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The Triangle's gone 7 – Up

Well howzat – last month was *The Triangle's* 7th birthday and 80th issue and we completely forgot!

It says something, not sure what: dementia, ennui, habit, comfort, routine ... and yes, it seems that things don't change. The front page of the first issue was 'Fires at Yowrie'.

It's been a great seven years and a major learning curve for all of us who have been involved.

Conceived on a whim, *The Triangle* has grown into a reasonably – daren't just say it – professional monthly newsletter. I don't think anyone who was involved in those first issues ever imagined that the paper would still be going seven years later.

In those early meetings it was quickly decided that *The Triangle* would have no politics (in its strictest sense), that it would be local, positive, and a vehicle for community discussion. There would be no editor; instead, an editorial committee. As we were all amateur volunteers, if there was an editorial committee it would spread the responsibility and hopefully bring in different snippets, attitudes, pictures and news. Ideally the articles, news and photos would magically arrive and we'd just pick and choose.

It wasn't like that at all and that's where the learning curve comes in – the power of the written word, the responsibility of writing or publishing the word. There an editorial committee, especially if paying for lawyers isn't in the budget, can come in handy. The cool head balances the hot head, proof being

a discussion, mind you we don't like the personally abusive calls. That's one of the learning curves, such language, and before breakfast!

But all said, it has been a great experience with the positives greatly overwhelming the negatives.

It is with some pride that we can say we have donated over \$10,000

back to the community in our seven years; each year we donate a minimum of 12 new book releases to the Bermagui Library, we've bought and been given (thanks Mumbulla Foundation) an inflatable screen and projector, which is available for use; we've run a short story competition and paid for infant swimming classes.

All this can only come about because of the community. The community that reads, the group that works and last but not least the community that supports with advertising.

On behalf of all who work and have worked on *The Triangle* we thank you.

Louise Brown –
one of the founding idiots.



that we've only been threatened three times with legal action. On the down side it can lead to a certain blandness and political correctness, a little bit of humour and lightness wouldn't go astray.

A common thread we hear is that *The Triangle* is 'green'. Well yes it is, 'cos it's dems wot send in the information' and *The Triangle* publishes from what is sent in. We love it when an article or letter starts

Editorial

On a recent Saturday, feeling a completely unjustified sense of hope, I went into the Cobargo Co-op to buy four tomato plants – thinking, ‘surely I can keep four tomato plants going this summer’. Moaning to Bill about the state of our weather he went into the office and came out with a photocopied page from the *Narooma News*, which we have permission to reproduce. This is an edited version, which I want to share with you because I feel that the surge of optimism felt after reading it reflects strongly on the appalling state of our weather!

‘Eden identity Betty Buckland who grew up on the family farm near Genoa said she could recall her father warning of his prediction that this century would begin with 10 years of drought.

‘Betty said her father had used Inigo Jones’s long-range forecasts.

‘Jones was a controversial figure who based his forecasts partly on sunspot activity and the orbits of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus as well as a detailed study of weather patterns over decades.

‘Shortly before his death in 1954, Jones predicted a 10-year drought across south-eastern Australia from the turn of the century.

‘He saw conditions being similar to those prevailing during the great drought of 1902, sometimes referred to as the Federation drought.

‘Internet versions of Jones’s long-range prediction models say that he predicted it would be at its most severe from 2007-2009.

‘But (*here’s the good bit*) once the drought does break, **there are favourable seasonal conditions for the next 25 years.**’

Ahhhhh.

On the other side of the coin, Brogo dam is at 25 per cent capacity and Bega is on track to break its record of about 385mm in 1885, with only about 240mm this year.

We would like to welcome to the Triangle the topsoil from west of Lake Eyre, it certainly gave us a taste of living in Beijing and turned the sun into a full moon. Now if you can just send us some rain to wash it in and stop the wind, we might make a crop for the locusts.

Hope everyone has held off on the spring cleaning, after the dust

storms, well, it’s just going to need to be done again.

Our thoughts go out to our wonderful Soft-footprint recipe writer, Carole Broadhead. We hope your recovery is swift and complete.

We would also like to thank Sallie Hand for all her hard work and input into *The Triangle* over the last five years. She is reluctantly (she said it) handing her pencil in. Work, life and 11 grandchildren have her run ragged. Thanks Sallie.

Louise Brown



Letters to the Editors

Co-Op controversy

Dear Editor,

I was born in Bermagui and lived most of my life there. I would like to say the story about the original fish co-op is far from the truth. Maralyn Callaghan says ‘The co-op was on the site of the fish shop’. Well, the fish shop was built about the end of the 50’s into the early 60’s. The old co-op was still standing in the 1970s which was west of the new wharf.

It is a shame people don’t ask a real local about the town instead of guessing. There is a lot of history around Bermagui and Wallaga Lake that people don’t know about and probably never will.

Arthur Cotterill
Cobargo

(Eds. Note: See reply in *Bermi Banter*)

Gulaga Fire

Dear Editor,

I write in frustration at the ongoing and, in my opinion misguided, criticism appearing in the various newspapers about the recent fire on Gulaga, and the supposed certain damage to the ecosystem and the claimed irresponsibility of Forests NSW in giving rise to the burn.

It should be clear to anyone that the mountain has been subject to fires for thousands of years. This ‘cold, slow’ burn will not have done irreparable damage in the way that so many claim. A hot burn at the end of summer was inevitable soon if this burn had not taken place, and that would do far more damage to the ecosystem.

In addition to significantly

damaging the environment, the alternative to such a burn as just occurred was going to be the loss of 20 to 40 homes in the Tilba district and probable loss of human life.

I ask those who criticise to try to gain a more balanced and realistic perspective.

Harry Bate
Tilba Tilba

Focus on nature

Dear Editor,

Why is selling logs at a loss more important than all the other uses of the forest? For recreation, for bushwalking, for birdwatching, for photography and artistic inspiration, for education about the environment, for supporting animal and plant life, for storing carbon, for filtering water supplies, for protection of the sanctuary zone of Black Lagoon and Meads Bay, and the Bermagui flora and fauna reserve. For the beauty that attracts the tourists on whom our town increasingly depends.

As the world focuses on how to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and Australia is increasingly worried about water supplies, the role of our native forests seems to have fallen off the radar screens of our State and Commonwealth Governments and their forestry agencies. And this in spite of the fact that they recognise the importance of stopping deforestation and degradation of other countries’ forests, and the forests of south-east Australia have been found to be the most carbon dense in the world.

Managing the forest for the future should mean taking heed of more than supplying logs into already over-supplied markets. Loss-making native forestry is closing off opportunities for other industries based on the natural beauty of the region.

Does the Bermagui community have the foresight to insist on a different future?

Heather Kenway
Bermagui

Plea for wildlife

Dear Editor,

Logging of Bermagui forest is providing a perfect example of how Australia’s laws to protect wildlife are not working. Wildlife in State Forests covered by a Regional Forest

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Bega Festival

The inaugural *Bega Valley Festival – Communities in Transition* will be held on Friday 20, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November in Bega.

This exciting Shire-wide event is hosted by Sapphire Coast Producers Association (SCPA), Clean Energy for Eternity (CEFE) and Austcom, the Community Network, as an initiative of our shared communities project, South East Transition Towns.

Broadly, the Bega Valley Festival will showcase food production, economic enterprise, transport and energy solutions, health, regional communications networks and more.

Held over three days, the Festival will include the CEFE Solar Ball.

The Bega Valley Festival extends an open invitation to all Shire residents, businesses and organisations to become involved either by having a stall, performing dance or music, conducting workshops, exhibiting art and sculpture, or simply coming to share the excitement and fun of this celebration.

For full details please visit our website, begavalleyfestival.com.au.

Enquiries: Prue Kelly on 0418 161 547 or pruekelly@bigpond.com

Tasting Trials at the Winery

Winemaking can certainly be fun! Several weeks ago saw us and several other wine lovers gather at Belgrave Park to taste some of this year's wines before they were bottled.



