

# THE TRIANGLE

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## Locals making a difference for MS

I drove into Bermagui on the morning of Sunday 5 November, not knowing what to expect. Jack Miller had invited local bike riders to do a short ride in Bermagui to support Team Triangle, a group of cyclists taking part that same day in the 'MS Sydney to the Gong Ride' fundraiser. The Bermagui riders were to finish up at Bermi's Beachside Café for breakfast. But I hadn't heard any more and I wondered if anyone would show up.

I slowed down as I passed the pub and glanced to my right, to see a long row of bikes racked up against the fence. And in the cafe, Jack pushed a fat roll of notes into my hand, money raised by the riders and their sponsors.

MS is a blight on my life. I have to remind myself, though, that it could have been worse. After 30 years I'm still walking—with the help of a walking frame. And driving, thanks to a modified vehicle. But there's something else about having this condition, and I'm constantly

overwhelmed by it: the support of family, friends and the community around me. Not to mention the magnificent MS Society.

Between the Bermagui ride and the team that travelled to Sydney to ride to 'the Gong', over \$5500 was raised to help the MS Society continue to provide moral and material assistance in the form of peer support, counselling, medical and allied health clinics, telephone hotlines for advice, seminars, webinars, subsidies for equipment and scholarships to help us achieve our goals.

Our major sponsor, The Triangle, donated \$1000, including sponsoring team T-shirts.

On behalf of all those with MS in the Triangle area—



Team Triangle: Brian Cooper, Karen Cseleda, Martin Fishwick, Graham Barber, John van Horsen, Paolo Colombo. Seventh team member James Roberts was a late scratching due to a knee injury



John van Horsen and Karen Cseleda with their medals after the ride (photo: Jimmy Zer0)



Karen Cseleda crosses the finishing line (photo: Jimmy Zer0)

Cecilia, Bruce, Rachel, Liz, Phil, JB, Fiona and Vicki, just to mention a few—a heartfelt thanks to all who rode and donated. Take it from me, you've made a difference.

Jen Severn

One of our Triangle team members rang – ‘Please thank our magnificent advertisers. Without them *The Triangle* wouldn’t happen’. She gave a salient reminder that this little newspaper, like much of our community, runs on voluntary labour and donations; it has no funding and costs are covered by locals who pay to advertise. Her point echoes elements of connections, community and belonging.

Our community comes together in a

soft organic unity. No-one organises it, it just happens. It happened last month when the community came together, in force, with love and sponges, with heart and paint stripper, to respond to acts of petty vandalism in the village.

People express their interests and respond to needs, then the rich benefits circulate back into the community in a flow of festivals, emergency services, choirs, support groups, hall committees,

cooperatives, and multiple acts of connection and care. It’s a network of small bonded groups weaving the fabric of a living dynamic community. It’s how we live together kindly and respectfully. In our small way *The Triangle* supports this connectedness.

*The Triangle* team wishes you all a safe and happy festive season.

## Letters to the editors

### Cobargo is our home

Cobargo is our home, the home to approximately 600 village folk. Over the weekend of 18-19 November our home was subjected to vandalism. The newly installed Christmas tree lights for Light Up Cobargo were destroyed, fire hydrants were stolen, garbage bins were placed in the middle of the road and homophobic graffiti was sprayed throughout Cobargo including on signs entering our village.

The small minority that allow fear and hatred to govern their behaviour bring disharmony and divide this small community. Let us, as community and family, ensure these acts never destroy the unique, harmonious, generous and caring community that we have all come to know and LOVE.

*Nichola Hutteman*

### Help for local wildlife

Thank you to Carolyne Banados for reminding readers in the November Triangle that there are local volunteers who rescue, raise and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife. However the rescue phone number listed needs a slight correction - it is 0417 238 921. We are the far south coast branch of Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. and cover an area from Batemans Bay to the Victorian border and west to Nimmitabel.

You may already know that we receive no government support. We welcome new members as well as community help with our market stalls and other fundraising activities, transport, building and renovating enclosures, etc.

*Danie Ondinea  
Coolagolite*

### Nostra culpa

Oh, *Triangle!* Altering what a contributor offers is not on.

There was the addition about Lindi selling seedlings, but more serious is the misrepresentation of the information on neonicotinoids by putting in a picture of a dead bee and then suggesting that the bee had died because it ate part of a plant!

Bees do not eat plants. They gather honey and store nectar in their stomachs and when they return to the hive they regurgitate it to form the basis of honey. Their offerings also form food for the queen (royal jelly) and brood, who are dying from the toxin.

Bees generally live about three weeks in summer and for several months over winter.

Food security is one of the biggest issues we face, and we are losing our ability to grow viable food. Neonicotinoids are a neurotoxin, like fluoride. Eating poisoned food contributes to making us sick and decreasing fertility.

The pesticide companies, like Monsanto and Bayer, are now releasing Sulfoxaflor, which will totally wipe out the bees—and they are offering tiny mechanical drones to fertilise their GMO crops instead.

Be very alarmed and wake up to our complicity in their plans. We are heading towards a world where our grandkids will not have the opportunity to enjoy being with their grandkids.

Weeding and dealing with pests organically are the price we pay for having viable food. Don’t add to the problem by supporting neonics, and ask for help with your weeding and spraying.

You might find many younger people

understand that it is a beneficial thing to do and they are the ones to help you—although you will find that weeds are neonics-free, have medicinal and often food value.

I’m aware that the errors may have been caused by exhaustion, but please don’t cause confusion with vitally important issues.

*Maggie Camfield  
Bermagui*

*(Eds: Sorry Maggie, the caption was careless and we apologise for misleading readers.)*

### Care For Our Beaches

With summer fast approaching, Bermagui Dune Care would like to remind readers, both locals and visitors alike, of ways they can care for our beaches.

Guidelines for caring include:

1. Please place all litter in bins or take it home with you. This includes cigarette butts, drink containers, hooks and fishing line. Litter is unsightly and dangerous, and may injure beach users or wildlife.

Street litter can reach the beach via stormwater drains at Horseshoe Bay and the Harbour.

2. Please use and stay on designated accessways and avoid walking across vegetated dunes. This minimises damage to plants and disturbance to animal habitat. Stable dunes are more resistant to erosion. Native vegetation is protected.

3. Please do not light fires on beaches or in dunes as they are illegal in NSW. Fires produce embers that remain very hot even when buried in the sand and can cause serious burns to unsuspecting people or animals, and also create the risk of wildfire. Irreplaceable habitat is lost when firewood

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## Letters (cont.)

is gathered from beach areas.

4. Remember all Bermagui beaches are vehicle free, to protect people and habitat.

5. Dogs must be on leashes at all times unless the beach is signposted as a 'leash free area', such as sections of Beares and Haywards beaches. Dogs are banned from some beaches and coast walk sections for health reasons and/or to protect wildlife habitat, so please check with Council. No dogs are allowed on national park beaches. Always remove animal waste, out of consideration for other beach users.

6. Properties adjacent to beach reserves should be carefully maintained to prevent garden plants escaping into the dunes. Dumping of garden refuse is prohibited. This helps stop weeds growing on the dunes at the expense of native plants and avoids costly weed controls.

The beaches in and around Bermagui, and their dunes, are among our most important natural assets. Please ensure they are cared for properly.

*Karen Joynes*

*Co-ordinator Bermagui Dune Care*

### Our coast, their mission

Two young, energetic people from Adelaide made 'Our Coast our Mission' their personal challenge, continuing up the coast all the way to Queensland as Mother Nature can't clean up after us humans. I joined the Eden Beach, Pambula Beach and Bermagui Clean Ups last week.

So much effort had gone into carrying and throwing the bottles as far as possible into the wildest bush areas, where they were hard to retrieve. The puzzling thing: beachgoers are able to carry full bottles into the most pristine areas, but can't take empty bottles back with them! At every beach after sorting and counting, we ended up with about eight full bags, four of them recyclable: cans, glass or plastic bottles, which our South Australians considered as worth money! (Hint: start collecting empty ones now to earn thousands of dollars, when finally the cash for container system is rolled out.)

We Australians can do better and stop spoiling our home! Children are well educated on this issue, their guidance highly appreciated.

*Dörte Planert, Tathra*

*(Eds: we have to agree, Dörte, the environmental know-how of local kids has been on display all year on our Eco-Edge page.)*

## The Ballad of a Failed Democracy (For the Federal Parliament of Australia)

Truth has fallen by the way,  
the path ahead seems lost.  
Ideology commands the day,  
and no-one counts the cost.

The aim should be to lengthen stride,  
with decency and grace,  
that casts aside the mask of pride  
to seek a human face.

For this is all we really are -  
in the cosmic scheme of things:  
puppets on a fading star;  
fumbling with the strings.

We lost the plot so long ago,  
with banality and greed,  
now everything we choose to know  
is damned by word and deed.

Perhaps we can turn the wheel around,  
And rise above the dust -  
by reinventing common ground,  
and rediscovering trust.

*Ian McFarlane*

*Local author, critic and poet*

### Thumbs Up



To Sam of the Bermagui-Cobargo tip staff, for mucking in and helping people unload their rubbish, with helpful information

on where to go and what to do with troublesome loads.

To the 'Wrap with Love' workers in our Triangle area who have contributed yarn and/or crafted 107 blankets in the last 12 months, to warm the cold and needy worldwide.

To Cobargo community members who came out in force with rags and paint stripper to clean the homophobic graffiti off the post office wall, power poles and village entrance signs.

To Marriage Equality Gilmore for donating funds to replace the vandalised fairy lights in the trees of our Cobargo main street.

### Thumbs Down

A huge thumbs down to the homophobic graffiti on our village signs and historic Cobargo post office.



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*The Triangle* is a community newspaper. Its aim is to provide information and news to the people in the Triangle area - the area bounded by the three mountains (Gulaga, Mumbulla and Peak Alone). The committee comprises volunteers who donate their time and expertise for the benefit of our readers. *The Triangle* is financially self-sufficient through advertising income. This is a tight budget and prompt payment of accounts is appreciated. *The Triangle* is published every month except January and has a circulation of 1800, boosted to 2300 in December so there's enough for visitors.

As we move into summer, the rain in late October and early November was welcomed, putting a smile on many a face. The hills around Tilba were looking decidedly brown but are now the lush green that we all associate with this area. We hope that summer will bring good weather with enough rain to sustain us all.

December is a busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas, celebrate the end of the year, prepare to welcome in the new year and anticipate the busy tourist season. Peter Lonergan, President of the Tilba and District Chamber of Commerce, says that the businesses and shops in the popular villages of Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba are looking forward to a busy and successful summer trading period. Amenities in Central Tilba have and are being improved – the new car parking area near the ABC Cheese Factory has been operating for some months. The picnic area in front of the Cheese Factory is currently being upgraded with new tables and seating. This has been made possible by matched funding from the Tilba Easter Festival and Eurobodalla Shire Council. And a new (husband) seat has been installed near Reva.

To celebrate the end of the year, the well-known Tilba Tappers will dazzle with an extravaganza in the Big Hall on Wednesday, 13 December. Bev Long, who leads this group of enthusiastic tappers, told me that this is the ninth concert. Make sure you mark it in your diary. The show will start at 7 pm – there is a small door charge and children are free.

The Triangle area is blessed with many talented artists and one of those is Central Tilba resident, Cheryl Davison.

Cheryl has a new exhibition, opening at 3 pm on Saturday, 16 December at Gallery Bodalla, which draws on stories told by family about the lands of her ancestors, the Wulbunja and Ngarigo peoples. In talking about this exhibition, Cheryl says, “My works will be new painting and lino print works. The work this year is a collection of dream time stories from this region and my experiences of living at the base of Mother Mountain Gulaga. It’s been a fantastic place to create anything and everything. The landscape and the spirituality of my ancestors are still here with me. It has been a true blessing and privilege to have my inspirations so amplified at this special place”. The exhibition will be in conjunction with two other artists—Jennifer Taylor and Jenni Kemarre Martiniello. The exhibition finishes on 14 January, 2018.

