

The Umbarra Weekend in River of Art

The Eurobodalla River of Art reached the shore of Wallaga Lake on 23 and 24 May when Umbarra Cultural Centre reopened for the weekend with a collection of local art, wood carvings, artifacts, weaving and much more. Supported by South East Arts and organised by the Gnarri Womens' Group from Wallaga Lake, it was an interesting and exciting event.

Wallaga Lake Elder, Auntie Shirl, welcomed us to Country and Tray Parsons led his brother and cousins in the men's 'Dance of Welcome'. They then performed 'The Dance of the Black Duck' and finally 'The Dance of The Shark', guarding the waters between the shore and the island widely known as Montague Island. Perhaps we should really be using the original name and call it Baranguba.

Inside the lovely Umbarra building there was a display of historic photographs and artifacts that included a bark canoe, spears for fishing and hunting, stones for grinding colour and samples of ochre rocks, and stones fashioned into tools. Lisa Morris told me something about these items and explained how they had been used in times past.



Tray Parsons led the dance troupe



Umbarra wood carvings on display as part of Eurobodalla River of Art

There were many examples of carvings and paintings, some of which were for sale, and a book from the Little Yuin Preschool.

The Café was open with coffee available and a menu that included finger-lime melting moments and quiche with bush tomato and bacon, the real taste of Australia. We purchased our coffee and snacks and sat down to watch the dancers.

It was great to see this lovely building open again and fulfilling its original purpose as a cultural hub. Long may it continue.

Jo Lewis

We live in an amazing community. It is not perfect of course and there are probably little pockets of prejudice hidden away in a dark corner or two, but the overwhelming impression must surely be of an open and generous society. A letter published in this edition of *The Triangle* pinpoints an action that is less than generous and takes to task the Tilba Hall committee that required the Anzac exhibition to pay for the hire of the hall. Certainly the upkeep of the hall is a financial burden for the committee and there are few enough opportunities for it to earn any income, let alone an income that could finance the upkeep of this aging

infrastructure. Most of the running repairs are done using volunteer labour I believe, but there are limits to what can be achieved without using money.

Perhaps the question we should ask in this case is whether or not the on-going and increasing commercialisation of the Anzac legend is affecting our judgment. Is it changing our attitude in the same way that commercial interests have affected our response to Christmas and other previously solemn festivals and can this change also damage the community spirit that is so powerful here?

On the other side of the coin the

Women's Resource Centre in Bega has received a grant allowing them to promote and support The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. They want to amplify the message that it is homophobia that is the biggest threat to young people.

The WRC will promote the day by running a Postcard Art Workshop producing works for exhibition in the *Plethora of Postcards* Exhibition in the Spiral Gallery in July 2015. Among other things the workshop hopes to explore the issues associated with homophobia in small rural towns.

Letters to the editors

To the Editor,

Anzac Day this year meant so much to me as my father was an original Anzac, he was wounded twice and returned to Australia in 1919, married, followed by the birth of myself in 1920.

I have been attending Anzac Day in Cobargo from 1948 in which I was made a life member of Cobargo RSL.

I have witnessed many Anzac Day tributes over the years and at one stage it looked like there would not be too many more due to the declining number of people attending.

Much to my delight this year I was excited to see the expanding number of people that attended, including my own family that travelled from afar, battling through the torrential weather and sickness.

My great granddaughter Courtnie Fleming attended aged 16, she is a leading seaman and attends Navy Cadets at TS Albatross, who paid tribute by way of marching and contributing a speech.

I believe by continuing to educate the youth of today, celebrations all over Australia and New Zealand will continue to grow.

Alan Roberts
Sanctuary point

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Thank you to quilters in Bermagui from Nardy House



L to R: Betty De La Mare, June Rothacker, Laurel Ginns and Marg O'Brien

A big thank you to quilters in Bermagui for their generous donation of several beautiful quilts, knitted slippers and clothing protectors.

The quilts will be used to brighten the beds of residents and the walls of Nardy House.

Thanks again from the residents and staff,

Leila McClelland

and thank you for donating time and money to Nepal

A big thank you to so many local people who assisted at the two fundraisers held recently in Quaama and Cobargo for the earthquake victims in Nepal.

The old expression is "many hands make light work", and in this case neither event would have happened or been so successful without the generous effort put in by so many people.

To all who helped with cooking, running stalls, washing dishes, setting up tables, cleaning, serving and inviting and greeting guests, and to the musicians who

shared their talents with us, may I once again say a huge thank you.

From the efforts at Quaama over \$900 has been sent to Nepal, and after the Cobargo event over \$1100 was sent to the Anandabaan hospital in Kathmandu.

So a big thank you also to those who attended and donated so generously.

Well done and sincere thanks,

Wilma Chinnock,
Quaama

Letters to the editors

Have some forgotten?

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to the Tilba Anzac Committee on their wonderful Anzac service and historical display.

The hours of research and preparation, and the pride and care taken with the district's military service history, were demonstrated by this impressive exhibition assembled by these civic-minded volunteers.

Through acknowledging the sacrifices of the young descendants of original Tilba pioneering families and retelling the stories behind the 'names' on the war memorial, the efforts by the committee were inspirational. I also applaud the generous financial support provided to the Anzac Committee by the Tilba Easter Festival Committee and the Narooma RSL Club.

However, to my dismay, I learnt that these kind donations were needed because the Tilba School of Arts Trust Inc. used the occasion to charge the Anzac Committee with 'hall hire fees' for their exhibition.

I find it beyond belief and unacceptable, that for the first time in 100 years, the Trust would entertain the idea of fund-raising from an Anzac commemoration, let alone that these 'fees' were asked of such a civic-minded committee attempting to organise an Anzac event benefitting the whole community. Indeed, what would the WWI ex-service persons and their families have made of this opportunism, especially when those who returned from the war were so warmly welcomed home in this very same hall. What a way for the Trust to commemorate the centenary of remembrance!

While the RSL contribution was undoubtedly very much appreciated, the money may well have otherwise been used to support ex-service persons and their families.

I understand the need for building maintenance, but surely, using an event commemorating the lives of the Tilba Anzac heroes as a fund-raising opportunity was inappropriate and shameful.

Our service men and women give to us the 'gift' of freedom.

Surely we owe it to them to live our lives in a way that is worthy of their sacrifice.

LEST WE FORGET

*A descendant of six servicemen on the
Tilba War Memorial*

Have a heart

Community is about caring and sharing. Where has the caring and the sharing gone in our community when one of our shops already has a closure notice on it?

Six weeks has passed since 'the giant on the hill' opened its doors in Bermagui. Only six weeks and we know that Foodlands will soon be closing its doors. Six weeks and we know that the butcher, 777, the pizza shop and others have all been affected.

How will you feel when there are lots of empty shopfronts on the main street?

How will you feel when there are no shops drawing people together?

Nothing drawing us downtown to casually chat, catch up, and to care about each other.

Are the few dollars you save by shopping at 'the fresh food people' really worth the fracturing of our small community?

The weekly Tilba market, the second weekly Wharf market and 777 all support local fresh produce. The meat at our butcher is fresh and not prepacked in plastic.

Be selective. Share your few dollars around with our precious community. Care about what's happening. Make a commitment to keep the heart in our town by supporting our small business people.

*Robyn Levey
Bermagui*

Thumbs Up

To all the generous people, who came to the AWL garage sale in Cobargo. We had a great day, thanks to all involved.



Thumbs Down

To sport ground managers for leaving Bermi field lights on for hours after anyone was using the ground. Wasteful of energy.

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The past three years have seen quiet, beautiful Cobargo, nestled in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range, grow and expand beneath lusciously beautiful skies and scenery, into a hub of activity, creativity, generosity and expansive thinking. Our lives have been made richer through the generosity of others, providing a platter of opportunities and activities for everyone.

June is no exception. A busy month awaits us, starting with the ETC Weekend. The Eat Think Create weekend on the June long weekend will provide, in and about the village, a collection of activities, events, happenings, demonstrations, viewings, listenings and more. Programs are available throughout the village and beyond. From coffin exhibits and creative opportunities to the food and gallery trails, there's something on offer to interest everyone. Going on last year's popularity, this is a weekend not to be missed.

The following weekend, on Sunday 14 June the next monthly community documentary will be screened in the Cobargo CWA at 4.30 pm. 'It's a Girl' is a feature-length documentary by Evan Grae Davis, telling the stories of abandoned and trafficked girls, of women who suffer extreme dowry-related violence, of brave mothers fighting to save their daughters' lives, and of other mothers who would kill for a son. Global experts and grassroots activists put the stories in context and advocate different paths towards change.

Watch the trailer online: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISme5-9orR0

On Saturday, 20 June at 11am, Well Thumbed Books will host the book launch of local author Isobel Blackthorn. Isobel's latest and much awaited book, *Asylum*, tells the story of an English born visa overstayer trying to gain residency via the Department of Immigration's deadlocked back door. The launch of Isobel's book will also raise funds to support Bega Valley Rural Australians for Refugees (BVRAR) activities. If you can't make the launch you can make donations at the Well Thumbed Bookshop.



