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## Kick Ability - Exercise that's great for the heart



The Kick Ability kids have made huge strides forward with their kicking, catching, hand-balling and tackling skills.

A new Aussie Rules football program called Kick Ability was launched in Bermagui last April by a volunteer organisation called Focus Ability Services. After winning a grant from Ability Links, Bega, this group of mums and dads created a space where kids of any ability could learn football skills in a fun, supportive and inclusive environment.

The Kick Ability kids have been warmly received and supported by the Bermagui Breakers Football Club, who have shared their oval, gear, knowledge and sausage sizzles with them. Over the course of the season, the kids have made huge strides forward with their kicking, catching, hand-balling and tackling skills. Every meet, they were keen to go further as their confidence and ability grew.

I was lucky to have been invited to their final training session for the season and witnessed, first hand, these kids and the many adults involved being put through their paces by assistant coach Josh Humphries—when they weren't running, laughing, throwing themselves on the tackle dummy and having a hugely great time all round. The kids' joy and enthusiasm for the sport was infectious.

Phil Summerfield, the President of the Bermagui Breakers Club, welled up when telling me how much everyone has enjoyed and benefitted from the Kick Ability kids' involvement.

Kick Ability kids are coming to Bermagui from as far away as Bega and Tilba. Organiser and mum Fran Trenerry hopes that more Kick Ability divisions

will be formed within other football clubs in the area so that they can do round-robin tournaments, training camps and social events.

Not just for kids with disabilities, Kick Ability is open to any child from five to eighteen years of age who might not feel ready to participate on a competitive team. Nothing is more friendly and inclusive than mucking about with a ball on the kick ability end of the oval.

The next new adventure will be All Ability Cricket starting in October. I'm sure they'll be hitting it out of the park.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Head Coach (and dad) Mick Trenerry on 0411 395 752.

*Bhagya*

# HAPPY 15<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

In early 2002 a meeting was held to discuss starting up a local community newspaper in the Triangle area—the area bounded by three mountains: Peak Alone, Mumbulla and Gulaga. One person who attended, who shall remain nameless, drove home thinking, ‘Well, there’s an idea that’ll never fly ...’ And here we are, 15 years later. *The Triangle* goes from strength to strength, read widely and supported enthusiastically—in every sense. Read a potted history of the paper by one of its founders, Rosemary Millard, on page 23.

With our same-sex marriage voting slips due to arrive this month, most of us know how we intend to vote but perhaps have not had the opportunity to hear

other people’s points of view in a relaxed environment. The Anglican Church is holding a series of ‘kitchen-table’ style conversations in Cobargo, Bermagui and Quaama in September, and plans to have groups of no more than ten people in each session, to allow everyone in the group to participate. It sounds like a fantastic way to gain a well-rounded viewpoint about this controversial issue.

Sustainable House Day is 17 September, and it’s wonderful that people who have sustainable homes are prepared to have an open house day so we can see for ourselves how an environmentally friendly home deals with the issues of heating and cooling, water and waste and

much more. Visit Alan Burdon and Fiona Kotvojs’s home in Dignams Creek or visit the sustainable house day website ([www.sustainablehouseday.com](http://www.sustainablehouseday.com)).

Later in the month, on 23 and 24 September, the South Coast Field Days will be held in Cobargo and it sounds like it would be worthwhile checking the SCPA News and the South Coast Field Days website ([www.southcoastfielddays.com.au](http://www.southcoastfielddays.com.au)) to find out more about all the activities planned for the event. Christa Rehwinkel has listed some of the events and her enthusiasm is totally infectious! The theme for the Field Days is ‘Traditional Skills and Useful Crafts’ and doesn’t that sound right at home in Cobargo!

## Letters to the editors

### Music, Nature and Creativity

As the September edition of *The Triangle* goes to print we will be in the very final stages of confirming the line-up for the Four Winds 2018 Easter Festival program—my first Easter Festival as Four Winds Artistic Director.

Towards the middle of September we will be announcing the full program and early bird tickets will be going on sale. Look out for emails from Four Winds and if you are not on our mailing list I’d urge you to sign up via the Four Winds website so you don’t miss the chance to book early.

The Four Winds 2018 Easter Festival promises to surround you with music, brilliance and beauty. We will be welcoming an amazing line-up of internationally acclaimed musicians and presenting some exciting new additions to the Easter Festival program.

There will be two full days of music in the Sound Shell amphitheatre, a series of evening recitals in the Windsong Pavilion, a musical theatre installation, community concerts, youth workshops and house concerts, all with local producers providing fantastic food and wine.

I look forward to bringing you the formal announcement in mid-September when early bird tickets go on sale.

With very best wishes,

James Crabb  
Artistic Director  
Four Winds

### Satisfied

Dear Editors,

I was appalled to read in your Classifieds last month that “Kiwi” was looking to exchange “construction work, landscaping etc or sexual favours” with someone who could help him use his laptop computer. And to think that *The Triangle* was willing to publish his request!

Kiwi is clearly unaware that the Australian Tax Office takes a very dim view of trade exchanges, especially if said exchange is performed with the intent of avoiding or minimising tax obligations!

To save him the risk of exposing himself to further scrutiny I rang Kiwi immediately and we quickly came to an agreement. Every week I give him a lesson on his laptop, then he goes to work on an area that has been sadly neglected since my dear Edgar died ten years ago. Afterwards we have a nice cup of tea.

I, for one, couldn’t be more satisfied with our arrangement.

Name and address withheld  
for tax purposes



### Long live the Seaside Fair!

Several people have asked about the outcome of the Bermagui Seaside Fair public meeting held in July.

The good news is that the Fair lives on! A new committee of very keen and capable people will take up the reins for next year and some great new ideas for entertainment and activities were discussed.

So, diary note ... 21st annual Bermagui Seaside Fair, Saturday 10 March 2018.

There’s a huge amount of work involved in staging the Fair and it’s not too late to be involved. Please contact 0427 933 378.

Christine Bimson  
Bermagui Seaside Fair

### Wildlife Rescue

I was intrigued when I saw a little lizard on my kitchen floor and thought it might be an unusual species but on closer inspection I realised that it had actually got its head stuck in some sort of nut casing. After a bit of tugging and wriggling I managed to pull the little creature free.

I’m not sure how long its head had been stuck in there but I think it was happy to be free.

Sarah Breakey  
Cobargo

Before-photo (left) of the lucky lizard

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## Letters to the editors (cont.)

### Classy Classifieds

Dear Triangle Editors

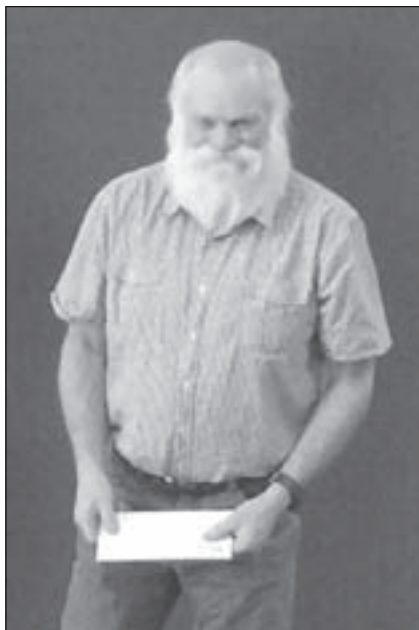
I am so glad to see that *The Triangle* still has its sense of humour intact and operating well.

Mind you I have never before laughed out loud while reading the Classified Ads.... there's a first time for everything I suppose.

Jo Lewis  
Akolele



Dani, Trish, Charles and Suzie of  
Sweet Home Cobargo



Dave Rugendyke, President of the Cobargo School of Arts hall committee, accepts a cheque for \$3000 from the 2017 Clubs Grants programme, very welcome after the recent costs of heating the Hall. The Cobargo School of Arts was one of 38 successful applicant groups in the Bega Valley Shire. The other Cobargo group that received funding was the Cobargo Pre-school.

### Winter, Break of Day

The frost's clinging breath softly lifts from a waterhole while the land around is white and cold and still. The sun spreads wide his arms as he climbs over the ridge, filling the frosted grass with pin-points of light as if lamps had been lit in a miniature fairyland. Smoke rises from a chimney pot, smoothes her skirt and ascends, business-like, into the clear blue sky. My footsteps crunch crisply as I leave imprints on this clean new day.

### Winter, On a Dark, Dark Night

Outside, in the blackness, rain slashes savagely at the windows, a violent wind tortures the eaves and wages war against the old wooden door. But I am relaxed. Warm, so warm by the blazing fire, floor-sitting, leaning back against the couch. A Brahms CD plays softly in the background while I sip red wine, gaze into the flames and dream wonderful dreams.

Judi Hearn

### Thumbs Up



To drivers raising the hand of acknowledgment when driving along Wandella Road. Glad to see it again.

### Thumbs Down

To readers of our community newspaper who enthusiastically voice complaints about it but fail to put their concerns in Letters to the Editors—even when pressed. We need to know!



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## Cobargo Street residents petition Council

The residents of Cobargo Street have submitted a petition to Council for a drainage strategy to divert stormwater away from their homes. For decades, residents have put up with run-off that costs them money and effort in shoveling gravel and shoring up foundations that are being undermined by stormwater streaming off the street.

Currently, whenever a resident makes enough of a stink, Council does some small measure along the verge that moves the problem down the road a few metres to the next driveway. Having had enough, resident Pam Thistlewaite has rallied the whole road to apply pressure together in hopes of a proper fix. Council has acknowledged receiving the petition and have said that they'll be investigating in September. We wish them luck!

## The QPA registered with Centrelink

As a non-profit charity doing work by and for our Quaama community, the QPA qualifies as a registered charity with Centrelink, meaning that local volunteers are able to claim the time spent working on our many local projects towards their weekly volunteering requirement.

Whether or not you're on a payment that requires you to volunteer, the QPA would love to have you join us in any projects that might interest you. Presently we are working on the spring fair, to be held on 7 October, which will highlight

frugality, with a recycled fashion parade, cooking competition (feed five for \$5!) and repurposing old or broken items for a new function. We're looking for volunteers to help us put on this gig with a variety of roles both small and large to be filled.