Telecommunications around the Tilba area have been a source of much discussion and frustration over many years. With the commissioning of the Brushgrove Lane NBN tower in November and the Wallaga Lake tower earlier, the NBN rollout has come to the Tilba area. At the time of writing, there have been limited connections although several people have booked. No doubt there will be many stories to add to the existing ones as the community ventures into this whole new era of digital communication.

We are very lucky to be able to live in such a beautiful and peaceful part of Australia. Enjoy the summer months, all the best for Christmas and New Year, however you choose to celebrate it. Stay safe and enjoy your community, friends and family.

**Tilba Bites**

**Farmers Market at Central Tilba**  
Great news that a bit of Eldridge persistence has resulted in a weekly Growers Market starting in the small hall at Central Tilba on Saturday, 6th December from 8am to 1pm. This is planned on a weekly basis until April 2009. Stalls (which can be shared) should be booked through Annie Eldridge on 4473 7338 or email [annieandtrevor@hotmail.com](mailto:annieandtrevor@hotmail.com). This is your opportunity to showcase what you produce if you grow it, make it, bake it or sew it. Tilba needs you. This is all about sustainability and self sufficiency, not just for our families but also for our community.

*Did you know Kim Atkin's 40*

## Tilba RFS Report

Tilba Fire Brigade would like to wish all in the community a happy, safe and enjoyable festive season. We look forward to our fire truck escorting Santa around the area on Christmas Eve as has been traditional over several years.

During the month we were called to one illegally lit fire, and extinguished it. Citizens are reminded that not only are we in the fire permit period when a fire, other than a camp fire, must not be lit without a permit from the RFS. Moreover, the moratorium on issue of fire permits is still in place and is expected to continue for some time into 2018 despite the recent rains. Thus, in effect, no fires allowed until further notice.

Best wishes to all ...

*Harry Bate*



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# Tilba Bites

## Tilba Market celebrates nine years



The Tilba Market, every Saturday morning in the Big Hall

- Right: shows original advertisement as published in *The Triangle* nine years ago

This year on the second Saturday in December the Tilba Market celebrates nine successful years. You can see how it all started as published in the December 2008 *Triangle*.

In nine years the Tilba Market has generated just over \$65,000 as income for the Tilba School of Arts Trust who manage the Tilba Halls. For the last seven years, the Market has been coordinated by Kay Williams. Kay and the other stall holders will be celebrating at their annual Christmas party.

All locals and visitors are welcome to the Tilba Market, which continues to run every Saturday morning now in the Big Hall at Central Tilba from 8 am to 12 noon. Need gifts for Christmas? Come to the Tilba Market to find special homegrown, handmade gifts for the people you love, and support our local community.

Annette Kennewell



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## Tilba Food Share continues to grow

The Tilba Food Share has inspired SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture & Gardening Eurobodalla) to start a new food share group in Moruya. From a recent SAGE newsletter: 'Following the success of the Tilba Food Share, whose last event attracted over 50 people, SAGE is excited to announce the launch of Moruya's own food share group.'

Annie Fenn, who hosted the most recent Tilba Food Share and is a key coordinator, wrote: 'November's food share Sunday lived up to what's been a near perfect run of lovely sunny food shares. Only once in 15 months have we had to postpone due to the weather. I can only wonder if the importance of our food shares, of coming together in the spirit of friendship and sharing is being favourably acknowledged by forces that contribute to the weather! Thank you to all who attended and contributed to yet another great Sunday morning food share gathering.'

Tilba's next Food Share will be held on Sunday 3 December between 10 am and 12 noon at 9273 Princes Highway, Tilba Tilba, which is on the left side approximately five kilometres past the Bermagui turnoff going south. Please note, the number on the highway is 9275 as the road services two properties. The property is about 2.5 kilometres from the highway and there will be balloons showing the way.



Oung Niennattrakul discussing seedlings with Annie Fenn, who hosted the November Tilba Food Share in her beautiful Permaculture garden

All newcomers are welcome to attend the Tilba Food Share. Please bring excess fresh produce from your garden and/or garden related items such as seed, seedlings, eggs, cuttings, manure, worm tea etc. A small plate of morning tea to share is also appreciated.

The Tilba Food Share library is also growing, with books and magazines on fruit and vegetable gardening plus sustainability.

Annette Kennewell

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## Tilba CWA preparing for Christmas

This year Cara Elton, Treasurer of Tilba CWA, is coordinating the programme for Tilba's annual Christmas Carols in the Small Hall on Saturday 2 December. This event starts at 5 pm with a BBQ sausage sizzle. CWA members will be serving tea and coffee with home-baked biscuits, cakes and slices. It has been whispered that Santa will be arriving at 6 pm with a bag of gifts for local Tilba children. Perhaps Santa will also bring some of the wild deer that live around Tilba to pull his sleigh! And of course there will be lots of carols.

Tilba CWA Café is on again on Saturday 9 December from 9 am to 12 noon in the Tilba Small Hall. CWA members will be serving freshly brewed tea and coffee with sweet Christmas treats and selling Christmas raffle tickets. Tilba CWA holds a Café every second Saturday of the month. The November Café could not go ahead because there was no power in the Small

Hall, but CWA members had baked, and sales of cakes, seeds and raffle tickets still made for good fundraising.

Tilba CWA would like to thank Allison Zucco for donating the beautiful

for sale at the weekly Tilba Market.

Tilba CWA members will be celebrating our Christmas party with a lunch at Tilba Teapot on Monday 11 December. All members and local women are welcome to attend. RSVP for lunch to Tilba CWA Secretary Jann Baker, who of course works part-time at Tilba Bakery!

At Tilba CWA's November non-meeting, members and their guests were entertained and informed by guest speaker Keith Mundy from Tilba Nursery. Jann Baker wrote 'Keith has a wealth of horticultural knowledge and after explaining the reopening and direction of the

nursery and its products he was happy to answer questions.' The big news from Keith is that Tilba Nursery is going 'organic'!

*Annette Kennewell*



Beautiful rope baskets made with love by Allison Zucco and sold at the Tilba Market

rope basket for our Christmas raffle. The basket is white, twisted cotton rope with a denim blue jute string highlight. Allison makes unique rope vessels that can be used as baskets or bowls and these are available

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## In defence of an over-the-top Christmas

I have never met a child that thought the family Christmas tree was too big. I've never heard a little kid complain that the Christmas decorations in the shops were appearing way too early. I certainly have never known anyone under 15 moan about the neighbour's outdoor Christmas lights keeping him or her awake at night.

After all, every child knows that Christmas is one gigantic birthday party. A communal birthday party with the potential for dress-ups with camels and donkeys, presents for everyone and jokes and party hats. A party where everyone is in on the fun and it lasts for weeks.

I am not sure when we got so cranky at Christmas. When did it become okay to complain about the tinsel and the gift giving? Especially, when I am pretty sure, we all are secretly delighted with anticipation every Christmas morning and have a little tear, when, on a hot December night, the children sing carols about dashing through the snow.

After all, despite our grizzling about commercialisation and religious dogma, every work place knows—the more

ridiculous the secret Santa gift, the louder the laughter. We all cheer when the Christmas lights come on a la a Griswald's Christmas. And the highlight of the year is happily sweating over the ridiculous roast dinner. Far from being too over-the-top, Christmas needs to be even brighter, gaudier and more wonderful and a handy reason to hang some decorations on your front fence, light a few candles, arrange a few boughs of greenery over your front door and have a toast with the neighbours. Maybe even worth taking some time to reflect on the promise that each new Christmas brings—irrespective of your religious (or not) beliefs.

I am looking forward to the kick off at Cobargo Lights Up on 1 December. I am even more excited about being amongst the spirited souls who will decorate their lawns and houses with mismatched and sometimes puzzling Christmas displays, who hand out candy canes, dress up in itchy red suits and who sing off-key at Christmas pageants. Can't wait to celebrate this big, gaudy annual communal birthday party that even Scrooge ended up reforming for.

So may you have lights upon your tree, joy in your hearts and plenty of fun between now and the big day. After all, there is no such thing as too much Christmas.

*Connie Woodberry*

## Christmas Eve in Cobargo

The annual Chocolate Wheel Fundraiser organised by the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade will begin at 7 pm Christmas Eve, 24 December, in the Cobargo Park. Come along to support your local firies. Of course Santa will arrive on a fire truck, to delight young and old alike.

Following the high jinx of the Chocolate Wheel, there will be Community Christmas Carols, beginning at about 8.30 pm. Please bring a blanket or chairs, torch or candle if you wish, and join in with some of your favourite carols presented by local churches of Cobargo.

A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love. A Merry Christmas to you and your whole family.

## The Christmas Giving Tree

has been relocated to the front of our wonderful Bowerbird Op-Shop this year. Gifts can be popped into the box just inside their fence. Please mark your gifts with the relevant details: male/female and age. If possible it would help if they were wrapped too! We look forward to another fun filled Christmas Eve with the children at the park!

*Beth Dogan*



Did anyone under 15 ever moan about the neighbour's outdoor Christmas lights keeping him or her awake at night?

## Musicians wanted for Cobargo community carols

We are putting together a group of people to provide the music for the Cobargo community carols, which will be held 8.30 pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December, in the park at Cobargo. Last year's event was great, and we hope this year's will be bigger and better. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing please contact Fiona Kotvojs on 6493 6080 or [fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au](mailto:fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au).

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# Cobargo Conversations

## Cobargo Public School's Kitchen Garden program

The students in Year 3 and 4 at Cobargo Public School have had a fantastic year of learning, taking part in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program as part of their environmental studies. Each Tuesday our wonderful community volunteers come into our school to share their knowledge and expertise about cooking and gardening with the students.

We would like to thank Sweet Home Cobargo and Lena for their support in developing the students' skills in the kitchen as well as introducing the students to new foods and amazing flavours that they may not have had the opportunity of trying before.

We would also like to thank our gardening gurus, Connie, Robyn, Valerie and Erin, for enriching the students with a great wealth of gardening knowledge and making sure that our vegetable garden always has interesting things growing in it. The vegetable garden is always a stimulating place for our school community to visit. The fairy garden has also had an upgrade, with many student sculptures and glittery toadstools for our resident fairies to live.



The children developed many new skills in the kitchen and the garden.

Earlier in the year, we were absolutely thrilled to win the Power FM's Random Acts of Kindness competition. Many thanks to Erin who nominated us for this prize. We were able to purchase a lot of gardening and cooking equipment that has assisted us in providing even more opportunities to the students for real life learning experiences.

*Sarah Harding,  
Year 3/4 Teacher, Cobargo Public School*

## Gnome rehab

Have you checked out our gnomes lately? A while ago, they were looking very forlorn and faded ... murmurs of dissatisfaction, and grumbles about neglect; cries of 'nobody loves us' could be heard when passing Gnome Alley ...

But over the past few months, David Anderson has been taking two or three gnomes at a time back to the Wandella Gnome Hospital and Convalescent Home, where he has been giving them his personal attention and plenty of TLC. He has been repairing them and expertly repainting them in great detail, and has also, it is rumoured, been giving them counselling sessions. As a result, our gnomes are now all happy, bright and spruced up for Christmas, and their self-esteem is completely restored. So, thank you David for caring for our Gnomes!

*Naomi Lewis*



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# Cobargo Conversations

## CWA News

The CWA cottage is in the midst of a kitchen makeover. Some of the work, i.e. the painting and tiling, is being done by volunteers, both members and partners. Soon we'll have a very viable meeting place as well as a commercial kitchen available for hire at a very reasonable rate. Enquiries for hiring go to Mary Motbey on 6493 6428.

Everyone's image of CWA is of tea and scones—an image that we have helped create over the years. We are far more than that.

Are you aware of the other side of CWA? Did you know that we are one of the most effective lobby groups at both State and Federal Government? For instance CWA of NSW recently announced a major campaign championing women and families living in regional and rural New South Wales.