Can you shed some light on the people in this photo or the event?

Well Thumbed Books will host a letter writing day on Tuesday, 16 June at midday. If you're concerned about the plight of people seeking asylum in Australia, you can join the Well Thumbed team and write a letter to a politician to express your concerns. Alternately, you could write a letter to an asylum seeker to extend your friendship.

The ongoing work on the regeneration of the Narira Creek bank has been continuing this month. Tania Lingard and Vicki Hoyer have been busily coordinating weekly gatherings to keep the project alive and moving forward. They can be

found most Monday mornings, at work beautifying and restoring our village's eroded creek banks. You can join them almost any Monday morning. Call Tania on 6493 6704, to confirm times. The group is currently applying for the next lot of Environment Project Grant money which is \$6000 per year through the council.

Cobargo's main street continues its transformation with last month's opening of Twig & Feather. Monique is selling a lovely collection of homewares and gifts for the discerning buyer. And soon to open is a Naturopathic Clinic and dispensary, in the small shop between The Train Cafe and the Holey Glass Beadery. Shona, an accomplished homeopath, is moving with her family from the foothills west of Sydney to Wandella where they have bought a property. And speaking of Wandella, one of our readers asked me to mention that Robert from Wandella has recently crocheted a rug for Vu and Nue's new baby soon to be born. They are both delighted with his generous gift.

Early last month, a local group called a 'Think Tank' event to plan for Cobargo's cultural future. Attended by a broad cross section of the community, the meeting came up with some wonderful plans for the village's future. Discussing monthly musical happenings, creative opportunities, information packages, cultural activities and more, the group is continuing to tick items off our Community Wish List. For more information, read their article in next month's issue.

What's that! Blue nappies on the line! Yes. The O'Meara's have finally

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produced a son and the village is buzzing with excitement for them. It's not that the wonderful tribe of capably delightful O'Meara daughters are not exciting enough for them, but more the community, who after the delivery of eight daughters, have been delighted with the arrival of a son, Anthony to be spoilt by them all. Congratulations to Craig and Julie, Sophie, Ruby, Ivy, Fiona, Evelyn, Vanessa, Naomi and Diana, on the expansion of their clan. A brilliant team of future dairy farmers perhaps?

Last month, Clyde Watt asked for assistance in broadening his collection of local sporting memorabilia. He has given us copies of a couple of photos from his collection. Do you recognise yourself or one of your friends or family in these photos? And Roy Gannon has recently approached *The Triangle*, requesting assistance from the community to identify some of the people in an historic photograph, recently given to him from the estate of Rona Sutherland. The photo, taken in the 1950s shows Rona's mother Merle with three gentlemen, one of whom might be Herb Turner. Can anyone help Roy with the event and venue or any names? If you can, please drop me a line at cobargo@thetriangle.org.au or call me on 6493 6738.

Local CWA President Mary Williams has just returned from the CWA's autumn Conference in Tamworth, where she was privy to some interesting developments. Every time she travels, Mary says that she realises just how brilliant Cobargo is. She says that being able to walk down the street and be recognised and greeted is just the best thing.

The Cobargo CWA had a very busy



Cobargo Blues Rugby Club from Clyde Watt's collection of local sporting photos

May. Two members attended the CWA State Conference in Tamworth and worked hard on the many and varied issues under discussion. One of the more potentially contentious issues was the support for the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes. After listening to the presentations the vote was overwhelmingly in support of this motion.

The group also voted to send \$50 000 to the Associated Country Women of the World for aid to Nepal. Cobargo's members returned home weary but satisfied that the best possible results were obtained.

On the home front the CWA is most grateful to the Bermagui Lions for their generous donation towards the cost of replacing the roof on the cottage.

It is wonderful when local organisations can help each other out like this. Thank you so much, ladies and gentlemen!

Several fund raisers are being planned for the year. Watch *The Triangle* for news on these events. The CWA cottage provides a useful meeting place at minimal cost. Bookings by local organisations and individuals are appreciated. Did you know that our local group continue to host the Group meetings of the Far South Coast Group of CWA, hosting members from Bateman's Bay to Eden?

About 30 members descend on Cobargo and they all love the venue!

Mother and Baby packs to send to New Guinea are still on the CWA agenda. They have lots of baby clothes but need any cloth nappies in good order they'd be very happy to make use of them. They also seek cash donations. Two new members, Ann Holub and Lee Fawcett were given their membership badges at the last meeting.

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etc and the rest of Cobargo

In some circles people quote a book called *Small is Beautiful*. Look it up, it's by E F Shumacher and its tag line is "A study of economics as if people mattered." Cobargo is the quintessential example of small is beautiful and the second Cobargo Eat, Think, Create, etc weekend will highlight this.

Over the June long weekend everyone is invited to come and enjoy the pleasures of a small village full of creativity, thoughtfulness and great food. On offer will be a wide range of activities reflecting the imagination and friendliness that the village is becoming renowned for. People will be challenged to think about some of the more difficult issues confronting our community such as domestic violence and literacy standards through Well Thumbed Books' mini Ted Ex talks.

Just as in life next to this will be activities full of joy such as Rebecca Blunden creating, she hopes with lots of local children, an interactive installation to delight; or Dan Williamson and Ben Buggy teaching fruit lovers how to prune and care for their fruit trees to ensure they always have delicious fruit to share.

There are over a dozen separate activities occurring across the weekend as well as Cobargo's Six Galleries trail and Six Eateries food trail. Special foods are being created just for the weekend. With an array of dishes covering everything from a bush foods taster plate, to 'on trend' pulled pork sliders and Thai deliciousness - no one will be hungry.

It is a weekend designed for people to appreciate where we live and as one great



Diana and Jess from Sweet Home Cobargo looking forward to creating their bush foods taster plate for etc dictionary says etc means 'and the rest'.

In Cobargo June 6, 7, and 8 everyone is encouraged to eat, think, create and the rest, as you never know what else might happen in Cobargo. It's just that kind of place.

To see the full program just google Eat, Think, Create, Cobargo facebook.

Suzy McKinnon

Bega Valley Rural Australians for Refugees: Refugee Week 14-20 June

Australia has international obligations to protect the human rights of all asylum seekers and refugees who arrive in Australia, regardless of how or where they arrive and whether they arrive with or without a visa.

There are currently more than 27 000 people seeking asylum in Australia. The majority are people subject to bridging visas, with 6000 people held in detention, many for more than two years.

In the Bega Valley, community members have come together to work through the Bega Valley Rural Australians for Refugees (BVRAR) to raise awareness

about our obligations, hold our Government to account, and provide practical support and friendship to people fleeing persecution and seeking protection as refugees.

Last year local families supported asylum seekers visiting the Bega Valley as part of a respite, home host program. Cobargo has the following activities:

Tuesday 16 June at 12 noon: Letter writing day at Well Thumbed Books, come along a write a letter to a politician to express your concerns about the treatment of asylum seekers; or write a letter to an asylum seeker to extend your friendship.

Saturday 20 June at 11am: Local

author Isobel Blackthorn will launch her new book *Asylum*. The launch of Isobel's book will raise funds to support BVRAR activities. If you can't make the launch you can donate money via Well Thumbed Books.

Save these dates in your diary and join one of the activities to learn more and stand up for what we should be doing to protect the human rights of asylum seekers.

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MINI TED EX Trail Riders Cruise up the Creek

Following last year's successful inaugural Mini-Ted Ex at Well Thumbed Books, you are invited to come again to the shop from 10am on Saturday, 6 June. Stimulate your brain with four provocative and challenging speakers giving a local perspective to national issues.

For example, following the widespread interest in domestic violence provoked by Rosie Batty, 2015 Australian of the Year, our own Ludo McFerran will talk to us about the latest national and international policy developments. Ludo is one of the most respected and longest-serving advocates for women's rights and for safety in this country, and is now lending her expertise to international organisations. Her reflections will almost certainly be provocative, and help broaden the debate.

Well Thumbed Books will host this event on Saturday morning. Each speaker will reflect on the four women winners of the Australians of the Year 2015. They will speak on charities, the scourge of domestic violence, living in a deaf world and improving literacy.

These talks may take you out of your comfort zone but no doubt they will get you thinking. The legendary food provided at all Well Thumbed Books events will also be on offer.

Donations for eating this delicious food will be given to Bega Valley Rural Australians for Refugees (BVRAR). You will also be able to pick up information on the newly formed group, Grandmothers Against Children in Detention (and their supporters and friends, FROGS). So set aside a few hours to feed your brain, eat delicious food and support those who challenge us all to create a safer, more just society – and catch up with friends!

Heather O'Connor



Sunday morning ride out: Meg, Kate, Danielle, Julie, Robyn, Jenni, Pauline, Lyle, Richard and June

Like days of old (or so I'm told as I wasn't living here then), riders loaded their camping gear into the back-up vehicles and readied their mounts for the 4-5 hour trek along Wandella creek. The headwaters of the Tuross River were in our sights and a campover evening with great food and camaraderie was to be the reward for all the hard packing and organising. A trusting group of hopeful riders set off across the paddocks and into the forest with Richard Tarlinton competently in the lead. So long as we kept to the track we were assured of safe passage...for those who carelessly ventured even centimetres off the proscribed path, potential disaster awaited in the form of quicksand which was totally invisible to the untrained eye. Suffice it to say, June learned the hard way and will well remember her important life lesson!