Interested? Come join us! Ring Bhagya on 6493 8369 or email [bhagya@epublish.com.au](mailto:bhagya@epublish.com.au).



Debbie and Sharon celebrate their engagement

## Local charities TAKE NOTE!

The QPA will not be charging stall fees for any local charity or not-for-profit group that would like to have a presence at the Frugal Fair on 7 October at the Quaama Hall. The fee of \$10 will be charged for any group that would like to fundraise by selling anything at all, otherwise you're welcome to join us free! Speak on the veranda! Tell us what you're about! All stall enquiries to Richard Parker on 0414 787 710.

## The QPA will be holding their Annual General Meeting

All are welcome on Thursday 14 September at 6 pm in the Quaama Hall Supper Room. The meeting will accompany a 'bring a plate' dinner so come and taste the local cuisine while discussing what the QPA can do for our community and how you might get involved. Enquiries to Diana on 6493 8450.

## Family Fun Day!

The Quaama Tennis Club is having a Social BBQ and Family Fun Day on Sunday 17 September at 2 pm at the tennis courts. There will be kids' games and competitions plus an adult 'round robin' with prizes to be won!

All this plus a free BBQ! So bring your esky, racket and chair plus your favourite beverage and anyone you might have lying around the house for a fun afternoon out with the whole family. Everyone welcome. Enquiries, contact Beck 0429 306 761.

## Quaama couple off to Canada

Sharon Bowen-Smith and Debbie Osiecki have decided not to wait for Australia to get its act together around marriage equality and are off to Canada to tie the knot. They threw an engagement party on 5 August where a slew of well-wishers toasted them ahead of their wedding. Maybe one day soon they'll be able to register their marriage here at home. As they say... Love is LOVE! Congratulations Debbie and Sharon!

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# Quintessentially Quaama

## Quaama Fire Service update

With winter pushing on, the windy season is now here. Please be careful with any burn-offs. Be prepared, ensuring that there is water available, rakes and correct clothing. Shorts and thongs are not safe! Natural fibre clothing is a much better choice. Good solid footwear is also advised. Also a phone handy is good for easy communication in case of emergency. Prior notification of any burns must be given to Bega RFS headquarters on 6494 7400.

As spring is soon coming the time to start cleaning up those fire hazards is now: burning off (with care), cleaning gutters, removing combustible materials and excess firewood from around the home, setting up hoses that can access the perimeter of the home, clearing any tracks around the properties for personal and brigade access and keeping an eye on the bushfire alert levels. These precautions are part of a good survival plan. "Prepare - Act - Survive"

Communicate with your neighbours, friends and family so they understand what your plan is in case of fire. Writing down your plan is good as you can check this. Clear thinking can be hindered by panic. There is an easy plan guide available.

What is important is community resilience. Neighbours that are connected work together towards shared goals. Actions as a community can reduce the impacts of hazards. It's good for people to have a sense of place and belonging. So, communicate with your neighbours and family! We always need more members and thrive on community support.

*Graeme Spicer*

## Bless our RFS!

Across Bega Valley there are almost a thousand Rural Fire Service volunteers. In the last 12 months, they attended almost 400 different incidents. These include house and bush fires and motor vehicle accidents. The figures for Eurobodalla are similar. Each of these incidents presents potential risks to these volunteers.

As the next fire season starts, we will be holding a special service to thank the volunteers for their support to our community and bless the volunteers and paid staff and all their equipment in the coming year. Please join us to support our local Rural Fire Service. The service will be held at 10 am on Sunday 24 September at the Quaama Anglican Church. Brunch will be served afterwards.

*Fiona Kotvojs*



**Norm overdid it**

## We send best wishes to Norm Jamieson

Norm recently had a big health scare that put him in The Canberra Hospital. If you've noticed all those logs on the Quaama corner that have been cut and stacked into an almighty pile, well that was Norm making hay while the sun shone. He's been working on building the new tip in Batemans Bay and a lot of trees were felled in the process so he brought a few (dozen) home for firewood. We just hope that the trees haven't felled Norm as that effort put a strain on Norm's heart. He tore an artery after processing about thirty tonnes of trees.

He'll be back in hospital late September to receive a stent. TAKE CARE MATE and take it easy!

*Bhagya*



## Come to life at the Vineyard!

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Lindy will be back with her famous seedlings on 16th September

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## Galba Forge

Philippe wishes to advise visitors that Galba Forge will be closed in September, and he looks forward to welcoming you back to a blacksmithing demonstration  
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Welcome to spring, Bermagui. I am back on board again after three months' migration to warmer climes to escape most of the winter in the south. Well, when both your kids live in North Queensland, why not spend some time there! This trip was even more special for us with the arrival of a new grandson.

When going away from familiar surroundings for a period of time, there are always noticeable changes upon returning. As we drove over the Wallaga Lake Bridge, we couldn't help staring with amazement at how high the lake was. The water is almost lapping the bridge and our Fairhaven neighbours, who are on the lake, are practically dipping their toes into the water from their back verandahs!

There were noticeable changes in town as well. Saltwater is now painted a bright blue! Guy's Place has gone from Bunga Street and a new eatery's in place. New building works next to the Medical Centre are forging ahead, and the Community Centre seems a little less busy with the CTC now closed.

But one thing always remains the same in Bermagui, and that is the wonderful view across the bay to Gulaga. There's no place like home.

Sunday 10 September will see over 1000 yellow ducks "competing" for first prize of \$300, with the runner-up winning \$150 and last across the line \$50.

Again, CRABS will be donating all proceeds to the Cancer Council and CanAssist. It is expected that this year's contribution will take total donations in nine years to \$330,000 ... An impressive amount from a small group of dedicated volunteers.

The flotilla of ducks will be released with the tide at around 1 pm. Ducks can be purchased up until the event from the Horizon Credit Union, from the Bermagui Visitors Centre or on the day at the boat ramp opposite Bermagui Bait and Tackle from 11.30 am, and will cost a mere \$5.00. The day will also include a sausage sizzle and jumping castle, free or for a gold coin donation.

Something different this year will be the appearance of 15 giant ducks with riders aboard, all sponsored by local businesses. First duck—with rider still on board—past the post will hold the dubious honour of having their name inscribed on a perpetual trophy. But, beware! There are no rules set for this event and a blind eye will be turned to foul play and dirty tactics.

Of course, any event held in the great

outdoors is subject to Mother Nature's unpredictable mood, so the good intentions of the organisers may need to be altered to accommodate the elements, but, rain, hail or shine, things will happen on the river on 10 September.

For more information, check out their Facebook page: CRAB Bermagui Duck Race.



Bermagui will miss you, Kumi!

## Farewell Kumi!

Bermagui's most popular exercise guru, Kumiko Takakura (Kumi) has bid a sad farewell to Bermagui to take up new opportunities in Cairns.

Initially, her passion for fitness and her effervescent personality saw a dedicated group of followers moving and grooving to the sounds of Latin American music in her popular Zumba classes. However, the last few years has seen Kumi running very popular Pilates classes.

Kumi was also a big part of the ReBoot in Bermagui events, and Lamont Street shook to the boom of music as she took participants through her energetic routines.

Many of her friends and students gathered at Il Passagio recently to send her on her next adventure with the love and appreciation of the Bermagui community.

However, Pilates will still happen in Bermagui with Kath Gannon from Crossfoot Pilates (Tuross) starting at the Community Centre on Friday 1 September.

"Yoga Move" with Garry Hart is also being held at the Bermagui Surf Club on Wednesdays from 5.30 – 6.30 pm.

So, as Kumi would say ... Keep moving Bermagui!



Be a part of the Great Bermagui Duck Race!

## The Great Rubber Duckie Race

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## Seaside Fair

After a successful public meeting earlier this year, an enthusiastic group of local community members has made a commitment to carry on the work of the Seaside and organise next year's Seaside Fair. It's great that this wonderful event will carry on with new ideas, new energy and maybe some surprises along the way. There's still room for more input from community members as more volunteers would be welcome. Remember, many hands make light work.

Keep an eye out for the AGM notice of the Bermagui Seaside Inc sometime in October. The AGM will see many of the current committee stand down and the opportunity for new members to take up the baton and ensure that our much loved annual event continues into the future.

For information regarding the AGM or the committee, please see Christine Bimson at the Bermagui Visitors Information Centre or phone 6493 3054.

## Congratulations Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club

"It just proves you don't have to be big to be the best." A huge congratulations to the Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club on winning the NSW Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence "Best Surf Club in NSW". At a glittering ceremony in downtown Sydney, Surf Club President Bruce McAslan, Secretary Cheryl McCarthy and Club Captain Andrew Curven accepted the award on behalf of all the hardworking volunteers back in Bermi, who were eagerly awaiting the news.

From the shortlist of finalists, Bermagui was the only club run entirely by volunteers, and it is the first time a Far South Coast SLSC has won. Bermagui was chosen over 129 other clubs—despite being one of the smallest.

On 18 August the club held a "Celebration Sippers" event to thank all Surf Club members and the community for their support.

The club opened its doors to over 150 people, who joined in a well-earned celebration of success for everyone involved. Well done Bermagui SLSC!

## Bermagui Growers Market

Spring will see the return of our popular Growers' Markets at the Fishermen's Wharf complex, starting Thursday 7 September at 2.30 pm.

Once again Bermagui residents will be able to get all their local, fresh, homemade produce right here in Bermagui each week.

## Car Boot Sale

In conjunction with ReBoot, the Bermagui Country Club will again hold its popular Car Boot Trash and Treasure market in the carpark of the club on Sunday 24 September from 8 am till 1 pm.

Call the club on 6493 4340 if you'd like to book a space to

sell your wares, or just come along and browse the plethora of new and second hand treasures.

## Retracing the Bermagui Mystery

If you love a great mystery, and a bit of history, don't miss the Montreal Goldfields "Retracing the Bermagui Mystery" day on 17 September 2017.

In conjunction with the Bermagui Historical Society and the Narooma Historical Society, participants will set off on a journey from Bermagui Harbour to Mystery Bay, to learn about one of Australia's greatest unsolved crimes. Meet at 10 am at the Bermagui Headland. For further information please ring Laurel Pacey on 4476 1582.

