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## The curtain falls on Bermagui for Madam Pat

Pat Thompson didn't want any fuss when faced with the difficult decision to leave a long-loved far south coast community in order to move closer to her daughter Cate in Canberra. 'There are so many heroes who never get anything said about them', she protested. Pat has always been fiercely protective about her much-loved home of Bermagui, once playfully responding to a radio interview question about the town's location by suggesting it was north of Coffs Harbour.

Pat's fascinating early life is vividly portrayed in her memoir; *She's a fat tart, ain't she?* published by Ginninderra Press in 2002, but local communities will have more immediate memories of this remarkable woman's amazing life as international jazz singer, passionate advocate for social justice, and indefatigable writer of snail mail letters to editors, Prime Ministers and Presidents. Madam Pat is a much-loved 'Aunty' to the local Indigenous community; an entertaining and informative columnist for a local community publication, and has a global host of friends and admirers that transcends social and geographic barriers. Pat is equally at home over a cup of tea with a pensioner, or tipping a single malt whisky with a high-end roller. She is truly a woman of the world.

Born in Melbourne, in April 1923, Pat Thompson's life values were strongly influenced by her parents during the 1930s economic depression, when the family had to sell whatever they could to survive. One treasured possession they always kept hidden from debt collectors was a well loved and much used piano. Pat was one of the original Tivoli

in Narooma, which lead to a life-changing friendship with jazz pianist, David Bates, with whom she formed a band that eventually took them to highly acclaimed performances in Paris, Prague, Vienna, Frankfurt, London and Edinburgh. The iconic British newspaper, *The Guardian*, described Pat's first Edinburgh Festival appearance by reporting that she 'filled



'The Grass Market at the Edinburgh Festival in 1987'. L to R:

Tony King, Peter Saunders, Graham Walker, Madam Pat, David Bates and Bobby Porter.

soubrettes, but with Australia at war, the family moved to the Victorian wheat belt, where she met and married Jimmy Thompson. It was a lively relationship, producing two children, and a roller-coaster ride of odd jobs in sometimes odd places, during which Pat never entirely lost touch with the world of entertainment. Tragically, her marriage was cut short when Jimmy died in a traffic accident. Pat mourned by sleeping with his jumper for the next seven years, and a long time later, she still has trouble singing his favourite song: *Funny That Way*.

In late middle-age, Pat was persuaded to sing *Frankie and Johnnie*

the Spiegeltent with a huge presence and a voice cracked like parchment. In the guise of Madam and her Orkestra, she belted Fats Waller black and blue with a heartfelt sad joy, while her superb four piece band captured the essence of slouchy barrel house jazz – there is a great, sleazy grandeur here, of the old blues shouters as well as a hilarious, unpretentious semi-pastiche'.

Pat prefers to describe herself as 'an old vaudevillian belter', and says: 'what I have is a love of what I do, a love of the people I sing to, and a love of life itself'. Her farewell Spiegeltent performance in Melbourne last December was a moving testament to the accuracy of this statement, and an intensely emotional experience for everyone present, who knew they were privileged to be witnessing something very special coming to a close. Pat was joined on stage by many of the artists

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## Editorial

The days are warming, the king parrots are taking over the chook yard, the first leaves are out on the young almond trees and there are snow peas and spinach to harvest in the veggie patch. The lengthening days lift one's spirit and the thought occurs that this response to seasonal change and the natural world is a heritage that stretches back into the remote past.

Certainly there will be good days and bad days, wet days, dry days and fire days ahead but a gentle surge of joy that is invaluable is triggered by the sight of tiny native bees coming out to forage after the winter break.

This month *The Triangle* farewells our regular contributor Pat Thompson, who is leaving the area. *Pat's Piece* was always interesting and to the point; we will miss it, we will miss her and our readers will miss her. Go well Pat and go with our best wishes.

Also this month we welcome the new landlord at the Cobargo Hotel. There is a story about the opening under the new management elsewhere in the paper, suffice to say the local community was most impressed.

A request from our treasurer. In the interest of clarity and efficiency - please will all advertisers who pay by cheque write the invoice number on the back of the cheque when they send it.

And a request from the Historical Society, it seems they have an almost complete archive collection of *The Triangle* but are missing three issues from 2009 (February, May and June) and seven issues from 2008 (February, April, June, August, October, November and December). Please contact the Historical Society if you can help.

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### Lost

Morocco a 3 yo male desexed Bengal (microchipped) who went missing from Hay and Parbery streets Bermagui around 29th July 2009. Phone: 0411 410 297.



## Letters to the Editors

### Domestic violence no laughing matter

Dear Editors

I was somewhat confused by your inclusion in the August edition of an item on page 16 called 'No names no pack drill'. The headline was confusing, and the item itself seemed to be trying to make light of something that is no laughing matter.

If the *Triangle* doesn't support violence, domestic or any other, then why include the item?

Regards

Confused (Rita)  
Bermagui

### A plea for local schools

Dear Editor,

As a retired teacher who taught in most of the schools in the Triangle I write a short plea to parents currently considering where their children might attend school. I want to ask you to reconsider if you are contemplating sending your children away from the local school. I do not want to enter the debate about standards of discipline or religious philosophy. I want you to think about the benefits of sending your children to school with children with whom they will continue all the way through school. I ask you to consider the long bus ride your children have to endure during high school years. Do they really need to do it all their school lives?

Small schools are wonderful. Children learn to accept difference and care for each other.

Susan Bear

### Money matters

Eurobodalla \$75,000 Quiz. At the recent Shire Council Meeting more than thirty minutes of questions were devoted to the state of the Shire investments in Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDOs) otherwise known in the trade as COLOSTOMIES or more politely Bets or Insurance Underwriting. The news was that some \$75,000 had been lost to the ratepayers this month via the CDOs! Taking the Jackpot to a total of \$1.035 million from a portfolio of \$7.8 million but not to mention the \$3.5 million in the state of Limbo which seems to be a certain write-off. So the question now is what can be

done? However, the good news is that some \$75,000 of income from the total CDO investment has been put into trading bank term deposits. It is rewarding to note that the maxim, 'it isn't the return on the money but the RETURN OF RATEPAYERS money that is important' has been taken into consideration. It seems that the question that needs to be put now is; 'does Council understand that the aim of speculation is to move money from the Weak Hands to the Strong Hands?'

Joe Potts Narooma

### Hazard Reduction – To Burn or Not to Burn

It was with some concern that I read Richard Tilzey's article on the front page of the August edition of *The Triangle*, especially in the wake of the February 7th, Victorian bush fires, and with a potentially dangerous fire season approaching.

My concern relates to the following misleading statements made by Richard in his article:

"The bottom line is that a fast moving uncontrolled 'hot' fire destroys virtually all before it, particularly if there is ample fuel."

Not even the hottest wildfire destroys 'virtually everything'. In fact, some of our native species (eg; the worlds largest flowering plant, Mountain Ash, *Eucalyptus regnans*) can only seed as a result of a very high intensity wildfire event. This is also the case with many coastal and hinterland native understorey species. The opposite is also the case with these species, including the Mountain Ash where regular low intensity fire events can destroy re-growth if the fire event occurs too soon after germination. In some cases, "too soon" could be within 15-20 years.

High intensity wildfires actually provide many of our native species the opportunity to thrive which in itself indicates that natural fire regimes (including high intensity fires) in this country have and will continue to be the primary evolutionary and biodiversity triggers for our native fauna and flora, a fact now supported by very good science. The obvious problem here is when human life and property get in the way of these big fire events.

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## Hazard Reduction NSW Rural Fire Service – Far South Coast Team

It is good to see the promotion of hazard reduction efforts in the Triangle and the local community.

