

James Crabb, FourPlay and the BioBlitz

The Board of Four Winds is thrilled to announce the appointment of James Crabb as Four Winds' new Artistic Director with responsibility to lead an exciting year-round program of activities as well as the iconic biennial Easter Festival.

Chair of the Board Sheena Boughen says, "James is an internationally acclaimed classical accordionist and a highly respected and passionate music educator. He will deliver a vibrant, international program of events, to further enhance and animate our beautiful performance spaces."

James' diverse background includes performing with Neil Finn and Patti Smith, music theatre productions, contemporary dance collaborations and two longstanding professorships of Classical Accordion departments in Denmark and Austria.

"Music-making at any level must be a two-way, natural, enjoyable, memorable and enriching experience for the performer and listener regardless of age, knowledge, ability or experience. I aspire to excellence but this is not to be confused with elitism — music is for everyone!" he declares.

Welcome, James, to the Team!



James Crabb, Four Winds' new Artistic Director

All the community is invited to attend BioBlitz. This is a free event when Four Winds, in partnership with the Atlas of Life and Bournda Education Centre, collaborate to offer three fun-filled days of music, nature and shared creativity at Four Winds' beautiful Nature's Concert Hall at Barragga Bay. This event will be held on Thursday 10 November from 7am to Saturday 12 November.

Everyone is welcome to join in on over 60 guided surveys including flora walks, reptile hunts, peacock spider searches, night-time moth and possum surveys and motion sensitive camera trap discoveries.

Students from Bournda Environmental Education Centre will participate on Friday, and of course this Four Winds BioBlitz event will have a creative twist, including a free music concert in the outdoor amphitheatre Sound Shell by Indie string quartet FourPlay on Saturday afternoon. Refreshments will be available or BYO picnic, and enjoy original songs inspired by rock, pop, jazz, hip hop and more.

Register your interest with us for a limited number of places in how to paint or photograph nature, and with the scientific information collected, artists onsite will create new botanical illustrations and creative photography projects in a unique exhibition.

See www.fourwinds.com.au for all the details, and to reserve your place in each of the activities. Alternately, contact the Four Winds Team at our office in the Bermagui Community Centre, or call Jac, Carole or Leah on 6493 3414.

Jessica Taylor
Communications Officer
Four Winds



FourPlay will be performing at the Four Winds Sound Shell on Saturday 12 November

Bermagui Focus Group's article talks about a meeting to discuss a range of community housing (see p17). Speakers will cover models such as retirement villages, co-housing, intentional communities and small houses with shared facilities.

I personally felt weighed down by the range of challenging situations facing people, as described in this article. After listening to Radio National's *Life Matters*, an interview on *2016 Poverty in Australia Report* I immediately felt a lot better. The report identifies the challenges on hand for many Australians, with three million people living below the poverty line, but its interpretation also shows if we get serious

about it, we *can* turn things around. The interview talked about turning the system on its head, remodelling and direct action. It's going to take some time but it can be done.

We need to be careful about who we elect into positions at Council, State and Federal levels, demanding information about their track record of achievement, commitment and values, making them accountable in their positions, to achieve social change.

We need to be better at our own relationships, more compassionate, generous and caring, ministering to the sick and needy. We need to have a realistic

view of how much it's going to cost to pay our way across a lifetime, making good household decisions that affect ourselves and others.

Ageing populations, increased mental health issues, lower employment opportunities, low income levels, seasonal impacts of tourism and low all-year round population are some of the challenges that need to be addressed in the planning process.

It is going to take accurate data, careful and specific long-term planning, and heaps of commitment.

Certainly, it's a call to action.

Letter to the editors

Oh no! more plastic!

Plastics use is expected to quadruple by 2050. Eight million tonnes of plastics leak into the ocean every year, which is equivalent to one truck of plastic waste dumped into the ocean every minute.

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rubbish tips, nor in the ocean. Avoidance of single-use plastic items is still the best solution.

Boomerang Bag Groups (BBG) are tirelessly working already all over Australia to produce shopping bags that can be borrowed and brought back instead of using the light-weight single-use plastic shopping bags given out at retail outlets.

We are aware that we will not be able to sew that many Boomerang bags as are currently handed out at big supermarkets daily.

We are hoping that shops and take away outlets see how much community support we have and will start to take responsibility for plastic packaging and the accumulation of plastic waste.

Alternatives are available e.g. cotton or hessian bags, paper/cardboard containers, edible plates, re-usable glass bottles.

The consumer can help by choosing carefully and, if there is an alternative, use the alternative.

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Thumbs Up

to Helen and hubby, Bermagui residents – thank you for checking the battery then calling the NRMA. We live in a wonderful community, with happy helping hands for the needy.



to the wonderful after hours response by a Tilba plumber who investigated and then contacted the Shire sewerage crew, fixing the problem before sunset. We are very appreciative – thank you.

to Bay Removals who delivered a huge donation, gratis, from Sydney to the Bowerbird Op Shop Cobargo.

to those who prune foliage overhanging the footpaths, allowing pedestrians easy access.

Thumbs Down



to the number of large commercial signs proliferating at the southern end of the once attractive timber

wall of the Fisherman's Co-op in Bermagui. Are they really necessary?

to the council who, for a long time, has ignored the fact that the public barbecue in the Cobargo park is out of order. The park is a popular venue for families and sadly they need to bring their own barbecue.

Stephanie Anderson - the heart of the matter

For Stephanie Anderson, exploring and understanding cultural differences has been at the core of her endeavours. Stephanie combined a degree in Anthropology from the Australian National University (ANU) with postgraduate studies in French, giving her the tools to pursue her special interest in French ethno-historical material relating to Indigenous Australians.

What first caught Stephanie's imagination, in 2000, was the exhibition *Baudin's Voyages 1800-1804* at the National Library. Napoleon Bonaparte lavishly funded an expedition to Australia with the agenda of discovery and study contributing to the natural sciences, underpinned by ideas of Enlightenment. Two ships left Le Havre in October 1800 with prominent scientists and their assistants. Baudin's artists, Charles Alexandre Lesueur and Nicolas-Martin Petit created paintings and drawings on the shores of Australia and captured some of the first European views of Australian animals, landscapes and portraits of Aboriginal people. It was the portraits that held Stephanie's fascination, they were so beautiful.

Stephanie later was part of a research team at ANU, with the brief: how scientific information collected by Europeans in the Pacific influenced the now discredited science of 'race'. Whilst doing her research, she came across the story of the French cabin boy Narcisse Pelletier. It became a long-term project, resulting in her translation of his account published as *Pelletier: The Forgotten Castaway of Cape York*.

In 1857 Narcisse Pelletier boarded the vessel Saint Paul which set sail from France and recruited more than 300 Chinese workers for the Australian goldfields. The vessel ran aground near Rossel Island, New Guinea. The captain and crew made it across to Cape York in a longboat, where Pelletier, left on shore, was abandoned by the crew. Miraculously, he was taken in by an Aboriginal family, staying with their clan until 1875. He was sighted by the crew of a passing ship and returned to France against his will. His account of his adventure was related to a doctor in France who put together the memoirs. That is where they stayed until Stephanie came across them by chance and translated the story into English, adding back a 'piece of gold' to Australian and international history.



Stephanie Anderson enjoys the small yet diverse community at Tilba

Stephanie has been inspired by two books about Indigenous history on the Far South Coast: *Looking for Blackfellas' Point* by Mark McKenna, which explores the history of settler Australia's relations with the Aboriginal people of south east NSW and asks why stories from the past are forgotten when others are perpetuated across generations; and *On Track; Searching Out the Bundian Way*, by John Blay, a naturalist, poet, and seasoned bush walker. His search is more like a pilgrimage on a 380 km ancient pathway, from Mt Kosciuszko to Two Fold Bay, Eden, used by Aboriginal people of the area (and the earliest British arrivals) for seasonal movements, ceremonies and trade, thus linking the groups between the mountains and the coast.

