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Carbon trading – will it work?

Herewith, a brief muse on the nuts and bolts of carbon trading. I've always been a bit wary of economists and tend to support the definition 'An economist is someone who has a 50 per cent chance of accurately forecasting the past'. Similarly, I lean towards finding such terms as 'rational economist' and 'ecologically sustainable development' oxymorons. To be fair, I have met the odd good economist; people with their feet firmly on the ground and well aware of the impacts that their economic strategies will have on stakeholders. However, these are rare beings and the majority of their colleagues appear to be so obsessed with income-flows, economic modelling and the like that they lose sight of the practical aspects of applying whatever recommendation they come up with. In short, when economists develop methods of trading natural resources such as carbon, I get nervous.

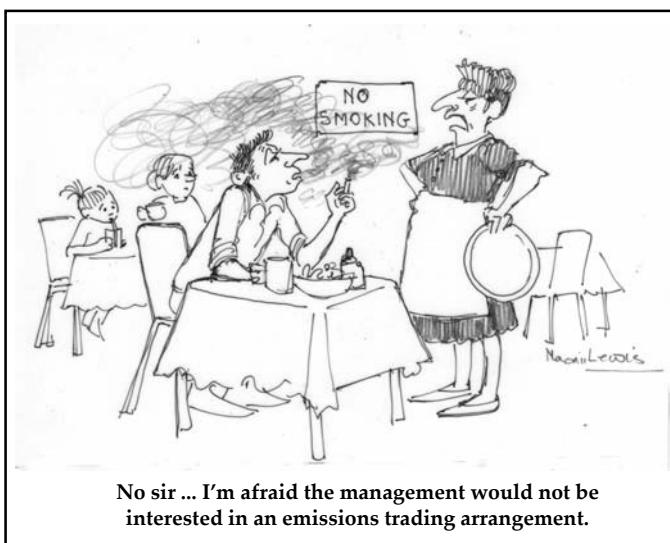
Trading systems are usually based on agreed units of currency, be they kilos of this, litres of that, or cold hard coinage. Herein lies the first problem with achieving a level playing ground with a carbon trading scheme. Whereas the technology for measuring carbon emissions is fairly well developed, there are widely varying estimates for carbon sink efficiency. There is still much research to be done before the respective merits of carbon absorption by forests, plantations, grasslands, and so on are defined and agreed upon so that carbon credits can be allocated accurately. Whereas this problem is solvable with time, there will be many unknowns surrounding the initial trading process. In the mean-

time a national carbon credit standard should be established as a matter of urgency, with the proviso that this may change with better knowledge. An ac-

consequently led to very expensive government (that is tax payer) buy-outs, an ongoing process in the MDB. It is essential that carbon credits are not

handed out willy-nilly by governments seeking to convince the public that they are doing something about global warming, or to placate powerful industry lobbyists and the like. Independent audits are a must. We all want a carbon trading scheme to achieve its aim of reducing global emissions, but the potential for such a scheme to be abused is very real. Spin doctors like nothing better than a good smoke-screen.

Richard Tilzey



cepted global standard will probably take some time to establish.


Much thought should be given to the allocation process. Let us hope that economists have learnt from the recent history of natural resource trading in Australia. Some commercial fisheries were the first resources to be managed via a trading scheme using Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs). The economic rationale behind this scheme was that the most efficient fishing vessels would buy quota from less efficient boats causing the latter to retire from the fishery. Thus, the size of the fishing fleet would shrink and excessive fishing effort and over-fishing would disappear. Similarly, a cap on total irrigation water usage within the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) was implemented via a water trading scheme that gave irrigators the right to buy or sell individual allocations.

In both instances the initial allocations were far too generous and

The Yowie of Yowie

On a recent weekend, a visitor to the region was seen running screaming from the deep bush land of Yowie, babbling incoherently. Armed with a twig and a few pebbles 'he' spluttered that he had been attacked by a 'huge, hairy, menacing creature'. We publish the photo as proof of his incoherency and urgently ask Premier Nathan Rees to add the Yowie of Yowie to his investigations into the 'black panther' of western Sydney.



Seriously needs to reduce his footprint? 

Editorial

This first month of Spring has gone from heavy frost to 31 degrees, our fair share of 'spring' winds and dropping dam levels – yukky.

We've been hearing reports of huge wallaby and kangaroo numbers decimating gardens that have so far remained resilient to the feeding habits of wallabies. Does this mean we'll be having a bumper season or the opposite?

So stuck in the lethargy of winter we quite forgot that last month – September issue – was our 6th birthday! Who would have thought ...

The *Triangle* will be holding their AGM on Tuesday October 7th at 5.00pm at the Cobargo Hotel. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Another rates anomaly noticed the other day: Why is it that Council assesses many as residential, and then they are also charged as rural from the Rural Lands Protection Board?

Don't forget that we are now all in fire permit season; apply to your local Brigade for permits. Already there have been a couple of fires in the Shire; it's very dry out there.

Well, the elections have been and gone and now we have a new Council in our area, which we hope can fulfil the demands of this forgotten area of NSW. Talking of things being forgotten it was rather amazing to hear prospective voters on polling day remarking that they had no idea the election was being held or who to vote for. If you belong to this group, please make sure you have no complaints with the Council in the next four years.

It was great to see the atmosphere on polling day and the camaraderie created with lots of chat in Bermagui. It makes a long day much more enjoyable if the volunteers can pass the time pleasantly.

There have been suggestions that the editorial contains the names of the authors. This would be easy but it varies each month and the input is often a real mix from our committee and community. Other editorials do not attribute their content to authors and we feel it is unnecessary to detail this section of our paper.

By the time you are reading this, CEFE will have had their fundraising fashion parade in aid of the solar panels for the Bermagui Pre-School and the Surf Club. Prue Kelly and her

band of helpers have worked so hard to get this underway and we hope the goal has been achieved.

Talking of committees, congratulations must go to all those Montreal Gold Fields helpers who took the opportunity to have their Open Day on election day when everyone was out and about. A great crowd turned up on the day and this was followed by interviews on the radio with our all-encompassing local ABC.



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Letters to the Editors

Campaign thanks

Thank you to my dear friends and loyal supporters in our Triangle area and elsewhere during my Local Government Election campaign – you all made such a tremendous effort to print and distribute material, chauffeur me when necessary and staff booths around Bega Valley Shire on polling day. The fact that I was not elected is of no consequence, I hope the incoming Council will do the best job possible for the WHOLE Shire and that our communities will pull together to make sure that happens.

*Yours sincerely
Prue Kelly
Bermagui*

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Thank you

I would like to thank the people from the Triangle area for their kindness and good thoughts after the recent passing of Murray Hunter, who passed away on July 23rd. Special thanks to the Lions Club for their generous help. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of kind people in my time of need.

*Thanking you.
Patricia*

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Avoid swooping parents



The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is reminding the community to give plenty of space to swooping magpies during the birds' breeding season from now until November.

NPWS Director Southern, Alistair Henchman, said that it's important to remember the magpie is just doing what comes naturally.

'For most of the year magpies and humans happily coexist, but during breeding season be prepared as nesting magpies will often defend their territory vigorously', Mr Henchman said.

'People walking past may be seen as a threat to their young, prompting the magpies to fly low and fast over the person clacking their bills as they pass overhead.

'Most of us at some stage have been swooped by a magpie and the experience can be quite alarming, but it is usually only a warning. However there have been cases where people have received head injuries as a result of dive-bombing magpies', Mr Henchman said.

Measures that people can take, and should teach children include:

Do not provoke the birds: If

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My Triangle

Harry Black

When Harry Black first discovered the joys of fishing, prawning and walking in the area that we call the Triangle, the journey from his home in Canberra meant ferry crossings in Batemans Bay and Nelligen.

At that time he was a scientist working in Canberra with the CSIRO and his extra curricular activities included trekking, skiing, sailing and caving. With all this on his CV it is perhaps a natural progression that he should have been selected to lead numerous expeditions to Antarctica for the Antarctic Division.

