

THE TRIANGLE

COMMUNITY NEWS

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QUAAMA COBARGO BERMAGUI TILBA & LOCALITIES

The future *Triangle* team?

I felt very privileged, recently, to have been invited to attend the launch of a magazine that has been written by an amazing bunch of Bermagui kids. The magazine, called *DOT ... DOT ... DOT*, covers local events, news, interviews, art competitions, recipes, comics, poetry and sport, all from the kids' perspective.

The project has been supported by Council's Programs and Partnership Officer, Scott Baker, Bermagui Library staff and a dedicated group of local parents, to produce a youth magazine showcasing subjects the kids are interested in.

The young team producing the magazine is: Finnley McKechnie, Sam Glasson, Matthias Buetefuer, Charlotte Schultz, Axle King, Thomas Robson, Gracie Sunderland, Danika Myers, Felix Willson, Harrison McKee and Austin McKee. You may recognise a couple of those names as having graced our own pages with their writing.

The project aims to help the children



The *DOT... DOT... DOT* team, bringing Bermagui kids their own magazine

learn skills in media production, digital publication, meeting deadlines, gaining confidence in interviewing people, photography and a number of other skills as well as having some fun!

When I met the children, I was really impressed at how articulate and confident they were. They explained what they were doing in a friendly and interested way, and were polite and attentive. I

asked how the magazine got its name. 'Well,' said one young lady, 'at first we didn't have a name, so when we wrote something about the magazine we just put a couple of dots down. So, it sort of stuck and became *DOT ... DOT ... DOT!*'

Bermagui should be proud of this generation of children growing up in our community. I personally wish this group of fabulous kids the best of luck as they continue this project. Although, maybe we at *The Triangle* should be a little worried about the competition as these 'junior journalists' continue to gain skills in writing and publishing their magazine!

Check out the first two editions of *DOT... DOT... DOT* at the library or, for more information about the project, call Scott Baker on 6499 2172.

Carolynne Banados

Cobargo will 'Light Up' again!

Cobargo will welcome summer once again on Friday 1 December with Light Up Cobargo, the fabulous street festival of food, fun, music and lots and lots of lights. Join the community of Cobargo village and all of our friends as we celebrate all that is unique about our wonderful village and the communities around us. The main street shops will be open with extra specials, launches, exhibition openings and more. Our local food outlets will have street food of all kinds.

The event will be opened at 5 pm by BVSC Mayor Kirsty McBain, who

will also judge the shopfront decoration competition. The music will start with special guests the Bairnsdale Secondary College Senior Band, then a variety of performers will busk in locations up and down the street. And at 7.30 pm, the Cobargo Rural Fire Service firetruck parade will sound in the switching on of the lights.

Other highlights include the launch of the Giving Tree for 2017, the opening of art exhibitions in Black Wattle Gallery and the Lazy Lizard, drop-in specials in Country K9 Parlour, a Christmas stall at Twig &

Feather, and new ranges launched at Ellie's of Cobargo. Information will be available via the Cobargo Update Facebook page which will be added to as more is finalised.

Cobargo Creators and the CTBA are working together again to coordinate and publicise the event. If it's at least as wonderful as last year we will be pleased, but we are expecting it to be so much better! Email cobargocreators@gmail.com if you would like to participate in any way including helping out with the organising.

See you there!

Editorial

Whether you're a card-carrying greenie or just want to save money on your power bills, the Renewable Energy Expo at Narooma's Sport & Leisure Centre on Saturday 25 November is a great opportunity to see what's available in the way of solar PV, solar hot water systems and batteries. If you're building there'll be sustainable housing information too. Even advice on investment opportunities. It's a good opportunity to see what's available without having to travel too far. See page 21 for more.

And while we're on energy, and renewing ... *The Triangle* held its AGM

last month and all committee positions were spilled. Our inestimable Treasurer, Terry Freemantle, now takes on the added mantle of President. Roz Hewett replaces Linda Sang as Secretary, and Jen Severn continues as Vice President. The Committee also comprises Carolyne Banados, Nerida Patterson, Linda Sang, Bhagya and Niki Hutteman.

We farewell two team members: Sharon Cole and Elizabeth Andalis. Sharon has been on the *Triangle* committee for five years, writing many My Triangles as well as other articles, and capably filling the role of President for the last

twelve months. Elizabeth brought us Cobargo Conversations for the last six years—always filled with lively local news, and was Secretary for a year. Great contributions from both.

And a team of Cobargo writers have stepped up to fill the hole that Elizabeth leaves, writing Conversations on rotation. We're looking forward to seeing many different viewpoints on the 'working village' and environs in coming months. Thanks to June Tarlinton for a great column in October. And this month Sarah Breakey introduces us to a new(ish) resident, then fills us in on the history of the Pool.

Letters to the editors

Let's hear it for Team Triangle!

I'm writing to thank you and the readers of *The Triangle* for your support of Team Triangle, who are taking part in the 2017 MS Sydney to the Gong ride. Over 36 years, tens of thousands of cyclists have hit the pavement in this legendary ride from Sydney to Wollongong to raise funds for people living with multiple sclerosis.

I am a person who was diagnosed with MS (on Friday 13 July 2001—funny how some dates stick in your mind). So I'm well aware of the importance of the MS Society. MS has changed my life immeasurably since the first symptoms appeared but with the help of family, friends, health professionals and importantly the MS Society my life continues to be a relatively good one. And I'm hardly alone—there are many people with MS living in the Triangle area, and the wider Far South Coast area.

Events such as the MS Ride help to fund Multiple Sclerosis Limited, which provides phone and email support through MS Connect; free, specialised consultation with health professionals; the MS Education programs; the MS Wellbeing services for everything from exercise and nutrition through to social engagement and specialist employment support; and around the clock support when things get challenging, through their MS Respite and Residential service.

Again thank you to *The Triangle* and all involved with Team Triangle.

Bruce Frost,
Narooma

The Fallacy

Bega Council has been seeking our opinions on the use of their share of the \$100 million state grant for regional galleries. That could be a lot of money, and it's vitally important it goes to the right place.

The purpose of a great gallery is not just to display work, but to be a hub and centre for the development of the community. My concern is for the people of the hinterland, the interior folk who live a long way from the beaches where most cultural development tends to concentrate.

Cobargo should be on the short list. With only what the local community has cobbled together from private initiative they have created a thriving culture. If any area needs support in their endeavours it is Cobargo and the many scattered folk who seek their art and literature there.

Cobargo is the artistic hub for the hinterland. Where else in one place can we find pottery on display, reading and library groups, great paintings and jewellery? Where else in the hinterland is there a bookshop or any of the other commons that inspire a community?

The coast is replete with culture, but the inner towns further from the coast are left as driftwood. Cobargo has gathered to itself an enormous and diverse community of artists. The presence of a permanent Council-supported gallery would make a great difference for all the people across the hinterland.

John James, Quaama

Appreciation

Volunteers. Our villages are full of them. Our nation depends on them. Hundreds of thousands of Australians giving their time, skills and energy to try and make a difference, every day. People wanting to improve the lives of others and asking nothing in return. The community usually finds a way to acknowledge this contribution through recognition and praise.

With this in mind I would like to thank my wife Elizabeth Andalis for her six years of work as secretary and Cobargo correspondent for *The Triangle*. Your contribution has been wonderful. You always sought a wide range of topics and subjects to share with us, providing news and information covering local focus on all walks of life and areas of interest. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Mark Lingard
Cobargo

Your Bowerbird

The Bowerbird Op-Shop in Cobargo has been running successfully for over two years. The Op-Shop has run entirely on volunteer time and community donations.

To date, we have given away \$64,075 in grants. Applications for the next round of grants close on 7 December 2017. All community not-for-profit groups/organisations are welcome to apply for grants for their projects, so don't be shy, we want the community to benefit from their donations that we recycle into money

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for the grants.

We have a beautiful, smiling, efficient bunch of volunteers but could always have more, even if it's only for a few hours.

Thank you,

*The Bowerbird Committee
Cobargo*

Should any stores or anyone need lights to decorate their shops or homes for Light Up Cobargo, Twig & Feather will have 10m solar fairy lights available for \$14.95 along with many other lighting options.

Thumbs Up

To Chris Post and everyone at Land Care for your ongoing help and support for our project on the Narira Creek at Cobargo. Even though CCAN (Cobargo Community Action Network) has been busy with our own personal issues, the Land Care team have been organising Jens and the Koori team to do more work on our beautiful creek system. So thank you to everyone involved. We really do appreciate everything you do.

To the very bicycle-conscious drivers on Verona Rd.

Thumbs Down

Thumbs down to Bega Valley Shire Council's approval of the so-called pedestrian refuge in Bermagui. This is a major failure on their Community Strategic Plan outcome "Strong Consultative Leadership" that says they will "Consistently engage and consult across the whole community to ensure that a diversity of voices are heard and that feedback is captured and considered for decision-making and advocating purposes". One small group is not the whole community. No education strategy for users, no foresight for additional safety measures after a number of incidents since its installation. It's not a place of refuge, it's a danger zone.

To people who make a show of putting a donation in the *Triangle* tin, while just disposing of foreign coins. What are we supposed to do with Argentinian pesos? Turkish lira?



*I stood beneath a
snowball tree*

*And shook a branch
spontaneously*

*A million tiny
flowerettes flew*

*Like snowflakes in a
wintery dew*

I tingled shivered breathlessly

*Trapped there in time, the
tree and me*

As silently you came to be

*And showered my self
as tenderly*

Bronte Somerset

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The Triangle is a community newspaper. Its aim is to provide information and news to the people in the Triangle area - the area bounded by the three mountains (Gulaga, Mumbulla and Peak Alone). The committee comprises volunteers who donate their time and expertise for the benefit of our readers. *The Triangle* is financially self-sufficient through advertising income. This is a tight budget and prompt payment of accounts is appreciated. *The Triangle* is published every month except January and has a circulation of 1800, boosted to 2000 in December so there's enough for visitors.

Quintessentially Quaama

Quaama's Frugal Fair and Village Garden Tour

Come one, come all to this exciting combined community event at the Quaama School of Arts Hall on Saturday 11 November between 9.30 am and 2.00 pm.

Learn how to embrace frugality to stretch your resources, improve your wellbeing and lessen the impact of your global footprint. Get involved by:

- entering the 'feed five for \$5' competition
- showcasing your revamped, up-cycled or funky-up clothing and accessories in the fashion parade (rehearsals before the day)
- displaying your imaginatively repurposed old or broken items
- sharing your money saving tips
- joining the Quaama Village garden tour (starting at the Hall)
- selling your wares or buying some raffle tickets or just soaking up the atmosphere.

For more information contact: Diana on 6493 8450 to book a stall or enter the cooking competition, Ruth on 6493 8352 to volunteer as a model or provide clothes for the fashion parade, or Richard on 0414 787 710 to register for the garden tour or to book a stall.