Stephanie later translated and published Akira Mizubayashi's *Melodie*, a memoir of a Japanese man's life in a small Tokyo apartment with his golden retriever. The relationship between the two is transformational, allowing the author to develop a range of emotional attachments from love to compromise, which changed his life.

Her new home in Tilba Tilba, against the backdrop of Najanuga, culturally significant to the Yuin people, seems to be a fitting place of residence. Stephanie is keen to bring to life some former local identities on behalf of the Bermagui Historical Society and Museum. Welcome, friend!

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Quaama's Hidden Gardens on Display

On Saturday, 12 November, Quaama will be the place to be for garden lovers.

Meet at St Saviours Church on Cobargo Street at 10am for a guided private garden tour. In addition, there will be several open gardens on display around town. Look for the green balloons outside and enter some of our village's hidden treasures. Free entry but all donations made will go to supporting the Quaama Hall.

Quaama Hall Celebrates 114 years with a Garden Party!

Saturday, 12 November from 2.30 to 5pm. Dust off your top hats, put on your bonnets and head to the Quaama Hall to celebrate her 114th birthday with a Garden Party with High Tea! There will be elegant food and drink, musical entertainment and a period costume fashion parade. Enjoy strolling around the Hall grounds with neighbours and friends eating delicious sweet and savoury morsels with punch, tea or coffee. \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for pensioners and children. Prizes awarded



Hidden heavens

to those best dressed and a Lucky Door Prize will be drawn! All money raised goes toward maintaining the hall and her gardens.

Quaama School Goes Wild with *The Jungle Book*

The Quaama School's K - 6 production of *The Jungle Book* brought together their school based music, drama and dance programs in a delightful rendition of this well loved story. Rudyard Kipling's classic tale was adapted by our own teachers. The school's encouragement of the students in developing their many talents has



Grrrrr!

certainly paid off! Wonderful costuming and makeup, vibrant energetic dancing and great performances saw super appreciative audiences for both the matinee and evening performances. Bravo to our little school. They punch way above their weight!

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The sirens sounded loud and hard
As birds flew from their perch

The Brogo and the Quaama crews
United in their quest
As Bermi and Cobargo shared
A robust heartfelt zest.

Within the humble walls they prayed
And sung in sacred voice
That they would be protected through
The duty of their choice.

And some had served for forty years
And others were quite new
But each one knew the summer fears
That bushfires oft imbue.

So once the Blessing of the Fleet
Had ended for the year
Each Firie stopped to drink and eat
In conversation's cheer.

And when the call goes out to them
To fight the flame and heat
May they recall assurance from
The Blessing of the Fleet.

Anon.

Come to Quaama for New Year's Eve!

Bring a picnic and a blanket, bring a friend and a pet! Grab your neighbour and your dancing shoes. Come to the Quaama Hall to celebrate 2017! The gates open at 7pm. Find a spot on the lawn, chat with friends and strangers, share your picnic and guard your plate against marauding pups. Your kids will have a great time running amok!

Then at 9pm, the band will kick off inside. No, we're not doing original music this year. WE HEARD YOU! Welcome in 2017 with dance favourites from the 70s, 80s and 90s, featuring a bit of funk, some reggae and a whole lotta rock 'n' roll! Entry \$10/\$5 concession.

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Change and Transformation

There's lots of positive change in the Tilba business community at the moment. We welcome the new Wallaby & Wombat shop, recently opened by Jane and Alfie—best wishes and may it be a great success. This shop showcases Australian-made products and, specifically, local goods. There is also an excited whisper that the bakery is soon to re-open. This is great news. But, best of all, a DA is currently before council for a chocolate factory. What next!

Soft Plastic Recycling

It is now possible to recycle soft plastics. Here in Tilba, Jenny Burnett has made it possible for us all to reduce our waste that much more effectively. Currently, a bin in the big hall has been made available for disposal and this is accessible during market hours on Saturday mornings. I suspect that before long, that will no-longer suffice and something larger will be required. Thanks so much for doing this for us, Jenny!

Hairy Concert

We had a full house for the Hairy Concert in October. It was a fun night



Maureen Kleeman at the Tiba CWA Pop-up Café in the small hall in October

of tap dancing, singing, drumming and a curry dinner. Thanks so much to everyone—performers and the audience—for supporting the Halls' restoration program. The next function currently being organised by the Central Tilba School of Arts Trust is a Cabaret for February. This will be the fourth event in our annual entertainment calendar: the Ball, Trivia Night, Hairy Concert and a Cabaret!

Hall Working Bee

Smilie Magill organised a great working bee at the Halls on Saturday 15 October. We had lots of help and repainted external windows and doors of both halls. It was a productive and fun morning - well done and thanks Smilie.

CWA

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 14 October and all new office bearers are congratulated. The next Pop-Up Café will be on Saturday 12 November in the small hall. Please contact Maureen or Pom to provide food and assistance: Maureen on 0477 633 221 and Pom on 0407 214 321. There are no November or December meetings and the next event is the Carols Night on Saturday 3 December. The Tilba CWA is



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Central Tilba School of Arts Trust

The Tilba halls are community-owned and are managed by the Central Tilba School of Arts Trust. We are seeking occasional help with various tasks including the day to day running of the Tilba halls, managing bookings, washing linen and so on. Also, if you wish to be

involved in working bees (painting and so on), please contact Smilie Magill on 4476 3370. Anyone wishing to join the trust can make contact via tilbahalls@gmail.com

If anyone has notices or news for Tilba Bites, please contact me on tilba@thetriangle.org.au or 0427 074 901. Photos of humans and their dogs are sought! Please email as a jpeg.

Julie Dibden

FIRE REPORT

Since the report in last month's *Triangle*, Tilba RFS has attended only one incident which was, nevertheless, a fairly substantial fire at Wallaga Lake Village.

This was during a very strong westerly wind when a few acres of kikuyu and some surrounding bushland were ablaze. Flame height in the grass was about 1.2 metres, and one house was under threat at the time of our arrival.

Tilba Brigade was supported by a fire truck and crew from Narooma, and between the two brigades the fire was extinguished.

The source of ignition of the fire remains unknown, but under conditions of such strong winds there was the disturbing potential for property damage.

Once again, we urge caution when it comes to fire, especially during high risk periods.

Fortunately, at time of writing, this has been the only incident in October.

Anyone seeking advice for property preparation for the fire season is welcome to phone Captain Bruce Allen on 0409 227 655, or Senior Deputy Captain Tralee Snape on 4473 7353.

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So many happenings in and around the village over the past month ...

Happenings and Events...

The Well Thumbed Books team, in conjunction with Four Winds, organised and hosted a fabulous Sisters in Crime, Crime Writers' Convention early in the month, bringing writers and literary enthusiasts from near and far to Cobargo and Bermagui.

The speakers were as diverse as their novels, intriguing participants with their presentations and stories and launching some wonderful conversations amongst their audiences. And our wonderful CWA ladies ensured that participants were well nourished, providing catering for the event.

The weekend was a treat and big thanks go to the girls for their tireless and thorough preparations, ensuring that a wonderful experience was had by all.

The Cobargo Creators' Centre hosted a fabulous Studio Trail in and around the village, bringing people from around the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla shires to the village. There were a host of local artisans who helped make the weekend a great



Cobargo/Quaama Quilters' display with Lorraine, Freddie and Beth

success, opening their studios and work spaces to the public and offering classes and demonstrations.

And the Cobargo/Quaama Quilters held their annual Quilt Show, which was, by all accounts, a wonderful event. The village was full of colour, with many businesses showing their support by hanging quilts in their shops and windows, attracting a horde of quilting enthusiasts to enjoy this annual event. The craft stalls were very popular and the spirit of the event was aglow with creativity, bringing quilters and crafts folk from around the district. All proceeds were generously donated to the CWA.