He led sixteen treks to the Himalayas, and when he settled here he used the climb up Gulaga as his training ground, estimating that he has completed the climb 150 times. His ambition was to climb to the summit in one hour but just fell short of his goal, his fastest time being one hour and three minutes.

When he started to think about taking an early retirement he explored the south coast from the Victorian border to north of Batemans Bay. He

was tempted to stay in Canberra as he had wide interests and many friends there, having founded the YMCA Ski Club (now called Brindabella) and this year he has been invited back to declare the new Tiabunga Lodge in Guthega officially open. He was involved in forming the ACT Basketball Association and he was a founding member of the Canberra Speleo Society (the caving



club) and the Sailing Club.

However he had fallen for the coast and particularly Wallaga Lake. Searching unsuccessfully for land with lake frontage in 1979 he eventually found, almost by default, the land that was to become his home. Sharing a caravan with three red kelpies, in a

natural clearing on the land, he set about establishing the orchard that later was to become so well known and productive. Major work establishing the orchard involved heavy machinery removing the topsoil, ripping the underlying clay, spreading 70 loads of sand, adding sheep manure, then replacing the topsoil.

Being set within the forest one might imagine the orchard would be ravaged by pests but a large quantity of excellent quality fruit went regularly to local and Canberra and Sydney markets. This remarkable orchard contains 200 fruit trees and vines consisting of 60 different varieties and including 20 tropical and subtropical fruits. Harry established a forest reserve on the 5.2 hectare property and this wildlife haven and the orchard were regularly visited by garden groups, schools, Probus and other groups from the ACT and NSW. Groups were often accompanied by overseas visitors who were entranced by the kangaroos, the delicate swamp wallabies and the abundant bird life.

In spite of all this activity, in his spare time, he still managed to lead a skiing expedition to Kashmir, where he found the best powder snow he had ever experienced, and to act as tour guide on a number of flights over the Antarctic.

Harry is a remarkable man with enough stories to fill many a winter night and happily his memories have been recorded as part of the National Library's Oral History project so they will be available to everyone.

Jo Lewis



Avoid swooping parents

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swooped stay calm and move out of its territory: Wear a hat or hold an umbrella or stick above your head to deter attacks: Avoid and hurry past nesting sites: Dismount if on a bike to avoid falling off, and move away quickly: Warn others about magpie territories

'Magpies are protected

throughout NSW and it is against the law to kill the birds, collect their eggs or harm their young. Both parents feed the young, so removing or harming either adult bird could kill the chicks.

'We encourage people to be patient and aware during the magpie breeding season and remember that for the bird, it is defending its home, not attacking people', he said.



THUMBS UP ...



To the Tilba Teapot for a great birthday lunch.

To the BVSC for finally, after three years, properly sealing the Yowrie Road after it was wrecked by the logging trucks.

To the passing lady with a recent hip replacement who apologised for not being able to help the booth attendant pick up wind strewn council election pamphlets at David Hede's booth in the late morning at the Cobargo Polling station, and ...

THUMBS DOWN...



To those attendants on the other booths, who witnessed the dilemma then proceeded to ignore the person with bad arthritis attempting to regather a hundred or so pamphlets.

To those who have taken to using Yowrie Road as their rubbish bin, sooo '50s.

To any cat owners who let their pets run wild, especially at this time of year when birds are nesting and most vulnerable.

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Seeing REDD Plus: or How to save the planet, the wildlife and the forests

About 70 people attended the Public Forum on Native Forests and Climate Change held in Bermagui on Saturday 20th September and perhaps the most exciting thing to come out of that forum was the concept of 'REDD Plus' (Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation) the plus being the dividend of carbon sequestration, which has been shown in the ANU Green Carbon Report (Mackey, Keith, Berry & Lindenmayer) to be very significant.

Speakers at the forum included local activist Suzanne Folkes, who was able to document changes in the forest such as the reduction in wildlife, paucity of remaining species so that the forest in her area now consists mainly of Silvertop and Casuarina, damage to waterways, the spread of die-back and the increase in understorey weeds.

Chris Allen, the DECC threatened species recovery officer, reported on the slow recovery of the koala within the area. A new and very robust method of assessing the number of koalas has revealed a small population of breeding females in the area near Wapengo and Mumbulla State Forest and some very small populations around Bermagui, Nuttleys Creek Road and Black Marlin Drive.

It was pointed out that the proposed logging in the Bermagui forest will take the heart out of the only reasonably sized wildlife corridor that runs North-South in the area. It was

also noted that this survey only covered koalas and that the area is also home to some 15 or more other threatened species.

Professor Brendan Mackey's address to the forum outlining the findings of the Green Carbon Report was read by John Hibberd. Green Carbon is the carbon stored in plant, soil and other natural systems and the report used field data from 240 sites to assess the carbon storage in undisturbed native eucalypt forests. The results are based on real data and are consistent with other published values of carbon stocks in intact native forests.

Margaret Blakers from the Green Institute together with author and forest economist Judith Ajani took the discussion further pointing out that 60 per cent of Australian emissions debt resulted from the use of fossil fuels (which is essentially the use of highly compressed biomass) and 30 per cent came from land clearing, logging and current degradation of living systems.

Margaret Blakers talked of the capacity for trees to store 50 per cent of their carbon in the soil and to continue adding to their carbon storage for up to 800 years. She said that the South East Native Forests have an estimated carbon carrying capacity of 34,000 million tonnes of CO₂, far in excess of any figure we could reach us-

ing plantations. And we can access this storage simply by moving from rotational logging to NO logging or, to put it another, way move from rotation to sequestration. Just ceasing to log the forests will cut emissions and allowing the trees to continue to grow will also offer a sequestration bonus.

On the economics side Judith Ajani used graphs to show that the use of wood in Australia is not growing, that we are using increasing amounts of recycled paper and that the timber coming out of plantations is already almost meeting domestic demand. She also made it clear that there will be large quantities of plantation hardwood coming on line in the next couple of years. Thirty per cent of wood chip exports are already plantation timber and the percentage is growing.

The meeting concluded that the time has come to stop logging our native forests and put them to really good use sequestering carbon and passed a resolution to that effect. This is the essence of the REDD Plus proposal and we were urged to lobby government to act on the matter.

Jo Lewis



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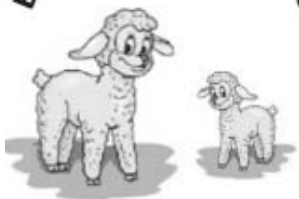
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Paddle to Crossing Open Day a success

Attended by over 200 people with 30 paddlers arriving on the Bermagui River, the inaugural Crossing Land Education Trust Open Day was a great success.



Looks almost real: this one should keep the birds away

The day included the first Clean Energy Surf Club to Crossing Paddle, which saw the Bermagui boat crew making a record-setting run of 45 minutes. Congratulations to the first paddler, Lance Carder (49 minutes) followed by Chris Magill (52 minutes) in his exquisite wooden scull and The Crossing project director Dean Turner (who failed to catch Chris despite trying to cut corners through the mangroves, under logs and over the oysters in his white water kayak).

Huge praise goes to young Bradley Kingston who became the first board paddler to complete the journey, taking 74 minutes. The Bermagui Boardriders now have a benchmark to test when they take part next year as part of their preseason training. It was great to see intrepid columnist Vesna Andric putting in a good time on the Bermagui River as well.

Kayak hire raffle prizes were awarded to five people as a result of the fantastic support of Bermagui Bait and Tackle at Bridge Motors. Other highlights of the day included the chandelier coin toss won by four-year-old Sharlee, tours with the Board of Directors, Great Spicy Mamas food, scarecrow making and the 'Sea to Snow' film, Part 1 - from 'Sea to Escarpment'.

After some more building work The Crossing will be hosting a permaculture design course for all ages in October and then a number of local school student projects involving landcare work, canoe journeys and straw wall building.



Murder! ... and Mystery Bay Was it Reader, not Schneider?