And don't forget to save the date for the annual Montreal Heritage Day, Saturday 7 October from 9.30 till 2.30 pm.

Lots of "fun among the gumtrees", with regular guided tours, billy tea and damper, gold panning, music and entertainment, kids' craft and lots more.



John Bull (awards sponsor) left, presenting Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club President Bruce McAslan, Club Captain Andrew Curven and Secretary Cheryl McCarthy with the impressive trophy after winning Best Surf Club in NSW.



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## Meeting proves much local interest in renewable energy

In July approximately 250 people attended a Clean Energy for Eternity (CEFE) public meeting held at the Country Club in Bermagui. The meeting was also live-streamed to the Bega District News Facebook page, resulting in another 2500 views. A motion from the floor asked that CEFE continue working on proposals to develop renewable energy in the area and to report on progress at the end of the year.

CEFE is establishing contact with specialist advisors in a variety of fields to help with this complex task. One of these advisors, John Walters, is producing a short video clip covering power distribution in

the Bega Valley. It will be uploaded to YouTube and will be available from the Clean Energy for Eternity website.

CEFE Bermagui will champion projects that look at small scale, village-level activity, where, perhaps, a group of residents come together to take advantage of bulk-buy solar panels and batteries. This might also include smart 'behind the meter' boxes that help distribute excess electricity to meet fluctuating supply and demand. There is also interest in better understanding how households can take action to reduce their demand for electricity. CEFE Bermagui is seeking

advice from those in Byron Bay who have already done this.

They will also support appropriate renewable energy initiatives for local businesses and, if relevant and practical, partner with Council to further develop renewable energy in the Shire. In addition they intend exploring ways to finance renewable energy for low-income households, rental properties and public housing. There have been attempts to do this elsewhere in Australia but the detail needs to be further explored.

*Jo Lewis*

## The times they sure have changed ...

Bermagui ladies turned back the clock half a century for their performance at the CWA Far South Coast Music and Drama Day held at Cobargo School of Arts on Monday 21 August.

The Bermi Hippies presented a musical skit "The times they are a-changing".

Whatever was going on in Helen's backyard was enough to bring back memories to many of the ladies present!

Serenity arrived to help Helen's mum cope with the "generation gap". The performers sang four numbers from the 60s accompanied by Paula Rumble on keyboard.

The ladies really enjoyed getting into the groove!

*Chris Richard-Preston*



The Bermi Hippies getting in the groove. Back: Nevis Credland, Vicki Hummell, Chris Richard-Preston. Front: Kath Preston, Norma Reid and Cheryl Horton



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## Bermagui Community Forum successfully launched

Bermagui Community Forum was successfully launched at a public meeting at the Community Hall on Monday 14 August. It was pleasing to see such a good turnout, with over 100 local residents present. Bruce Leaver, Chair of Sapphire Coast Tourism, chaired the meeting.

The meeting decided overwhelmingly to establish the Bermagui Community Forum and that its broad aim should be to reach agreed community views on important social, planning and infrastructure issues facing Bermagui and surrounding areas, and impartially to represent those views to Council and other relevant government and non-government bodies. The meeting recognised that it's important for the Bermagui community to present an agreed position in putting comments forward on major issues and in seeking funding for projects. However, residents recognised that reaching consensus may not always be possible.

Residents said Bermagui is a vulnerable town that needs protection from the wrong sort of development. What makes this area special is that it is relatively unspoilt, and its environmental values. A new arrival thought finding Bermagui was a revelation and believed we had something precious we must care for.

By a show of hands, the meeting passed two motions overwhelmingly.

Motion 1: to establish the Bermagui Community Forum. The Forum will hold open community meetings to come to community views on major social, planning and infrastructure issues facing Bermagui and surrounding areas.

Motion 2: to establish a Management Committee for the Bermagui Community Forum, to organise public meetings about

major issues suggested by the community and impartially represent community views developed at these public meetings to Council and other relevant government and non-government bodies.

Community members nominated



**More than 100 people attended!**

several major issues they believed the Bermagui Community Forum should address as a priority, including:

- promoting clean energy and solar energy options for Bermagui and surrounds;
- providing more affordable housing including retirement housing;
- progressing the stalled Bermagui Master Plan;
- promoting Indigenous community issues;
- improving recycling of Bermagui's waste;
- protecting the Shire's public native forests, the Great Southern Forests campaign;
- improving community infrastructure including a Bermagui to Barragga Bay bike path, a Bermagui to Wallaga Lake shared pathway, more playgrounds, picnic areas and more pathways within Bermagui and in surrounding areas such as Beauty Point;
- reducing the high level of traffic accidents on the Bermagui-Cobargo Road; and
- improving community information-

sharing about major infrastructure projects.

The Management Committee plans to meet in early September to prioritise a forward agenda based on these issues. The Bermagui Community Forum could perhaps address six to eight issues a year and call three to four community meetings a year to reach an agreed community view on major issues. It plans to establish working groups of interested community members to develop options to provide to meetings.

The meeting nominated the following members to form the new Management Committee: Narelle Myers, Debra Cushion, Yolanda del Valle-Buetefuer, Fergus McWhirter, David Munro, Geoff Steel, Frances Perkins, Bill Southwood and a Merrimans Lands Council representative.

Other community members should approach Management Committee members if they are interested in joining this committee. Ideally the committee should include a sporting club representative.

Ludo McFerran then led a discussion on affordable accommodation and retirement accommodation in Bega Shire. She mentioned the Bend project in Bega as a successful local initiative to promote affordable accommodation and private initiatives.

The Bermagui Community Forum will keep the community advised of future public meetings and other developments via its Facebook page, articles in *The Triangle* and a community email service. Please register on our Facebook page to receive Bermagui Community Forum emails, or let me know at [geoffsteel1@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffsteel1@bigpond.com).

*Geoff Steel*

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Last year was a great year for Bermagui SLSC and culminated in the Club being recognised as NSW Club of the Year at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence. We had some great recruitment and training outcomes and welcomed 16 new Bronze Medallion holders to our team. We also introduced a new water trampoline for our Nippers, a *Same Wave* program for people with disabilities and a first-of-its-kind rostering system for our patrollers with great success.

Friday Night Sippers in December

and January was popular with many families enjoying an early evening drink at the surf club, enjoying the view while kids entertained themselves with table tennis, pool and cricket. We'll be holding Friday Night Sippers again this year and welcome all members and non-members to come and join us. Watch our Facebook page for more info (bermislsc).

Our membership drive is now open and we encourage you all to sign up by visiting [www.sls.com.au/join/](http://www.sls.com.au/join/). You can also email [bermisurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:bermisurfclub@gmail.com) for more info.

Enrolments are also open for a Bronze Medallion course to start on 26 October. We still have a handful of spots available so please email us at [bermisurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:bermisurfclub@gmail.com) ASAP if you're interested and we'll hold you a spot.



We're all looking forward to seeing some new faces join the team this year and we're excited about another great year ahead. See you on the beach!

*Cheryl McCarthy*

*Secretary, Bermagui SLSC*

## The Shed is OK!

There is a certain busy-ness in Bermagui on Thursdays. To most it is known simply as The OK Shed. The full



Volunteers Wendy Stitchbury and Nancy Whackett at work in The OK Shed

name is The Opportunity Knocks, Gilmour Shed. It is situated at All Saints Anglican Church, Wallaga Street, Bermagui. Actually it is a great story of hope for our local community.

The usual opening hours are 11 am to 4 pm on Thursdays. If the flags are out, The OK Shed is open and it doesn't take long for locals and visitors alike to arrive and enjoy a good browse, find bargains and have a chat with the friendly staff.

The OK Shed provides very reasonably priced, quality clothing and homewares for the area. It also provides a recycling initiative for locals to drop off donations and the proceeds from The Shed stay in our community.

The Parish has a partnership with Anglicare to operate the Shed and meets all registration requirements. All staff are accredited. The Shed

is completely volunteer-run and also provides an opportunity for Centrelink Newstart Allowance recipients to meet their volunteering requirements.

The Anglican Parish of Cobargo encompasses local Anglican churches in Bermagui, Cobargo and Quaama. Revenue from the Shed helps to keep the Anglican churches in these three towns open in an era when many small town churches are closing and communities are losing some of their heritage and diversity.

Please continue to support the OK Shed. We are always very grateful for your donations and only request that they be clean and of reasonable quality.

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Hope to see you soon at the OK Shed!

*Chris Richard-Preston*



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## ReBoot in Bermagui. Get involved!

It's time to get rejuvenated at the fourth annual ReBoot in Bermagui. This year's event will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September 2017.

ReBoot in Bermagui is proudly organised and sponsored by the Bermagui Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, with assistance from major local sponsors, the Bermagui Fishermen's Co-op and the Bermagui Country Club.

This year will see so many activities to reboot you, your friends and family into spring. In addition to the usual ReBoot events—fun runs/walks, ocean swims, tug-o-war championship, tai chi, yoga, barefoot bowls, stand up paddle-boarding, boot camp, whale-watching walk and more, the ReBoot team have added some extra activities and entertainment to the 2017 program.

This year, there will be stalls and entertainment including warm-down, a hula hoop competition, Oops the Clown, Cobargo scouts' dunking machine and more! Sponsored by Horizon Credit Union, the Kids Run will commence at 8.45 am so that the parents can watch the kids finish before they jump on the buses

out to the start of the seven-kilometre and five-kilometre runs. The five-kilometre fun run is a fast WALK too. So even if you don't run, gather your friends and family and walk the run!

There will be two ocean swims at Horseshoe Bay—the usual swim across the bay of approximately 350 metres AND the ReBoot Swim Run Swim, a 350-metre swim across the bay, run along the beach, back to the swim start and swim the bay a second time, with a total distance of approximately one kilometre. Breakfast, from 8 am until 11 am, is still free if you enter the runs and swim.

Other extra activities will include a Guided Kayak Paddle so that you can enjoy the exercise and scenery as you catch the tide up and back on the beautiful Bermagui River, and a brisk Guided Nature Walk on Sunday morning followed by Sunday breakfast at the Surf Club, whale-watching tours on Fish Bermi and more.