Celebrations for the Centenary of The Cobargo Convent

In conjunction with the Bermagui U3A, the Cobargo District Museum recently assisted Pam Keegan to do a much-needed fund raising event. There were 17 participants from U3A along with ten volunteers from the museum. Pam conducted a tour of the surrounds of the original Tarlinton property, guided by Paul Tarlinton. The tour then continued to the 'Convent Precinct' including the convent building, its grounds and glimpses of the old catholic school through the trees and St Mary's Church.

This parcel of land, known as the 'Convent Precinct', was gifted by the Tarlinton family some five generations ago.

The church and the convent were built by W Thatcher of Tathra in the early 1900s, along with other civic building within the Bega area.

The group then enjoyed a wonderful morning tea on the sun-drenched eastern verandah of the convent, sharing stories and relaxing. By all accounts, a great time was had by all.

Coming Happenings

The next food swap will be held between 10am and 12 noon on Sunday 20 November at Eddy and Anne's place — 8 Ridge Rd, Coolagolite. Bring your excess produce, seedlings, eggs, whatever you have to share and swap. And if you have

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Bits and Pieces

I'd like to extend a welcome to our newest main street resident, Monique, who has bought Robyn's two storey shop at the bottom of town. She is currently renovating the shop as there seem to be a few people interested in leasing it. It'll be interesting to see who opens there. Welcome Monique. And goodbye to Robyn who has moved up to Batemans Bay.

And by the way, I got the following message from one of our beloved layout people, Sarah, experiencing first hand the new NBN: "I just got NBN on again this morning after a month of no internet – very exciting! Put that in CC!"

It seems that many locals are having internet hassles since the launch of the NBN in town. Having said that, there are also many who are delighted.



Cobargo Convent's Centenary Celebrations

Fairy Land in Chaos

The troll won't let any Fairy Land creature cross his bridge! The Girls in The Hood and Little Red Riding Hood are on the trail to resolve the issue. This is the theme for the Cobargo Public School 2016 production of *Gruffed up*.

Come and enjoy the drama, music, songs and dance of the whole school. Monday 14 November at 12pm for the matinee or the world premiere Tuesday 15 November, 6pm sharp. Tickets are \$5, \$15 per family, and will be available at the door. Limited edition programs will be on sale for \$2.

Thanks to the Yuin Folk Club for the help with lighting and sound.

Gillian Park

Principal Cobargo Public School

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A great time was had by the members of Cobargo CWA when we catered for the Sisters-in Crime Convention at the Cobargo School of Arts in October.

We would like to thank Well Thumbed Books for the opportunity and the many people who purchased their lunch. The funds will go towards paying for the new roof and updating the kitchen.

Yes, that is the next item on the agenda. By the time we finish that the whole cottage will have been made over! What a great asset it is to the community – an air-conditioned, carpeted room that can be put to so many uses. We can also organise catering for you at a very reasonable cost.

Please ring Mary Motbey on 6493 6428 for the hire of the cottage and our President Lynne Jones on 6493 8360 to organise catering.

Whilst on the subject of thanking people, a great big thank you to the

Cobargo Quilters who ran their Quilt Show on Saturday 15 October with all proceeds going to Cobargo CWA to help pay for the new roof.

The Quilt Show was stunning, the beautiful quilts an inspiration to all. We have so many highly talented people in this community who are also very generous.

As yet no nominations have been received for Cobargo Community Citizen of the Year.

If you know of someone who you think is deserving of recognition, simply ring Mary Williams, on 6493 6167, and she will explain the simple procedure to make a nomination. Remember the nomination must come from the community. Entries close at the end of November.

We have been assured by Bega Valley Shire Council that the Ambassador will come to Cobargo again this year.

Mary Williams

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Cobargo Conversations

JUKE JOINT IS BACK

The Juke Joint is back this November! Originally held amongst the Wandella hills in the old community hall, on Saturday 19 November the event is again to be held at the Old Butter Factory on the Cobargo-Bermagui Road for a night not to be missed.

'Juke joint' (or jook joint) is the vernacular term for an informal establishment featuring music and dancing... the term 'juke' is believed to derive from the Gullah word joog, meaning rowdy or disorderly. Set up on the outskirts of town, often in ramshackle buildings or private houses, juke joints offered food, drink, and dancing for weary workers. (Source Wikipedia)

Come and dance your troubles away at what could be the last Juke Joint for 2016! The night will feature disc jocks playing all vinyl records: vintage soul, greasy R&B, jump blues and early rock'n'roll.

There will be mouth-watering Southern and Creole food available from the good folk at Guy's Place of Bermagui, with all profit from door sales being donated to further cancer research via Cancer Council NSW. Sugar Sounds also will be on board with a stall selling original LPs and 45s for you to take home. Come hungry and ready for a good time! Entry is \$15 on the door or \$30 for families, and BYO booze.

Doors open at 5pm on Saturday 19 November at the Old Butter Factory in Cobargo (1464 Cobargo-Bermagui Rd). For more information head to facebook.com/analoguejukejoint

Tom Noonan



Local Clara Loth of Coolagolite received a Doctor of Physiotherapy from Macquarie University on 28 September. Clara attended Cobargo Primary School then Narooma High. The now Dr Loth celebrated her achievement with her proud fiancé Sam, family and friends

REMINDER

Come and hear David Spitteler from the Asylum Seeker Centre, Dandenong, who will be speaking on Sunday 6 November at All Saints Church, Bermagui at 10am and at Christ Church, Cobargo at 5pm

ALL WELCOME

For more information phone Rev Joy Harris 6493 4416 or Caroline Tolley 6493 3919

Star Stories at the butter factory

Sunday 20 November will be the next monthly community documentary screening in the Old Cobargo Butter Factory at 3.30pm. We will be showing *Star Stories of The Dreaming*, a documentary by Eleanor Gilbert.

Increasingly Aboriginal people in Australia are being recognised as the first astronomers. When the ancient wisdoms of the universe held by the oldest culture on earth meet modern astrophysics, a new concept is born—cultural astronomy.

In the meeting of minds between Prof Ray Norris, CSIRO astrophysicist project leader of the Evolutionary Mapping of the Universe (EMU), and Ghillar Michael Anderson, leader of the Euahlayi people of north-west New South Wales, extraordinary parallels emerge in the two cultures—such as 'wormholes' and the pathway to Bullima, the Euahlayi Sky Camp, via the hollow Coolabah tree. In *Star Stories of The Dreaming*, Ghillar shares publicly for the first time teachings



Ghillar Michael Anderson, leader of the Euahlayi people of north-west New South Wales

passed to him as the knowledge holder for his people, the Euahlayi.

After the screening there will be a Q&A with the movie maker, Ellie Gilbert.

Please come in big numbers to keep more documentary screenings possible!

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Cobargo Conversations

Crime Convention: friendly, fun and refreshing

We had a hugely successful Cobargo Crime Convention from 7 to 9 October.

Sisters in Crime partnered with Well Thumbed Books and Four Winds to produce a weekend of women writers' crime and music.

Also there were red stilettos, crime scene tape, chalked bodies, blood spattered shirts, great food, and people laughing and talking.

Right from the start at the library in Bermagui on Friday night and concluding with the concert and wild murder dance on Sunday afternoon, there was plenty of opportunity for audience members to talk to writers.

Panel sessions were witty and vigorous with oodles of audience participation.

L.J.M Owen, author of *Olmec Obituary* and *Mayan Mendacity*, penned on her Facebook post, "There's nary a warmer, quirkier, nor more enjoyable welcome to be had than in Cobargo."

Over 150 enthusiastic people in attendance engaged with eight women crime writers, seven musicians and five local organisations and businesses.



