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Wallaga Lake's 'Splendid' Aboriginal Gumleaf Band: a centenary tribute

Gumleaf ensembles instigated by missionaries in the late 19th century achieved visibility in the 1920s and '30s at vaudeville shows. La Perouse and Wreck Bay nurtured talented leaf players but the legendary touring band formed at Wallaga Lake on Djiringanj-Yuin country a century ago deserves special commemoration.

The band's bi-musicality flourished autonomously. Retaining clapsticks and corroboree dances, they also regaled audiences with Sousa marches, minstrel standards, step- and tap-dancing, accordion, fiddle music, burlesque and clowning. Jimmy Little Senior and John Campbell imitated the spearing of fish as Ernie 'Friday' Hoskins beat the kangarooskin drum constructed in Central Tilba. Gumleaves simulated the shots and shells of a World War I battlefield.

The district's first public display of leaf playing took place in 1900, when Wallaga Lake men staged a corroboree to the accompaniment of '... reeds and leaves of trees, and a concertina' at Bermagui Athletic Club (*Cobargo Chronicle*, 20 April, 1900). *The Leader & Shoalhaven District Newspaper* reported that '... the capital playing by the Aborigines by means of gum leaves' was 'a great feature' of a sports day at Wallaga Lake Recreation Reserve on 28 December 1901. A 1903 concert at the Lyceum Hall, Quaama, also featured leaf players accompanied by a violin and concertina (*Bega Standard*).

The 'splendid' Wallaga Lake Leaf Band described in *The Braidwood Dispatch and Mining Journal* (1909) '... could render the most difficult airs with a precision and tone that would do credit to a well-trained military band'. In 1925, the band's tone was described as '... soft and melancholy, and often as sweet, as that drawn from the strings of a priceless Stradivarius' (*Sydney Mail*). Early Tilba resident Jack Flower recalled seeing a 'very harmonious'



'The Leaf Band' Lake Wallaga: from left to right:

Percy Davis (Square Block), Ned (Ted) Hoskins (Pudding), Ernie Hoskins (Friday), Percy Mumbulla (Bing), Harold Picalla (Dessy), Willy Thomas (Whaler Billy), Andy Bond (Digger), Albert Thomas (Bookal) and Cronjy Parsons (Sonnoboy), dated 1922 from Laurelle Pacey's 2015 book *Tilba Times revisited*.

gumleaf band of about six young men.

The historian, Lucy Sinclair, presented the 1922 photograph pictured above of the 'Leaf Band at Tilba Tilba Showground' to Lesley and Richard Bate in 1995. Published in the *Tilba Times* of that year, it pictures Percy Davis, Ned and Ernie Hoskins, Percy Mumbulla, Harold Pikalla, Willy and Albert Thomas, Cronjy Parsons and World War I veteran Private Andy (Digger) Bond, who had returned in 1918 to a rousing welcome at Tilba Temperance Hall.

The band's longest living member was Uncle Guboo Ted Thomas (1909-2002). He joined the band at nineteen and walked with them from Murrah to Melbourne to perform at a large ball. They slept under bushes, cooked fish on hot coals and performed in halls along the way. Following their residency at the Palais Royal in Melbourne, their engagements included a brass band meet at Bendigo, a corroboree in Dandenong and a Labour Day March up Swanston St. They walked on to Cummeragunja in NSW on their round trip back to Wallaga Lake.

At the Gala Opening march over Sydney Harbour Bridge in 1932, the 'warriors' were described as '... a symphony orchestra among gumleaf bands'. They appeared in two 1930s movies, and boosted Cummeragunja's World War II Concert Party fundraisers throughout the Goulburn Valley and Riverina districts. When the time came for the leaf bandsmen to return to Wallaga Lake, legend has it that dejected girls filled their truck's petrol tank with sugar in a concerted attempt to prevent them from leaving! In 1945, 'Eureka' reminisced in The Advertiser: 'One of the finest bands I have heard was the Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Gumleaf Band ... It was splendid music, and the band was always well received'.

The band performed at two Coronation

Editorial

Living in the Triangle region is a rich privilege. The area is saturated with dynamic sacred and cultural sites activated by its ancient and living culture where Land-Culture-People is an ongoing inseparable whole. The Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation is one aspect of this legacy, re-igniting the skills of caring for this ancient continent through thousands upon thousands of millenia of knowledge and intimate connection. Their responsibilities honour and work with the spiritual and ecological milieu of the land by people who belong to it, reading the landscape through integrated knowledge

Letters to the editors

On 'Putting the bridge in the wrong place'

Dear Editors,

I write somewhat belatedly to take issue with the article on the front page of the September 2021 *Triangle*, 'Putting the bridge in the wrong place'. Once such statements are in print they have the potential to 'rewrite history'. I was pleased to see that Robyn Lucas wrote a letter refuting several statements.

I have since spoken with Keith Bashford, the author of the original article, and whilst I understand that his primary concern has been the health of the lake, I believe several of his assertions, whilst well meaning, are erroneous and misleading. The core of his claims is that the bridge was built in the wrong place and has consequently caused the siltation each side of the approach causeway to the bridge. Unfortunately, this is not the first time I have read such a claim. In 2009 I wrote to The Triangle about a similar article, explaining why such a claim cannot be true, and I am forwarding that article again in the hope it can be republished. Plans drawn in the early 1890s, before construction of the bridge, clearly show that the shallow flats existed before the bridge was built. That is why the approach road and bridge were located where they are today.

Keith also claims that '... there was a big enough entrance for large sailing ships to enter and anchor where the bridge is now'. Having been born and raised in Tilba, I have never heard such a claim. I think, after talking with Keith, he unfortunately confused a William Corkhill photo of a large sailing boat tied to the Bermagui bridge with the Wallaga Lake bridge and came to this incorrect conclusion.

Rosemary Beaumont

born of embodied heritage.