New Year's Eve Party in Quaama—Save the date!

This year, the Quaama Progress Association will be hosting a combined Variety Night and Dance at Quaama School of Arts Hall to see out the old year and welcome in 2018. Make up a party, bring a picnic and enjoy the fellowship in a family-friendly atmosphere. All welcome. Entry by gold coin donation. See the December Triangle for the full program. If you have a talent you'd like to share on the night please contact Alicia on 0424 698 663 to book your spot.

Quaama Public School performs their Spring Waterbug Survey

On Tuesday 10 October, Years 2-6 from Quaama Public School made their way down the hill to Dry River to commence the water bug survey, studying plant and animal life as part of their environmental studies. Everyone had a fun time using nets and sieves to catch and sort the many bugs.

Luke from Bournda Environmental Education Centre helped us identify the various water bugs and plant life discovered. This included many sensitive species which suggests the water in our Dry River must be clean for them to live there.

Students from K/1 had a closer look, with Luke bringing samples of the bug life back to school for them to catch, sort and identify.



Future scientists at work in the field

Blessing of the Fire Fleet



The water being blessed before it is sprinkled over the fires and trucks

On Sunday 24 September fire brigade crews and their vehicles converged on St. Saviour's Anglican Church at Quaama for this year's Blessing of the Fire Fleet. Members of Bermagui, Brogo,

Cobargo and Quaama brigades along with supporters enjoyed the service under the lively direction of Rev. Mandy Wheatley.

With the fire season coming a month early and our region having gone many weeks without rain there were some heartfelt prayers offered both for the coming of rain and for the safety of crews throughout the coming months.

After exiting the church and witnessing the blessing of the vehicles and crews we convened on the more sheltered south side of the church for a barbecue. The day was sunny and bright but the strong wind caused a degree of consternation that the barbecue might not get hot enough to cook the sausages. The exercising of some 'bush engineering' sorted the issue and, with cakes and other delights produced by members of the parish, the socialising proceeded to the satisfaction of all.

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Quaama RFS advises self-reliance

With the continuing dry conditions the brigade and community must remain alert to fires in our area. With perseverance and hard work, many volunteers have managed to contain and suppress some fires already even this early in the season. One was in the Kybeyan region where bulldozers, helicopters and a large crew of firefighters contained a fire on the top of the escarpment in the Brogo wilderness area, very steep and inaccessible terrain.

On Thursday last week, a crew of eight members from the Quaama RFS drove, noted and cleared some of the fire trails in the western end of the Upper Brogo valley as a training, equipment and familiarising exercise. Experience and knowledge was gained from this journey. Another day inspecting trails is planned in the near future.



Break from fire trail maintenance for lunch at the Black Stump

Self-reliance is necessary to our wellbeing, especially in the case of fire. If you decide to stay to defend your property, it's essential to be prepared, clear fire hazards, and be able to supply large quantities of water and protection for yourselves (including correct clothing). Have a plan well in advance and if you do decide to leave, please notify someone—family, friends or neighbours—so we can

keep track of the community.

Monitoring of local radio, social media and weather conditions are some of the ways we can keep up with the unfolding stories. Another form of communication is a free app from the RFS, 'Fires Near Me' which you can download from Google Play and iTunes.

Emergency service property numbers are available from the BVSC offices. SWS (static water supply) signs are available from the Quaama Fire Station every second Saturday at training times from 1:30 to 4:00. These are signs used for access by the RFS in times of need.

At a captains' meeting in Bega recently, it was noted that because of the very dry conditions no further fire permits are to be given until further notice. It looks as we may have a very dry, hot

summer so stay vigilant and careful. When grinding, welding or even mowing, have some buckets of water nearby as a precaution.

New members and interested persons are always welcome. Please remember not all members have to be firefighters. We are all volunteers and we thrive on community support. Come have a

chat to us at the upcoming Quaama Spring Fair on 11 November, where we will be holding a sausage sizzle with egg and bacon rolls. Always wave to the fires, it makes us feel good!

Stay safe, keep your garden watered and enjoy the spring.

Graeme Spicer

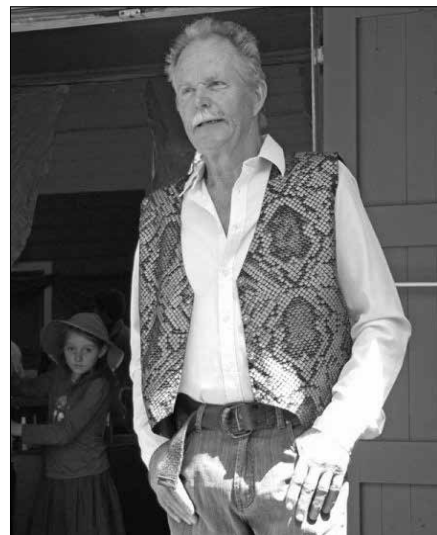
Community Engagement Officer

A job well done

After 26 years of service as President, Hans Wiedeman has resigned from the Quaama School of Arts Hall Committee.

Through his continued unstinting involvement, Hans has rendered an invaluable service to the community by working hard to secure funding for important maintenance to ensure that everyone can continue to enjoy the Hall and its grounds.

The Quaama School of Arts Hall Committee would like to congratulate Hans and thank him for his long service to the community through his dedication to improving and maintaining this unique community asset. The township has benefited greatly from the energy you have given to this cause and we trust that the community will remember your generosity of spirit over the years to come.



Hans Wiedeman, generosity of spirit

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SCPA Stall at the Tilba Saturday Market

The Tilba Market is a well-established part of community life and the SCPA Stall, run for many years by Geoffrey Grigg, was an important presence each week. Geoffrey's retirement a few months ago has left a gap but also provided an opportunity. Keen to make sure there's a good supply of locally grown produce, a small group of locals has been working away to get the SCPA Stall operating again. Annie Fenn, Linda Newcombe, Philip Mawer and Stuart Absalom have been working with SCPA to reintroduce the SCPA Stall as a local food hub aimed at purchasing locally grown, chemical free produce from local Tilba and District home growers and small producers to sell each week.

Tilba and District has a successful Food Share each month and this group provides a readymade source of a wide range of home grown produce. The Tilba SCPA Stall aims to work cooperatively with the Food Share community to provide a consistent supply of produce for sale. It is envisaged that the stall will start off on a fairly modest scale and develop over time.

With this in mind, the SCPA Stall will make its reappearance at the Tilba Market on Saturday, 2 December. Look forward to seeing you there.

Tilba Nursery reopens

By the time you read this, Keith Mundy's well known and highly regarded nursery will be operating again after a break of 12 months. Relocated to The Avenue, Tilba Tilba—right behind Pam's Store—the nursery will offer the same



Tilba Food Share—plenty for everyone.
Robyn Lucas, Lorraine Moss
and Kay Williams.

high standard and quality that we all associate with Keith's business. Keith has been busy preparing the new site, which will not disappoint. Those familiar with his previous nursery will recognise the same attention to detail and flair for visual presentation at the new location.

As before, Tilba Nursery will specialise in unusual perennials, Australian natives, a range of trees and shrubs, seedlings, organic and environmentally sound fertilisers and chemicals, as well as filling special orders.

You can contact Keith's Tilba Nursery on his old number, 4473 7196, or you can find it on Facebook.

Kitchenboys at APMA Creations

Also reopening at a new location is Kitchenboys, now at Merryn Atkinson's APMA Creations, 17 Corkhill Drive, Central Tilba. This unique eatery is a real treat. Offering both outdoor seating or indoor in the rustic surrounds of the old Tilba Engineering workshop, locals and visitors to the area are returning as often as they can. The menu changes daily and includes delicious pizzas and Asian-inspired cuisine. Kitchenboys Cam and Ren are welcoming and friendly as they bustle around preparing and serving food from their shiny silver caravan. This is the whole experience – a unique setting, a warm welcome, delicious food, a glowing fire, friendly locals and often a chance to chat with Merryn.

You can follow Kitchenboys on Facebook, where the menu is updated daily. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 5.30 pm and other times as advised. Takeaway is also available.

Tilba and District Chamber of Commerce

The big news is that the new website, www.visittilba.com.au, is now up and running. This website has been designed from scratch using a state of the art format with stunning photography and drone shots of the Tilba area.

In addition the new logo will be featured in all advertising—the Visit Tilba website and Facebook page, and the Tilba brochure. New highway signs will also feature the logo.

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A time-travelling B&B. A greenie werewolf. A farmer who finds out his neighbour's a witch...

Local author Fallacious Rose has just published a collection of stories about the neighbourhood. Available in both print and e-book from amazon.com (just search for Fallacious Rose), or download it free from Instafreebie (www.instafreebie.com/free/KUZlB).



The new Tilba logo will feature online, on brochures and on new highway signs.

volunteers to assist with the running of the Tilba Festival, held on Easter Saturday each year. The Festival has a long local history, does not receive any funding and is always run by the Chamber with the assistance of volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Tilba and District Chamber Chairperson, Peter Lonergan on 4473 7099, email tilbachamberofcommerce@bigpond.com.

Peter Lonergan also reports that trading has been brisk over the school holidays and that this is a good start to the season.

CWA News

The Tilba CWA have just had their AGM in October with the new committee elected (strikingly similar to last year (!) but with a welcome to Gretel from Bermagui). So congratulations to all elected and another great year ahead. The next cafe is on Saturday 11 November from 9 am till midday so please come along if you can to say hello and relax over a cuppa

Get some peace in the Small Hall this month

World renowned Sacred Music duo, Sacred Earth, will be gracing us with a Tilba concert at Tilba Small Hall on Wednesday 29 November at 7.30 pm.

Sacred Earth's music is nothing short of spellbinding and like balm for the spirit. It's an exceptionally moving musical event. Tears flow, smiles spread and a profound sense of peace pervades the entire space.

Sacred Earth are one of Australia's musical success stories. Having sold more than a quarter of a million albums, they're Australia's top selling artists in the Sacred Music genre. Their music is best described as Music for Inner Peace.

Tickets available at www.sacredearthmusic.com/tour-dates.

and cake.

Their next get-together is on Monday 13 November, starting at 9.30 am, for craft (so come and join if you want to learn a new skill or just have a chat) followed by guest speaker Keith Mundy and morning tea. Everyone is welcome and the guest speaker will be interesting, informative and lots of fun. They extend a welcome to the community to attend their meetings and get-togethers on the morning of the second Monday of the month. For details call Janine 4473 7133.

The yearly Tilba Christmas Carols will be held on Saturday 2 December. Details will be displayed around the town and at school closer to the date.