The Tug-O-War is always a favourite event, and begins after the fun runs at 12 noon. There's \$500 in prizes up for grabs for the best male and female tuggers. Added to this year's events will be the

Kids' Tug-O-War for primary age children (between 8 and 13 years). The Tug-O-Wars are sponsored by Clarke Law and Neilsen's Hardware once again. So, gather your friends and register online for the Tug-O-War—kids are free!

There is something for everyone at ReBoot in Bermagui 2017. Check out the program and register for all events at [www.rebootinbermagui.com.au](http://www.rebootinbermagui.com.au), and follow us on Facebook.



**You never know who will appear at ReBoot in Bermagui!**



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Cobargo this past month has enjoyed a crispy cold finish to the winter after some beautiful tastes of the coming spring. Less enjoyable have been the windstorms that pummelled us for close to a week, lifting roofs and dropping a few trees around the village, not to mention shredding tarpaulins and relocating furniture, clothing and other unsecured items. Fruit growers have experienced blossom losses which they predict will hinder their season's crops. Many report that the recent winds were amongst the most severe ever experienced in the village. Hopefully it's not a sign of things to come!

There's a lot of talk around the village about the upcoming South Coast Field Days which will, for the first time, be held in Cobargo. Running over the weekend of 23/24 September, the event will bring enthusiasts of sustainability from all over Australia, showing and sharing their traditional skills and useful crafts. Cobargo Creators are hosting 'The Remakery', a stall where you make things from waste materials; Geoff Southam will be teaching cheesemaking; Dean Kelly will be sharing traditional indigenous culture. There's a spoonsmith hosting a spatula making workshop, a locavore challenge, fermenting, instrument making, mushroom growing, soap making, candle making ... the list is endless! It is clearly a weekend not to be missed, so mark it in your calendar.

And if you have awesome skills to share, contact Christa at [info@southcoastfielddays.com.au](mailto:info@southcoastfielddays.com.au).

Renovations at the Cobargo Co-Op have finished and the building, now with four entrances, is looking splendid. Adding to the pleasure and comfort of staff are the newly installed heat bars above the counter, keeping our Co-op workers comfortable in the cold. I spied the lovely Sidonie serving a customer on a recent visit and she gives it the grand thumbs-up!



Postal Vote: David Wilson proposed to Kyle Moser at the Post Office. Kyle said yes!

Congratulations to David Wilson and Kyle Moser, our local Post Officers, on their recent engagement. Surrounded by friends and family, David proposed to his partner of many years and, of course, Kyle accepted. We wish them a speedy legislation change to allow for their marriage to be held here in Australia, with their friends and family as witnesses.

Cobargo's Police Station will soon have a change of guard. Sadly, our current

officer, Robert Dunlop, has been transferred to another locality. We wish him and his wife Kerryn all the very best and offer our thanks for a job well done.

Our local 'firies' are due to be recognised and honoured in a special church service at the Quaama Anglican church on Thursday 14 September. If you'd like to participate in the service, it will begin at 10 am.

Have you noticed all the rubber 'donut' rings around the village streets? It seems that some unruly, immature 'nongs' think it's fun to do donuts in the village streets and out on the Princes Highway, risking not only their own lives but those of others and causing nearby residents fear and concern. If you witness these gatherings, please call the police. There are safer places to impress your mates, boys!

And speaking of unsafe driving practices, speeding vehicles through the village, many of them locals, continue to cause concern. If this is you, please SLOW DOWN! You are stressing pedestrians and, in particular, our elderly community members, who are fearful of crossing the highway.

Work continues on the Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek. This \$45,000,000 upgrade is expected to cause delays for another couple of years yet, so please exercise patience and don't forget to leave a little extra travel time when heading north, as delay times are increasing.

The Cobargo Community Doco nights will resume this month. Sunday, 17 September at 3.30 pm will be the start of a new season's screenings at the Old Cobargo Butter Factory, with the presentation of *We the Uncivilised*, *A Life Story*, a film by Pete and Lily Rose Sequoia.

And the Well-Thumbd Books crew are celebrating their seventh birthday with a Book Sale! The sale starts Saturday 30 September. It will kick off with the usual delectable morning tea at the bookshop and will run for one week only. Get there early and stock your shelves!

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## The Field Days with a difference! In Cobargo!

There are not many sleeps left until one of the most exciting and colourful events to come to Cobargo. The South Coast Field Days, presented by SCPA-South East Producers, is on 23 and 24 September. The theme is 'Traditional Skills and Useful Crafts'.

Campfire Cooking of Kalaru is providing special barbecues for us to cook some delicious feasts. Vegetarian and gluten-free food will also be available.

A children's tent will be dedicated to free workshops on plant propagation, candle making, leather work and clay tiny



Swing your partner round and round ...

There is so much happening, we can't list it all in this article. Bookings are still open for Cheese Making, Sheep Dog Training, Blacksmithing and Spoon Smithing workshops. Contact Christa on [info@southcoastfielddays.com.au](mailto:info@southcoastfielddays.com.au) or check SCPA News and our website for links to book these workshops.

The Children's Photographic Competition for under 18s and under 12s has \$450 worth of great prizes on offer, sponsored by SCPA and Fletcher's Photographics of Bega. A \$300 Quadcopter and a spy watch with camera are two of the prizes.

There will also be a guessing competition. How well do you know old farm tools or kitchen items?

house building. Children will be able to take everything they make home.

Cobargo Creators, Bega Valley Spinners and Weavers, Bega Valley Seed Savers and Bega Valley Food Swap Groups are some of the community groups participating. It will be a great opportunity to get involved with some of the exciting things these active community groups do.

For dancers, there will be a traditional bush dance on the Saturday evening at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall. Swing your partner round and round! Yahoo!

Don't miss this fantastic event. Stall holders and volunteers are invited to register. Check the website [www.southcoastfielddays.com.au](http://www.southcoastfielddays.com.au).

Christa Rehwinkel

## History in the making at the Cobargo Co-op

Twelve years ago, *The Triangle* published the cartoon below.



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## CWA News

Our International Day meeting was a huge success. Guest speaker Wilma Chinnock spoke about her experiences in Nepal, our current country of study. She spoke about the local people and the difficulties they face in their daily lives. Leprosy still has an enormous impact on the lives of the Nepalese, plus incredible poverty. The lives of women are even harder. The people are dependent on tourism to generate income.

After a lunch of Nepalese food, we welcomed the students from Cobargo School who shared with us their studies on various aspects of Nepalese life. Wilma then entertained the students with the story of her great sense of achievement when she reached Base Camp on Mount Everest. The children were impressed by the enormous amount of training she undertook before leaving Australia. They particularly enjoyed her comparison of the difference in height between Mount Kosciusko and Mount Everest!

We hope to have the kitchen renovated by Christmas if all proceeds smoothly. It will make an enormous difference to the

convenience of the cottage and make for more viable letting for the community. It involves raising the floor level, removal of the current out-dated units and new floor covering, cupboard units and a complete makeover.

We have also had discussions with the CHOW (Community Housing for Older Women) group regarding CWA involvement in promoting their cause. The problem is that there are a large number of women in the population who are on their own and have insufficient pension/superannuation, and therefore cannot afford their own property in the area. They are not candidates for aged residential care and do not want the restrictions of formally managed retirement options (eg villages or homes). It is felt that housing should be available in regional NSW for single, older women that is affordable, independent, self-managed (simply) and with mixed tenure (ie a mixture of owning/renting). CHOW will remain in contact with CWA and provide background material to support a motion being put to the CWA of NSW Annual General Meeting to support



Wilma Chinnock and Lynn Lawson with Lynn's handiwork of a doll dressed in Nepalese costume

their aims.

Two items of interest came to light at a recent CWA Group Council meeting. One is that CWA is recognised as one of the top ten brands in Australia. Another is a piece of wisdom to pass on: some people talk to you in their spare time – others spare time to talk to you. Know the difference.

Mary Williams  
Cobargo CWA

## Community docos are back!

Sunday, 17 September at 3.30pm the new season of monthly community documentary screenings at the Old Cobargo Butter Factory will open with *We the uncivilised, A Life Story*, a film by Pete and Lily Rose Sequoia.

Join Lily and Pete on an amazing and life-changing journey, as they pack up their successful city lives and get on the road. Escaping a world fuelled by capitalist consumption, they stare reality in the face as they seek to find home.

Along the way they meet and document conversations with grass roots activists as well as leading figures of the

UK ecological movement. These meetings of minds explode current concepts and draw you in as you quickly become fully immersed in the emotional narrative and begin to navigate through the turmoil that we, human beings have created. How do we share, exist and find our sense of belonging on this earth? Together, if we turn to nature, there is so much hope.

This film is refreshing in its approach, as it does not set out to have all the answers. More conversation, more pearls of wisdom, more empowerment, more beating of the drum.

Lena Luna



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## Trivia and other fun at CTBA fundraiser

Over 150 people gathered for the 'Christmas in July' Trivia Night at the Cobargo Hotel on Saturday 22 July. More than \$1200 was raised for the Cobargo Tourist and Business Association (CTBA). The kitchen put on a fabulous Christmas-themed meal and the evening was full of laughs and brain stretches. It was great to see the local community come together for a bit of fun and to help support the CTBA which invests the money back into the local community.

David from the Post Office appeared as Mary Christmas (last month's *Triangle* cover girl). Local Santa (Dave Rugendyke) had to leave unexpectedly due to his son having an accident (all good now) but Ray James quickly jumped in to fill the void and host the evening. An original local song by a trivia participant kept people awake and gave us all a memorable evening.

Thanks to all local Cobargo businesses who were very generous with donations for the raffle.

The next big event will be 'Light Up Cobargo' to herald in the Christmas season with the switching on of lights in town, some late night shopping and a chance to eat and listen to local musicians. This will be on Friday evening 1 December (mark your diaries now).

*Tell 'em  
you found 'em  
in the Triangle!*

## Get Ready event in Cobargo to promote fire season

Saturday 16 September will see Cobargo come to life when the members of Cobargo and Quaama Rural Fire Brigades turn out for the Brigade's "Get Ready" event for the coming fire season.