So too, the remarkable history of Wallaga Lake's Aboriginal Gumleaf Band, the skills of which are now being revived. Through their extensive touring of southeastern Australia over 120 years, the band's incredible musical skills of precise varied nuance and tone, sweet and strident, was publicly recognised. Yuin woman, Alison Walker, continues the love and respect for and connection to Country through her art that is now a means of teaching Djiringjan language and culture to young ones in the region.

So much is going on. Community

generosity, creativity and tenacity thrive with community gardens, art exhibitions, water safety strengthened by marine rescue activities, Cobargo's Tree Memorial project off and running, Quaama's nature walks, planned community leadership courses and attention to wellness. Understanding increases and broadens as different perspectives on controversies over a bridge pool together. Meanwhile the public native forests, with the devastating loss of 80% of the trees from the mega fires, are relentlessly threatened – when is enough, enough?

Keith goes on to recommend that authorities 'replace 40 or 50 metres of the causeway with a bridge that will allow the tides to move freely'. This is a brave claim and would need a hydraulic study or even modelling. The current channel to the north west of the causeway predates the building of the bridge, as can be inferred from the depth soundings on the construction plans. There is a possibility the tidal flow pattern would be largely unaffected by such a change. It would need a proper study to reach a conclusion.

Whilst I do not argue with Keith's concern about the health of the lake, I am concerned about having erroneous statements in print for perpetuity, thereby confusing or even rewriting history.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Bate Tilba Tilba

Wallaga Lake bridge location

The following article was first written and published in *The Triangle* in 2009, following a claim *in The Triangle* at that time that the Wallaga Lake bridge is in the wrong location. I have slightly revised it and I believe it is appropriate and helpful for it to be re-published now.

Over the past couple of years (before 2009) I have read and heard opinions by some that the Wallaga Lake bridge was put in the wrong location, and that the approach road from the south has greatly inhibited the natural flow of the lake towards the mouth, with damaging consequences for the lake.

I have been perplexed at how anyone could arrive at this belief. It seems to me to defy logic that the Department of Public Works would have filled in a supposedly deep section of the lake and built a bridge over a supposedly shallow section.

Courtesy of the RTA, Norm Hoyer of Tilba has in his possession copies of the drawings made of the bridge and its approaches before construction. These clearly show the southern approach was to be built across shallow water. Between the island and the southern end of the approach, the depth of water indicated varied from zero to two feet at low tide, and about twenty inches and three and a half feet at high tide. North of the island, the depth was greater at about four feet at low tide and five and a half feet at high tide. The channel under the bridge can be scaled off these drawings to be at least fourteen feet at its deepest part. The precise depth may be indicative only. Norm advised he thought the depth read very much more than this. It was difficult to read.

Comparing this with the situation today, the above suggests to me that negligible additional silting has taken place between the island and the southern end of the approach since the bridge was built.

In my opinion, the foregoing refutes the claims by some that the southern approach road to the bridge has significantly re-routed the flow. Harry Bate

The Triangle, 2009

Let's not lose focus

Maybe, as Robyn Lucas says (*Triangle*, Letters, October), cream was never transported from Tilba to Sydney. Maybe the current Wallaga Lake Bridge was not preceded by another one and maybe there was a guesthouse on Paynes Island.

Maybe, as Keith Bashford says (*Triangle*, September), Wallaga Lake opened to the ocean before European settlement. And maybe, when the settlers did arrive, large ships could enter the lake

Letters cont ...

and anchor there. And perhaps swimming in the lake is not as popular as it used to be.

What is not in dispute is that the lake was 80 metres deep before European settlement and now it's 20 metres deep. And that 60 metres of lost depth? Silt.

Wallaga Lake needs to be comprehensively flushed on a regular basis – something that won't happen while the current causeway's in place. The causeway blocks water flow in and out to a large extent, the end result being that the lake stays closed more frequently and for longer periods, reducing water quality and affecting lake ecosystems. Replacing some of the causeway with a bridge would have to help. Jen Severn

Quaama

Cuttagee Bridge

When the proposal to replace Cuttagee Bridge became public the Council chose not to involve existing Bermagui resident groups in the discussion. Instead they asked citizens to register their interest in being part of the discussion with the Council via the council website by a certain date.

I did that as I have several reasons to be interested in the project.

My application to be part of what might be described as a citizens advisory group was not acknowledged.

I have had no advice as to any reason why I may or may not have been accepted or any advice as to the establishment, or not, of the advisory group.

Overall the council is looking less than interested in the community that they are supposedly there to serve.

Jo Lewis Akolele



Opening up!

The time has come to open up ... cafés, restaurants, pubs and schools, theatres, salons, shops and pools. There's choice once more and freedom too perhaps I'll go and visit the zoo! But at first I must remember to QR scan and show the tick to prove that I have not skipped the double jab into my arm then they'll know I won't cause harm. There's something else that I must do – time to find that mask of blue. Now I'm set to safely enter all those places at the centre! Mary Murray



Congratulations to the medical practices and pharmacies in our area and to us.

Thumbs UP

We have

reached over 90% first vaccination for COVID-19 in our post code (2546) and, more importantly between 70-79% fully vaccinated. Well done everyone!

Thumbs DOWN ->

To the lack of built public toilets in Cobargo. Instead locals

and tourists alike have to use the very unpleasant chemical ones near the Co-op. It's been almost two years of promises from BVSC.

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2. Images and graphics should be sent as attachments - not embedded into your story. Please send the original digital photo or image, uncompressed, so we have a large file to work with. Generally above 1 mb is large enough. Accepted formats include jpg, jpeg, png and pdf. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies. Contact us for assistance.

3. Send all articles as WORD or other TEXT documents

4. Please do not send posters or flyers! 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. Think about a headline for your story. Please don't leave it to us!

6. Deadline is midday on the 22nd of the month. Any questions at all, please email contributions@thetriangle.org.au and cc lsang333@gmail.com.