Wendy Tucker (left) interviewing author Kay Schubach
(photo by Lillian Green)

Sisters in Crime thanks, especially, the audience, as well as the people responsible for organising this magnificent and entertaining weekend: the five women at Well Thumbed Books for their organisation, billeting authors and all-round general helpfulness. Cobargo CWA catered morning and afternoon teas and lunch – delicious. Liena and Sheena and their team from Four Winds Bermagui for their organisation, marketing, author gifts, hosting and making the music happen; Bega Valley Shire Library for their hard work in encouraging readers, hosting writers and their cheerful and tireless work during the convention; and Candelo Books for setting up and selling books.

Janice Simpson

Sisters in Crime National Co-convenor

Light Up Cobargo

Mark your diaries now, Friday evening 2 December, for a night of food and fun to usher in the Christmas season.

Cobargo Tourist and Business Association in partnership with Cobargo Creators would like to invite all residents of Cobargo and surrounding towns to a night of fun and community involvement.

The night will 'Switch On Cobargo' – a kilometre of Christmas lighting in the town precinct with a competition for the best Christmas-decorated shop. There will be late night shopping till 9pm on the evening with street food and entertainment. Naturally Santa will be at such an event (no chance he will miss a steak sandwich and Cobargo ice cream).

Save the date now and be part of the local community. Get to see the local shops and galleries if you are not familiar with them or just have not seen them for a while.

If you would like to participate in the event in areas such as a community presence, food vending or entertainment, please feel free to call in and talk to David at the Cobargo Post Office or Veronica at Cobargo Creators.

Remember Friday 2 December – Light Up Cobargo.

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The town has certainly come alive again with an influx of visitors during the school holidays and a couple of events happening around town that had the No Vacancy signs up at a lot of accommodation establishments.

Unfortunately we were unable to provide our visitors with the usual beautiful spring weather and weren't we all pleased our winter woollies weren't packed away? Those freezing south-westerly winds that battered our coast during October were rather unwelcome, and we gardeners are now looking in despair at the dead leaves and sticks that are decorating our gardens after the windy conditions. Hopefully the real spring weather is with us now.

Humpback Highway has certainly been living up to its name with a lot of whale sightings close to shore. Recently a small pod of females and calves were seen very close to Dickinson Point in the early morning, and there has been more activity in the bay. It's often a case of being in the right place at the right time to experience this wonderful natural event.

Christmas is close! It hit home to me recently that Christmas is just around the corner and, ready or not, here we go again into another silly season. Guess most of us have been left scratching our heads and wondering, where has our year gone? The blokes at the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed have started early this year in preparing the Christmas Santas that adorn our shop awnings and businesses. I had the dubious pleasure of helping paint some of the new Santas recently. They really take a battering perched high up on the buildings, and every year many need some TLC to get them looking their best again. Repainting, repairing and, because of extra demand, a



These gentle beasts were there to welcome visitors to Montreal Goldfields

few new santas needed to be made. They may not be perfect, but at least they give a somewhat festive feel to the town.

As I was told, when pointing out some of their unusual features, "We are just a bunch of blokes with no artistic talent." So when you see the Santas up, be a little kind if you notice a funny face or two.

Christmas Carols on the Oval

It's on again this year, Christmas Carols on Dickinson Oval, Friday 16 December from 6.30pm onwards. The kids can help decorate the Christmas trees, and Santa will make an appearance. Bring a picnic or enjoy the sausage sizzle and, get ready to sing all your favourite Christmas carols.

New Library Hours

Bega Valley Shire Council is trialling extended opening hours at the Bermagui Library. Extended opening hours will

be trialled during daylight savings to give library members more flexibility and opportunity to use the library in the afternoons and participate in programs and events during the week. The new hours will be 9.30am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays. Don't forget, the library is closed on Wednesdays.

Bullocky and Billy Tea

If you missed the annual Montreal Goldfields Heritage Day, you missed a great time. The volunteers certainly did a fantastic job in getting the site ready for visitors with many interesting activities this year. A small team of bullocks met visitors at the gate, setting the scene to take them back in time to the 1880s. Of course Bill's famous damper, lavishly spread with cocky's joy (Golden syrup) was a favourite, with a cup of billy tea. The blokes from

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The Men's Shed kept hungry visitors fed with the enticing smells of fried onions and sausages, and the entertainment was second to none as the Montreal Pit Singers belted out various folk ballads and local singers Louise and Miranda blending beautiful female voices. The finale was an adaptation of a Henry Lawson story, *The Golden Graveyard*, performed as an old fashioned radio play including sound effects.

This year, the girls from the Cobargo life drawing group had a stream of willing participants sitting for their portraits, and always a favourite with the kids was Ray's gold panning. There were cries of delight when huge lumps of 'gold' were found. Montreal is a great resource to have in our community and brings many visitors to the area, but many locals have never been there. So, if you want to see what it is all about, tours are held at 2pm every day. Just turn up at the site and you will be shown around by one of the knowledgeable volunteer guides all for the modest fee of \$7.50 per person.

Killer Corner!

Once again the notorious Wallaga Lake/Bermagui-Cobargo Road corner claimed another victim. Luckily this was not a fatality, but the car involved was a mangled mess. Over the past few years we have seen several motorbike accidents, including fatalities, on or near this corner. When is enough, enough?

Surely it must be seen as a black spot and worthy of some attention by the authorities involved. How many more people must die before something is done? Suggestions have been made to install noise-producing strips on the road to warn inattentive drivers that the intersection is approaching.

Maybe a roundabout is the answer, or lowering the speed limit through the intersection. It would be interesting to hear what the community feels about this issue.

Four Winds' Three Days of Music

So much happening in Barraga Bay on 10, 11 and 12 November. Get involved in the Community BioBlitz and participate in guided surveys including flora walks, reptile hunts, peacock spider searches, night-time moth and possum surveys and



What sort of 'monster' is attacking our trees?

motion-sensitive camera-trap discoveries in and around the Four Winds site. Or maybe just attend the free concert in the Sound Shell. Best check out their website at www.fourwinds.com.au or call 6493 3414 for more details. Sounds like a great weekend in one of the most beautiful settings on the south coast.

Native grass regeneration for Bermagui

Many local residents may have noticed the work going on alongside the bike path between the bridge and the Fisherman's Co-op. Bega Valley Shire Council is undertaking a replanting of native grasses and low flowering shrubs to create a buffer between the urban parkland and sensitive coastal

vegetation that is 'aimed at managing and improving spaces where urban areas and native bushland meet', according to a Council media release. Further works are planned at Bermagui Point as well. For further information regarding this current work, and any future work, please phone Council's Manager Leisure and Recreation John Grady on 6499 2222.

Fairhaven 'Monster'

Locals and visitors have been noticing strange things happening on the walking track down to Fairhaven Point. Trees are showing evidence of some 'creature' gouging huge chunks of bark from the trunks to get to the grubs hidden within. Could it be some long-forgotten creature lurking in the bush, something mysterious moving around in the night? Or is there a more logical explanation? A goanna perhaps (although no one has seen any around), or black cockatoos? Hmmm ... rather think we can spin a bit of a yarn about the Fairhaven Bunyip and keep our little piece of paradise to ourselves.

Recycled Teenagers

Sunday 27 November is the date for the annual free Variety Concert run by Lori Hammerton of Bermagui, aimed at people who like their entertainment on the mellow side.

Bermagui Country Club is donating the auditorium for the day and the entertainment will commence at 1pm and go through to 5pm. Good fun guaranteed!

A great variety of artists include guitarists, vocalists, tap dancers, comedians and other musicians will be performing, with afternoon tea thrown in around 3.30pm.

There will be two Lucky Door prizes to be won and a hamper of goodies will be raffled to assist Lori with costs, and any extra will be donated to Bega Valley Can Assist.