Central Tilba School of Arts Trust News

A great big, sincere thank you to all who donated to the Halls Trash 'n' Treasure stall on Sunday 1 October. They sold heaps on the day but there is more to go so they will be around on some Saturday morning markets for you to come down the stairs and make an offer that they can't refuse. A thank you to the hardworking committee for their planning and work on the day—it was a great combined effort and a great fundraiser.

The AGM will be held on Friday 24



Tilba halls by Viv Bowe

November at 6 pm in the small hall. Please try to come along and join us for cheese and biscuits and a glass of wine or two. They would love your support and your input to help formulate priorities for Tilba halls for the coming year and fundraising events.

Breaking news ... the Trust has received \$31,046 from a NSW Government Heritage Grant to enable acoustics in the big hall to be upgraded. This is fantastic for our community as it will enable the hall to be used for so many more functions including music, conferences and theatre to name a few. Thanks so much to Harry Bate (the prime mover, coordinator and submission writer), David Connor (an acoustics engineer who donated his expertise, design and time) and Bill Southwood for the passion with which they all worked to prepare the submission.

More news ...

The November Tilba Food Share will be on Sunday 5 November at 44 Maher Lane (off Punkalla-Tilba Rd, 3 km from Central Tilba) from 10 am till noon. Come along and join in the fun.

And the Central Tilba School P&C welcomes Danielle McGrath to her role as Relieving Principal after John Carter, who was Principal for 17 years. Welcome also to Kara Munn who has filled the position of K-2 teacher after Laura McHarg, and to Kim Atkins who is assisting Linda Lonergan in the role of administration. The P&C and the community wish you all the very best in your roles in giving our children the skills needed to develop their potential and enjoy life. Thank you for your dedication.



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Young women 'Bake It' for the Tilba Market

Hannah Buchli, a young woman from Bermagui, shares Danuta Graham's fresh juice table at the weekly Tilba Market. Hannah, who is home-schooled, bakes beautiful Italian biscuits or *biscotti* that taste like traditional rock cakes. Hannah enjoys attending the Tilba Market weekly because of the nice atmosphere and conversations with customers, which have improved her self-confidence. Hannah likes selling her biscuits and also helps Danuta sell seeds, honey and fresh juice.

Emily Smith, another young woman from Bermagui, also bakes for the Tilba Market. Emily, a Year 10 student who



Hannah Buchli & Emily Smith

attends College in Bega, bakes an extensive range of delicious cakes, cookies and cupcakes. Emily's cake range includes a sumptuous pumpkin, spiced pear, cardamom and apple, fig, salted caramel

hazelnut, green tea, white chocolate, lemon and raspberry, plus lots more. Emily is happy to bake cakes to order for any occasion. Emily enjoys meeting people at the Tilba Market and finds it fun. All profits from Emily's baking go to the Syrian Crisis Appeal via the Australian Red Cross.

The Tilba Market runs in association with SCPA-South East Producers every Saturday morning. If you're a local and you 'Make It, Bake It, Sew It or Grow It', contact Kay Williams on 4473 7231 or mobile 0400 443 032 to discuss selling your local goods at the Tilba Market.

Annette Kennewell

Tilba RFS report

In late September a group of eight RFS brigades from the southern end of Eurobodalla Shire participated in a joint training day at Dalmeny. Four fire/emergency scenarios were addressed by various teams which were assembled on the day, each comprising a mixture of personnel from the various brigades. The exercises were very well planned and organised by the Group Captain of the eight brigades and his support volunteers. They provided challenging, informative and educational experiences for all. All participants were enthusiastic about the

enjoyment and benefit of the day. Tilba Brigade is proud to announce that three of our members were on the winning team for the day.

During the month Tilba participated in a mock fire scenario at Narooma High School. It was also attended by Narooma and Dalmeny RFS brigades, as well as Narooma Fire and Rescue (Town Brigade). This provided valuable training and inter-brigade co-ordination and familiarity.

There was a fire at Wallaga Lake Koori village during the month. We were able to dispatch both fire trucks from Tilba

and we extinguished the fire.

At the recent Grow the Music night at the Koori village, Tilba RFS were pleased to participate by helping with the sausage sizzle by providing and manning our BBQ.

Residents are reminded that no fire permits are being issued in either Eurobodalla or Bega Shires because of the ongoing very dry conditions. We received a little rain late in October but this will not be enough to change this restriction. Of course not even camp fires can be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

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The Eco Edge page is sponsored by AKT, a local company that manufactures advanced environmental equipment, and its theme is 'The Environment'. Every month we'll publish contributions from primary school aged readers, then at the end of the year there'll be three prizes, awarded as follows: K-2, Years 3/4, and

Years 5/6. Each winner will get \$150.

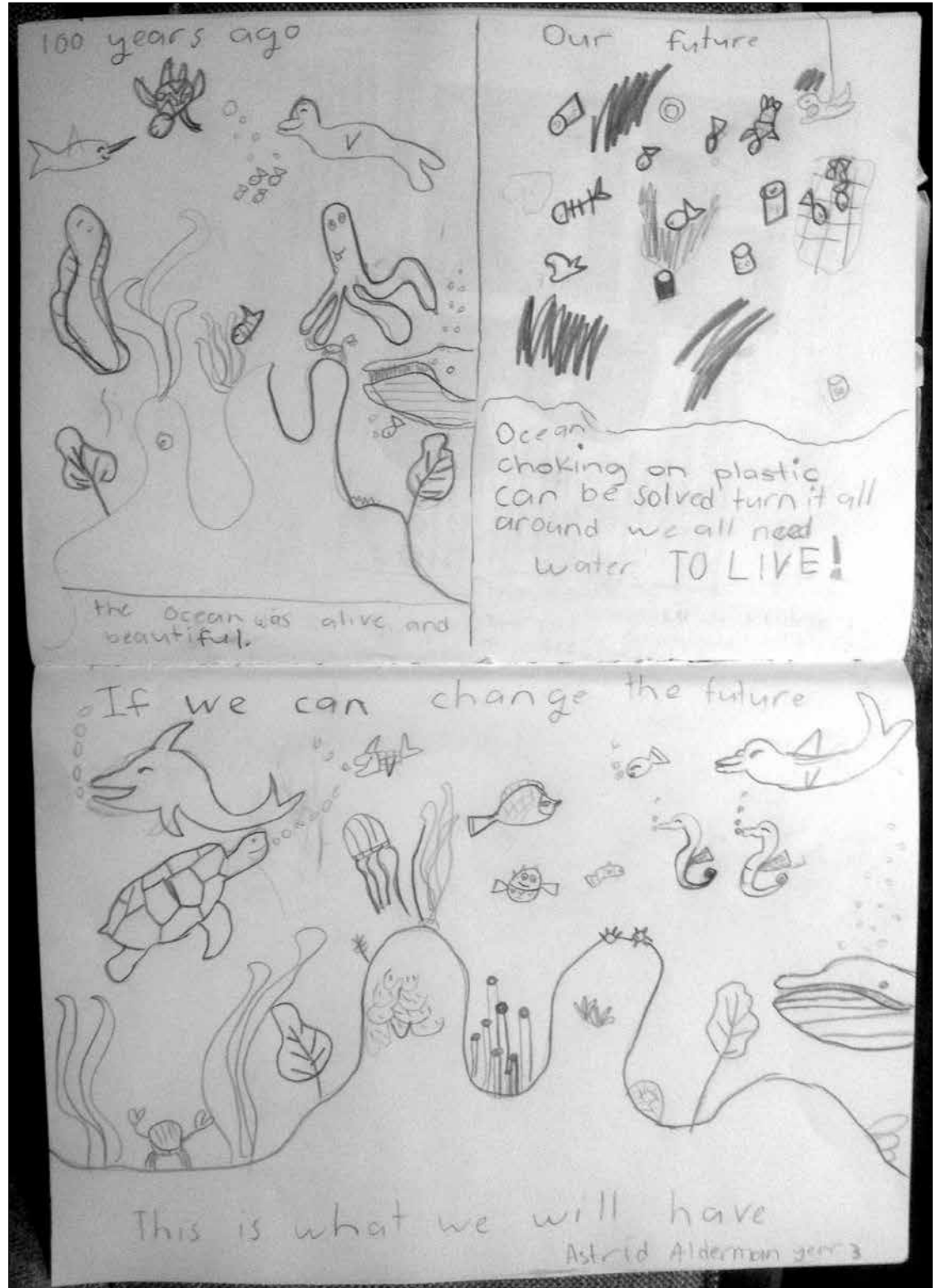
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to PO Box 6009, Quaama, 2550.

This month's contribution is a drawing by Astrid Alderman, Age 9, Year 3, Cobargo Public School. Last month we featured a puzzle from Connor Muirhead, aged eleven, from the Quaama Public School.



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Astrid Alderman, Age 9, Year 3, Cobargo Public School

Cobargo local Danielle MacMartin was asked seven questions about the village and took the time to give her answers. Thank you, Danielle.

Q1. What brought you to Cobargo?

I had been living in Noosa and decided to come to Cobargo about two years ago. I was looking for a rural change and was interested in alternative ways of farming. I had grown up in the country and I wanted my three children to have a similar experience.

Q2. What is your favourite thing about Cobargo?

Cobargo is the first community that I have lived in where people are comfortable to be themselves, genuine, authentic and real. I found this with everyone irrespective of age, gender or social background. I also felt empowered by the number of smart, interesting and capable women in the village. The men are great too but there seems to be an abundance of strong, powerful women and I think that makes it a really great place to live. There is also

genuine care for each other.

Q3. What has been your favourite event in Cobargo?

Definitely the pop-up restaurants at Sweet Home Cobargo. I love all the cooking together, laughter and clinks of wine glasses.

Q4. What is your favourite time of year?

It's a fine line between the blossoms coming out and when the poplars pop.

Q5. What is your favourite shop in Cobargo?

Of course I would say Sweet Home Cobargo because this is my family but next would be the Bower Bird community opportunity shop. It is so empowering to go in and get a great bag of clothes for five bucks and whisky glasses in the same day. The profits all go back to the community so it's a great thing all round.

Q6. If you had a magic wand what would you do for Cobargo?

I would have a fund for alternative business models to be set up so that people could realise their dreams and have



Danielle MacMartin moved here two years ago with her family.

independence.

Q7. What would you like Cobargo to be like in 10 years' time?

I'd like it to remain the same size and realise its potential as a self-sustaining community. I'd like it to remain full of people who get on and do things rather than just talk about them.

Swimming season starts with a splash

Cobargo community pool has been busy with swimmers enjoying the warm weather and getting into shape doing their laps.

Under the watchful eye of coach and lifeguard Jim Gustard and teacher lifeguard Pam Coutts many swimmers are feeling the benefits of a daily swim. Jim says that the regular squads who meet each morning have been training at the pool for many years and range in ages from children through to adults. We have some swimmers

who like to swim leisurely at their own pace and others who enjoy the challenge of squads and competitive racing and then we have the children who enjoy a great splash about after their school day or with their families at the weekends.

