

## Possum plague closes Quaama Hall

Despite ongoing efforts by the Hall Committee, the number of possums residing in Quaama Hall seems to be growing. While it was kind of cute when we had one or two, there is now a village in there with at least five animals spotted and surely more likely to be hiding in the wings.

The internal ceiling that was recently replaced is now showing stains from what is dripping though. Their droppings aren't just visible there! The whole place has puddles and piles as the animals are running rampant around the building each and every night.

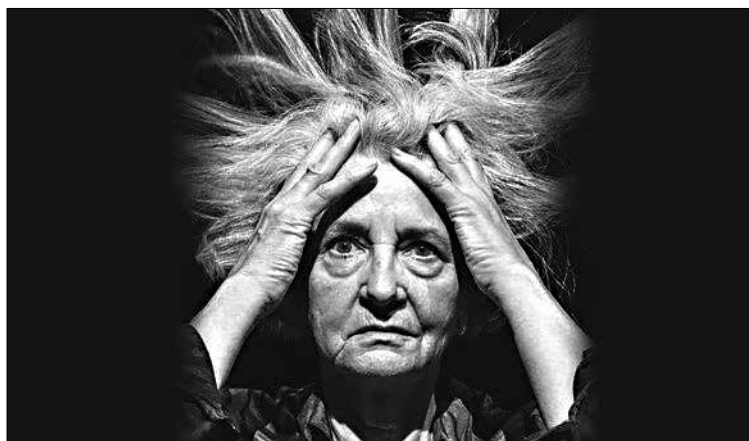
The Hall Committee President, Hans Wiedeman, has closed the hall because of this unsanitary state of affairs. There will be no more dances, meetings, rehearsals or weddings until the situation is fixed.

Securing the building is now the committee's top priority. They are worried that the blighters could chew through a wire and start a fire. The Council is standing with us and coughing up the funding to see that every hole is plugged. Once the last possum has packed its bags and left for good with no means of return, the whole building will be cleaned properly before re-opening. We'll keep you posted.

*Bhagya*



Soon to be evicted ... note deposits on the supper room servery!  
(Photo: stealth photographer Hans Wiedeman)



### “Age comes to us all, you know.”

Jay's head is buzzing. Is she an invisible shrinking woman, a faint dot, losing it? She's on a quest and wants answers. She's a 'Retiree' but from what? Life?

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'All This Living' is touring to the Bega Valley to coincide with Seniors Week 2017

A kind donation and a strategic plan are just two of the things that put Bermagui in the spotlight this month. The donation, made by Woolworths to the Bermagui Rural Fire Service is a thoughtful gesture by the retail giant to both the Bermagui Brigade and the wider community. It is good to be able to say 'thank you', on this one to the store that has had a big impact in many ways, on the area's residents and visitors.

Also set to impact the Bermagui CBD is a masterplan to upgrade pedestrian safety. The plan, after many years in the consultation and planning phase, is in the final design stage. The final design will no doubt incorporate elements that will marry the natural beauty of the area with the unique personality we have seen in the designs of Bermagui's other new and prominent buildings. I imagine the architects and designers will be

thinking big, broadly and sustainably, to accommodate the increases in foot and vehicle traffic we expect to see in the area in years to come and will need to tackle some big issues that we have not even thought about. To me, the ideal would be to have a plan that seems so simple, safe and natural, as if it had always been that way.

See the plans for yourself, and you decide!

## Letters to the editors

### Support Four Winds ...

Sunday 12 February 2017 was a remarkable day of firsts at Four Winds! It was the inaugural performance of the Windsong Series, the first official performance on the beautiful Shigeru Kawai semi concert grand piano – made possible by our amazing donors – and James Crabb's first curated concert at Four Winds. James is our new Artistic Director.

A capacity audience enjoyed fabulous performances from pianist Piers Lane, Andrew Haveron, violinist and concert master of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and James Crabb, classical accordionist, in an epic program of Beethoven, Franck and Schubert.

We are fortunate to be in receipt of a Creative Partnerships Australia grant, which is a 'dollar-for-dollar' funding program. Our target is to raise \$55 000 by mid-May 2017. Every dollar donated to Four Winds will be matched. We have launched a campaign called 'Composing the Future with James Crabb'.

With your support James can develop

the Four Winds program including:

1. Commissioning a new work for the 2018 Festival
  2. An artist in residence in Bermagui who will bring fabulous music experiences to our young people
  3. Creating a stellar line-up for the 2018 Windsong Series
- Every dollar donated is matched '\$ for \$' by Creative Partnerships and two generous donors who have enhanced the Creative Partnership grant, so your tax-deductible donation will be doubled.

Thank you, we are excited to 'Compose the Future' with you and look forward to welcoming you to Four Winds soon for some more exceptional music.

With very best wishes,

*David Francis*  
Executive Director  
Four Winds Bermagui

Thanks to everyone who has given me a lift since I stopped driving. It's been fun but after two years the novelty started wearing off a bit so I got my car modified. So thanks, now, to the patient motorists of Quaama who have got stuck behind me (dark blue RAV4) while I nose around the village getting used to my new hand controls. And please understand if during some manoeuvres I can't give the customary wave—between braking, accelerating, steering and indicating, I just don't have enough hands!

*Jen Severn*  
Quaama

As a business adviser I can't help but wonder at Woolworths' business decision to take on a small community over a small BWS store.

Why not turn the whole supermarket into a giant liquor outlet (e.g. Dan Murphy's style) and move the basic food requirements to the smaller shop area?

That might be worth the hassle.

*Barry Allen*  
Bermagui

### ... or maybe not?

Dear Editors

Four Winds did it again – blasted their neighbours out on Australia Day from 1 pm to 10 pm. LOUD LOUD LOUD.

This is just a taste of what's to come as Four Winds has big plans for expansion.

So make the most of what's left of your peace and quiet, Barraga Bay and surrounds.

*Sincerely, M & M Gegg*  
Barraga Bay.

Thank you for the excellent regional paper you produce and the work and hours spent providing such a vital publication/service to our community. I have been a resident of the Shire for 26 years and a resident of Central Tilba for the past 15 years and appreciate a reliable and informed source of local news, issues and events.

*Rob,*  
Tilba

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## Thumbs Up



To the BVSC for their prompt action in organising the emptying and cleaning of a bin in the main street of Cobargo, early Saturday morning. Rod McGovern took on this disgusting job, and did so with a smile!

To all the volunteers and committee members who work so hard to put on a fabulous February for us all, from the Cobargo Show to the Folk Festival and street parties.

What a great community we live in, YOU'RE AWESOME!!

To The Cobargo Show Society for putting on yet another fantastic show despite the weather. They do it every year.

To Ian Doust and his dad for their work preserving rather than demolishing Rona Sutherland's house.

To Jade who so kindly returned my wallet to me after I lost it. Thanks, mate!

To Council for mowing and whipper-snipping Cobargo before this weekend's Folk Festival. The village is looking good.

To the person responsible for erecting the Aboriginal flags in Cobargo on Australia Day

## Thumbs Down



To the person who took my Birkenstock sandals while i was having a short canoe ride near Bridge Motors canoes. Very low act - burnt feet!

To the drivers who exceed the speed limit in Akolele and in fact in all of our villages and speed-limited localities. You are endangering the safety of others.

To the dickhead in the blue ute who abused volunteers controlling traffic and failed to follow their request to slow down as he approached the site of a serious accident at Narira recently.

## Narira Creek, Cobargo

We drive through drowned towns, cross Narira Creek into Cobargo just around midday when the sky is low and the light is weak. There's water thundering down the creek bed where I've never seen water flowing before. It froths and flings itself against the bank. 'Let's stop,' I say. 'Is it safe here?' 'Oh, sure.'

We park our scarlet car beside the bridge and slosh through puddles out into the middle, gaze at the tangle of sodden foliage our umbrellas up against the drizzle. Matchstick timber tumbles in the torrent of chocolate-coloured mud so deep and dank, oozing downriver with hustling current.

'Once, when I was just a girl,' I confide, 'I rode right down there, where the water flows. I was so young; it was so long ago.'

Two girls ride horses in shimmering air – tall chestnut gelding and small grey pony. The thin girl is dark, the other one fair. Horses' hooves strike burning bitumen as, lolling bareback, the girls roll through town, high soprano voices calling like birds the only other sounds as they go down.

Lurching down creek bank with tight reins in hand to where thirsty willows trail their branchlets, picking their way across pool-pocked sand all moisture now drunk by the greedy sun. The girls drop their reins and they amble where they will on the way across the creek on a summer, Sunday morning ramble.

Ginger's startled by the 'ark' of a crow; and he is off towards a distant hill, thundering out of the dust he goes, Buttons and her rider chasing grimly. The girl on Ginger's back clutches his mane, legs clinging to the sweat-flecked, heaving flanks bellowing for help from her friend in vain.

At last the horse tires of his headlong flight with hapless jockey bouncing on his back, suddenly slows then stops, lets her alight sliding down his side with pounding heartbeat. Buttons and her rider catch up at last And the girls roll laughing on the grass: 'I didn't know Ginger could run so fast!'

Kookaburra sitting on a fence post guffaws at the show they are putting on as if he is never going to stop.

On the bridge, I look at my wrinkled hand holding umbrella against the slanting rain. 'I was so young; it was so long ago.'