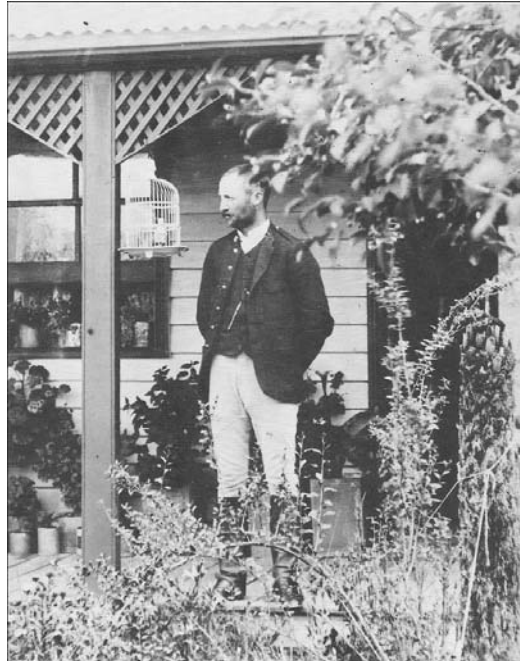
Readers of last month's *Triangle* would have seen an article on the disappearance of five men between Bermagui and Mystery Bay in 1880. It has been well accepted that the men were most likely murdered, and it was common belief that the crime was most likely to have been committed by Max Schneider, the assistant to Mining Surveyor, Lamont Young, the most high profile of those who went missing.

In 1898, Constable Colyer, of Central Tilba, developed a theory based upon new evidence that the murderer was most likely a man called Reader. Unfortunately, his theory was dismissed by police hierarchy in Sydney without further investigation. It seemed they just did not want to spend more time on this issue.

However, I believe it is worth considering Colyer's case, selected aspects of which are given below.

In 1892, twelve years after the men went missing, Tilba Tilba butcher,

Adam Innes, was travelling by train from Perth to Albany, sitting opposite a man with whom he struck up a conversation. It transpired that the man had been to Araluen, Nerrigundah and Bermagui goldfields. When Innes said: 'It's strange about this mystery', the man opposite, who had revealed his name to be Reader, asked 'What mystery?' Innes said in his declaration that when Innes replied 'The Bermagui mystery',



Constable Colyer
(photo: The Corkhill Collection)

Reader 'jumped up from his seat in a startled manner and said "What about it, what do you mean?" I was astonished at his manner and said, 'It's strange it's never been found out'. He was standing opposite me, bent, with his hands resting on his knees, looking me fiercely in the eyes, and said, 'And it never will be found out, what's more'. I thought the old gentleman had gone mad and I got a bit scared of him and

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Pat's Piece

I'm sure that everyone who reads this great little community minded newspaper is

aware of how important a regular dose of TLC is for all of us. Perhaps, for those of us who live alone, it is essential for our survival. It's just too easy to become inward looking where our own needs and desires are paramount.

Hence my reason for wanting to share with you a letter I received recently from my blind friend, Barbara Blackman. Although she lives alone, she was for many years married to Charles Blackman, one of this country's most

prominent artists. The letter relates to my recent trip to Uluru.

My dear Pat, I loved getting your card from Uluru and thinking of you out there. It reminded me of when Charles and I were at the Adelaide Festival in 1970, we were about to go and live in Paris for a year. Charles declared he wanted to go and touch the 'Rock' before being knocked down by a bus in Paris. We did. And he was. Not however, by a bus, but by a car on the Champs Elysees. 'A woman driver' he kept bellowing out in the hospital. The staff kept asking him had he lost consciousness, to which he kept bellowing back that of course he had a conscience but she was a 'woman' driver. Young Auguste, our son, arrived and cleared it all up, or maybe the Angel of the Rock was in charge.

And speaking of Angels I think they were preparing me for your card, it made me feel I was sitting on your shoulders,

because the night before, I went to a warm bed early and dug down at random into my basket of 'cassettes assortimente' and pulled out a battered tape that turned out to be a copy of your interview with Andrew Ford. So dear friend I had you cuddled up with me while I listened to that gutsy freshness and pleasure of the interview.

Next day, from sound to print, and your voice came through so melodiously. I look forward to hearing more about the journey and so I send you, my dear loose fittingly large lady courted by jazz men, my firmest love. Barbara

Receiving a letter like this from someone so brave and independent as Barbara Blackman, it seems all your ills and ails fade into insignificance and suddenly the world's a better place.

Pat Thompson



Exploding the myth – living in the country is cheap

Move to the country – it's quieter, slower, healthier, friendlier and cheaper. I agree with all of that except the last - 'cheaper'. Aside from house prices, because of the tyranny of distance, which gives us quieter, slower, healthier and friendlier, everything else is more expensive. Compound that with lower wages and less work opportunities it makes an uncomfortable mix.

Let's list the expenses:

Rates: as mentioned last issue, more expensive than city rates with fewer services.

Petrol: did anyone else notice that when the petrol prices quickly spiked our petrol was the same as city petrol but already it has gone back to

an average of 10c a litre more than in the city, and we don't have the choice of public transport and the distances we cover are much greater.

Telecommunications: in the city you can buy a phone card that allows you to ring overseas for as long as you like for 20c; they don't work in the country. With the plethora of different telephone and internet providers in the city, by shopping around your monthly bill can be quartered; they don't operate in the country. Down here we have Telstra, AAPT, Southern Phones and Optus, a much restricted market and a much restricted choice. Optus at the moment seem to be offering the best rate: 20c a call for anywhere in Australia. In comparison, Telstra's offer

of 25c a call to within 50kms (that's not even Bega!) plus a 39c connection fee pales.

Medical: Not only do we have a shortage of doctors, but when you finally get an appointment and front up with the long list of moans and complaints that may need two different procedures, for example blood test and suspicious mole removed, they cannot be done on the same day, because Medicare only allows one procedure a day, another 80km round trip and appointment and of course we don't have the option for bulk billing.

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Murder! ... and Mystery Bay

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said 'Alright, take it quietly, take it quietly, I don't care'." An attempt by Innes to raise the subject an hour and a half later was ignored by Reader.

Edward Reader had variously been a prospector on the Tuross River, a fencer at Brogo River and Tilba, and more recently acted as a botanist collecting specimens from Tilba area for Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

Late in the afternoon of the discovery of the boat at Mystery Bay, Reader called at Tilba Tilba Post Office/Shop and asked the Post Mistress to keep any letters that came for him. He was going to Corunna for a week to collect botanical specimens for the Melbourne Herbarium. He then visited Mrs John Young at Mountain Valley, insisting on returning some sugar he had borrowed, before returning to his hut which was towards the ocean from Mountain Valley homestead.

Next morning RM Bate of Tilba met Reader near to Central Tilba, riding a horse and leading another carrying a pack. Reader said he was going to Corunna for a week to collect specimens of heather. However, he went direct to Moruya, selling one horse along the way, and disappearing from Tilba forever.

It was later discovered he had destroyed everything in his hut before leaving and locking the door. A bottle was found in the detached room at Mountain Valley he had occupied before moving to the hut, and this bottle was reported to be similar to that found in the boat at Mystery Bay, and believed by Police to contain poison.

Reader was said to be a recluse, irritable, easily annoyed, but otherwise a thorough and polished gentleman. It was commonly known that he intended 'desperate revenge' on some person. He said he had been an officer in the British Navy, but had been dismissed for striking a superior officer. He had told Mr and Mrs John Young of Mountain Valley there was one person he wanted to kill, and if they met he would wait only one hour in his company, saying 'Dead cocks don't crow'.

It was said Reader habitually carried a muzzle loading revolver.

Shortly after the mystery, an Edwin Stennett told one of the Bate brothers he knew a man who could tell all about Lamont Young's disappearance. This man had seen the murderer of Lamont Young. The man was stated to be Reader, and there was an old family feud. Reader had said if he met Young he would kill him. When at Brogo, Reader had confided with a friend, Charles Russell, who had in turn told Stennett. Russell was approached on the matter in 1897/8 by SW Bate, JP, of Central Tilba, but Russell refused any information, saying it might be the means of hanging Reader.