The focus is on four key areas: the rights of grandparents as primary carers of their grandchildren; encouraging and assisting rural and regional women in starting their own small business; advocating for greater financial literacy amongst rural and regional women; and building resilience amongst teenage girls in rural and regional NSW.

In Cobargo we are promoting awareness of iodine deficiency and its effects. We are promoting iodine testing before pregnancy for intending mothers as thyroid hormones are essential for both foetal and neonatal brain development. We are developing a brochure to raise awareness of this problem. In the past, CWA has been responsible for such items as the flashing lights to alert motorists to school speeding zones, raising awareness of Lyme Disease and many more. Much more than tea and scones!

Everyone is invited to attend the Australia Day ceremony at the Cobargo School of Arts, Friday 26 January, 2018 11am. There will be a guest speaker—the Australia Day Ambassador for Bega—and, of course, the award of the Community Citizen of the Year, both Junior and Senior. There will be a sausage sizzle and everyone is asked to bring a plate.

All women are welcome to come along and join us at our meetings, held on the second Tuesday of the month at the cottage on the Bermagui Road.

Mary Williams  
Publicity Officer  
Cobargo CWA

## Time to prepare for summer fire season

November began with storms and wet weather for some parts of NSW, and in our local area we experienced several good falls of rain. Warmer weather is forecast extending into December, which with the recent rainfall will continue to accelerate vegetation growth. So now is the time to focus on fire season preparation. It's the simple things you do now that will improve your property's chances of survival in a bushfire situation.

- Trim overhanging branches
- Mow your grass and have a cleared area around your home
- Remove materials that can burn around your home
- Clear and remove leaves and debris from your gutters and around your home
- Prepare a sturdy hose that reaches around your home, connected to a reliable water supply.

It's important not to give fire an easy opening. Ember attack is the main reason houses are destroyed by bushfire, with around 90 percent of homes lost as a result. Preparing your property correctly also makes it easy for firefighters to defend

your home.

The Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade is now providing on-site property advice and recommendations, together with a written assessment for rural home owners outlining recommended bushfire mitigation measures to be undertaken. Contact John Walters on 0412 919 708.

Currently no fires may be lit without a permit from the RFS. The issuing of permits is currently restricted to genuine agricultural purposes. For information regarding fire permits in the Cobargo area please contact Cobargo Brigade Captain Mark Ayliffe on 0427 936 476, or Bega Fire Control on (02) 6494 7400.

The Brigade will be joining with the Cobargo community to help celebrate Light Up Cobargo on Friday 1 December, with a street parade of the Brigade's fleet under lights and sirens commencing around 7.30 pm. We will also be running our famous 'Firies Special' sausage sizzle with our Bush Fire Information stand in the main street, assisting with useful advice and bushfire survival planning kits.

John Walters

## Who are these men?

Jim Gustard has unearthed some photos from the archives at Cobargo Pool, showing the men who were involved in building the swimming complex in 1968. Unfortunately their names have faded from the picture. Do you recognise any of them? Do you know more about the construction

of the pool? Please write to the letters page of the Triangle with any information.

There are five more photos on the Triangle website. Go to [www.thetriangle.org.au](http://www.thetriangle.org.au) and click on 'Off the page'.

Sarah Gash



Poolmen - willing workers 1968



# Cobargo Conversations

## The Village Artist Project: from France with love

A small village with a worldly view is how the Village Artist Project sees Cobargo. In 2018 we want many young people between the ages of 16 and 25 to be part of this project. The project is all about providing creative and stimulating opportunities to a younger section of our local community.

To continue to enhance and develop the uniqueness and vibrancy of Cobargo, some Cobargo locals have been working to establish an international cultural exchange and community development project. What does that mean? It really is quite simple. In 2018 the Cobargo community is providing food, accommodation and travel costs for a talented, multi-skilled artist from France to live in our community for three months. The artist's name is Aurelia Montfort and she will be working with our local young people to explore how they feel about living in Cobargo and surrounds and what they hope for the future of Cobargo and surrounding communities. We hope



Three generations of Cobargo artists, Zoey Salucci, Rebecca Blunden and Suzy McKinnon, who are using their creative talents to establish The Village Artist Project in Cobargo

the result of this project will be a 'Portrait of Cobargo' through the eyes of its young people. The portrait will be created using film, dance, music, theatre, photography, painting and sculpture.

We also hope during February to

April to be able to support a scholarship/training opportunity for a young local person interested in pursuing a career in community arts or community development. Aurelia has her plane ticket thanks to the generosity of the Cobargo Community Association Inc, more commonly known as the Bowerbird Community Op Shop, and other local community groups are offering various forms of support for the project.

All that is required now is to raise \$3000 for a small artists' stipend and materials and to get as many young people as we can to be excited about the fun, creativity and opportunities we hope this project will provide. Keep an eye out; more information will be posted around Cobargo soon. If you would like to contribute to the project in any way or are a young person who would like to be involved, please contact Suzy McKinnon, the Village Artist Project Coordinator at [suzymc@ozemail.com.au](mailto:suzymc@ozemail.com.au) or call 0487 813 490.

## Two great docos this summer at the Old Butter Factory

The next community documentary screening will be at 3.30 pm on Sunday, 17 December at the Old Cobargo Butter Factory. It will be *Dogs of Democracy*, a film by Mary Zournazi.



Athens stray dogs have become a symbol of anti-austerity

*Dogs of Democracy* is an essay-style documentary about the stray dogs of Athens and the people who take care of them. Filmmaker Mary Zournazi explores life on the streets through the eyes of the dogs and people's experiences. Shot on location in Athens, the birthplace of

democracy, the documentary is about how Greece has become the 'stray dog of Europe', and how the dogs have become a symbol of hope for the people and for the anti-austerity movement. A universal story about love and loyalty and what we might learn from animals.

And January's doco will be at 3.30 pm on Sunday, 14 January 2018: *How to cook your life*, a film by Doris Dörrie. *How to cook your life* is a cheerful documentary about the art of cooking and the art of cooking your life without burning it, putting too much salt in, or over-cooking it.

Filmmaker Doris Dörrie and the cooking Zen priest Edward Espe Brown demonstrate that cooking is more than just the preparing of food. Cooking is a festival of senses, and an act of love and generosity.

Already in 1283 Zen Master Dogen wrote a cookbook in which he encouraged his readers to discover Buddha in simple

kitchen chores, like washing the rice or kneading dough.

Practical and entertaining, Edward Espe Brown knows how to translate philosophical thoughts into today's zeitgeist. What is the meaning of cooking and eating for the community and the individual? How does cooking reflect our attitude toward life and the world? To him, the whole world can be found in a watermelon. In his pots, rivers and mountains are cooked.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHy-hNklpAk>

Coffee and tea provided - Bring your own mug. To cover the costs a \$5 donation is much appreciated. Please come in big numbers to keep more documentary screenings possible! Visit the website for more information: [www.cobargodocos.wordpress.com](http://www.cobargodocos.wordpress.com)

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A panoramic view of the trench being dug to connect the lake with the sea (photo courtesy Kryisia St Clair)

As the year draws to a close, no doubt we are all on the 'silly season' razzle dazzle, with its rounds of Christmas parties and gatherings with family and friends. Some will be welcoming a houseful of guests for the holidays, others will be heading somewhere else to be with loved ones. Whatever you are doing this Christmas, may I take this opportunity to wish all our readers of The Triangle, and particularly Bermagui Banter, a very joyous and happy Christmas. New Year is often a time where we gather stock of the past year. It may have been a great year for some, and a not so great year for others. Thank you, Bermagui for your support over 2017. We'll be back in February to bring you news and views from our little piece of paradise.

### Buy Close By!

Before you rush off to Bega or the Bay, or start looking online, why not think about some of the great little stores we have in the Triangle region for your Christmas gifts. Our very own Visitor Information Centre has lots of interesting items for sale as well as the Growers' Markets with gift baskets of local products. We have some great little gift shops in town, and

you can't go past Markets on Lamont (up near the pub) for a huge variety of locally made jewellery, clothes and giftware. Further afield, Cobargo and Central Tilba have some wonderful shopping as well. Remember, your dollars stay in town when you shop locally, will keep our businesses alive and help our communities prosper.

### Christmas Carols in Bermagui

Christmas Carols will again be held in Bermagui on Friday 15 December on the lawn in front of the Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club. Jointly run by Bermagui Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and Four Winds, the evening will commence at 5.45 pm with the decoration of the Christmas tree by the community, followed at 6.30 pm with Christmas Carols and the arrival of Santa. The Surf Club will have the BBQ going, with roast beef rolls and sausage sandwiches on sale. Bermagui CWA will have their fruit salad cups available. What a lovely way to spend a beautiful Bermagui twilight to join in the community spirit of Christmas.

### The plug has been pulled

As dawn broke over Wallaga Lake on Tuesday 21 November, a large digger stood ready to commence the process of opening

Wallaga Lake to the sea. The lake has been at a very high level for some months now, with water lapping the roadway at Wallaga Lake Bridge, and damage being done to the causeway. In spectacular style, and with quite an audience of local spectators, champagne bottles popped as the water was released and, like emptying a bathtub, levels around the foreshores were markedly lower over the next few days. Both local residents and caravan park operators are much relieved as they are finding their submerged jetties again and getting their 'beaches' back, just in time for the summer visitors.

### Fishermen's Wharf heritage signs

Take a walk along the foreshore of our beautiful harbour and you will see some new additions. The Fishermen's Wharf Co-op recently installed a number of signs depicting the long history of Bermagui's fishing industry. Historic photos of the first co-op, built in 1948, then the second building—many remember getting their fish and chips there—built in 1975, through to the construction of the new Fishermen's Wharf complex in 2009, which has become a huge focal point for the harbour and a must-see tourist destination. The signs



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**Fishermen's Wharf heritage signs overlooking our beautiful harbour**  
**Inset: Men's Shed members Jack Couche and Ian Bailey install the signs**

now form part of the Bermagui Heritage Trail which features both Indigenous and European history in Bermagui. So, make sure you take a walk along the foreshore of the harbour and see these fascinating photos of our past and how our little town has changed over the years.

### Return and Earn from 1 December

By now most people would have seen that huge grey box outside Woolies and wondered what it is. Well, it is officially known as a 'Reverse Vending Machine' and is part of the NSW State Government Container Deposit Scheme called 'Return and Earn' which will commence on 1 December.

From this date the state government will charge manufacturers of drink bottles and cans an extra fee for producing these items. The companies, naturally, will then add this cost onto the retail price of goods. However, they will then offer a 10

cents refund per eligible container to the consumer, through the vending machines.

According to the EPA, 'The container deposit scheme (CDS) is one of the first pieces of environmental legislation to focus on the polluter pays principle, where beverage suppliers are responsible for funding a refund for returned drink containers. If someone discards an empty container they forfeit the right to the refund and someone else would benefit by picking it up and collecting that refund'.

While we all applaud any initiative to keep our environment clean, there has been scant detailed information regarding the scheme, (apart from a cute little ad on TV featuring a wombat) leaving consumers somewhat in the dark.

From what I have read, eligible containers (and not everything is eligible) can be taken to the reverse vending machine and a refund can be done in several ways,

i.e. electronically to the consumer's bank, donated to charity, or a voucher for in-store credit or cash redemption. You can still recycle your bottles and containers through the yellow bin from Council, but this will mean you are forfeiting the deposit—thus paying more per container at the checkout. But, as not all containers are 'eligible' it will mean sorting through your containers to work out which ones to get a refund on.

Confused? You're not the only one! There's a heap of information online. You just need the time to wade through it to find out some answers. However one site is somewhat simplified [www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au). Try this one and see if you can work out what is happening!

### Club funding donation to Men's Shed

Bermagui Country Club is part of the ClubsNSW grants funding scheme, which recently made a substantial donation to the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed so they could purchase a some new machinery. The scheme requires registered clubs to contribute to a central fund which then allocates those funds to local community groups. Bermagui Country Club manager, Robbie Beuzeville, recently visited the Men's Shed to get a firsthand look at the purchase, and to try out his skills.



