Year Drought Broken ... Cobargo Dry River Soccer Club celebrated their first premiership in almost a decade when the Under 14's Girls defeated Minor Premiers Moruya 2-1. Beaten 1-0 in the major semi final, by Moruya, Cobargo regrouped for the preliminary final, convincingly accounting for Broulee 7-2 in an awesome display of team soccer. A solid training attended by all players completed the grand final build up.

Behind 1-0 at half time, our girls showed all the character of a champion of a champions side to level scores with a Kristy Rixon equaliser and they dominated the second half. Every player produced something extra and as Moruya foundered, Kristy struck again. Top effort from all the girls and congratulations to super coach Tina Rixon, ably assisted by Bill Carr, this year's recipient of the Shoemith Award for services to the game.

Cobargo CWA News

At our last meeting in September, we discussed the problem of council rates for the cottage. Like all home owners we are facing a hike in rates, which amounts to about \$100 a month. This will not be covered by our current lettings and we have no intention of raising the rates for our regular renters as we are providing a much-needed community service.

Our other fundraisers are usually catering to the CWA Group Council meetings and such events as the Cobargo Co-op Open Day, but it takes a lot of cakes and slices to pay the rates bill! A garage sale was suggested in the near future, so keep a look out for the announcement. If you meet CWA

members selling raffle tickets and the like, remember it will be to support a community facility, namely the CWA cottage.

Also we decided that the Citizen of the Year for 2008 will be the last one organised by the CWA at Cobargo. We feel it is time for other members of the community to take this on. We are, of course, still willing to help with the catering after the presentation ceremony. So we are calling for nominations for the Cobargo Citizen of the Year 2008, both Senior and Junior. Last year, no Junior Citizen was awarded as no nominations were submitted. The nominations in both categories come from the community of Cobargo, so it is up to you. So start thinking of worthy nominees and watch for the announcements for submissions.

We welcome new members as our numbers are depleted, due to people leaving the district and others suffering ill-health. You can be assured of a warm welcome with friendly faces. By belonging to CWA, you forge a link with women across Australia in making the difference at State and Federal Government levels. CWA is a very effective lobby group. △

Cobargo Information Centre

The Cobargo Tourist and Business Association Inc. is proud to announce the establishment of the Cobargo Information Centre. The premises have been kindly donated by Lyn and Warren Smith of Cobargo Storage located on the Princes Highway at the northern end of Cobargo Village for a six-month period. The Centre will be non-accredited, self-funded and staffed by volunteers

and will open as soon as possible.

The Bermagui Chamber has generously donated fixtures and fittings, no longer required by their Information Centre and has encouraged Cobargo with lots of helpful advice.

The Cobargo Information Centre will be the venue for the monthly markets giving highway frontage, parking etc. The next market will be held on 27 October 2007 come rain or

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Willing volunteers for the Information Centre please call: Dianne Saunders 6493 6419 or Janet Doolin 6493 6817. △



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to re-vamp business brochures, producing a mock up of a beautiful new advertising brochure for our region for the Bermagui Chamber of Commerce, designed by Lynn Gunn of Horizon Credit Union at Bermi. We can help you with designing your business brochure, inserting your own photos, and highlighting the special features your business offers.

The CTC is now offering 'Learn to use your computer' sessions – one-to-one with our skilled and helpful volunteers, for only \$20.00 per one hour session. Please ring to book a time. We hope to start free sessions soon, for people who can't afford to pay, and have a

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Remember, you can show your visitors the area on Bermagui.net.

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Garden Magic

A small effort in the garden now will save a helluva lot of work and losses when the heat hits. These mild days inspire us to go outside, so we might as well utilise the time productively. Idle hands do the devil's work.

So – feed and mulch now. Cow manure is the good old reliable standby, along with blood & bone. If they're too labour intensive, or if your knees are gone, use one of the pelletised types such as Organic Life or Organic Xtra, which you just broadcast throughout the area.