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Bermagui Banter

On to Plan B: adapting for a radically changing planet

It was pretty clear to scientists in the 1990s that man-made carbon emissions were causing climate change—it had started with the Industrial Revolution. Two plans of action were mooted. Plan A: reduce emissions (mitigation). Plan B: adapt to the changes. But we weren't going to need Plan B, were we? The fix was clear, and there was plenty of time ...

Agreements in Kyoto, Cancun and Paris since then have seen governments move slowly, but steadily, towards the consensus that warming should be limited to well below two degrees and that net emissions should be reduced to zero by 2050.

Sounds good on paper. But why are we negotiating targets we can't reach?

The question was posed by Dr Ian Noble at the Bermagui Institute Public Dinner at Il Passagio last month. Dr Noble is the retired Lead Climate Change Specialist with the World Bank.

A two-degree limit, Dr Noble claimed, is possible only by reducing emissions to zero *and* absorbing atmospheric carbon—implementing carbon capture or planting more vegetation. Neither is likely to happen.

So the focus has changed from climate change mitigation (Plan A, reducing emissions) to adaptation (Plan B, readying the planet for the warming already in the pipeline).

"Even if we achieve the two-degree target, we're going to have a lot of climate change," said Dr Noble. "We're seeing it already."

At the World Bank Dr Noble advised on funding developing nations' adaptation to climate change.



Dr Ian Noble spoke about the need to adapt to climate change at local, national and international levels in Bermagui last month

Asking the poorest nations to curb their emissions, or simply to not develop carbon-intensive lifestyles, won't make much difference. Thus Plan B, readying those nations for the changes that are inevitable.

As Dr Noble came to a close and the applause died down at Il Passagio, our table was coming to terms with the sobering realisation that the focus has moved well and truly off emissions reduction. We're looking at a radically changing planet, in our lifetimes, and all we can do, at local, national and international levels, is move to Plan B—get off the back foot and try to adapt.

Jen Severn

Read Jen's full story—go to www.thetriangle.org.au and click on 'Off the Page'

For Arts Sake

Sculpture Bermagui, under new guidance, will celebrate its 11th year, with a new format including the indoor/outdoor component coupled with torch light tours, music, more fire and a tribute to Peter 'Beatle' Collins.

Efforts are underway to secure new funding arrangements, with the retention of the contributions and support of council. Phillip Cox and Janet Hawley, as patrons of this event, are still on board with a new selection committee busily connecting with various artists, from the local to national and international.

Next year's event will be the beginning of a 'new wave', hoping that some of our budding young artists become involved and share their passions and creations. So, mark your calendar for next year March 8 to 13, 2017. Stay tuned!

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We need a better way to look after people. Many have been marginalised. There are single parent families; people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), chronic fatigue and many other kinds of stress; those recovering from generations of trauma and discrimination; the economic discrimination against women which means that now older women form a major section of the homeless; and bullying is still endemic (even in politics!) and people are disempowered by it whoever does it.

In Bermagui, the land Sister Harris left in trust for a retirement village now houses a supermarket. Houses are usually sold to holidaying folk who plan to retire here, leaving their houses empty most of the year, and few houses available for local first home buyers. The number of houses for rent is dwindling and the town

is so empty in winter many businesses are forced to close. We also have a very large proportion of aging folk.

Many have been caught without enough savings to buy locally. There are too few jobs and many are under-employed and part-time and seasonal work do not allow for savings. Too many of us are not managing very well.

We need more options. There are no aged care facilities closer than Bega or Dalmeny. There is nowhere here for active people who don't own a house to live in a sustainable, affordable and pro-active way.

Recent conversations on Radio National's *Life Matters* were about councils such as Gosford and others on the north coast supporting intentional communities. Tiny houses can be built from recycled materials for around \$10 000. Sometimes

part of rent money can be put aside as equity in a house. Michael Marmot referred to a study of civil servants in the UK that indicated clearly that people live longer, healthier lives if they have control over their lives.

There will be a meeting in Bermagui to discuss the kinds of housing that can be considered. Speakers will cover a range of options such as retirement villages, co-housing, intentional communities and small houses with shared facilities.

Please come with ideas to contribute to the discussion on 9 November, 4pm to 6pm at the Bermagui Community Hall. For more info please contact: activatinghousing@gmail.com

Bermagui Focus Group

Calling all Nippers and Sippers

Can you believe that it is nearly the start of another summer season on our beautiful south coast beaches? This means that the team at Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club are busy getting things ready for the start of the Nippers program and beach patrols.

Last year saw a great turn out for our Nippers program which was run by Peta Shaw and what a great job she did organising the Nippers activities. Peta has decided to hand over the baton and this year Nippers will be run by a group of willing and enthusiastic parents who have some great ideas to keep our Nippers engaged in the club, emphasising surf safety and, importantly, having fun in the water. A new addition to the Nippers' beach equipment will include a large inflatable water



Bermagui Surf Life Saving Nippers are ready to bounce into action for the next fun-filled season

trampoline, which was kindly donated by *Umbrellas of Bermagui* from the sale of the beautiful umbrellas at the Bermagui Seaside Fair. This generous donation will surely be a great attraction on the beach and will hopefully entice some new Nipper members.

Friday Night Sippers at the club was a great success last year with many

people enjoying an early evening drink at the surf club whilst enjoying the view, with the kids entertaining themselves with table tennis, pool and cricket. This year we plan to keep running Friday Night Sippers and welcome all members and non-members to come and join us for a social drink.

The club is running a Bronze Medallion course in October with plans to hold further courses in the near future. If you are interested in attending a course please contact us at bermisurfclub@gmail.com.

Registration for membership is now open and can be done online at www.bermaguils.org.au/members or call Rachel on 0416 203 972. It's never too late to join!

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Exciting news from the Bega Valley Autism Lab

The Lab is a computer club for kids with high functioning Autism/Asperger's and others who have social difficulties or suffer from anxiety and depression. The two main aims of this club are 1) to positively impact the life prospects, social connectedness, wellbeing and skills (IT and social) of a group of young people who are severely disadvantaged and often fall through gaps in the mainstream education system; and 2) to provide an informed and understanding support network for families and carers.

The Bega Valley Autism Lab started in February this year and is presently running with full steam on a weekly basis. Our club is held at Workability at 156 Newtown Rd, Bega. Without the support of our council and library staff, in particular Scott Baker and Stacey Cook, the Lab would not have become so successful. Thank you so much guys! My thanks should also go to Liam O'Duibhir from 2pi Software & CoWS as well as Ian Campbell for making a dream come true: spending an afternoon with the ABC TV presenter HEX from Good Game.

We are now really excited to announce our first set of Autism information sessions coming up in November this year! These

free sessions will be held in Bega. We welcome anyone with a personal or professional interest in supporting people on the autism spectrum.

Session 1: 17 November, from 5.30pm to 8pm

Introduction to Autism, high-functioning vs low-functioning, girls on the spectrum, working with and caring for children/teenagers on the spectrum.

Session 2: 18 November, from 9am-12.30pm

Early intervention, post early intervention, teenage years, diagnosis, anxiety.

Session 3: 18 November, from 12.30pm to 4pm

The Autism Lab, mentoring, transition supports, employment and post school options

For further information on the information sessions or if interested in the Lab, please contact Monika Ryan on 0404 798 368 or monikaryanbega@gmail.com

We intend to hold further events in Bermagui and Eden.

Monika Ryan

PLACE BASED

"What is a Place Based Officer?" is a common question put to me and my three work colleagues as we work in communities across the Bega Valley.

Bega Valley Shire Council has established the roles of Place Based Officers to work in communities across the Shire. Our role is connecting and building communities and we help people stay informed about Council programs and activities.

I am based in the library at Bermagui and I work in the surrounding towns and villages including Quaama and Cobargo. One of the best aspects of the role from my perspective is connecting with people and groups and supporting initiatives that strengthen local communities.