It was a gorgeous ride, following the often spectacular Wandella Creek with its rock walls, rain forest gullies, sandy stretches and fast flowing waters.

The campground at the junction of the Tuross was expansive, grassy and well shaded around the edges so we were able to find great spaces for our horse yards and sheltered sites for tents and swags. As usual

we ate like kings and socialised around the campfire till the rigours of the day won out and we all snuggled up to the sound of light rain falling on our shelters. All riders expressed gratitude towards the back-up crew who braved the dusty, rocky, rough fire trail to bring our gear...and eskies... into camp and to then set up the club gazebo and get a fire going for welcome cuppas...and other sustaining beverages.

The Cobargo Horse and Trail Riders Club welcomes new members...we ride in the local area with opportunities to ride further afield if you are adventurous. Enquiries to Richard 6493 7263

Julie Moore

Gardening Workshop

From Cobargo Creators and ETC: First Steps in Gardening Workshop with food producer Janet Doolin and horticulturalist Lindy Marshall.

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Quaama May Fair sure hasn't gone to the dogs...

Once again the weather gods smiled upon Quaama for the May Fair on Saturday 2 May.

Despite dire predictions it was a warm, sunny day. Perfect weather for maypole dancing!

Mallacoota duo 'The Awesome' were a highlight on the verandah, performing swing, jazz, pop, Latin, classics and some originals too. Milena Cifali, on guitar and vocals, and Jim Horvath, on bass and percussion, even wrote a song to herald the first-ever Quaama Dog Show, even if they did have to borrow some canine-themed lines from other songs. I had no idea there were so many classic songs about dogs!

The Quaama Can't Sing Choir performed a short set with the help of Di Manning, luckily back in town to visit as present choir leader Dave Hooper couldn't be there. Just like old times. I've seen a list of new songs the choir's taking on next and there are some crackers there! Looking forward to the next performance immensely.

And the Quaama Drama Troupe presented a skit they'd written themselves, aptly about a cake competition, and got some wry laughs.

Speaking of cooking competitions, Fiona Drum from Quaama scored the



Jim Horvath of 'The Awesome' serenaded Quaama's dogs with a specially-commissioned song at the May Fair.

trifecta this time, cleaning up in all three categories without, apparently, resorting to the tactics outlined in the play. And Frank Irving of Bega won the photography guessing competition, correctly identifying Tathra Caravan Park, Nimmitabel Bakery and Uluru from the air (in case you were

still puzzling over them).

The Quaama Quisine ladies were kept busy doling out lasagne, frittata, soups, tea, coffee and cakes and made a record profit for future Progress Association activities. In fact, they are now so flush with cash they are calling on the community to propose ventures or projects requiring seed funding.

So if you or your group has an idea and needs a bit of dosh to get started, get in touch with QPA Secretary Glennda Heino on 6493 8414 to talk about getting a proposal together.

Congratulations to all involved for another great Fair. A handful of hardworking vollies puts these events on for us, so if you'd like to raise a smile by lending a hand at the next one, contact Glennda on 6493 8414.

Hall Garden

In other news, the Gardening Group is looking for new members and volunteers for a working bee. Call Pam Thistlewaite on 6493 8548. Now that the garden's established it's just maintenance that's needed, like fertilising, pruning, a little weeding. Then a cuppa and a chat.

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...but the Quaama dogs stole the show that day!

It was a great turn-out for the inaugural Quaama Dog Show at the May Fair on Saturday 2 May. 'The Awesome' opened the show with a specially-commissioned *Ode to Dogs* (sorry, I missed the real title). Then owners led their furry charges around a lap for an appreciative crowd. Nerves tightened as the formalities commenced; Chief Judge was Lisa Harrington from Harro's Dog Grooming Salon in Cobargo.

The advertised three categories of Waggiest and Smileiest, Most Talented and Smallest were loosely followed but in view of the wealth of canine quality on display, some supplementary prizes were awarded.

So, in no particular order, the prize-winners were: Waggiest Dog – Buddy Rixon (although I'm sure he jumped the gun on this one); Smileiest Dog was Jackie's Bonnie, the happiest three-legged dog in Quaama; and Most Talented – Rose's Ziggy (Rose points her hand like a pistol, says BANG, and Ziggy drops and rolls over, and if you didn't know how Rose dotes on that kelpie it may appear a little macabre).

Lookalike Dog/Owner were deerhound Goose and Chris, who was leading his other dog Maggie the lurcher at the time and had to switch leads quickly with his partner Olivia, who was leading



Chris Post and Goose the deerhound – lookalikes

Goose but doesn't look like her at all; and Cleanest Teeth went to Tequila the staffie, who despite being well past puppyhood has shiny-white pegs, a credit to her owners

Dee and Jackie (another Jackie). Chris lodged an immediate protest as Maggie had lost most of her teeth during her pre-rescue life, but it was over-ruled by the judges.

There was also a special prize for The Rescue Dog With The Best Story. This was shared between Bhagya's Freda and Freya's Leelu.

Freda was a puppy-farm mum and came to Bhagya very unsure of how to live outside a cage or relate to people or other dogs. That was eighteen months ago and she has progressed in leaps and bounds. And Leelu was the last puppy left of a litter of eight the day Freya's family visited the RSPCA. How sad is that? Of course they snatched her up and she's an angel.

It was a tough choice for Judge Lisa: "I believe that of about 20 entrants at the show, all but two were rescue dogs."

Thanks to the Cobargo Vets for donating so many bags of treats that no dog went away empty-pawed, and to Lisa for her expert judging and her donation for Most Talented (Ziggy) of a bath voucher at her salon.

Go to www.quaama.org.au for photos. Denise Matthews, who manages the website, took some lovely portraits of the entrants and can supply high resolution versions if desired. Contact her via the Contact Form on the website.



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Toilet protest: We pee and we vote!

When Bega Council announced their plan to put locks on the Quaama toilet block, they weren't prepared for the backlash.

Council wanted to upgrade the public toilets beside the Hall, then lock them and hand responsibility for them to the Hall Committee, essentially having them open only during Hall events. They would be locked off to anyone caught short on the way home from school, say, or getting off the bus, or just wandering around the village and needing a visit.

In the absence of good bushy cover in the vicinity, Bhagya, a member of the Hall Committee, took it upon herself to grab the bull by its municipal horns and stand up for Quaamese rights.

So on the afternoon of 20 May you may have noticed some Council types loitering around the toilet block. BVSC



illustration by Naomi Lewis

Community Development Trainee Ben Thomas was there, and Simon Schweitzer, Community Services Manager, and Tim Bosnjak, Community Relations. OK, they were there to meet any interested members of the community. And hey, did some interested members show up! About 50 of us.

Word had got out that they were

going to lock our loo and we weren't having any of it.

We stood around talking about our weak bladders and prostate issues. We pleaded the case of travellers buying petrol at the shop, kids on their way home from school, locals stopping for their mail after a day's work in Bega and still having a 20 minute drive out to Upper Brogo... I think the Council guys got the message.

"We were really surprised at the response,"

said Ben Thomas. I bet they were. "We were really happy." Hmm. "We had a similar meeting in Tathra lately when we proposed closing the walking track, and Tathra's much bigger than Quaama but not nearly so many people turned up," he said. "This really does raise some concerns."

Jen Severn

Reclaim the Riverbank - April and May

A small but enthusiastic and happy group met on 25 April to carry out our revegetation work. Recent rains had brought the river level up over some of the planted area, but all the plants survived, even though some of the paper tree guards were washed away.

We spent about an hour repairing the damage and planting more further up the bank. The group then took a walk through the area further east of the bridge where

some preparatory weed control has been done.

Council is offering another round of environmental grants and the Dry River/Reclaim the Riverbank group will submit another application. If successful the money will be used in part to hire contractors to clear the dead blackberry and honeysuckle, thus making way for our group to come in and begin planting in the cleared areas.

We have also engaged someone to run a bush regeneration workshop which will take place at our next meeting (see next page). **The next riverside meeting will be Saturday June 27th, 9.30-11.30am.**

With just a few people a lot can be achieved in two hours. We hope to see you there, and thank you to those who were able to come this month.

Rose Chaffey

New childcare option now available in town

Since Janie Wetzler closed her long-running Family Day Care service in 2009, Quaama families have had to go to Cobargo or Bega for daytime care for littlies. But now Quaama has a Family Day Care again. Charmaine Lucas has opened Little Charms in Bermagum St and has openings for 0-6 year olds.

Charmaine teaches casually at Bega High and Quaama School and is currently completing a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. She has taught Austswim, has a degree in nutrition and worked as an educator in the Healthy Harold van touring South Coast schools. Perhaps the best qualification of all: she and her husband Dan have four children.