*Pauline O'Carolan*

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## Quaama Harvest Fair and Dog Show

**Saturday 1 April 10 am - 2 pm**

Yes, April Fools' Day is the day to bring your family, and your DOG, to the Quaama Harvest Fair and Dog Show. Lots of doggie events are being planned to entertain everyone.

The local vet will be 'on the veranda' giving us tips and tricks and telling us how dogs are faring here in the Triangle area. We're angling to have a dog wash outside, and there'll be a groomer too to give your pooch the latest style.

On the Harvest side of things, bring any excess veggies from your garden, bags of poo, etc. and we'll all swap.

Great food will be on offer. Fingers crossed we'll have the kitchen reopened by then, but the show will go on in the Quaama Hall Grounds regardless. Stall enquiries contact Bhagya 6493 8369.



'Most Foolish' prize, Quigley? Four legged fun at Quaama Fair and Dog Show on Saturday 1 April

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Students and staff of Quaama Public School have welcomed nine new Kindergarten students in 2017.

They have taken little time to get to know their new school!

The first few weeks of big school can be particularly daunting for Kindergarten students. This group, however, with the help and support of the other students, have taken it all in their stride.

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classroom teacher Jenny Hobbis has been thrilled with the way the children have quickly learnt classroom routines and the enthusiasm they are all showing towards learning.

Along with this group, the school also has welcomed six new students to its other grades. With a healthy enrolment of 61 students, the school is set for another exciting year.



Welcome to Big School! Nine new Kindergarten enrolments for 2017

## Join the QPA and help make Quaama shine

The Quaama Progress Association is looking for community-minded people to join our group. We are looking for people who have a few spare hours to share to make Quaama and its residents shine. Come along to a meeting and give us a few new ideas.

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*Tina Simmonson*

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No pressure to join, but folks will be on hand to sign you up – \$5 Annual Membership, \$15 Family Annual Membership. Court hire costs will be \$5 an hour for members and \$10 an hour for non-members. Come check it out! Even if you don't play tennis, cheer on your neighbours and celebrate this great new addition to our village.

Beck Grenfell, the Tennis Club President, invites you to come along!

## New environmental programs taking off at Quaama Public School

The students, staff and parents of Quaama Public School are implementing a number of new initiatives this year as a means of broadening their work within environmental education.

A gardening club has been established to give students the opportunity to learn about and care for the wide assortment of plants, shrubs and trees that are within the school. Led by School Learning Support Officer Jan Whyte, this has become a popular lunchtime activity.

Secondly, a recent grant from the Bowerbird Cobargo Community Op Shop has enabled the school to begin Stage 1 of their orchard project. The program, which is being co-ordinated by school parent Jasmine Ventura, will see a fully enclosed orchard constructed, containing a wide variety of fruit trees that will enable the students to have access to fresh organic fruit all year round.

Once again the students will be involved in all facets of the program. Students and staff are looking forward to the first sod being turned.

Finally, the school has also had initial discussions with the local Landcare group, who are involved in a wide range



Jan Whyte with some junior members of the Quaama School gardening club

of projects in the local area. Plans are being put together that would see a pilot program initiated, enabling students to play an active role in growing, planting

and regeneration programs in and around the school under the guidance of Landcare.

Graham Roberts

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It's been a bit quiet in Bermagui the last few weeks. Maybe it is because of that extremely hot weather we were having and everyone just staying inside to sit it out. However, I think we got off rather lightly compared to other areas in NSW. Our temperatures were mild compared to those over 45-degree temperatures inland. And even those in Sydney were staggering. I feel very lucky I made the move from western Sydney to this little piece of paradise on the coast and felt for friends and family back in the sweltering conditions. That drop of rain was sure welcome, topping up a lot of empty tanks. We can always count on the dog show to bring the rain.

Again we have had lots of movements in Lamont Street. The new shops in the old IGA building are powering ahead, and how good it looks now a new window is in. The Oyster Room closed its doors, but soon Corkies Café will be moving into the newer premises. The arcade is also looking a bit bare, with the Books by Sea store closing down. However, Michelle and Meg at Stitch Connection want to let everyone know they are still there happily working away at the end of the arcade.

## We all need water!

While human residents made sure they are well hydrated during the hot spell, Wildlife Rescue South Coast were spreading the message that our native wildlife needed water as well. Many people have birdbaths in their gardens to encourage our native birds, but consider other wildlife and maybe put some water bowls on the ground so that kangaroos, possums and even our favourite old

"blueys" can take a drink from time to time.

Summer holidays are always a busy time for wildlife rescuers, with holiday makers from the cities totally unaware of the dangers faced when driving through our forests. Collisions with kangaroos and other wildlife increase. If you have guests from city areas, please ensure they are well aware of the dangers of hitting wildlife on our roads. They often drive way too fast during the vulnerable hours of dusk and far too many road kills are seen during the summer holidays.

As you read this – how about getting your mobile phone out right now and entering the Wildlife Rescue's phone number – **0417 238 921**. You never know when you may come across injured or sick native animals and remember, this is their home as well as ours.

## Church news

The congregation of the All Saints Anglican Church, Bermagui, joined with Christ Church, Cobargo, and St Saviour's, Quaama, to farewell parish Rector, Rev. Joy Harris, on Sunday 19 February. Joy has been ministering at Bermagui for three years now and is moving on to another parish. Members of the congregation wished Joy and her husband, Max, well and said they will miss Max's "poetic contributions"!

The historic All Saints of Bermagui is also the home of some magnificent, contemporary stained glass windows that were designed and crafted by local artist, the late Phyllida Cameron. Sadly Phyllida passed away in January this year but has left a wonderful legacy for all to enjoy. The church is open every Thursday afternoon

when the OK Shed secondhand shop is operating. If you have never seen this artwork, drop by and have a look.

Congratulations to local scripture teacher, Cecilia Moore, who was recently awarded a Papal blessing from Pope Francis for her services to the Catholic Church. She has been teaching the Catholic faith in Bermagui for over 25 years.

## Seaside Fair on this month

With the Seaside Fair happening soon, it is not too late to get your group together and participate in the street parade which is always a feature of the fair. This year's theme is "20th Birthday Mad Hatter's Party". Great scope for some interesting entries with that theme! So get your crazy hats ready and go have some fun! For more information regarding the parade, please call Christine Bimson on 6493 3054.

## Volunteers all go, go, go!

Again the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre (VIC) experienced an unprecedented number of visitors passing through its doors during the holiday period. Volunteers really worked hard to make sure everyone was assisted with their enquiries, learning a little more about our wonderful town before leaving. VIC Manager, Christine Bimson said she was extremely grateful to her volunteers, who put in so much effort to make visitors welcome. Filling the roster is quite a juggling act, especially over Christmas when many volunteers are away, or have their own families and guests to attend to. New volunteers are always welcome at the VIC. Full training is given and a new volunteer is mentored until they feel



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## Volunteer awards

Volunteers Week is held every year in May, during which Bega Valley Shire Council will present the annual Bega Valley Medallion for outstanding work of volunteers across the Bega Valley Shire. The award recognises the value of people who give up their time freely for the benefit

of others.

There are so many people in Bermagui who volunteer on a regular basis in a wide range of organisations. Nominations are open – so let's see if we can get some of our fabulous volunteers recognised. Call Council on 6499 2104 for more information.

## Bermagui's Bellbird accommodation amongst the nation's best!

Bermagui has been placed front and centre in recent worldwide accommodation awards.

The world's largest online travel agency, booking.com, recently announced its 2016 Guest Review Awards for excellence in providing "great and truly memorable guest experiences". From over 100 million reviews worldwide, the highest level of excellence attainable is a perfect score, 10/10 and in 2016 only 12 accommodation providers in the whole of Australia, over *all* accommodation types (hotels, motels, B&Bs, holiday accommodation) scored a perfect 10, putting them in a select group of luxury places to stay.

One of these twelve is our very own

Bellbird Cottage B&B in Bermagui, having scored a perfect 10 for two successive years. Bellbird is one of only two NSW accommodation providers to be on this exclusive list.

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Gretel and Tony love nothing more than spoiling their guests, bringing to their B&B their own international travel experiences combined with their love of the region, local produce and home cooking.

"We came to Bermagui 13 years ago, and the dream was always to have a B&B that would provide an extra special experience for visitors to our town and region," they said. "This is the second year that we have been honoured by a booking.com Excellence Award, and we feel very privileged. We look forward to continuing to enjoy sharing our unique part of the world with our guests".



Bermagui octogenarians (seated at front) from the left: Uta van Delft, Ernie Bracher and Betty Craze, taken with a group of their fellow Bermagui Institute Bicycle Division cyclists. Ernie was enjoying his first ride this week after a double knee replacement and Betty was celebrating her 80th birthday.

## Easter Activities at the Goldfield

Come and enjoy a tour around Montreal Goldfield that ends with some gold panning. Exchange your 'gold' for free Easter eggs or an Easter treat.

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## Master Plan a great chance to beautify Bermagui

In 2018, Bermagui has a good chance of receiving over \$500,000 in Bega Valley Shire Council funding to implement a CBD Master Plan to beautify and improve the pedestrian safety of the town centre. In 2013, Council employed SPIIRE, a town planning firm, to develop CBD Master Plans for Bega, Bermagui, Eden and Merimbula. After undertaking exhaustive community consultations, SPIIRE produced four plans, which Bega Valley Shire Council approved in early 2016. Many in the community were closely involved in consultations with SPIIRE.