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Day celebrations: Cummeragunja's parade for King George VI on 12 May 1937; and Cobargo's festivities for Queen Elizabeth II on 2 June 1953.

The wife of the Tasmanian Governor visited Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station *en route* to Melbourne in 1952. Lady Cross was so charmed by the gumleaf band's rendition of the 'Maori Farewell' that she delayed her official departure time so she could chat with the bandsmen and view their unique playing method. Later in the year, the men played at the Aboriginal Station's boxup between Wallaga boys and boxers from Cobargo, Bermagui and Tilba – followed, in 1953, by a 'sizzling' boxing tournament at Central Tilba Hall. In 1954, their performance at a Central Tilba Hall dance in aid of Bega District Ambulance Fund was much-applauded. Gumleaf trios and duos entertained at dances, gymkhanas and picnics in the 1960s; and at the Wallaga Lake Dreamtime Festival in 1972.

A decade later, in 1982, Alec Walker and Clem Parsons were seen playing popular tunes as rounds on gumleaves while dancing vigorously!

Leading leaf musician Uncle Herb Patten spent his youth at Wallaga Lake and performed at Narooma in the 1990s. He placed second in Channel 7's inaugural *Australia's Got Talent* contest of 2007. South East Arts has invited Uncle Ossie Cruse of Eden to form a commemorative Giiyong Gumleaf Band to breathe new life into this faded musical activity.

Please share your recollections of leaf players with us ... as we share our findings with the Foster family of Wallaga Lake. You can contact Robin at robinryan25@gmail.com.

Robin Ryan Cruse and Uncle Ossie Cruse



Uncle Herb Patten, gumleaf maestro Photo courtesy of Shannon Mattinson



Gumleaf playing tips from Uncle Ossie Cruse, Naidoc 2019

CARERS "LOOK AFTER YOURSELF" (LAY) REMINDER

NDIS Plans are due for renewal in the Bega Valley.

Carers need to include planned and crisis respite in NDIS Plan Reviews.

Contact your preferred service provider for respite types and costs so that your LAY costs are covered in NDIS Plans.

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Cricket for Community comes to the Triangle

Bega MCC (Mostly Cricket Concept) is a social cricket group that for the last ten years has brought together cricketers of all abilities, mostly on Friday nights, to enjoy the benefits of social cricket in a relaxed and supportive environment.

On Sunday 14 November, from 10 am - 4 pm or so, Bega MCC comes to the Triangle to play a team from Cobargo at Dickinson Oval, Bermagui, as one of a series of social cricket matches that have been funded by the Dept of Primary Industries as part of the community bushfire recovery process.

The aim of the day is to bring people together in a social sport setting to have fun and support community connection.

For more information about the Bega MCC, email Dave david@davidnewell. com.au.

David Newell

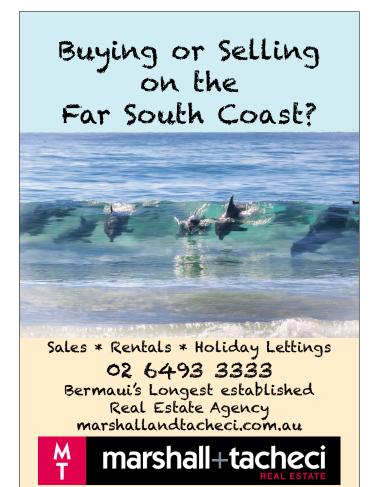


Members of the Bega MCC social cricket team

Natural medicine for hayfever

Spring is hayfever season with many people resorting to over-the-counter antihistamines and steroid-based decongestants that have unwanted side effects such as headaches, drowsiness, stomach pain and more.

The most common causes of an allergic reaction include allergies to specific foods, pollen, environmental dust, dust mites, pet dander, mould, insect bites, latex, chemicals and



certain medications. Allergy is caused by an overreaction of the immune system to a 'foreign' substance that triggers the release of histamines leading to an inflammatory response as vessels swell and dilate. Symptoms include itching eyes, the roof of the mouth, throat and nose, watering eyes, a runny nose, sneezing, wheezing and, if poorly managed, it can develop into sinusitis.

There are natural ways to prevent allergic reactions such as eating a healthy, well-balanced diet with an abundance of fruit and vegetables that provide essential vitamins and minerals to support the immune system. Avoid known trigger foods, consider food allergy testing to identify the culprits and minimise exposure to environmental allergens by staying inside with the windows closed on windy days and during thunderstorms. Reduce exposure to environmental toxins such as cigarette smoke and exhaust fumes and use natural cleaning and body products.

Naturopathy utilises nutritional supplementation and herbal medicine to enhance and support the immune system that simultaneously alleviates symptoms and prevents the recurrence of allergic reactions.

A holistic approach to treatment considers you and your environment, and other underlying factors that may be affecting your health.

Call 0410 460 688 for more information. Kathy Stokes Nutritionist and naturopath

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Firesticks Alliance

Anne Browne, a local landowner, recently arranged to have a burn carried out on Backwater, her property that borders Biamanga National Park. This was organised by the Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation. Anne had nothing but praise for the whole team who carried out this burn with great sensitivity and care and said that their methods were 'nothing like I've ever been taught before'.

Anne commented: Since coming to live here in 1982 I have sensed a strong spirituality, I can't think of any other word for it, coming from the trees and the waters and the previous human occupants who would come to the area each year after the ongoing moth feasts in the high country, to celebrate and relax and enjoy the bounty of the land, including river, estuary and sea; fish traps would have been constructed, as well as there being all kinds of shellfish for the taking ...

Now having met Dan and hearing from him more of the history of the place – for instance the sacredness of land from Mumbulla Mountain to Gulaga and seeing the destruction and desecration that has occurred during 250 years of whitefella occupation, caused by ignorance and greed, I am relieved that the Backwater is going to be cared for in an ongoing manner by those who have the wisdom passed down through 60,000 years of continuous and successful custodianship.