The pool was built in the 1960s after a terrible drought and a work creation programme for country people, known as the 'red' scheme. They dug out the pool and built the kiosk and changing rooms and provided a great community asset. Later in 2005 the Bega Valley Shire Council helped with the construction of the club house along with a 'sponsor a brick' campaign with local residents. It is now one of the best attended swimming clubs in the region and has produced many great swimmers.

The William Duck Pavilion provides great viewing for the swimming carnivals as well as offering a comfortable shaded area for spectators.

The complex also provides grassed

and shaded areas for swimmers to relax and a shallow children's pool for young ones. Playing in water is something that nearly all children love to do; it provides a welcome, active break from the heat and a positive change from the temptation of screens. Swimming is a life skill that all Australians should possess and the pool runs regular learn to swim programmes for the local schools.

Local resident Kylie Salway said that her father, who could not swim, used to take her to the pool when she was a child. He ensured that she was taught to swim because he was aware of how important it is to learn as a child. In fact it was Jim who taught her to swim and she now takes her own young children to the pool for lessons from Jim. The pool is perfect for swimming lessons for all ages and any adults who cannot swim are encouraged to contact Jim and arrange lessons.

The pool is open from 1 October until 31 March, from 6.30 am to 8.30 am for squads training and from 10am to 6pm for lane and general swimming.

There are a variety of ticket options ranging from a single entry ticket to season passes and ten-visit booklets. Concession and full price options are available.

For more information you can visit the pool and speak to Jim or Pam or call on 6493 6570.



Kylie Salway and her children Maddison and Charlee Hite at Cobargo Pool



Jim Gustard taught Kylie Salway to swim, and now he's teaching her children.

Sarah Breakey

Passionate Showgirls wanted!

Cobargo Show Society are holding a Christmas supper dance on Saturday 2 December, featuring John and Mandy Jessop from Trainwreck at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall. We are combining this with our 2018 Showgirl competition.

We would like to encourage the whole community to come and join us for a night of dancing and celebration. Doors open at 7 pm with music from 8 pm, BYO drinks and supper. \$10 for adults, children free! Why not book a table! Head down to Cobargo Post Office to reserve a table, pay on the night.

We are also on the search for our 2018 Showgirl! Also to be held on Saturday 2 December. We are urging any young ladies with a passion for Cobargo to contact Kirsty Holland 0401 383 952, June Tarlinton 0400 350 814, or Bec Miller 0402 332 592. Showgirls need to be aged from 18 to under 25 as at 1 May 2018. Junior Showgirls should be under 18 years. Don't be afraid, grab a friend to come with you! It is a great opportunity to gain interview and public speaking skills.

Bec Miller



2017 Junior Showgirl Sarah Alderton, Junior Runner-up Taillem Brown, Showgirl Vanessa Gates, Runner-up Grace Whitby.

Heed the call: this month's doco at the Butter Factory

Sunday, 19 November at 3.30 pm will be the next monthly community documentary screening in the Old Cobargo Butter Factory, *Call of the Forest: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees*, a film by Jeff McKay.

The film follows visionary scientist and acclaimed author Diana Beresford-

Kroeger as she investigates our profound biological and spiritual connection to forests. Her global journey explores the science, folklore, and restoration challenges of this essential eco-system.

Trees provide food, create medicine, and, most importantly, provide life-giving oxygen. Without trees and their

ability to capture carbon dioxide, our living breathable atmosphere would cease to exist on our planet.

Beresford-Kroeger explores the most beautiful forests in the Northern Hemisphere, from the sacred sugi and cedar forests of

Japan to the great boreal forest of Canada. She shares the amazing stories behind the history and legacy of these ancient forests while also explaining the science of trees and the irreplaceable roles they play in protecting and feeding the planet.

Call of the Forest sounds the alarm by calling for immediate action on a global scale, but at its heart it is a story of triumph, proposing a simple strategy for each of us to combat climate change by planting trees in our own yards and neighbourhoods.

See the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/185080510>.

Coffee and tea provided—bring your own mug. To cover the costs a \$5 donation is much appreciated. Please come in big numbers to keep more documentary screenings possible!

See you there,

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Diana Beresford-Kroeger explores the science, folklore, and restoration challenges of our forests.



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Local author publishes her first book

Local author Susan Geerdink is set to publish her first book. *Who said women can't drive* is a look at the experiences of a taxi driver in Sydney over a 20 year period.

Sue was a stay-at-home mum but when the children were grown was looking for something new. It was her daughter Catherine who was to start her career as a taxi driver.

Catherine was reading the local paper, saw the advertisement and gave her the nudge she needed to apply for the position. From there it just snowballed to a 20 year journey into the world of the taxi driver, a life experience to remember.

Sue, who originally hailed from the Blue Mountains, settled in Cobargo some 13 years ago with her husband Burnie. Burnie, who has since passed away, was a driving force in her life, so she decided when she started to write to dedicate the book to him.

The launch of *Who said women can't drive* will be held at Well Thumbed Books in Cobargo on 18 November at 10.30 am.

'I hope lots of people will be able to come along on the day and join me at the Well Thumbed Books for my book launch and share this experience,' said Sue.



Author Susan Geerdink and Ruby working on her second book

CWA members vote at Group Conference

Several Cobargo CWA members attended the Far South Coast Group Conference at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club last month, representing Cobargo among the branches ranging from Eden to Batemans Bay. At the Group conference, two motions were voted on. One asked for the NSW Minister of Health to promote awareness of elder abuse. The second was that the Federal Government be strongly urged to ensure equality in the distribution of My Aged Care packages across regional, rural and remote areas. Both were passed at the Conference and will be put forward

at the next State Conference. Also guest speakers from the NSW Police, Senior Constables Joanne Flood and David Bates from the Local Area Command's domestic violence team from Batemans Bay, spoke about the importance of notifying police immediately of any domestic violence. We were also advised that the elderly living alone at home should notify police of their next of kin, so they can be contacted in the event of an emergency.

Also at this conference the Nepalese doll that Lyn Lawson dressed won the competition and will go to the State conference for judging against the rest of the State. The Attendance trophy for branch under-30 members is back with Cobargo again. This trophy is won by the best average attendance at meetings over the year. Obviously everyone enjoys attending

Cobargo branch meetings!

At our last Cobargo meeting we held not only our Annual General Meeting but also our Cookery Competition. At the AGM most of the positions remained the same with the exception of Liz Lacey, a new member, being elected as our Agricultural and Environment Officer. Good luck, Liz!

At the time of writing it appears that the renovations to the cottage kitchen will be going ahead over the next month. Accordingly, our next meeting will be held at Joan O'Halloran's house, on 14 November. Anyone needing directions please ring me on 6493 6167. All women are certain of a warm welcome, with a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Mary Williams, Publicity Officer
CWA of NSW Cobargo Branch

Mary Williams is seeking nominations for Cobargo Citizen of the Year, entries in by end of November, to Cobargo Citizen of the Year, PO Box 5114, Cobargo or maryw42@bigpond.com.

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Cobargo's firies undertake live fire training

Five members of the Cobargo's Rural Fire Brigade attended the Mogo Training centre for a simulated live fire training day as part of their course to achieve Village Firefighter qualification. The five members—Jay Rugendyke, Tarnie Long, John Walters and Robbie and Aaron Burns--joined a number of trainees from other Southern Region brigades for the training day.

The live training day included handling fire impacting on domestic gas cylinders, a simulated motor vehicle accident involving live fire in the engine bay, and dealing with the control and suppression of fire in domestic structures.

The five members will return to the RFS Mogo Training centre in November to complete their assessment day to become fully fledged village firefighters, in addition to their current qualified bush firefighter status.

In other news, the Brigade has



Five members of Cobargo's Rural Fire Brigade attended the RFS Mogo Training Centre earlier this month for Village Firefighter live fire training.

attended a number of incidents over recent months, including assisting ambulance members at a motor vehicle accident near Dignams Creek, an unauthorised burn off in the Wandella region and a motor vehicle fire on the Princes Highway south of Tilba.

Notwithstanding some recent rain

activity, conditions remain relatively dry and outlook at this stage shows that we can expect this trend to continue. For information regarding Fire Permits in the Cobargo area please contact Cobargo Brigade Captain Mark Ayliffe on 0427 936 476.

The Brigade will be joining with the Cobargo community to help celebrate Light Up Cobargo on Friday 1 December with a street parade of the Brigade's fleet of fire fighting vehicles under lights and sirens, commencing at around 7.30 pm.

We will also be running our famous 'Firies' Special' sausage sizzle and operating our Bush Fire Information stand in the main street, assisting with useful advice and bushfire survival planning kits.

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How did we get to November so fast? Christmas is just around the corner and there is a buzz in the air as families get ready to welcome guests over the holidays, and businesses get ready for the influx of visitors and holiday makers over the busy summer season. I noticed that a lot of places were hiring staff, so good news for locals.

Well, the little dribble of rain that fell at the end of October was welcome, but hardly enough to bring back the green. Still, some is better than none, and a few more millimetres in the tank is always a good thing. Bermagui gardeners are happy their gardens have had a little drink. And, speaking of gardeners, the great news is that Spires Nursery, owned by *The Triangle's* gardening writer, Keith Mundy, will be reopening very soon in a new location. We keen gardeners have been hanging out for Keith to reopen his wonderful nursery and there will be a rush to Tilba Tilba to see what delights he has in store for us. Check out his Facebook Page for updates.

Congratulations to all our Year 12 kids who have finished their Higher School Certificate. You have worked hard, done your best and made your families, and this community, proud. Sadly, it will mean many will be leaving Bermagui to pursue further study or seek employment

elsewhere, but they will always remain Bermagui's best and brightest.

Get well soon!

One of Bermagui's long time and much loved residents, Gloria Sherwin, recently had a bad fall, which put her in hospital. Gloria, who still lives in the beautiful historic cottage where she raised her family, has seen many changes to Bermagui over the years. Sadly, she lost her husband a few years ago, but continued to live life to the full, rejoining the Bermagui Indoor Bowls Club, where she is a popular member, and a really good player! We all hope Gloria is back on her feet again soon, and challenging the Indoor bowlers once again. Best wishes, Gloria, from all your friends in the Bermagui community.

Intersection blackspot

Bega Valley Shire Council has funding to do some remedial work on the infamous blackspot intersection of Wallaga Lake Road and Cobargo-Bermagui Road. The project will involve moving the hold line forward, kerb extensions and upgrading the intersection from a 'Give Way' to a 'Stop' sign.

While it is good that Council have acknowledged the need to upgrade this intersection after so many accidents, comments on social media have been

coming in thick and fast as to a much better solution, and many are saying 'Roundabout'!