Philip Cox, a well-known architect who designed Bermagui's Fishermen's Wharf, the Sound Shell at Four Winds and the re-designed Bermagui Woolworths, which was done without payment, contributed the original concept for Lamont Street for the Bermagui Master Plan to SPIIRE, also pro bono. Its main design features include a colonnade mirroring the Fishermen's Wharf with sails

above, wider pavements for outdoor eating, planter boxes for shrubs and a consistent colour palette. Bunga Street will benefit from wider pavements and appropriate tree plantings. Several safer road crossing points are also included.

Derek van Bracht, the Council officer in charge of this process, recently confirmed that the Master Plans are high level designs which set out the major elements and directions on which more detailed landscape and construction designs will be based. He indicated scope certainly exists to improve detailed elements of the final plans. This can happen through further community consultation with the design teams.

Bega Valley Shire Council has almost implemented Eden's Master Plan, which the Eden Chamber of Commerce believes is very successful. Council has indicated Bermagui is likely to be the next town to receive funding because major road works underway in Bega and Merimbula

2017/18 budget development include seeking expressions of interest for detailed designs, based on the current Merimbula and Bermagui CBD Masterplans, to establish working plans in consultation with the respective communities.

Some commercial building owners in Bermagui have expressed concern they will be forced to pay up to \$10,000 to connect underground power, as shown on the Master Plan. Derek van Bracht has indicated that at a minimum, Council would place conduit within any new paving or footpaths to allow for future powerline burial. However, in implementing its Master Plan, the Eden community opted not to bury its power lines, due to the expense. So this would be a future decision for the community and affected building owners to make at the detailed design stage.

If Council allocates funds for detailed scoping and costing studies for Bermagui's Masterplan, the Bermagui Chamber of Commerce plans to hold workshops with interested business owners to seek their input into these studies. The Chamber of Commerce and National Trust Far South Coast Branch also would like to join other local groups to hold a community meeting to discuss the plans and ensure the detailed designs reflect our community's needs.

*The Triangle's* website has a link to the Bermagui Master Plan: go to [www.thetriangle.org.au](http://www.thetriangle.org.au) and click on 'Off the page'.

*Frances Perkins*



Room for improvement? Bermagui's Lamont Street

this year must be completed before they can commence their Master Plans.

At its last meeting on 1 February, Council passed a motion, moved by Merimbula-based Councillor Mitchell Nadin, that the draft

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Recently the Bermagui brigade of the Rural Fire Service was a surprised and delighted recipient of one of the Community Grants donated by Woolworths Bermagui. This windfall, together with seven other generous donations from local residents, was used to purchase a new set of portable UHF radios. These radios are used by brigade members to communicate with each other when attending an incident.

Members were able to personally thank Woolworths Bermagui manager Lisa Payne and her staff when the brigade visited the store in their big red truck on 27 January, 2017.

The Bermagui brigade of the Rural Fire Service has ten active members, female and male, whose average age is 60. They have a wealth of knowledge and information regarding the important, essential and varied role they perform in a small rural community. They are eager

to share this information, pass it on to and mentor the next generation of volunteers.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved, training takes place on alternate Wednesday evenings at the Bermagui fire shed in Bunga Street, commencing at 6 pm.

Silver-white, receding hair and a bushy beard is NOT a prerequisite, but you



Photo caption: Bermagui RFS brigade members receive much welcome grant from Woolworths manager, Lisa Payne and staff.

won't look out of place!

*Bermagui RFS Team*

## Musical works created for Sculpture Bermagui

Acoustic instrumental trio The String Contingent will be in residence at Four Winds, Cuttagee, from 6 to 12 March, creating new works for Sculpture Bermagui.

These inspirational musicians will be meeting and getting to know sculptors, including Jimmy Rix and Ross Cameron, viewing and learning about their sculptures and soaking up the local environment at the Cox's property, 'Murrah', and on Dickinson Point headland.

They will be working towards a suite of music to be performed on the headland at the Closing Ceremony of the Sculpture Bermagui exhibition.

On the evening prior to the Closing Ceremony, the local Taiko drumming group Stonewave, will introduce the fireworks display for the historic 20th anniversary of the Seaside Fair.

For details of the headland performance on 12 March, visit [www.sculpturebermagui.org.au](http://www.sculpturebermagui.org.au) and find out

more about this amazing annual event on the Far South Coast of NSW.

Artists represented this year include Senden Blackwood, Michael Le Grand, Michael Snape, Michael Purdy, Ross Cameron, Bec Selleck and more, with exhibiting works totalling over a hundred.

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*Geoffrey Guiffre*

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A little recent rain has given a green coat to our surroundings: not near enough to fill our tanks and dams, or to help our farmers, but enough to give us a momentary reprieve from the heat. And there's a definite hint of the imminent autumn, with gorgeous light hues and a distinct nip in the morning air. Obviously, we have a few more hot days to contend with, but we have been very lucky to come through this particularly hot summer without any major fires in the area! Hopefully our luck will continue.

As I write this month's column, a huge and happy group of volunteers, under the guidance of Alfredo LaCaprara, this year's festival Site Manager, are busy erecting marquees, preparing venues, setting up stages and decorating the Showgrounds in preparation for **Cobargo's 22nd Folk Festival**.

I'm bursting with excitement, as

this year's line-up is extraordinary and I know for sure that there won't be a single disappointed 'punter'. The site is looking grand and I couldn't resist taking a few pics of some of the team members at work. Festival follow-up next month.

And to celebrate the festival, Cobargo's community organised another **Village Fair** on the eve of the festival and preceding the world premiere of Max Cullen's *Dead Men Laughing*. With a distinct vintage theme, there was more dancing in the streets, great food and entertainment into the evening. Particular acknowledgement to Veronica Abbott from Cobargo Creators, for coordinating the event.

A HUGE congratulations this month to local woman, **Dawn Hollins**, who has been awarded this year's **Bega Valley Senior Citizen of the Year**, honouring her work for the U3A. Yet another local

volunteer working for the betterment of opportunities for our population, in this case, our elders. Well done, Dawn!

Isn't the 'old dame' of Cobargo, the **School of Arts Hall**, looking magnificent! The committee has been busy painting the hall a crisp, fresh white and she's looking gorgeous. Committee members Louise and Linda, who I spied painting one morning, have been, along with a few other volunteers, squeezing a few hours painting into their already busy lives in order to continue the restoration of our hall, which is now booked almost every day of the week! What a great facility we have! These two ladies are an invaluable part of Cobargo's community, providing many hours of assistance to many groups and organisations. On behalf of Cobargo, thanks girls.

Commendations also for Dave and Kyle at the Post Office. They have recently installed a printer cartridge re-cycling bin, enabling local individuals and businesses to dispose of empty cartridges in the least damaging way, with regard to our environment. David is also looking into battery recycling, which would provide a safe disposal point for the thousands of spent batteries currently making their ways into landfill. Well done! And thank you, guys.

Council will be re-sealing the **Wandella Road** in early March, so there may be a few delays there. Please be patient and perhaps allow a little more time if you are travelling on Wandella Road on the 8th or 9th. And speaking of roads, I'm hoping Council will soon schedule repairs to the Bermagui Road which has suffered greatly with the increase in heavy vehicle



L to R Nikki Hutteman, Catherine McEwan (Site Decorating Coordinator), Bruce Angus (Paling Artist), Clair Bruton, Natalie Ashkenazi and Judy Pinder; the Folk Festival decorating team!



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traffic servicing Bermagui's Woolworths. It's not surprising. And Council did assure the community that the safety of the road would be a priority. Hopefully they'll be true to their word.

**Pilates anyone?** Pilates classes are starting soon at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall. They will begin on 5 April and run every Wednesday, from 6 pm 'til 7 pm. Run under the expert guidance of Eryn Culotta, classes are appropriate for any level student. For more information or to make a booking, contact Eryn on 0432 369 655 or [eryn.e.culotta@gmail.com](mailto:eryn.e.culotta@gmail.com).

**VESSEL**, a multi-national documentary film written and directed by Diana Whitten, will be viewing on Sunday, 12 March in the Old Cobargo Butter Factory at 3.30 pm. It has been selected in light of this year's **International Women's Day** theme, *Be Bold for Change*. A great selection! Don't forget to take a cup for tea/coffee and your \$5 donation.



CFF Site Manager, Alf LaCaprara with Decorating Coordinator Catherine McEwan. Two days out!

Last month, I reported that Dru Yoga classes were continuing to run every Wednesday and Thursday. This was in

error. The sessions run on Wednesday mornings at the SoA. Apologies Zahle.

## Cobargo Challenge Coming Soon

1st Cobargo Scout Group will be hosting the Cobargo Challenge on Saturday 8 April 2017. This is a Youth Week activity and will be open to anyone aged 8 to 18 years.

The Scouts will set up a series of activities, some a bit challenging and some just for fun, at the Cobargo Showground. It is free and a BBQ lunch will be provided. More details to come in the April edition.

*Graham Parr and Louise Allery*



CFF volunteers erecting shelters, bunting and the Magpie venue stage.



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A regular Pilates practice strengthens both the mind and the body, leaving one with a sense of increased vigour and health.

Pilates classes will be held at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall starting on 5 April, and running every Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm. Classes are appropriate for any level student. For more information or to make a booking, please contact Eryn Culotta on 0432 369 655 or [eryn.e.culotta@gmail.com](mailto:eryn.e.culotta@gmail.com).