There is a project, part of the Murrah Flora Reserve cultural burning program, where traditional land management with fire is being reintroduced around threatened koala habitat as an alternative to hazard reduction burning. This program is being delivered with the intention of protecting and enhancing these fragile ecosystems

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Anne Browne with some of the team that carried out the cultural burn. Photo Credit: Armandine Ahrens, Bega District News

that provide important habitat for the small population of koalas that still exists on Mumbulla Mountain.

The project is being led by the local Indigenous community with guidance from the Firesticks Alliance and involves multiple Indigenous and government organisations. It aims to empower the local indigenous community through leadership and to build upon heathy relationships with all involved.

The Firesticks Alliance aims to increase the capacity and skill levels of local Indigenous Ranger groups and community members. Teaching the Indigenous community the knowledge of how to read different landscapes will give them the ability to implement a cultural practice to protect and enhance ecosystems and habitat using both fire and landscape knowledge as the key tools.

The program that took place on Anne's property, neighbouring Murrah and Biamanga NPs, was delivered by both Bega and Wallaga Indigenous Ranger



groups with guidance from Firesticks Alliance. The project was funded through bushfire recovery funding supplied by South East Local Land Services.

Dan Morgan, regional coordinator for Firesticks Alliance, said ... that the continuation of a project like this is so important as it gives back to our community the responsibilities within their cultural right to manage and care for the land through cultural practice across multiple land tenures. Not only does this land management provide positive environmental outcomes by reducing the risk of wildfire, but the social benefits for the whole community from a project like this are massive, providing long-lasting relationships between different land owners and the Indigenous community. He hopes that funding streams like this continue to support the Indigenous community to deliver this important cultural land management practice. For over 60,000 years before colonisation this land management practice was used to maintain and nourish the Australian landscape, generating outstanding, longlasting, positive, holistic outcomes for all.

This project is supported by South East Local Land Services, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the NSW Government's Catchment Action Program.

> Compiled by Georgina Adamson in conjunction with Anne Brown and Dan Morgan

Gather 'Round to inspire positive change in our community

A unique leadership program will bring people together from bushfireaffected communities across the south east to learn skills for collaboration and positive change. Gather 'Round is a yearlong shared leadership program intended to build capacity for connected, adaptable and resilient communities.

It is a partnership between Campfire Co-op and The Crossing Land Education Trust, jointly funded by the Commonwealth and the New South Wales Governments under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF).

Forty people from across ten bushfireaffected communities will spend a year in a mix of in-person residential learning at The Crossing Land, Bermagui; online coaching and mentoring; and working on projects and initiatives in their communities.

The program will include learning about hosting community conversations and inviting community participation, collaborating on projects to bring communities together and working with conflict. Another focus is personal leadership practices to contribute to individual and collective wellbeing. All the program content will be relevant to the particular communities and regional areas where participants live.

There are opportunities for people from targeted communities to send in an expression of interest to join, and in the Bega Valley those communities are Towamba Valley, Bemboka and Cobargo. The program is also open to people who work or volunteer in a regional capacity across the Bega Valley.

Expressions of interest are invited from community volunteers, and those working in community organisations, local



Dave Newell (back to camera) working with a group of community leaders

not-for-profits, schools, local businesses, bushfire recovery, local government, the arts, farming, landcare or industry – anywhere where recovery work is happening.

The program team will be led by Bega Valley residents and experienced hosts and trainers, David Newell and Mel Geltch, with a team of experienced and emerging South Coast facilitators, and supported by a team of leaders from all over the world.

David has been working with these practices in bushfire recovery since the Black Summer bushfires and sees the benefits for healing and rebuilding communities. 'In this complex and changing environment, more than ever, we need to work together. This takes collective action and compassionate leadership from all of us,' he said. 'This is not only for recognised community leaders. If you care

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Oktoberfest! (ticketed event)

6th November

7th November

13th November

14th November

20th November

21st November

27th November

about your community, are keen to learn and want to work with others to contribute to its being a better place – no matter what your age, background, experience or skills – this might be for you.'

Gather 'Round is part of a larger project to establish a community-led recovery and regeneration education hub for South East NSW at The Crossing Land Education Trust.

For more information go to campfire.coop/gatheround. You can express your interest by 10 November 2021 here bit.ly/gatheroundEOI

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR *THE TRIANGLE INC*

To be held on Monday 15 November, at 12 pm in Cobargo. Venue to be advised Held with appropriate COVID restrictions. Contact 0407 047 404 for more information

Monty's Place: Eight years of proudly supporting our community

Monty's Place has been open every Wednesday from 12.00 - 1.30 pm at the Uniting Church Hall in Narooma since 24 October 2013. Everyone is welcome.

In normal times (pre-COVID), Monty's is a community dine-in restaurant. Our friendly volunteers wait on our guests, serving a delicious hot meal and scrumptious desserts prepared fresh by our wonderful volunteers on the same day. Our guests enjoy good food and great company. Homelessness NSW, Anglicare, Legal Aid and Eurobodalla Pathways pay regular visits to support our guests and other members of the Narooma community. We are looking forward to getting back to normal operations when we are allowed.

Monty's has been there through the good times and bad. We were open throughout the bushfires, providing an additional 500 meals to the Evacuation



Volunteers hard at work in the kitchen

Centre. When COVID hit, Monty's was determined to continue supporting our community no matter what. Our volunteers quickly adapted to a takeaway service, each takeaway bag containing a hot meal, bread, fruit and cake. We are grateful to our guests for being so patient with our COVID-safe rules.

Monty's provides over a hundred meals each Wednesday. From July 2020 to June 2021 we prepared and served 5,273 meals: 4,559 takeaway meals as well as 714 dine-in meals for the short time we re-opened dine-in before the most recent lockdown.

Monty's has a wonderful crew of happy and enthusiastic volunteers who make our weekly service run so smoothly. They say working at Monty's allows them to give back to the community and they love to see people, often with serious problems, enjoying good food and good company. If you would like to join us as a volunteer please contact Di White at dianne.white1@bigpond.com or by calling 0448 464 468.