**Men's Shed members Phil Baldwin (Secretary) and Bill Johnston (President) show Bermagui Country Club manager Robbie Beuzeville the new machinery purchased from funds**



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## Bermagui community approves preliminary town plan ideas

The Bermagui Community Forum held its second community meeting on Monday, the meeting was to present some preliminary planning ideas for the town, following the rescinding of the previous Spiire plan by Council in June 2017. The message from Leanne Barnes, Council General Manager, is that the town must speak with a unified voice before Council will approve any infrastructure projects in Bermagui.

We had about 80 attendees at the meeting, representing a broad cross-section of residents and business people, and at times the discussion was fervent. Councillors Sharon Tapscott, Liz Seckold and Cathy Griff attended, along with past mayor Mike Britten. Mike stressed the importance that the plan address connectivity, cultural and recreational aspects, which we think it does. All of the main motions at the meeting in support of progressing the infrastructure projects discussed were passed, either unanimously or almost unanimously.

Bruce Leaver, Chair of Sapphire Coast Tourism, chaired the meeting. He reminded Bermagui it has a formula that works, so any improvements to the town should be kept simple and retain the essence of what works in Bermagui. Bruce noted that visitor nights into Bega Valley and visitor spend had both increased since 2013 (Eurobodalla showed a small decline in total spend over this period). Tourism is by far the major industry in the Shire, representing 51% of the economy.

Preliminary planning ideas focus on better appreciating the open space



Design of the Playground Precinct by Bermagui Playschool

opposite Lamont St shops and the iconic view to Gulaga. Specifically the plans include continuing the shared pathway through town, improving pedestrian links to the beach, shopping strips and facilities, levelling and grasscrete (or similar) in the open car park area and more picnic tables, sculptures, BBQ, recreation and play areas. Refurbishing the Lamont St streetscape is also proposed. These are relatively low cost proposals.

These preliminary town plans have been separately presented to the Chamber of Commerce Executive.

The community meeting has shown there is a real appetite in Bermagui for some improvements to the town. Leanne Barnes has recently written to the Forum and the Chamber – ‘It is great to see so much passion, activity and energy moving forward and to see that the two groups are

meeting and looking at how to progress. The best way forward is for me and senior Council staff to meet with representatives of the two groups together so we can look at developing a process that we could put forward as a funding proposal for the 2018/19 budget and operational plan process’.

*Geoff Steel - Coordinator  
Bermagui Community Forum*

### Boot's on again

Time to start collecting for the car boot sale which is on again at the Country Club on Saturday 6 January. Same set up, 7-ish, \$20 for your space. Phone the club on 6493 3404 to book, look forward to seeing you.

*Tony Millard*

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## Powering Bermagui – five months on

At a meeting on 10 December at the Country Club, Clean Energy for Eternity (Bermagui) will outline the progress and proposals that have been developed in the five months since the previous public meeting. CEFE (Bermagui) is setting a long-term target to transform power supply in the Bega Valley to 100% renewable energy. It is recognised that this is a high bar but it is considered achievable, possibly within five or six years.

This target is considered reasonable due to the rapidly falling price of renewables, developments in battery storage and other technologies, and the rising cost of grid supplied power. This matrix together with the better feed-in tariffs that are now being offered by many power companies provide a compelling argument for small scale photo-voltaic installations.

At the December public meeting CEFE will present various models for selecting, purchasing and installing solar panels, with or without battery storage. This is aiming to clarify the options available for local residents and how they decide what is right for them.

Also under discussion will be methods of reducing electricity consumption in the home or business without seriously impinging on lifestyle, pointing the way to a reduction in power bills. CEFE is exploring the possibility of establishing a charging outlet for electric cars in the area. This would be a useful attraction for visitors and a boost for local business and tourist numbers, as it complements the natural values evident in the area's

National Parks.

Work in progress for CEFE is identifying a way of achieving a Solar Garden. A Solar Garden is an array of solar panels hosted elsewhere but benefitting individual panel owners in terms of reducing their power bills.

An effective Solar Garden could reduce the power bills in premises unsuitable for solar installations such as domestic or commercial rental properties. CEFE is in contact with a Sydney based organisation that is exploring these possibilities. So please come along to the Bermagui Country Club on Sunday 2pm, 10 December. There'll be something of interest for everyone.

*Jo Lewis*

*Clean Energy for Eternity (Bermagui)*

## Kids retrace our history

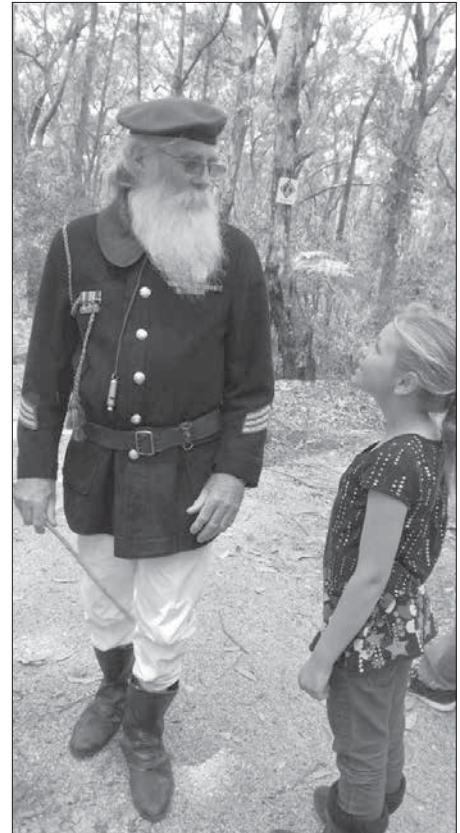
What a day out for 20 or so home-schooled children from the Bega Valley, as they delved into our goldmining history at the Montreal Goldfield.

The kids learned what children back in the 1880s did for fun, playing games like hoopla, hookey and spinning tops.

During the tour of the goldfields, they were approached by members of the Queen's Royal NSW Constabulary to check if their mining licences were up to date.

There were many excuses as to why no-one was carrying a licence, so missing licences were later 'purchased' and inspected before the children were free to leave.

Whilst on the tour, the children were



'Constable' Jack Couche with young visitor Elizabeth, who claims to know nothing about the missing miner!

also quizzed on the whereabouts of a known licence dodger called 'Abe', who was constantly avoiding prosecution by the constabulary. The kids claimed not to know anything about Abe and sent the police off on a wild goose chase. Abe is still at large!

A great day for the kids, and another successful event for the Montreal team of volunteers.

*Carolyn Banados*

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## Wallaga Lake to Barragga Bay pathway moving ahead

The recently established Bermagui Community Forum has formed a working group to get a proposal moving for a shared pathway from Wallaga Lake to Barragga Bay via Bermagui.

Convenor of the working group Geoff Steel said, 'This proposal has been on the Bega Valley Bike Plan for a long time. With increasing visitor numbers and more traffic in the area, a safe pathway from the Wallaga Lake communities to Bermagui and on to Barragga Bay is much needed.

It will give the whole community access to a safer path, whether walking or riding, and be a great attraction for visitors to the area.'

The proposal is to undertake the project in three stages – Stage 1: from Wallaga Lake to North Tilba Road, and a path from the Bermagui CBD via the Blue Pool to Bunga Street; Stage 2: from Bunga Street to Barragga Bay; and Stage 3: other components, such as a cantilevered path across the Bermagui Bridge.

The working group, comprising Geoff, Marian Manning (both from Bermagui), Debra Cushion and Doug Mein (both from Wallaga Lake) and Roger Stuart (of Barragga Bay), are preparing an application for funding from the NSW State Government.

Please check out the Bermagui Community Forum Facebook page for progress reports.

You can also sign a petition to demonstrate your support. They are available at caravan parks and the Bermagui Information Centre.

If you are interested in helping with this project, or would like to share your views, contact Debra Cushion at arlyboy@bigpond.com.

*Debra Cushion*

*Shared Pathway Working Group*

## Bermagui's turn on a couple's odyssey

A young couple, Bella Liang and Malcom Doyle, are on an odyssey, cleaning 60 beaches from Adelaide to Port Douglas this spring. Called the East Coast Spring Clean 2017, the pair passed through Bermagui on Wednesday 9 November.

Their aim is to not only clean the beaches, but also to raise awareness of what can be done to stop the garbage from being on the beaches in the first place. Seven adults and five pre-school kiddies worked their ways along the beach, and importantly, into the surrounding area. It was here that 186 bottles and cans were discovered, apparently tossed aside by people who do not respect the beach.

The car park and surrounds was also a significant source of cigarette butts, with about 70 being collected from the grass and near the seats, even alongside the garbage bins. Why people pollute such a beautiful place is beyond comprehension. Rescuing a bunch of balloons was also significant, stopping them from being blown into the sea and threatening marine wildlife. Balloons blow—don't let them go!

Malcom said, 'What an amazing morning! Faith in humanity is restored. A big thank you to all of the locals and passers-by that joined in to help out! Bermagui is an absolutely stunning spot.'

*Karen Joynes*



People involved in East Coast Spring Clean 2017

## Bermagui seniors' Big Day Out

Bermagui & District Seniors' Social Club organised a coach trip for members to join Hello World Bega members, travelling through to Mallacoota. With driver, Peter, this was an exceptional journey for all, arriving at the lake shores for morning tea.

Nature lovers were excited to see a lovely koala in a tree in the local holiday park, amid lots of activity, with keen photographers satisfying their passion. The important feature of this trip was a visit to the Mallacoota Bunker Museum, built during WWII for surveillance of the area. Volunteers from the historical society were very informative, even about the gradual development of the township.

We enjoyed lunch at the Family Hotel—another main feature of the journey. Returning home, Peter took an alternate route through Tathra, creating further interest for his passengers. Everyone had a fabulous day with thanks to Peter, Jo and all who contributed.

*Shirley Fogwell  
(Secretary)*

## Bermi Banter needs some help!

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

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Kel and Laura Gillies were expecting their second child. Since first baby Ethan took many hours to emerge, they were in no hurry when Laura went into labour in the wee hours of 30 October. But the pace quickly intensified and soon they knew they'd better get Laura to hospital. At that stage, she was unable to walk to the car! The long and short of it is that Kel had the honour of assisting Laura, with the help of 000, in bringing baby girl Ava Hope into the world. The ambos arrived twenty minutes later to a healthy babe in arms. Congratulations to the Gillies family! We're so glad it all went well.

## Come to the Quaama Community Christmas Party!



It's that time of the year again! The whole community is invited to come to the Quaama Hall for our annual Christmas Party. There'll be a BBQ, music, a huge raffle draw, kids' activities and every

child will get a lolly bag from Santa. No presents are necessary—just bring a gold coin to donate.

So come along on Friday, 15 December at 5:30 pm and join your neighbours in kicking off the holiday season. See you there!

## The Quaama RFS wishes you a safe and happy holiday season

As we come into the heat of high summer, the RFS would like to remind everyone to enjoy the holidays while staying safe and vigilant. Please be cautious with barbecues and campfires and have your fire plan to hand. But, mainly, the RFS would like to thank all its volunteers and wish everyone in the community a safe and happy holiday season.

## Men's Shed to get an upgrade

The Quaama Men's Shed's men have been busy and that looks to continue. They applied for funding that was available for Men's Sheds nationally and received \$6,000! That's now in the bank but not enough for what they have planned.

When they took the lease from Council for their Bermagoe Street property (the old Fire Shed), Council insisted that they upgrade it to bring it in line with current building standards that would include a toilet facility and disabled access.

So when a grant was advertised for community oriented capital works, they put their hands up. The 'Stronger Communities Programme' is a federal government initiative providing \$150k to every electorate across Australia. Our local member, Mike Kelly accepted the Men's Shed's plans for consideration and has put it forward. Their application references the DA lodged with Council when they took up the lease and it looks like they're in the running to receive another \$17,000!