This might include enabling partnerships between Council and groups or linking individuals to work together on a great project idea. In Bermagui for example a partnership was formed this year with the formation of Friends of Blue Pool. Two months ago I met with members of the Quaama Progress Association at their AGM. We are now discussing some great project ideas to beautify the town.

I like community members to know that we are here to listen and support them in initiatives that benefit their communities and I welcome the opportunity to meet in person in your place. You can contact me via email at pcross@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or 6499 2201.

Peter Cross

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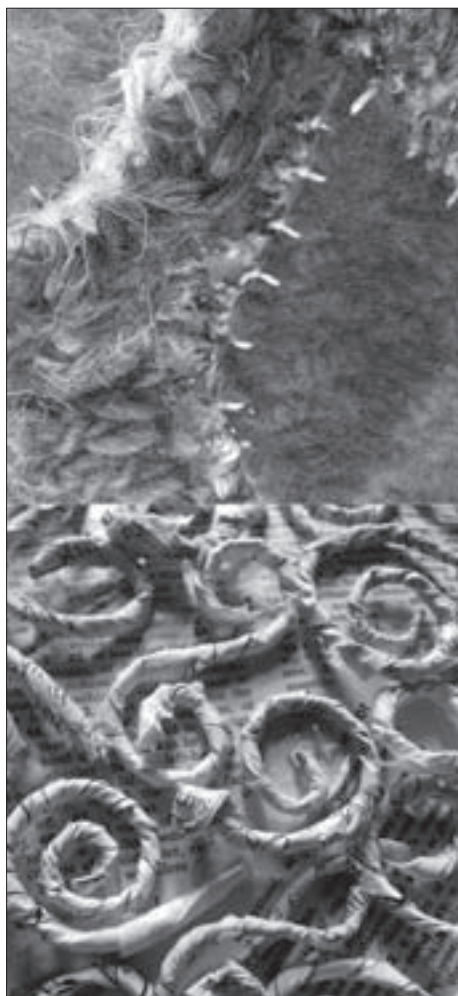
Creators Annual Exhibition

Cobargo Creators presents its 2016 annual exhibition of members and other artists' works—*Out of Our Depths*. This is an exploration outside our artistic 'comfort zones'; a fearless adventure into the unfamiliar; an exploration of new media; plunging deeper into our artistic selves. This exhibition is held at Black Wattle Gallery—your showcase space for beautiful things in The Cobargo Creators Centre, 60 Princes Highway Cobargo. The exhibition opens at 11am on Saturday 5 November with entertainment and refreshments and closes at 1pm on Saturday 26 November. Peoples' Choice prizes will be awarded on opening day and during the exhibition.

Creativity Expo Cobargo

At the School of Arts Hall on Sunday 13 November from 10am to 3pm

Cobargo Creators invite you to explore a range of creative pursuits in a



Annual 2016 collage

relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Please join us for a variety of demonstrations, mini workshops and discussions all designed to encourage creativity. Try your hand at something new. Chat with creators over a cuppa and cake. Ask the questions you've always wanted to ask. Find out about upcoming workshops. Whether you're keen on clay, metal, yarn, wood or fabric one of our members will be on hand to demystify the processes and encourage your creative urges. Admission to the hall will be by gold coin donation. Some workshops will entail a small fee to cover the cost of materials. A cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake will

cost \$2. We look forward to meeting you and encouraging you to be creative. For further information contact Glennda on 0408 411 956 or call into the Cobargo Creators Centre.

Veronica Abbott

Blues, jazz, folk, funk



Blue Child - a well-travelled man of the sea

Originally a blues-jazz-folk-funk musician from oceanside Western Australia, Blue Child's smooth, earthy sounds conjure an easy flowing positive vibe from a well-travelled man of the sea.

From raging rhythmic grooves to bluesy licks and ethereal trips, this is music with purpose, reminding us that we're all just children of this little blue planet, life is simple and connection essential, a theme which is evident in his thought provoking lyrics and engrossing live performances.

The latest record, *Saturn Saw The Seaside*, is an odyssey of sound, story and sentiment following a man on his whirlwind voyage through the cosmos.

Following the release of *Blue Child Collective* and *Rivermouth* in 2015, the band Blue Child Collective continues to grow and evolve, looking to develop their creative platform to benefit artists of all natures and the world as a whole through continual collaboration, experimentation and exploration.

Catch *Blue Child Collective*, supported by Emjay, live in concert at Murrah Hall on Sunday 6 November. Doors open at 2pm, tickets \$20/\$15 concession.

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The Triangle's Eco Edge Competition

This month's entry is an enchanting poem from Max Harris of Bermagui. We've added the delightful illustrations by Naomi Lewis. We wish to apologise to Gracie Sunderland who wrote the wonderful story about the satin bower bird in *The Triangle* last month: we mis-spelled her name. Sorry, Gracie! Gracie's entry inspired us to change the AKT Environmental Page to a children's page in 2017. The competition and prize money is for children. See the next page for details.

To a cat

You are aloof.
I sit and lounge.
You approach and try to pass on your scent
I dodge just slightly
You persist
Nonchalant
Indifferent
But insistent
You are not my type of pet
You give up
And move to another leg
Another sitting in another chair
You don't know how little I care
For your fur and scent
How I resent
That you don't pant
Don't wag
Don't bark

You can look at my eyes
You can mew
But you have no dogness
No slobber
You are not owned
You don't give anything of your self
Like a dog does



I know it is not your fault
You get no choice in being a cat
In killing any insects that fly nearby
In killing lizards at night
In killing any and every mammal,
bird or rodent
That passes within reach
And being silent until you pounce

I sit down and
You sidle, edge ever closer
Same each time.
Maybe one day
I'll let you in
But I know you won't do that for me.



Max Harris
Bermi Muse
southernsoccermax.wordpress.com

Eco-Edge is for the kids in 2017

Since 2012 *The Triangle* has run the Eco-Edge Competition in every issue. It's a page sponsored by AKT, a local company that manufactures advanced environmental equipment, and its theme is The Environment.

Every month we have published the creative contributions of our readers: poetry, prose, photography, drawings. At the end of the year the winning contributor collects \$400.

Up til now the competition has been open to all ages but in 2017 we're going to try something a bit different. 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. You can even document a special

project you have. For written contributions the limit is 100 words. So get out your pencils or your cameras, your pens or tablets, and go outside and have a look around. We need the first round of entries by 22 January for the February edition—send them to environment@thetriangle.org.au.

So much inspiration! Such great prizes! Good luck!

Art in the Triangle

Meeting in the middle

Two artists from opposite sides of the globe come together for the November exhibition at Ivy Hill.

Originally from Michigan in the United States, Amy Ellen Schleif began working with glass in 1999, after completing her Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Schleif owned and operated her own studio from 1999 to 2007, exhibiting her glass sculpture extensively throughout the United States.

In 2007 she moved to Canberra to pursue her Masters of Art Visual Art at the ANU Glass Workshop. She has exhibited both in Australia and internationally since her time at the ANU. Using mostly recycled glass windows, she has developed a technique of painting on glass which depicts her minimalist style and use of subtle colour to great advantage.

Aboriginal artist Cheryl Davison was



Work by Cheryl Davison

born in Bega and has lived most of her life on the coast. She is descended from the Walbunga and Ngarigo people and

often depicts stories told to her by family elders. In this series she comments on today's issues, one being the removal of the bat colony from Batemans Bay.

Cheryl's works on paper and prints are of an exceptionally high standard and marry contemporary style with ancient technique. Three of her textile pieces were exhibited and acquired by the Australian National Gallery. A series of six black and white prints were purchased for the Art Gallery of NSW.