The current dry conditions mean that fires are more likely to develop into bush fires, threaten life, property and the environment. The Rural Fire Service, National Parks and Forest NSW agencies are concerned about the upcoming Bush Fire Danger Period and it is important people properly prepare for the season.

The Local Brigades have copies of the Bushfire Wise Action Plan that can help people plan to stay and defend or leave early. Hazard reduction at this time of year needs to address the area around your assets and the best way to do this is by removing vegetation and surface fuel for anywhere from 20-100m from around the dwelling depending on the slope and vegetation type. The Rural Fire Service can provide free approvals for some of this work and can provide more detailed advice about what vegetation to retain and remove.

The previous article in the Triangle promoted hazard reduction burning as a means for protection. This can be an important and effective tool in managing your property and bushfire hazard if well planned. If residents are keen on doing hazard reduction burns the Rural Fire Service can provide advice and has information for low intensity bush fire hazard reduction burning for private landholders. Low fire danger index conditions provide the best opportunity for this type of work and next autumn or winter may provide the opportunity for private prescribed burning.

Superintendent Andrew Stark, the Far South Coast Team Manager, advises a number of issues that are also important to consider when doing private hazard reduction burns including the following:

- It is a requirement to notify neighbouring land owners and land management authorities 24 hours prior to burning.
- Take appropriate action to ensure containment and control of fire so it doesn't escape
- Penalties apply for failing to notify neighbours that you are lighting a fire and for allowing fires to escape.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that fires are not left unattended.
- We encourage people to get

advice from their local RFS Fire Control Centre on how to safely conduct hazard reduction activities such as slashing, trittering and burning and how to prepare their homes for the next bush fire season.

- We advise residents to contact their local brigade and use their expertise to assist in carrying out safe and successful hazard reductions.

When hazard reduction burning is conducted it is important to:

- check weather conditions/total fire bans.
- delay the burn if adverse winds are forecast.
- create proper fire breaks.
- have adequate water resources on hand.
- supervise the fire at all times.
- call triple zero (000) immediately if fire escapes.

Hazard reduction burning can be detrimental to the environment and it is important that issues such as threatened species, erosion and water quality are addressed. A free approval from the Rural Fire Service can cover these issues that are regulated by Council and the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water.

NSW Rural Fire Service Far South Coast Team has declared an early start to the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP).

From 1 September any person wishing to light a fire in Eurobodalla and Bega areas requires a permit. During a total fire ban however, no fires of any kind may be lit even if you hold a permit.

'Commencement of the Bush Fire Danger Period does not prohibit landholders from burning. It does mean however that permits will be required for lighting fires', said Mr Andrew Stark.

Fire permits are free and can be obtained from your local Rural Fire Brigade.

The RFS has a number of publications available to residents providing information on alternatives to burning, planning and preparation for a Hazard Reduction and applying

for a Hazard Reduction certificate and fire permit.

For more information contact The Far South Coast Team on 4474 2855 or visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). △

## A Great Morning in the Goldfield



Volunteers enjoyed their tour of the Goldfields

Where would we be without our volunteers?

Twenty-five volunteer staff from the Bermagui and Cobargo Visitor Centres joined forces to visit the Heritage Tourism attraction, the Montreal Goldfield Bermagui, on 13 August.

They were given a tour by guides Margo Douch and Don Goodridge, the weather showed the goldfield off to perfection and a chance to talk about the attraction over a cup of tea ended a great morning.

It gave the Visitors' Centre staff from both towns a good idea of how and what to present to visitors looking for a new experience. Montreal Goldfield is something different. The goldfield tours are unique, bringing together the old and the new, a walk through the beautiful new forest with the story of Montreal as it was 120 years ago told so well by the guides - plus a few surprises thrown in.

The morning spent at Montreal was very worthwhile and is expected to be a forerunner for more orientation events to acquaint our volunteers with the great area we live in here and want to show off to visitors new to the region.

Judi Hearn

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### Apology

In the previous issue of *The Triangle* we mistakenly attributed the work of Michael Le Grand to Bruce Radke. We apologise for the error.

## 'Missing, presumed dead' – A Bermagui Mystery Tour

This year's history week theme is Crime, Scandals and Corruption'.

Narooma and Bermagui Historical Societies are joining forces for a Fun Mystery Outing, with informative stops between Bermagui and Mystery Bay. Everyone is welcome to come along. We will meet on Bermagui Headland on Sunday 20 September for a 10.15am start, then tour and explore sites relevant to the mystery and end up at Mystery Bay for a barbeque lunch.

**Metropolitan Police.**  
**£300 Reward.**  
**AUSTRALIA.**  
Disappeared on 9th October, 1880, five persons: –  
**MR. LAMONT YOUNG,**  
Government Geologist.  
**MR. MAX SCHNEIDER,**  
and three boatmen named  
**CASEY, TOWERS, and LLOYD.**  
They embarked in a boat at BERMAGUI COAST OF NEW SOUTH WALES, 190 MILES SOUTH OF SYDNEY: the boat has been found jammed on the rocks at CORUNNA POINT, ten miles to the Northward; bullet marks were in the boat, but there was no trace of any struggle or foot play.  
**IT IS BELIEVED THE PARTY were kidnapped, and taken AWAY IN SOME VESSEL.**  
The sum of £100 will be paid by Major-General Young to any person giving the earliest information leading to the discovery of Mr. Lamont Young, and the Government of New South Wales will pay the Reward of £200 for such information as shall lead to the conviction of any person or persons who have been guilty of violence. Information to the COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, GREAT SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON.

The 1880 Gold Rush saw over a thousand people on the workings in the Montreal area between Wallaga Lake and the ocean north of Bermagui. At the time, the population of Bermagui was less than 50 and there was no bridge to cross the river to Bermagui South. Five men vanished, never to be seen again. One was Government Geologist Lamont Young. Scotland Yard in England put out a reward notice (above); even Queen Victoria got involved. Come and learn the fascinating history. Revealing the story in its original settings should bring it to

life and may inspire further reading or investigation.

The Historical Society is seeking some back copies of the Triangle to complete their archive. Editions sought are nos. 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76 and 77.

For more information contact Billy Shaw 6493 5214, or Laurel Pacey 4476 1582.

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## CWA Music and Drama Day

On 24 August approximately 75 CWA members and friends gathered at the Bermagui Community Centre for the Far South Coast Group annual music and theatre day. This event moved to Bermagui from its previous venue last year when their usual hall was not available. Seduced by the amenity at the new Bermagui hall they returned this year.

Nine CWA branches from Eden to Batemans Bay are included in the event and later in the year Batemans Bay will host a similar day for groups from Cooma and Braidwood using acts from today's performance.

Although the main attention was on the stage today there were also displays of Art and Crafts in the hall.

The opening item on the programme was a very polished performance by the Narooma CWA Choir. The ladies, beautifully attired and in excellent voice, were well received and much appreciated.

The bold and beautiful ladies from the Pambula and Merimbula CWA

performed a Belly Dance with great style and humour.

Monica from Eden CWA starred on keyboard in a sing along which featured many songs, some dating back to old music hall traditions ('Two Little Girls in Blue' and 'After the Ball' for example). Some were in the Blues tradition and others were just good songs to sing.

Lillian Birkenshaw from Batemans Bay who joined the CWA in 1954 presented a job advertisement for a Farmers Wife. The list of required talents was huge and the rewards and perks finished with 'and best of all you get to sleep with the boss' which drew an appreciative chuckle from the audience.



The Narooma CWA choir opened the show

The atmosphere in the hall was at all times filled with warmth, friendship and acceptance. This annual event has been running for about 40 years, long may it continue.