There were several other suspects considered by Police. It seems most unfortunate this line of enquiry was not vigorously pursued.

It is noteworthy that within a few months of his report, Colyer was transferred to West Maitland. Not surprisingly, he made no further reports on the matter.

The mystery remains.

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Harry Bate

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Exploding the myth

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cheque it's an 80km round trip, or withdraw money from an ATM, unless it's Horizon or the Commonwealth you will pay excess fees because you are not using your bank's ATM. Well you can't can you? They haven't given us any.

Food: our food is fantastic and, by growing your own, costs can be kept down, but all grocery items and eating out, well anyone who has been to the city lately will tell you that casual eating out is cheaper and the groceries in Aldi ...

Utilities: I don't know if electricity is more expensive in the country than the city, I haven't had a bill for eight years, but I do know that electricity is going to get a whole lot more expensive. And as for gas! Anyone checked out the difference in prices in gas at the petrol station and gas delivered to you in a bottle - same stuff, hugely different price.

That's about covered the necessities of life. I wouldn't change living in the country to going back to the city for millions, but cheaper to live in the country it certainly ain't.

Louise Brown

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Exercise for people over 50 (or who feel like it)

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

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Showgirl judging

Congratulations to the Cobargo Show Committee in snaring the Zone 3 Showgirl Judging, great for the area.

TV star of 'Who Dares Wins', Mike Whitney, and his crew visited Cobargo on August 26th and 27th. They filmed Cobargo village and were really impressed. They are televising the show on Saturday 22nd November on Channel 7's 'Sydney Weekend'. Mike and his crew stayed with Robert and Dianne Saunders of The Old Convent B&B and a great time was had by all.

Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade's new shed

The new shed for the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade is nearing completion and an official opening is being planned for before the end of the year. Many thanks are due to all the willing souls who have contributed towards its construction. To help fund the building works, the Brigade recently held a raffle and successfully raised \$819.00. Congratulations to the lucky prize winners: 1st Pam Shalaby, 2nd David Jauncey, 3rd Kerri Newby, 4th Mary Williams.

The Brigade would like to thank all the following local businesses for their generous donation of goods and services as prizes for the raffle. Cobargo Newsagency, Belgrave Park Winery, Benny's Butchery, Cobargo Market Farm, Cole Family, Kinetix, Lochingdale Alpaca Stud, Maryvale Lavender, Molly Morgan's Mustards and Wandella Valley Olive Oil. See you all at the shed opening. *Carolyn Cole.*

CWA calls for nominations

At a meeting called by the Cobargo CWA to seek assistance in the running of the Australia Day function and the selection of a Cobargo Citizen

of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year, there were seven local groups represented with two apologies.

After some discussion it was agreed that the CWA would remain in a leadership role in the Australia Day organisation as it was felt that CWA and Australia Day are linked historically in Cobargo.

The other organisations that were represented at the meeting would be placed on a roster. They would rotate each year with two groups represented on the selection committee and CWA would remain a permanent fixture.

The Australia Day celebrations are very special in Cobargo as it is a great opportunity for the locals to get together. CWA provides refreshments and the Australia Day Ambassador for Bega Shire attends with the mayor of Bega Shire Council and other representatives to present the awards. As the names of the recipients are kept secret until the presentation, it is always fun to watch the usually unaware recipient realise the focus is on them!

Your participation is required as we are now calling for nominations for both Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year 2009. Remember that this committee can only process nominations that have come from members of the Cobargo and district community, so it is up to you. If you think you know someone who has given outstanding service to the community over a long period of time, or a junior who deserves recognition, please send in a nomination. The nomination can come from one person or several and it doesn't have to be typed. Just state your reasons for the nomination and send it to: CWA Citizen of the Year or CWA Junior Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 5114 Cobargo NSW 2550



Roll on

They're ready. The Cobargo Skateboard Committee has been working behind the scenes and they're ready. They've got the volunteer labour and machines and the materials to put in a temporary half-pipe and small BMX track, all they're waiting on is, yes you guessed it, Council.

Almost every small town in NSW has a skateboard park; they are the 1960s swimming pool. Eurobodalla Shire encourages small towns to work with them to build these simple sporting/entertainment facilities for our youth. Bega Council, well, at the time of going to press we had contacted Emma Benton, the Youth Services Officer regarding Council's decision, and Emma has arranged to meet with a member of the Cobargo Skatepark Committee and Council's planner to finalise the location.

If Council gives the go ahead, the half pipe could be up and operating in time for the school holidays which would be great, for both the kids and the footpaths in Cobargo.



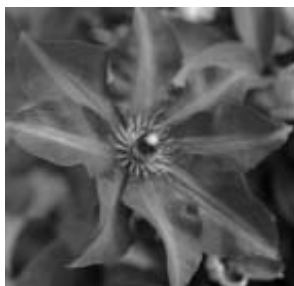
On a wonderfully bright note, the Cobargo Quilters have donated a beautiful quilt (above) to the Skatepark Committee for a raffle. This truly generous gift is yet another sign of the wholehearted support by the Cobargo community for the skatepark. Another prize for the raffle has been donated by Kevin and Pam Hayden – a night's accommodation at

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Girls win back-to-back Grand finals

Our U14 girls of the Triangle successfully confirmed their place in the Eurobodalla Football Association Soccer competition this season by winning 2008 grand final as well as finishing as 'Minor Premiers'.

Our girls met Batemans Bay at Broulee Sunday 21st September, to contest the title, winning 1-0 in a close match. Every player showed their skills in warm and windy conditions. The team has been coached by Tina Rixon and manager Bill Carr for 2 years.

Cobargo Dry River Soccer Club; other success stories this season: U14 boys – Grand finalists, Runner Up v Narooma, 4 – 1 and U11 Major Semi Finalists v Broulee, 8 – 7 in a penalty

shoot out after extra time.

The club would like to thank all our parents who have totally supported our players at games, training, Rep duties and Canteen. Phew, what a year! Have a great summer.

Carmel



Fillies to the Fore

The Cobargo AP&H Society is delighted to announce that they will be hosting the judging of Zone 3 in the state Showgirl Competition next March. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our area. There will be at least 18 girls with their families and supporters from around the zone which covers the Yass, Adelong, Braidwood, Tumut, Bombala, Eurobodalla and Bega areas.

The Showgirl competition is looking to find a young woman to act as an ambassador for rural NSW, with her role involving duties both at the Sydney Royal Easter show and during her travels interstate and overseas.

The contestants are judged on personality, confidence, ambition and life goals; general and rural knowledge; presentation and speech. They are also asked to demonstrate knowledge of their local community and current affairs, apart from their potential ambassador qualities. Contestants will also be judged on their involvement and experience in rural affairs.

State finalists are treated like stars for a week, staying in five-star accommodation, attending cocktail parties, visiting the Children's Hospital and sailing on Sydney harbour, to name just a few.

Organisation for the event is well underway with the interviews and lunch at the home of Paul and Twee Tarlinton in Cobargo. The ladies on the Cobargo AP & H show society will cater for this event. The evening will start at Horseshoe Bay, in Bermagui, with wine supplied by Belgrave Winery and entrees catered by the Cobargo Scouts, using local produce (if local producers can help out with this we would greatly appreciate it). Then heading to the Bermagui Country club for dinner, speeches and presentation.

We hope that business and tourism operators will benefit from this competition. Anyone interested in being included in the promotional material being sent to representatives and their show societies should contact Tina Whiffen (Showgirl Coordinator) on 6493 6435 or by email biddywhiffen@yahoo.com.au.