You will find Ivy Hill on the coast road between Bermagui and Tathra. The Gallery is open from 10am to 5pm, Thursday to Sunday. This exhibition opens on 3 November and runs to 4 December. Join the Artists for drinks and to view their

work from 5pm on Saturday 5 December. More information at www.ivyhill.com

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From There to Here at the Lazy Lizard



From there to here photograph by Angela Shone

This month in the Side Room we have a very special photographic exhibition by Angela Shone. *From There to Here – one family's journey from Bullaburra to Coolagolite and beyond*, presents us with a series of beautiful, sensitive photographs, subtly linking people and place.

Angela and her young family relocated from a horse farm in the Blue Mountains to the south coast just over a year ago. A keen amateur photographer, with a passion for personal portraits and landscapes, Angela is excited by this opportunity to share her work with the public for the first time.

She says, "I've found the area a real inspiration for my photography, and documenting our relocation journey has been a lot of fun ... from the bushland setting of Bullaburra in the Blue Mountains to the wilderness of Coolagolite Creek and

surrounds, this exhibition is a collection of images — from there to here."

They love living in this area. Angela is a registered nurse, working at both the new South East Regional Hospital and at Nardy House, and her partner, Paul, is a cabinet maker and carpenter. Their four year old daughter just adores going to Bermagui Preschool, and they are also expecting the arrival of another new little Triangle local in February.

On Saturday morning, 5 November between 10am and 12 noon we will be having an informal opening celebration and 'meet the artist' morning at the gallery. This will be a great opportunity to come along and have a cuppa, see some stunning photographs, say hello, and welcome Angela and her family to the region.

Naomi Lewis

Able to Shine

ABBAGO Performance group was established to encourage children and young adults of all abilities to stand out, be proud and shine on stage. These performers all have a disability and travel all around the coast each week to rehearse for their big event in November.

The ABBAGO performance group is working in collaboration with ACME Carer Connection in celebrating all disabilities and just having fun. The event is to be held at the Bermagui Country Club on 13 November from 12pm to 4pm, doors will open from 12 noon-12.30pm but will close whilst ABBAGO is performing, reopening at 1pm. A great family day loaded with live music, face painters, magicians and much more.

Everyone is welcome and tickets are available at the Bermagui Country Club at \$10/person (children under 15 are free). Our hope is to see these performers at community events on a regular basis in the future. They are passionate, talented and from what we are seeing at rehearsals, the sky is the limit. A huge thank you to the Bermagui Country Club for supporting this annual event.

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Art in the Triangle

Lillian Green Photography at Black Wattle Gallery

Cobargo photographer Lillian Green will launch her first solo exhibition on Saturday 10 December in Black Wattle Gallery, showcase space for beautiful things in the Cobargo Creators Centre. Titled *The Sum of Your Accomplishments*, the exhibition promises to showcase an up-and-coming talent and will also be the first time that Cobargo Creators has presented a feature artist show for one of its youth members.

Lillian is one of many local youths that have benefited from exhibiting in the Sapling Gallery.

The Sapling Gallery was established for the purpose of encouraging and promoting young local artists. Her photos are admired and occasionally purchased by local, national and international visitors.

Lillian got her first camera at the age of eight as a birthday present from her parents after months of prolonged pleading. She immediately began to photograph her surroundings, diving into the Cobargo environment, barefooted and eager, to capture the moment we all share for a moment ... to capture forever.

She has also over the years pursued online design and photographic pursuits including designing t-shirts and other



Lillian's photograph, a portrait of a kangaroo

items for sale on redbubble.com

Lillian has continued to pursue her photographic interests and, at sixteen years of age, she is now armed with a serious camera and is intent on making her mark. Lillian has taken photos in the most intimate of local spaces and has also toured South East Asia, Japan and New Zealand with her camera.

Don Green

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Beat butter and sugar until very fluffy, then fold in the rest.

Roll mixture into small balls, place on prepared tray and press down with back of fork leaving space between biscuits.

Cook for 15-20 minutes.

When biscuits are cool join together with icing.

These are melt-in-your-mouth stuff. Haven't tasted better

This month's recipes are from Mark, who is an enthusiastic baker. He is sharing some of the favourite recipes that he cooked at his café. Some of his inspiration came from his mother's own recipe book.



Lemonade Scones

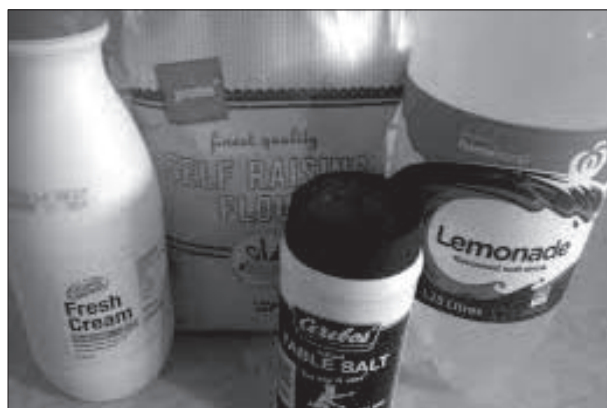


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1½ cups of cream
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Combine ingredients.

Cook on 250C for 15 min (or until cooked). If you have a micro/convection oven microwave, cook the scones for an extra two minutes and watch them rise further. These scones were very popular at my café.

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Mulching – let's spread the word around the garden

Without any doubt, mulching is as important a job in the garden as anything else that might be done.

With summer on the way it is a great time to top up or apply new mulch that will keep the soil at an optimum moisture level. By adding mulch before the dry weather commences you will capture the moisture in the soil before it is lost to evaporation.

There are many products available and the type we use depends on several factors.

Do you want the mulch to be a short or a long term solution? The decision comes down to whether the garden or plants you are mulching is something like a vegetable or flower garden or a permanent shrubbery or tree planting.

In the case of the flower or vegetable garden there are basically two methods of mulching. One is to use a soft mulch like sugar cane or straw and the other shredded cow manure.

In both cases these products are short term but are of great benefit to the garden. Both decompose over a short period and through this decomposition process retain moisture around the plants and improve the structure and the texture of the soil.

The long term benefits of this are an improved ability for the soil to retain moisture but more importantly for the plant to take up nutrient and develop a good root system.



The other forms of mulches like gravel and woodchips are more long term and should only be used on shrub beds and around trees. Wood chips, whether hardwood (Eucalyptus) or softwood (Pine), also have a 'shelf' life but their ability to retain moisture for the plants is better than no mulch. Wood chips have one issue and that is that in their decomposition process they tie up the nitrogen available to the plant so regular supplementary fertilising is required to counter this.

My favourite form of mulch is a

river gravel, which is usually a bi-product from sand dredging along rivers. Although some people will say that this is not that necessarily environment friendly, one must weigh up the other side of the coin and that is the removal of trees for wood mulch.

Gravel mulch has great benefits like not blowing away in strong winds particularly in coastal gardens and the fact that it is usually a one off application, as it doesn't decompose like wood and straw mulches. It doesn't burn either for those of us with a bush garden.

A few other things to consider when using mulches are that mulch can prevent light showers of rain reaching the soil surface thus robbing the plants of moisture. In dry periods it is advisable to rake back the mulch from around the plant trunk and saturate the soil and then place the mulch back around the plant. Similarly when applying fertiliser the process should be repeated.

Mulching generally overall is of great benefit to the garden. Whether moisture retention in warmer months or cold protection for roots in colder month the process of mulching is a very important part of everyday gardening.

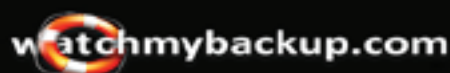
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5. Have a think about a headline for your story.

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Book Review

Sarah Gardiner

Incest Shhh, keep it in the family

Yasmine Bonner

Stories of family dysfunction are, for some, new information. For others, reading Yasmine's story will give the feeling of not being alone. Even the cover of this book contributes to its meaning: the face of a young girl with the title printed over her mouth. Silenced. The young girl is in fact Yasmine, herself, at eighteen years of age when she started writing her book.