To be held in the Co-op carpark at the rear of Sweet Home Cobargo, the "Get Ready" event will feature the Brigades assisting local landowners and residents with the preparation of their Bush Fire Survival Plans.

General information will also be available covering fire permits and burn-off notification compliance requirements, as well as raising awareness of fire control and safety issues.

Families are especially welcome with

giveaways for the children, who will also have the opportunity to experience putting out a "fire" with the fire hose and getting a photo of themselves in the fire truck.

The Brigade will also provide a sausage sizzle (by gold coin donation) at the event.

Held in conjunction with over 450 similar Brigade activities around the state, Cobargo's "Get Ready" event runs from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm and will also provide the opportunity to inspect the Brigade's fleet of firefighting vehicles.

Getting ready for the bushfire season can be easier than you think. Little things you do now can make a big difference during a bushfire. If you follow five simple steps to get ready and have a bushfire survival plan you will substantially reduce the risk to you and your home. Simply by trimming overhanging trees and shrubs, keeping your grass mowed, removing flammable material, clearing up fallen debris and leaves and preparing hoses to reach around your home you can help prevent burning embers from destroying your home.

Working together we can all help make our community safer this bush fire season, so come along to Cobargo village on Saturday 16 September from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm and learn how you can help to "Get Ready" for fire this summer.

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## Quilters extend the hand of friendship

Quaama/Cobargo Quilters are holding a Friendship Day on Monday, 16 October 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm at the School of Arts Hall, Bermagui Road, Cobargo. Please join us for morning tea and lunch.

There will be lucky door prizes, trading tables by Freddie's Fabrics, The Stitch Connection, Billija Designs and Quaama/Cobargo Quilters.

Entry will be by gold coin donation. Please bring a small plate of refreshments to share. And bring along an article for Show & Share.

Enquiries: Leanne Tett, 0408 627 103, homeville300@bigpond.com



Joy Holmes, quilter and grey nomad

## Let's have a party!

Save the date, the Cobargo Community Hall is 130 years young this year and we are throwing a free party on Saturday, 16 September.

The afternoon will kick off at 4.00 pm with a 1950s cinema experience. Remember Movietone News, Looney Tunes and then the main feature? Bring the children and/or grandchildren and enjoy saying "In our day, before television ..."

At 5.00 pm there will be informal chats on the history of the hall and memories. Come along and share your memories.

From 6.00 pm there'll be curries (vegan, vegetarian and meat) with rice, available for \$5, then dance the night away with great live music supplied by our much

loved local musos: Zena, Damon, Shane, Lisa, Sol, Dave, Cam, Sats and Ali.

There will be a pause at 8.00 pm to draw breath and the raffles. The community has been so generous that we have lots of raffles, with prizes from a lawnmower to camel poo, Folk Festival tickets to a flight simulator session, and from yoga classes to food. The prizes are great so bring spare cash to buy tickets!

The Chair of the Hall Committee, Dave Rugendyke, summed up the Hall and the upcoming event. 'We are very proud of the Hall and of the people of Cobargo who support it.'

We have a very active Hall Committee, which is strongly supported by our local Council and by the community. We must always remember that the Hall is a community resource that we must manage and improve for future generations.

'The event on the 16 September will be a fitting celebration of the 130th anniversary of the Hall and I look forward to seeing as many of our community there as can make it.'

'Come and join the party!'

Stephen Williams

## Check out a sustainable house this month

Sunday 17 September 2017 is Sustainable House Day. It provides an opportunity for people to visit some of Australia's leading green homes—ones that are environmentally friendly, cheaper to run and more comfortable to live in.

Alan Burdon and Fiona Kotvojs's home in Dignams Creek is part of this. The home is made from rammed earth and straw bale. This home is completely off-grid and uses solar power for electricity, a masonry heater for heating and a wood stove (with gas cooktop) for cooking. All water used is rainwater. The house has compostable toilets and reuses grey water through the orchard.

If you are interested in finding out more about these, come and visit. In addition, the Rural Fire Service will be discussing ways to improve the safety of rural properties and your home.

The home will be open from 10 am to 4 pm.

For further details, register at [www.sustainablehouseday.com/subscriber-registration/](http://www.sustainablehouseday.com/subscriber-registration/) or phone Alan and Fiona on 6493 6080.

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## Vale Chester



Chester in his younger days

On Saturday, 22 July 2017, Paul Bolton, affectionately known to everyone as 'Chester', passed away at Moruya Hospital. He was 73 years of age. Chester had been part of the fabric of Tilba for three to four decades. He endeared himself to many with his ever-present smile, and will be missed.

Born in Orange 73 years ago, Chester moved to Wollongong, and at age 14 he started work in a coal mine there. Chester started to holiday regularly at Mystery Bay with a few mates from the mines. They were known as the "Balgownie Boys". At around age 37 Chester suffered an injury from a car accident, and retired to what had become his beloved Tilba.

Chester had a great love of a beer, and for many years was a regular at the Dromedary Hotel, and also at Pam's Store in Tilba Tilba where he would arrive around 10 am or even earlier, sit on the verandah, and consume what seemed a continuous stream of stubbies before driving back to his home at Central.

Chester was most fortunate in finding very loyal friends and helpers in Garry and Sue Whiffen who provided him a place to live in his caravan on their property. They loved and helped him in so many ways. Garry would sometimes call to collect him and take him home, and almost always Chester would protest "But I've just started a beer", and refuse to leave.

Chester had a passion for collecting fridge magnets, and would ask all and sundry to get him some wherever they travelled. His two fridges ended up being covered on every exposed area with magnets. It was fitting that at his funeral, mourners were invited to place magnets on his coffin.

A graveside service was held at Tilba Cemetery on 26 July and was attended by around 70 people. The funeral notice is shown below. It was chalked onto the noticeboard at Bate's Store, and speaks volumes for what a casual and friendly place Tilba can be. A wake catered by the CWA was held at Central Tilba Small Hall. Rest in peace, Chester.

Harry Bate



Chester's funeral notice on Bate's Store noticeboard

## Tilba RFS—memories of the 1952 fire

It was interesting to hear on ABC radio that Jellat Jellat Fire Brigade, between Tathra and Bega, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Congratulations to them, and I am sure they will enjoy their celebratory dinner.

I don't know when Tilba Brigade came into being, but I do recall that in the great bush fire of 1952 Tilba's equipment comprised one tank and pump on a trailer, and Harry Mead was Captain. I think membership was made up of anybody who was available at the time. There was no fire shed—Harry kept the trailer at his property. During the fire, Harry left the trailer at the Dibden farm, "Springhills", where it proved very useful in saving the property.

Harry then proceeded to walk from "Springhills" to his home at "Caluga" and then to Tilba Tilba across the paddocks, assessing the situation. He arrived at our house covered in black, and asked for water to refill his hip flask. I thought at the time that that amount of water looked woefully inadequate.

I recall the fire was stopped at Tilba Creek with the use of knapsacks and buckets. My father said, after they had fallen back to the creek—the last line of defence before the Tilba Tilba village, "I did not know a bucket of water could do so much." Initial attempts to stop the fire at the top of the hill with wet bags had proven futile. Quite a contrast with today's equipment!

Residents are reminded that now is the time to prepare for the fire season. Make sure you have a written fire plan, and that the areas around your property are cleared to the fullest practical extent. The present outlook for spring and summer is very dry.

Thankfully, July/August has been a relatively quiet time for Tilba Brigade with only one fire call, although it was significant. It was at the Wallaga Lake Koori Village, where about eight separate fires were burning one Sunday afternoon, and Tilba sought and received back-up assistance from Cobargo, Bermagui and Narooma brigades, with two trucks each. Brogo was on the way and Dalmeny was on standby. Thank you to those Brigades! The fires were extinguished in about four hours, and, fortunately, we received significant rain that night.

Harry Bate

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## An afternoon with Jeff Apter

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Wollongong-based Jeff Apter is the author of more than 20 highly regarded works of non-fiction. His bestselling biographies include studies of Jeff Buckley, the Finn brothers, John Farnham and the Gibb brothers.

He has also worked as a co-writer and/or ghostwriter with musicians, diplomats, mercenaries and sportsmen, and was the creative consultant for the Helpmann-nominated live show, *A State of Grace: The music of Jeff and Tim Buckley*.

His latest book is a biography of AC/DC's Angus Young, entitled *High Voltage*. See Jeff's website at [www.jeffapter.com.au](http://www.jeffapter.com.au).

This event will be held in the Bermagui Library at 2 pm on Friday 15 September. Bookings are essential, so book online at [www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au) or at the Bermagui Library, phone 6499 2411.



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## An old friend and a new friend at the Lazy Lizard

This September, in the Side Room, we are happy to welcome back an old friend. Regular visitors to the Gallery will remember one-time Lazy Lizard member Craig Noble and his beautiful photographs with their striking views of the Australian bush. Well, Craig is back for a visit, bringing us more of his photographic work in an exhibition entitled "Living Landscapes". He will be displaying photographs of the local area as well as some from South Australia and the Flinders Ranges.

Craig has an artist's eye, a unique vision of landscape, and the knack of choosing exactly the right moment to capture the essence of a scene. If you want to catch up with Craig and see his latest work, be sure to come to the exhibition opening on Saturday morning, 2 September between 10 am and 12 noon.

And now to the new friend ... we are thrilled to announce that Luciano Baseggio, or Luch as most people know him, has become a member of the gallery. Luch has a reputation in this area as a superb woodworker and cabinet maker. His understanding and respect for timber is awesome. He brings out the beauty of the wood, shaping and crafting it while still allowing it to speak for itself. He now has some of his pieces in the gallery,



Long Plain Huts, NSW, photo by Craig Noble



Homestead Ruins, South Australia,  
photo by Craig Noble

so come in and have a look, especially at his beautiful little Western Red Cedar piano key boxes.



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## Nature and shared creativity—artists gather at Bithry Inlet

A group of ten selected local artists gathered at Bithry Inlet for three days in mid-August to take part in the third creative field studies retreat run by the Four Winds team as part of the Bermagui Project. This field studies weekend was the last of three aimed at sharing knowledge of place and inspiring creative responses to the exquisite landscape and significance of country, with particular focus on the estuarine environment between Mumbulla and Gulaga mountains. The resulting artworks, created by over 30 local artists, will culminate in an exhibition titled *Fresh Salt* to be held



**Warren Foster, Yuin Community Leader**  
(photo: Ben Cunningham)

in Canberra in October and then locally towards the end of the year.