Monty's operates solely on donations. Our many wonderful sponsors and donors allow us to provide this service through financial and in-kind contributions. Special thanks to Woolworths, ABC Bakery,



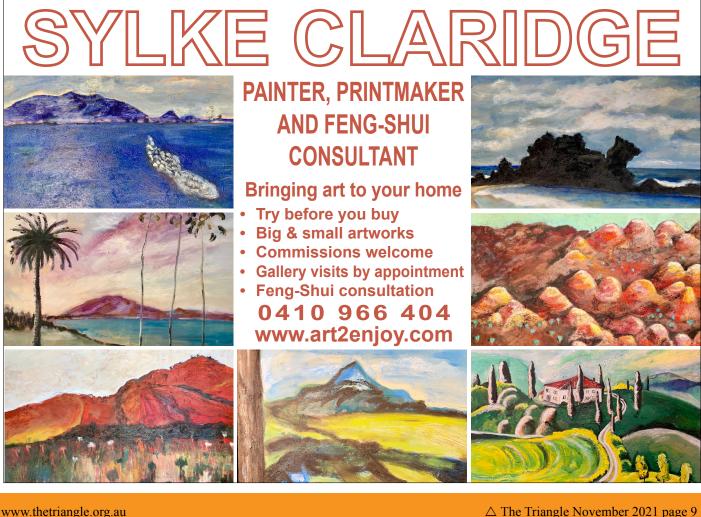
Putting together cheerful boxes

Wiggies Bakery, Narooma Seafood and Oz Harvest for their support.

Monty's Place Committee Chair, Di White, said how very proud she is of all those who have made it possible to continue this wonderful community service over the last eight years and she is looking forward to Monty's Place continuing to contribute to the community for many more years.

Robin Scott-Charlton

SANTA PAWS Is coming to town! **Cobargo School of Arts** Supper Room Sunday 14 November 9 am – 1 pm All pets welcome \$25 per sheet of photos of various sizes. Perfect Christmas cards or photos emailed to you. Phone Kerrie 0407 222 549



New Historical Society Calendar 2022

Bermagui's twelve existing Heritage Trail locations will feature in the new BHS (Bermagui Historical Society) calendar.

This edition is one to keep, as well as making an ideal gift for friends far and wide who might know Bermagui.

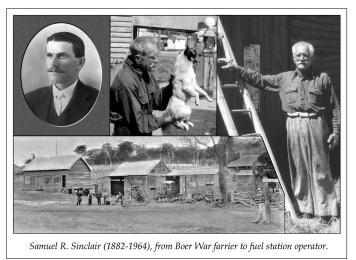
For the first time in twelve years of BHS calendars, this edition has images montaged. As well as the interesting background story and history, it includes over forty archive photographs. It mirrors sites that have information boards erected around Bermagui from Cuttagee to Wallaga Lake Bridge. Call at the Visitor Information Centre for a location guide to help your discovery of these sites along.

Bermagui Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is working on an extension of the trail for next year. Watch this space - the 2023 calendar will have that covered!

We at BHS have a new webpage up and running www.bermaguihistoricalsociety.org.au.

Calendars are available online as well as at the Visitor Information Centre and the 777.

Follow us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ bermaguimuseum/ and also look out for our Christmas raffle volunteers outside Woolworths, who will be selling calendars.



An example of the photo montages in the 2022 Historical Society calendar

Funds from sales will go towards running our little museum for another year. Dave Cotton.

Bermagui Historical Society

Workshop for landowners who would like to consider truffle production

The production of truffles has now been shown to be commercially viable in Bega Valley and Eurobodalla shires. Fiona Kotvojs and Alan Burdon established the first truffière, Gulaga Gold, on the coast of NSW in 2012 with the intention of determining whether this new crop could be introduced into this region successfully. They have now proved that truffle production is commercially viable in the Triangle area.

Demand for truffles is high. Fiona and Alan sell locally to the public; to restaurants on the coast, Sydney and Canberra; and they export to USA. There is also the potential for local businesses to be established processing truffles into truffle oil, honey and butter plus more.

Fiona and Alan see that, where the conditions are right, truffle production could help a number of local farms improve viability through diversification. In this area, the advantages are that truffles can withstand the highly variable nature of our weather, survive to produce after droughts, are a winter crop and help the trees extract more water and nutrients from the soil. They need frosts, a north-facing slope, no trees on the site for the last twenty years and water for irrigation when the trees are becoming established.

To help farmers decide whether truffles are suitable for them, Fiona has organised for Colin and Nathan Carter of TruffiCulture to conduct a seminar and answer all your questions. Farmers will visit the Gulaga Gold truffiére where Fiona and Alan will then share their experience and lessons - what they would do differently if they had their time over. The Zoom session is scheduled for Friday

5 November 7.00 to 8.30 pm and the visit to Gulaga Gold on Saturday 6 November. For more information and to register, visit https://trufficulture.com.au/growerseminars/#online seminar or call Fiona Kotvojs on 0448 453 422

Fiona Kotvojs



The Crossing Land Education Centre, Bermagui – spring and summer calendar



With the weather warming and restrictions easing, the Crossing plans to make the most of the spring and summer with a number of community workshops and camps for young people planned.

Head to our website or the Eventbrite page for more info about any of the workshops below. See you soon!

Making gully refuges more fire-retardant – 14 November, 12 December

NEW DATES: 13 February, 13 March and 2 April

A one-day, Landcare-supported workshop to encourage the succession of plants in native gullies to become more fire-retardant over time. Includes lunch and twenty tube-stock plants and guards to take home to plant at your place. Filling fast.

The Landcare-led Bushfire Recovery project has been supported by the Australian Government's Bushfire Recovery Program for Wildlife and their Habitat.