'All Creatures Great and Small' – Blessing of the Animals

Our companion animals are so important to us. They are our pets, our family members and our friends. Animals are also important to our farmers, as



Chris Richard-Preston holding 'Blissie' as she is blessed by Rev'd Joy Harris at last year's service

livestock to produce food, or as workers on the farm. On Sunday, 12 November, at 10 am, All Saints Anglican Church, Wallaga Street, Bermagui will be holding a special Blessing of the Animals service, to acknowledge the valuable contribution our animals make to our lives. Everyone is welcome to attend with their pets, or if your best friend is too big, bring along a photo instead. This will be an outdoor service (weather permitting) so please bring a blanket or outdoor chair if you wish. Keep in mind the safety of your animal and put dogs on leads and other pets restrained or in baskets. Morning tea will be served after the service.

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If you have an encounter on the roads with wildlife, or find an injured animal, please call Wildlife South Coast on 04176 238 921 who will respond to the call and attend to the injured animal. Wildlife South Coast Inc. is a non-profit organisation and relies on donations to continue its great work. Go to their website: www.wildlife-rescue.org.au for information on how to make a donation.

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Bermi Banter needs some help!

I'm looking for someone who would like to assist with Bermagui Banter each month. There's so much going on in our town, it's difficult for one person. If you are out and about in Bermagui and would like to be my 'ears and eyes', I would love to hear from you! If you would like to have a go at co-writing Bermagui Banter ... all the better. We need someone who can be unbiased in the information they bring to *The Triangle*, and interested in a range of topics to report on. Please email me at bermagui@thetriangle.org.au to have a chat about coming on board. Thanks, Carolynne.

Community Forum to consider infrastructure needs

The Bermagui Community Forum's next meeting will be held on Monday 20 November, from 5.30 to 7 pm at the Bermagui Community Hall. The main agenda items will be Bermagui infrastructure needs, including discussing and seeking consensus on various elements of the previous Bermagui Streetscape Plan, and the ongoing vision for the Forum. All local residents are encouraged to attend. Bruce Leaver, chair of Sapphire Coast Tourism, will again chair the Forum.

The need for new town infrastructure was one of the main issues the community identified at the first meeting of the Forum in August. The Eden Masterplan was completed in 2016, the Merimbula and Bega draft Masterplans have been adopted by Council, but in June Council decided to withdraw its support for the Bermagui Masterplan. It was resolved by Council 'that discussions on the development of a new concept plan and detailed design for Bermagui be undertaken with the local community when funding for works is identified'. The previous Spiire Bermagui CBD Masterplan has been rescinded by Council due to the lack of agreement on the Plan within the Bermagui community.

On 3 October the Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator of the Forum's Management Committee, Geoff Steel and Narelle Myers, met with Leanne Barnes, Council's General Manager, to discuss town infrastructure needs, the status of the previous Masterplan and other issues raised by the community at the first Forum meeting. Leanne Barnes suggested that the community submit a high level concept plan design for Bermagui CBD by January 2018 so that it could be considered for Council's 2018/19 budget. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce have since been invited into this process.

The key message from the meeting with Leanne Barnes is that the town must speak with a unified voice to Council on these infrastructure issues.

The Management Committee recommends that the 20 November Forum meeting discusses and hopefully agrees on which elements of the Plan it supports, including: trees of medium height along main streets, shared pathway from Fishermen's Wharf to Lamont St, more picnic tables, levelled grasscrete (or similar product) a car park opposite Lamont St shops, more interesting playgrounds, and more upgraded footpaths. Hopefully other more advanced infrastructure proposals will also be developed for consideration by the time of the meeting.

The Forum will also consider submitting a grant application to the state government for a shared pathway from Wallaga Lake Heights through Bermagui to Barragga Bay by April 2018. Council has advised they would support such an application.

The Forum will also seek to agree to a Vision for the Forum.

We will invite Councillors and Andrew Woodley, BVSC Director of Environment and Planning, to the meeting to provide more background information and answer resident's queries on these infrastructure planning issues. You can look at the previous Masterplan on the *Triangle's* website (go to www.thetriangle.org.au, click on Off the Page and scroll down) and the Bermagui Community Forum's Facebook page to help form your own views.

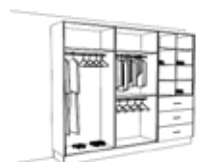
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CWA News

Bermagui CWA ladies enjoyed a 'Chicken-in-a-basket' luncheon prior to their Annual General Meeting held in October. President Paula Rumble reported on the busy year and thanked executive and other position holders for their hard work and commitment to the organisation. There were few changes for the 2017-2018 committee, with Paula Rumble again elected President.

Several members recently attended the Annual Group Conference at Batemans Bay. Bermagui member Chris Richard-Preston received both the Group Cultural Award and the Florence Perry Perpetual Cooking Trophy.

Bermagui CWA has a long history of supporting local community events and organisations both financially and with volunteers. Meetings are held at 1 pm on the first Friday of the month at the CWA Rooms, Wallaga Street, Bermagui. Visitors are always welcome.

Chris Richard-Preston



Newly elected committee for 2017-2018 (L-R) Kath Preston, Chris Richard-Preston, Rhonda Burns, Jenny Halliday, Paula Rumble, Del Gray, Vicki Hummell, Shirley Carter, Doreen Goldhagen, Ruth Brooks and Michelle Craig.

Montreal Heritage Day an all-round success

The Montreal Goldfield Heritage Day on 7 October was a lovely, relaxed day and visitors enjoyed every minute of it. It was also a great success financially which makes the effort even more worthwhile. Our volunteers put the whole show together to make sure the day worked so well.

Being a not-for-profit community attraction, the support we get from the local community is also special. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

The Bermagui/Wallaga Lake Men's Shed produced their usual succulent sausage sizzle and the

aroma of sizzling onions drifting through the trees stirred the taste buds.



Phil Baldwin taking a tour around the goldfield on Heritage Day last month

Many families were able to join us, and the children took part in age-old crafts, games and puppet stories, and, of course, our famous billy tea and damper were enjoyed by all.

Peter McCarthy's big bullocks dragging the log through the bush were awesome and the Montreal Pit Singers with Merinda and Louise were at their very best. Our thanks to the girls for being with us under difficulties.

The gold panning created great interest. And so it goes! In all, a really successful day that we all enjoyed.

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Ride in Bermagui to support MS

Thousands of cyclists ride the Sydney to Wollongong Multiple Sclerosis fundraiser every November. This year there's Team Triangle, a group of seven riders from the local area. They're riding the Engadine to Wollongong stretch, which is 58 kilometres, and have already raised over \$3500 in donations.

This year, there's also a group of local riders who wish to support the cause on the day and are meeting to do a ride in Bermagui. Here are the details:

Start: 8.30 am at the Bermagui Indoor Sports Stadium on Sunday, 5 November.

Ride: By bike paths to turnaround



James Roberts, pictured with team mascot Mollie, will ride with Team Triangle from Engadine to Wollongong this month.

at the beach at Old Tilba Rd and return (about half an hour).

Grade: Easy.

Entry (fundraising) fee: \$5 or more if you wish and preferably pre-paid or between 8.15 and 8.30 that morning (receipts will be issued).

Breakfast or coffee to follow at Bermagui Beach Takeaway. Please pre-book direct with the cafe in the name of the MS Fundraiser Bike Ride if you are interested in joining in around 9.15 am.

All bike riders interested in supporting this worthy fundraiser are welcome.

More information 6493 3037.

CEFE - Next public meeting

In July this year, at a very successful public meeting held at the Bermagui Country Club, a motion from the floor asked CEFE Bermagui to follow up with an outline of possible renewable energy projects being considered by the group. The motion included a timeline asking for an update before Christmas.

Several ideas are currently being explored and they include finding a way to help community members who are renting properties and who want to reduce power consumption and cost. Help in finding and incorporating small changes can be part of the answer and energy savings should be the result. This concept could of course be extended to include many local businesses.

Some other ideas are dependent on technology that is not yet widely available. Trading your excess solar power with your

neighbour and virtual power plants are in this category.

There will almost certainly be a proposal regarding rooftop photovoltaic solar panels and possibly an outline of finance and energy storage options.

Ideas and proposals that CEFE has explored in some detail will be presented to the community at a public meeting to be held from 2 pm till 4 pm on 10 December at the Bermagui Country Club.

We would like to get (legible) email contacts from people attending the meeting so we can keep everyone informed of further development.

Entry will be by donation (gold coin please).

Jo Lewis

Clean Energy for Eternity (Bermagui)

'She' sells ... lots of beautiful things!

Fashion-conscious ladies of Bermagui don't have very far to travel to find beautiful clothes at affordable prices. 'She' ladies' fashion shop in Lamont Street welcomed new owners Leigh Patterson and her daughter Tania McCue on 1 September.

Leigh has lived in Bermagui for six years, coming from Sydney where she had many years' experience in ladies' fashion and store ownership. For a while Leigh ran another small business in Bermagui, but when the opportunity arose to buy *She* it seemed like a dream come true. When Sallie Hand, who had owned and operated *She* for a few years, had to sell the business because of health issues, Leigh was there to pick up the reins.



Leigh Patterson welcomes customers to "She" in Bermagui.

She is an eclectic mix of all sorts of clothes, shoes, handbags, accessories for all occasions, for all ages and for all sizes. It is great to see a clothing shop catering for the plus sizes, as well as for ages 13 to 90!

During our conversation, I mentioned to Leigh that I always pop in here while waiting for prescriptions at the pharmacy. She said that putting the dress shop near to the pharmacy was a brilliant idea as so many of her customers wander in while waiting for a script!

By the time you read this, it may be too late to get your Melbourne Cup fashions, including a range of fabulous fascinators, but keep it in mind for next year when the Cup comes around and you need something special to wear.

She will open seven days a week in the summer season, so why not pop in to see what Leigh and Tania have on offer.

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Scrunchies for cats can save birds

Are you a cat lover? Do you know what your cat gets up to when it is out wandering? Probably stalking birds. What can you do to stop your cat killing birds?

A recent research study of the high kill rate of birds by cats was reported on ABC News and Bega District News in October. The study claimed that every day, more than one million birds in Australia are killed by cats. 99% of the birds killed are native birds, including endangered species. While feral cats account for the majority of kills, it is estimated that pet cats kill 61 million birds per year.

Another study by researchers at Murdoch University, WA, found putting a bright, rainbow-coloured scrunchie collar on cats reduced the amount of native wildlife killed by more than half. 'Bright



colours are very noticeable to songbirds, they should see the cats further away, allowing them to escape earlier,' said researcher Catherine Hall. Cats wearing bells can learn how to stalk without moving the bell. They cannot outwit the bright

colours of the scrunchie-like collar.