Jo Lewis

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## The curtain falls on Bermagui for Madam Pat

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who had shared the spotlight with her over the years, including Tony King and Kris Ralph of *Makin' Whoopee* and *Beautifully Mad* fame, and she reminded the audience that advancing years have done nothing to diminish the irrepressible passion of her life. In a line that could stand as her epitaph, she announced with her famously infectious laugh: 'if you're skating on thin ice, you might as well tap dance'.

A few years before the farewell concert, Pat's memoir was launched in Melbourne at the Spiegeltent by her good friend, Barbara Blackman; this event also played to a sell-out crowd. Afterwards, my wife Mary asked one of the young doormen, who obviously came from a very different world to Pat's generation, what he thought of the show. He responded with enthusiasm, remarking on the unusually focused audience, and saying there was a collective mood he couldn't quite place. Mary replied, 'It's love. They all adore her'. And I guess that sums it up.

Bermagui is lucky to have shared the company of an extraordinary woman like Madam Pat for so many years. But during that time, the sheer vitality of her compassionate intelligence, the old-fashioned entertainment skills of her seasoned performances, and the far reaching compass of her integrity have touched people beyond our horizons. All of whom, I'm sure, would want to join us in thanking Madam Pat for some truly wonderful memories, and to send her off to Canberra with a traditional show business toast: – Break a leg, Pat!

Ian McFarlane

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## WIRES -Native Birds

It is tempting to feed our native birds with seed mixes. They do love it and will come and eat with enthusiasm. However, if they become dependent on humans feeding them, problems can develop. The birds could face starvation if you go on holiday and their food supply is abruptly cut off.


With a regularly provided food supply, nomadic birds will breed out of season, leading to over-population of that species. Often, the birds hatched from the second mating of the year are not strong and healthy, and will succumb to viruses, thus creating problems for the other birds. Diseases are easily spread through communal feeding trays. It's good to resist the urge to overfeed our native birds, and instead, work to protect their native habitats.

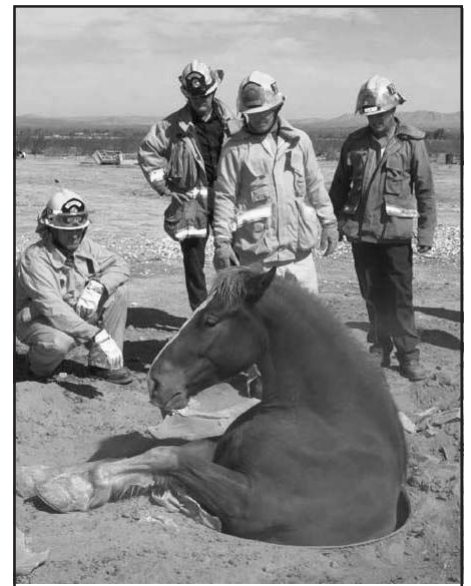
Overfeeding birds also encourages bird populations that should be nomadic to become sedentary. Instead of searching for bugs under leaf litter, birds will eat the seed provided, and this can cause insect populations to get out of control.

By the way, gardeners, leaf litter is one of the best soil enhancers. Put leaf mulch and garden compost in your soil instead of buying products containing peat. The bogs in Ireland where most of the world's peat is found are almost gone. Only six percent of Ireland's native bogs remain, and this is a disaster for the native fauna that live on those bogs. Ask for peat-free products at your local plant nursery.

Please keep in mind, that while

encouraging birds into your garden, this may also draw neighbourhood cats. If you are having problems with roaming cats or dogs attacking native birds or other fauna in your garden, you can ring the Bega Valley Council on 6499 2222 to hire a humane trap (cage). It costs \$10 to hire. If you do catch a cat or dog in this manner, ring the Council again to make arrangements for a Ranger to meet you at the Animal Shelter. The Ranger will take the animal and contact its owners.

Remember, if you find an injured or orphaned native animal, ring WIRES on 6495 4150 for assistance. You can ring that same number to learn about what WIRES volunteers do and how to become one. We would love to hear from you. 



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## Cobargo Conversations

With the unseasonably hot days, windy August and still no rain CC reckons that it's time to do all we can to keep the smiles on our faces. So, instead of complaining about roads and rates; arguing about to burn or not; or speculating on 'prophesies of doom on the horizon', watch this space for



**Open Day at the Cobargo pub** suggestions for a good hearty laugh, or at least a smile. CC love a good laugh and a chat so sitting at the Valley Edge where hosts Kerry and Erin have just returned from their first holiday since opening, there were plenty of stories gleaned from passers-by.

Dorothy Pantland has had her knee replaced and is remarkably walking without a stick, outdoing many younger patients in her recovery. She's a spritely young 80ish who volunteers at the Cobargo Information Centre and is soon jetting off to Florida for a poets' convention.

Congratulations to Lola who turned 97, Dave Thompson who just turned 91, Sara Bear who turned 30 and Jack and Jessie Wotton who had a fantastic celebration for their 18th and 25th birthdays – hundreds of teenagers, four bands and NO trouble.

Spotted John Quelch, ex-Cobargo resident up from Victoria for a quick trip.

Daniel Lafferty, famous local potter, has just returned from Gulgong where he and Yuri Weidenhoffer are part of the organising group for next year's *Wood Fire Festival*, which is part of Clay Energy Gulgong 2010. Internationally renowned Janet Mansfield has hosted events for potters at her Gulgong property previously and now the whole town has become involved.

Speaking of fire, the sight of fire on the horizon disturbed many Cobargo residents on the first Saturday night of August. Gale force winds had been forecast and some went to bed hoping 'they (the RFS?) knew what they were doing', and that the wind warnings or a change of direction would not create a truly scary event. All apparently went well but some are still wondering - why?

The Cobargo-Bermagui Sharks had a fantastic victory in the rugby grand final. Ken, the newsagent, who sponsors the team reported that it was a very exciting game won in the last minute by one time local Billy Hudson kicking the final goal. Ken and all supporters pass on their heartfelt congratulations.

### Comings and Goings

Changes in town continue. In the main street we welcome Murahari and Jayasri who are now permanent at the top petrol station; and Steve and Helen Stafford have closed their Working Wood store after 20 years. Steve's beautiful work will be available through [workingwood.com.au](http://workingwood.com.au) and plans are afoot for tuition 'when the shed is finished'. The pub has a new licensee Gordon Steele. The Steeles, Julie and Gordon with their son Greg, have come from Helensburg and many years running pubs in rural

NSW. So watch out for more music and family friendly events, which started during August with a band on Saturday and sausage sizzle with jumping castle on Sunday.

Susan Bear



### Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade

This last month has been extremely busy with the Brigade undertaking a substantial hazard reduction (HR) burn on Saturday 15 August at Black Creek, east of Cobargo. The burn was very successful and was executed to plan. With our three available fire vehicles we also acquired units from Tathra, Quaama, Angledale and Bermagui to assist with the burn. Special thanks go to Ben King (Tathra), Rob Taylor, Vaughan Regan and Mark Burnell (Quaama), Jim Kennedy (Angledale) and Brian Blacka (Bermagui).

Sunday 16 August was also very busy due to the high winds that occurred. We engaged a Quaama and a Bermagui unit to assist us with mop up and patrol of the burn areas. A very busy weekend with around 300 man hours logged for the two days. We have had several other callouts as well. Congratulations to every fire fighter who worked on all the fires.

As the official fire restriction season is about to commence and permits come into effect I ask every land owner in our area to take into consideration that we are volunteers and as property owners you have an obligation to ensure that any fire lit on your property stays on your property and is your responsibility. I recommend that every landowner pays particular attention to fire prevention preparation around buildings/assets and have an evacuation plan prepared as a priority.

With the absence of rain and the predicted dry times ahead it will be a

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## Pat's Piece

My dear and much loved readers, how can I ever find the words to tell you what I feel in my heart as I prepare to leave this incredibly beautiful place that has been my home for the last 30 years, not to mention those exceptional friends I have made who have virtually become my family. Without naming names, they know who they are. Had they not always been there with a shoulder to cry on or to share a wee dram in the good times, I could never have stayed as long as I have, but the time has come when I need to be closer to Cate and my family.