Wine tasters enjoy their drop

As the winemaker, Warwick Adams, explains, 'There are decisions we have to make just before bottling, such as the precise blend and sweetness of each wine. Taste is a very personal thing, so it's good to get a range of people involved to tell us which they like the best'.

For us guinea pigs it involved

some serious work - tasting, tasting and then some more tasting. We arrived at the cellar door to be faced with four unlabelled glasses of each wine, along with an evaluation sheet to fill in.

Swirl, sniff, taste, spit. Swirl sniff, taste, spit. It started off quite confronting to some of us who had never done this sort of thing before. But after the first few glasses it did seem to get easier, especially for those who forgot to spit.

Everyone had an opinion, and as you would expect, there were a few different preferences. Once we had shared our thoughts on each wine it was off to lunch - with a nice bottle of Belgrave Park wine of course.

Virginia White



Changing The Climate!

The Furies of Earth are booked to sing in Cobargo Hall - just as climate scientists warn that drought, fires and other impacts of global warming are increasing in south-eastern Australia.

On Friday 9 October at 7.30pm, Glenda Cloughley and Johanna McBride will perform Glenda's one-hour mythic story-song, *The Gifts of the Furies*. Based on a rare Greek tragedy with a happy ending, this big teaching story from the European tradition shows what happens when people raise the laws of the cities above the laws of nature - and also how the common wisdom of citizens' voices is needed for harmony and reconciliation.

The public performance will be followed by a workshop called 'Changing the Climate!', also in Cobargo Hall, on Saturday and through Sunday lunch.

The travelling production is a two-person version Glenda and Johanna developed in June with internationally known

Pantheatre director Linda Wise in France.

For email or paper flyers for the Cobargo weekend, please phone Glenda on 6239 6483, Johanna on 0402 050 885, or email change@ozemail.com.au.



Local nominations for Justice Awards

Local service provider Southern Women's Group has been shortlisted for the 2009 Justice Awards. The Awards are managed by the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, an independent organisation that works to improve access to justice in NSW, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people. The Justice Awards recognise the contributions of people who have made an outstanding effort to improve access to justice in NSW.

Southern Women's Group is shortlisted for the Law and Justice Volunteer Award, for the voluntary work involved in the production of the booklet *Just a Piece of Paper? Making your AVO work for you*, a booklet aimed at helping women to understand their Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs). The author of the booklet, Maree Livermore, has been nominated for the Justice Medal, awarded to an individual for outstanding achievement.

Just a Piece of Paper addresses issues women face when obtaining ADVOs and provides information to help women understand their rights and responsibilities in maintaining an effective ADVO so it's not 'just a piece of paper'. The booklet recognises that women need support to go through the legal process of obtaining an ADVO, and contains information on police responses, breaches, varying an order, and information about children and family law.

The 2009 Justice Awards will be presented on 1 October 2009 at Parliament House, Sydney. Southern Women's Group members Andrea Powell, Wendy Hunter and Gabrielle Powell will attend the Awards dinner and presentation.



On Compost and Creeks

In September Transition Triangle member Roz Wood held a skill share day demonstrating her skills at compost making. Fifteen years ago, when Roz and Declan first moved to the property it was an open windswept cow paddock with very little topsoil. Since then a well planned garden using hedges and trees has protected the house from the strong prevailing winds and created useful sheltered areas.

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On Compost and Creeks

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A base of compost, combined with the use of cardboard for weed control and a topping of mulch has created a no-dig garden and a very productive vegetable garden. Roz makes compost (or perhaps we should

major planting effort along the Bobundara Creek banks on the Dibden Dairy property. The work formed part of the Wallaga Lake Catchment project and the planting included a mix of shrubby species, rainforest and eucalypt tube stock, a total of around 2000 plants in all which were planted



Landcare volunteers on the job

call it soil) on a grand scale. In true multipurpose style the hedges which control the wind also provide the soft clippings for the compost heap, a beautiful setting, and some of them provide fruit as well. There are a total of nine short term compost bins which are used as they mature and two other long term bins which may take up to 12 months to mature.

Those who took advantage of this skill share opportunity were offered a very detailed and complete picture of the value and use of compost and how to make it.

The subject for the next skill share day will be grey water irrigation and will demonstrate a council-approved grey water irrigation system.

September also saw Transition Triangle members joining with Far South South Coast Landcare to assist in a

in three sessions over a period of four weeks.

Rod Logan from Far South Coast Landcare said that it is now thought that creeks and gullies in this area were probably vegetated with rainforest species originally and not eucalypts. He pointed out a black wattle that was colonised with a rainforest mistletoe, providing nectar for birds that would later help in spreading seed to regenerate the rainforest gully. (Hope I got that right but please Rod let me know if I haven't)

The three days culminated in a morning tea and a cheese tasting featuring Erica Dibden's beautiful cheeses.

Jo Lewis

Marine Rescue

David Gelme, Divisional Commander from the Bermagui Division of Marine Rescue NSW says that the Bermagui Division is very keen to get potential new members for radio and crew duties. Bermagui Division has developed an advertisement based on an advertisement placed in a London paper by Mawson seeking crew for his Arctic exhibition. It sets a challenge, suggests personal rewards and provides contact details. Bermagui has also developed a history of marine rescue in Bermagui which highlights the dedication of locals to marine rescue back to 1981. This dedication included raising of funds to open the first radio base. David says he would like to see this tradition maintained but to do this Marine Rescue needs the support of the community. So call, get some information on joining this great new organisation. The information will include a brief history of Marine Rescue in Bermagui. The new Marine Rescue NSW will be providing uniforms for all members and of course full training is provided. See the advertisement below.



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Tilba Bites

My apologies for not supplying a meaty bite in the last issue. My last-minute keyboard meanderings were terminated by the sight of smoke upwind that, albeit several kilometres away around the Tinpot region, was somewhat worrying.

To briefly reiterate the opening of the abandoned 'bite' for those of a sporting ilk and possessing a short-term memory; the South Coast Baseball Association's grand final was eventually contested by the two Tilba teams with the Cubs overpowering the Foxes in a hard-fought game. The Tilba sportsground is proving to be a great amenity and the day was well attended. I will discretely gloss over certain post-match antics.

Now to the present. The Mount Dromedary fire has obviously exerted a dominating presence over Tilba activities during the past week or two. The smoke disappeared for a couple of days as the fire was contained but the advent of strong norwesterly winds then saw the fire jump forestry containment lines, enter the Gulaga National Park and roar up the western side of the mountain. The next couple of days were very eventful, to say the least. As the fire crested the mountain and burnt down the eastern side, the two Tilbas were awash with firefighters from virtually all brigades between Batemans Bay and Bega. A fire briefing meeting held in

Central Tilba was certainly the largest gathering I've witnessed therein and full plaudits are due to the manner in which the Eurobodalla Mayor, Fergus Thompson, chaired the meeting and the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Fire Mitigation Officer, Greg Potts, described the situation and fielded questions from the floor.

The combined efforts of all firefighters, both professionals and volunteers, gradually saw the fire brought under control over the next



Gulaga has disappeared in a pall of smoke!

couple of weeks as extensive back-burns were conducted around the mountain. There was no loss of life and, to my knowledge, property damage was limited to one farm out-building only. My dwelling was threatened on two occasions and the constant presence of firefighters when things were looking grim was of great solace to me. I'm sure that I echo the sentiments of all Tilba residents in praising the efforts of all firefighters. Many volunteer firefighters sacrificed a great deal of their time.

It should be noted that a spectacular framed photograph of the fire advancing on Central Tilba (by John Small) is currently being raffled, with the proceeds going to the RFS. Tickets are available from the Tilba Teapot and the Dromedary Hotel.