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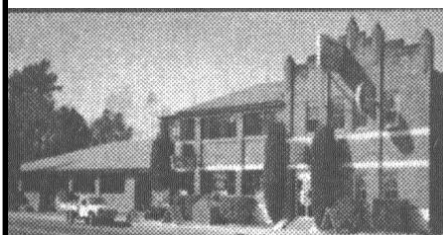
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Tilba Bites

Local meeting place to close

The Tilba Teapot as we have known it over the past seven years is closing at the end of September. Annie and Trevor are ready for new directions after a long stint at keeping this iconic establishment going with great food, coffees and all that goes with keeping locals and visitors replete. We will miss you greatly for being in a way the heart and soul of Bate Street; for institutions like the elevenses group who have gathered for a cuppa, a chat and to collect the mail; for providing employment and training for quite a few young locals (including Di) and all your involvement in the community. We know you are not leaving us (because you love it here too) but Annie is looking forward to taking the dogs to the beach a lot more often, more time in her garden and Trevor will continue getting our kids safely to and from school in the bus.



The Tilba Teapot was established in the early 1980s by Barry and Kerrie Johnson (who are now retired down Sunnyside Road), purchased by Tony and Marie Annand in 1984 and then by Tony and Ros Payne in 1988. It then had a brief stint as The Camel Rock Cafe in the late 1990s and then Trevor and Annie re-established it as The Tilba Teapot in 2001. Many locals would remember Molly Allan baking hundreds of dozens of scones for the Teapot on her slow combustion stove. What a gal! It's amazing how many people will come back for a good scone, eh Annie. We wish you well in your new ventures Annie and Trev and say a big thank you.

Congratulations to Angie Ballard (my niece), who has returned from Beijing with a silver medal from the women's relay final in wheelchair racing. Angie cut her teeth at the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney and went on to win a bronze medal in individual racing at Athens. Angie has had to travel extensively each year over this time to get sufficient competition at overseas games to warrant her training and determination to compete at Paralympic levels. In between all of this Angie has been studying at university in Sydney and enjoying life in her spare moments. Thanks to Judyanne (who loves her sports and a bit of late night viewing) for keeping me up to date with Angie's results. I had lost my ABC 2 for some reason.

Central Tilba Hall's fundraising Curry and Cabaret Night was a great success. In all about \$1,300 was collected with about \$300 in costs. Val and Janine did a great job with the food, once again proving their culinary panache. Judyanne commented that there were many highlights including the untiring efforts of the helpers and that her favourite was listening to Doug and Dorothy Thompson, Heather, Butch and the girls singing their song together (each table of family/friends had to sing a song). Well done to all involved in this fine community effort to keep our village halls in working order. It also serves as a tribute to Kay Ewin, who put so much energy into previous Big Hairy Nights of fun, entertainment and fundraising.

As this paper goes to bed we will be celebrating Barb Hammil's coming of age at The Drom with entertainment by Fig Jam. Barb is turning the big 50, but if she told us she was 40 we would believe her! She exudes energy and a verve for life more than most. Partner Robin has secured work in Darwin of late, and Barb is about to join him there for the next adventure. We wish you

both the best to enjoy the challenge, make lots of money and come back and spend it in Tilba. I wonder who will be up to doing all the jobs that Barb manages around the district?

I have had a change of career of late after my 11 years of pulling beers at The Drom and am now working with Erica Dibden at South Coast Cheese at Bodalla. It is a busy job making and processing cheeses through their various maturation stages, shop-front sales and servicing, filling wholesale orders. We wear our whites from head to toe with those lovely hairnets that grandma used to wear. Oh what a sight! Erica is great to work with; lots of energy and vision and loud music and laughter when we feel like it. Jenni Noble is also working a couple of days a week with us. Unfortunately there is too much cheese to make to just have her singing and playing guitar to us. We think we are a great team, but maybe we are all a bit mad and enjoy work and life.

*Thanks for listening.
Ewen Genders*



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Prue presenting Tilzey with his birthday cake

Another birthday

Richard decided he should have a birthday party, the guests were not too sure which birthday we were celebrating but it was a beautiful day and the attached picture shows Prue Kelly presenting Richard with his cake with a really unusual message on it – 'Happy Sinner', all that could be made out of a packet of Chinese candles!



Zephyrs Jazz Concert

26 October 2.00pm

Zephyrs are a non-profit local organisation, established to present non-mainstream performing arts on the Far South Coast.

The performers will be The James Muller Trio with special guest Karl Laskowski on tenor sax. Sydney-based James Muller is acclaimed as one of Australia's outstanding guitarists and he has been a mainstay in the Australian jazz scene. He was winner of the National Jazz Awards and two Mo awards for best jazz instrumentalist and best jazz group. He has also won Aria awards for best jazz album.

If you are interested in contemporary music and theatre and wish to be included on our invitation list we would like to hear from you. To make a booking or inquiry you can contact our Treasurer Raymond Kropf: phone: 4476 3396 or email Raymond on ananda@acr.net

Tickets are \$40 per person, booking essential.



Inner peace

I am passing this on to you because it definitely worked for me today, and we all could probably use more calm in our lives.

Some doctor on television this morning said that the way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started. So I looked around my house to see things I'd started and hadn't finished and, before leaving the house this morning I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of shhhardonay, a bodle of Baileys, a butle of vocka, a pockage of Prunglies, tha mainder of bot Prozac and Valum sc riptins, the res of the Chesesccke and a box a chocolets.

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Time to enter the Cobargo Showgirl Competition

Come on girls, if we're hosting the Zone 3 finals we need to put up some fantastic competition, so brush up on your innate attributes and enter. The Cobargo AP&H show society will be judging their showgirl competition on the 6th December 2008. Judging will start with a lunch for the girls and judges, followed by interviews, then presentation including interviews on stage.

Competition rules

1. Entrants must be women (any marital status) aged from 18-25 years as at 1st May 2009.

2. Entrants must reside, be educated, or work in NSW for at least 3 months prior to the showgirl competition

3. Previous entrants are entitled to enter so long as they didn't place 1st, 2nd, 3rd in previous state finals.

4. Winning entrants engaged in full-time study or work will be required to obtain leave of absence to attend Zone and State Final judging.

5. The winning showgirl is requested, where possible, to represent the RAS, ASC and their local show society at our agricultural show.

6. The winner of the State Final and the 2nd place-getter will be asked to remain in Sydney as guests of the RAS.

Cobargo is also running a Junior Showgirl competition to give girls experience for the future.

Any girls wishing to enter need to contact Tina Whiffen on 6493 6435 or biddywhiffen@yahoo.com.au by 22nd November 2008.



Cobargo Pre-School learns to be fire wise

On Tuesday 26th August members of the Cobargo/Dignams Creek Rural Fire Service made a visit to Cobargo Pre-school. The children listened intently as they learned what to do in a fire, and how to call 000. They listened to the fire alarm and had a practise fire drill. Outside there was a demonstration of the fire truck with its flashing lights and siren.

Fireman games have been popular at Pre-school since then.

Thank you to Ron Cole, Colin Pretty and Alan Burdon. The children



The firemen sit down with pre-schoolers to talk business

were very enthusiastic about your visit and took their entire fire wise knowledge home with them.



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Cobargo Horse & Trail Riders Nethercote ride and camp weekend

Twelve club members made the trek to Nethercote for Max Milliner's ride through the forests south-west of Eden. With the weather looking and sounding threatening (according to forecasters), we bravely packed the camping, horse and wet weather gear and headed off confident that the combination of ride, meals and evening entertainment would ensure a fun weekend whatever the weather.

Our optimism was rewarded on Saturday with a crisp (frosty!) clear morning to enjoy a shared cooked breakfast around the fires, before campers and morning arrivals gathered for a pre ride talk – all 56 of us! We set off on a picture perfect riding day, following fire trails and tracks through State Forest and National Park, coming into Eden Pony Club grounds for a substantial lunch supplied by the organisers. After lunch and a chance to socialise and soak up the sun, we mounted up again and followed our trusty guides through the forests back to Max's stunningly positioned property.