Charmaine taught full-time from 2009 until last year but with Zahli still being two years away from kindy she decided to create a way to spend more time with her and fill a need in the Quaama community too.

Besides, "We moved to Quaama in 2013 but I felt like I was spending all my time in Bega, or in the car," she told me. "We moved to Quaama to enjoy it."

Both Charmaine and Dan went to Bega High and have supportive families in Brogo.

Little Charms is registered with Bega Family Day Care. "They've been an enormous support to me helping to create my business," said Charmaine. "They've

helped me understand childcare costs and changes and they offer ongoing courses to help and educate me even further."

Charmaine is keen to involve the local community, which has much to offer children, such as art and craft, science, literacy, numeracy, gardening and music skills. She says, "People can contact me on my phone number if they have any ideas to contribute as I would really like to include the diversity that Quaama and surrounds has to offer."

Excursions are also a big part of Charmaine's program. Story time in both Bermagui and Bega is becoming a regular excursion for her little group, and they recently attended a sports day in Bega run in conjunction with National Family Daycare week.



Tots learn some kitchen skills at Little Charms.

Contact Charmaine on 0424 176 151 or littlecharms40@yahoo.com.au for an information pack.

Jen Severn

Bush Regeneration Workshop

Dry River Landcare Group is hosting a bush regeneration workshop on Saturday 27 June. It will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Dry River Rest Area on the Princes Highway, Quaama.

The workshop is funded through the Bega Valley Shire Council's Community Environment Grants. There is no charge to participate. It will replace the normal monthly working bee held down at the river reserve.

The course will cover the best practice weed control for a variety of environmental and noxious weeds present in the Bega Valley.

If you would like to attend, RSVP by either emailing dryriverlandcare@gmail.com or by phoning 0411 594 092.

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In case you haven't noticed ... half the year has just flown by. Seems like the world spins faster as you get older! Winter is now upon us, with the sounds of chainsaws and the smell of wood smoke in the air, as all the slow combustion heaters get cranked up. Nice to have a bit of rain recently – we gardeners are pleased to have the moisture in the soil going into winter. Gold star to those who had the foresight to put a bit of fertiliser down before the rain came.

Our little town certainly received its 15 minutes of fame recently, with reporters trawling the streets and scenes of Bermagui on national television news broadcasts. Sadly it was all for the wrong reason, with the tragic death of Canberra woman, Daniela D'Addario, murdered as a result of violence at the hands of her male partner. She became the 32nd woman in NSW to be killed in a domestic dispute this year ... not a great statistic!

The Cuttagee community spent a worried night with the manhunt of the alleged perpetrator in process, but luckily, all ended with the man being arrested.

Most of us feel safe and secure in our

community, isolated and insulated from the violence of our cities and larger towns. Maybe our age of innocence is over, with locals left shaking their heads saying "This just doesn't happen in Bermagui!"



Red Cross members Heather Sobey (left) and Annette Irvine collecting donations for the Nepal earthquake survivors

If you, or someone you know, are affected by domestic violence, ring the National Domestic Family Violence counselling service on 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or the NSW Domestic Violence 24 hour service on 1800 656 463.

New Slide for Triple Seven.

For those of us who dreaded the tug-o-war with the front door of Triple Seven in Bermagui – fear no more. A new door has been installed! You can now slip into 777 without fighting the door (although, being new it's still a little stiff). Having a chat to some of the 777 staff members, they report a noticeable downturn in customers and sales, especially the BBQ chickens... wonder why? So, come on Bermagui – let's support our local businesses a little more. 777 stocks some really great specialist grocery items that can only be bought there. For all those gourmet cooks out there, the range of continental and

international groceries is quite astounding. Have you ever tried their fresh paté or fresh cheeses? You don't have to go to Cobargo, 777 carries Benny's Meats as well. Tilba milk and cream are always available. So give the cook a night off and go buy a BBQ chicken from 777, especially if you live on the north side. Let's all 'Buy Close By', and get behind our local businesses. We really don't want to see empty shops in the future.

Red Cross for Nepal

Members of the Bermagui Red Cross were out and about in Lamont Street recently calling for donations for the earthquake victims in Nepal. We all looked at our TV screens with horror as images of this terrible tragedy came into view. Many wondered, "How can I help?" Well, our lovely Red Cross members decided that they would do something by setting up a small stall in Lamont Street to raise funds for Nepal. Annette Irvine, from Bermagui Red Cross said, "Bermagui people are amazingly generous, the total raised was \$2033.55."

Red Cross would like to sincerely thank the Bermagui community for its generosity in this appeal. It is amazing how big the heart of a small town is.

Red Cross also administers the Bermagui Markets held on the last Sunday of the month. Our little markets have been running for many years, with loyal stallholders returning, rain, hail or shine every month. The winter season for the markets is usually a bit slow, but what better way to spend those crisp, clear winter mornings than wandering around our own markets. Stall holder fees go to the Red Cross to continue its work in Bermagui and in other places.

'Real' Challenge

Good luck to Gary Cotterill, owner of Bermagui Real Estate, and his business partner Paul O'Leary as they embark on a new venture in real estate. Gary and Paul are about to open a new real estate agency in Narooma. Called Clearwater Real Estate, it will promote both Narooma and Bermagui properties. We wish them every success.

New Kid on the Block – an interview with Woolworths

With the Woolworths supermarket grand opening on Easter Saturday being a resounding success, there are still rumblings around town about the negative effects it will have on our community,



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Carolyn Banados and Maralyn Callaghan

so I thought I would have a chat to store manager Craig Scott about his plans for their integration into our community.

Craig said that Woolworths has made a huge investment with its new store, and wants to see our community grow in the future. He would like people to know that they are not about to 'take over' but would rather be seen as enhancing our community. He plans to get involved with other local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce. As well, they have adopted the Surf Club and Primary School to support in the local community.

Woolworths' is now our biggest employer, with 60 local people on staff, including a number of designated positions for indigenous people. After a probationary period some workers will be offered permanent positions. Other benefits on offer from Woolworths include traineeships to further careers with the store.

We talked about Woolworths environmental policies and Craig told me that all organic waste was sent to a local farm, all other waste was recycled. There is also a bin at the front of the store where customers can bring their plastic bags for recycling. I told him I was not a fan of the over packaging of deli meats or fruit and veg, and he gave me an explanation of why this happens. I think on this one we will have to agree to disagree.

When asked what he would say to people who fear other local businesses will close simply because they cannot compete with Woolworths prices, Craig said that it was all about competition. Woolworths is in the business of making money, and therefore will be competitive.



Some of the delicious produce on sale at the Bermagui Growers' Markets

However, it is up to us, as members of the Bermagui community, to support ALL our local businesses. Sometimes it may mean spending a couple of dollars more to keep a local business going and keep others in their jobs.

Winter Break for Growers' Markets

The Bermagui Fishermen's Wharf Growers' Market will be closed until August to allow producers a well-earned break and to restock ready for spring. The

markets have had a very successful first season with a huge variety of produce and local products. Organiser Lynne Ford said that after consulting with stallholders, it is hoped that the markets will be run on a weekly basis. However, this will depend on the formation of a working group to help keep the markets going.

Lynne would like to hear from people willing to volunteer their time to assist on market days one day per month, and for their efforts, they will be given a dollar value voucher to be used at the Growers' Market. As well, new ideas are welcome to 'push this market to another level,' said Lynne.

The markets have such a lovely ambience and the potential to get bigger and better by going weekly. A big thank you goes to all the stallholders and to the loyal customers who frequent the markets. Also, huge thanks to all those who assist with the organisation.

If you would like to volunteer with the markets, please phone Lynne Ford on 0425 711 795 or check out their Facebook page.

Local Celebration

River Rock Café turns 10! On Friday 26 June, Bermagui's River Rock Café will celebrate 10 years of 'River Rockin''. Come join the celebrations – bring your voice, your instruments and your dancing shoes for a fun night. Kicks off at 5pm. Food available and it's BYO.

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CRABs journey to Sydney to see what happens to the money raised

Bermagui and district CRABs group in conjunction with the Cancer Council of NSW Bega branch undertook a research trip to Sydney recently.

Professor David Thwaites, a medical physicist from the University of Sydney, gave a talk on what can be achieved with the funds raised and donated to the Cancer Council of NSW.

Professor Thwaites told the CRABs delegation that improvements in the effectiveness of radiotherapy treatments for cancer patients could be achieved by better understanding the limitations of different methods and technologies used for radiotherapy treatment. Fundraising for the Cancer Council of NSW resulting in the research grant, promises to improve effectiveness and patient outcomes.

After Professor Thwaites's talk, the group went to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Oncology Research Department to see the current technology being used for radiation treatment.

A total of 93 vital cancer research projects were funded by Cancer Council NSW in 2013. In 2014 \$5.4 million was committed to funding over three years of sixteen new research endeavours.

Research grants targeted bone and corrective tissue, lung, liver, and childhood cancers, stomach, prostate, cervical, all leukaemias and melanoma to name some.