Now that everything is under control, the general reaction of residents to the fire is certainly one of relief that the threat of a fiercer fire occurring during hotter summer months has been removed. I suggest that the few people bemoaning the loss of rainforest gullies and the like take the time to explore the mountain. They will find that most habitat types have survived, albeit somewhat singed, and there is little doubt that the mountain will 'bounce back' given time. By all accounts the 1968 fire was much fiercer and the mountain certainly recovered from that.

Midst the smoke humour prevailed and one instance merits repeating. A certain Tilba Brigade gentleman's trousers were succumbing to gravity revealing a spectacular 'plumber's cleavage'. The observation 'Jeez, you wouldn't want a cinder to drop in that crack', prompted a swift response from a female brigade colleague: 'If one does I'm certainly not pulling it out!'

Fire, dust storms and a drought induced famine for farmers! I hope a flood is not too much to ask for, to round things off.

Richard Tilzey



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Tilba Bites (continued)

Postscript on 'To Burn or Not to Burn'

It would appear that I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't whenever I write an article for *The Triangle*. Whereas I concur with many of the points made by Ross Constable in his letter (*The Triangle* September), he should note that my article was not intended to debate the environmental implications of burning; that is indeed a complex matter.

The article was merely to encourage people to take adequate precautions against the high likelihood of fire in the coming summer and I'm glad that the Rural Fire Service saw fit to provide further information in their article.

Whereas the Parks and Wildlife Service do carry out hazard reduction burns in many of their parks, the fact remains that the authorities have adhered to a no-burn policy for the Gulaga National Park for many years. In the light of the fire that has since happened (I'm not prescient!) I hope that they review this policy.

Similarly, I concur with many of Rebecca Perry's sentiments in her 'In defence of forests' letter. Half my 60 hectare block is forested and I too love my ferny gullies and old growth trees. A properly conducted hazard reduction burn will not threaten habitats such as these.

As it happens the Gulaga fire saw much of this forested area burnt, but I'm happy to report that the damage to water-course and gully vegetation was minimal and comparatively few mature trees were lost, despite the drought conditions. Also, a few strolls through the ashes saw a variety of animal tracks and scats that suggest that most mobile animals escaped the blaze. Some decent soaking rain

(hopefully, soon!) should see many of the native ground plants swiftly re-establish in the burnt areas, although weeds such as lantana may be a problem.

Richard Tilzey



Fire on Gulaga

There has been a significant airing of views that the recent fire on Gulaga was very harmful to the ecosystem, and people have been stating or implying that the fact that it was initiated by human activity is the result of gross irresponsibility.

It is worth considering the view of Mal Dibden of Tilba Tilba. Mal, who has a passionate love for the mountain and whose property runs well up into it, points out that Gulaga is possibly 80 million years old, and has endured and survived fires, looking after itself in a natural process, for the whole of that time, resulting in its present ecosystem. Over all that time, some of it, the NW, W and SW areas would have been burned fairly regularly from lightning strikes – thereby moderating the intensity of hot fires on the Pink wood forest areas and the rainforest valleys and creeks.

Mal says if one were to draw a time line stretching from Gulaga to Batemans Bay, then the last 40 metres of that line would represent the time that aboriginal people have been here. The last 170 mm (6 ½ inches) would represent the time since white settlement.

Mal believes that it is possible that the mountain is burning less frequently now than before white settlement because with our modern capabilities we have a practice to put fires out as soon as they start. Less frequent burns give rise to bigger fires when they do occur.

'Try to imagine the burn that could have happened about January,

February 2010, with howling west winds and 45°C to 50°C temperatures', Mal said.

Harry Bate commented, 'The recent fire was a blessing, and well overdue. The apparent belief by some that if a fire is never lit by a human then there will never be a fire is difficult to comprehend, let alone accept'.



Celebrating Life Ken and Kath Doust – A Real Team

I was amongst hundreds of friends and family who shared the life of Ken and Kath Doust at Tilba Cemetery the other day. It was the occasion of Kath's funeral and despite being such a sad occasion for all her family and friends, it was a true celebration of this wonderful person, mum, wife, mentor, local councillor, quilter and all the other things that Kath found time and energy to include in her long life.

The day was beautiful with whales (three) passing by, eagles soaring and lots of other birds enjoying the invigorating landscape of Tilba, Mystery Bay and Montague Island. This was the land that Ken and Kath chose to spend what some would call their retirement, but for these two wonderful people it was their ongoing interest in people, issues, making a better life for those who deserved better, time for passions and an ongoing work ethic.

The stories that were told by brave and loving family members, friends and business associates/friends were uplifting and so positive for us all with humour and compassion.

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Brogo Babble

Welcome home to Carl von Schreiber, local vet, who has just returned from a visit to UK with son, Max. They enjoyed a welcome break - also some rain! Didya bring any back with you guys?!

Brogo Community had an interesting evening gaining information (at the Fire Station) given by Andrew Stark and John Cullen from Fire Control. They advised of lessons learnt from the Victorian fires and how changes will be made Australia wide as a result of those fires.

For assistance in compiling a Survival Plan refer to: <http://brogo.org.au/index.php?id=24> for a link. Every home should have a Bush Fire Survival Plan, whether you are leaving early or staying. It also contains clothing lists and many other items to assist your plans in the event of a fire. Everyone's plans will be different, reflecting your own property and needs.

Further news sees two people have completed the Advanced Firefighters Course. A big achievement. There have been several callouts for the Brigade.

On Friday 13 November Ante's Wood-fired Pizza will be at the fire shed.

Further news has it that the lyrebird, which always seems to be

crossing the road, has been struck by a car. It has been taken to the vets, who have high hopes of its recovery. To our delight, recently we saw it with several chicks in tow.

Proving elusive are several Merino sheep with lambs. Spotted in Hawks Head Rd, Dorrig Rd, Desert Creek, through bush onto Warrigal Range and by the bakery! Someone watering at night spotted them in single file over the dam looking very surreal, but by daylight they had disappeared. Speculation ran rife as to 'whence they came', however I believe they have now been rounded up. Has anyone seen any Bunyips?

Another Jack Russell story, what busy little dogs they are. Our terror took off after smells at Bermagui as I was leaping into the car out of the rain.

After four hours' searching I had to give up. I left a note, just in case, on the vet's door, saying we lived near him in Brogo and should someone contact him could he pass on the address. I drove home exhausted by now.

A call came from the vet, our dog had been found unconscious, knocked out. Carl had checked her out and was returning home to Brogo soon, should he bring her with him?

Well what a blessing. Thanks Carl. You should be in 'Thumbs Up'.

Our little girl is limping around, needless to say to her, 'we told you so'.



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Bermi Banter

The Murrah Hall Committee held the best ever members' variety night recently. Previous and present committee members did the majority of the performances that reunited a 30 year following of locals. The sketches, songs, autobiographical prose, comedy, poetry, and musicianship kept the audience spellbound. We were even a congregation at one stage, but you would have to have been there to know the hymn we listened to. If you've never been before don't be afraid next time to take the trip when the Murrah Hall is having a variety night. Special mention to Georgie and team for the food, and Wilton Orr for his debut performance.

Garage and Community Car Boot Sale and BBQ is on Saturday 24 October 9am – 2.30pm at the Murrah Hall. Car Boot Spaces \$15, pay on the day – first in best parked. If you've got excess stuff please donate, otherwise fill the boot.

Nourish Massage and Natural Therapies Centre to improve the quality of your life will be launched in Bermagui on Friday 30 October from 5.30 – 8.30pm. Offering a choice of four diverse natural therapies the professional practitioners understand the importance of alleviating pain and discomfort. Opening six days a week opposite the Bermagui Community Centre at 24b Bunga Street, everyone is welcome to the launch for drinks, nibbles and some free sample treatments.

I did enjoy being part of the fashion frenzy at the opening of Mermaids of Bermagui Coastal Fashion and Home Décor recently. Janice and Suzette do have half price fashions, but my eyes settled on a new season top and with the possible help of several glasses of champers and a few savouries it was mine! One hundred and twenty seven ladies, some having travelled from Eden and Batemans Bay, enjoyed the opening soiree.