Eryn Culotta

## Cobargo District Museum happenings

### Enrolments for 1967

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Green Marion  
Lucas Gloria

Lucas Terry  
Lucas Tony  
Lucas Wayne  
Lucas William  
Morgan Karen  
Russack Andrew  
Smith Barry

Smith Brian  
Smith Carol  
Smith Helen  
Smith Janice  
Sutherland Benjamin  
Welsh Vicki



1966 Year 5A/6

Teacher: Mr Alder

Back: Judy Tyrrell, Judy Russell, Judy Stewart, Leanne McCarthy, \_\_\_\_\_, Sherryn Shipton, Narelle Purnell;

Third: Gary Shipton, Paul Boyd, David Blacka, John Cullen, David Cullen, Frank Bone, \_\_\_\_\_, William Mead;

Second: Patricia Blacka, Robyn Rees, Robyn Whiffen, Janice Shipton, Mary-Jane Taylor, Rhonda Purnell, Jannie Wassink;

Front: Paul Tyrrell, Paul Blacka, Bruce Stewart.

Well, what a fantastic response from last month's issue re who owned the bullock team from the photos of the Cobargo Hotel in 1890. A huge thanks to the *Triangle* committee and Triangle communities. We have been able to solve a 40 year old mystery. For those curious to know who owned the bullock team it was Bill Shipton from Verona.

Of course, being a Shipton, Bill still has numerous family ties to the current local community. Thank you all for your interest and especially Bev for giving us a call to enlighten us. Bev was also able to support the information with other photos of the same bullock team.

Now for this month's photo, giggles and reflection. Looking back on Cobargo Primary School, fifty years ago. Unfortunately we had no kindergarten photo available but this is the enrolment list from 1967. Yes, fifty years ago! There is also a 51-year-old photo from the year 5A and 6 class.

Do people still have their school photos from Cobargo, Cobargo Catholic, Quaama or other localities? The museum would love to compile a catalogue of yearly photos and we'd love to hear from you if you have photos and information pertaining to the schools both in Cobargo and Quaama. Of course, there were also other locality schools such as Fox Hill, Wandella and many more. The Wandella School closed in 1965 and the Cobargo Catholic School closed in 1968. Please either email [cobargodm@outlook.com](mailto:cobargodm@outlook.com) or phone 6493 961 or 0422 377 278.

Until next month ...

Naomi Rolfe

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## CWA News

A very successful Australia Day Celebration was held on 26 January at the School of Arts Hall, with a huge crowd turning up. Dave Rugendyke was the Cobargo Community Citizen of the Year and the Junior recipient was Eliza-Jane Norris. Well-deserved awards in both cases. The Ambassador for the day was Hannah Campbell-Pegg, an Olympic luge athlete in two winter Olympics and she was a delight. As always, there was plenty of food! Our thanks to Cobargo Bakery for the bread and to Sapphire Nu-Pulse, that is, Bill Boyle, for his donation of the sausages for the sausage sizzle. Thanks also go to Cobargo Scouts for running the barbecue for us. The mayor of Bega Valley Shire Council, Councillor Kristy McBain, also attended and spoke briefly to welcome everyone there. Most importantly, there were lots of helpers to clean up after the event and the School of Arts was left in perfect condition!

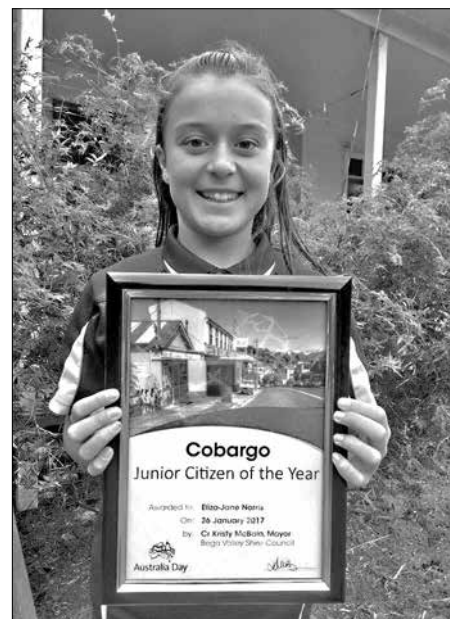
The next event on our calendar is the Group Land Cookery and Handicraft day on 14 March at Bermagui Country Club. All the branches of CWA in the Far South Coast Group will be entering these competitions to see who will succeed in

taking their items to the State Conference in May for judging. We have entries from Cobargo in all sections of the Land Cookery competition and hopefully some entries in the Handicraft. We hope to emulate last year's success when several of our members were judged to go to the State Competition.

At our last meeting in February we had a special guest speaker, Peter Cross, who is a Bega Valley Place Based Officer, based at Bermagui. He gave an enlightening talk about his role and we spoke to him about our local concerns, such as the lack of disabled access to toilets at the School of Arts.

Our next catering task is for the Yuin Folk Club's Festival After-Party, which we do each year. It helps us to raise those much needed funds and we thank the Yuin Folk Club for the opportunity. Also in March we will be catering for the CWA Group Council meeting lunch.

Our next meeting will be on 21 March, a different date and a week later due to the Cookery Competition. As part of the meeting we are having a Trivia Quiz on Cobargo – should be entertaining! Any ladies interested in attending our



**Cobargo Community Junior Citizen of the Year**  
**Eliza-Jane Norris**

meeting to see what we do are warmly welcomed. Come along and have a friendly cup of tea/coffee and a chat. The meeting starts at 10.30 am, with morning tea available from 10.15 am. You are certain of a warm welcome!

*Mary Williams, Publicity Officer,  
Cobargo CWA*

## Cobargo Creators Annual Fundraiser is here again!

Join us for another night of dancing, light-hearted quizzing and vintage style featuring the Paul Dion Dance Band playing music from the roaring 20s, 40s-era swing and more! The theme this year is "The Roaring 20s" and there will be prizes for best costumes, best table decorations and the quiz winners. This year we include a special art auction of a wonderful piece of mixed media wall art by Pauline Balos. Funds raised will help Cobargo Creators continue our work to develop Cobargo

and the communities around us through creativity by keeping the Cobargo Creators Centre open; providing a varied workshop program to develop skills; supporting the artistic development of our young people; and working with other community groups to enrich opportunities to promote and enjoy our village.

The trivia night will be held at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall on 25 March 2017 from 7 pm. BYO alcohol, food and dancing legs! Tea, coffee, substitutes and

water will be provided.

Bookings and payments can be made through the Cobargo Creators Centre. Donations of themed items or any kind that can be part of the prize basket are very welcome. Email [cobargocreators@gmail.com](mailto:cobargocreators@gmail.com) or call into the Centre at 60 Princes Highway, Cobargo during opening hours.

Last year's event was a wonderful night and we expect this year's to be even better, so don't miss out.

*Veronica Abbott*



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## The Tilba Festival

The Tilba Festival is now in its 32nd year! As part of their tradition, there will be a parade to start the Festival which will include a 'welcome to country' ceremony, Aboriginal dancers, a Brazilian drumming band to kick things off, town criers, street games with prizes, live music on three different stages, not to forget the 'Food Hall' which was a huge success last year. The Food Hall will be filled with food stalls and will have cooking demonstrations throughout the day from some of our local culinary heroes. There will also be buskers, street theatre, a continuous reptile awareness show, jumping castles

and face painting, not to forget the Cheese Rolling Competition, the treacherous Egg Throwing Championship and the Boot Throwing Contest. And a first for Tilba on Easter Sunday will be an Easter egg giveaway extravaganza where every shop on Bate St will be handing out free Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance on Bate Street. For more information on the Festival head to our Facebook page, or our website [www.tilbafestival.com.au](http://www.tilbafestival.com.au).

## Central Tilba School of Arts Trust

The CTSOAT has recently completed a major works program entailing the

extension of the deck between the two halls and stairs to the ground level below. Stewie Long has successfully project-managed this work and we would like to thank him for this – it looks fantastic. The annual Tilba District Community Ball is coming up on Saturday 13 May. If you would like to get a table together of up to ten people, please do so and get in contact with anyone on the committee or Julie Dibden or 0427 074 901. Cobargo band Kitty Kat and the Band of Thieves will be playing again; it will be another fabulous night. If anyone has notices or news for Tilba Bites, please contact me on [tilba@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:tilba@thetriangle.org.au), or 0427 074 901.

Julie Dibden

## Mindfulness retreat

Mindfulness is the process of bringing our attention to the internal and external experiences occurring in the present. We begin to discover the effects these have on our mind and body, and learn techniques that can transform these harmful impacts to more positive outcomes. This practice of Mindfulness is proven to many therapeutic effects, such as delaying or stopping the onset of any mind-degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, and helpful in the treatment of mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety. At the very least, Mindfulness can assist in making better choices in our daily life.



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Lael Evans-Morrissey is a senior practitioner at KTBC and has been practicing meditation for thirteen years. Lael has participated in numerous retreats both in Australia and overseas. She is a qualified naturopath/herbalist and is a local who lives in Milton.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL and close 8 March. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$300. Please feel free to contact Lael on 0438 545 761 or visit our website for direct bookings [www.drogmi.org](http://www.drogmi.org).