“The idea behind the field studies is that we immerse artists in nature and present them with a curated program of expert ‘knowledge sharers’— people passionate and well informed about the region’s environment and its history. This transfer of wisdom inspires artists to create



**Sharing local knowledge with artists at the Four Winds Creative Field Studies**  
(photo: Ben Cunningham)

new work that expresses the sometimes very complex ideas presented to them. That work goes on to present those complex issues in creative, accessible and easily understandable ways,” said Lara Crew, the producer of Four Winds’ Create and Inspire Program.

The latest study focused on the geographic area marked by Wapengo, Middle and Nelsons Lagoon. The broad themes for the Creative Field Studies retreats are developed in conjunction with two artistic co-ordinators selected from the local community. Leading this third field study were Justina Legoe, a Bermagui visual artist, and David Hewitt, highly acclaimed composer and percussionist.

Knowledge sharers and participating artists included: Warren Foster, Yuin Community leader; Marr and Marina Grounds, son and granddaughter of Roy Grounds who was the architect of Myer House at Bithry Inlet; Warwick Anderson from Kingfisher Oysters; Mark McKenna

and Fiona Firth, historians and authors; Lee Cruise, Yuin artist; Dr Rosemary Beaumont, social ecologist and forest activist; Emma Maratea, an estuary scientist; Deb Nave, outdoor educator from the Tanja Lagoon Camp; Victoria Nelson, a sculptor and visual artist; Skye Etherington, a visual and performance artist; Lee Pemberton, a nationally renowned choreographer; Delia Silvan, dancer/choreographer; and David Gallan, filmmaker.

Over the course of the three days, the artists came to understand more deeply this unique estuary region on the far south coast of New South Wales, and the ways in which history, the natural environment, and the people who live and work there come to define a sense of place. “There were many special moments. We were given access to some of the most remote and pristine parts of our region. We heard from locals and others passionate about the area how this place has been experienced and lived and how it has been nurtured and understood by generations,” said one participant at the end of the weekend.

This project is part of Four Winds’ commitment to nurturing and creating art inspired by place. It is about raising awareness and starting a discussion through art. Lara explains, “At the Four Winds Easter Festival, we always encourage our audience to surrender to the beauty of the natural surroundings. This project is a continuation of that philosophy.” To find out more you can ready the Field Studies blog at: [www.fourwinds.com.au](http://www.fourwinds.com.au) or call 02 6493 3414.



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## Zephyrs Jazz presents Barney McAll's ASIO Quintet at the Windsong Pavilion

Local community group Zephyrs Jazz will present the ASIO Quintet who will perform in an album launch concert at the Windsong Pavilion, Barragga Bay, on 15 October at 2.00 pm.

This extraordinary quintet is led by highly esteemed and inspirational jazz pianist Barney McAll. At the concert he will be exploring the exquisite, rich tones of Four Winds' new Shigeru Kawai grand piano that now resides at the Windsong Pavilion.

Barney McAll is a Grammy-nominated, multi award-winning pianist, composer and ensemble leader. After establishing a reputation in Australia he spent many years playing with America's finest jazz musicians in the great global music metropolis of New York City. Barney returned to Australia in 2015 to take up the coveted Peggy Glanville-Hicks composer residency in Sydney. This year-long award allowed him the freedom to compose a substantial new body of work, resulting in

the wonderful 2015 album *Mooroolbark*, recorded with ASIO, that went on to win a swag of Bell, ARIA, AIR and iTunes jazz awards. Their as yet unnamed new album will be the group's second.



Barney McAll will play in October

If you were to pick five of Australia's most creative modern jazz musicians to be part of an ensemble it would be hard to overlook any of the members of the Australian

Symbiotic Improvisers Orbit (ASIO). This elite quintet comprises award winning musicians, who are all composers and band leaders in their own right. Returning local prodigy Carl Morgan will be on guitar, Mike Rivett on saxophones, Hamish Stuart on drums and percussion and Jonathan Zwartz on upright bass.

Visit [www.zephyrsjazz.com.au](http://www.zephyrsjazz.com.au) for more info and to book to see this incredible line up of Australia's finest modern jazz musicians.

## Cobargo Pre-Schoolers' talent on display this month

This month, the Cobargo Creators Centre will host the third annual exhibition of creative works made by the children



from Cobargo Pre-School.

Join the artists and their teachers and families from 11 am on Saturday 9 September for the opening of *Joy and Abandon III*. The exhibition features paintings, sculptures and other delightful works from our youngest creators. All works will be for sale and all funds raised go back to the Pre-School to support their efforts in giving our local children a great start to their learning adventures.

The works will be displayed in Black Wattle Gallery until 1 pm Saturday 16 September. The members of Cobargo Creators look forward to sharing this wonderful exhibition with you.

Veronica Abbott



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### Fifteen years of *The Triangle*

It was 2002, long before the Triangle area became 'gentrified'—a slow process which began with the turn of the century.

Two friends were bemoaning the fact that, being recent refugees from Sydney, they could never find out what was going on unless you haunted the pub. The local newspapers never printed news of our area. So Rosemary, who was rather bored working at Cobargo Old Wares, called up Louise and said, 'How about resurrecting a local paper?' *The Tilba Times*, which had not encompassed the whole area anyway, had long expired so it was time to change the parameters.

It was going to cost a few thousand to get it up and running—no-one was interested in printing a small, unknown paper with delusions of grandeur, ie distribution from north to south of what is known as the Triangle area.

We found a very generous sponsor—another new local, Carol Ladd—who had faith in our venture. A committee was formed and we had meetings in

private houses, shops or the Cobargo pub. *The Triangle* was born. There was a very steep learning curve with 'layout' and trying to cope with cumbersome computers (not laptops) and slow or non-existent internet connections. Then came the task of organising the printing. Greg Whiteman used to drive to Bega with his desktop computer on his knee so that the layout files could be extracted and printed. The inestimable Tom Rix dragged our production processes into the 21st century in 2005.

Distribution was also a challenge. Residents with a post office box could receive a copy of the paper through Australia Post and we employed a company to deliver some of our run to households with mailboxes. The remainder of the 2000 we placed at distribution points in the Triangle area along with our donation tins, which we hoped would defray expenses. Talking of defraying expenses, we eventually took on the delivery run ourselves, Louise being the most energetic

and reliable of these workers (with dog in tow), while I chaired meetings, warded off a few threats of legal action, and accepted lots of praise from news-starved locals.

Carol funded the first issue—but from then on *The Triangle* has been completely self-funded. When it's had sufficient money, it has donated the excess to good causes in the region—much appreciated. The paper is a credit to all, especially the early layout people who had rather primitive systems to cope with. The wonderful Jen Severn has stuck by *The Triangle* through thick and thin. *The Triangle* now has a coloured masthead, unheard of in earlier days. But it continues to be a recognisable, reliable source of information, not to mention its handy classifieds and advertising, capably managed almost since inception by Nerida Patterson.

Congratulations to all for 15 years of hard work, fun and info—long may it continue.

Rosemary Millard

### Mumbulla Foundation 2017 grants close this month

Applications are sought from community organisations, schools, charities, volunteers and individuals who make a contribution to the Bega Valley Shire.

Mumbulla Foundation Chairman, Gary Potts said, 'The Foundation raises funds throughout the year by holding the annual Gala Dinner, receiving donations from other foundations and by the generous support of individuals via the Gold Donor program. BVSC is also a huge supporter of the Mumbulla Foundation and supports its work in promoting community well-being by giving to small groups for social, environmental and cultural activities within the Bega Valley Shire.'

The Foundation is run by a dedicated

group of volunteer directors, who work to return as much as possible of the funds raised back to the community. Administrative costs are kept to a minimum and no staff are employed by the Foundation.



Grants up to \$9000 are provided, helping small groups to carry out projects to enable them to continue their vital contribution to the Bega Valley community.

Over the past 15 years a total of over \$800,000 in grants has been given

to a diverse range of community groups. In 2016 grants were given to SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network); FSC Maternity Advisory Group; Bega Valley Autism Lab; Southern Women's Group; REAP by OzHarvest and Pambula Wetlands, and many more.

Applications for grants close at 5 pm on 30 September 2017. For information about eligibility and how to apply, go to [www.mumbulla.org.au](http://www.mumbulla.org.au) and find the Grants page.

Community groups are encouraged to apply early. Workshops to assist with grant applications will be held at various locations throughout the Bega Valley Shire; dates and locations will be on the website soon.



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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 aged readers, then at the end of the year there'll be three prizes, awarded as follows: K-2, Years 3/4, and

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

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 contribution is a drawing from Amber Matthews, aged eleven, of Verona. Last month we featured two poems, one by Tom Alderman and one by Danika Myers, aged twelve, of Bermagui. .



*Amber Matthews, age 11, of Verona,  
Year 5, Quaama Public School  
Drawing titled "Under the Sea"*

AKT international is a Cobargo company dedicated to developing technologies for the most effective recovery of nutrients from waste streams. These technologies are at the forefront of the "war against waste" operating in some 40 countries ranging from Greenland to Patagonia. In conducting our business we take seriously and expend effort with issues of environmental protection, art, cultural advancement, intergenerational equity and social cohesion.



## General News

### Free Legal Advice for South East NSW

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre provides free phone legal advice for Bega Valley and Cooma-Monaro residents.

South East NSW Women's Legal Service provides assistance through the Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre, a community managed free legal service. The program is available to women in the Bega Valley and offers advice in most non-commercial areas of law.

Additionally to outreach service there are legal Skype appointments available to encourage more women to access the service from your home or community service. Skype appointments are available on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Telephone services are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon.

You can contact Gabrielle Powell at WRC on Tuesdays on 6492 1367 to make an appointment, or phone 1800 229 529.

### Same-sex marriage: let's talk

The debate about same-sex marriage has not always been respectful which limits each of us from gaining an understanding of the perspective of others. Would you like to understand alternative views?