The philosophy of a wine bar was brought to my attention recently

the morning after having imbibed in a 'teaser' wine tasting at the home of Bruce and Janika Prattley. They have been enjoying the difficult task of sourcing little known wines from various regions to promote Horse and Camel wine bar, deli and coffee lounge opening in December at the new Cop Marina, Bermagui Harbour. On this occasion the lucky few sampled cool climate wines from the Kiewa (Mt Beauty) and Tumbarumba (Mt Selwyn) regions. Horse and Camel's philosophy is good wine, good food, good company in great, relaxed, beautiful surroundings with a fantastic view. I'll drink to that! horseandcamel.com.au to check out the view.

We were entertained by Jim Shepherd at the 2nd Annual Bermagui Big Book Day recently. Jim, the Australian Publisher of *The Phantom*, told endless tales about Lee Falk, the author of *Phantom* and *Mandrake the Magician*. *The Twilight* openings at Bermagui Library saw the appearance of Texxx Goffredo masquerading as a Vampire (his real identity unknown).

Jubb Family Reunion – Bermagui's Biggest?

Alison and Roslyn Jubb had their work cut out recently at the Jubb family home when they hosted over eighty extended family members to a luncheon reunion. The reunion lasted all weekend at different venues and saw the remaining four of the original nine descendants of Harry and Hazel in attendance: Frank, Mary, Cecilia and Peter. Also present at the event were great great great grandchildren of James and Charlotte. Bermagui's iconic Sam Sinclair was best man at the wedding of Harry and Hazel in 1925. Alison and Ros are the fourth generation of Jubbbs to own their

family home on this site taking over from James and Charlotte, Harry and Hazel and their parents John and Judy. Collectively the older generations present had a wealth of fishing stories under their belts with stories of having fished on the 'Coo-ee' and 'Star of the Sea' in years gone by. Local family members still have ties to the sea at Bermagui Harbour boat repairs. How this family maintained the links with each other through the generations



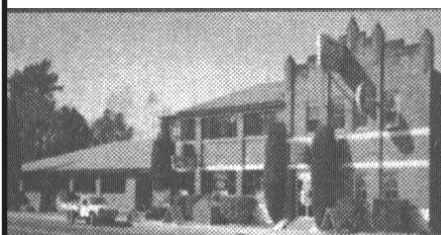
Several generations of Jubbbs

could be summed up as building ties for each generation so they know who they are and who they belong to. Keeping family history alive and being proud of themselves is something the Jubb family do very well!

Wanting to get out and about this Spring?

With the help of the updated Far South Coast Forest Map you will be able to explore down the coast from Bermagui to Mallacoota Inlet and inland west of Bega and Bombala. Produced by Forest NSW with assistance from NPWS, the map

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highlights tracks, trails, rivers, camping and picnic spots, four-wheel driving and mountain bike riding to name a few of the outdoor recreational activities available in The Triangle and beyond.

Portrait of a Flock



Brogio artist Jan Collingridge and Matt Jones.

Mister Jones Open Studio and Art space held another champagne afternoon tea with acoustic entertainment by Naino. We were there for *Sheep* of course, *Portrait of a Flock* by Jan Collingridge, whose drawings are based on close observations of a small flock of Wiltshire Horn sheep in the Bega Valley. Mister Jones also conducts children's art workshops over the weekends. Phone 0413 324 599 for details or call into shop 1 / 4 Bunga Street 11am - 4pm Friday to Monday.

Maralyn Callaghan



Kidnapped, drowned or murdered ?

Come and solve the Bermagui Mystery at the Montreal Goldfield Open Day on Saturday 10 October. The gate is open from 10am - 3pm and tours will run every 10 minutes all day. Cost is \$5 per person for a tour including billy tea and damper – or just for billy

tea and damper if you don't want a tour! There will be demonstrations of 'old world crafts', including some great spinning by Joan Hansen; a once-in-a-lifetime chance of having your portrait painted or sketched by professional artist Rona Walker; a trading table of unique hand-made items crafted by our very versatile Bill Shaw; gold detecting with Noel Pearce; a delicious sausage-sizzle put on by the hardworking Bermagui District Lions Club to the roving music of the fabulous Probus Singers and accordion player extraordinaire Murray Douch. It will be a great day - and don't forget, the reward for solving the Bermagui Mystery can still be claimed!



'Let's Celebrate Solar'

Bermagui Pre-School (pictured below) has now had the photovoltaic panels fitted and they will be holding a 'Let's Celebrate Solar' event from 5.30pm on Friday 16 October. There is an open invitation to everyone interested in education, clean energy and the Bermagui Community to attend and hear the story of how this successful result was achieved.



Solar panels on Pre School building



Correction from Bermagui Banter

Thanks to eagle eyed Arthur Cotterill of Cobargo who knew I was leading you all astray in the August edition of *The Triangle* 'Co-op Update'. Whilst I did not 'guess' at the original location of the co-op site, even volunteer correspondents should check all the facts they are

given at interviews. With the help of Dave Cotton and the Bermagui Historical Society I now present an image which confirms Mr Cotterill's advice. In future editions of Banter the Bermagui Historical Society will contribute a historical photo of a well known landmark with accompanying

text for our readers' pleasure. The Society opens the Museum each Friday in the Bermagui Community Centre.

Maralyn Callaghan



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Quintessentially Quaama

Apologies for the past two *Triangles*, I've had computer trouble.

Peter, Donna and the Moore family would like to thank Pete and Trady, formerly of Cobargo Hotel, and the Quaama P&C for the support given to Erin to attend the state trials for the under 12 State School Soccer Team. It was an expensive trip and every bit helps. I would like this opportunity to thank Peter and Trady (and Angela from Cobargo Butchery) for all their support over the years for donating to the local schools and clubs. Good luck and enjoy yourselves.

Peter Moore has taken over business at 'Caragher Steel and Powder Coating' in Ridge Street, North Bega. He would kindly assist in any metal fabrication of ute bodies and trays including tippers. Good luck Pete.

Sam Monk and Katrina Gaudie have teamed up to make the 'Perfect Pamper' at Cobargo Hairdressers. For fantastic deals for girls and boys you can have your acrylic nails done or a manicure and your hair tipped and cut and styled. Remember them for upcoming formals!

Quaama P&C have had to postpone a recent Family Portrait Day. The date will now be 21 November at Quaama School of Arts. For only \$15 you will receive a framed family portrait. Reminders will come out closer to the date – mark this great deal on your calendar now!

A friendly reminder from the Principal of Quaama School – any person wanting to be on the school premises after hours must have Principal's permission.

The Quaama School of Arts committee will be having a fundraiser on Sunday 25 October. Sunday in the Park will be all about having fun, enjoying the entertainment, relaxing with friends and family, drinking good wine (or beer), eating good food and kicking back. The day will be BYO food and drink, and the RFS has kindly donated their BBQ for the day if you want to cook your own steaks or sausages. Entrance is free but donations would be very much appreciated on the day. Cold drinks will be on sale and of course there will be a raffle held to help raise money for the ever constant need to re-stump the Hall. Gates open at 10.30am and entertainment commences at 11.30. Quaama School pupils will start the day off with their choir and dancers. Throughout the day there will be a mixture of local talent to help relax and entertain, including 'Nothin' Fancy'. They play a little bit of swing, a bit of blues and a lot of rock and roll. We have been lucky to acquire the talented group 'Confidential Bystanders' from Bega to play for us. The local teenagers will probably know of this group. They come highly recommended after being seen recently at the Bega RSL for a fundraiser for Brogo RFS. They will be selling their CD on the day. Keep looking on the Quaama Store notice board for more information on the program for the day and on the notice board in Cobargo. The day will finish no later than 9pm. Any enquiries please call Pam on 6493 8548.

Local residents should be interested to know that the Premier coach now stops in the village outside the store. This is so much safer and more weather protected than the former Verona Rd/Princes Highway stop. Has everyone noticed the new

work outside the Quaama Store? This is the site for a bus shelter. Hooray!