## Tilba RFS in February

What a welcome rain event we have had! While total falls have been small for February (and much less than in nearby towns in my Tilba rain gauge), it has certainly caused a significant greening of the pastures which had dried out so much in January. The much cooler conditions for most of the period since the rain have reduced the evaporation rate, allowing the plants to revive even with the low rainfall. We at the Tilba RFS are most relieved. A month ago the conditions were very concerning.

Nevertheless, there have been extensive fires in NSW in February. We are pleased that one member of Tilba Brigade, Harry Ghazikian, was able to attend and assist with the fires in the Captains Flat / Queanbeyan area where, sadly, there were reports that a number of homes were lost. It seems to me that, so far, we on the south coast appear to have been particularly lucky.

I am pleased to report that we have been fortunate to have received an application for membership of our Brigade this month from James Ing who was raised in Tilba and has just returned to live at Tilba with his family. Welcome James! We look forward to having you with us!

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## Tilba has a champion!

Tilba CWA members pride themselves on contributing their many skills to benefit our community. Last month members entered some of their beautiful handcrafts in the Cobargo Show. Jann Baker won a prize for the Best Patchwork Quilt and President Janine Halasz won Champion Knitting & Crochet. All Tilba CWA members congratulate Jann and Janine on their creative craft skills. At our next CWA "non-meeting" on Friday 10 March at 10 am in the Tilba Small Hall, members will enjoy a relaxing social get together. All local women are welcome to attend this social gathering.

In February Tilba CWA presented cheques to two fundraising recipients in our community: \$250 was donated to Moruya Maternity at Moruya Hospital, and another \$250 was donated to CCASE Inc. who are building family and carers' accommodation next to the South East Regional Hospital in Bega. President Janine Halasz said,



Ladies enjoying a social catch-up and cuppa at a recent Tilba CWA Pop-Up Café

"Tilba CWA members are pleased to fundraise to support the women of our local community".

Tilba CWA's next fundraising event is a Pop-Up Café in the Tilba Small Hall on Saturday 11 March, from 9 am to 12 noon. All are welcome to attend to enjoy a cuppa and a delicious home-baked cake.

Annette Kennewell

## Tilba Food Share gatherings

Another enjoyable food share gathering was held recently at Jann's place near the old deer farm. Despite the hot, dry season, an abundance of food- and garden-

related items was offered for sharing.

Annie Fenn noted, "I always come home excited with my items from the share table and on this occasion it was some lovely fresh lemons, delicious apple cucumbers and a purple-veined Japanese mint seedling, beautifully wrapped in banana leaf. I also leave with my heart full of gratitude, due to being part of such a beautiful, caring community."

The next food share gathering will be held at 199 Ridge



Recent Tilba Food Share gathering

Road, Central Tilba on Sunday 5 March, from 10 am to 12 noon.

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea and anything home-grown or garden-related items that you may have in excess.

All are welcome to come along and enjoy the generosity and enthusiasm found at these gatherings.

Annette Kennewell

## FREE South Coast History magazine

The first issue of a new South Coast history magazine has just been released and it's free!

The magazine is available from all Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Shire libraries, and from Well-Thumbled Books in Cobargo and the Quaama General Store.

It has been compiled by the South Coast History Society and includes a number of interesting features on Nerrigundah gold and bushrangers, a World War I wreck off the South Coast, the Bega Band, how our present-day landscapes were formed, a trivia page and much more.

It is also available in PDF format by emailing 'Send Me Magazine' to southcoasthistory@yahoo.com

Peter Lacey

## Guidelines for contributors

Thanks for your local stories and photos! We love them and they make the *Triangle* our very own. Just a few tips for submitting stories and photos...

1. Stories should be 300 words maximum except by prior arrangement.

2. Photos should be sent as **separate JPG attachments – not embedded into your story**. Please send the original digital photo, uncompressed, so we have as large an image as possible to play with. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies.

3. Send all **articles** as WORD documents in Times New Roman, 12pt, single spaced.

4. Please do not send posters or flyers! We cannot reproduce them. Instead write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.

5. Have a think about a headline for your story.

Believe us, we're usually quite braindead at the end of our editorial meeting and can only come up with lame puns and cliches. Don't leave it to us! Any questions at all, please email us

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## A look into the Seaside Fair: Christine Bimson

When looking to put down permanent roots, Christine Bimson and husband Tony looked no further than Bermagui, moving into their home in June 1999.

Christine spent the first six years running a business from home before taking on a part time job with the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre. She then went on to work with the Bega District News, and later at Marshall and Tachei Real Estate in Bermagui.

In 2011, Christine was again appointed Manager of the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and has remained there to the present time. She said, "It is very easy to love your job when you love where you live". The busy Visitor Centre, auspiced by the Bermagui Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, has gone from strength to strength in the last few years and has received high reviews and acclaim on internet travel sites such as Trip Advisor. However, Christine has often commented that the VIC would not be such a success if it were not for the dedication, the commitment and the professionalism of the volunteers, who keep the centre open seven days a week.

Despite Christine's busy work life, she somehow manages to find the time to be an integral part of the annual Bermagui Seaside Fair. Chris became involved with the Fair in 2003 after meeting with then Chairperson, Errol Masterson, who asked her if she would like to help out at an "event". Little did she know that this event would become a lifelong passion. She recalls that her first 'job' with the Seaside Fair was shovelling ice into lots of bags and

dragging them over to the oval.

The organising committee are known officially as the Bermagui Seaside Inc, and are a non-profit group whose charter is to raise funds for local youth and community projects. When the concept of a fair was developed back in 1987, it was decided to host the event during the off-peak tourist season as a way to encourage more visitors and to take advantage of



the wonderful weather we can provide in early autumn.

Christine joined the committee in 2004 and later took on the role of Treasurer and Co-ordinator of stallholder applications, and any other job going! When long term Chairperson, Jo Jacobs, resigned in 2015, Christine then took on the role of Chairperson.

The Seaside Fair, now in its 20th year, has become firmly ingrained in Bermagui's culture. Each year it follows a successful model, but is always open to something new. Three years ago, Denis Olmstead

brought the idea of umbrellas at Bermagui to the committee. This project captured everyone's imagination and we have been witness to some of the most creative and innovative pieces of art ever seen. The auctioning of the umbrellas during the Seaside Fair has alone raised over \$14,000 for local youth activities.

Although Christine's involvement and workload for the Seaside Fair is huge, she wants to acknowledge that there are many others who share this workload every year. There are only six members that make up the organising committee, which is quite amazing when you think of the amount of work that needs to be done. However, Christine explained that there is a small army of volunteers who help on the day and highlighted the likes of Marine Rescue spending the day just emptying the rubbish bins and the Cobargo scouts, who camp out on the oval overnight to provide security for the stalls and other equipment that is set up the day before and of course who would forget all those helpers who butter the bread, cook the sausages, look after the exhibitions and those that just generally run around and troubleshoot all day.

She also went on to say that, "the financial and in-kind support from local businesses is an integral part of the fair" and wanted to thank each and every business that is involved.

The 20th Seaside Fair on 11 March 2017 is shaping up to be one of the best with an amazing line up of entertainment, and with a theme like "Mad Hatters Party", the street parade should be a huge success.

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## On The Yuin Trail

Local residents and visitors alike are beginning to notice the beautiful signs that are drawing attention in Bermagui, Fairhaven and Wallaga Lake. There are new “Welcome to Djiringaji Country” signs at the entrance to Bermagui. These signs feature the black duck, which is the totem of the Yuin people.



There are nine other large, colourful signs placed in strategic locations throughout the town and at Wallaga Lake, which tell the stories, the legends, the history and recent achievements of the Djiringanj clan of the Yuin Nation, who have been custodians of this area for around 50,000 years.

The Bermagui area has many sacred and significant sites for the Yuin nation. One of the largest midden sites in NSW, covering over seven acres and four metres deep, is located at the end of Fairhaven Point. Murunna Point was another important ceremonial site with clans travelling from other regions including

the Monaro to attend gatherings and corroborees there. All this information is explained on the signs.

The Yuin Cultural Heritage Trail was initiated by the Far South Coast Branch of the National Trust and Merrimans Land Council. The project was jointly funded by the National Trust Far South Coast Branch and the Mumbulla Foundation.

Frances Perkins, Chairperson of the National Trust Far South Coast Branch, said she is very grateful for all the fantastic collaboration and help received for the project over the last four years. She would like to acknowledge the huge contributions from Merrimans Land Council elders, particularly Lynne Thomas, daughter of revered elder Guboo Ted Thomas, who advised on the signs locations and provided the legends and history told on the signs.

The Bermagui Public School was also an enthusiastic partner and the children provided the beautiful artwork.

Bega Valley Shire Council, particularly Graham Moore, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, provided valuable information and Council were very supportive, as was the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Frances also acknowledged the “heroic job” done by the Wallaga Lake/ Bermagui Men’s Shed, the members of which spent several weekends installing the signs in very hard and dry earth.




Lynne Thomas (right) representing Merrimans Land Council with the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men’s Shed members install one of the signs on Bermagui Headland.

Men’s Shed President Bill Johnston said, “Being part of this project has been a real pleasure for those involved, whilst giving the fellows a much better understanding of Yuin culture and heritage”.

There is a pamphlet outlining the location of the new signs on the Yuin Cultural Heritage Trail available at the Bermagui Visitors Centre.

*Carolynne Banados*



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## The Triangle's Eco Edge Competition

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-age 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.