Mike Kelly attended a special meeting

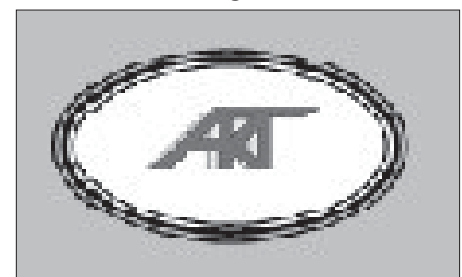
at the shed on Friday, 24 November to announce the good news that this funding is in the pipeline and likely to be announced later this month.

Why'd I said that they'd be busy in future? Our Men's Shed have committed to matching it dollar for dollar. A building contractor reckoned that the renovations planned would top out at around \$110k. Our men are going to do the hard work themselves and use that hard earned money for materials.

Congratulations to our local Men's Shed! We look forward to seeing the changes and hope to be invited to your opening party!



Mike Kelly comes to Quaama to deliver the big news!





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# Quintessentially Quaama

## Reclaim the Riverbank – Propagation workshop

At the end of October, on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning, a free workshop on the propagation of native plants was offered by Chris Post, Local Landcare Coordinator, Far South Coast Landcare Association.

At the workshop nine adults, one boy and three geese were introduced to the wonders of regenerating local indigenous trees and shrubs from seed. Chris's wealth of knowledge and pleasure at sharing that knowledge was evident on the morning.



'the wonders of regenerating local indigenous trees and shrubs from seed'—October's native propagation workshop.

We learned that some seeds need heat to trigger germination. Many acacias fall into this category and this can be achieved by dropping the seeds into boiling water for varying periods of time. Other seeds simply need to be kept damp until they germinate and then watered morning and night until they are ready to be planted out.

There are simple rules to follow for the collection of seed as well. And the advantage of harvesting from local plants is that you know they will grow in this area.

Once we had learned what to do, the group was offered the opportunity to sow seed from a range of plants collected in the Bega Valley. Each participant then took home a tray or two to look after, and watch the wonder of new life growing from tiny things. We will use some of the new seedlings in the Reclaim the Riverbank project in Quaama.

At the workshop Christa Rehwinkle had brought along materials and samples for propagating from cuttings. Unfortunately we ran out of time, but Christa has offered to run another workshop on how to propagate plants from cuttings. This will

be advertised sometime soon.

The Reclaim the Riverbank project is still humming along. The beginning of spring, and subsequent rain, has meant that most of the planting out is going well, but it also means that the honeysuckle is getting a hold again. Some serious weeding will need to happen over the next few months to give our plants the best chance.

The project has been going for nearly five years, and if you look down to the right as you cross the Dry River Bridge on your way home from Bega, you can see the trees getting up above the weeds at last. This was the first area that was planted, four years ago.

If you would like to join our group please call Chris Post on 0411 594 092 for more information. The group meets on the first Sunday of every month from 9.30 – 11.30 am.

Thank you to all the wonderful workers who have come along each month to help keep this project going, and a big thanks to Chris who gives up Sunday mornings to help us.

*Rose Chaffey*

## YESS at Quaama Public School

Youth Educational Support Service, YESS, is seeking volunteers to tutor reading skills at Quaama Public School from the beginning of the next school year. While the YESS program has operated successfully at Quaama School for some years, several former tutors recently have accepted employment offers and the program is seeking new tutors.

Working closely with teachers and the NSW Education Department, YESS uses MULTILit, a highly effective literacy program developed by Macquarie University, to provide one-on-one tutoring for students selected by the school's learning support teacher. The NSW Education Department provides MULTILit training for new tutors, who are asked to tutor students for 90 minutes, one morning a week.

Over the last eight years, tutoring in local primary and high schools from Narooma to Bega, YESS volunteers using MULTILit have achieved wonderful results in boosting students' reading skills. Established in 2009 by a committed group of Bega and Eurobodalla Shire residents, YESS's key objectives are to promote the educational achievement and career development of students and young people on the South Coast. You can read more about YESS at our website, [www.yess.org.au](http://www.yess.org.au).

YESS and Quaama School staff will hold a public meeting at the school at 4 pm on Wednesday 6 December to explain the MULTILit program for those interested in volunteering. If you'd like to volunteer or find out more, please come along or contact Quaama's YESS coordinator Jody MacRae on 6493 8213 during school hours, or [jody.macrae@iinet.net.au](mailto:jody.macrae@iinet.net.au) or Frances Perkins on 6493 6486, 0423 780 498, [potts\\_perkins@bigpond.com](mailto:potts_perkins@bigpond.com).

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Top left: ‘...and an oat milk latte for my friend, thanks’



Greg and Wilma Chinnock take a break from the Quaama RFS sausage sizzle to enjoy the recycled fashion parade.



Bottom left: Frugal frau Diana Holmes emerges from serving Quaama Quisine out of the Hall kitchen.

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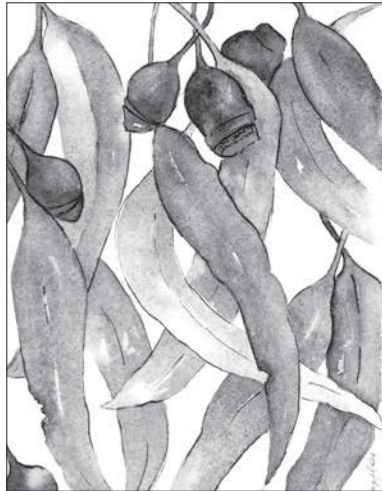
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## A special Carol for Christmas at the Lazy Lizard!

Yes! We are proud to announce, for this Christmas season, a wonderful exhibition, by our very own good friend of the gallery, Carol Taylor!



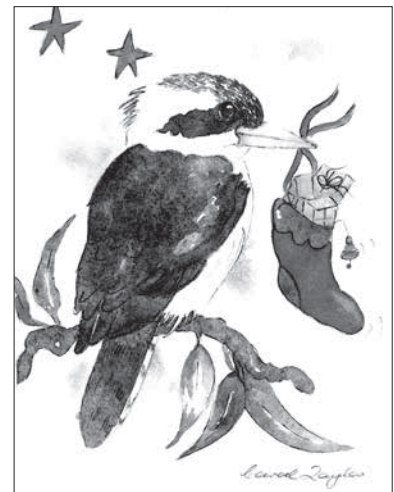
Aussie Christmas card by Carol Taylor

Carol is a talented watercolour artist and 'Waterworks' will feature a range of her beautiful paintings, depicting the subjects she loves to paint ... flowers, native animals, birds and gum leaves.

Everyone who was delighted by her work last year should come along and be prepared to be even more entranced this year, with her glowing colours and subtle use of translucent washes. There is something for everyone: large framed paintings, as well as delightful mini canvasses and a range of Christmas cards ... all with an Aussie flavour!

Please join us for the opening at the 'Light up Cobargo' evening on Friday 1 December, with wine and nibbles. The exhibition will run till the end of December.

Then into the New Year ... in the Side Room in January we have 'Paperwork and Printed Matter', an exhibition of paintings and prints by Doris Hoyne and Naomi Lewis. Over the past year, Doris and Naomi have been experimenting with printmaking, using the drypoint technique combined with watercolour and acrylic grounds. Drypoint, which involves scratching the design straight onto the printing plate, is a very direct way of translating a drawing into a print. The resulting strong, dark lines of the print



Aussie Christmas card by Carol Taylor

can then be combined with other colours and textures, to create some very exciting effects.

Finally, we sadly announce that Annie is leaving the gallery, as she is moving to Canberra. We will miss her unique artwork and her help with our Facebook page and send her our very best wishes.

*Naomi Lewis*



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An overview of courses and activities so far ...

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Many other courses are being finalised and details of these will be available in our Term 1 Newsletter and at the Information & Registration Day.

## Yuin Folk Club gearing up for March Festival



Skye Etheringham, Damon Davies and Zena Armstrong: the annual Festival demands an army of volunteers.

Locals will have seen the new signage for the Cobargo Folk Festival around the village. Designed by local artists, Polly Crowden and Pam Cogar, the logo represents the festival with a stylised Gulaga mountain arising from a guitar.

The 2018 Festival will be held in from 2-4 March next year. 2018 will see international acts, including Pete Rowan, Andy Irvine, Chris While and Julie Matthews, Christine Collister, John McSherry and Donal O'Connor, alongside

a stellar line-up of national folk and roots acts, headlined by Eric Bogle.

Run for 22 years by the Yuin Folk Club (YFC), the festival demands a huge effort from volunteers and staging costs are increasing as visitor numbers grow. More than 6000 people came through the gates in 2017. The YFC continues to steer profits into improving the quality of the facilities and the artistic program, further building on its reputation as a small folk festival with a superb program.

Over the past two years, the YFC has donated around \$27,000 raised through the Festival to the local community. Projects include the upgrade of the showers and toilets at the Showground, stage lighting and reverse cycle air-conditioning at the School of Arts Hall, school concerts, songwriting workshops and support for the establishment of an Aboriginal Women's Choir. The YFC has



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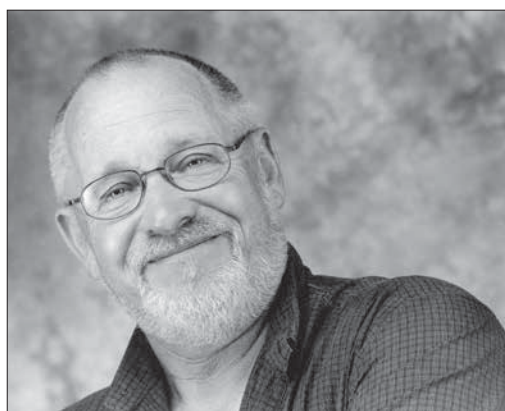
Richard Depledge retired as President and from the YFC committee at the October AGM. Richard's 16-year contribution has been outstanding and he will be missed. Peter Logue, from Coolagolite, was elected President, bringing valuable experience from his time with the National Folk Festival board.

The YFC conferred Life Membership on Richard, and on Reg Dew, for his outstanding contribution, particularly in festival construction. Cobargo's Norma Allen was appointed the inaugural Patron of the YFC, in recognition of her highly valued contribution.

For more information about the Club and the Festival and for tickets go to [www.cobargofolkfestival.com.au](http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com.au).



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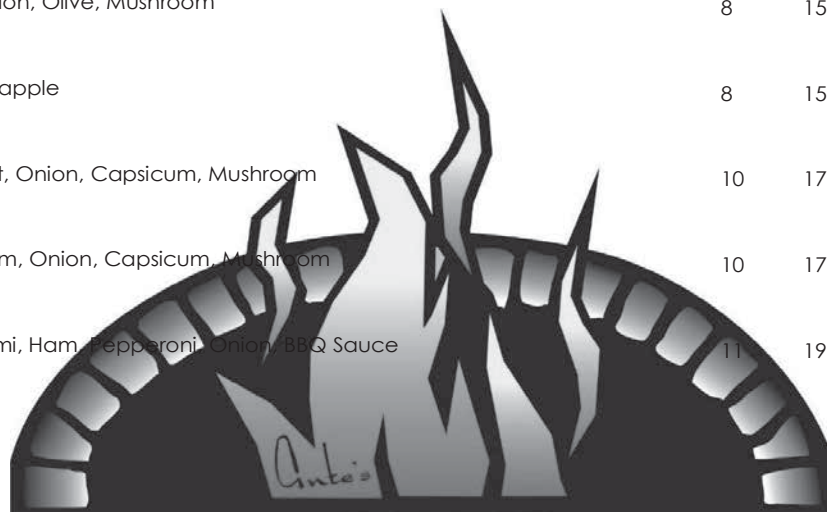
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Friday	December 29	5pm – 8pm	Merimbula Short Point
Saturday	December 30	5pm – 8pm	Wallaga Lake Park
Sunday	December 31	5pm – 8pm	Mystery Bay
Monday	January 1	5pm – 8pm	Bermagui Holiday Park
Tuesday	January 2	5pm – 8pm	Ocean Lake Insignia
Wednesday	January 3	5pm – 8pm	Island View Narooma
Thursday	January 4	5pm – 8pm	Narooma Easts
Friday	January 5	5pm – 8pm	Merimbula Short Point
Saturday	January 6	5pm – 8pm	Wallaga Lake Park
Sunday	January 7	5pm – 8pm	Mystery Bay
Monday	January 8	5pm – 8pm	Bermagui Holiday Park
Tuesday	January 9	5pm – 8pm	Ocean Lake Insignia
Wednesday	January 10	5pm – 8pm	Island View Narooma
Thursday	January 11	5pm -- 8pm	Narooma Easts
Friday	January 12	5pm – 8pm	Merimbula Short Point
Friday	March 2	6pm – 12am	Cobargo Folk Festival
Saturday	March 3	12pm – 12am	Cobargo Folk Festival
Sunday	March 4	12pm – 8pm	Cobargo Folk Festival
Saturday	March 10	11am – 8pm	Bermagui Sea Side Fair
Saturday	March 30	11am – 8pm	Tilba Easter Festival

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<b>Chicken</b> Chicken Breast, Onion, Capsicum, Mushroom	10	17	22
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## Art in the Triangle

### Summer events from Four Winds

On Saturday 16 December 2017 Four Winds invites you to the Windsong Pavilion to experience a stunning performance of Christmas music presented by Australia's only full-time professional choir: The Song Company.