Cheers from 'Tish.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Join Friends of the Libraries (and their teddy bears) for a picnic lunch at the Saltwater Picnic/BBQ area - complete with enclosed play area - opposite the Bermagui Country Club on Saturday 10 October between 12pm and 2.30pm.

Bring your own picnic and drinks, join the bear hunt, have your face painted and buy a raffle ticket. Who knows? You could win a teddy bear or children's books or even a Phantom comic annual, complete with encyclopaedia of Phantom terms. All in aid of Bega Valley Friends of the Libraries, Inc.

A great opportunity to meet with Library Friends, become a Friend, share your ideas for the library plus have loads of fun. Make sure you bring your bear - there are prizes for best dressed, smallest, biggest, most-loved, etc.

Why not make a day of it? Visit the Montreal Goldfield for a morning tour (see ad on page 15) followed by fun and games in Saltwater Park.


See you there.

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Bermi Banter (continued)

(Bermi Banter continued from page 9)

Lions thank IGA



Ray Clements presents a certificate of appreciation to Tony Harrison

Bermagui Lions President Mr Ray Clements was happy to present a certificate of appreciation to Bermagui IGA Manager Mr Tony Harrison on 3 September for their tremendous help and contributions. Without this kind of support, Bermagui Lions would not be able to support as many local community projects as it does.

CWA News, Bermagui Branch

The branch has been busy these past couple of months, and the various activities show that business and fun can go together. Donations have been made to local organisations - Nardy House, SES, Rural Fire Service, Snowy Hydro South Care Helicopter, Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club, Animal Welfare and the Cobargo CWA. The Head Office in Sydney will match these donations with one to Disaster Relief

Our craft group has kept busy with donations of rugs, teddies, and beanies and bootees for premature babies to our local hospitals at Bega and Moruya and also to Westmead Children's Hospital.

The craft day with international art quilter Helen Goddin demonstrating her work was a great success. Helen very graciously gave hints and tips to the ladies present. She donated three raffle prizes and a percentage of her sales on the day, very generous and unexpected. Helen recently won 1st Prize at an exhibition in Birmingham UK.

Members took part in a Music and Drama Day held in the Bermagui Community Hall. This is an annual event when branches between Batemans Bay and Eden meet and present their various items.

We welcome new members; our meetings are held the first Friday of each month at the CWA rooms in Corunna St at 1pm, and followed by a friendly chat and afternoon tea.



Public Dinner

Where: Bermagui Hotel

When: Wednesday, 14 October 2009 at 6pm for 7pm

Guest Speaker: Stuart Rees

Topic: 'The Sydney Peace Prize and the Promotion of Human Rights'

Stuart is Director of the Sydney Peace Foundation, a former Professor of Social Policy and Social Work at the University of Sydney and Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. He has worked in the probation service in the UK and Canada, in the war on poverty programmes in the USA and in

community development projects in India and Sri Lanka. He served on the NSW

THUMBS UP



To all the fires including those from as far away as Batemans Bay and Eden who worked tirelessly on the Tilba fires

- thank you

To the 13 plus mls of rain. Every drop counts.



THUMBS DOWN

Top of the list for 'thumbs down' has to be the low-life that stole some treasured paintings from the car of a lady who was attending the bush fire briefing at Central Tilba hall when the Gulaga fire was threatening.

Saturday 29 August, while volunteer fire fighters were working day and night on Mt Dromedary to protect our communities, a local P plate driver was seen throwing a lit cigarette out of a car.



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Cobargo Conversations

Congratulations to Sue Wall, the Bega News Footy Tipping Competition winner. Way to go Sue.

Cobargo Girls Party!

Last years Girls' Night In, at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall, was a huge success and I have been asked what's happening this year. Although the Cancer Council is a worthy recipient of the funds raised we have decided this year to donate the money to some local women's health organisation so it helps us directly. The event is in the early stages of planning so any input is valued. Also any suggestions of where the funds will most benefit women of this community will be considered.

Elisabeth and the girls will be playing again and no doubt we will come up with some great games and prizes. But more importantly we will again show the strong community spirit that abounds in this area and makes me very proud to be a part of this community. Those women that came last year will agree. So if you missed out last year write Saturday 28 November in your diary to come to a great party – sorry boys, still girls only!

This year the party is closer to Christmas. Hopefully it will lift our spirits as we cope with the current drought. May it have poured down by then and make our countryside green again.

Any businesses or individuals that wish to donate to the cause, or indeed anyone with any suggestions, please contact Christa on 6493 7103.

CWA News

It's that time of the year again when we are looking for nominations for the Cobargo Citizen of the Year and the Junior Citizen of the Year. If you know someone who should be recognised for their work in the community and who has contributed

over the years to the wellbeing of others, now is the time to see that they are nominated as Cobargo Citizen of the Year.

The Junior Citizen should be someone of outstanding achievements or who has made an exceptional contribution in the community.

Nominating is quite simple! Either write down your reasons for nominating this person and send it to CWA Cobargo Citizen of the Year, PO Box 5114, Cobargo or ring Mary Williams on 6493 6167 for further information and assistance. △

Ceremonial Tree Planting at the Wandella Hall War Memorial

On 1 November two pine trees which are direct descendants from the 'Lone Pine' of Gallipoli will be planted at the Wandella Hall war memorial by members of the International Dendrology Society.

On 6 August 1915, the 1st Australian Infantry launched a major offensive at Gallipoli. These ridges had once been covered with Aleppo Pine trees. However, the trees had all been cut down to cover and line the trenches, leaving just one solitary tree standing - hence it became known as 'Lone Pine Ridge'. In three days of fighting the ANZAC's lost 2000 men and the Turks' an estimated 7000.

One Australian soldier sent a cone from the 'Lone Pine Tree' to his mother in Inverell NSW. She grew two seedlings from the seeds, one of which she gave to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The trees to be planted at the Wandella Hall were propagated from that tree.

The International Dendrology Society, with 1500 members from 50 countries, is an association of tree collectors and growers which promotes the study of trees and conserves and protects rare and endangered species. This year's tour by Australian members is being held

on the Far South Coast and will visit several locations in the Triangle including Foxglove Spires, Central Tilba, Cumbungi Grevillea Farm, Tilba Lake Community, Wandella Woods Arboretum and Bermagui.

Society members will be welcomed by the Wandella Hall Committee and representatives of the local community.

Brian Myers
Wandella NSW

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Joy Masterton Awarded Life Membership at Wandella Hall

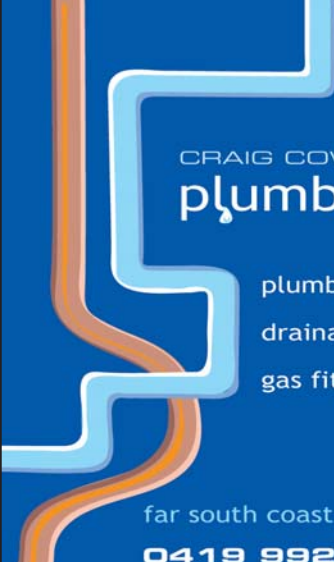
Joy Masterton was surprised and honoured at the Wandella Hall Committee Meeting on 17 August, to receive Life Membership.

President David Morgan presented Joy with a gold medal. Joy had been secretary/treasurer from 1968-1996 until the workload of both became too much. She retired as treasurer and continued with the secretary position. Joy has found all her years with the hall challenging and rewarding. She was very excited to see the success of bringing the Hall to the recent 100 years celebration.

Joy would like to give thanks to the committee for rewarding her with this award. △



Front l-r, Murray Masterton, Joy Masterton, Gloria Corby; Back l-r, David Morgan, Colin Sutherland, June & Richard Tarlinton.



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Cobargo Conversations (continued)

School celebrates new facilities

On Friday 18 September Cobargo's school community came together to celebrate the opening of the school's new classrooms. Students, staff, parents and carers were joined by special guests including local member Andrew Constance, Bega Shire Council mayor Tony Allen, past and present P&C presidents Lynette Schaefer and Don Green.