Photos, drawings, poetry or prose, fiction or non-fiction, the choice is yours, guys. So get out your pencils or your cameras,

your pens or tablets, and go outside and have a look around for some inspiration. Email your entries to [environment@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:environment@thetriangle.org.au) or mail to PO Box 6009, Quaama, 2550.

This month's contributions are an environmental plea from Connor Muirhead of Verona and another beautiful poem from Danika Myers of Bermagui. Both are in the running for cash prizes at the end of the year.

### The Storm Clans

(Clans)

The story I tell is that of three clans,  
Three clans who all fought in hate,  
These clans were made of powerful dogs,  
Their violent nature connected their fate.

(Lighting)

The first of the clans were lighting fast  
A blinding flash as they ran,  
As they zipped their way to battle  
Lightening flashed through the war of the clans.

(Thunder)

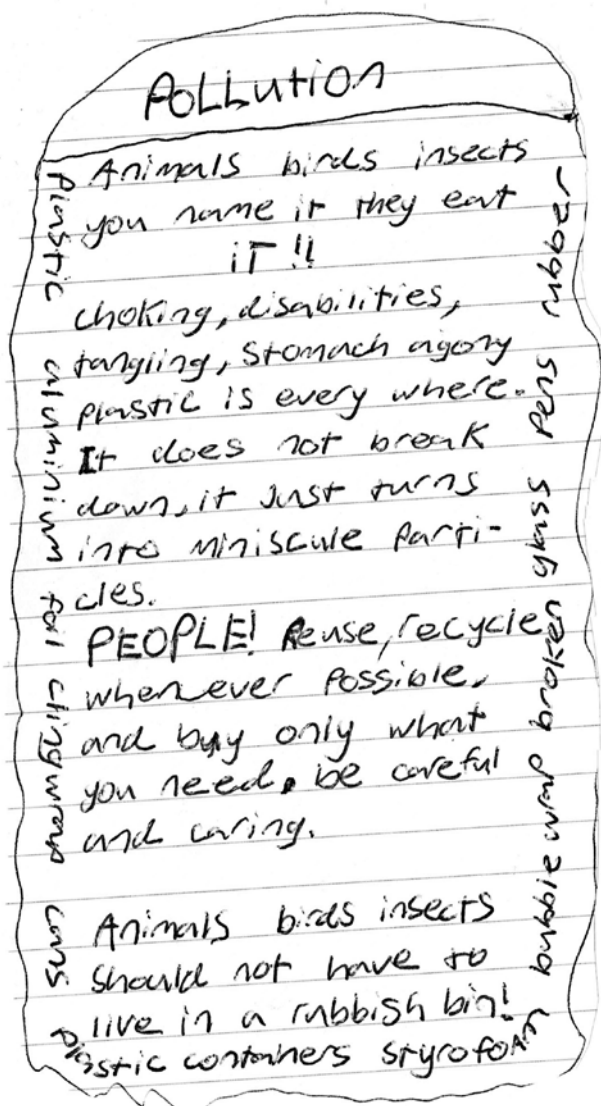
The second clan were mutts with a deafening yelp  
The earth rumbled when they barked,  
At nothing did they stop in the earthshaking war  
Their thunder echoed through the dark.

(Clouds)

The last clan were mysterious and very hard to see,  
Thick mist follows where they go,  
A milky soup of gray, violet and black  
Dangerous clouds swarm and flow.

(Storms)

And as the clan battle encircled the world  
Violent storms erupted as they went,  
Until drained they fell into the deepest of sleeps  
All their ferocious energy spent.



Connor Muirhead, aged 10,  
Verona

Danika Myers, aged 11,  
Bermagui

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## Cobargo's Dawn Hollins awarded BVSC Senior Citizen of the Year

At the ripe old age of 75, Dawn Hollins is one of the legends of Cobargo and Bermagui District. Dawn's answer to community life is "Yes!" As a "yes" person, she has taken on almost every task suggested to her by locals. One person *can* make a difference to our community! Dawn not only has a compassion for others, but she has the ability to direct inspiration into the community around her. Wherever there was a need, Dawn organised a solution.

Dawn is involved in many voluntary organisations, helping with the organisation of opportunity shops and the South Coast Producers Association.

She was the secretary of the local Rural Women's Network committee that put in a successful submission to host the 2005 Rural Women's Gathering.

However, it has been the U3A which has been most impacted by Dawn's special skills and vigour. Dawn joined the U3A in 2011. U3A is a voluntary educational

organisation with branches across the country. It creates lifelong learning experiences for people in their third age (mostly in retirement) in the community. It is a shared learning which harnesses talents



Dawn Hollins with husband Ivan. Dawn is BVSC Senior Citizen of the Year

in society and allows those with a passion for a subject to then share that knowledge with others in the community. Thus the educational life of our society is enhanced. This happens with no payment.

In 2012, Dawn became the course co-ordinator for our U3A. As such she was in charge of recruiting and timetabling U3A classes for each term. Thanks to Dawn, suddenly there was a whole team of volunteers to help her manage the extra people wanting to become members and attend classes organised by her.

There was a new network of contact between our U3A and the Sapphire Coast U3A, with Dawn arranging cross-visitations and sharing presenters and educational excursions.

Dawn is now a member of the curriculum team, but has a major role in networking and producing new courses and excursions. I would like to acknowledge the impact of Dawn's involvement on our community; her enthusiasm is abundant, her efforts all-encompassing and it is our good fortune to have her in our community.

*Kerry Davies*

## Women's Resource Centre Fundraising Dinner International Women's Day, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Southern Women's Group (SWG) is a community-based not-for-profit organisation and has been delivering services to women, girls and their families in the Bega Valley for 33 years. SWG manages and auspices the Bega Women's Resource Centre (WRC) and the Far South Coast Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (FSCWDVCAS).

Funding for WRC through FACS is minimal and is targeted at providing 1400 occasions of service. In 2015-2016, WRC provided 5741 occasions of service.

In addition to support and referral

around domestic violence, sexual assault, mental health, unemployment, parenting and general family issues, WRC runs in partnership with Bega High School a Girls' Alternate HSC program, participates in the Food Rescue Program and provides free food to families on low income or in crises.

Between July 2016 and January 2017, 500 women were supported with this program. They also run regular art, craft, music, exercise, heart health, tackling tobacco and general information workshops. These activities are funded through small grants and donations.

They encourage women's participation through volunteer activities. In 2015-2016 volunteers contributed time valued at \$93,366.

Funding for WRC does not cover these overheads, and thus we are attempting to raise funds in a variety of ways, including crowdfunding (givenow.com/southernwomensgroup), an online auction, and the 2017 International Women's Day Dinner.

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*Gabrielle Powell*

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### Australia Day bathed in Summer Sounds - What a delight!

The Triangle region is certainly blessed to be the home of the Four Winds organisation. They started as a small classical music festival put on by and for friends and over the years have expanded their facilities and their vision. If you've never been to the Barragga Bay site, you're missing out. The natural amphitheatre is south coast stunning and their new Windsong Pavilion has impeccable acoustics. And it's not just for classical fans anymore, not by a long shot!

The 'Summer Sounds' concert on Australia Day was a trip around the world with exquisite music and many accomplished performers. Folks of all ages and tastes enjoyed the lovely relaxed atmosphere and the musical variety on offer.

Emily Wurrumara had a seemingly effortless presence engaging the audience from her heart and soul. The Four Winds Quartet couldn't quite get over having a music festival named after them. They brought to our shores the lilt, mystery and mischief of Ireland. Western African



Summer Sounds at Barragga Bay - music for everyone

influences danced with reggae, Brazilian and local rhythms were spliced together by our energetic MC, Mikelangelo. James Crabb and Ambre Hammond touched the overflowing crowd with a bit of classical culture in the fabulous Windsong Pavillion.

As darkness fell, the Sound Shell was

bathed in light while folks danced to blues and rock'n'roll, capping off a super, well-rounded day's entertainment.

Sun, trees, picnics, friends, beauty, bush and music ... perfect!

*Bhagya and Ro Beaumont*

### Lorna Crane and Kay Jensen exhibiting at Ivy Hill Gallery

Until 26 March 2017

A duo of talent at Ivy Hill for March.

Lorna Crane has recently returned from an art print residency at Arenys de Munt near Barcelona in Spain. "In preparation for the residency I spent time drawing in journals exploring layering techniques with markers and pencil and questioning how I would approach the making of the prints in the limited time frame. It meant that the subject matter and palette was resolved, making it much easier to launch into these landscape-inspired works on display. Guided by two master printmakers I worked on plastic plates using drypoint with engraving tools then applying carborundum with the intent to layer fine lines and bolder shapes. Hand-painted chine colle paper was the final layer using traditional hand-made rice paste."

On return from Barcelona the paintings flowed with a new enthusiasm whilst Crane worked in her South Pambula studio.

Kay Jensen is a self-taught potter who exhibited full time from 1983 - 2004, with 36 of her works purchased by 24 public art bodies, including national, state and regional collections throughout Australia and internationally.

"Being able to return to pottery after a 12 year hiatus, I have created for this exhibition a new selection of work

influenced by my relocation to the Far South Coast 14 years ago – the visual experience and sense of connection. Though moving

away from my focus on pit-firing in Melbourne, I decided my new wheel-thrown forms and glazing technique would still reference aspects of my previous work, that is hand-carving, lidded boxes, bottles, crackle and matt glazes but with a new lightness and colour."