You could make your own (slide over existing collar) or you can go to the website birdsbesafe.com to buy one.

Cats can wear the bright collar while grooming, feeding, and enjoying cat life. The Birdsbesafe collar cover is shaped like a tube, and you insert a breakaway-buckled cat collar inside of it. Both parts will release under pressure for your cat's safety. The research found that 96% of cats adjusted to the collar within two days.

Rodents do not react to bright colours so your cat will still be able to catch mice and rats. A summary of the Murdoch University research can be found here. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168159115000222>.

Ines Judd

Garden Alert!

It's lovely to have a colourful garden. Winter's been cold and dry and the gardens look it. The reflex action is to get a couple of punnets of pretty flowers to spruce it up. It's what we've always done, right?

Sadly times have changed. Nowadays most nurseries and seed sellers drench-pass their seeds in neonics. That's short for neonicotinoids, a systemic pesticide.

Seems like a good way to keep them looking nice, but this pesticide is systemic. The roots, stems, leaves, flowers and fruit carry it. Any insect that eats any part of the plant will die. Bees will feed pollen to their queen and young—no honey, hives empty.

Birds, frogs, lizards and small animals eat the dying insects and also suffer—some

will die, fertility is affected.

We eat the leaves or vegetables, and another neurotoxin goes into our bodies. Another reason 'modern diseases' flourish.

Reality bites! So, what to do?

Of course the safe option is to cut the toxins out of our diet and use organic or home-grown seed, raised by people you can trust. Honey is one of the joys of life, so please help our beekeepers.

SCPA has trays of organic seed at Candelo Wholefoods and Sweet Home Cobargo. Lindi (the self-proclaimed Grumpy Old Woman) sells chemical-free seedlings every Saturday morning out the front of Well Thumbed Books in Cobargo. If you want to know how to save seed, there are local groups in Cobargo and Bega.

Wikipedia gives the brand names of neonics in Australia. Find out who supplies seed and seedlings and find out if they have neonics in the seed they use and sell—before you buy. Phone the suppliers, talk to retailers. They'll change their practices to please their customers.

Camp Pelican summer camp for kids

Upper primary and high school students are invited to apply for six fully sponsored places at Camp Pelican this summer. The six day beach camps at Tathra are organised by Synergy's Summer Camping Program at the Wambiri Anglican Youth Camp and are run by fully accredited leaders.

Camps are packed with fun activities and time at the beach, and plenty of opportunities to make new friends. Each



A bee that eats any part of a neonic-treated plant will die

I work in Bermagui community gardens (BUFF = Bermagui Urban Food Farmers). Last summer we were lucky to have one or two bees at a time, despite plenty of borage (a great bee attractor) and calendula. But where were the bees?

Think about the repercussions of losing our insects and small birds and animals, and putting this toxin into our soil.

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Renewable Expo aims to reduce your costs

The Renewable Energy Expo in Narooma on Saturday 25 November is already creating a buzz among householders and local businesses wanting to save on power bills and be more environmentally sustainable.

‘There’s so much happening in renewable energy and battery development at the moment that people are keen to get the latest information and talk with suppliers and experts about the way ahead,’ said Expo coordinator Frank Eden. ‘They want to find out how to save on power bills, be more environmentally sustainable, and about future investment opportunities.’

‘We’re expecting about 20 exhibitors at the Expo on Saturday,’ he said. ‘They include solar panel and solar hot water suppliers, battery suppliers, independent advisors on solar panel technologies and cutting costs and reducing emissions, sustainable housing, advisors on investing in solar farms, and we hope some electric cars. Battery operated tools like chainsaws will also be available.’

A Narooma Rotary community project, the Expo is from 10 am to 4 pm in the Sport & Leisure Centre. It will be officially opened by Member for Eden Monaro, Dr Mike Kelly, at 10.30 am. More information at expo.naroomarotary.org.au.



Narooma Renewable Energy Expo coordinator Frank Eden, left, with last year’s organising Rotarians—Angie Ulrichsen, Mike Young, Rachel McInnes, John Doyle and then-President Michael O’Connor.

From Bhopal to Bermagui

You may know her as the face behind the counter of the Bermagui Newsagency, but Nandini Hunter Jones is a woman of

many talents, her latest being Curry Bunga, bringing the tastes and smells of authentic Indian cuisine to Bermagui.



Nandini cooking up some wonderful food at Curry Bunga

Nandini moved to Bermagui four years ago with husband Martin and bought the newsagency in Lamont Street. However, she has always loved cooking beautiful curries from India, so, when the opportunity arose to do this commercially, she

jumped at it.

Curry Bunga has only been open a short time but has already developed a following of enthusiastic locals who come for the variety of foods Nandini specialises in.

Nandini grew up in Bhopal, India, later moving to Mauritius then on to Australia in 1999. She said that most of her recipes are old family recipes and that, back in India, she learned to cook from her mother and her brothers, who were very adept in the kitchen.

Nandini is determined to present food that is freshly prepared on the premises, using all local ingredients where possible, blending all the fresh spices and herbs for the curries by hand. She hopes that the many different regional foods in India are reflected in her menu, which changes daily. Vegetarian options are available, and recently she has been doing some research into providing gluten-free breads as well. She is also keen on providing what she calls “street food from Mumbai” on her menu soon.

Nandini calls her assistant, Ocean (Kitty Reeve), her ‘girl Friday’ and says she cannot do without her.

They open Curry Bunga for lunch Wednesday to Saturday and dinner Thursday to Saturday. Take-away is available as well. The restaurant is located in Bunga Street, Bermagui (where Guy’s Place was). Check out Curry Bunga Facebook page for some fabulous photos of the food!

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This annual exhibition has a growing reputation for showcasing and celebrating the work of established, renowned artists together with the talents of emerging artists from around the corner and from across Australia. It is successful for artists, attracts visitors from far and wide and provides a wealth of choice for art lovers.

Invite your family, friends and out-of-town visitors to come to Bermagui in March and experience our cultural highlight and be captivated. You and they may just find that magic piece of art to take home!

Opportunities to volunteer are still available, with your choice of activity. And we are still open for artists' expression of

interest, though spaces are limited.

For further information visit www.sculpturebermagui.org.au.



Paul Payten

Cobargo Creators' news and exhibitions

Cobargo Creators ends a year of wonderful exhibitions with two more. Our annual exhibition of members and other artists' works, 'I'd like to comment on...', opens on 4 November at 11 am. The theme this year was chosen by Heimo Heino, the winner of the People's Choice on opening day of the 2016 event. Artists will explore how we use our art to comment on the cultural, political and/or social and won't be afraid to stir the pot. Our audiences

don't have to agree, but we do want them to think, to be stimulated by what we offer and to contemplate what it means to them. The annual exhibition continues until 25 November and the winner of the People's Choice on opening day will get to choose the theme for 2018.

Our final exhibition for 2017 is 'Looks good on Paper' by Quaama artist and singer Alicia Cowin. This exhibition will open during the Light up Cobargo celebrations

at 7 pm on 1 December and features objects made from and embellished with old and un-needed papers. Both exhibitions will be on display in Black Wattle Gallery in the Cobargo Creators Centre.

October long weekend Studio Trail

On the Monday of the long weekend in October, the Cobargo Creators held their second annual studio trail. This year we had two potters, two forges and the gallery open and they were buzzing all day.

We each had up to forty visitors, from locals to some potters from China. All the visitors were enthusiastic and engaged and loved to see our working spaces and have a play with clay or metal. Great connections were made and wonderful, excited conversations happened.

We've claimed the Monday of the October long weekend for our studio trail to happen each year and expect it will get bigger and better each year.

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Emily Laszuk in her studio, one stop on the Studio Trail in October

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Early bird tickets selling fast to Four Winds' 2018 Easter Festival

Four Winds Artistic Director, James Crabb, has revealed the highlights of his inaugural program for the Four Winds 2018 Easter Festival, taking Festival-goers on a global musical journey from early music to the current day, with well-known works from such diverse composers as Haydn, Schumann, Bach, Vivaldi, Byrd and Saint-

Säens. His program will put classical music in the context of other musical cultures, traditions and genres. Works inspired by the Middle East, from Latin America and songs from the Indigenous missions will feature throughout the rich program of the Festival.

The works will be presented by a stunning line-up of musicians including celebrated British violinist Jack Liebeck and Israeli flautist Ariel Zuckermann (Music Director of the Israel Chamber Orchestra), alongside some of Australia's finest solo artists—soprano Emma Pearson, pianists Tamara-Anna Cislowska and Ian Munro, harpist Alice Giles, guitarist Aleksandr Tsiboulski—and such highly regarded ensembles as the Goldner String Quartet, The Song Company, Speak Percussion and the Australian Brass Quintet. The Festival



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is also welcoming string players from Melbourne's Australian National Academy of Music. Our commitment to providing opportunities for the next generation of great Australian musicians will be at the heart of the Festival.

In the run-up to the Festival, artists will be appearing in schools and community spaces to introduce themselves, their instruments and their music to our young people. Good Friday will see Bermagui buzzing with free pop-up performances in shops and public spaces around town and will climax with a free community concert on the Dickinson Oval, made up of 'taster' performances by artists performing at the Festival, including a performance by a local choir.

The Festival is extending across five days in 2018 with a series of intimate

concerts in the Windsong Pavilion as well as three concerts held in stunning local private homes. One new addition will be a live music theatre installation in the Windsong Pavilion on the Saturday evening. Find out more about this unusual event on www.fourwinds.com.au. Another

new element will be a commission by Australian composer Damian Barbelor inspired by Murray Bail's award-winning novel *Eucalyptus*. In addition to the live premiere at the Festival, there will be a photographic exhibition in Bermagui and the opportunity to visit eucalypts and listen to extracts of the work via your mobile device—the embodiment of a music in nature experience!

James Crabb is promising to surround you with music, brilliance and beauty—what better Easter could you ask for?

Early bird tickets are on sale until early December. Local pension card holders and students should look out for details of the Four Winds Access Pass, a great deal for the Festival and other Four Winds Events in 2018.