Carols in the Pavilion will be a beautiful moment of calm before Christmas; mulled wine and mince pies will round off the performance.

From Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 January come and enjoy four fabulous music-themed nights of Pop-Up Cinema in the inspiring outdoor Four Winds Sound Shell amphitheatre. There will be live music before sundown in the Windsong Pavilion followed by an outdoor music-themed movie with food, drinks and local ice cream.

Summer Sounds in the Sound Shell on Saturday 27 January 2018 rounds off the summer holidays. A day of great music, fabulous food, plenty of fun and summery vibes.

A jam-packed program of outstanding artists including; The Strides, Melody Moon, The Sweet Valentinos, and a very special collaboration will be premiered between James Crabb, Four Winds Artistic Director (classical accordion), Yasukazu Kano (bamboo flute) and YuNiOn (taiko percussion), which includes performers David Hewitt (percussionist/composer), Kade Brown (piano), and Sam Martin (double bass). This day is a great opportunity for locals and visitors to connect through music in a celebration of summer, creativity and talent.

General tickets are also now on sale for the Four Winds 2018 Easter Festival. James Crabb, Four Winds Artistic Director, has put together an amazing program that brings world-class musicians, performers and audiences together in the purpose-built state-of-the-art facilities set amongst the majesty of nature at Four Winds.

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### Chris Denton, Kylie Ramsay and Sonja Jacob at Ivy Hill in December and January

Chris Denton and Kylie Ramsay, two exceptionally skilled printmakers, who happen to be local residents and partners in life, are showing their work with Tanja ceramicist Sonja Jacob, at Ivy Hill Gallery from 14 December to 14 January.

Chris Denton's work in this exhibition is from the recent and ongoing series entitled 'white, red, black'. The series consists of editioned prints, unique state prints and mixed media drawings. "My work is mostly on paper, that most beautiful and receptive of surfaces. I like to move freely between intaglio printmaking and mixed media drawing, and to let the mutual influences flow. My favoured printmaking technique is drypoint on copper plate".

Kylie Ramsay has used digital images and drawing to build the many layers involved in developing her exquisite prints which gives them a dreamlike quality. Using modern technology, she is able to print them in larger than usual sizes

Sonja Jacob is a Sapphire Coast ceramic artist inspired by the natural world in which she lives. For this exhibition she has created both functional and sculptural works, which reflect the colours of the



Kylie Ramsay's *Portal Blossom*

forests and the sea.

Join the artists for opening drinks on Thursday 14 December from 6pm. You will find Ivy Hill Gallery on the coast road between Bermagui and Tathra, open from 10 - 5, Thursday to Sunday. Check the website [www.ivyhill.com.au](http://www.ivyhill.com.au) for catalogues from 14 December.

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## The Triangle's Eco Edge Competition

The Eco-Edge competition this year has been for children—specifically primary school children. There were three categories, each attracting a prize of \$150. So now we are delighted to announce the winners.

For the K-2 age category we have awarded the prize to Rose Thompson, aged six, of Quaama School, for her delightful illustrated poem, *Sparkling Bugs*. We only wished we could have reproduced the drawing in colour!

For the Years 3-4 category we agonised over two entries: a poem, *The place I like to be*, by Tom Alderman, aged nine, of Cobargo School (Tom also submitted a wonderful concept drawing of the delicate balance between human development and protecting our planet) and the puzzle by Heather Muirhead, aged ten, of Quaama School, this month's entry. In the end we decided to split the prize between the two.

For Years 5-6 the winner is Danika

Myers, aged twelve, of Bermagui School, who submitted a number of poems this year. We would have loved to publish all of them! But the one that we loved the most was *Bermagui*, and it was a beautiful, heartfelt love poem to Danika's home.

Congratulations to all the winners, and to all the other entrants. We were very impressed with the standard of entries overall. And see below for details of next year's Eco-Edge page theme.

### Find a word

I play an important role in stabilising the aquatic food chain and its reproduction. I am loved by all Australians especially those on the South Coast of New South Wales.

Hidden in the grid are 15 words related to me. Can you find them? The words can be horizontal or vertical.

When done, the letters remaining will spell what the IWC tried to do in 1986.

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By Heather Muirhead, aged 10,  
Quaama School

### Open page, open heart

Next year's Eco-Edge page will have a different flavour. The page's sponsor is calling it 'open page, open heart' which we're interpreting as meaning, 'express yourself and send it in!'. It might be a

poem or short story, or a piece of creative prose, or a profile of someone in our community. It might not even be writing! A drawing, painting or photo might be your mode of expression. This is your

page, and each month we'll publish our favourite(s). The deadline for the first issue is 22 January. We're really looking forward to seeing what turns up.



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## *The Messy Wetland* by Sam Watters (aged 6)

Once upon a time an egret named Sam lived at a nice clean wetland. She lived very happily until some dump trucks from the nearby town dumped all the dirty rubbish straight into the very clean wetland. They kept on coming day by day. Soon Sam the egret wondered if she should move.

One day there was loads of rubbish and she had to move. She flew around for months and months looking for a new home. She finally found a home in China. But her new home was very smoky from the enormous factories.

While she had spent so much time looking for a new home some very kind water engineers came to her old home and cleaned that old dirty wetland. Then she felt something she never felt before. She felt like she had wasted time. So she flashed home. She was so surprised. Can you guess why she was so surprised? You guessed it! Her old dirty home was nice and clean!

The end  
*Sam Watters (a frequent visitor to Wandella)*



Author Sam Watters writing *The Messy Wetland*

## The next challenge? Affordable housing, here

Home is where the heart is, so when you become homeless it must be heart wrenching. A young family in the Triangle area have recently experienced this tragic situation. After settling into rental accommodation with their young child, finding work and a great nursery school, feeling like part of the community and starting to put down roots ... their home was lost. The landlord had decided to sell.

With a severe lack of rental accommodation in the area it is a huge

effort for anyone to find somewhere secure to live. Home ownership is out of the question for many, especially young families who face the struggle of making ends meet for everyday living, let alone saving for a deposit.

In an area with so much vacant land and relative wealth why is there such a lack of affordable housing? Much of the housing stock is used for holiday houses and that is part of the problem. But surely there are property developers around who could find a solution for long term rental accommodation.

It is not only young families that face this terrible problem but single people too, especially older women. In fact that is one of the fastest growing demographics and many of these older women who have been

working throughout their lives are finding themselves couch surfing, living in cars or even out on the streets. Yes, it is great that Australia is a wealthy country but surely not at this price.

It might be a good idea for the creative minds of the Triangle area to focus on this serious problem. Maybe the solution lies in shared equity schemes, new builds or renovation of old housing stock but it would be a tragedy if beautiful places such as Bermagui, Cuttagee, Mystery Bay and the like were to become home to only holiday-makers and the very rich. The heart and soul of the community would be lost.

Good homes for all really is an urgent priority.

*Sarah Breakey*

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## Another successful Tai Chi year

Bermagui & Cobargo Tai Chi for Arthritis classes will wind up for 2017 on 7 December and will return again at end of January 2018.

Lori Hammerton's love of Tai Chi began when living in Bega and training under Stephen Rose. As a volunteer instructor under the Southern Area Health Service Falls Prevention program, Lori attended an in-depth workshop in October 2011 with one of Dr Paul Lam's master trainers. Lori has since attended other workshops, including a very special one with Dr Lam himself.

After moving to Bermagui it was not possible for Lori to travel so frequently into Bega for night classes and she couldn't resist the invitation to start teaching

people with arthritis. As a registered nurse qualified in Aged Care, Lori is passionate about keeping people out of nursing homes and upright and healthy.

Tai Chi for Arthritis is a gentle and relatively easy form to learn and it exercises every part of the body with gentle movements designed to improve muscle strength, balance and peace of mind.

A gold coin donation has been the cost of attending the classes and Lori has donated every dollar to Bega Valley Can Assist. The total amount at the end of November was just over \$14,000.

Classes for 2018 will recommence on Monday 15 January at 1 pm at Bermagui CWA Hall. This class will be for newcomers and those who are presently registered for

this time. The second class, at 2 pm, will also recommence that day. Thursday morning classes at Bermi CWA Hall will begin again on 18 January, with one big class at 10 am, uniting two previous Thursday morning classes.

Cobargo classes will return on the same day, Thursday 18 January, at 2 pm in Cobargo CWA Cottage.

Lori wishes to thank Bermagui and Cobargo CWA members for allowing her the use of their rooms without charge because of the affiliation with Can Assist.

Merry Christmas to all students and their families. Lori looks forward to seeing everyone next year, enjoying the camaraderie, fun and wellbeing that Tai Chi brings.

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The moment the water began to flow from Wallaga Lake  
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**Post-Trump, post-Brexit, post-politics: Bermagui Institute dinner in January**

The next Bermagui Institute dinner will be held at the CWA rooms in Bermagui at 6 pm for 7 pm on Tuesday 9 January. The speaker will be the Chief Executive of the Grattan Institute, John Daley. John has been the Chief Executive since the Institute was founded eight years ago. He has published extensively on economic reform priorities, budget policy, tax reform, housing affordability, and generational inequality. This work is underpinned



John Daley, Grattan Institute CEO

by themes of prioritising government initiatives, and the limits to government

effectiveness.

The topic John has chosen for the dinner is ‘Post-Trump, post-Brexit, post-politics: What are the chances for policy in a populist world?’

The cost is \$25 per person, to be paid on the night. Bookings can be made by phoning 6493 3039. Carole Broadhead will be catering; please specify vegetarian, non-vegetarian or any dietary requirements when booking.

**Re-posting *Dot...Dot...Dot...* the complete photo**



The *DOT... DOT... DOT* team featured on the front page of November 2017 edition of *The Triangle* (Eds. Apologies from *The Triangle* - as you will find out for yourselves, it pays to check, check and check again).

**Bermi’s Beachside Café**

As Christmas fast approaches Dean and I take a brief moment to reflect on past and present.

The beginning of our Bermagui journey was taking on the mammoth task of reopening a closed shop in the once-dead end of town, but through hard work and amazing support from the local community we now find ourselves heading into our fourth Christmas season, with an amazing crew, a thriving business and a fresh new menu featuring lots of local produce, meats and seafood.


We are so happy to be in this position, supporting local business ourselves, local fundraising events and sports teams by giving back to the community.


We have seen the addition of three thriving businesses up this corner of Lamont Street: Gulaga Organics, Ester Jane and Salon Paradis. And with the addition of the new managers in Bermagui Beach Hotel we can all continue to bring business and people to experience this amazing place.

We have extended trading hours offering breakfast from 7.30 am and dinner on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night from 6 pm (extra nights closer to Christmas). We have some amazing additions to the menu with the introduction of ‘The Hot Rock’, a flavoursome, new, healthier way to cook meat, seafood and vegetables.