Ivy Hill Gallery is open 10 am - 4 pm from Thursday to Sunday on the coast road at

Wapengo. Catalogues at [www.ivyhill.com.au](http://www.ivyhill.com.au).



Ceramics by Kay Jensen at Ivy Hill this month



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## *Of a Different Shore at the Lazy Lizard Gallery*



Photographer Di Manning describes this as an exhibition of travel photographs with a difference. She has lived in this area since 1999 – first building and operating the “Angelsrest” guest house near Cobargo, before moving to Quaama and then settling in Bermagui.

Di says that she has always loved photography, but has only been able to take it up seriously since she retired. Last year she traveled to North America, and the photographs that she captured there are the subject of this exhibition. She had a brief sojourn in Canada before traveling down into the United States, where she explored the ancient Redwood forests, the Arizona deserts as well as Yosemite and other amazing National Parks.

In describing her work, Di says: “I take a photograph not to record where I have been, but to make an image that evokes the feelings and emotions that place touched in my soul ... the now silent voices of the indigenous peoples of Alaska and

Canada; the busy, sleek, modern and clean lines of the city of Vancouver; messages from the redwood forests, those majestic ambassadors from another time zone; the wisdom and resilience of the majestic raven and many small life forms of deserts and forests.”

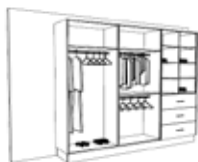
Di has a special admiration for the dignity and stark beauty of the raven and this majestic bird is a centrepiece to her exhibition photographs.

*Of a Distant Shore* will be on display in the Side Room during the month of March and you are invited to meet the artist and join us in the opening celebration, between 10 am and 12 noon on Saturday 15 March.

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## Botanical Postcards at Shop 7 Artspace

Every year Four Winds runs a Community BioBlitz and in 2016 they invited visual artists to participate for the first time. The Four Winds Creative Field Studies program is an adaptation of the world-recognised ANU School of Arts. Field Study One at the Four Winds Cuttagee site was called *Fresh Salt*.

The aim was to build up a visual profile of the flora and fauna from the areas between Gulaga and Mumbulla mountains. For three days artists came to the Four Winds site to learn photographic and drawing techniques related to each discipline.

Six people from a photography background were selected and worked exclusively with Carolyn Young. Sharon Field guided six visual artists in the technique of botanical drawing.

The twelve artists are coming together to exhibit their body of works in the form of postcards. The Botanical Postcards exhibition will open at Shop 7 ArtSpace on 2 March at 6 pm and will run until 29 March.

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## Ink and Tissue Collage Workshop this month

Cobargo Creators' next workshop is a one day intensive with renowned local artist and author Rita Wagner.

On Saturday 25 March between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm at the Cobargo SoA Hall, Rita will lead you on a creative adventure to the land of 'Ink and Tissue Collage'.

Rita will teach you how to use ink to colour tissue paper and create beautiful collage artworks.

She will explain types of ink, tissue, paper and backgrounds to use. She will demonstrate different techniques, answer questions and discuss outcomes.

This is a fun workshop with no pressure

and no experience is necessary. You will come away with new skills, confidence in your innate creativity and a beautiful, original artwork of your own design and creation.

For more information, call in at the Cobargo Creators Centre, contact Glenda on 0408 411 956 or email [artsincobargo@gmail.com](mailto:artsincobargo@gmail.com).



## Beautifully Mad returns to Rusty Fig

Following a highly successful concert last September, talented musicians Kris and Tony from Beautifully Mad will again perform at the beautiful Rusty Fig vineyard at Coolagolite on Sunday 9 April.

Music lovers will have a chance to hear these consummate musicians performing many of their own compositions while they enjoy popular Rusty Fig wines, spectacular

views over the vineyard towards Gulaga and relax in the afternoon sun.

If you wish to attend, please call Gary Potts on 0418 720 908 or visit [www.beautifullymad.com](http://www.beautifullymad.com). The ticket price of \$40 includes Rusty Fig wines throughout the afternoon.

*Frances Perkins*



Beautifully Mad at Rusty Fig Wines last year

## Join Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Bega Valley Shire Council is calling for expressions of interest from people wanting to improve inclusiveness and accessibility in the local area.

The EOI is aimed at community members and people working in the business, disability and tourism sectors, to join Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (AIAC).

Information about the AIAC Guidelines and application form are available on Council's website.

The information can also be obtained by contacting Katrina Berenguer on 6499 2358.



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Organic Advance Plus (Fertiliser) \$15.95 for 20kg

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# Soft Footprint Recipes

Georgina Adamson

## Simple Sponge

Nothing nicer than a slice of fluffy sponge cake with cream and fresh summer fruits.

Replace flour with Gluten Free alternative. Quick and easy to 'whip up'.

4 eggs separated (fresh from local chooks, so much nicer). Take out of the fridge earlier to reach room temperature.

¾ cup caster sugar

1/3 cup each plain, SR and cornflour.

½ tsp baking powder (or use GF alternative)

½ tsp vanilla paste

Beat egg white till soft peaks and slowly fold in caster sugar. When well incorporated add egg yolks one at a time, then vanilla.

Remove beaters, sift in the flours then fold gently together.

Lastly add a tablespoon of hot water to the mix and fold in.

Prepare your preferred tin with cooking spray and baking paper and spoon in the mixture. Tap the tin slightly to evenly distribute the mixture.

Bake in a pre-heated oven, medium-hot, for approximately 20-25 minutes. The cake should have risen and be a pale golden colour and come away slightly from the side of the tin.

Do the skewer test to see if cooked though.

Leave to cool in the tin then turn onto a rack.

Fill/top with cream and fresh summer fruit. Passionfruit is my favourite at the moment.

## Smoked Fish Pate

Made with delicious smoked fish from Zac at Bermagui Meat supply.

250g smoked fish

1 cup each sour cream, cream cheese (I love Tilba), mayonnaise

Place the above in a food processor and blend with juice of one lemon.

When smooth add a few drops of Tabasco, freshly ground salt and pepper.

Finely chop dill and/or chives and fold in.

Serve as a dip with vegetable sticks, crackers, pumpernickel or cucumber rounds.

Keeps well refrigerated in the fridge for a week.

Happy cooking!

Georgina



## Earth Hour Saturday 25 March

In past years I've organised public Earth Hour events to highlight the need for urgent action on climate change. This year I'm staying home in Central Tilba to minimise my carbon footprint. Yes, I'll be switching off the lights for an hour between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm. But Earth Hour for me is about long-term sustainable lifestyle changes.

This year Earth Hour is celebrating 10 years of progress but I'm reflecting on another hottest year ever and considering what effective actions I personally and my community can take to mitigate the effects of climate change.

There's still time to take a solar pledge for Earth Hour 2017. If you'd like to install rooftop solar on your house or small business as part of our community bulk buy, please visit [www.shasa.com.au](http://www.shasa.com.au) or contact Annette Kennewell mob 0417 203 610.

Annette Kennewell

## Warning: Bega River Mouth Opened

Bega Valley Shire Council has opened the Bega River Mouth to the sea north of Tathra.

Signage and bunting will be in place for at least 48 hours to warn the public of the deep channel that is forming as the river and ocean start to interact again.

Council requests that members of the public keep well clear of these fast flowing and dangerous waters. This includes staying away from the sandbanks at the channel's edge as they can become unstable.

For more information contact Council on 6499 2222.

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### March events:

*Sunday Live Music: 5th and 19th from 1.00 pm*

*Social Bridge: Wednesday 1st from 2.00 pm*

### Dates for the Diary:

*Sunday 2 April @ 4.00 pm: from Berlin, The Sauerkrauts, aka the BEEZ, \$20*

*Saturday 15 April @ 7.30 pm: Winery Speakeasy starring Rags to Riches, \$25*

**Signposted off the Princes Highway,  
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## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

**Enclosed box trailer**, 210cm long x 130 wide x 120 high, good condition, LED lights, \$1200 ono. 6493 8515

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### TO LET

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### GARAGE SALE

Central Tilba, Saturday 11 March 8am-2pm, Enquiries: 4473 7382

### CLASSES

**Astrology classes** in Narooma Beginning in April 2017 Enquires to enrol or for chart reading Please call Cecilia on 0409 461 135

### WORK AVAILABLE

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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.

## Book Review

Heather O'Connor

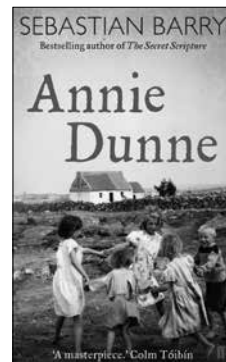
**Annie Dunn,**  
**Sebastian Barry, \$19.99**

One of the greatest joys of my life is reading almost anything written by almost any Irish writer – and Sebastian Barry is in my top five favourites. Over Christmas I read *Days Without End*, and then found *Annie Dunn*. Set in the 1950s in Ireland, it could have been describing the lives of 19th century rural women. So little had changed for those who struggled on marginal farming land, who were unmarried and who relied so heavily on themselves and their relationships with family and neighbours. Annie and her cousin Sarah manage a small farm by themselves; as “spinster aunts” they also take on the responsibility for two young relatives whose parents are away in London looking for work. The book describes the everyday challenges of unrelenting work and the precarious ability to survive when faced with such decisions as selling their only horse, thus their only means of transport.