It has indeed been a privilege, to have spent 30 years on this coast with its magnificent spotted gums, its lakes of turquoise and blue, plus the wetlands

with their spectacular bird life on the edge of a vast ocean, and with sacred Mt Gulaga, she who has more moods than any woman I have ever known and remains a very spiritual and special place to the Yuin people who have inhabited this land for thousands of years.

When I first came here to live my kids had already made the move, so this meant that all my grandchildren were born in the Bega Valley Hospital under the expert hands of Jeffrey Long. But I was a very reluctant resident. Born and bred in Melbourne, I was sure I would return, so much so that I didn't change my Victorian number plates for over two years and believe it or not I still buy the *Melbourne Age* every Saturday, which takes me home for the weekend. But of course this beautiful place became part of my soul and allowed me the privilege of becoming Aunty Pat to our indigenous people here. I know that Laurel and Ed, with

other friends, will keep fighting for a better world for these most alienated of people in our midst.

Lastly, let me thank the people responsible for this most democratic little newspaper. Thank you to Ewen, Louise and Rose for editing my indecipherable ramblings, and the readers who, even if they haven't always agreed with me, have treated me with such courtesy and respect. You will never know how much I have valued that or how much writing this column has filled a void in my life. You know, it's a bugger when the heart and mind are still working and all the other bits gradually fall off!

Please remember, the door is always open and the billy on the boil if ever you are in Canberra.

Much love and goodbye to all those people who have enriched my life.

Pat Thompson



## Cobargo Conversations

(continued)

difficult spring and summer period. Any fire related enquiries can be made to Bega Fire Control Centre or Cobargo Captain Chris King.

Congratulations to Lisa Ayliffe, Andrew Hayden, Callum Hayden, Bradley Martin, Amanda Matthews, Roger Park and Phillippe Ravanel who have completed their Bushfire Fighter course and accreditation and are now active members of our Brigade. Well done.

Our Rural Fire Service Open Day is coming up on September 26. Cobargo Brigade will have a blessing of the fleet at 9am at the Cobargo Anglican Church and the Cobargo Station will be open all day with plenty of information available on how to protect yourself and your property. So please come and

check out our facilities and meet the volunteers who spend a lot of time protecting our communities.

Chris King



### National Tree Planting Day at Cobargo

Cobargo Home Schooling Group, along with Cobargo Cubs and community members totalling around 30 people, celebrated National Tree Planting Day at Narira Creek by planting over 100 trees, shrubs and native grasses along the creek bank.

This is a continuing community project that started in 2001 with a National Trust Heritage Grant. Each National Tree Planting Day, with input from community groups and residents, the area is weeded, watered and planted with indigenous plants.

Cobargo Home Schooling Group would like to thank those involved in this



National Tree Day

year's planting, the suppliers of plants, Provincial Plants and Kangarutha Nursery, Landcare and BVSC.

There is a planned maintenance day on Sunday 27 September from 9.30am. Also help with watering the new plantings would be appreciated. Contact Julie Davies on 6493 6813 or Steve Stafford on 6493 6595 or just go and do it.



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## Brogo Babble

### A thank you from the Rural Fire Brigade

The members of Brogo Rural Fire Brigade wish to thank all who attended the fundraising night at Bega RSL Club on Friday 31 July 2009. The night was a roaring success with a full house, about 380 men and women and some young people from the Bega Valley and beyond. The tickets for the night were sold out several days beforehand. It just goes to prove that if you put on a good show with good advance publicity 'they will come'.

Entertainment on the night was freely provided by Deb and Kara - the Acacia Duo; the Confidential Bystanders - a young band who had the whole room dancing early in the night, and later by the Stumblin' Wilburys - fronted by Frankie J. Holden and including the best of local musicians. It was interesting to see many who we suspected would not dance in a fit actually letting loose on the crowded dance floor.

Special thanks go to the members of several other Bega Valley Rural Fire Brigades who attended in good numbers to support our night.

During 2008 Brogo Brigade took delivery of a new BRT (for those not used to RFS technical-speak this is a Big Red Truck (lol) - a Cat 2 tanker). The vehicle is of such a size that the workbench area in the Station was sacrificed to fit the truck inside the Station. The funds raised as a result of the night will be used for extensions to the Brogo Fire Station to provide a new workspace and an office. Plans for the extensions have been prepared by Geoff Metzler and Associates and will be put

forward to Council with a development application soon.

Many lucky people went away with auctioned goods and others with raffle prizes. Our generous sponsors for prizes have been suitably acknowledged and thanked.

The Stumblin' Wilburys proved to be such a hit that a number of those who attended on Friday night travelled to Merimbula-Imlay Bowling Club on the following night to see them perform again. There is a likelihood that the Wilburys will perform in what may be the final show in the RSL auditorium in 2010 before demolition commences and the new structures arise.

The Brogo community wholeheartedly supported the night with many taking on tasks to ensure all went smoothly. Of particular worth has been the work of Dave Crowden who can be credited not only with the ongoing organisation of the night but for arranging and performing in the Wilburys.

Additionally, David Ubrihien, Ros Fish and Ron Fish gave up many hours of time to put the arrangements in place. Also, thanks go to Brogo local Mary Elliott whose idea in the first place made this night happen. Mary was not present to see the huge success of the night - she and Whadi are travelling around northern Australia. However, Mary was on the phone on the day after the event to check on the result.

Thank you to all our supporters on the night.

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## Wadbilliga fires almost over

As of August 11 the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) say that the fires burning in the Brogo Wilderness within Wadbilliga National Park are nearing a close with one believed to be out.

NPWS Area manager, Preston Cope, said today that a helicopter reconnaissance flight revealed that the 800 hectare Yankees Creek fire is very close to ending. 'We've water bucketed a single hot spot today where a tree has fallen across the creek and was burning fiercely. Otherwise the fire has remained within containment lines and we think it should be burnt out fairly soon. We strongly suspect these fires were no accident because they began at the same time in remote country when there was

no lightning activity. It's very unusual to have fires of this nature occurring in the middle of winter and that's probably an indication of just how dry conditions are'.

'Even though these fires were remote we have been anxious to get them under control lest they continue, get larger and then are here when the weather warms up. These fires have now burnt for a month and have involved a larger number of staff at a time of the year when we'd usually have expected our staff to be engaged in much more productive work. Instead they have been fighting unplanned fires that serve



NPWS Firefighters hard at work

a limited strategic hazard reduction purpose. It's all been a big waste of time, energy and money'.

'If you know who was responsible then please contact us urgently', Mr Cope said. △

## In Defence of Forests

Through the ages white man has looked to the forests and seen with in it 'the enemy', whether it be the English removing the oaks from the pagans or the English coming to Australia where the forests hid the 'uncivilised' and 'savage' natives. To now days, where the forest is the threat of wildfire. We have become so obsessed with this uncontrollable force, that every year from Autumn to Spring we go to war against it, as it stands in peace, creating water and air we cannot live without, then in return we burn it through fear, fear of loss of possessions, law suits and fear of loss of life. Where in reality there is more loss and death in the world from drought and hunger from the land not

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### THUMBS UP

Thumbs up to Joy and Bob Georgeson! Seb the dog had been dumped by a wave at Camel Rock on Monday and lost his collar in the surf. Would you believe it...three days later it was found by Bob and Joy at low tide. They returned it to Seb in true Beauty Point style (but a little more rusty)!

To Gordon and Julie for their generous welcome to the Cobargo community at the Cobargo Pub open day. We all shared a special connection.