With a few good hill climbs early on to settle feisty horses, the trail was generally gentle and relaxing and all horses and riders completed the circuit with ease. We spent the evening under

the cover of a huge barn area where we were treated to a magnificent meal courtesy of an energetic band of workers. Many thanks to the Nethercote crew for their efforts! Although the cold and rain did come in later in the evening, there were fires to keep warm by and an entertaining band from Wyndham, 'Slightly Skew-whiff', who kept the dance music flowing and provided great atmosphere. All in all it was a very enjoyable time. Thanks again to Nethercote for extending the invitation

Eddie Clarke Memorial Trophy for the rider gaining the highest point score on the day. Mikala Hutteroth also had a successful day placing only one point behind Carmen. Bernie Anderson cantered Badger around the E Grade jumping course placing in the Power & Speed. Tiffany Street placed in all her events, Emily Wilson-Fenwick came first in all her novelty events and the Club's two little E2 Led riders, Ella Cowgill and Taylor Butcher, went home with ribbons. Tiarna Rootes and Samantha Harrington both placed in their E1 riding class on their new ponies. Caitlyn Reid in E2 also won her riding class and placed well in her novelties. Well done to all Cobargo riders who did their best and showed good sportsmanship.



Carmen MacGregor receiving the Eddie Clark Memorial Trophy from Jan Whyte, Cobargo Club Captain

Athra General Meeting

This will be held on 3rd–6th October at the Wyndham Sportsground. Arrive from 2.00pm Friday, camping, hot showers, camp kitchen in kiosk, BBQ available. Fully catered weekend. Cost of \$95 includes all meals from Saturday breakfast till Monday breakfast.

Late October ride ... Richard's Wandella ride or Bombala Annual Charity ride (followed by dinner and music) ... to be discussed.

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All has been revealed and with the signage, it is a bus shelter, or rather a people shelter whilst awaiting the bus. We are curious to know as no one has yet been seen sheltering, which bus they are waiting for and where does it come from and where does it go to?



The Eternal Waiting Room

Permits a must

Bermagui Rural Fire Brigade advises that all burning off now requires a fire permit, available from the Bermi Fire Shed every Tuesday between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. And while you're there, why not check out becoming a volunteer with the Brigade – they're crying out for new members and you would be doing a tremendous community service.

Quiet achievers

Bermagui & District CWA has had a busy few months, starting with a fundraising Soup and Trivia Day (fun prizes and great soup) to support the CWA's medical research project – Cord

Blood Stem Cell Research.

July featured a hot-dog lunch to celebrate American Independence Day. August was also a big month.

CWA annual donations were made to the following community organisations, which each received \$250: SouthCare Helicopter, Bermagui Pre-School, Bermagui Rural Fire Brigade and the Far South Coast Animal Welfare League.

CWA's Music & Drama Day was catered by Bermagui at the Community Hall and included Branches from Batemans Bay to Eden.

CWA hosted a BBQ to celebrate member Nell Cleburne's 94th birthday!

And more good news is that the Far South Coast Group won the Handicraft Section with 846 points.

Bermagui & District CWA meetings are held on the first Friday of the month – visitors and prospective members are always welcome.



Gary Campbell talks to two of the Yuin Tribal Boys before the ceremony

Indigenous welcome dance

Local Indigenous dance group, the Yuin Tribal Boys, performed a welcome dance in front of a small but highly appreciative audience gathered on the headland overlooking Murunna Point, at the entrance to Wallaga Lake one recent Sunday evening.

Ian McFarlane read a poem, suggesting cultural exchange in a place of such special significance and extraordinary natural beauty might help the process of genuine reconciliation.



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Art in The Triangle

An evening with Martin Pearson

Yuin Folk Club is delighted to announce that we are presenting "An evening with Martin Pearson".

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He is a comedian with a keen eye for making everyday events so mundane that they are laughable – a parody writer of renown and a singer



of some notes. Martin is also a folk singer, who longs for serious recognition in much the same way as a flatworm longs for Reeboks. He can, on occasion, and in the true folk tradition, sing songs so maudlin that audience members may attempted to end it all by throwing themselves into a pint of Guinness.

'Martin Pearson writes songs that tickle your funny bone and your fancy but hit a nerve every time. We like him because he makes us laugh, but also because he makes us think', said Judy Small.

'He's a witty and spontaneous comedian with a huge repertoire of both serious and comic songs from several sides of the

globe; he'll provide you with a wonderful evening of laughter and thoughtfulness; and if you're a festival organiser you'll also find him ideal for workshops on any number of topics, filling in gaps, sitting in bars and leaning against buildings; I recommend him wholeheartedly', says Les Barker.

Come along to the Yuin Folk Club on 24th October 7.30 pm in the School of Arts Hall, Cobargo.

Tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. Enquiries: Coral Vorbach 6493 6758.



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Art in the Triangle (continued)

art@bermi

This is our second Annual Art Exhibition. It will be held at the Indaba Gallery at Cuttagee, opening on Friday 3rd October, and running to Monday 6th October. The gallery will be open each day from 10am until 4pm.

Meet the artists on Saturday 4th from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Share a glass of wine and a nibble. All are welcome.

art@bermi is a group of twelve local artists. We have all exhibited locally and some internationally. Some of us have had one-man shows, and three have recently had shows at the Spiral Gallery in Bega. A few of us are showing at Melbourne and Sydney galleries.

The exhibition will include watercolor, oil painting, acrylic, ceramics, outdoor sculpture, timber sculpture, and painted fabric. A wide range of postcards will be available. We hope to see you there.

Local music at the Drom

Every four weeks, the Dromedary Hotel in Central Tilba hosts an afternoon of semi-acoustic music for and by local performers. 'Loud, Live and Local', as it is known, has been running now for over two years and features local musicians from within the Triangle keen to get up in front of an appreciative audience and strut their stuff.

Dave Lamb, who has been coordinating the show since it started in July 2006, says, 'The show features

new musicians and what I call lounge room musicians - people who can play and sing but don't often get the opportunity to do so in front of an audience. I provide a 200 watt PA and stage lighting and performers need only step on stage, plug in their instrument and play.

'There have been some really fine performances at Loud, Live and Local from solo acts, duos and full bands. LLL is the opportunity for up-and-coming performers wanting to work on the circuit, to showcase what they can do', says Dave.

'It is also great for bands or solo artists wanting to go professional or semi professional but don't yet have enough material. At Loud, Live and Local performers can come in with what they have and do a shorter set, normally fifteen minutes to half an hour for soloists and up to an hour for bands'.

Previous performers have included Daniel Champagne; Jacqui Howarth; Footloose Strangers; Sol Romana-Clarke and Shanti; Broken Down; Jenny Noble; Nutleys Creek; Shane and Lisa Braz; The Island of Real; Rattlesnake Shake; Bob Pickup; Julie Brooking; Bhavit and Mandira. The next show is scheduled for Sunday October 19th in the garden at the rear of The Drom, starting at 3:30.

Come and have a few drinks sitting in the sun and listen to some fine local musicians.

If you would like to perform at LLL, give Dave Lamb a call on 6493 3052 / 0429 436 724 or email him at dlamb99@bigpond.net.au.



'Awesomely deadly' CD launch concert by local hip hop artist – Warren Foster

The much-awaited launch of Warren Foster's 'Dreamtime' CD is happening in October with a 'deadly awesome' concert at the Big Hall in Central Tilba on Saturday 11th October. Other local musicians will also be performing to celebrate this important milestone, and CDs will be for sale.

This talented Indigenous hip hop artist was awarded an Australia Council grant to produce the CD in 2007. This followed a Music NSW grant, which enabled Warren to produce his EP, also for sale on the night. Warren's CD launch is a

first for an Indigenous artist on the Far South Coast.

Warren uses his music for teaching and sharing his message – 'The messages in my songs say Culture, Reconciliation and Encouraging Your Dreams. I see my role is to inspire younger generations plus the wider community across Australia, by hearing my messages about culture and working together. My desire is to bring unity within the black and white community across Australia through my music. The CD will appeal to young and old, as I use a mix of styles', says Warren.

Warren comes from the Wallaga Lake Aboriginal community and has been writing songs since he was 16.