CRABs members went to Sydney to see what the money they raise buys for cancer research.

Next time you have the chance to win a meat raffle, or even 'the tinnie,' please dig deep and support our CRABs and the vital cancer research projects funded by your generosity.

Maralyn Callaghan



Happy birthday Frank

Congratulations on your 90th birthday Frank Wintle. Frank was born on 19 April 1925 in Bermagui, the only child of Andy and Jessie Blacka. Andy was one of eleven children born to Emily Wintle, for whom Wintles Rock off Murrunna Point is named. He later settled in Sydney with Lorna who he married in 1951. They returned to Bermagui in 1963 where their two children Shirley and Steve were raised.

Best wishes Frank from all of us in the Triangle, you are a much loved citizen of Bermagui.

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Book Launch an Anzac Day Centenary Project

The book *BERMAGUI CITIZENS who served in WORLD WAR I* was launched at the Bermagui Public School on 24 April. It was formally presented the next day by the school to the local Returned and Services League Sub-Branch, at the main Anzac Day service at the War Memorial, as a gift to the Bermagui community. Student leaders Tia Bismire and Ryan Holdsworth, with Acting Principal Brendan Constable, presented the book, specially mounted for the occasion. At the 11am service, some of these students read of the 67 service personnel covered in the book.

The Bermagui RSL Sub-Branch endorsed the publishing of the book and Bermagui Public School willingly came on board to use a student group to do initial research and writing from the World War I service records in the National Archives. Neil Rutherford, then Principal of the School, now retired, in consultation with

staff, had the wisdom to task the student input to the 2014 Years 4/5 Class, guided by their teacher Lynne Daly. Consequently those students, still as a group of the

– which made the efforts of these primary students even more remarkable.

Neville Staehr, President, and Roy Davies OAM, Secretary, of the RSL Sub-Branch, then presented each of the 26 Project Team members with a Certificate of Appreciation. They also presented a plaque to the school to mark the achievement.

Copies of the book are available free from the Bermagui Public School (ph 6493 4271) or the Bermagui RSL Sub-Branch (ph 6493 3361). The School and the Sub-Branch are joint publishers. The book may also be borrowed from the Shire's Bermagui and Bega libraries.

I still welcome any material relevant to the book, especially portrait photographs which may have eluded me to date. Please contact me on 6493 3884.

Dave Richard-Preston



"I declare launched!" says Peter Lacey as students hold up their copies of *BERMAGUI CITIZENS who served in WORLD WAR I*.

Project Team, were able to see the project to fruition at the book launch and on Anzac Day.

As Project Coordinator and Editor of the book, I included in my remarks at the launch that such projects are usually undertaken at the secondary school level

International Day 2015: CWA have Toga Party for Italian studies

In late April the Bermagui CWA Branch held their annual International Day. This year's country of study is Italy and a Toga Party seemed like a good way to experience some ancient history! Bermagui members spoke on different topics as Senators for the day.

We had a wonderful day. Everyone got into the spirit of the occasion, dressing up and participating in the activities. Highlights included: Roman Numerals Bingo; Vigniti Problemati (20 Questions); a Chariot Race and Roman Statues.

Colouring pages by the Bermagui Public School students were on display along with Roman columns, pottery and abundant ivy.

Food prepared by the ladies was mostly based on authentic recipes from the era, including Oven Roasted Dormice (with chicken substituting for the dormice!). The drink of choice of course was a chilled glass of vino!

Chris Richard-Preston

(International Officer, Bermagui and District CWA)



Shirley Carter, Chris Richard-Preston and Teri Hopkins dressed up and ready to go at the recent Toga Party held by the CWA for International Day 2015. The chosen country of study for this year is Italy

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The Triangle's Eco Edge Competition

Local environmental company AKT sponsors a page in *The Triangle* every month. Our brief is pretty broad: the page is to be on environmental themes. So we thought we'd devote part of the page to local environmental news, and open the rest to you, the readership, in a competition.

Every month we will publish the best creative, environmental contribution – story, essay, poem, painting,

drawing or photograph we receive. So look around and start writing, drawing and photographing. There's a wealth of inspiration around us. The overall winner each year receives \$400.

This month's contribution, a photograph and accompanying words, is from Elizabeth Andalis of Cobargo.

Volcano in Cobargo



Last month, the main street of Cobargo saw some excited footpath traffic with the formation of a 'volcano' in the clouds to the west of the village. Locals marvelled at the sight as the late afternoon sky transformed from this vision into a stunningly colourful, vibrant array of autumn brilliance, continuing to provide spectacular skies that have greeted us every morning and evening.

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As a corporate entity AKT understands well that, over and above book balances, whenever possible companies need to shoulder the additional burdens and special social demands of their own local community.



Well, one day winter is with us and the next it's spring again! We are experiencing some glorious days in Tilba. How good are some of our sunrises?

The crowds have thinned and we are slipping into our quiet time. This of course is a struggle for businesses, but time to catch up and prepare for the next wave of visitors in the spring.

Music is still in the air with regular offerings from The Drom and My Heaven on Earth, so rug up and come along and support these local businesses and musicians.

Talking about The Drom – they are offering breaky every day now that Julian and Jenna have moved on. Very sad to see the Tea Pot close after the guys worked so hard, and provided great food for a couple of years. I am sadly going to miss my Tilba Salad lunches! Good luck to Julian and Jenna in your future endeavours and thanks for the hard yards you put in. Missing Susie and all the girls also.

Cliff and Sherry down at Pam's Store are also providing breakfast, so hats off to you and to Mick and Maz (and Jeff and Mardy) at The Drom for racking up the eggs and bacon for our early visitors and locals.

Talking about Jeff, he had his 50th Birthday on 17 May which gave us a good reason to celebrate at The Drom – with some good tucker and great music! A good time was had by all – as you can see from the picture. Happy Birthday Jeff.

Of course, another big hats off must go to the Anzac Day committee for the absolutely fabulous display put on for Anzac Day 100th Year Anniversary. A long year of hard work went into getting this display up and running. So to Harry, Norm, Kathy, Sue, Tony and Di a big thank you – and anyone else who was involved.



What a party at the Drom - Happy birthday, Jeff

You did the town proud. The turnout for our annual Anzac Day service was fantastic, with the sun shining, many took in the display and enjoyed a cuppa. I am pleased to announce that \$140 was donated to Legacy being the proceeds of the 'bucket' at the morning tea table. A big thank you to all the Anzac Biscuit bakers ... much discussion was had on the pros and cons of chewy over crunchy. Thank you also to all the participants in the march and the service. Small town with a lot of feeling.

I have to give myself a thumbs down ... last month I omitted to mention the birth of beautiful Kiori Sandy to Phil and Zoe, a little sister for Zayd. Congratulations to you all. Been a long time since a baby was born at Tilba Tilba.

Talking about babies, I am thrilled to announce that the Tilba Easter Festival committee has been able to work with

Council to co-fund a baby change facility in Central Tilba. It will be erected in the disabled toilet facility in town. Whilst I don't have a baby, it has long been a thorn in my side to see babies being changed in car boots or on the ground. The distribution of donations from the Festival is yet to be finalised, so I will update in next issue.

Please let me know if you have anything you want mentioned in *The Triangle* – no doubt you can see that I need help!

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Cool plate eases the transition

Finally, the cool plate we fundraised for last year at the 'Demystifying Death & Dying Life Event' is ready and available for community use!

Cool plates are quite new to the Australian context of after death care - they enable families to take their time in those precious and often confusing days immediately following a death. It is simply placed on the bed, under the torso of the body, and is cooled by a small compressor. It is easily transportable.

By being able to slow down the process between death and the funeral arrangements, you are literally able to take a breath and begin the task of knowing what is best for you, your family and community. It also allows a normalising of death by placing it within the home and community environment - allowing people to meet death on their own terms.

Our community cool plate will be available to those people who wish to conduct a vigil or simply keep their loved one at home for a while after they have died before needing to engage the services of a Funeral Director.

The Australian Health Department Regulations allow for families to keep the body of their family member or friend at home for up to five days for personal and cultural reasons. Most people wish only to extend their time by a few hours, overnight or a couple of days.

The Cool Plate provides an opportunity to slow down and care for ourselves and our loved ones in this very important time in all of our lives.

It is a simple solution - very easy to use!

The cool plate will be stored at Nardy House, which has 24 hour access. This appealed to me because Nardy House is a community inspired project also.

The Bega Valley Hospice Group are a volunteer group who are happy to undertake the administration of the cool plate. They aspire to improve palliative care service options in the Bega Valley and see the cool plate as another valuable tool to support people caring for their loved ones at home as they transition out of life.

To borrow the cool plate ring Nardy House on 6493 8120. For more information ring Julie Roberts (BVHG) on 6493 8586.

The amount raised was \$4076.80.

Heartfelt thanks again to all of the community members who helped make this happen!

Debra Summer
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Debra Summer with the cool plate and equipment.