If so, a series of three conversations about same-sex relationships, marriage and the church will be held in Bermagui, Cobargo and Quaama starting this month. The conversations are hosted by the Anglican Church and are designed to involve people with different opinions who truly want to hear and understand the opinions of others.

If you are interested in listening, contributing your opinions, but not forcing your position and would like to be involved, contact Fiona Kotvojs on 6493 6080.

*Fiona Kotvojs*

### Triangle pledges a GRAND donation for MS bike ride



Three make a triangle ... John van Horssen, James Roberts and Karen Csleda take a break from training for the November fundraising ride.

The Triangle Team continues to train for the MS Gong Ride in November. It now numbers five riders, having welcomed Paulo Columbo onto the team. If you wish to join, call John van Horssen for details on 6493 8515.

And massive thanks to *The Triangle* – the newspaper – for their \$1000 donation to the team's fundraising account. This includes sponsorship of team T-shirts, which will sport the famous *Triangle* masthead. Now it truly is "The Triangle Team".

The MS Society, or simply "MS" as it's now known, supports members—people with MS—through seminars, webinars, free clinics (medical and allied health) and financially with subsidies for essential equipment. I find it hard to

estimate the financial value of the benefits I've received from the society, but it would certainly be in the thousands of dollars. And there are dozens of other people with MS in this region who have received similar benefits. Money raised goes straight back to the community.

In the meantime, the Bermagui Institute Bicycle Division will be doing their own MS Ride on the day, but in Bermagui, for all their riders who are keen to contribute but can't make it to Sydney. If you're a friend or family member of one of this intrepid crew, they've probably already pressed you to sponsor them.

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*Jen Severn*

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## Footprints ...

*A short story by Veronica Keating*

The track to the beach was quiet, sounds muffled by the soft dirt underfoot, bright shafts of sunlight piercing the canopy of wind-twisted trees, gleaming off outcrops of rock bronzed with gold in the half-light. Her feet sank into the leaf-littered soil, slightly damp from the heavy rain that morning. She walked in the tracks of hundreds of blurred footprints, resenting the signs of holiday crowds when her troubled heart craved solitude.

The white sand opened up in front of her and, beyond the breakers, the island – Baranguba – framed on the clear horizon by the blue-blue sky and the blue-grey ocean.

She was completely alone.

To the right, the green headland sloped down to the water, boulders of broken cliff-face littering the base. To the left, long, curved bays looped across

the coastline, hiding the town from view. Her eyes were drawn back to the island, rocky and green, the lighthouse beckoning,



inviting her to take the short crossing by boat.

A tremor of doubt and anxiety clenched her heart. "No time" she reminded herself. Stubborn defiance urged her to linger, to breathe the scents of salt-bleached air, but her other life insisted it was time to go.

"I will return", she vowed silently.

She glanced down and saw, embedded in the sand at her feet, two pieces of polished wood, each slightly longer than her hand. The one closest to the trees was

carved with three wavy lines, the other carved with a black snake. She bent to examine them. Cheap surf-shop souvenirs, dropped by a visitor. She straightened to leave and then hesitated. Perhaps she should hand them in at the

nearby caravan park.

She bent again to prise them out, surprised that they were so deeply embedded in the wet sand. They were heavier than expected and the hand-carved designs, reversed on the flip sides, had left a clear, deep imprint of a wriggling snake returning to the trees, and three waves yearning for the sea.

She hefted the rich, dark weight of them in her hands and felt the scarring along the edges of each. Not cheap souvenirs, but genuine aboriginal clap sticks. She suddenly understood that these were very special, possibly very old, and that their loss would be mourned. They should be protected. "I will find out who they belong to and make sure they are safely returned."

She glanced down again, turned to leave – and felt her scalp prickle as she noticed that the sand, smoothly compacted by the earlier rain storm, revealed only one set of footprints on the entire beach. Her footprints appeared out of the shadows of the trees, walked directly to the imprint of the snake and the waves, and then turned back towards the trees.

A moment of calm certainty ... she was meant to be here.

Had she been called to break her journey to find and protect these special things?

She wrapped the clap sticks carefully in her scarf and walked, slowly, back along the track, light in spirit, the clamour of time silenced.



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### Libraries: the best of the old and the best of the new

Yesterday I went into the library at Narooma. What a glorious thing to see: young children listening, enraptured, to stories at their local library, and the softness on the faces of mothers, fathers and grandparents as they remembered their own introductions to the world of books. But now, with the development of the digital world, libraries face new challenges.

One of the great developments of humanity is the humble library. A library operates at so many levels: a place to learn and study, a place to develop values and ideas, an insight into the outside world, a source of entertainment and enlightenment. Libraries also offer respite from the competitive world—libraries *co-operate* with each other. From Bermagui Library I can access almost any book in any Australian library. There is a golden thread of learning from the majesty of Bodleian Library in Oxford and the New York Public Library to the Mitchell Library in Sydney and our own gems in the Bega Valley and the Eurobodalla shires.

For me, the kind ladies at the Burwood

Library in 1950s Sydney opened the door to the wonders of the world. After I devoured everything in the children's library, they allowed me, aged ten, to access the adult library. I moved from the Just William books by Richmal Crompton



An introduction to the world of ideas:  
Storytime at Bega Library

(does anyone remember Just William, first published in 1922 and re-published in 2015?), to Dickens' stories of Victorian London. I loved them all.

There's an air of kindness and softness, both in libraries and among the people who work there. Of all the services available to our complex and often greedy society, is there anything else that is

recognised as being so valuable that it must be available free to everyone? We even pay for water.

Now with the development of the digital world,

libraries face new challenges. Are books redundant?

No. Bega Valley and Eurobodalla shires are responding to the challenges of the digital world with changes in their libraries. There is a vital need in society for shared information, entertainment and insight. It is early in the transformation of how we access these, but libraries are there and participating.

I now find books easier to read on a tablet—I can make the type any size I want, adjust the brightness of the screen, and carry around 100 books in a machine lighter and smaller than the average paperback. For many years I bought e-books from Amazon, but the prices kept going up. I switched to BVSC

electronic libraries but the software is a bit clunky and the selection strongest on Romance. Now I find that BVSC residents who live in the northern part of the Shire can also join the Eurobodalla library at Narooma. They use BorrowBox, making available a wide range of digital books for tablets and phones.

Libraries provide a lesson for us all. How much better our society would be if the governing bodies, the councils, Centrelink, the health system and all the rest could also incorporate the libraries' sense of sharing, of caring, of respect for experience, knowledge and culture, of looking after the young and the old in a way that is gracious and generous, and *human*.

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## Grevillea – a plant for all seasons

The genus of Grevillea has plants that suit a wide range of uses from groundcover to screening and from bird attraction to animal deterrent (prickly forms).

Much work has been done in the breeding of new varieties by hybridisation of certain parent plants that have a particular attribute like size, flower type, drought tolerance and so on. By crossing two plants with different special features a new variety is developed that has all the good features of its parents thus giving us a plant of exceptional value.

This hybridisation can be done in a nursery situation where a nurseryman wishes to develop a new plant or can be done by nature itself wherein two different species grown side by side are cross-pollinated and a seedling is developed nearby and then come across by a human who then grows it on, to produce a new variety.

In recent years a new growing method has come into place wherein a beautiful species, say from Western Australia, has been grafted onto an east coast species to give that plant the ability to grow outside



one of the most prolific flowering and all-round great Grevilleas that has been developed in recent years.

Not only is it good for pots and bird attraction but will grow in a garden from first line coastal to inland gardens.

In using

Grevillea in pots it is advisable to use a native or premium potting mix and then to fertilise with a slow release or liquid native plant food.

Grevillea will grow in a wide range of soils from loam through clay but are not generally fond of a sandy soil.

In preparation for planting, dig a wide hole, but not too deep. Depending on the amount of clay, some organic planting mix could be mixed with your existing soil to give the plant a good start.

Water in with a combination seaweed and fish emulsion fertiliser. These are not too strong as an initial fertiliser and have a natural growth stimulant to help in establishment.

Fertilise from that point on at regular intervals throughout the year, except winter, with a native plant food.

There are very few diseases that can cause problems with Grevillea and a trip to the local nursery with a sample of the problem will usually solve it quickly.

Prune regularly to keep them in shape and promote new flowering wood. Don't be afraid to cut them back hard. They will thrive from this.

its normal growing area. In many cases the understock used will be Grevillea robusta (Silky Oak) and this allows the plant to handle conditions like clay soils and humidity experienced on the east coast. A lovely example of this is Grevillea plurijuga (Purple Haze) which has its origin in Western Australia.

Many groundcover forms have also been grafted onto what is called a high graft, on a standard of about one to one and a half metres in height, similar to a standard rose. These are great in a pot or as a special feature in the garden.

Speaking of pots, Grevillea are a great pot plant. Care must be taken in using a variety that doesn't need a lot of pruning.

The variety I have used is 'Peaches and Cream'. This is



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As a market organiser for The Bermagui Growers Market I spent a good deal of my time in France recently attending local markets in an attempt to bring some of their ideas to our market. The Growers' Market will be up and running on Thursday 7 September at 2.30 pm.

Any new stallholders can have free markets if they are prepared to return for the following four markets. Contact Lynne on 0425 711 795 or [lynneford@gmail.com](mailto:lynneford@gmail.com)

The following recipes I made at a French cooking school in southwest France on my recent trip. They were delicious and so easy to make.

A firm, round goats' cheese is better to use than a young, soft goats' cheese. A firm camembert is a good alternative. Also, as this recipe calls for berries in the salad, any seasonal fruit maybe used, ie pear, apple or mandarin.

## Goats Cheese Tart

Preparation time: 15 mins. Cooking time 15 minutes.

Ingredients (serves four)

4x100g crottins de cabercou or similar goats' cheese. (You can use a goats' cheese that is not too soft or even a camembert).