All members of the community are invited to attend this family friendly music night, which will kick off at 5.30 with a BBQ and Spicy Mamas catering, with the concert starting at 7.00 pm. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

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'Form and Light' and 'Twofold Bay'

Ivy Hill Gallery is opening its summer season with an exhibition starting on October 3rd and running until October 27th. Featured in their latest exhibition is Lorna Crane with her *Twofold Bay* series and Jen Mallinson with her show titled *Form and Light*.

The Gallery is open Friday to Monday from 10 til 5pm.

Masterworks in Glass

From 3rd October until 17th November Narek Galleries is showcasing work from Mel Douglas, Wendy Fairclough and Elizabeth Kelly. *Masterworks in Glass* is an exhibition of thoughtful, measured, quiet beauty of recent works by three of Australia's foremost young glass artists. Using techniques of blowing, engraving, casting, sgraffito and sandblasting, these artists consider space, light and human experience in a soft, subtle and contemplative manner.

Narek Galleries is open Fri to Mon 10.30 to 5.30 or by appointment.

Murray Ambler & Tony Millard were asked to show sculptures at the Spring opening of Kings Gallery on 20th September, which took place in the beautiful gardens surrounding the gallery. Fortunately the day was superb and the organisation of the opening with welcome to country, speeches and dancing was enjoyed by the large crowd. △

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Theatre Onset is Going Postal

Bega's Theatre Onset has begun rehearsals for *Going Postal*, an entertaining and fantastical play by Terry Pratchett. With an energetic cast of 30, aged from 13 to 66, backed by a hardworking production crew, all is on schedule for performances to begin in October.

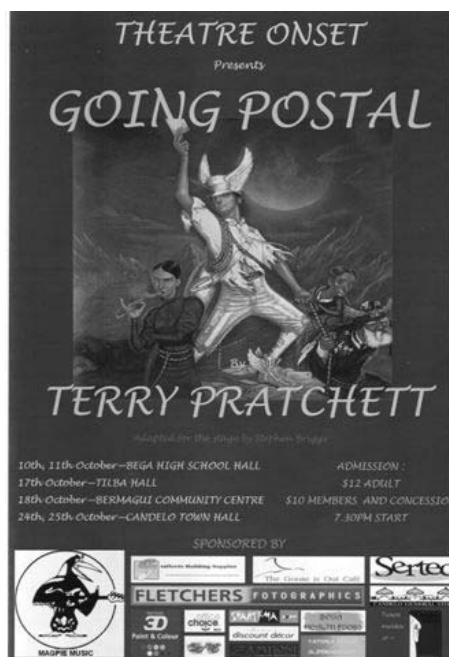
Directed by Patrick O'Halloran and accompanied by an original score written by David Harris, the play will open in Bega and travel to Tilba, Bermagui and Candelo.

Terry Pratchett has satirised many institutions through his *Discworld* novels: religion, newspapers, and, in *Going Postal*, the post office. The hero, Moist von Lipwig, is a conman with a heart of only slightly tarnished gold who lives by his wits and his words. As an audience you will watch in amazement, and cheer Moist on as he overcomes one obstacle after another, including an unexpected courtship, to tame the post office and become a respected citizen.

Going Postal will be performed on Friday 17th October at the Tilba Hall, and on Saturday 18th October at the Bermagui Community Centre.

All shows start at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12 adults/\$10 concession and are available at the door.

Theatre Onset thanks local sponsors who have helped make this production possible – Magpie Music, Staffords Building Supplies, The Goose is Out Café, Watkins 3D Paint & Colour, SERTEC and the Candelo Arts Society. △



Vote Four Winds into the limelight!

The Four Winds Festival held last Easter in Bermagui has been nominated for the *Best Festival/Event for 2008* in Australia by the well-regarded *Limelight* magazine.

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'We are incredibly excited, but now we need everyone up and down the coast to vote. Our competitors are such great events as the Adelaide Festival and the Sydney International Piano Competition, so the competition is tough!' said Four Winds Chairperson, Sheena Boughen.

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community, in and around Bermagui and up and down the coast, for your support for Four Winds over the last fourteen years, and for the next fourteen! Let's win that prize together!' she said. △

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Soft Footprint Recipes



Carole Broadhead helps to reduce our food miles by sharing quick and healthy recipes for local, seasonal foods.

Pickling onions are available at the moment and there is nothing as good with crusty bread and local cheese as homemade pickled onions.

This is a simple recipe that was my Nana's. They are best left for at least six weeks before eating. I hide them in the garage so there is no sampling! They will keep indefinitely but are at their best for at least a year.



Spicy brown onions

Ingredients: 2kg small onions
1/2 cup of salt
2 litres and 2 cups of brown vinegar
11/2 cups of sugar
12 cloves of peeled and sliced garlic
2 oz whole ginger, peeled sliced and bruised.

1 dessertspoon of peppercorns
1 dessertspoon of allspice berries

1 dessertspoon salt.

Method:

First day: Peel onions, place in plastic or stainless steel bowl and cover with cold water and 1/2 cup of salt. This helps make the onions crisp.

Next day: sterilise jars (place in oven at 110 degrees for ten minutes) place all the pickling ingredients except the onions into a saucepan and bring to the boil and simmer gently for one hour.

While the pickle is cooking pack the onions into sterilised jars. When pickle is ready pour over the onions making sure they are covered and seal with sterilised lids.

To sterilise lids, place in bowl and pour boiling water over them.

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Rabbit and roast garlic

Large meat rabbit
4 rashers of bacon
4 full knobs of garlic (slice top off and drizzle with olive oil)

6 large black mushrooms
1 cup of port

Cut the legs off the rabbit and chop the saddle into three or four pieces. Lightly roll in seasoned flour, patting off the excess.

Heat some olive oil in a pan and gently cook the rabbit till lightly browned. Place rabbit and garlic in a baking pan on top of the mushrooms, lay the bacon on top and pour the port over the mushrooms. Season with a little cracked pepper and salt. Cook for around 45 minutes or until tender at 180 degrees

To serve. Lift rabbit onto the plate, squeeze the garlic over the rabbit, place bacon on top, put the mushroom beside it and cover with thickened pan juices. (Thicken the juice with a little corn flour mixed with water, adjust for taste with salt and pepper)

Serve with soft whipped potatoes, broad beans with a nob of butter and a green salad. △

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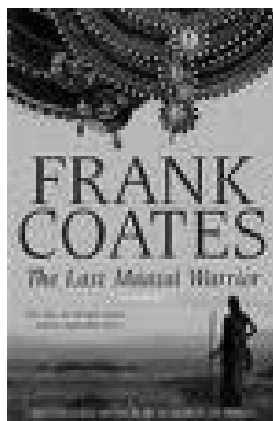
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Book Review



Frank Coates: *The Last Maasai Warrior: A Novel*, Harper Collins, \$32.95

If anyone else is intending to travel to Exmouth, WA, I strongly suggest taking lots of your own books, because there are no bookshops along the way and a fairly limited selection at the local newsagent, which is where I found this historically based novel set in the early 20th century at the height of Britain's colonial extension across southern Africa. Although the purists amongst us will find much to frustrate, the story of the clash of cultures as new settlers determine to transplant their ways of land use, the despair of men of good will who can see looming disasters arising from the neglect of the rights of traditional tribes, all make for entertaining reading, and for me, the wish that I



knew more about the Maasai people. It's worth borrowing from the library. If you can afford a new book yourself (or can borrow from a friend), everyone should read *The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island*, by Chloe Hooper, detailing the background and history to the events following the death of yet another Aboriginal man in custody, and the subsequent unrest and investigation into the role of the police – an outstanding work of journalism at its best. It's available at Candelo Books (\$32.95).

Heather O'Connor



Garden Magic



As you know, there's a huge focus on sustainability and growing our own food in this enlightened

valley. With spring in full swing, it's timely to talk about that oldest of growing arts, companion planting.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to produce clean, healthy veggies without the use of chemicals.