### THUMBS DOWN *Merida*

To the driver who drove off after hitting a young female wallaby near the Fairhaven turn off. When found she had a broken leg and head injuries and had

been left to die in the middle of the road. What a heartless person – we can only hope that Karma will catch up you.

To the tip-truck driver towing a dog-trailer driving north who drove onto Wallaga Lake Bridge, Thursday 13 August at approximately 13:15 while fully aware of a smaller vehicle already on the bridge. Your impatience and neglect of road rules and common courtesy stopped traffic in both directions. The 'Give Way' sign which you failed to recognise DOES APPLY TO YOU.

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## Bermi Banter

What is a 'Tamagoyaki' you ask? At Georgina's Cucina in Wapengo, I watched as Mayumi, originally from Osaka, shared some of her family



Mayumi showing Georgina Japanese-style cooking.

recipes passed on from her grandmother and mother, and the philosophy of Japanese cooking. Georgina's winter newsletter arrived with tales of the recent Taste of Tuscany tour and proposed dates for Mayumi's demonstration of Izakaya style Japanese food, similar to Spanish tapas, with a wide variety of appetisers that can make a full meal. One of the dishes, a Japanese omelette, was cooked one egg at a time, crepe thin, in a teflon coated square pan, each crepe rolled back onto itself, forming a log of eight rounds of crepe thin egg. Tamagoyaki is the name for Japanese omelette and the pan that it is cooked in. The second lesson, to be held on Sunday 6 September, will be about home party style Japanese food, including casual sushi making. Georgina can be contacted on 6494 0194,

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Bermagui Preschool fundraising committee is at it again thanks to the help of Mick and Fran of Bermagui Cellars. For sale through Bermagui Cellars at cost price the excellent Merlot and Chardonnay sell for \$10 and the proceeds of all sales go towards the costs of materials for the educational development of the children at the Preschool. This will be an ongoing fundraiser so as stocks deplete more wines will be ordered for sale with the Preschool label on the bottle.

I recently watched Nori Heaven's new owner Kirsty Edwards in action as the final packing of the sushi made in the early hours of that morning were sent on their way south to Eden, north to Ulladulla and West to the Snowy Mountains. Kirsty, who has been working at Nori Heaven since 2004, uses up to 200 kilos of rice a week to make up the five different fillings of sushi, as well as tofu pockets and salmon nigiri. While she expertly cut the sushi into rounds, Mayumi Murphy explained that the authentic flavour comes from a special ingredient in the rice. Unfortunately that's a secret, but George Negus and Jane Turner love it and so do the Turkish, Chinese and Japanese Embassies and Consulates in Canberra. It is available fresh daily in Bermagui. Catering on platters for private parties or weddings can also be arranged by leaving a message on 6493 5333. As I walked home the four-pack of sushi that was destined for my

lunch became three then ... and it wasn't 8.30am yet!

Lyn Mott and Jo Jacobs were recently awarded community service medals in honour of their voluntary work. Lyn is someone committed to the economic wellbeing of the Bega Valley Shire and has given countless hours to helping people needing guidance in business. She is secretary of the Caravan and Camping Industry Association for the region, and also secretary of the BVS Business Forum. This task also included reforming the tourism industry in the Shire. Jo is an inaugural member of the Bermagui Seaside Fair now going into its 13th year. Acting as Chairperson for the last year with a small committee of five, Jo was nominated by her fellow committee members who appreciated the hundreds of hours she donates to the event and the expert guidance and leadership she provides the committee.

Budburst is just around the corner at Mimosa and to celebrate the coming of the new season in the vineyard Gail and Glenn Butson are hosting a six course degustation dinner on Friday 4 September. Call Mimosa Winery on 6494 0164 for details.



The Grim Reaper at the Bermagui Hotel banquet

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## Bermi Banter (continued)

The medieval themed 'degustation de vin' held recently at the Bermagui Beach Hotel was a hoot. Lots of Knights of the Realm, a couple of Queens, plenty of maidens, a few wenches and even a Grim Reaper! Prize for best dressed went to Ken and Trudi Needs. Someone did kiss my ring ... on my finger, as dressed in royal purple and wearing a crown I easily passed for a Queen.

Maralyn Callaghan



### Bermagui Surf Club Update

The new surf club has toilets! Six of them - plus a disabled access toilet. They are bright and should be functioning as soon as Council approves



The new toilet block at Bermagui their use! Thank you surf club - Bermagui needs your free public toilets! The area is still a work site until the bottom section has been secured with roller doors. The surf club is hoping Council will approve a part-occupancy to allow limited access to members during patrol season. This will enable the First Aid Room to be utilised, as well as storage for surf boats, rubber duck, rescue boards and surf ski etc. At the

moment the club is using a condemned toilet block for storage. President Warren Marshall, and local builder Graham Hamilton were both away at the time of writing, however it has been confirmed that the Federal Grant is still pending. The club has not been given a NO to their recent submission. Scaffolding and builders materials will be removed from the site shortly until such time as further funding becomes available, and the site is once again a work site. For now though G & G Homes and the construction team have done the best they could with the money available.

Maralyn Callaghan



### Feeling lonely or bored in Bermagui?

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Maralyn Callaghan



### Successful first Twilight openings

The first couple of Twilight openings at Bermagui library have been a great success. Readers have been treated to an exciting grand opening which featured an official launch by Bermagui Primary Principal, Neil Rutherford, and a book talk on the Twilight novels of Stephanie Meyer, facilitated by BVS Councillor Liz Seckold. Later in the evening there was a taste of Guitar Hero and an opportunity to view the State Library Travelling Exhibition: *IMPACT* - Australians' effect on our natural environment since our arrival on the continent.

Coming activities for this month include the first of three scrap-booking

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## Quintessentially Quaama

### R&R for Victorian fire victims

Quaama has recently played host to a couple of families who were devastatingly affected by the recent Victorian bushfires. Both these families lost their homes, pets, and all their possessions.

Beth and Phil from Kinglake left early and lost their house, two cats, sheds and fencing, yet incredibly and thankfully their donkeys and goats escaped the flames. Beth and Phil enjoyed the open rural surroundings of Quaama. During their stay, they enjoyed a trip to Mogo Zoo, a trek to Mumbulla Falls and a few days touring around our Triangle.

Phil observed the quintessential friendship of the locals and peaceful walks around the village. Beth is recovering not only from the shock of losing all, but also from a previous horrific car accident. Beth found the gardens and surrounding views from Mumbulla View B&B, and the glorious south coast winter weather, very relaxing.

Their new home will soon be built, and life can start again. Phil managed to take a magnetic memento home, even though Beth said the new fridge was not to be decorated in magnets, as his last collection had decorated almost the whole fridge, front and top.

Both Beth and Phil enjoyed a little bit of country and a little bit of luxury whilst staying in Quaama and were very grateful for all the help and friendship they have received.

Another family from Yarravale were entertaining guests when radio warnings said the fire front was more than an hour away. However, Maree

stepped outside to see that spot fires had already started in their own paddock and the neighbours were in their car racing down the driveway with the fire right behind them.

Maree, Graham, their two small children and their guests had to evacuate immediately. They headed for town and found there to be many people seeking refuge, along with a menagerie of pets and confusion. Imagine the chaos! They did not know that their house was gone for four days and were not allowed back for a week to recover any remains. Unfortunately there were none.

Graham and Maree were lucky to get out in time. They had never intended to stay, but the conditions were more extreme than they knew. Unfortunately some people were trapped at the last minute and were forced to stay and fight. There is much to be said for 'get out early'.

Graham and Maree and many others like them have been overwhelmed with the compassion shown by their fellow Australians. This family was very grateful for their stay at Mumbulla View B&B and loved the vibes at Quaama and surrounds. Graham was especially impressed with lunch at the Dry Stone and the local wines, while Maree loved the Tilba Saturday Market.