Following is a breakdown of how the funds were spent:

Cost of cool plate.....	\$2928.25
Gassing of cool plate.....	\$184.80
Protective carry bag for cool plate.....	\$360.00
Hall hire for 'Demystifying Death & Dying Life Event'.....	\$233.75
Start up donation to Bega Vally Hospice Group for petrol & admin etc....	\$370.00



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A Mad Hatter meets the Dodo Society



Dillbird by Sharyn Wotton with felted hat by Cathy Blake

From June 27 to July 25, The Cobargo Creators Centre will host *A Mad Hatter meets the Dodo Society* exhibition featuring works from two local fibre artists. Part of

the Creators' feature artist program, this exhibition will take pride of place in the centre of Black Wattle Gallery and presents mixed media birds, dolls, hats and odd objects from the imaginations of Cathy Blake and Sharyn Wotton.

Felt and feathers, fabrics, beads, paint, paper and yarn, coaxed and hassled into objects of amusement or delight, to wear or contemplate, these whimsies will keep your head warm and your brain entertained.

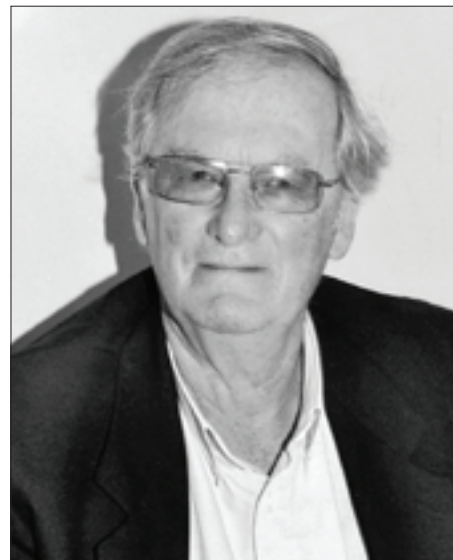
Cathy and Sharyn met at the Quaama/Cobargo quilt club and are both founding members of The Frayed Edges of Quaama, an adult playgroup for fibre artists.

Sharyn is a slave to fibre arts, having had an interest in cloth dolls since 1999 and more recently in mixed media birds. Cathy has always sewed for recreation, always deviated from the pattern, took up quilting in 1987, and intends to spend the rest of her creative life playing with whatever medium next takes her fancy.

Please join the artists and their guests for the opening from 10.30am on Saturday 27 June. Refreshments will be provided along with live music by Jay McMahon. The Cobargo Creators Centre is at 60 Princes Highway Cobargo.

Veronica Abbott

Of Bluebells and Barbed-wire



Local author, essayist and critic, Ian McFarlane

Ian McFarlane's new essay, *Of Bluebells and Barbed-wire*, reflects on how places of natural beauty (from the Isle of Wight off the south coast of England to Murunna Point at the entrance to Wallaga Lake) have helped sustain a personal journey towards the joy and sadness of writing, and the subsequent sorrow of losing faith with a literary system where profit margins, publicity and 'pitch' have become aggressive marketing tools.

The essay is published by the innovatively independent South Australian publisher, Ginninderra Press (www.ginninderrapress.com.au) in chapbook form as part of their new Pocket Places series, and revisits a pre-digital past in a chaotically cyberspace present to suggest that our future is linked to where we began, how we survived, and ultimately, why we even bothered.

Ian is an award-winning author, essayist and literary critic, and lives at Wallaga Lake with his wife, Mary.

Ian McFarlane

Launch of *Asylum* by Isobel Blackthorn

Local author Isobel Blackthorn will be launching her first novel, *Asylum*, at Well Thumbed Books on Saturday 20 June at 11 am as part of Refugee Week, along with guest speaker Rosemary Beaumont. *Asylum* is a colourful tale of English-born visa overstayer Yvette Grimm's struggle to stay in Australia. The novel is set in Cobargo and Perth against the backdrop of asylum seekers held in detention.

"I know what it's like to overstay a visa and try to get residency through the back door," Isobel says. But *Asylum* isn't memoir.

"I wanted to make a contribution to the discussion on refugees," says Isobel, "and I guess this is my way of going about it."

Rosemary, who has known Isobel for many years, says she's delighted to help launch her first novel.

At the launch 10% of sales will be donated to Bega Valley Rural Australians for Refugees. *Asylum* will be released by Odyssey Books on 2 June.



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17 May: International Day against Homophobia

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Janna

International day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT).

WRC was very pleased to be able to support and promote this important event. IDAHOT, held annually on 17 May.

WRC held an art workshop to produce original postcards that are to be displayed as a part of the *Plethora of Postcards* exhibition at Spiral Gallery. The exhibition opens on Friday 24 July and runs till Wednesday 19 August.

Creators aimed to produce postcards that would increase knowledge and raise



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awareness of IDAHOT.

The artworks also celebrate sexual and gender diversity in the Bega Valley.

Got a story in you? Everyone has! Enter the Olga SS Award

It is a great pleasure to announce that the Olga Masters Short Story Competition is being held again in 2015, due to the generosity of a local patron. All the details of the competition can be found on the revamped web-site, www.olgamastersshortstoryaward.com.au.

The competition celebrates the life and work of Olga Masters, whose early career started here in Cobargo, and is again supported by her remaining six children and her grandchildren, who are negotiating

with each other to see who will be the judges for this year. The competition is open to any Australian resident and carries a first prize of \$1500, with \$500 awarded for the runner-up.

Stories must be 2000-5000 words, on the subject of Australian rural family life.

A competition such as this can only occur with substantial voluntary commitment. Jen Severn has built the website with the assistance of Christine Poulton, while the volunteers at *The*

Triangle are helping with the financial administration. Last year the judges read over 115 entries; it is hoped that this year sees just as much interest. The make-up of the judging panel will be published as soon as details are finalised.

The competition is open for entries now. Check out the web-site and pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested.

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Our local Triangle artists who have donated works are: Rhonda Ayliffe, Pauline Balos, Joy Georgeson, John Gosch, Doris Kruse-Hoyne, Daniel Lafferty, Naomi Lewis, Jenny Mein, Helen Morris, Gabrielle Powell, Steve Stafford and Rona Walker.

Nat Kirby



Warmth for both the body and the soul at Lazy Lizard

This month we have displays of work in both the Side Room and the main gallery that will help banish those winter chills!

Patto, long time Lazy Lizard member, is best known for her quirky, original beadwork, but she is also a member of the Frayed Edges Fibre Art Group, and has quite a reputation for her skill and creativity with fabric and fibre. To cheer us all up as the days get colder, she has produced a new series of her stunning baskets, all decorated with colourful materials, fibres and beadwork. Each basket is a work of art as well as an everyday treasure to be loved and used.

Patto lives with her husband on the edge of the Brogo wilderness and has been creating beaded jewellery for over twenty years. She now sells her work not only at the Lazy Lizard, but also at the new Holey Glass Beadery that she opened in Cobargo this year with another very talented bead expert, Elizabeth Andalis. She also has a really good website www.pattospieces.com

Felt 'n Quilt is our Side Room exhibition by Helen Stafford for the month of June.

People who are familiar with Helen's colourful hand-knitted beanies and mittens and snuggly felted neck cowls will certainly love this show. Helen's felting and knitted hats will be on display along with a selection of quilts by her mother-in-law, Fay Stafford... just the thing for cold weather!

Evidently, Helen started quilting more



One of the many beautiful bags made by Patto

than 30 years ago, but then mother-in-law Fay decided that she would also like to have a go at patchwork and quilting. Fay became so prolific in quilt production, that Helen decided that there was no need for her to continue and branched out into other areas, so now we can enjoy her lovely felted and knitted garments as well as Fay's quilts!

Fay Stafford became a founding member and president of the Cessnock Quilters and Embroiderers. Her specialty is hand quilting and whenever she was visiting, she would always join the Quaama/Cobargo Quilters at the CWA Cottage.

So drop by the Lazy Lizard to get rid of those winter chills! Helen will be in attendance on Saturday mornings through June to demonstrate felting, chat and sell some supplies for felting and quilting.

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Time for a good prune as plants are dormant

Well here we are well into another winter and the time is right to catch up with many tasks in the garden that need to be done to rejuvenate plants and catch up with the jobs that were missed during the warmer months.

During this month it is a good time to commence pruning in the rose garden and orchard as most of these plants will now be dormant. Up until now with warmer autumn weather it has been a bit early to prune with the sap in the plants still running. Pruning roses before they are totally dormant will encourage them to shoot, with these shoots being damaged with a heavy frost.

Roses should be pruned reasonably hard, as the more new growth that is encouraged the more blooms will appear in late spring. If you are unsure of the severity of pruning then these few tips will help.

Initially remove all dead or damaged wood.

Remove any branches that are crossing over another branch or are growing into the centre of the bush. The idea is to keep the centre of the bush open in a vase shape to allow for better air circulation. This will decrease the possibility of fungal diseases when the plants come into leaf again in spring.

Reduce all the other growth by as much as half, remembering to ensure you have live buds below the cut and the uppermost bud is pointing away from the centre of the plant - basically pointing in the direction you want the new growth to point.