After a rousing rendition of the national anthem school principal Rob Whymark led the proceedings which included a number of speeches telling

Lynette Schaefer and Rhys Davies (speaking on behalf of his mum, Julie) told how the P&C had initially wanted new toilets. The then teacher librarian, Helen Wyatt, pointed out that the school's 'temporary' demountable library was coming up for its 25th anniversary. The P&C initiated a Mad Hatters' Tea Party to highlight the farcical situation.

From there it snowballed as Andrew Constance got involved by raising the issue in Parliament and organising a meeting between the P&C and the Minister for Education, Carmel Tebbitt's chief advisor. This resulted in the 'temporary' library being moved into the refurbished historic school building.

The only problem now was that every single classroom in the school was a demountable. This was hardly a situation to be proud of.



A new classroom with verandah overlooks a covered play area. High windows create a light and airy learning space.

Then the really good news came. The school was to get four new classrooms as part of the NSW Government demountable replacement program.

Sceptical parents held their collective breaths and lo and behold the first building arrived, then the second. Rob Whymark, the staff and students somehow kept working in a school ground that resembled a building site while the admin block got a refurbishment too.

Then the Federal Government kicked in with its Building the Education Revolution program offering to replace the last demountables by the end of the year. Cobargo Public school started 2009 with no permanent classrooms. By the end of the year it will be virtually a brand new school. Now that's worth celebrating.

The day ended with the students and parents performing some joyful bush dancing on the oval.


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Huge cranes were used to swing in the new sections and remove the old demountable classrooms..

the story of how the new buildings came to be. The speeches were interspersed with delightful performances by the students.

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Letters to the Editors

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Plea for wildlife

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Agreement (RFA) does not have the protection of the Commonwealth's principal environment law, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Commonwealth and State Governments assume that the RFAs are sufficient to protect them when this is patently not true.

In Bermagui forest, where logging resumed on 10 September, about 1,000 of the highly endangered swift parrots were sighted feeding during their winter migration. In spite of this, no meaningful measures are being applied to protect them from the logging of their feed trees. Forests NSW says in its Harvest Plan that it will keep five trees per hectare for the parrots, but, in practice, this means nothing extra for them.

The five trees to be saved are likely to be the same five trees that have been saved for every other purpose, such as a 'recruitment', habitat and so on. They are just adding another label onto the same trees. These parrots are critically endangered, with only about 1,000 pairs altogether left in the wild, and yet our Governments are prepared to do nothing to save them from extinction.

While Forests NSW must jump through various bureaucratic hoops in the name of protecting threatened species *before* logging is done, they never do surveys *after* logging to see

whether these measures actually work.

It is time that the RFAs were scrapped and wildlife given meaningful protection from logging.

Harriett Swift

Convenor, Chipstop

www.chipstop.forests.org.au

Happy dog

Dear Editors,

I would like to say a very big thank you to the Animal Welfare League Far South Coast branch and in particular Deb and Rob Cox for helping me beyond duty to adopt the dog from heaven.

Abbey, a shepadoodle, has now been with me since mid August and every day is a delight (and a challenge) as she and I learn about each other.

The time and energy, love and commitment that was shown to me and Abbey by Deb and Rob was amazing. One day I hope to be able to open my home to dogs being rehomed through AWL and can only work at being as good and kind as Abbey's foster parents.

Thank you AWL.

Cheska Winterson

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Mia needs a home

Still hoping for a new home are Buzz, the 5-month-old dark brindle male staffy x, Maddie, an 18-month old female maltese x shitzu, Syd the border collie x, Emma, a 6-year-old cream female maltese x silky, Link, a 21-month-old doberman pinscher, Rocky, a male yellow labrador x, Micky, an 8-week-old male black kitten, Wanda, a female 8-week-old grey kitten, and Caesar, an 8-week-old male grey kitten. Coming into care are an 18-month old Cattle dog, with papers and a 10 month old black cat. Also Carla the 8-month old German Shorthaired Pointer.

Give the AWL FSC branch adoption line a call on 0400 372 609 if you would like to put your name on the waiting list or would like to know more about these lovely companion animals. The AWL subsidised adoption fee of \$220 for puppies and dogs, \$150 for kittens and \$100 for cats, includes de-sexing, vaccinations (two x c5 for pups and two for kittens), micro-chipping, worming and heartworm testing for dogs.

Helpful Hints. Hotter weather generally brings an increase in fleas, ticks and skin disorders. Mosquitoes can transfer the deadly heartworm disease to your dog. Your vet will recommend the best flea products for washing and treating your pets, their bedding and favourite resting places as well as checking your dog for heartworm, and administering the once-a-year injection to protect against contracting the disease.

Bermi Library's Grand Experiment

Yes, it's underway. The grand experiment to trial flexible opening hours at Bermagui Library. And October's activities are just as exciting as those of September were. See the fridge door for programme details or pick up a flyer from the library desk. Don't miss Books-Before-Bedtime for

the littlies during the school hols, and be sure to register your interest in the Book Club at the desk or by email at bermibookclub@hotmail.com. There you may find readers who share your special book passion.

Grab this opportunity to use your Library during an evening, while the trial lasts. Also grab the opportunity to express your views about Bermagui Library Services by completing Council's survey form available at the desk. Your views matter.

Mystery History Trip

On Sunday 20 September about thirty people took part in retracing the last steps of government surveyor Lamont Young, his assistant Max Schneider and three men from Batemans Bay 129 years ago. The group left from the Bermagui headland, called in to a spot along the old Tilba Road, went on to the Tilba Cemetery and finished the day at Mystery Bay.

Many opinions were aired throughout the day with regard to what actually happened with much reference to archival material as well as local history and memorabilia. We all came away much the wiser for realising history can be an enigma and is often hard to understand!



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Art in The Triangle

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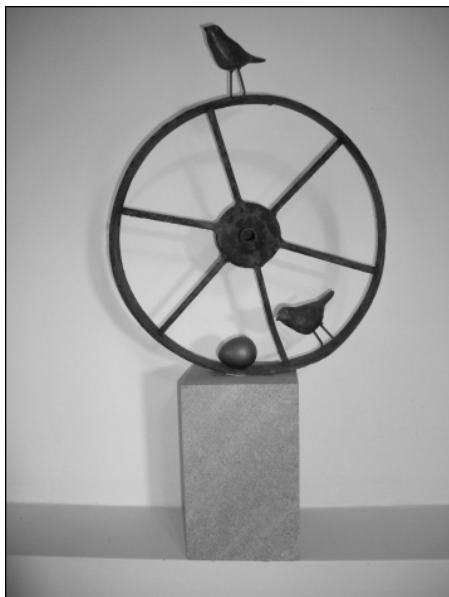
Rachel, a local poet, has compiled a collection of poetry inspired by the natural world in our area. Her book, an excellent example of creative work and self-publishing, is a delightful combination of verse and sketches. It is available from local stores and she has donated a copy to the Bermagui Library.

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Ivy Hill in October Annie Herron – sculpture

Annie trained at East Sydney Tech in Darlinghurst, now the National Art School, and has taught art almost continuously since graduating. She has been exhibiting for the past 25 years.

Her sculptural pieces are made from welded steel, cast bronze and found objects. Annie uses birds as



storytellers to convey the whimsy of the subject. The title of the piece is always significant.

Although she lives in Sydney, her affinity with nature is reinforced by spending time at the family farm where she runs residential art classes several times a year.

Ballan Bolton – figurative landscapes

In this body of work Ballan explores the life and people of Vanuatu, painting everyday scenes as he sees them. He believes that the artist, like a journalist or historian, provides a record of a certain time, place and people.

Ballan is now in New York before heading to Europe to study the Old Masters as part of his 12 month Alice Bale travelling Scholarship awarded in 2006.