Dave and Cora at Mumbulla View thoroughly enjoyed hosting these families and showing off our beautiful south coast region, especially and quintessentially Quaama.



## University of the Third Age for Bermagui Area

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is a world-wide network of informal learning led by retirees for retirees. Provided that teachers are available, U3A can offer courses or discussion groups on just about any subject, allowing people aged over 50 to have a stimulating structured learning environment in their area.

Fees are kept to the minimum. A yearly \$20 membership fee is all that is required, and this allows members to attend as many courses as they wish – for example in languages, artistic achievement or craft skills – the prospects are good.

Kerry Davies of Beauty Point is the driving force for a U3A in Bermagui. At a recent meeting in Beauty Point there was so much enthusiasm that a steering committee was formed and some courses created on the spot. There are four or five courses ready to go, with leaders and students waiting. But in order to sustain this momentum, the group needs a wider population and area base.

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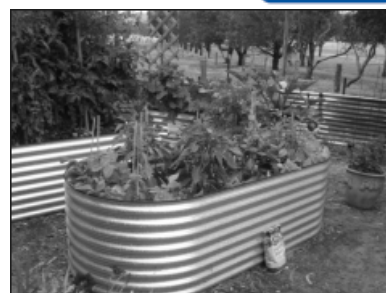
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until the end of 2010, so you'll get a good deal!' Kerry said.

'Friends who live elsewhere in NSW have often said how much they enjoy attending stimulating U3A courses in their own towns, especially as this can help in getting to know other people in the community. So, inspired by Dorothy Heasty who began the Merimbula U3A, I am venturing out to recruit leaders, committee members and course attendees.

'So far, we have courses ready to go in linguistics, art history, bird watching adventures, beginning sewing, Indonesian language, computing, digital photography and Eastern philosophy. All we need are some people to come forward to offer their services on a committee, so we can begin'.

You can research U3A further by Googling University of the Third Age and seeing what is offered in NSW country areas.

We need:

Course leaders (if you have a teaching background, you'll be snapped up!)

People who wish to enrol in a course (name a course you're interested in and we'll endeavour to find a leader)

Committee members (no volunteers, no go)

You can contact Kerry on 6493 4323 or email [u3abermi@gmail.com](mailto:u3abermi@gmail.com) and let us know your contact details and area of interest.



## In Defence of Forests

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providing and respiratory conditions due to bad air (especially around here in winter!). I have lived in forests for nearly half my life and I am watching the forest I live in change, waterways becoming dry, animals and plants hanging on to what little they have, to be burnt at their most vulnerable - in drought.

Ferny gullies, south facing with hundreds of years of top soil and leaf litter - mycelium and mushrooms creating moisture underneath, all burnt not just once but over and again until they are no more, tree ferns turned to black stumps. Dig in these places and the ground is hard and brittle unable to hold moisture. The tree's leaves seem dry, unable to get enough from the lifeless soil, please go out and gently take a look!

We fear this mother of all fires which may or may not come, we imagine the destruction and cause so much more in fear of it.

The worst fire in Australia's history has just occurred where land was cleared, forests burnt and roads existed, you cannot control the uncontrollable.

I have the utmost respect for the RFS and I thank them for their hard work. People who live in the bush should have adequate emergency bunkers, communal or otherwise. The money and time should be spent on the properties on the fringes of the national parks; they are the buffer zone for the towns and if bush dwellers don't like being in the first line of fire, they should not be

living near the bush.

This is a very sensitive topic for most, we just need to be not so 'gung ho', it feels like a very unresearched action and advertising ensures many people have strong opinions on what they have only been told. It's time to re-evaluate before it's too late!

Rebecca Perry



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## Tilba Bites

### Tilba Festival Warm Up Night

To mark the beginning of preparations for next year's *Tilba Easter Festival*, an evening of performance,



Tilba School students getting ready to carry the giant silver goanna in this year's Tilba Easter Festival Parade.

music and drama will be held on Saturday 12 September in the Small Hall at Central Tilba. The *Tilba Easter Festival* is always a big event in the Triangle calendar and it is hoped that the 2010 festival will see a return to the roots of the rural festival. With a theme of 'all things rural' the 2010 festival aims to bring back some of the activities that

celebrate our region. The Tilba Growers market marquee will showcase the best examples of local produce and crafts and more opportunities for local schools and community people will be offered.

To achieve this new look festival, the September variety night has been planned to try and motivate and encourage locals to get excited and lend their ideas, energy and enthusiasm. The variety night will be held the weekend before the Festival Committee AGM (Wednesday 16 September) and will be the perfect springboard to gather ideas and encourage volunteers to get to know the existing committee members and consider lending a hand.

The variety afternoon will be a family friendly event, beginning at 4pm and will be free. Local musicians and performers are welcome to perform on the night in a laid back and friendly atmosphere. Tilba School students are busy preparing several music and dance numbers especially for the evening. Good food will be available for purchase during the evening. To perform or assist in the planning of this event please contact Christina Potts on 4473 7053.



### Kingdale Alpacas retire from Central Tilba

Graham and Jenny Froud purchased the Snell property at 1 Bate Street, Central Tilba about 14 years ago and established the Alpaca Shop. Retirement happened quietly as the Frouds closed their loved and cherished business at the end of June. They sold the property back in April and continued to enjoy all the reasons they had retailed fleece, spun fleece and exquisite knitted garments for 14 years. Graham and Jenny love their alpaca herd, which they have tended and nourished at Dignams Creek and can now concentrate on life without running a shop seven days per week. As lots of you know, retirement can sometimes lead to a different but equally busy routine. Graham now has time to get on with his passion re very old motorbikes and Jenny has had some time to sort through stuff and do some spring cleaning. They still advertise their Kingdale Alpacas in *The Triangle* and anyone interested in catching up can give them a call at home. Both Graham and Jenny loved the shop because it kept them in touch with an interesting flow of people from around the world. You might not have had a big day in the shop, but you

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## Kingdale Alpacas retire from Central Tilba

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heard some good stories and exchanged information with people you might have never crossed paths with. We wish you both all the best in your new directions and thank you for your good and long service in Central Tilba.

Erwen Genders.



## Bermi Banter (continued)

### Successful first Twilight openings

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sessions. This is an opportunity to learn how to put all those photos, cards and ephemera together to make a record of your family's activities. A chance to explore the library's collection of food books and audiovisual material follows with Georgina on 15 September - this promises to be popular.

Two other sessions of interest are: Exploring your family history through ancestry.com with Linda Albertson, Family and Local History Librarian for Bega Valley Shire Libraries, on 22 September; and the final session for the month offers an opportunity for parents and families with young challenging children to listen to Anne Leydon, Coordinator of the Brighter Futures Program. Anne will suggest practical advice and answer questions on how to nurture young children and stay sane at the same time.

More details about any of these programs can be had from the Library and don't forget that Homework Help is offered every evening.



## Good Will Punting!

We are off to a flying start! Over \$2000 was raised for cancer research by our recently formed local social riding group - CRAB (Cancer Research Advocate Bikers). We raffled two loads of firewood. The lucky winners of the draw (8 August) were as follows: Kerry Garvey of Cobargo (ticket purchased at Bega) and Lynette Schaefer also of Cobargo (ticket purchased at Cobargo).

Well done Mick Flynn and especially Graeme (Spud) Struthers for towing the load around the valley and selling tickets. We would also like to acknowledge those involved in the cutting, splitting and delivery of the wood. They are John Gowing, John Clarke, Mike Powers, Peter Cox, Dave Tooley, Graeme Struthers and Rob Grimstone. All are volunteers and members of CRAB.

Special thanks should go to Andy Tarlinton for donating the beautiful red gum timber for the raffle.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Bermi Pub.