Many of the easily accessible herbs are reputed to keep predators away from vegetables. It's a win/win situation for the grower. A few examples are – plant coriander with potatoes, caraway with peas, chamomile or dill with onions and so on. Tomatoes seem to be the tarts of the veggie patch. They get on with basil, borage, chives, garlic, lemon balm, parsley and sage. Cabbage is also a bit loose – it likes basil, hyssop, mint, oregano, rosemary, sage and thyme. All-rounders are marjoram, tarragon and yarrow. No-one gets on with poor old fennel. No wonder it grows beside railway tracks.

For aesthetics plant some annuals with their friends – marigold with beans, potatoes and garlic or petunias with potatoes. We probably undervalue nasturtiums. They're easy to grow and are beneficial to broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, pumpkin, squash and zucchini.

I'll be talking on this and other subjects at the Mumbulla View Fundraiser at Quaama on October 18. Bring a sample of any pest, disease or plant you want identified and I'll do my best for you. Please support this day as it's very important to the Quaama community.

Until next time.

Lindy Marshall



AWL News

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The Ghost of McCarthy House rises again

With a newly elected Council, many of whom espouse tourism, development, sustainability, maybe they can revisit the McCarthy House scenario.

Cobargo is heavily reliant on tourism for its income and the 'draw card' is the village atmosphere and the restored original Victorian buildings. The Council DCP reinforces the preservation of the buildings.

In May 2001, Council created DCP 69, Cobargo Village. McCarthy House, at 50 Princes Highway, Cobargo is interim heritage listed along with many other properties. This is later gazetted as DCP16.

In 2003, Council negotiated a deal with the Cobargo Co-op that the Co-op would purchase the rear part of the land at 50 Princes Highway. So in October 2003, Council bid for the property at auction, buying it for \$335,000.00.

It has since then been rented out until last May; it now stands empty. But in the meantime, Council subdivided the area. The subdivision creates three lots – one at the rear for the Co-op, one at the centre for a carpark – something the burghers of Cobargo have wanted for a while – and one at the front containing the McCarthy House. The McCarthy House does not stand on the carpark land, and whether it stays or goes, the land area for the carpark is not affected.

In January 2006 Council asked their heritage advisor, Mr Pip Giovanelli, for advice regarding the

building and he recommended that it be saved and sympathetically adapted to a commercial use. So Council advertises the building for sale by tender but no tenders were submitted.

Then in December 2007, Council advertised the building for sale by expression of interest; one bid was submitted but there was no response from Council.

Council staff prepared a report recommending that the expression not be accepted but that the property be listed for sale by auction, in January this year. But, in the Council meeting of the 12 February 2008, the elected Council changed the recommendation to demolish the house to 'build a better car park'.

In June, Council commissioned a consultant, Mr Richard Jermyn, to do a study of heritage impact on the proposed demolition. Mr Jermyn stated that the demolition would have 'moderate to significant heritage impact' and recommended that the building be preserved.

So in August, Council advertised the DA for demolition with a call for objections.

Cobargo, like many of our small villages, is in danger of losing the very charm that makes it. Do we really want the gateway to Cobargo to be a car park? With the way petrol prices are going, stables, bike racks and a hostelry seem more reasonable.

Louise Brown



Mullet Ova



G'day Folks

This is my first fishing report and I wish I had more to

report.

The weather in September has been very ordinary with few boats able to get out, with my vantage point opposite the boat ramp most days there are few if any boats out.

Nevertheless some boats have managed to get out and fish, and reports I have received have been quite good with snapper on the reefs and flathead starting to fire up. I was out last week with an angler from Yass and we caught our bag limit of flathead as well as several nice snapper.

In other fishing the river has been quiet with very few fishing although I did hear of reports of plenty of blackfish around the bridge as well as small flathead and the odd bream and good trevally further up stream.

The surf has been generally slow with the occasional catch of salmon to 1kg off Cuttagee and long swamp. Gummies have also been good at Tilba on the full moon using large squid.

Not much else to report this month but we look forward to some warmer water in the coming months.

Good luck and good fishing.

*Malcolm Stubbs
Hoodlum Tackle*




Bethany shines

On Saturday 30 August the winning entries for the Meroogal Women's Art Prize were announced at the Nowra Art Centre.

Bethany Thurtell (below), from Bermagui, won the AOS prize for the artwork best representing the theme of 'Celebrating the everyday things women do'.




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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui: 2pm Saturdays, ID/Topic,
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Bega: 5.30pm Monday, Steps & Traditions,
Uniting Church Hall, Gipps St
7pm Tuesday, Topic/ID/BBS,
Catholic Church Hall, Gipps St
6pm Wednesday, Uniting Church Hall, Gipps St
8pm Friday, Catholic Church Hall Gipps St

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

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

ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO AND BERMAGUI

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

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY OF GARDENERS

(former "Cobargo Community Garden").
3rd Sunday every month, 9 or 10 am. Venues vary.
For info phone Ana Walker 0417 936 746.

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tues & Thurs for 3yo and over. Caring for your
child's early education. Chris McKnight, 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 TOURIST & BUSINESS ASS'N

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

COBARGO CWA

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

COBARGO/BERMAGUI SCRABBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.

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

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

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. Gary Stevens, 6493 6581

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI SEASIDE FAIR

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

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

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

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

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 Casu, qualified fitness
instructor. 'Heart Moves' and 'Tai Chi' program.
Cost \$8, free introductory class. Contact Penny
Levin (Pres.) 6493 5602 or Jan McCartney (sec.) 6493
3573.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

!!Community Groups!!

Please Note

We will start to delete notices as
space is required, commencing
with the November issue. To
maintain your notice in *The
Triangle*, please drop us a line
before 23rd October. If we don't
hear from you, your community
notice may be removed. Email
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phone Jen on 6493 8515.

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of chn. 0-6 welcome to join.
Cobargo - every 2nd Wednesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm at
CWA cottage; Bermagui - every 2nd Friday 10.30am
- 12pm in the Ambulance station grounds;
Quaama - Wednesdays by prior arrangement.
Enquiries: 0428 667 924

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

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

DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

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

MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

SOPHIAN GNOSTIC CIRCLE

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

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

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Beginners to Advanced. Adults and children over 6
years old welcome. Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm,
Cobargo SofA Hall. Ph. 6494 3332 or 6493 8267.

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the
second and fourth Saturday evening of each month
at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections,
supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able.
Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am.
Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 44761006.

FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

3-6	art@ berm i	Indaba Gallery , Cuttagee	10.00 - 4.00
3-27	'Form & Light' & 'Twofold Bay'	Ivy Hill Gallery	Fri - Mon
3-27	Masterworks in Glass	Narek Galleries	Fri - Mon
Fri 3	Spicy Mamas goes Middle Eastern	River Rock Café	Fri - Mon 5-
Sun 5	Spicy Fruit Chutney	Tilba Valley Winery	12.00 -
Mon 6	Jam Session	River Rock cafe	6.30 -
Fri 10	Spicy Mamas	River Rock Cafe	5.00 -
Sat 11	Warren Foster	Tilba Big Hall	5.30
Sun 12	Howling Zac Daniels	Dromedary Hotel	5.30 - 9.30
Fri 17	Spicy Mamas	River Rock Cafe	5.00 -
	Going Postal	Tilba Hall	7.30
Sat 18	Going Postal	Bermagui Community Hall	7.30
Sun 19	DJ & Karizma Katz	Tilba Valley Winery	12.00 -
	Loud, Live & Local	Dromedary Hotel	3.30 -
Mon 20	Jam Session	River Rock Cafe	6.30
	The Power of Community	Narooma Kinema	6.30
Fri 24	Spicy Mamas	River Rock Cafe	5.00 -
	Martin Pearson	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	7.30
Sat 56 / Sun 26	Spring Horse Show	Cobargo Showgrounds	All day
	Small Farm Field Day and Open Garden	418 Upper Brogo Rd, Quama	All day
Fri 31	Spicy Mamas	River Rock Cafe	5.00 -
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