Weekend green forest break –

12-14 November and 10-12 December

A weekend away at no-cost for fire-affected families living in temporary accommodation. Bookings through Eventbrite.

Thanks to the Mumbulla Foundation for supporting this opportunity.

Fire-retardant design and cool burning for young people (ages 18-30) – 14-15 May, 2022

A fully-catered, no-cost workshop for young adults in the triangle area to develop skills and knowledge around fireretardant landscape design, permaculture, fuel loads, fire in the ecosystem and fire-protection strategies. The Crossing will focus on practical and real-life skills you can take back to your property



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Dean Turner with students learning and being on the land.

or community to make changes to help us all live more safely with fire. Thanks to the Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund for supporting this opportunity.

Gather 'Round at the Crossing, hosted by Campfires Co-op

What's possible for our bushfire-affected communities if we work together like never before? Expressions of interest are now open for Gather 'Round 2022, until 10 November 2021. Gather 'Round is a year-long shared leadership program intended to build capacity for connected, adaptable and resilient communities. Forty people from bushfire-affected communities in the south east will spend a year in a mix of in-person residential learning at The Crossing, Bermagui (15 days), an online coaching and mentoring program and working on projects in these communities.

For more information go to campfire.coop/gatheround If you are interested in being involved you can express your interest by 10 November 2021 here bit.ly/gatheroundEOI

This is a partnership between Campfire Co-op and The Crossing Land Education Trust, jointly funded by the Commonwealth and the New South Wales Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

For young people

Yrs 8 and 9 Landcare Wild Camp – 19-21 November

Come along for an adventure, meet great new friends, get your hands dirty planting trees and in the garden. Free for fire-affected young people in Cobargo/Quaama district (simply email stay@thecrossingland.org.au and tell us your nearest relief/ recovery centre)

Yrs 6 and 7 Landcare Adventure Camp – 26-28 November

Bikes, canoes, sleeping in a train carriage bunkhouse ... what could be more fun? A great way to make friends from other schools, and for Year 6's to learn more about high school.

Free for fire-affected young people in Cobargo/Quaama district (simply email stay@thecrossingland.org.au and tell us your nearest relief/recovery centre)

Yrs 10 and 12 Land Leaders Camp – 3-5 December

A no-cost extension camp for young people interested in learning about fire-retardant design, assessing fuel loads and fire protection strategies.

Dean and Annette Turner

Native forests threatened ... again

The Forestry Corporation estimates that, of the area available for logging, the 2019-2020 fires impacted 85% of the Southern and 80% of the Eden Regions. Native forests are already under threat from a warming climate and continued logging of burnt and unburnt native forests exacerbates the threat of wildfires.

In April 2020, the Bega Valley Shire Council (BVSC) received a Development Application (DA10-2020-81-1) for the building of a Timber Optimisation Hub from Allied Natural Wood Enterprises (ANWE), the owners of the Eden chipmill. The BVSC's approval of the DA meant that production of low-quality wood products, such as pallets and briquettes, will place additional pressure on our region's already stressed native forests.

South East Forest Rescue (SEFR) worked with the Environmental Defenders' Office (EDO) to challenge the lawfulness of the Council's approval. The case went to the Land and Environment Court and the Judge deemed the approval was invalid. This event was significant because it was the first time in eleven years that the public had been able to bring an action in a NSW court against the wood-chipping industry.

In September 2021, ANWE applied to the BVSC for another almost identical DA. There were 126 submissions presented that opposed the DA and one supporting it. Council approved the DA by four votes to three. SEFR and the EDO again took this decision to the Land and Environment Court and again the Judge deemed that the consent was invalid, void and of no force and effect, and ordered the DA consent to be set aside (see the South East Region Conservation Alliance website for submissions by local people in 2020 and 2021 at https://serca.org.au/submissions/).

ANWE quickly reapplied for the DA. On 20 October, SEFR and Chipstop again presented depositions to Council as to why it should reject the application to expand the capacity of the Eden chipmill. Harriett



Glenbog State Forest near Bemboka after logging. Photo credit: the late Carolyn Greene

Swift urged Councillors to consider its impact on native forests and climate. She stated, 'We cannot pretend that this DA is just about a couple of Colorbond sheds. It's about the future of the native forests in the Bega Valley and beyond. It's that serious.' The DA was again approved, 4 votes to 3.

If you think this sounds stranger than fiction, and an example of bureaucracy at its worst, playing roulette with what is precious and should be conserved at any cost, consider this. During the meeting's question time, it became clear to me that some of the Councillors had poor knowledge about the extent, quality and tenure of forests, and the amount of timber felled for woodchips. My assumption that their prior awareness of the fragile state of our native forests would outweigh a perceived need for an 'optimisation hub' was incorrect; for some, that awareness was not evident. However, Councillors Seckold, Dodds and Griff considered the actual needs: the health and integrity of 432,575 ha of the Southern and Eden Regions' native forests, by voting against ANWE's DA.

Action in the Land and Environment Court is ongoing. Our campaigners maintain their momentum against the tide of those whose opinions are formed from a place beyond either common sense or science. Native forests need the influence of honest political will to protect, not to destroy, thus ensuring compliance with the principles of environmental justice.

> Bronte Somerset, Quaama

Bega Valley Shire and Eurobodalla Council elections

will be held Saturday 4 December 2021 These elections have been delayed for three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Voting is compulsory for all residents and property owners (resident or absentee) over the age of 18.

Contact the AEC to ensure that you are registered to vote or to change your details

Make your Council work for you on 4 December by voting for Councillors who will listen to the community and work hard to represent you!



Probus camp cookout for 'freedom'

On a brilliant Bermagui spring day, in a sun-bathed clearing in the forest, members of Bermagui Probus celebrated 'Freedom Day' with a camp cookout. The smell of roasting meat in the camp ovens wafted over the clearing as members arrived. With the roaring campfire taking some of the early spring chill away, members quickly set up chairs and tables around the fire.