All are welcome and encouraged to become members (even if you don't ride and would like to help!). Monthly rides are discussed at the meeting.

Dave Tooley



## Bermagui Event Plans

Bermagui Seasiders and *Sculpture on the Edge* wish to announce that *Sculpture on the Edge* has become a separate entity in order to pursue arts based funding opportunities.

*Sculpture on the Edge* will take place from 5-14 March 2010, commencing on the Canberra long weekend and coinciding with the Bermagui Seaside Fair on 13 March. *Sculpture on the Edge* will continue to occur at the same time as the Fair to complement each other as they have done in the past.

Bermagui Seasiders and *Sculpture on the Edge* plan to maintain close contact and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship in the future.

Jo Jacobs and Jan Ireland



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## Art in The Triangle

### Gary France and DRUMatIX

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He has performed with the West



Gary France

Australian Symphony Orchestra, the West Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestras, the Dallas Brass, the Australian Chamber Orchestra and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra. As a jazz drummer his list of musical credits includes: James Morrison, Richie Cole, Nat Adderley, Dale Barlow, Jim McNeeley, Urbie Green, John Clayton, Phil Wilson, Clifford Jordan

Gary France is coming to the far south coast, bringing DRUMatIX, an ensemble including four talented percussionists from the Canberra School of Music, with an array of instruments including a marimba. They will give a concert, one of the Montague Choristers Visiting Artists series, in the Narooma High School auditorium on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm. Tickets will be available at the door, the Pineapple Shop in Bermagui and the Purple Possum in Narooma – adults \$20, concessions \$15, and school students free. Enquiries 4473 7541 or 6493 3047. They will play again at the same time on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> for the Sapphire Coast Music Society in the hall at Wolumla.



### Bermagui Writing Group

Are you interested in writing and would like to meet other writers/ wannabee writers in an informal and supportive group? At a writing workshop held recently in Bermagui, it was proposed to set up a group to meet once a month in the Bermagui Community Centre. The aim of the group is to stimulate and encourage each other. Writers of all genres, fiction or non fiction would be welcome. Please email Megan at yabbra3@bigpond.com or Ines at bellaberme@gmail.com

with your phone number and we will call you. If you don't have email please phone Megan on 4476 7296.



### Changing the Climate

A weekend performance and workshop at Cobargo Hall will be presented by Dr. Glenda Cloughley and Johanna McBride on 9–11 October 2009.

Imagine with us what could happen if the chorus of citizens found its voice and empowered politicians and other decision makers to protect the world for our children.

The Changing the Climate workshop will start with a public performance on Friday night of a two-person version of Glenda Cloughley's epic story-song *The Gifts of the Furies*, about relations between people and earth. For more information about the full performance of this work see [www.chorusofwomen.org/whatsnew.htm#Gifts](http://www.chorusofwomen.org/whatsnew.htm#Gifts).

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Johanna McBride  
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Local sculptor Joy Georgeson from Beauty Point is exhibiting sculpture and photography inspired by Camel Rock at Bega's Spiral Gallery.

Joy, who specialises in large scale hand-built ceramic forms, says, 'Walks along the beach never fail to set me thinking about the origins of life on Earth and the wonder of the diversity and similarity between species. My



*Cormorant Rock* by Joy Georgeson

artworks are inspired by the dynamic sea shore and rock forms around Camel Rock, north of Bermagui. It is a place for reflection and meditation on the mystery of life. The towering rocks create an amphitheatre for the energy of the waves, while on an intimate level are the worlds within worlds in the ecosystems of the rock pools. I imagine the beginnings of life stirring in the

ancient seas generating the threads of DNA leading to our evolution'.

'My sculptures reflect my need for contact with natural phenomena such as the sea, animals, plants and the cycles of nature, which provide me with psychological and spiritual nourishment. I have developed my own 'creation stories' in the works, based on science and my imagination. The underlying message is to raise an awareness of the importance of conserving and valuing the balance and harmony between humans and nature.'

Joy is a regular exhibitor at Bermagui's *Sculpture on the Edge*. She has exhibited in many centres around Australia and has work in several public collections including the National Gallery of Victoria, Shepparton Regional Art Gallery and Newcastle Regional Art Gallery.

The exhibition 'EONS' runs from August 21 – September 9 and will be opened by Ann Montague at 5pm Friday August 21.

For further information  
contact: Joy Georgeson 6493 5914  
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## Bega Valley Festival

Communities in Transition and TTT+ are pleased to announce a Bega Valley Festival on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of November 2009. Events will be held in Littleton Gardens, the Town Hall, the Showground and other town venues throughout Bega.

The theme of the Bega Valley Festival is 'Communities in Transition'.

The Transition theme will

highlight the activities people are doing in the Bega Valley and the wider region to build more localised, resilient and sustainable economies, social networks and relationships with our landscape. The Transition process helps people prepare for the challenges that lie ahead from climate change, peak oil and an uncertain world economy as fuel costs inevitably rise.

Hosting the Bega Valley Festival are the Sapphire Coast Producers Association (SCPA), Clean Energy for Eternity (CEFE), The Australian Community Network (Austcom) and South East Transition Towns (SETTs).

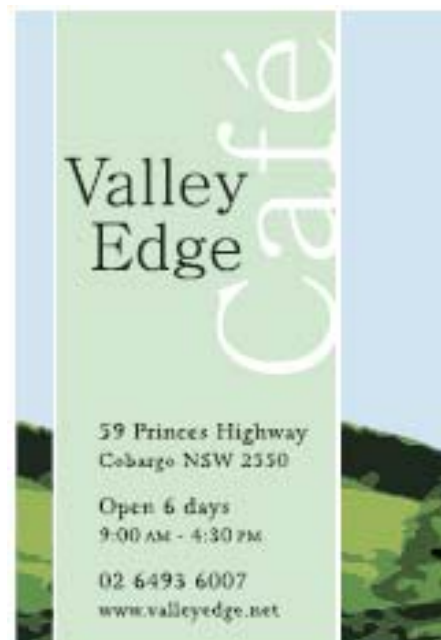
Over two full days a Sustainable Land Use and Living 'SCPA Expo' in Bega's Littleton Gardens will feature the best skills, knowledge and products from regional community groups, producers and their suppliers.

A 'Clean Energy Expo' in the Bega Town Hall will showcase the latest in renewable energy technology, building techniques and materials for active and passive designs for Home and Business.

The Bega Valley Festival supporters include the Bega Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bega Valley Shire Council.

People wishing to have a stand or hold associated activities should contact the Bega Valley Festival organisers.

Co-ordinator: Prue Kelly  
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## Letters to the Editors

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### Hazard Reduction – To Burn or Not to Burn

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The second part of the statement above mentions 'ample fuel'. The question I have for Richard is: what is the definition of 'ample fuel'?

The reason I ask this important question is because it goes to the very heart of the 'fuel hazard reduction' debate, the complex interrelationship fire has within our native ecosystems and the critical questions relating to the residual (fuel) risk that remains after a hazard reduction burn, the frequency of burning, strategic location of burns, preferred burning season (autumn vs spring) and burn intensity, just to list a few.

"It goes without saying that the best firebreak is a cleared paddock regularly grazed by livestock."

The best firebreak may not be your back paddock. Tragic evidence of why grazed paddocks may provide poor firebreaks was seen when nine persons died during the high intensity fires that swept across agricultural land consisting mostly of regularly grazed paddocks on the

Eyre Peninsula, South Australia on the 12th January 2005.

I would also refer Richard to the RFS and NPWS fire crews observed chasing high intensity fires across kilometres of drought scorched, regularly grazed paddocks in the Jindabyne, Iron Pot Creek and Varneys Range areas of this region during the 2002/03 fires.

"... for reasons known only to them, the NSW Parks & Wildlife Service steadfastly refuses to conduct hazard reduction burns."