Yasmine Bonner's writing, so the blurb on the back tells us, is 'straight-forward and sharp-shooting'. I agree. In fact the strength of the book is the matter-of-fact style. It is writing that reinforces the reality of her tale.

Yasmine's story is of the horrors of her early life. These horrors kept happening, seemed expected of her and her story was invalidated. This is what other incest victims experience.

This book also tells about cultural denial.

I read the 'good' bits of Yasmine's life with interest. I got a real sense of place, the feel of her home. There are evocative descriptions of young girlhood, school life and friends as she grows through her teenage years. Her life in Perth with many sisters, and the later addition of two brothers, is fun.



I read of Yasmine's confusion. Her subsequent behaviour led her to being labelled a 'troublemaker': a difficult time from her early childhood through to her eventual escape from her father.

This year Yasmine and her husband moved to their property in Brogo. Yasmine is a keen gardener (she and her husband are about to plant 400kgs of garlic!) and enjoys her beloved Shetland dogs. She published her book in 2015 and it is available, on line, through Amazon.

Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

Reuban the 9 month old male Bull Arab cross is still looking for a home, as are Shadow the one year old Labrador cross Staffy, JD the 3 year old male Staffie cross and Dixie the 12 week old female black and tan Kelpie cross.

Older cats available for adoption including Kitty the 8 year old Tabby, Sox the 7 month old Tabby and Bessie the black one year old female.

There are so many dogs and cats being put to sleep every day because there aren't enough homes for them, so why would you add to this number if you don't have to. If you need financial help to de-sex your pet please visit your local veterinary clinic for a subsidy application form.

Subsidies are provided through the fundraising efforts of members of Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch. Call 0400 372 609. Santa Paws is a fun event to be held at Harros, Cobargo Pet Grooming salon on Sunday 4 December. Pets and their families are invited to come and have their photos taken by Craig Noble



Jubb loving his photo session at Santa Paws

with Cobargo's Santa. The cost is \$20 which gives you various sized photos plus a Christmas card. Proceeds go to the Animal Welfare League Far South Coast Branch. Bookings can be made through Harros on 6493 6897 or by dropping in. Keep your pets on a leash or in a cage please.



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
Ph Dave on 6493 5014

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch promotes the welfare of
companion animals and responsible pet ownership.
Meeting at Tathra Beach Bowling Club 11am, Sunday
29th September, Christmas lunch meeting 11am 22nd
November. Call 0400 372 609

ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

Bermagui: All Saints- 1st, 2nd 3rd Sundays
10.00am Holy Communion, 4th Sunday Evening
Prayer/Contemporary Service 5.00pm
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
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

Friendly, social group meets for Indoor Bowls at
Bermagui Country Club every Monday afternoon.
Names to be on list by 2:30pm, games start at 3.00pm.
No experience necessary, call Nerida on 6493 4364 or
Sylvia on 6493 4992

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday every Month 10.00am until 12 noon,
venues vary, phone Heather Sobey on 6493 5308

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Thursday 2 - 4pm. 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

BERMAGUI URBAN FOOD FARMERS (BUFF)

community gardening and growing activities -
various times and sites. 'Grow to Eat and Eat to
Grow'. Contact Paul on 0466 013 153 or visit www.
facebook.com/BermaguiUrbanFoodFarmers

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
Margaret Portbury 6493 6461.

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

2nd Wednesday every month, 7.30 pm - CWA
Rooms. Contact Ros Mead 6493 6948

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Child centred, play based preschool education for 3-5
year olds in a happy, creative & caring environment.
Monday-Thursday. Ph 6493 6660

COBARGO PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Families welcome every Thursday 9-10.30am. A good
transition for children to become familiar with the
surroundings & teachers. All ages welcome.
Bring along a piece of fruit to share. A small donation
would be greatly appreciated. 6493 6660

COBARGO SoA HALL COMMITTEE

Hall bookings and inquiries: Linda 0407 047 404 or
Janet 0429 464 894 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 ASSOC

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at Cobargo
Hotel, 6pm. Contact: Pamela Keenan on 6493 6419

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

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 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: 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: 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,
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 St Paul's Church Hall, Narooma, 7pm;
1st Tuesdays Technical Workshops, 3rd Tuesdays
themed competition displays. We welcome visitors
at the meetings or on our monthly field trips. Ph
Michelle Merry 0409 020 458 & check website.

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 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

NOVEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Fri 4	ecstatic dance	Quaama Hall	6pm-7.30pm
Sun 6	Blue Child Collective with Emjay	Murrah Hall	2pm
	David Spitteler speaks Asylum	All Saints Bermagui at 10am, Christ Church Cobargo at 5pm	
	blacksmithing demonstration	345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1pm-5pm
	live music: Mrs Jones & Me	Tilba Valley Winery	1pm
Wed 9	Housing Forum meeting	Bermagui Community Hall	4pm-6pm
Thurs 10-Sat 12	Community BioBlitz and free concert	Four Winds site, Baraga Bay	from 7am
Fri 11	Jay Podger	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sat 12	Quaama Open Gardens	Quaama	10am-1pm
	Quaama Hall Garden Party & High Tea	Quaama Hall	2.30pm-5pm
Sun 13	ABBAGO performance	Bermagui Country Club	12pm-4pm
Mon 14	'Gruffed up' performance	Cobargo Public School	6pm sharp
Tues 15	full moon dance	Quaama Hall	from 6.30pm
Fri 18	ecstatic dance	Quaama Hall	6pm-7.30pm
	The Awesome	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sat 19	Juke Joint	the Old Butter Factory Cobargo	from 5pm
Sun 20	doco screening	the Old Butter Factory Cobargo	3.30pm
	live music: Jeff Aschmann	Tilba Valley Winery	1pm
Sun 27	free Variety Concert	Bermagui Country Club auditorium	1pm-5pm
DECEMBER			
Fri 2	Light Up Cobargo	Cobargo town	evening
Sun 4	Santa Paws for AWLFSCB	Harros Pet Grooming, Cobargo	morning
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
1 st Tuesday	Bermagui garden group	venues vary, phone Heather: 6493 5308	
Wednesdays	pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	from 7.30pm
	meditation classes	Kamalashila Tibetan Buddhist Centre, Tilba	10am-11am
	Dru Yoga class	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	from 10.30am
1 st Wednesday	Bermagui Historical Society meeting	Bermagui Museum in community centre	2pm
	social bridge	Tilba Valley Winery	from 2pm
	Bermagui & District Senior's Social Club meeting	Bermagui CWA rooms/Country Club	10.30am
3 rd Wednesday	Bermagui & District Senior's social lunch	venues vary phone: 6493 4006 or 6493 4773	
Thursdays	Mind Body Stillness Meditation	The Courtroom, Princes H'way Cobargo	10am-11am
	worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermagui Community Centre	5.30pm
2 nd Thursday	Seniors Pick the Numbers	Cobargo Hotel	from 11am
Fridays	meat raffles	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	CRABs raffles	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 5pm
2 nd Fridays	Tilba CWA meetings	Small Hall Tilba	10am
Saturdays	worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermagui Community Centre	10.30am
3 rd Sundays	Cobargo/Quaama food swap	venues vary, phone Tam: 0409 882 944	
last Sundays	Bermagui Red Cross Markets	Dickinsen Oval, Bermagui	9am-12noon
ART			
Sat 5	'From There to Here' photographic exhibition, meet the artist from 10am-12 noon	Lazy Lizard Gallery Side Room, Cobargo	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat till 1pm
Thurs 3 - Sun 4 Dec	exhibition by Amy Schleif & Cheryl Davison	Ivy Hill Gallery 1795 Bermi Rd, Wapengo	Thurs-Sun 10am-5pm
Fri 4 - Tues 15	'Who's who' - exhibition by Janet Jones	Narooma's SoArt Gallery - next to the Kinema	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

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