Any mulch is good mulch – it's essential to try and prevent moisture loss from the soil, particularly in hot or windy weather. Remember that wind dries plants out as much as summer sun. Lucerne is popular for vegie gardens because it puts nitrogen back in the soil (incidentally, roses seem to

prefer lucerne mulch). Sugar cane is easy to use and attractive. Any of the bark types are serviceable, as Maggie Smith would say. They last longer than the

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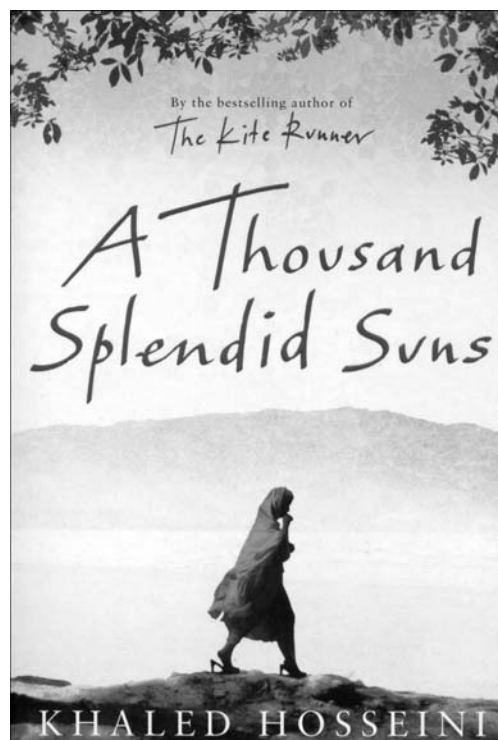
Book Review

Khaled Hosseini: 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' Bloomsbury Books. 2007 \$32.95

This is the second book by the Afghanistani writer, Khaled Hosseini, and follows on the success of his best seller, *The Kite Runner*, (which I think is being made into a film).

It's not unusual for the follow up to be a big disappointment, but in this case, it's just the opposite. While the first novel concentrated on the lives of the men of Afghanistan, this one highlights the lives of women during thirty years of history since 1973, dominated by invasions, civil wars and in particular, the rule of the Taliban. It covers the life of one woman from the age of fifteen when she is forced into a marriage with an older man, who later on takes a second wife.

The friendship between the two women, the tragic love story of the second wife, their daily struggles against brutality, the effects of war, and in particular, the unremitting violence against women could leave you to despair of the country and its inhabitants. But the real story is the triumph of human compassion and friendship and enduring love – told



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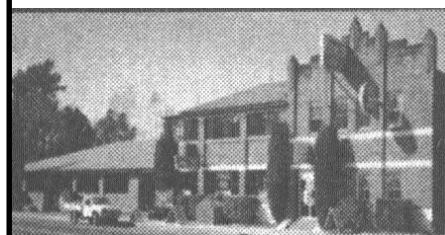
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A marine incident report has been submitted by police to the waterways authority for investigation.

On Saturday the 25th of August an 18 yr old Bermagui man left a Bermagui club to find the windows of his car had been smashed. The man became angry and performed several large burnouts around the area before leaving. Police were notified and attended. The man was spoken to several days later and issued a penalty notice for 'burnout' (\$477 and 3 points). Police are seeking information on the person/s responsible for damaging the vehicle, a white VT commodore sedan, on the evening of the 24th of August. Anyone with information should call Bermagui police or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Police would like to remind motorists that they [police] also have the power to confiscate vehicles used to perform burnouts and the owner is liable for the cost of towing the vehicle

to the police holding yard in Queanbeyan plus the impound fee of \$12 a day. On the second offence the vehicle may be forfeited to the Crown (seized and sold by police).

On the 14th of September, following a domestic dispute on the previous day, police attended the address of 35 yr old Cobargo man to serve him an interim apprehended domestic violence order for the protection of his de-facto. The man was not home and whilst looking for him police located 14 cannabis plants growing in the yard and a shotgun behind a fallen log on the property. The cannabis and firearm were seized by police. About midday on the 15th of September the man attended an address in Cobargo and armed himself with a machete before threatening a Cobargo couple and then leaving in a vehicle. Police attended before travelling to Quaama where the man was located and arrested. He was charged with assault, possessing an offensive implement, offensive behaviour, offensive language, two counts of intimidation, possessing an unregistered firearm, possessing an unauthorised firearm, possessing a firearm whilst unlicensed, possessing a prohibited plant (cannabis) and given strict bail conditions. He will appear at the Narooma local court on the 25th of September and again on the 15th of November. September also saw three local residents issued with court attendance notices for drink driving and one for possessing a prohibited drug.