I am not sure how Richard arrives at the above conclusion that the NPWS 'steadfastly refuses' to conduct hazard reduction burns when one only has to look at the amount of burning conducted in this region by NPWS over the last few years.

Of all the natural phenomena (flood, fire, drought, cyclone) we experience in Australia, fire seems to be the one we have least come to terms with and unfortunately Richard's article seems to support this thinking.

The traditional European approach to land and natural resource management has not worked very well at all in this country, which is evidenced by the present state of our rivers and 20

million hectares of dry soil salinity, not to mention us having one of the highest rates of fauna extinction in the world. I think the reason we have arrived at this point is mirrored in the way we attempt to mitigate bush fire risk. We Europeans think we should be able to alter the landscape and everything that it supports to meet our needs and reduce risk rather than changing our ways to reduce risk, live within and meet the needs of the landscape.

Australia is naturally one of the driest and most fire prone continents on this planet. It's going to get drier and more fire prone, possibly faster than we can mitigate fire risk. For those of us living in the bush, at the very least the probability of getting assistance from fire authorities during fire seasons like the one just experienced will be less, making it imperative that we all take on more responsibility for our own fire safety.

Ross Constable  
Dalmeny NSW



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On 7 August last, some 70 knitters gathered in the ABC offices in Bega as part of the annual Wrap With Love campaign. Hundreds of knitted squares were sewn together to make rugs which are sent around Australia and the world.

The not for profit group was started 17 years ago by Sonia Gidley-King, an 81year old grandmother from Sydney. Since then, an estimated 200,000 wraps have been sent to more than 30 countries around the world. Wraps are given as gifts and this year many of them will remain in Australia – for flood and bushfire victims and dialysis patients in Alice Springs.

Debbie Peterson from Tantawangalo is pictured below with a beanie made from two squares joined together and embroidered with the ABC logo.

Virginia White



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## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

#### Vintage farm machinery

\* Farmall 'A' tractor 1940, very good order, tyres 99%, drives well. \$2,800. Service and parts manuals \$30.

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**House for rent** with garage/workshop in Triangle area, ph 6493 6800.

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**House-sit or rent** Cottage/shack/farm on small or large acreage for mature & capable woman. I have two well behaved horses (hand fed), and a quiet cat. Call Robyn 6493 3240 / 0405 920 360.

**Antiques & collectables**, good quality china, glass, jewellery, old tools/fishing gear, toys, old furniture, anything old and interesting. Phone 4473 7226, AH: 4473 7073.

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### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Prime retail area**, approx., 60 square metres, Central Tilba, Long Lease available soon. Please submit to Ewen, Nic or Erica: PO Box 2010. Central Tilba 2546.

**Canasta - Bolivia** - New group just setting out. Anyone interested in learning or playing please contact Carol. 6493 5625.

## Book Review



**Simon Winchester:** *Book, Bomb and Compass: Joseph Needham and the Great Secrets of China*, Penguin.

If you enjoyed the *Surgeon of Crowthorne*, and *The Map that Changed the World* by Simon Winchester, you'll love this. I had never heard of Joseph Needham, so it was all new to me! He was a Professor at Cambridge University, married to an equally brilliant academic who tolerated his long affair with a Chinese woman who in turn inspired him with an overwhelming passion for all things Chinese, including the language. He then set upon a lifetime of trips to China, uncovering the history of its myriad inventions. The end result was 24 volumes of books covering Chinese history, natural geography and Chinese discoveries, all of which are listed at the end of this book - ranging from abacus, through wheelbarrows and revolving windows - it takes 20 pages just to list them all. Like his other books, this one just powers ahead - you can hardly put it down. His personal life alone makes a fascinating biography, but when combined with all you'll learn about China, it's a real winner.

Thanks to Jane at the Pineapple House in Bermagui for recommending and donating the book; if you want your own copy, you can buy it there, or ask for it at the Bermagui library. And if you haven't read the *Surgeon of Crowthorne*, put that on your list as well.

Heather O'Connor



## HORSE HYPE

### Fossil Cup at Bega

It was really great fun winning the 2009 Fossil Cup on Patrick at Bega Jump Day.

Seven year old Caitlin Reid led Patrick over to the start while Sonya carried a kitchen ladder for me to



Leone Creamer with her Fossil Cup

mount.

I headed off across to the start on foot wearing my racing colours - orange, with a green arm band and green cap - walking with the aid of mother's walking stick and father's whiskey flask - which at the age of eighty I felt entitled!

After greeting the judges with a large curtsy, Sonya helped me up onto Patrick, giving me a love pat with Mum's walking stick on the way.

Away we went. A perfect round over jumps and in and out of flower pots and ladders. I was in such high spirits that a great wave to the crowd in every corner of the show ground seemed to be called for.

It was great to be announced the winner.

Leone



## Bone Density Testing coming to Cobargo and Bermagui

In support of quality of life Cobargo Pharmacy and Bermagui Pharmacy, in conjunction with Australian Bone Density Testing Centre, are promoting bone health awareness with bone density testing at the pharmacies on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September respectively.

'Today we can expect to live well into our 80s. To retain quality of life with a sound mind, a healthy heart, and *strong bones to carry us around!*' says Evelyn Holsman, Director of Australian Bone Density Testing Centre.

Conducted by ultrasound, bone density tests are a reliable and effective way to assess fracture risk, are 100 per cent safe, cost just \$45 and each person receives a written result and information booklet.

Book now at Cobargo Pharmacy phone 6493 6500 and Bermagui Pharmacy phone 6493 4353.

For more information see [www.bonedensitytesting.com.au](http://www.bonedensitytesting.com.au).



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#### 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.  
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.**  
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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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.

#### SOUTHERN LIFECHURCH

Sundays @ 4pm, Union Church building, West St,  
Bermagui.  
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#### SCOTTISH DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm:  
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All parents of chn. 0-6 welcome to join.  
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Enquiries: 0428 667 924

#### TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All  
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**QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
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,  
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#### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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Enquiries ph. Elizabeth Farnsworth 4473 8413.

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Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the  
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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  
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Sunday 6	<i>True Blue</i>	Tilba Valley Winery	12.30 pm Free
Tuesday 8	Scrapbooking & Homework Help	Bermagui Library	5 - 7pm
Saturday 12	<i>DRUMatiX</i> with Gary France	Narooma High School Auditorium	2.30pm
	Tilba Festival Warm Up Variety Concert	Small Hall Central Tilba	4 - 9pm
Tuesday 15	Georgina's Italian Food & Homework Help	Bermagui Library	5 - 7pm
	Explore food books with Georgina	Bermagui Library	5 - 7pm
Wednesday 16	Tilba Festival Committee AGM	Gulaga Gallery Central Tilba	7.30pm
Thursday 17	Women's Spring Gardening Workshop	Women's Resource Centre 29 Parker St Bega	1 - 4pm
Sunday 20	Bermagui Mystery Tour	Bermagui Headland	10.15am start
	<i>Broken Down</i>	Tilba Valley Winery	12.30 pm Free
Tuesday 22	Book Club and Homework Help	Bermagui Library	5 - 7pm
	Women's Spring Gardening Workshop	Women's Resource Centre, 29 Parker St Bega	1 - 4pm
Saturday 26	Cobargo RFS Open Day	Cobargo Fire Station	All day
Tuesday 29	Brighter futures talk for parents with challenging children & Homework Help	Bermagui Library	5 - 7pm
Friday 2 Oct - 16 Nov	Exhibition of Ceramics by Simone Fraser	Narek Galleries, Old Tanja Church, Tanja	Fri - Mon 10.30am - 5.50pm
Tuesday 6 Oct	Guitar Hero and Homework Help	Bermagui Library	5 - 7pm

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