After the obligatory semi-formal meeting, members got down to the serious business of what Probus is all about – catching up with friends, meeting new people, eating and consuming a few bottles of red that went down well. Lunch was soon on the table with pork and beef roasts and vegetables. Memories of childhood were stirred as potatoes wrapped in foil and cooked in the hot coals were served!

The Probus Club of Bermagui is all about enjoying the friendship of like-minded people, getting to know other active retirees in the local community and having fun in retirement. It was established in 1991 with eighteen foundation members and is still going strong.

Members of Bermagui Probus are a diverse group, with many different interests. Some get together for exercise, music appreciation, sporting activities or a bit of social interaction with others. Probus organises many different activities throughout the year, including BBQs, guest speakers, the 'Big Night Out' where ladies can 'frock up' for dinner, outings, bus trips, cruises and there is usually an annual trip away for a few days. Recently, members enjoyed a whale-watching cruise out of Bermagui on the *Bubbles* and were rewarded with a sighting of whales breaching.



The camp ovens were sending an irresistible aroma of roasting meat over the clearing as Probus members gathered for a long-awaited get together.

Membership is open to all retirees residing in the Bermagui area. If you are newly retired or have just moved to Bermagui in retirement and want to get involved in some activities, why not think about joining Probus?

Check out the website: www.probussouthpacific.org/ microsites/bermagui (or simply Google Probus Bermagui).

For more information contact Secretary Lorraine Courtis, email at bermaguiprobus@gmail.com or phone 0402 828 134.

Carolyne Banados

Racism and Getting Honest

What can a group of white people do to stop racism? What is a white affinity group? How can I join?

Aboriginal, First Nations, Torres Strait Islander and POC (people of colour) have lived with colonialism and racism their whole lives. They are experts at it.

Many white people are just beginning to look at racism in a sincere way.

In wanting to explore racism in an honest, caring and constructive way, it is often kinder to initially separate white people from POC. These groups are called white affinity groups. By gathering in groups of only white people, for the purpose of exploring and reflecting on our 'whiteness', we are freed from any desire to 'get it right' for POC. It allows us to see that we are not alone in our confusion and embarrassment about race.

In a white affinity group, we begin to come to terms with how we we're trained to see and value whiteness v. colour.



How we've been participating in racism unconsciously. How asserting ourselves as 'good' white people can be a defensive strategy.

Exploring this is a necessary step, because genuinely believing in the equality of all people or wishing things were different does not remove the harrowing effects of centuries of a white-biased culture.

It is not the job of POC to teach us about racism. And now is a good time for white people to begin to turn our focus back on ourselves – with more than just an intellectual curiosity. With compassion, empathy and real curiosity.

With this awareness – looking at exactly where we are – we can begin to shift. To reflect on 'How did we get here?' and 'How did *we* become the dominant culture?'

Within a supportive group we can begin to see the commonality of our

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Drywall Plasterer License No. 55525C ABN 40952161398 *cultural* conditioning. And, paradoxically, by owning our conditioning we're able to take personal responsibility for our situation now – without being blinded or stuck in guilt or shame.

We can begin the move forward.

Our honesty and goodwill are being called upon in these extraordinary times and we're all being asked to step up in new ways. And have you noticed how good it feels when you do?

For me, it means sharing this work that is both humbling and absolutely enlivening. I will be offering a five-month white affinity group called 'Transforming White Culture from the Inside Out' running from 20 Feb to 6 June, 2022. For more information and to apply to join this group series please contact Madhuma at madhumaadance@gmail.com.

> Madhuma Thompson, Bermagui



Quintessentially Quaama

Bhagya

We're back open again! Which is odd since the end of lockdown coincided almost to the day with the reporting of a number of COVID cases in Bermagui and Cobargo. But the majority of us who are vaccinated can venture out and do things we haven't been able to do for a while. We still need to take care though in order to protect our kids, the weak, the elderly and the unvaccinated. So baby steps I guess! I've been keeping up with COVID news pretty closely and I must say it is hard to follow. Canberrans are back! Sydneysiders aren't, but they're planning on letting them come down if they're fully vaccinated from 1 November. Victorians are still stuck south of the border, but for how long? I'm sure it will all play out in its own good time. I imagine we'll all be together again with the place packed with tourists by Christmas.

And speaking of Christmas! The November community market will have a Christmas theme this month. The Sapphire Food Pantry will include some festive foods for the holidays in their budgetfriendly offerings and there will be stalls selling homemade goods and crafty items, plants and other treasures. You may well find the perfect gift there for someone on your list. And if you would like to have a stall yourself, there are still spots available. Contact Glennda by email on glenndah@ hotmail.com to book. The market will be on the third Sunday as always – which is 21 November this month. It starts at 12.00 and runs until 3 pm. Bring along any spare produce you may have to share or just come as you are.

The last community gathering in October was on a perfect day sandwiched between two storm systems and the free lunch was great! Who said there's no such thing? The share table had fruit and veg, bulbs, knits and some homemade fertiliser juice for the garden. The Grandparents' Treasure Chest was open too with some good stuff still there since COVID had closed it down for the last few months. There are still some sturdy coffee tables and a large veranda setting up for grabs as well as a lot of other things, so check it out on your way to the community market on Sunday 21 November.

And young Brodie Rixon is back from hospital in Sydney where he had a hip replacement. For a fifteen year old, it's been a really long and hard slog since he fractured the growth plate in his hip two years ago. We adults don't have them, but until a kid has finished growing, the long bones in their bodies have cartilage ends that harden into bone as they grow. They're



No longer side-saddle, Brodie Rixon is back sitting squarely on his ride-on and on the mend after a hip replacement in Sydney

a lot weaker than fully hardened bone, so pretty easy to break. And that's what happened to Brodie when he was favouring a knee injury. The doctors didn't pick it up and thought it was the knee still bothering him and neither did the physios working on that knee. After a lot of complaining and Brodie's mum's constant insistence that they properly check out her limping son, the fracture was finally discovered. But too late to save the hip! Poor old Brodie was doing damage every day while he hobbled around on it. The good news is that he can now get better and walk again without crutches soon, with any luck. It was before the fires that this all started so we're happy he's on the mend now after such a long time. Get better Brodie!