Ivy Hill Gallery is open Friday to Monday from 10am - 5pm. This exhibition is running from 2 October to 2 November.

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Artists Show Beauty of South East Wild Forests

Wild Forests, a group show exhibiting the beauty and splendour of natural native forests of the south east, begins the new season at Gallery Bodalla on Saturday 3 October.

Over 20 artists, including Celia Perceval, Prue Acton, Merv Moriarty, David Voigt, Wayne Byard, Amanda Williams, Heide Smith, Annie Franklin, Cheryl Davison, Don Atkinson, Shunyam Smith and Tim Moorhead have contributed art works representing their vision of wild forests.

'In these concerning times of global warming, and with wood chipping of our native forests continuing unabated, artists have the capacity to appeal to our deeply held aesthetic values. They can evoke the many important reasons we need to protect wild forests for the future, so they can protect us'.

'This show promises to be quite stunning, and to single out even one work would be to leave out too many. 10% of sales will go to South East Region Conservation Alliance (SERCA) Natural Native Forests campaign' Gallery Bodalla owner Valerie Faber said.

Wild Forests opens with drinks with the artists Saturday 3 October at 3pm. The show runs from Saturday 3 October to Sunday 22 November, open Thursday to Sunday and public holidays 10am - 4pm.

Gallery Bodalla is in the heritage post office building 66a Princes Highway Bodalla. www.gallerybodalla.com.au. Phone 4473 5011.

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Zephyrs bring Shortis and Simpson to the Far South Coast

The next performance to be staged by Zephyrs will be a cabaret show with Canberra based duo Shortis and Simpson on the afternoon of Sunday 1 November. Shortis and Simpson will present *Cabaret Politico* which is a political satirical comedy created from the personalities and events/debacles of the last year or so.

John Shortis is an inventive songwriter and musician and Moya

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Simpson is an extraordinary singer, actor and comedian. They have presented six sell-out, one-off political satire shows throughout the year and their afternoon here on 1 November will bring to us the best of these pieces.

John and Moya also run two world music choirs.

For more info about these artists go to www.shortisandsimpson.com/aboutus.htm.

To receive an invitation to this or other Zephyrs performances please contact Raymond Kropf on 4476 3396 or email him at: ananda@acr.net.au.

Zephyrs is a small 'not for profit' association set up to bring five star performers to the Far South Coast for our enjoyment. Call Peter Storey for general information on 6494 0226 or email: peter-storey2@bigpond.com

ARIA Award Winners for Bermagui

Scottish fiddler Chris Duncan, and pianist Catherine Strutt are coming to Bermagui.

They will be here for two nights, playing in concert on Friday 9 October and on Saturday 10 October at the 10th Annual Social Weekend for the Far South Coast Scottish Country Dancers.

Chris Duncan is one of the world's foremost exponents of the Scottish Fiddle. A third generation Australian of Scottish descent, he was born in Narrabri. At the age of 11 he commenced study of the violin at

Newcastle Conservatorium. As a performer and teacher he is in demand throughout Australia, New Zealand, Japan, North America, Canada and the UK.

Chris and Catherine's first album *Fyvie's Embrace* and second *The Red House* were recorded and released by ABC Classics.

The late Yehudi Menuhin, who possessed a deep respect for the tradition of the Scottish Fiddler, wrote, 'Their music knows no detour, it goes straight to our feet if dance we must, to our eyes if cry we must, and always directly to our hearts evoking every shade of joy, sorrow or contentment'.

A must see concert at 8pm Friday 9 October in the Bermagui Community Hall. A snip at \$10.

Past and Present

New ceramics by Simone Fraser from 2 October to 16 November - open Friday to Monday. Drinks with the artist on Saturday 3 October from 6pm - 8pm.

Over decades Simone Fraser has developed her work thoughtfully piece by piece, where each small transformation enhances the richness and depth of a form that echoes the past whilst resonating in the present. Her most recent development includes the use of porcelain slip over the stoneware body, adding a new luminous layer.

'The vessel form carries within it this wonderful idea of antiquity - the footprints of our civilisation. Onto this timeless canvas I add a contemporary story using dry glazes

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Soft Footprint Recipes



My friend Carole and I share a passion for cooking, preserving and eating seasonal produce grown by our green-fingered

husbands. Carole has asked that I write her column while she deals with major illness, and I'm pleased to be able to share some favourite recipes with you.

We are picking broccoli, carrots, leeks, lettuce, Italian parsley, silver beet, snow peas and cauliflower, and the cabbages and broad beans are well advanced. Stir-fries, salads and soups are good ways to use this produce, but often a simple steaming of the vegetable is all the cooking necessary.

Because rhubarb contains a lot of moisture it needs very little added. A variation on old-fashioned stewed rhubarb, (cooked over a medium heat for about 5 minutes in a heavy-based saucepan with lots of sugar and only a couple of spoonfuls of water) is rhubarb baked in a slow oven with orange juice, brown sugar, and raisins if desired. Delicious with custard, cream, ice cream or yoghurt.

Rhubarb is mainly associated with desserts, but its tartness can also be successful as a savoury addition to

meat and fish meals. I have a tried-and-true recipe for rhubarb chutney which will have to wait for another time. Because of space limitations I want to share just one more recipe with you, and it's a beauty!



Rhubarb Cake

One-and-a-half cups sugar
half a cup of butter or margarine
2 eggs
2 cups SR flour or 2 cups plain flour
and 1 teaspoon bicarb. soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
a quarter teaspoon ground cloves
a quarter teaspoon allspice
a dash of salt
2 cups raw rhubarb, cut in small pieces
one-third cup of milk
chopped nuts

Topping

Mix sugar, cinnamon and
chopped nuts (I keep a jar full in the

fridge ready to add to this quick and easy cake)

Mix all cake ingredients and pour into a greased lamington tin. Sprinkle with topping and bake for about 35 min. at 180 deg. Great served warm with a dollop of yoghurt.

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Garden Magic



There are few activities that give as much satisfaction as harvesting your own fruit and veg; apart from eating them of

course!

In our covered orchard we have an array of raised beds; some are purpose built made from colourbond, some are rings from old corrugated tanks, some are old fibreglass forms from building projects in Canberra and yet others are made from old conveyor belting rolled into a circle and joined with bolts.

Of course, you could use the time-honoured method of beds on the ground. We chose the raised bed method; they are easier to work on, Kikuyu and other weeds are easier to control and they give the chance to create a good soil mix using topsoil, manure, compost (from a worm bin if you have one) river sand, blood and bone and some lime or dolomite, (supplies magnesium as well as

calcium) and finally some rock phosphate or superphosphate.

We are currently enjoying a range of vegies that have been growing during the winter months and are looking forward to the summer crops now that the chance of frost is nearly over.

A good gardener plans ahead. Some crops like carrots can be sown at any time and it is good to have a regular supply, but avoid planting these in hot dry weather as the tiny seeds must be kept moist; a layer of coarse river sand will help. In the summer months it is desirable to achieve a succession of sweet corn crops by planting more seed when the last lot are about 150-200 mm high.

We should be planning the summer plantings now: tomatoes, potatoes, beans (climbers take up less space), sweet corn, cucumbers, pumpkins, strawberries and others as space and need dictate.

Thought should be given to rotation of your crops; in other words try to avoid as much as possible growing the same crop in the same place as last season. This is most

important with plants such as potatoes and tomatoes that leave disease organisms in the soil. Try to follow these plants with leafy crops such as lettuce or peas or beans. Remember too that it is good to follow legumes with a hungry crop such as sweet corn that will benefit from the nitrogen that legumes leave in the soil.

A few ornamentals are not out of place in the vegie garden and some such as marigolds can help by controlling nematodes. Their bright flowers are cheery, useful as an antiseptic, and have the added benefit of self-sowing.

Many of your vegies will self sow if allowed to produce seed. I am growing oak leaf lettuce from descendants of a few seedlings obtained when I first arrived in the Bega Valley about 16 years ago. You can easily save seed from many of your favourite vegies; tomatoes, pumpkins, bok choy to name a few.