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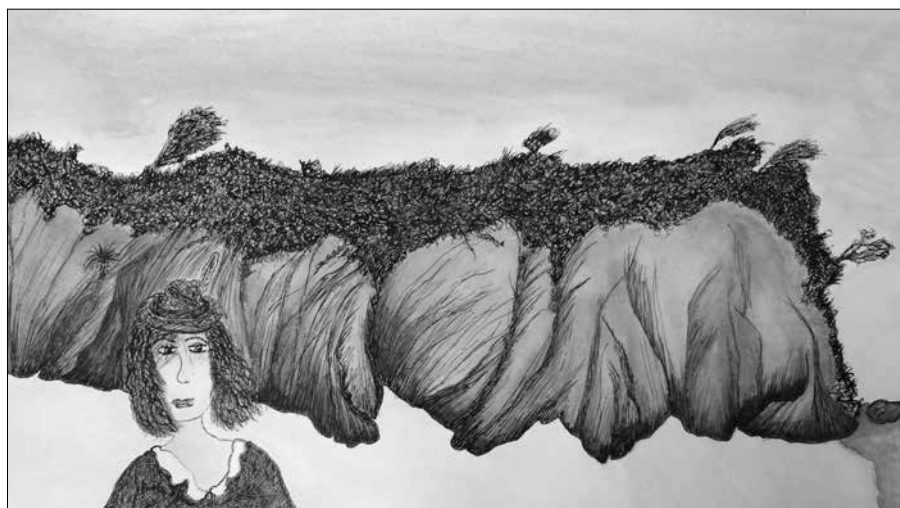
November at Ivy Hill: Martin Gash, Justina Legoe and Edward Willson

When an artist lives in two countries, he observes the landscape of each with intensity. So it is for Martin Gash who divides his time between Scotland and the far south coast of eastern Australia.

Born in India in 1952, Martin is an accomplished artist who studied at several prestigious art schools in London before coming to Australia in 1977. He lectured in Art and Design for 20 years, then worked with the Kamilaroi people in Moree for six years developing art-based community enterprise.

Justina Legoe studied print making at the National Art School in Sydney. As a child she was strongly influenced by fairy tales and mythological lands and spent her school years illustrating her exercise books. She studied journalism and spent many years travelling and working overseas. We are now fortunate to have her living and working in Bermagui.

Edward Willson's sculptural works are well known in Bermagui from his association with Sculpture on the Edge. He studied art at the College of Fine



Beares Beach by Justina Legoe

Arts in Sydney and has exhibited overseas as well as in Australia. He works mainly with granite and marble, the hard stones. The works included in this exhibition have evolved to another realm, exploring the flow of life and taking inspiration from space, connections and nature.

You will find Ivy Hill Gallery on the Bermagui Tathra Road. Gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Drinks with the artists on Saturday 4 November from 5 pm. The exhibition will continue to Sunday 10 December. Catalogues at www.ivyhill.com.au.

Only the most striking images at Shop7 Artspace

'Lingering' ... when the wheels stop turning and the dust settles, only the most striking images persist.

Local Bermagui photographer Di Manning will exhibit for the third time this November by showing a collection of photographs which encapsulate the 'afterglow' of her trip to Central Australia earlier this year.

'I love to take road trips across Australia with the specific purpose of taking photographs. When I get back home and the wheels of my van stop turning and the dust settles, it is only the most striking and evocative images that persist in my mind and eventually end up in a printed

form,' she says.

'I was lucky to see Central Australia after a couple of very good seasons. It was not as I expected. The grasses were lush, the textures plush and rich, the colours so vibrant and the iconic forms and shapes of the desert country, simply unforgettable.

This collection of images evokes my memories of those shapes, textures, forms and colour. It is a shorthand reminder of the small things that make that country so appealing and memorable. But still in the photographic style I find so appealing ... slightly abstract, and surely creative.

'To strengthen that approach (and because I was looking for a more



Di experiments with a new medium in her third exhibition, photos from Central Australia

exciting and unusual way to present my photographs), this time I have moved to use a different (and, for me, new) medium. Some of the photos in this exhibition are on fabric with results I have found exciting and encouraging. This is definitely a medium I will be using again.'

'Lingering' can be seen at Shop7 Art Space at the Bermagui Fisherman's Wharf from 8 - 28 November, open 10 am to 4pm each day. Everyone is invited to join Di at Shop 7 on Saturday 11 November between 10 am and 12 noon when Di will be available to talk about her trip and her work.

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Barney McAll's ASIO Quintet concert on Sunday 15 October at the Windsong Pavilion was extraordinary by any measure. A first-rate grand piano in a purpose-built concert hall with a full house of about 180 listeners was just the beginning.

The concert was arranged by Zephyrs Jazz, who commissioned Barney McAll's ASIO Quintet, comprising five of the country's most accomplished musicians. The leader, Barney McAll (piano), has worked in New York for two decades and has recently moved back to Australia. Mike Rivett (tenor sax) won the 2016 National Jazz Award; Carl Morgan (guitar) won it in 2014. Jonathan Zwartz (bass) and Hamish Stuart (drums) have both been at the heart of jazz in Sydney since the 1980s.

The performance featured the compositions on the group's recently released CD, *Hearing the Blood* (Extra



Barney McAll's ASIO Quintet: 'extraordinary by any measure'. Photo: Roger Stuart

Celestial Arts). The music was both highly integrated and satisfyingly various. The solos seemed to emerge organically from (and return into) the composition rather than being merely an opportunity for virtuosity (which was often present nevertheless).

McAll's piano playing is by now convincingly personal but still with important traces of JS Bach, Bill Evans, Keith Jarrett and maybe even Claude

Debussy and Maurice Ravel—leavened, at times, with not a little humour, as in the almost raucous *Dogface Now!*

For an audience which clearly contained quite a few jazz aficionados but also had many listeners for whom contemporary jazz was almost certainly not their first love, the quintet presented a program which culminated in a rare (if almost un-Australian) standing ovation.

It's a sign of the strength of Australian jazz at the moment that Zephyrs Jazz should not have too much trouble finding a group of comparable excellence for another full-house event next year. If only this sort of thing were done more widely around the country we'd all be a lot more blessed.

Geoff Page

(Page is Organiser since 2003 of the monthly concert series, Jazz at the Village, in Canberra, and author of *A Sudden Sentence in the Air: Jazz Poems and Aficionado: A Jazz Memoir*.)

Some quirky and bizarre characters visit the Lazy Lizard!

It's that time of year again, when we play host to our favourite group of artists. For the month of November, "Frayed Edges" of Quaama will be having their

annual exhibition and sale of work in the Side Room.

Inspirational founding member Cathy Blake describes "Frayed Edges" as an adult playgroup for fibre artists, who meet fortnightly to exercise their imaginations. This year they have added paper, paint, inks, glue, beads, clay, twigs and found objects to fabric and fibres to create fun and fantastic artworks.

The centrepiece of this year's show is a group of quirky characters, created using pre-loved dolls that have been embellished to make a tableau depicting what they imagine might happen if they were not such a loving, restrained and tolerant group of artists ... the

mind boggles! I have not been allowed to preview this exhibit, as they want to retain the surprise or possibly the shock factor, until the opening.


So to satisfy your curiosity and also enjoy some beautiful fibre art, join us at 10.30 am on Saturday, 4 November to have a cuppa and a snack and add your comments. The show runs from Wednesday 1 to Wednesday 29 November.

There is also much to admire in the main gallery. Annie now has some of her unique designs printed on scarves, and also iron-on patches, and Luch has brought in some gorgeous chopstick sets that would make a very elegant gift for someone special.

Naomi Lewis



Cathy's papier mache autumn pod



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The Sweet Valentinos at Frame and Brush in December

Frame and Brush, the art store in Bermagui, will be holding a special event over two nights on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December—a musical performance by The Sweet Valentinos.

The band was formed earlier this year to launch the latest CD from Bermagui musician Michael Hanlon. 'We have really enjoyed playing with each other and have decided to keep the troupe together,' said Michael.

'This time around we are playing completely acoustically. No microphones and no amplifiers. Frame and Brush is an intimate and sonically good space for this kind of gig. We are limiting numbers to 40 per show with two sets and an intermission in the courtyard.'

The band consists of some of Bermagui's best and much-loved musicians. Joining Michael will be Mathew Perry (double bass), Dan Scollay (vocals and uke), Jacqui Howarth (vocals, melodica, percussion), Elizabeth Andalis (vocals and violin) and Saul Nightingale (guitar,

lute, vocals, percussion and anything else he can lay his hands on).

'We've expanded the repertoire and got some interesting arrangements worked out for these shows. Every song is an original composition. With everyone writing and arranging and so many singers we are blessed with opportunities.'

The Sweet Valentinos' music has been described as ragged rural rhythms with dreamy beatnik undertones. These shows will be the first outing for the band since

their successful Murrah Hall launch and their performance at the Candelo Festival earlier this year.

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December, 7 pm, Frame and Brush, 3 Wallaga Lake Road, Bermagui. Tickets \$20 each.

BYO with intermission snacks provided.

To book a seat, drop into Frame and Brush, email info@frameandbrush.com.au, or phone 0412 702 785.

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The Sweet Valentinos—some of Bermagui's best and much-loved musicians

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A pot or two

With the ever-increasing use of our outdoor space, pots as a growing solution are becoming far more popular. So here are some hints on how to successfully manage this form of gardening.

First decide what you actually want the pots and the plants to achieve. Are they to be used for growing vegetables, annual colour, perennials or shrubs? Or perhaps a screening plant to hide a shed or some unsightly part of the landscape?

The pot size is absolutely the most crucial decision, as a pot too small for the plant will cause it to dry out quickly, blow over in the wind or not contain sufficient nutrient to keep the plant healthy.

Generally, glazed pots are the best as there are many colours that suit the colour scheme of your home and these pots have a better moisture holding capability. Terracotta pots are very stylish but tend to dry, out so, if you use them, seal the inside of the pot with a terracotta sealant.

If you want to gradually enlarge to the next pot size as the plant grows, use a straight sided or V-shaped pot so the plant can be easily removed. A plant in a belly-shaped pot is nigh on impossible to repot without causing serious disturbance to the root system.

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When selecting the plant to be potted, consider the eventual size of the plant. Remember that the larger the plant grows, the larger the pot should be. A plant that is to be used for screening should be in a pot that will also act as an anchor in a windy site. Too small a pot will just blow over and in most cases break.

If you are

and water more often as these mixes do not have any moisture- or nutrient-holding



capabilities. The cheaper mixes will be of no benefit to the plants after a season or two.

Watering and fertilising is of an absolute importance. Vegetable and annual flowers will need watering several times a week and fertilising every ten days or so with a liquid fertiliser like a fish- or seaweed-based fertiliser. Shrubs and longer living plants also need watering and fertilising on a regular basis although, with the fertilising, add a specific slow-release fertiliser for the particular group of plants you have used. Do this three or four times a year, and add liquid food on a monthly basis. During the cooler months you can cut back as the plants are not growing.

Just a few other things to remember: check from time to time that the drainage holes haven't become blocked by roots, rotate the pots to get an even, all-over growth, and prune when necessary.

Keith Mundy

growing annuals, herbs or vegetables, a shallow pot will suffice as they are all generally shallow rooting and do not need a great depth of soil.

Use a premium potting mix with some slow release fertiliser and include some water storage crystals. There are many types of mixes out there and I can guarantee that the cheaper the mix, the lesser the quality.