An important fact to remember when doing your roses is not to prune the bushes that have only one flowering period in

spring. These roses flower on the current season growth and if pruned in winter there will be no flowers. Pruning of these roses takes place in late spring after they have flowered. This applies to many old fashioned or climbing roses.

The pruning of deciduous fruit trees is a bit more complicated and if you are unsure of the technique I suggest you contact a professional horticulturist for some help. Fruit trees develop fruit buds on different types of wood so it is important to know these so you don't cut off established fruiting spurs, particularly on apples and pears.



When all the roses and trees have been pruned, complete a spray of winter insecticide and fungicide to remove any over-wintering insect pests and fungal problems.

Pruning of Hydrangeas should also now take place and a similar method of pruning to roses is recommended. Hydrangeas flower on growth that has been made in spring on new season wood so the more that this is encouraged the more flowers you will have.

Now is also a good time to divide and relocate summer flowering bulbs like

Dahlia and other herbaceous perennials. Divide them with a sharpened spade and dust with a fungicide to prevent any damage to the cut. Plant them in the new position with a combination of cow manure and a handful of blood and bone to the existing soil. Remember that most herbaceous perennials like a well drained soil, so slightly raised garden beds in full sun are the ideal.

Still on the theme of pruning, it should be well remembered that not every flowering tree or shrub in the garden needs to be pruned in winter. I have seen many spring flowering plants heavily pruned in winter and then no blossom appear in spring. Spring flowering trees and shrubs develop their flowering buds in late summer and autumn and if these plants require pruning, do it in late spring after flowering. They then have all the following seasons to develop new flowering wood.

Remember to ensure all your pruning tools are well sharpened and clean before you start. Cleaning the cutting tools between plants with a diluted Detol or similar will decrease the spread of infection from one plant to another.

Many of us will be thinking of a new rose or fruit tree to be planted. The most important thing to remember other than the variety is to make sure, if they are bare rooted, that there is no indication that the roots have been allowed to dry out. If they have, there is a great chance the plant will not sprout in spring thus being a waste of good money.

Happy winter gardening.

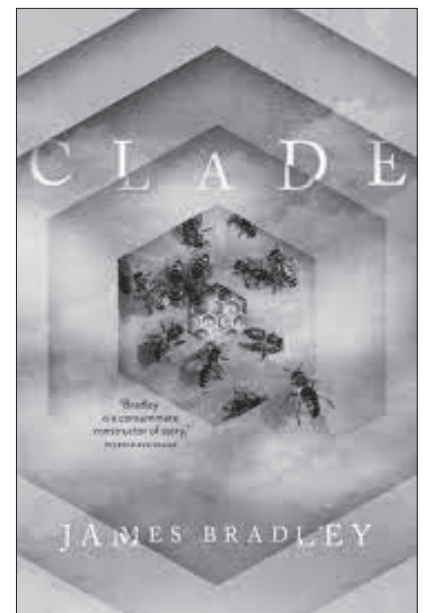
Book Review

Heather O'Connor

James Bradley *Clade*

James Bradley is one of Australia's leading younger writers, whose previous works include *Wrack*, *The Deep Field* and *The Resurrectionist*; he is also a prolific reviewer and literary critic and in each of these roles he is highly respected. *Clade*, his latest novel, has been eagerly awaited and well-received. The structure of the novel is fascinating: ten complete stories or chapters following the lives of Adam and Ellie Leith from the present day to a frightening, if realistic, future. In the first

chapter, Adam, a scientist, is absorbed by the challenges of climate change which he is studying in a remote station in Antarctica and Ellie succeeds in becoming pregnant through IVF. The second chapter introduces their daughter, Summer, and reveals the growing depression of Ellie. The story then proceeds to a rolling narrative of what our future, beset by climate change and changing technologies, may involve. It is a story which is both frightening, and strangely, encouraging. This is a highly original book and one which cements Bradley's reputation as a challenging and important Australian writer.



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Kitchen: solid timber, (Tasmanian Oak?) L-shaped, approx. 6 m of solid timber cupboards and benchtop, includes one-and-a-half stainless steel sink, plus high cupboards approx. 900mm. Good cond. Ready to be re-assembled at your place. \$1750. **Stove:** Westinghouse elec. cooktop, 4 burners, and oven with separate grill. Hardly used. \$100. **Washing machine:** LG. top loader, 6.5 kg, utterly reliable, many more good years in it, \$130. **Computer:** Dell with Microsoft package and other software, comes with top quality Canon 6-colour printer, everything worked last time it was used. Selling now on an as is basis. \$120. **Panasonic Flat Screen TV** 42 inch: superb plasma picture, immaculate as-new condition. \$220. **Floating floor:** Light coloured timber, clips together, cover approx. 10-12 square metres, \$20. Call 0429 175 187, Wallaga Lake

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Black and Decker 12v Pivot Stick Plus **Vacuum Cleaner** \$20.00, this 240v cordless stick vac reaches where others cannot, lightweight, easy to store and charge; **Kenwood Blender** \$20.00, this BL370 series blender has had very little use, comes with instruction book; **Trouser Press** \$10.00; Sunbeam Healthy **Food Dryer** 6 drawers \$40.00; call Dea on 0414 399 390, Coolagolite

Fridge, Fisher and Paykel 329L ex. cond. \$150.00. **Emerald green Mazda** '97, 121hatch 198 000 kms, 5 spd, air con, manual, great little car to drive! call Susie on 6493 3341 or 0411 304 798.

Stessell 3.85 Edge Tracker heavy duty aluminium tinny, 30HP, Mercury, electric motor with GPS, excel. cond. ph 6493 7222

Motorscooter: Kymco 150cc motorscooter, 6500 kms on clock, fully automatic so very easy to ride, suit beginner. Need riders or learners licence, 11 months registration, cheap transport around town, \$1150 ONO. Call Carolyne on 6493 5492, garaged at Fairhaven - Wallaga Lake

RETREAT

EarthArtHeart Winter Solstice Retreat, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st of June at Namgyalgar, South Tilba; a Weekend Live-in Retreat exploring Deep Ecology & Guided Imagery & Music, further Enquiries & Bookings, please call Skye Etherington on 6494 1334 or Danielle Pirrie on 6492 2230

Please note: we will discontinue classifieds after one month unless advised by the advertiser. A small donation (in the tin) will be appreciated for classifieds

Delicious leek and tomato casserole



This is such a simple dish and can be served with your favorite roast or simmered lentils. The leeks have a hint of frosty cold on them now so the fibres will become more tender and slow cooking always brings out the flavours in any dish:

Slice 4 leeks in half lengthwise and lay in low sided casserole dish (the cut tops can be used for stocks)

Scatter 4 cloves crushed garlic and 1 tsp sugar over leeks

Drizzle 2 tbsp olive oil over them too

Layer 4 sliced tomatoes over leeks, though now the tomato season is over maybe you have squirreled away some tasty tomato passata or frozen tomatoes, or use a tin of tomatoes (the faithful standby)

Salt and pepper to taste

This is so versatile you can add olives, capers, herbs of your choice (eg. rosemary, thyme, parsley) maybe a big slosh of red wine! Cook in moderate oven for approx. 40 minutes.

That's it! I'm out to the vegie patch to dig some leeks and invite some friends over to share the bounty. Enjoy!

Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

JJ, pictured, is a typical Staffy. He is delighted if you take him on a walk but is just as happy to sit with you having lots of pats. This five year old boy is quite settled and would make an ideal companion. Other dogs available are Ayla, the young female Staffy; Bindi the one year old American Bulldog x English Staffy; and Noodle the eight year old male Jack Russell cross.

Cat lovers have plenty to choose from including seven month old Freckles and Reggie, tabbies Morgan and Star, as well as Ziva the one year old female black and white.

If you would like to adopt a companion animal or would like to have a chat about being a carer please call our information line on 0400 372 609. Caring is a great way to be able to enjoy the company of a pet if you are between your 'travels' or while you are deciding what type of pet you would like to adopt. All that plus the buzz of being able to save an unwanted companion animal.

Please note that potential dog owners will need to have secure 'dog proof' fencing and suitability to the needs of the



animal. Cat adoptees would need to be able to keep their cat in at night. Donations can be sent to AWLNSW FSC Branch PO Box 1210 Bega 2550.