A few housekeeping matters: Consuming alcohol contrary to council notices prohibiting alcohol (such as Dickinson Park in Bermagui) attracts a \$110 on-the-spot fine.

Pushbike riders of all ages must wear an approved helmet. Failure to comply attracts a \$53 on-the-spot fine.

The beach is not an ashtray. Depositing an extinguished cigarette attracts a \$60 fine, which increases to \$200 if the cigarette is still lit. Most cigarette butts not properly disposed of end up in stormwater drains and flushed out to sea. They are then eaten by marine life or washed up on our beautiful beaches.

And finally, don't forget that most non-urgent crime can be reported to the Police Assistance Line on 131444. The report is taken on the phone and entered on the police computer database and reviewed by local police. Police encourage the public to use this line to report all crime in their area, no matter how minor, so police can get a better picture of what is occurring in their patrol. Lost wallets, mobile phones, bicycles, etc can also be reported on this number. Urgent matters should still be reported to '000'.

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Volunteers and coordinators required for the 11th Bermagui Seaside Fair, Saturday 8th March 2008.

Phone Jo, 6494 0191

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

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

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

COBARGO LANDCARE GROUP

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

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yo and over. Caring for your child's early education. For more info, ph Tracey Abraham on 6493 6660.

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

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

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

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

COBARGO 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.

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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

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch - Meetings bi-monthly at Tathra Beach Bowling Club every 3rd Thursday of the month. All welcome. Enquiries 6493 7269.

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 & 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.

MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

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.

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.

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.

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BEGA VALLEY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

Sunday mornings at Dickinson Oval, Bermagui All dogs (and their owners!) welcome. Beginner and Advanced sessions Please ring Kerry 6493 3372 or Sian 6493 4412 for further details.

BERMAGUI DAY VIEW CLUB

3rd Friday each month. Venues vary. For info phone Carol 6493 3331 or Gloria 6493 3149.

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

Fabric and Textile Art Group meeting monthly at Quaama Phone 0427 402025

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 Merryn Carey - Sec. - 6493 6747

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB Inc

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

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

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.

FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

Monday 1st	Jam Session	River Rock Cafe	6.30 till late BYO
Friday 5th	DJ and The Karisma Katz: \$20 dinner and show, BYO	River Rock Cafe	7.30 pm start
Saturday 6th	Quaama open day	Mumbulla View B&B Quaama	9 am markets etc, 6 pm dinner & music
Sunday 7th	Vince Malouney Bush Medicine	Bermagui Hotel Tilba Valley Wines	4 pm - 8.00 pm 12.30 free
Tuesday 9th	Pete & the Pelicans	Dromedary Hotel	7.30 pm -11 pm
Wednesday 10th	Yuin Folk Club	School of Arts Hall Cobargo	Evening
Friday 12th	Ante's Pizza Brogo Bushfire Brigade Social	Where?	5 pm
Friday 12th	Spicy Mammias	River Rock Cafe	5 pm - 9 pm
Saturday 13th	3 on the Tree Mind, Body, Spirit	Bermagui Hotel Quaama SoA Hall	7.30 pm - 11.30 pm 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday 14th	QBC Country Music & Variety	Bega Bowling Club	11 am
Monday 15th	Jam Session Spud Murphy comedy	River Rock Café Dromedary Hotel	6.30 till late 7 pm
Friday 19th	Spicy Mammias	River Rock Cafe	5 pm - 9 pm
Saturday 20th	Black Velvet	Bermagui Hotel	7.30 pm - 11.30 pm
Sunday 21st	Kooky Fandango	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30 free
Friday 26th	Spicy Mammias Skate Park Fundraiser Masquerade Ball	River Rock Café Bermagui Hotel	5 pm - 9 pm
Sunday 28th	Junior Tennis Tournament Over the Moon	Bermagui Country Club Bermagui Hotel	8.30 am start 4.30 pm - 8.30 pm

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