Cheaper mixes are basically just pine bark and if you are growing vegetables and annual flowers you will need to fertilise



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'Betty Bate? She's the best cook in Wollongong!'

'Yes, but don't eat on the day you go for dinner. The serving are huge and you must leave room for dessert!'

'How does your mother do it? She's whipped up a dinner for ten with a day's notice!'

These were the sort of comments I'd hear about Mum's cooking. I didn't realise how good she was until I left home and had to fend for myself. I managed to melt the kettle and a saucepan in the first week. Raw food and a packet of crisps was the order of most days.

No-one was ever allowed in Mum's kitchen, but as she mellowed she'd come rushing in all excited to tell me the secret to somebody's mushroom dish was nutmeg! Or say 'those potatoes are floury, put in some cream and horseradish'.

Her cookbooks were exercise books filled with pages from the Women's Weekly Home Maker section, circa 1939, with dishes like Bloater Paste or Breadcrumbs Tart... which, thankfully, she never made. She had a huge collection of recipes in her head, cakes from the time she had a shop in the Strand... then desserts (oh, how I miss her Lemon Delicious and Butterscotch Pudding... aah...) from her time as cook for the Fairfaxes. Hildar Lunch was the Fairfax's nanny and a good friend. Whenever she came to visit, mum would make her this dessert.

Hildar's favourite

225 grams dark chocolate
5 large eggs
1-2 tablespoon brandy, grand mariner, cointreau

Melt the chocolate with a knob of butter in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of gently simmering water. Don't let the bowl touch the water. Stir in brandy or whatever and set aside to cool.

Separate the eggs. Mix the yolks



with the chocolate away from the heat. Whip the egg whites until fluffy. Spoon some whites into the chocolate mixture to loosen it up then fold the chocolate mixture into the egg whites.

Pour into tea cups or glasses and place in the refrigerator. Leave to set for at least six hours.

Serve with vanilla cream and grated chocolate. Garnish with candied orange pieces.

This was Mum's take on chocolate mousse, which we thought was pretty exotic back in the 50s and much simpler than today's recipes.

But while Betty is the mistress of sweet, I'm a devotee of piquant. And with a

brother in Africa and a daughter in Spain it wasn't long before I discovered the delights of Moroccan fare...

Tuna in chermoula

1kg tuna, cut into 25mm cubes
A bunch of parsley and coriander
4 cloves garlic and 4 dried chillies
1 tbsp paprika (Spanish smoked is fine)
1 tbsp cumin, ground
1 tsp turmeric (fresh or ground)
100ml lemon juice
300ml extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

Put herbs and spices and half the juice and EVOO into a blender and pulse to combine. Add the rest of the juice and oil until you have a pourable consistency. Add salt and pepper to taste.

This Chermoula can be stored in a sterilised jar (always cover with EVOO so that no air comes in contact) for many months.

Thread the tuna onto skewers. Set the brochettes on a platter and spread a small amount of Chermoula over them.

Grill the tuna brochettes over a medium hot fire for 5-8 minutes, turning every few minutes and brushing with the Chermoula.





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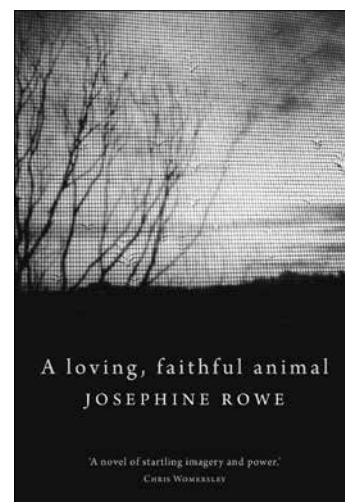
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Josephine Rowe *A loving, faithful animal* \$23.95

Rodney Hall, well-known author and friend to many in Bermagui, recommended this author as one of the most exciting he had read for years—a great boost for an emerging writer. She has previously published a book of short stories, which were strongly acclaimed. As a fellow at Stanford University in California, she completed this book which went on to be long-listed for the 2017 Miles Franklin Award.

Based on her father's life, the short novel tells the story of a young man, Jack, conscripted to fight in Vietnam. It vividly describes the emotional aftermath of the War, and the intergenerational effects his experiences have on his children. The story opens on New Year's Eve, 1990, when Jack (the father) disappears, leaving Ru, the daughter and narrator, to face the conflicting loyalties she feels for him and for her mother. Also struggling with conflicting loyalties is Les, Jack's brother who takes on some of the family responsibilities abandoned by Jack. The



saddest character is Jack's wife, Evelyn, who for years believed that she could help her husband return to the man he was before being catapulted into a world of violence and horror.

This work is only a little more substantial than a novella, but the writing is so powerful that Josephine Rowe has captured a chapter in our history gradually fading from the collective memory, but one which continues to shape the lives of thousands of family members. A really exciting new author whose future books will be eagerly anticipated.

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TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All standards catered for - partners not necessary. Visitors to the area especially welcome. Further details: Peter 4473 7308

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage, Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and welcomes anyone who does patchwork, quilting, or any other needlework. Lorraine James 6493 7175 or Mary Cooke 6493 7320.

MT DROMEDARY UNITING CHURCH

Bermagui: Sundays 9am at the Union Church, West St. Bermagui, Cobargo: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 11am; 4th Sausage sizzla at 7pm & praise night at 6pm, Cobargo Bermagui Rd.
Minister Rev. D. Oliphant. Ring Col: 6493 6531
Churches also at Narooma and Bodalla

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

Contact: Richard Nipperess 4473 7769. Meet: 9.30 - 12.30 first Wednesday of the month at the swings.

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.

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the 2nd and 4th 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.
Inq: Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

HEART TO HEART

2nd & 4th Saturday of month from 12:30 to 3.00pm at 2a Brighton Park Road, Beauty Point. Discuss the Ageless Wisdoms of Alice A. Bailey teachings. Phone: Christine on 4476 8732 or Lorraine on 6493 3061

QUAAMA MEN'S SHED

Meets Wednesdays from 10am at the old fire shed, 20 Bermagui Street, Quaama. All men are welcome. For information contact John Preston (President) on 6493 5887 or Ron Higgins on 0408 788 528.

WALLAGA LAKE/BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am at Umbarra Cultural Centre, Akolele. All men are welcome. For information ring Bill Johnston (president) on 6493 5447 or Fergus McWhirter on 6493 4360.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

The Yuin Folk Club organises the annual Cobargo Folk Festival and hosts folk music concerts throughout the year. Details at www.cobargofolkfestival.com. For info ph. Secretary Carolyn Griffin 0400 391324, Treasurer Zena Armstrong 0402067615 or email info@cobargofolkfestival.com

Community Notices

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contributions@thetriangle.org.au

For the Fridge Door

NOVEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
Sun 5	MS Fundraiser Bike Ride	Start at Bermagui Indoor Sports Stadium	8.15 am
	Live Music: Fretz and Reedz	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm
	Áine Tyrrell	Murrah Hall	1:30 pm
Tues 7	The Tilba Mug, \$40	Tilba Valley Wines	12 pm
Sat 11	Frugal Fair and Village Garden Tour	Quaama Hall	9.30 am - 2 pm
	Live Music: Cuppa Shred	Cobargo Hotel	8.30 pm
Sun 12	Blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	11 am - 5 pm
	Blessing of the Animals	All Saints Anglican Church, Bermagui	10 am
Sat 18	'Who said women can't drive' book launch	Well Thumbed Books in Cobargo	10.30 am
	Live Music: Cory Legge	Cobargo Hotel	8.30 pm
Sun 19	Community doco 'Call Of The Forest'	Old Cobargo Butter Factory	3.30 pm
	Live Music: Swing's the Thing	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm
Mon 20	Bermagui Community Forum Public Meeting	Bermagui Community Hall	5.30 - 7 pm
Sat 25	Renewable Energy Expo	Sport & Leisure Cntr, Narooma	10 am to 4 pm
December			
Fri 1	Light Up Cobargo	Cobargo Village	from 5 pm
Sat 2-Sun 3	The Sweet Valentinos, \$20	Frame and Brush	7 pm
Sat 2	Cobargo Show Society Supper Dance	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	7 pm
REGULARS			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10 am-3.30 pm
2nd Monday	Tilba CWA meetings	Small Hall, Tilba	10 am
Tuesdays	Bermagui garden group	Phone Heather 6493 5308	
	Weekly meditation	Kamashila Centre, Tilba	10 am - 11 am
	'Zine' Machine	Bermagui Library	3.30 - 5.30
	Storytime	Bermagui Library	10.30 - 11.30
	Yoga Classes with Sara	Bermagui Surf Club	10 - 11.15 am
Last Tuesday	Cobargo Seed Savers	18 Blackbutt Drive, Cobargo	10 am - noon
Wednesdays	Pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	7.30 pm
	Dru Yoga	Cobargo School of Arts	10.30 am
1st Wednesday	Bermagui Historical Society meeting	Bermagui Museum in Community Centre	2 pm
	Social bridge	Tilba Valley Winery	2 pm
	Bermagui Seniors' Social Club meeting	Bermagui CWA rooms/Country Club	10.30 am
3rd Wednesday	Bermagui Seniors' social lunch	Venues vary. Ph 6493 4006	
Thursdays	Mind Body Stillness Meditation	The Courtroom, Princes Hwy Cobargo	10 am - 11 am
	Worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermi Community Centre	5.30 pm
	Bermagui Growers' Market	Fishermen's Wharf	2.30 - 5 pm
	Rhymetime	Bermagui Library	10 - 10.30 am
3rd Thursday	Coding night	Bermagui Library	5 - 8 pm
1st Friday	Bermagui CWA meetings	CWA Rooms	1 pm
Saturdays	Worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermagui Community Centre	10.30 am
2nd Saturday	CWA Cafe	Small Hall, Tilba	9 am - 12 pm
1st Sunday	Reclaim the Riverbank Working Bee	Rob's corner, Quaama	9.30 - 11.30
	Tilba Food Share	Venues vary, Contact Annie on 0409443064	10 am - 12 pm
3rd Sunday	Cobargo/Quaama food swap	Venues vary, phone Tam: 0409 882 944	10 am-12 noon
Last Sunday	Bermagui Red Cross Markets	Dickinson Oval	9 am-12 noon
ART			
Sat 4	Annual Exhibition opening (to 25/11)	Black Wattle Gallery	11 am
4 Nov	Opening: Martin Gash, Justina Legoe and Edward Willson	Ivy Hill Gallery (to 10/12)	5 pm
4 Nov	Frayed Edges opening (to 29/11)	Lazy Lizard	10.30 am
Sat 11	Di Manning 'Lingering' opening (to 28/11)	Shop7 Artspace	10 am
1 Dec	Opening: Alicia Cowin 'Looks Good on Paper'	Black Wattle Gallery	7 pm