We would like to thank all those that have supported and encouraged our growth over the past few years and are extremely grateful of our position as a small business—and as a family—in Bermagui.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Bermi’s Beachside, Dean, Helen and kids.





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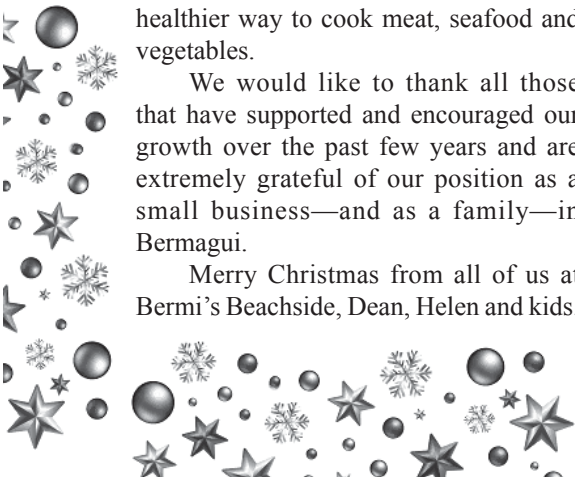
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## A full year for U3A—and some changes for 2018

It is the end of another successful year for U3A with about 150 classes presented this year by our community. What an achievement for our small area!

In 2017 we have walked part of the famous Bundian Way in Eden, we have seen monastic life at the Russian Orthodox Church near Bombala, visited the Brogo permaculture farm and had a farm excursion to Wyndham. Locally, we visited Daniel Lafferty's wood-fired pottery centre and learnt much from our tour to each of the Indigenous signs in the Bermagui area.

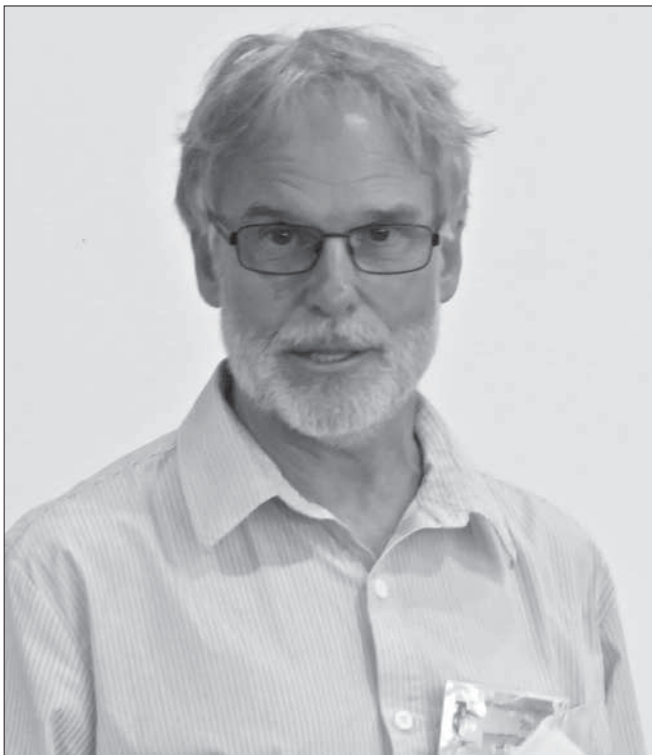
The courses include an opera course, special interest lectures on the UN, Brexit and the early life of Hitler as well as classes from fly fishing to mathematics. A particular theme this year has been Indigenous studies, triggered by Reconciliation and the fact that we live in Yuin country, yet know very little about it. We have made a huge effort to revisit our history books and re-tell

as much truth as we can. Our schoolbooks 'back in the day...' gave us wrong information. It has been a sobering experience, but we hope that in future years local Yuin people will join us, and together as a community we can progress together.

Our next excursion, in early February, will be to the



Jan Rivers, our new President



Ian Dowden, our new Vice-President

fabulous Songlines exhibition at the National Museum in Canberra.

You can see our future courses in the ad.

New to the district? U3A is a shared learning experience where people who have a passion for a topic of interest can share it with others in the community. In the Bermagui-Cobargo district, prior to U3A, there were no learning organisations, so eight years ago we created our own, with no age limits. Unsurprisingly, before long, we had over 300 members. As long as you can attend day classes, there is

usually a class that will suit you.

It is the perfect opportunity for newcomers to the district to meet new friends sharing the same interests. It gives you time to get to know like-minded people who have enrolled in the same classes.

To put all these courses together requires a lot of work by two dedicated committees, one managing our affairs and one specialising in creating a curriculum to keep balance and diversity, give encouragement and engender enthusiasm. This year our challenges have been to face the ever-changing Council decisions to Community Centre venues and to provide the latest technology for our presentations. For 2018, we welcome our new President, Jan Rivers, and our Vice-President, Ian Dowden. Both come with a background in administration and human resources and both have dedicated themselves to new learning for all of us this past year. A big thank you for all their efforts.

*Kerry Davies*

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## Quaama's Christmas gift: Toppo Blacka

Born on Christmas Day, 1936, in a milking shed out the back of Brogo, the sixth child of 14, she was christened Isabel Lucas but has been called Toppo her entire life. She never thought to ask her mother how that came about before she passed.

Life was tough in those days. Toppo and her siblings would walk to and from the Brogo school every day with their shoes in their schoolbags so that they wouldn't wear them out before they could be passed down to the next kid in line.

Mum would take the empty 25lb flour bags and sew them into undergarments for the kids to wear. Toppo was always worried that a sudden draft might expose the '25lb' text that stretched across her backside.

Everyone had their jobs. Toppo's was to make all the beds every morning before school. The sheets were boiled in the copper. The blankets they used were 'waggas', cow feed bags that had been split apart and laid on top of the sheets for warmth.

After school, Toppo would work in the paddock with Rose the horse, ploughing the ground to make way for corn and potatoes to feed the family. There were always chores to be done around the dairy farm.

She was fifteen when the fire of '52 came through and remembers how fierce it was. Her father was out fighting the fire and sent someone to collect the family and take them to the Cobargo Hotel to be out of harm's way. It was a good thing too as their

home and sheds were lost to that massive fire storm that swept through our region. For sure their lives would have been lost too. Toppo married Don Blacka when she was almost 18. Don worked on the roads while Toppo ran the dairy farm and raised

were sports days where 50lbs of mince, 30lbs of sausages and three big bags of onions would be cooked up and eaten during the events, then everyone would race home to get ready for the dance at the hall that included three sittings of tea in the supper room. They wouldn't get home until the early hours.

Later on in life, Toppo and Don sold the farm and moved into Quaama where they bought a large block, subdivided it and built houses. Eight houses in the village were built by Don, with Toppo at his side as labourer. Together they built about 35 houses across the Shire.

Every winter for fifteen years they would take three months off to travel Australia in their caravan. Their marriage lasted almost sixty years before Toppo lost Don just a few years back. They had a good life together. Now retired, Toppo enjoys gardening and spending time with her son and daughter, who both still live in Quaama village, her grandkids and great grandkids. She lives as she always has by the Lucas family prayer.

*'Always'*

*Always love your family, no matter what.*

*If you have more and someone less, always share.*

*Never say anything bad about someone. If you have something to say, always say something nice.*

*Always respect the community you live in and they will always respect you.*



their two children, Julie and John.

It was another time back then. She remembers the two blacksmiths that worked in the village of Quaama as well as a haberdasher whose shop was down Bermaguee Street. The community was more self-reliant than it is now and ties were strong. Toppo remembers the Quaama rugby league football team and rodeos at the showground. Easter Mondays

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## Carols In The Pavilion

featuring

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Saturday 16 December 2017  
8 - 9.30pm

Windsong Pavilion  
Four Winds Rd, Barragga Bay  
Includes mulled wine and mince pie supper

# POP-UP CINEMA

3 - 6 January 2018 | Four Winds Sound Shell, Barragga Bay

*Four fabulous music-themed films across four summer nights*

Gates open 6.30pm, Live music from 7pm, Movies from sundown.

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## SUMMER SOUNDS

Saturday 27 January 2018

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**FOUR WINDS**

## A citrus for all reasons

Citrus are presently one of the most popular categories of fruit trees available in nurseries. This is mainly due to the work that has been done in recent times to provide dwarf growing forms that are more suitable to pot culture or for our ever decreasing house block sizes.

We now have many varieties that are on much improved root stocks, which in turn give the plant a better ability to survive under many different climatic conditions and soil types.

In growing citrus your location is very important as many are not suited to heavy frosts or cold southerly winds.

Optimal temperatures for growing citrus are between 25 and 30 degrees C. When temperatures get above 38 degrees growth is inhibited, although the plant will survive up to 50 degrees. Oranges and lemons are more suited to colder parts of our area although some frost protection is required in very cold locations. Limes and cumquats require a really warm, frost-protected site.

Satsuma mandarin, Meyer lemon and sour orange are more tolerant of cold and can be grown in a more open, exposed position. Locations along the coast like Narooma and Bermagui are suited to all citrus as long as they have protection from the cold southerly winds.

Autumn through spring and into summer are the best times to plant citrus, with the selection of the site most important.

The site should be well drained with a compost-enriched soil and a full sun position. As mentioned previously a site

that has wind protection but especially south wind protection is very important. Dig a wide hole but not massively deep and add a commercial planting compost to your soil. If you have made your own compost ensure that it has broken down sufficiently to mix with your soil. Remember, don't completely change your soil when planting, but improve the soil you have.

When you backfill the hole, check to make sure that soil does not come up above the graft. Add just enough soil to cover where the soil came up to in the pot.

If you don't have sufficient room in the garden then try one of the dwarf forms. Mandarins, oranges, lemons and limes come in dwarf forms with at least two varieties per fruit available.

Pot culture of citrus is a bit different to growing plants in the ground. Planting in pots requires a reasonable size pot



out more quickly so it is important to feed the potted plants more regularly.

Fertilising of citrus should take place in spring and summer with the addition of chook manure and a side application of fertiliser in autumn.

Citrus are gross nitrogen feeders so a specially formulated citrus fertiliser is most desirable. Apply at the dripline of the plant and water in well.

When fertilising potted citrus, use a water soluble form so root burn is alleviated. A side application of fish- or seaweed-based fertiliser on a regular basis outside the regular fertilising program will also benefit the plant.

Citrus have several pest problems including sap-sucking pests like shield bugs, leaf miner and scale, and fungal problems including black spot, septoria spot and citrus blast.

Ask your local nursery person for control measures to combat these problems as there are both chemical and organic forms of control for all these pests.

Keith Mundy

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so sufficient potting mix can be added. The more soil gives a greater water- and nutrient-holding capability. The smaller the pot the quicker the plant dries out and this leads to an unthrifty tree. Nutrient leaches



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# Soft Footprint Recipes for Christmas from the Team @ the Triangle

Three delicious, easy recipes—and they can all be made the day before, or even earlier. That’s what you need for Christmas. Have a great one, everyone!

## Prawns with Mango Salsa

Something easy, no fuss, no cooking for the season’s gathering of friends and family? Or just a celebration of summer? How about prawns with mango salsa? Choose Australian cooked king prawns or, if you’re lucky, buy local school prawns from a roadside van.

Even better still, try catching them yourself with friends, flashlights, nets and buckets on a moonless night in summer. Ask a local for the best spots on the lake. It’s an absolute hoot. Last year was my first time and we caught next to nothing but had an hilarious time. Maybe better hunting this year.

To make the Mango Salsa, mix together the diced (small) flesh of two mangoes, 2 tbsp of sweet chilli sauce, 2 tbsp of fresh lime juice and 2 tbsp of fresh chopped coriander. It will keep for a day in the fridge. Also good with fish, poultry or just a yummy salad partner. Allow as many prawns as your budget dictates or you can catch. *Linda Sang*



## Stained Glass Window cake

I used to call this ‘Jewel Fruit’ Cake but we were discussing Christmas recipes at a *Triangle* meeting and Niki Hutteman said, ‘Oh, that was a favorite with our family. We called it “Stained Glass Window Cake”’. I was quite taken with the name. It’s because of the glaze cherries. It’s mostly fruit and nuts and has very little flour, so it’s very easy to substitute gluten -free flour in this recipe. No-one will know the difference.