Ready-made puff pastry

1 dessert spoon of poppy seeds or sesame seeds

200g of berries (raspberries, blueberries, red fruits, cherries)

## Salad

2 teaspoons of roughly broken shelled walnuts

50g mixed salad leaves



6 tbs of Olive Oil

1 tbs Walnut oil

2 tbs Sherry or white balsamic vinegar

2 tbs Cherry Jam or honey

1 whole peeled clove of garlic

1 pinch of rock salt

- Preheat the oven to 200C.
- Brush the four bases with water and place the four outer circles on top of them, forming a vol au vent shape, leaving the inner circles for the "hats" for your cheeses.
- Place the cheese in the middle of the bases, brush the top with water and place the inner circles on top. Egg wash and

sprinkle with the poppy seeds.

- Bake in the oven for 10 to 15 mins or until just brown. Remove and cool slightly on a rack.
- Place the cheese in the middle of a cold plate, decorate with your mixed salad leaves, walnuts, berries and sprinkle with rock salt.
- Add dressing and serve immediately.
- **Dressing :** In a plastic chef's bottle add the whole peeled garlic clove. Add the honey or jam, then add the vinegar and the oils. Shake vigorously and drizzle over the salad.



This is indeed an extremely easy and economical dessert and a great way to use your very ripe bananas.

## Banana Ice-cream

4 bananas sliced and frozen on a tray

2 tablespoons of icing sugar

1 vanilla pod

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

4 tablespoons of crème fraiche

To make the ice cream, simply place the frozen bananas in a food processor

with the seeds from the vanilla pod, vanilla extract, sugar and crème fraiche. Turn up high and blend until smooth. Serve immediately, or place in the freezer for up to two hours.



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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 work with. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies.

3. Send all **articles** as WORD or other TEXT documents.

4. Please do not send posters or flyers! We cannot reproduce or insert 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!

6. Deadline is **22nd of the month**. Any questions at all, please email us [contributions@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au)

## Sebastian Barry

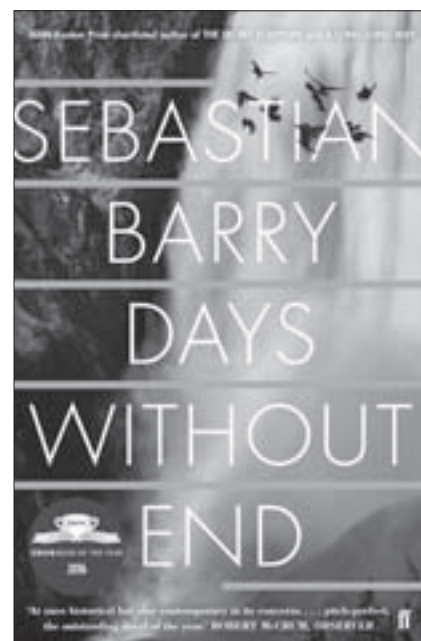
### *Days Without End*

\$32.99

This is the second book of Sebastian Barry that I have reviewed this year, but it is so completely different from all his others that I gave myself permission to indulge in this most favourite of authors.

All the other books of his that I have read have been set in Ireland and, in combination, give a wonderful history of that country in the 20th century. *Days Without End*, however, is set in America, although the narrator is a poor Irish immigrant whose history follows him to the new land where he joins the army, alongside an equally poor young man who becomes his life companion. Together they fight in the Indian Wars, then re-enlist to fight in the American Civil War on the side of the North. The book tells of the horrors of war, of death, of starvation and endless marches in extremes of weather. But, in equal measure, Barry writes of the strength of friendship, of decency and courage, and above all, the love and tenderness between the two men.

What stood out for me was his ability to insert no more than a line or at most a paragraph, to describe the life-long commitment of the two men, one of whom



assumes the role of a woman and wife, the other of whom takes on the responsibility of a parent to a young Indian child. There is not one lengthy description of any aspect of the relationship between the two, yet it is possibly the most tender love story I've read for years.

On a "star" rating this is 4.5 out of 5 – and I can't even think of what the other .5 could possibly be! If you only read one book this year, read this.

## Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

Spud the very settled six year old Staffy has been waiting patiently for his new home. He will be a great addition to any family but will benefit from a family able to give him some exercise and lots of pats and cuddles. He has been "working out" with his carer so is a little slimmer now than in this photo! Like most Staffies, he prefers to be with his humans most of the time, so a family where someone is home a lot or one prepared to include him in their activities would be best.



**Spud, waiting patiently for his forever home. He's slimmer since this pic was taken!**

Enquiries about Spud or the other dogs and cats available for adoption through the Far South Coast Branch of Animal Welfare League NSW can be made by calling 0400 372 609 and many can be viewed at our Facebook page.

Adoption fees are subsidised and all companion animals come de-sexed, vaccinated, microchipped, wormed and vet-checked before adoption so that the hard work is taken care of. Become a member of AWLNSW so you can help us help the animals in our Shire. Contact AWL at [awlfsc@bigpond.com](mailto:awlfsc@bigpond.com) or call 0400 372 609 for an application form or come and chat to us at the SCPA-South Coast Field Days on 23-24 September at Cobargo Showground.

Spring is here and so is breeding season. Don't be caught out with an unwanted litter and associated expenses. AWLNSW Far South Coast Branch provide de-sexing subsidies for those unable to afford the fullcost of desexing. Enquiries can be made through all of the Bega Valley Shire vets.



#### 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  
April 23rd, Sunday June 25th, Sunday August 27th.  
Call 0400 372 609

#### ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

Bermagui: All Saints- 1st, 2nd 3rd Sundays  
10.00am 4th Sunday 5.00pm

Cobargo: Christ Church - 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
Sundays 5.00pm

Quaama: St Saviours- 4th Sunday 10.00 am  
5th Sunday - One service in parish at 10 am rotation  
Contact Alan Burdon 0409 189 659

#### 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 2:00pm, games start at 2.30pm.  
No experience necessary. For information ring Bob  
Whackett on 6493 3136

#### 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 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 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting First Wednesday of Month, 2.00pm at  
Museum in Community Centre, Bunga Street.  
Researchers & helpers welcome. Ph Allan Douch  
0428 427 873 or Marianne Hunter 0419 173 607.

#### 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

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass times.  
Bermagui- Sunday 7:30 pm  
Cobargo- Saturday 5pm

#### 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 enviroment.  
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  
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 & 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 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 CAMERA CLUB

Meetings at Club Narooma 7pm;  
1st Wednesdays workshops, 3rd Wednesdays  
competition night displays. We welcome visitors at  
the meetings and on our monthly field trips.  
Phone Michelle 0409 020 458 or  
www.naroomacameraclub.org

#### 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 5447 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](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au)

# For the Fridge Door

SEPTEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
Fri 1	Ecstatic Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
Sun 3	Live music - Porterhouse Trio	Tilba Winery	12.30 pm
Wed 6	Social Bridge	Tilba Winery	2.00 pm
Sat 9	Spring Sing	Windsong Pavilion	4 - 5 pm
Sun 10	Great Bermagui Rubber Duckie Race	Boat ramp opp Bermi Bait & Tackle	1 pm
Thurs 14	QPA AGM	Quaama Hall Supper Room	6 pm
Fri 15	Jeff Apter, ghostwriter	Bermagui Library	2 pm
	Ecstatic Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
Sat 16	RFS "Get Ready" day	Cobargo Co-op carpark	8.30 am - 1 pm
	130th Birthday Party	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	4 pm
Sun 17	Live music - Humbug	Tilba Winery	12.30 pm
	Social BBQ	Quaama Tennis Courts	2 pm
	Retracing the Bermagui Mystery	Bermagui Headland	10 am
	"We the uncivilised" community doco	Old Cobargo Butter Factory	3.30 pm
Wed 20	Deborah Cheetham OA Radical Voice Talk	Windsong Pavilion	5.30 - 7 pm
Sat 23, Sun 24	ReBoot in Bermagui	Bermagui	All weekend
	South Coast Field Days	Cobargo Showground	All weekend
Sun 24	Car Boot Trash and Treasure	Bermagui Country Club	From 8 am
	Service to bless the RFS	Quaama Anglican Church	10 am
Fri 29	Ecstatic Dance	Quaama Hall	6 pm
Sat 30	7th B'day morning tea and sale	Well Thumbed Books	10.30 am
	Golden Gate Brass In Concert	Windsong Pavilion	11 am - 12.30 pm
<b>REGULARS</b>			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10 am-3.30 pm
2nd Monday	Tilba CWA meetings	Small Hall, Tilba	10 am
Tuesdays	Bermagui garden group	Venues vary, ph Heather 6493 5308	
	Weekly meditation	Kamalashila Centre, Tilba	10 am - 11 am
	'Zine' Machine	Bermagui Library	3.30 - 5.30 pm
	Storytime	Bermagui Library	10.30 - 11.30 am
Wednesdays	Pool comp	Bermagui Country Club	7.30 pm
	Dru Yoga	Cobargo School of Arts	10.30 am
1st Weds	Bermagui Historical Society meeting	Bermagui Museum- Community Centre	2 pm
	Social bridge	Tilba Valley Winery	2 pm
	Bermagui Seniors' Social Club meeting	Bermagui CWA rooms/Country Club	10.30 am
Thursdays	Mind Body Stillness Meditation	The Courtroom, Princes Hwy Cobargo	10 am-11 am
	Worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermi Community Centre	5.30 pm
	Bermagui Growers' Market	Fishermen's Wharf	2.30 - 5 pm
	Rhymetime	Bermagui Library	10 - 10.30 am
3rd Thursday	Lions Club meeting	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7 pm
	Coding night	Bermagui Library	5 - 8 pm
1st Friday	Bermagui CWA meetings	CWA Rooms	1 pm
Saturdays	Worldwide dance and aerobics	Bermagui Community Centre	10.30 am
2nd Saturday	CWA Cafe	Small Hall, Tilba	9 am - 12 pm
1st Sunday	Reclaim the Riverbank Working Bee	Rob's corner, Quaama	9.30 - 11.30 am
Last Sunday	Bermagui Red Cross Markets	Dickinson Oval	9 am-12 noon
<b>ART</b>			
Sat 2	Craig Noble "Living Landscapes"	Lazy Lizard Gallery	10 am - 12 noon
Sat 9	Joy and Abandon (pre-schoolers, until 16th)	Cobargo Creators Centre	11 am