Have you signed the petition calling for an end to Puppy Farms? We need 10 000 signatures so if you would like a copy of the petition for your friends, family and neighbours to sign please email awlfsc@bigpond.com



AL-ANON

Bega, Tuesdays 5pm Catholic Church Hall, Gipps St
Narooma, Saturdays 11am, Uniting Church Hall,
Wagonga St. Ph Dean 0407 302 545

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui Saturday 2pm, Anglican Church Hall
Ph Dave on 6493 5014

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch Meetings for 2013 at Club
Bega at 10am: 16th April, 18th June, AGM - July,
20th August, 15th October, 17th December, 2013. All
enquiries phone 0400 372 609. All welcome.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

QUAAMA, St Saviour's: 3rd Sunday 10 am, Holy
Communion (HC), 1st Wednesday at 10 am, morning
service. COBARGO, Christ Church: 1st Sunday,
5pm Evening Prayer/Contemporary Service. 2nd,
4th Sundays 8 am, HC, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday
10am, HC. BERMAGUI, All Saints: 1st, 2nd, 4th
Sundays, 10am, HC. 3rd Sunday, 5pm Evening
Prayer/Contemporary Service. Thursdays, 10am HC.
Contact. Rev. Joy Harris 6493 4416

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB ARTS SOCIETY

Monday: Porcelain Art; Tuesday: Art, Needlework/
Quilting; Thurs: Leadlighting/mosaics Fri: Pottery,
mosaics. Visitors, new members welcome. 6493 4340

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Needs new members. Those interested please phone
Ray Clements on 6493 8472. Meet 1st Thurs. each
month at Bermagui Hotel & 3rd Thurs. at Cobargo
Hotel at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium
Bermagui Country Club, Mondays 6.30pm. Ladies
and men. Contact Nerida on 6493 4364

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday Morning every Month 10.00am until
12 noon. Venues vary. For info phone
Heather Sobey on 6493 5308

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Thursday 1.30-3.30pm.
New players always welcome, tuition and friendly
games always available, equipment provided.
Call Dave, 6493 5014.

BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

Meets on the third Sunday morning of each month
Contact: bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

No. 1 Bermagui-Tathra Rd. Bermagui.
Meetings every Tuesday 6pm. Ph. 6493 4199

BERMAGUI TINY TEDDIES PLAYGROUP

Fridays 10-12 during school term. Newborn, toddlers,
all welcome! CWA Hall, Corunna St, Bermagui. Gold
coin donation. Lots of toys, other mums and bubs,
great for meeting other mums in the area.

BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting First Wednesday of Month, 2.00pm at
Museum in Community Centre, Bunga Street.
Researchers & helpers welcome. Ph Errol Masterson
6493 4108 or Denise McGlashan 0488 597 967.

BERMAGUI U3A

(University of the Third Age)
Lifelong Learning Opportunities
For a full list of courses and timetable visit:
www.bermagui.u3anet.org.au

COBARGO DISTRICT MUSEUM

Meeting 7 pm 1st Wednesday of the month Cobargo
School Library: researchers, old photos, information
and new members welcome. Contact
Vicky Hoyer 0422 377 278 or Ken Redman 6493 6406

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Quality early childhood education for children 3
years and over, Tuesday to Friday during school
terms from 9am-3pm. Ph 6493 6660. All welcome.

COBARGO PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Thursdays 9-10.30am (school terms). Donation. Bring
a piece of fruit to share. All children who may be
coming to the preschool after they turn 3 are welcome
with their families. Ph 6493 6660 for more info.

COBARGO SoA HALL COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly. Hall bookings and inquiries: Linda
Sang 0407 047 404 email: cobargohall@gmail.com

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP

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

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSN

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at Cobargo
Hotel, 6pm. Contact: Narelle Cooper on 6493 6655

COBARGO CWA

CWA Rooms, 2nd Tues of the month, 10.30am.
cwa.cobargo@gmail.com. Cottage Hire 6493 6428

COBARGO'S LANEWAY MARKETS

Every Saturday morning from 9am til 1pm.
An initiative of Cobargo Creators

COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

for meeting dates or catering enquiries
phone 0488 048 701, 6493 6948 or 6493 6435

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

& Parenting Resource Service. All parents of chn
0-6 welcome to join. Cobargo - once a month on
a Wednesday 1.30pm-2.30pm at CWA cottage,
Bermagui - every 2nd Friday 10.30am - 12pm in
the Ambulance station. Quaama - Wed. by prior
arrangement. Enquiries: 0428 667 924

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm: Cobargo
School of Arts Supper Room. Information phone:
6493 6538. cobargohall@gmail.com.

TILBA MARKET

Home grown, Hand made, Grow it, Make it, Sew it,
Bake it every Saturday 8am to 12, Central Tilba Hall
Stall booking essential, phone Kay on 4473 7231

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, Mary Cooke 6493 7320 or
Cheryl Turney 0427 936 424.

QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOC.

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

QUAAMA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Monday of the month, 6pm, at Quaama
School of Arts Hall to plan Quaama community
events and projects. Membership \$5pa. New
members and non-members always welcome.
Enquiries: Glennda Heino 0408 411 956. See www.quaama.org.au

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

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

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.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings at Anglican Church Hall, Narooma, 7pm;
1st Tuesdays Technical Workshops, 3rd Tuesdays
regular club nights. Whether beginner or pro, come
and experience the joy of photography in a friendly
atmosphere. Dave Cotton 6493 5014.

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

NAROOMA BLUE WATER DRAGONS

A community focused Dragon Boat Club, Now
paddling on the Wagonga Inlet, Narooma. Phone
0477 610 953 or email narooma.bwd@gmail.com

WALLAGA LAKE/BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am at Umbarra
Cultural Centre, Akolele. All men are welcome. For
information ring John "Robbo" Robinson on
6493 4357 or Fergus McWhirter on 6493 4360.

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

Community Notices

are advertised in *The Triangle*
for non-profit groups free of charge.
If details of your group change, please
advise us at
contributions@thetriangle.org.au

For the Fridge Door

Wed 3	social bridge	Tilba Valley Winery	from 2pm
Wed 3 & 10	WRC winter garden workshops	14 Peden St, Bega	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 6	Thundergoose	Bermagui Beach Hotel	8pm till late
	Kids Disco for Tabitha Foundation	Bermagui Country Club	6pm-8pm
	ETC Ted Ex	Well Thumbed Books	10am
Sun 7	ETC first steps gardening workshop	Cobargo Farm, cnr Avernus St & Bermi Rd	9am-4pm
	live music: Chris O'Connor	Tilba Valley Winery	12.30pm
	live music: Lo Roberts	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Fri 12	Jay Podger	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sun 14	blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1pm-5pm
	community documentary screening: 'It's a Girl'	Cobargo CW cottage	4.30pm
	Darryl Lamb	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Tues 16	BVRAR letter writing for refugees	Well Thumbed Books	12noon
Wed 17	State of Origin 2	Bermagui Country Club	half time activities
Fri 19	ecstatic dance	Quaama Hall	6pm
Sat 20	launch of 'Asylum', by Isobel Blackthorn	Well Thumbed Books	11am
Sat 20 & Sun 21	EarthArtHeart Winter Solstice Retreat	Namgyalgar, South Tilba	weekend
Sun 21	Tony Jagers	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
	The Jazz Pack	Tilba Valley Winery	12.30pm
	monster raffle	Bermagui Country Club	opens 1pm, drawn 3pm
Fri 26	10th birthday celebrations	The River Rock Cafe	5pm
	The Crossing Sea to Snow Ball	Quaama Hall	5pm-10.45pm
Sat 27	Dry River reclaim the riverbank meeting	Dry River, Quaama	9.30am-11.30am
	bush regeneration workshop	Dry River rest area, Quaama	9.30am-12.30pm
	Legends and Tribute Show	Bermagui Country Club	evening
Sun 28	Dale Huddleston	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Regulars			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10am-3.30pm
	Bingo	Bermagui Country Club	10.30am
	No Lights No Lycra	Cobargo School Of Arts Hall	start 6pm
2 nd Monday	Tilba CWA meetings	Small Hall Tilba	10am
Tuesdays	Bermagui seniors' social club	Bermagui CWA Hall	10am-2pm
	Quaama Drama Troupe	Quaama School Of Arts Hall	2.30pm-4pm
1 st Tuesday	Bermagui garden group	Venues Vary, Phone Heather: 6493 5308	
Wednesdays	Pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	from 7.30pm
	Dru yoga classes	Cobargo CWA Hall	from 10.30am
	Weightlifting Club (info 6493 5887)	Bermagui Sports Stadium, Bunga St.	4pm-6pm
1 st Wednesday	Bermagui Historical Society meetings	Bermagui Museum In Community Centre	2pm
Thursdays	Mind Body Stillness meditation	The Courtroom, 36 Princes H'way Cobargo	10am-11am
2 nd Thursday	Seniors Pick the Numbers	Cobargo Hotel	from 11am
	Fancy Thursdays dress ups	Tilba Teapot	2pm
4 th Thursday	Tiny Teddies playgroup	CWA Hall, Bermagui	10am-12 noon
Fridays	Meat raffles	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	Crabs raffles	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 5pm
Saturdays	Laneway markets	Cobargo Main Street	from 9am
last Sundays	Bermagui Red Cross markets	Dickinsen Oval, Bermagui	9am-12noon
Art			
Sat 27 - 25 July	'A Mad Hatter meets the Dodo Society'	Black Wattle Gallery: opening with live music Sat 27 at 10 am	
June	Patto in the main gallery 'Felt 'n Quilt', Helen Stafford in Side Room	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm Sat till 1pm
Fri 19-Wed 1 July	Silent Art Auction Exhibition	Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St, Bega	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Email your events with date, time and venue to contributions@thetriangle.org.au by the 22nd of the month