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Good gardening,

Ivan.



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Book Review



Anne Summers: *The Lost Mother: A Story of Art and Love*, MUP, 2009, \$34.99

Anne Summers is my all time favourite historian and journalist. I recently read her biography, *Ducks on the Pond*, which is essential reading for anyone interested in women's history and for the turbulent 1960s and 70s. In this she reveals a difficult relationship with her parents, and *The Lost Mother* is in many ways an attempt at reconciliation, as she sets out to discover the story of a portrait of her mother as a young girl which she inherits on her death. It is also the story of uncovering the largely lost life of the artist, Constance Stokes, yet another woman acknowledged in her time, but somehow lost to history.

The book could have easily degenerated into self-indulgence, but it never does. It is both a gripping personal and family story, and at the same time puts into context the complicated relationships between mothers and daughters of that period. Anyone who lived through the 60s and 70s, especially if they were Catholic, will readily relate to the tensions between the pre- and post-war generations, made even more

complicated if the children became involved publicly in social movements. By discovering the story of the portrait and its artist, she also goes on a personal discovery which few of us of that generation are brave enough to do. The book itself is beautiful to handle – thanks Melbourne University Press! A great addition to the library.

Heather O'Connor



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CTC's exciting new toys

After last month's article we have been inundated with old videos that the staff have been very busy copying onto DVD. This service is very reasonably priced at \$10. We have a converter if your video is a small tape of a home movie from a video camera.

People are taking advantage of one of our newer services, converting old slides and negatives to disc then having the disc copied to share with friends and family - it makes a great gift idea. Slides are 10c each plus \$10 to put them on a disc, then \$5 each to run off additional discs for family and friends. We suggest you dust or wipe them first for clearer reproduction.

We have a photo scanner that

automatically converts old photos to digital format, ready for emailing or copying to disc. You are welcome to do this at the centre for a \$6 an hour fee or we can do it for you, price depending on number of pictures.

Bermagui CTC is a not-for-profit community organisation and is part of a network of CTCs who service communities in regional, rural and remote NSW.

The CTC provides computer and internet access, send and receive fax service, photocopying, colour printing and office services to the public, including secretarial services at reasonable prices. We try to keep our prices in reach of everyone.

Computer tips

Rule no 1 – Is it plugged in at the mains?

Rule no 2 – Is it turned on?

Rule no 3 – Sometimes the computer needs to be restarted if it's playing up.

Rule no 4 – Use the undo button if you think you have made a mistake, simply hit the undo which is usually a blue hook-like icon on your task bar at the top of the page.

Bermagui CTC is located in the Bermagui Community Centre, in Bunga Street

Hours are Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. Phone 6493 3745.



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Wednesday Night

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Bistro Evening Menu - Monday - Saturday from 6.00pm



Bingo

Monday 11am

Trivia

Wednesday 8pm

Pool Comps

Wednesday & Friday 7.30pm

Live Entertainment is back ...

Raffles

Wednesday & Friday evenings 7.30pm

Karaoke 1st Friday every month

DJ "Mike Power" 3rd Friday every month



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui: 2pm Saturdays, ID/Topic,
Anglican Church Hall, Wallaga St
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 - 3rd Sunday, 7 pm Holy
Communion
1st Wednesday of the month, 10 am Morning Service
Cobargo - Christ Church - Fri, 10 am Holy
Communion, Sundays, 8 am Holy Communion

Bermagui - All Saints - Thurs. 10 am Holy
Communion, Sun. 10 am Holy Communion.
Please feel free to join us any time.
Enquiries: Rector: Rev. Canon Harvey Sloane;
Deacon: Rev. Liz Sloane;
Ph. 6493 4416.

COBARGO COMMUNITY CHURCH

A charismatic family church, commences services at
the CWA Hall on 6th September 2009 at 10am on
Sunday mornings. Enquiries Pastors Wayne and
Margi O'Connor, phone 0428 414 418

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY OF GARDENERS

(former Cobargo Community Garden).
Meets once a month. Venues vary. For info phone
Ana Walker 0417 936 746/6493 6746 or visit
www.thetrianglecommunityofgardeners.org.au

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 quarterley. Hall bookings and enquiries
Maryann Green 6493 6280.

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 ASSOCIATION

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

COBARGO CWA

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

TILBA GROWERS' MARKET

Grow it, Make it, Bake it, Sew it begins each Sat., 8am
to 1pm in Central Tilba Hall. Tables may be shared
so book with Annie Eldridge on 4473 7338 or email
annieandtrevor@hotmail.com.

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.

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

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium
Bermagui Country Club at 7.00pm. Ladies and
men. Contact Joy on 6493 5104.

QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

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

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

QUAAMA BAND

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

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui
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Cost \$8, free introductory class. Contact Penny
Levin (Pres.) 6493 5602 or Jan McCartney (sec.)
6493 3573.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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

SCOTTISH DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm:
Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room
For information phone: 6493 6538

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of chn. 0-6 welcome to join.
Cobargo - every 2nd Wednesday 1.30pm-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

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

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

AGLOW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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help women discover their identity in Jesus Christ.
Enquiries ph. Elizabeth Farnsworth 4473 8413.

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the
second and fourth Saturday evening of each month
at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections,
supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able.
Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am.
Inquiries Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings 1st Hole, Narooma Golf Club, 2nd Tuesday
of the month, 7.00pm. Whether beginner or pro,
come & experience the joy of photography. Dave
Cotton, 6493 3800.

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Croquet Club play Every
Thursday 2.00-4.00pm. New players always
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Date October	Event	Venue	Time
Friday 2 onwards	Past and Present	Narek Gallery	10am - 5pm
	Callum Lamb	River Rock Cafe	7.30pm
	Annie Herron/Ballan Bolton	Ivy Hill Gallery	10am - 5pm
Saturday 3	Wild Forests	Gallery Bodalla	10am - 4pm
Sunday 4	BIG Grand Final Day & Kids jumping castle	Cobargo Hotel	2pm
	Damon Davies	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30pm free
Tuesday 6	Guitar Hero and Bedtime stories	Bermagui Library	5pm - 7pm
Friday 9	Live Rock Band	Cobargo Hotel	7.30pm
	Master of Scottish Fiddle	Bermagui Community Hall	7.45pm
	Open Mic Jam	River Rock Cafe	6.30pm
Fri 9 - Sun 11	Changing the Climate	Cobargo S of A hall	Weekend
Saturday 10	Open day	Montreal Goldfields	10am - 3pm
Tuesday 13	Scrap Booking & Bedtime Stories	Bermagui Library	5pm - 7pm
Wednesday 14	Public Dinner - Guest speaker Stuart Rees	Bermagui Hotel	6pm for 7pm
Friday 16	Open Mic Jam	River Rock Cafe	6.30pm
	Lets celebrate solar	Bermagui Pre-school	5.30pm
Saturday 17	Kids Disco	Cobargo Hotel	1pm
Sunday 18	Vince Melouney	Tilba Valley Wines	12.30pm
Tuesday 20	Local History	Bermagui Library	5pm - 7pm
Friday 23	Open Mic Jam	River Rock Cafe	6.30pm
Saturday 24	Cobargo Markets- Drum and African Performance	Cobargo	All day
Sunday 25	Sunday in the Park	Quaama School of Arts	10am onwards
	Open Mic Night	Cobargo Hotel	6pm
Monday 26	The Age of Stupid film fundraiser	Narooma Kinema	6.30pm
Tuesday 27	Book Club & Homework Help	Bermagui Library	5pm - 7pm
Friday 30	Open Mic Jam	River Rock Cafe	6.30pm
	Nourish Launch	Bunga St, Bermagui	5.30pm -8.30pm
Saturday 1 Nov	Lone Pine Planting	Wandella Hall	9 am
Tuesday 3 Nov	Guitar hero & Homework help	Bermagui Library	5pm - 7pm

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