Annie's existence relies entirely on the

continuing support of Sarah who has provided her with a home in exchange for her labour. The relationship between the two women is so touching it occasionally brought tears to my eyes. Just the description of their work together on washing day tells it all. But there are also extremely grim issues of abuse, of the vulnerability of women living without men, and of the uncertainty facing those without a home to call their own.

Sebastian Barry's writing is often described as poetic, and *Annie Dunn* is the ultimate example of that truth – it is really beautiful. In 230 pages he packs in a fabulous description of Irish country life, of families, of the essential decency of humanity in the face of the dark side. Treat yourself to reading it straight through.



## Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch make sure that all dogs and cats adopted through them have all the essential veterinary work done before adoption, so that the hard work is taken care of. Lilley the 12 year old de-sexed female Maltese enjoys good health, has had recent dental work and all routine vet work is up to date. She is good to bathe and groom, is house trained, enjoys a routine, and is still quite active and an excellent watch dog. Lilley is not good with strangers and would be unsuitable with children. She requires an experienced owner prepared to work with her to form a mutually beneficial relationship.



Lilley the 12 year old Maltese

Other dogs available for adoption are: Midgey, a black and tan 10 month old small mixed breed, Booke, a 9 month old ridgeback X, Sarge, a 2 year old Bull Arab X Mastiff, Bronte, female 6 year old whippet/kelpie, a male 6 month old Boxer X Bull Arab, Honey, a 1 year and 11 month old Staffie / Kelpie X, a male, white and tan, 6 month old Boxer x Bull Arab, Honey, a 1 year old female Staffie X Kelpie (tan / black) amputee, Rocco, a 10 year white/black M Foxy X, Zeus, a 10 month old, tan/black, Great Dane X Wolf Hound, Sam,

a 9 year old Mini Pinscher (black/tan), a female Jack Russell (white/tan), a cream Labrador, 1 month old, Bronte, a 6 year old Kelpie X Whippet, Milo, 11 month old Tri Kelpie and Huxley, an 11 month old Staffie / French Bulldog, (dark tan/black/white).

Kitten season is upon us and in a joint effort with RSPCA Sapphire Coast Branch, Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch is asking for desperately

needed supplies of kitten milk and food. Donations can be deposited into food bins at Woolworths in Bermagui, Tura and Merimbula or Coles Bega and Eden. If you would like to adopt one of the many kittens available at the moment please call the adoption line on 0400 372 609. There are two adult cats desperately needing homes and in an effort to do so Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch have reduced their adoption fee to \$50 in the hope that forever homes can be found for Kitty, a 9 year old DMH and Sox, an 11 month old Tabby.

Please call **0400 372 609** for more details or check our Facebook page Animal Welfare League FarSouthCoastBranch for details.





#### AL-ANON

Bega, Tuesdays 5pm, rear 7th Day Adventist Church,  
Upper St (opposite pool)  
Ph 6492 0314

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui Saturday 2pm, Anglican Church Hall  
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#### ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch promotes the welfare of  
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Meeting at Tathra Beach Bowling Club 11am, Sunday  
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#### ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

Bermagui: All Saints- 1st, 2nd 3rd Sundays  
10.00am Holy Communion, 4th Sunday Evening  
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Cobargo: Christ Church - 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
Sundays 5.00pm Holy Communion  
Quaama: St Saviours- 4th Sunday 10.00 am  
Morning Prayer  
5th Sunday - One service in parish at 10 am rotation  
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  
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#### BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

Bermagui Sports Stadium. Social Badminton -  
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Contact Heather on 6493 6310.  
Competition Badminton - Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm

#### BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB ARTS SOCIETY

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#### THE BERMAGUI MARKET

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the  
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#### BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Needs new members. Those interested please phone  
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Hotel at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

#### BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Friendly, social group meets for Indoor Bowls at  
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#### BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday every Month 10.00am until 12 noon,  
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Meetings every Tuesday 6pm. Ph. 6493 4199

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Fridays 10-12 during school term. Newborn, toddlers,  
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#### BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting First Wednesday of Month, 2.00pm at  
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Researchers & helpers welcome. Ph Allan Douch  
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#### BERMAGUI U3A

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#### COBARGO DISTRICT MUSEUM

Meeting 5 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month Cobargo  
Newsagency : 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  
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2nd Wednesday every month, 7.30 pm - CWA  
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Hall bookings and inquiries: Linda 0407 047 404 or  
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arrangement. Enquiries: 0428 667 924

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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  
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#### QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage,  
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does patchwork, quilting, or any other needlework.  
Lorraine James 6493 7175 or Mary Cooke 6493 7320.

#### 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 Thursday of the month, 9am, at Quaama  
School of Arts Hall to plan Quaama community  
events and projects. Membership \$5pa. New  
members and non-members always welcome.  
Enquiries: Glenna 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

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Contact: Richard Nipperess 4473 7769. Meet: 9.30 -  
12.30 first Wednesday of the month at the 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,  
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#### 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.  
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#### NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings at St Paul's Church Hall, Narooma, 7pm;  
1st Tuesdays Technical Workshops, 3rd Tuesdays  
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Michelle Merry 0409 020 458 & check website.

#### HEART TO HEART

2nd & 4th Saturday of month from 12.30 to 3.00pm  
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Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am at Umbarra  
Cultural Centre, Akolele. All men are welcome.  
For information ring Bill Johnston (president) on  
6493 54477 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

March	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Fri 3 - Mon 13	Sculptures Bermagui (Opening @6 pm 3 March)	Bermagui Headland/Community Centre	10 am - 4 pm Daily
Fri 3	Ecstatic Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
Sat 4	Theatre Production - All This Living	Bega Fun House Studio	3 pm & 7 pm
	Fire - Yuin Elders tell Stories	Bermagui Headland	6.30 pm
Sun 5	Live music - Steve Benic	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4 - 7 pm
	Free Live music - The LPs	Tilba Valley Winery	1 pm
Sun 5	Tilba Food Share	199 Ridge Rd Central Tilba	10 am - noon
Sat 11	Bermagui Seaside Fair	Dickinson Oval & Park - Bermagui	8 am - 9 pm
	Stonewave Taiko Performance	Bermagui Headland	7.30 pm
	Fireworks	Bermagui Headland	8 pm
Sun 12	Live music - Interpolators	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4 - 7 pm
	Blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1 pm - 5 pm
	Sculptures Bermagui Closing Ceremony	Bermagui Headland	6 pm
Mon 13	Full Moon Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
Fri 17	Ecstatic Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
Sat 18	Live Music - Sandman Panelvan	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4 - 7 pm
Sun 19	Live Music - Klaus	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4 - 7 pm
Sat 25	Trivia Night (Cobargo Creators Fundraiser)	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	7 pm
Sun 26	Live Music - Rock Dogz	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4 - 7 pm
Fri 31	Ecstatic Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
April 1	Quaama Harvest Fair & Dog Show	Quaama Hall	Day / Night
April 2	The Sauerkrauts (ex. The Beez)- \$20	Tilba Valley Winery	1 pm
	Quaama Tennis Club Opening	Quaama Tennis Club	2 pm
April 9	Live Music - Beautifully Mad	Rusty Fig Winery	Midday
<b>REGULARS</b>			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10 am-3.30 pm
Tuesdays	Yoga and meditation	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	7 - 8.15 am
	Bermagui garden group	Venues vary, ph Heather: 6493 5308	
Last Tuesday	Cobargo Seed Savers	18 Blackbutt Drive, Cobargo	10 am - noon
1st Tuesday	Meditation classes	Kamalashila Tibetan Buddhist Centre	10 am - 11 am
Wednesdays	Dru Yoga	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	10.30 am
1st Wednesday	Bermagui Historical Society meeting	Bermagui Museum (Community Centre)	2 pm
	Social bridge	Tilba Valley Winery	2 pm
	Bermagui & District Seniors' Social Club meeting	Bermagui CWA rooms/Country Club	10.30 am
3rd Wednesday	Bermagui & District Seniors' social lunch	Ph 6493 4006 or 6493 4773 for venues	
	Yoga and meditation	Bermagui SLSC	9.45 - 11 am
Thursdays	Mind Body Stillness Meditation	The Courtroom, Princes H'way Cobargo	10am-11am
	Worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermagui Community Centre	5.30 pm
Fridays	CRABs raffles	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 5 pm
1st Friday	Bermagui CWA meetings	CWA Rooms, Corunna St	1 pm
2nd Friday	Tilba CWA meetings	Small Hall Tilba	10 am
1st Sunday	Reclaim the Riverbank Working Bee	Under the bridge, Quaama	9-11 am
<b>ART</b>			
March 2 - 29	Botanical Postcards Exhibition (opens 2/3 @ 6 pm)	Shop 7 ArtSpace, Bermagui	10 am - 4 pm Daily
March 1 - 31	Of a Distant Shore - Photo Exhibition, Di Manning Opening @ 10 am - 15/3	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	10 am - 4 pm daily
March 10 - 12	The Shape of Things - Arts, Crafts & Photographic Exhibition	Bermagui Surf Club	10 am - 4 pm Fri/ Sat Sun (10 - 2)
23 Feb - 26 Mar	Kay Jensen ceramics, Lorna Crane prints/paintings	Ivy Hill Gallery	5 pm
4 March	"On Distant Shores" exhibition opening	Lazy Lizard gallery, Cobargo	10 am - 12 noon
March 25	Ink & Tissue Workshop (Rita Wagner)	Cobargo School of Arts	10 am - 4 pm