- \* 250g whole brazil nuts
- \* 100g seeded raisons
- \* 3/4 cup sugar
- \* 250g walnut halves
- \* 1/2 tsp baking powder
- \* 3 eggs
- \* 250g pitted dates
- \* 100g red glaze cherries
- \* 1 tsp vanilla
- \* pinch of salt
- \* 125g mixed peel
- \* 100g green glaze cherries- it’s easier to find mixed red, green and yellow cherries these days



Place all nuts and fruit in a large bowl and mix. Add sifted flour, salt and baking powder and stir to coat nuts and fruit. Add sugar and mix.

1. Beat eggs and vanilla and add, stirring thoroughly to form a stiff mixture.
2. Spoon into a well greased loaf tin lined with baking paper, pressing down as you go.
3. Cook at 150C for 2 and a half hours. you might need to place a piece of aluminium foil over the top after a while if it starts to turn dark.
4. Remove from oven and leave in tin for 10 minutes, then turn onto rack and remove paper. (easier to remove paper now)
5. When cool, wrap in a clean towel. Apparently it could last for weeks in an airtight container, but we’ve never put it to the test.

*Jen Severn*

## Cranberry Slush

- 1.5 litre Cranberry Classic
- 400 ml vodka
- 150 ml sugar syrup \*
- 75 ml fresh lemon juice
- 100 ml cranberry concentrate (optional)

This awesome Christmas drink is delicious and very festive. Being a granita, it is cold and icy and holiday red in colour. Use a wide mouthed container as you’ll need to be able to scoop it out with a spoon once frozen.

Place all the ingredients in a container and stir. Put in the freezer and leave at least overnight.

Scoop out the slush into glasses and serve with a small spoon. The cranberry concentrate is expensive and hard to get down here but if you’re able, the addition will make this drink even better!

It can also be made with unsweetened juice but that will mean the addition of more sugar syrup. You can play with the amounts of each ingredient to taste.

\* To make the sugar syrup put equal parts white sugar and water in a saucepan and simmer until dissolved.

*Bhagya*



## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

Vatiliotis violin with bow and hard case \$6,700, Buckmaster Violin and case \$3,600 (no bow). Phone 0437 890 869.

Barnevelder Chickens (hens) 8 - 10 weeks old. \$26 each. Ph Pam 6493 6594

### WANTED

Musicians wanted for Cobargo community carols. We are putting together a group of people to provide the music for the Cobargo community carols at 8.30 pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December, in the park at Cobargo. Last year's event was great, and we hope this year's will be bigger and better. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing please contact Fiona Kotvojs on 6493 6080 or [fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au](mailto:fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au).

Old golf buggy Ph 6493 7222

### AVAILABLE

Anyone wanting old Triangles? I have a full set from 2012 Ph Chris 6493 9643

#### Anglican Parish of Cobargo, Bermagui and Quaama Christmas service times

24 December - QUAAMA: Holy Communion - 10.00am

24 December - BERMAGUI: Carol Service - 5.00pm

24 December - COBARGO: Carols in the Park - 8.30pm

25 December - BERMAGUI: Holy Communion - 9.00am

31 December - BERMAGUI: Morning Prayer - 10.00am (one service only in the parish).

All Saints, Wallaga St, Bermagui; St Saviours Cobargo St, Quaama

Parish Contacts - Sue Griffiths 6493 7220 and Alan Burden 6493 6080

#### Guidelines for contributors

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

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

2. Photos should be sent as **separate JPG attachments – not embedded into your story**. Please send the original digital photo, uncompressed, so we have as large an image as possible to 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.

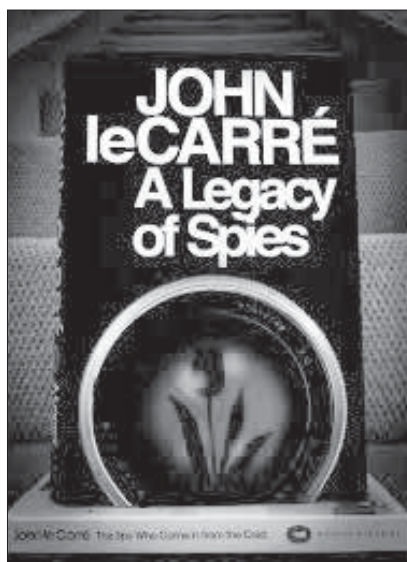
5. Have a think about a headline for your story. Believe us, we're usually quite braindead at the end of our editorial meeting and can only come up with lame puns and cliches. Don't leave it to us!

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

## Book Review

Heather O'Connor

### John le Carre *A Legacy of Spies* \$32.99



A close friend who is a Le Carre fan told me I should not read this unless I had read *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* first. However, I did and really enjoyed it, although I can imagine it would have been easier if I had known the characters from the earlier books.

The central character is Peter Guillam, colleague of the famous George Smiley, co-worker and spy from the Cold War days. Guillam is happily living in retirement when he is summoned back to London by the current leadership of The Circus (as the British Secret Service was known.) He is called to account for secret service operations, almost unknown to the newest generation of spies. Threatened with possible lawsuits from the descendents of some of the characters involved, he must justify actions from a different time and space, remaining as always loyal to Smiley, who makes the briefest appearance in the book.

Le Carre was himself a spy in the Cold War period; his father also worked in security operations, so his details of the hows and whys of espionage are highly believable. I'm inspired to put the earlier books on my Xmas reading list.

What a great year of reading! Looking back over the Triangle reviews, I'm going to nominate Sebastian Barry as the most favorite author, followed closely by Julian Barnes, with a very special mention for our own Georgia Blain, RIP. Happy holiday reading!

## Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

Willow is a very sweet looking and sweet natured two year old medium sized mixed breed. She is a gentle little lady still learning basic manners and how to walk calmly with a lead and halt. Willow is food driven, so training can be easy peasy though she shows no signs of food aggression with humans or other dogs. Willow won't be her last.



Being extremely human focused, she is very eager to please and she loves to be around her people and be treated as one of the family, going for drives in the car and all the stuff families do together. Willow is an outside dog but comes inside at every opportunity and would love to be inside with her family. She may need some prompting and help with her toilet training initially.

Willow has been fostered with five other large dogs, both male and female, and in next paddock has been with cattle, horses, hens and lambs and has not concerned herself with any but has not been tested with cats whilst in care. All Willow's good training has been temporarily put on hold as she is currently 'in season' and will not be available for some weeks, however get

your 'Expression of Interest' for Willow in early to be ready for her when she's ready for you. There are also several other dogs, including Bella the female 6 year old white and tan Jack Russell, Ricco the

black and white 2½ year old male dog, Radar the tan and Merle mixed breed male with a really lovely temperament, and a lovely young male black and tan kelpie and nine young pups medium mixed breed.

All dogs rehomed are desexed, microchipped, immunised and wormed and treated for fleas, from FSC AWL \$350 and pups are \$375 which includes their second vaccination.

The Far South Coast Branch of Animal Welfare League NSW produces a Calendar of Second Chances featuring many of the pets that were rehomed by the branch over the past year. You can pick up your copy for \$20 at any Bega Valley Shire vet, Coastal Grooming Merimbula, or the Country K9 Parlour Cobargo or, to have copies sent, email [awlfsc@bigpond.com](mailto:awlfsc@bigpond.com).





#### 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 0477 017 443. Meet 1st Thurs each month at Cobargo Hotel & 3rd Thurs at Bermagui Hotel at 6.30 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

#### BERMAGUI WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB INC.

'Working with Weights'  
Open Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the Bermagui Sports Stadium.  
Contact: John Preston - accredited coach  
Ph 02 6493 5887 mob 0429 179 184

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass times.  
Bermagui- Sunday 7:30 am 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 environment. Monday-Thursday. Ph 6493 6660

#### COBARGO PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

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

#### COBARGO SoA HALL COMMITTEE

Hall bookings and inquiries: Linda 0407 047 404  
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

Monthly meetings 2nd Tuesdays at Well Thumbed Books, 6pm. Contact: David Wilson on 0401 398 141

#### 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.

#### MT DROMEDARY UNITING CHURCH

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

#### MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

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

#### LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

#### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

#### OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the 2nd and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections, supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able. Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am.  
Inq: Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

#### HEART TO HEART

2nd & 4th Saturday of month from 12.30 to 3.00pm at 2a Brighton Park Road, Beauty Point. Discuss the Ageless Wisdoms of Alice A. Bailey teachings. Phone: Christine on 4476 8732 or Lorraine on 6493 3061

#### QUAAMA MEN'S SHED

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

#### WALLAGA LAKE/BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

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

#### THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

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

### Community Notices

are advertised in *The Triangle* for non-profit groups free of charge. If details change, please advise us at [contributions@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au)

## For the Fridge Door

DECEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
Fri 1	Light Up Cobargo	Cobargo Village	from 5 pm
Sun 3	Live music: Humbug, free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm
	Wandella Christmas Tree celebration	Wandella Hall	7 pm
Wed 6	YESS tutors' meeting	Quaama School	4 pm
Fri 8	Seniors' 'Keeping your finances safe'	Bega Valley Civic Centre	9.30 am
Sun 10	Blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1 pm - 5 pm
	CEFE Public Meeting	Bermagui Country Club	2 pm
Fri 15	Quaama Community Christmas Party	Quaama Hall	5.30 pm
	Christmas Carols and BBQ	Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club	6.30 pm
Sat 16	Carols in the Pavilion	Windsong Pavilion, Barragga Bay	8 - 9.30 pm
	Live music: Johnny Cash and Elvis Xmas Party Show, free	Cobargo Hotel	8.30 pm
Sun 17	Community doco: Dogs of Democracy	Old Butter Factory, Cobargo	3.30 pm
	Live music: Bev Banjo, free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm
Sat 23	Live music: Cuppa Shred and Devil's Tango	Cobargo Hotel	8.30 pm
Sun 24	Cobargo Chocolate Wheel Fundraiser and Community Carols	Cobargo Park	from 7 pm
Sun 31	Cuppa Shred (NYE)	Cobargo Hotel	8.30 pm
	NYE Party, dinner, live music, \$65	Tilba Valley Wines	7.30 pm
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Wed 3 - Sat 6	Pop-Up Cinema	Sound Shell, Four Winds, Barragga Bay	Evening
Sat 6	Car Boot Sale	Country Club carpark	from 7 am
Sun 7	Reclaim the Riverbank	Rob's corner, Quaama	9.30 - 11.30 am
	Live music: Mrs Jones and Me, Free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm
Tues 9	Bermagui Institute dinner	CWA Rooms, Bermagui	6 for 7 pm
Sun 14	Blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1 - 5 pm
Sun 21	Live music: The LPs, Free	Tilba Valley Wines	1 pm
Fri 26	Australia Day ceremony	Cobargo SoA Hall	11 am
Sat 27	Summer Sounds	Sound Shell, Four Winds, Barragga Bay	12 noon - 6 pm
	Community doco: How to Cook your Life	Old Butter Factory, Cobargo	3.30 pm
Sun 28	Shortis and Simpson in Cabaret, Wine & Cheese party and show, \$30	Tilba Valley Wines	5 pm
<b>ART</b>			
Fri 1 Dec	Carol Taylor, 'Waterworks' opening (until 31st)	Lazy Lizard	5 pm
	Alicia Cowin, 'Looks Good on Paper' opening (until 31st)	Black Wattle Gallery	7 pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Opening: Chris Denton, Kylie Ramsay and Sonja Jacob (until 14 January)	Ivy Hill Gallery	10 am - 5 pm
2-31 January	Doris Hoyne and Naomi Lewis	Lazy Lizard	10 am - 4 pm

Email your events with date, time and venue to [contributions@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au) by the 22nd of the month