The share table at the community market is always beautiful to see



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Quaama Public School is back!

Quaama Public School is back after the break. Students are enjoying reconnecting with their friends in the playground. There are lots of children playing chasings and handball at the moment to expend their built-up energy after so much time at home.

Five new students have joined our school this term. It is always nice to see the Quaama students welcoming and supporting new members to our community.

The 2022 Kindergarten students will be welcomed throughout this term as they spend time visiting the school as part of



Buy mangoes and oysters for Christmas using this QR code and support our school!



Music classses conducted safely at Quaama School

their transition program. If you know of any families who have children aged four or five years of age please get them to contact the school to see if they are potential Quaama PS students!

There has been a bit of action around the school recently with the paving in the orchard complete, the new mature trees starting to sprout their leaves and the installation of air conditioning in two rooms. Once the warmer weather hits, these units will keep the students nice and cool. All costs have been covered by the Department of Education's 'Cooler Classrooms' initiative. We have also had confirmation of a new display screen for our Whale room and some camera/microphone attachments for our other classrooms to engage in wholeclass video calls. This equipment has been provided by the Department of Education's Rural Access Gap initiative to support rural schools in upgrading their equipment.

It is that time of year to order your mangoes! All profits go to supporting the school. This year we are also selling oysters as a fundraiser. So get your Christmas orders in soon so you don't miss out.

> Daniel Roe, Quaama Public School Principal



TERM 4 — SCHEDULED TRANSITION DAYS

(Please note: due to COVID-19, dates will be confirmed closer to the time).

- Mon 1 November (9:30-11:30am)
- Mon 8 November (9:30-11:30am)
- Wed 17 November Cobargo Preschool Visit (9:30-12:15)
- Tues 23 November (9:30-12) includes parent information session.

The Small School with a Big Heart is offering:

- Targeted individual learning support
- Small classes
- Language lessons (Japanese)
- Music program
- Diverse environmental program
- Well resourced Library
- Sporting Schools program
- Breakfast Club
- Canteen
- Lunchtime activities program
- Small Schools combined camps
- School Performance/Music camps
- Strong community connections
- Beautiful playground facilities
- Bike track
- Orchard

I am rediscovering an old love in a new way. I was always a walker. At my fittest I would walk four kilometres every morning with our trusty golden Labrador. The passing of time has brought changes for us all. Now I am walking the shorter trails with our black Labrador.

One of the trails we love follows the Dry River in the valley below our house and circles back around to the streets that join ours. The bush along the river, that I have known and walked for many years, was totally destroyed in the fires and is now regenerating. The feeling I get as we walk this trail now is one of hope, excitement and anticipation as it recovers slowly but surely.

Many of the locals use this trail and have worked to reestablish it for us all to enjoy. I find a new satisfaction in walking this trail at a more leisurely pace and can see many changes. Some of the larger trees are still standing tall, but they now sway naked above the new understorey because they died in the intense fire. I am glad to see, however, that they have been repurposed as homes for many returning birds and insects who appear to love the new hollows and fissures.

The restored lower canopy has regrown to now stand above my height, and an earthy aroma is replacing that of pungent ash. The bush is once again full of small birds flitting and hopping about and I can hear the frogs calling loudly as I pass by the creek. The crisscrossing

Nature is a gift



Thankfully the walking trail has been re-established Photo Credit: Helen Selling

paths under the bushes confirm that the wombats and wallabies have also returned, perhaps sheltering in their new homes along the river banks and amongst the fallen logs and burnt refuse hidden by the new understorey.

Thanks to our local enthusiasts, the trail is still there. The regenerated bush

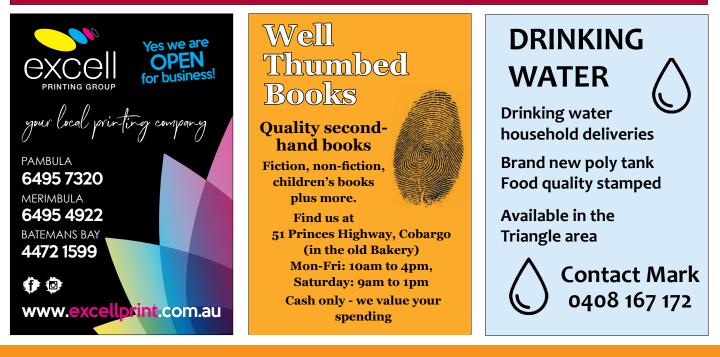


River vegetation regenerating Photo Credit: Helen Selling

is very changed, but then so am I, and I deeply appreciate its return. This regrowth demonstrates nature's resilience. Nature is a gift and I remain inspired and encouraged by her tenacity. I love being able to walk and enjoy this trail again.

> Helen Selling Taylor Quaama

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My Triangle

Are you being served? Not for long by Rhonda who retires in a month.

On the north side of the river, opposite the primary school that is on the site of one of the original buildings of the town, the 777 Store is a landmark in Bermagui. It has always been a general store selling a range of grocery essentials, fruit, vegetables and meat and it is also a newsagency (it was the original north-side Post Office) and a craft gallery ... it has had many owners and transformations.

For the last fifteen years, the most recent owner has been Rhonda Drakos (née Mead) who is finally passing on the baton to a new proprietor. Rhonda has been the mainstay of this business and will be sadly missed by her faithful staff and regular local customers. The shop is more than a food store and newsagency and a visit to the store usually gives you more than just your essentials. There's often a piece of local information or an opinion offered, a comment or quip to brighten your day, and sometimes you'll get more than you bargained for ...

Rhonda is a true-blue local, born in Bermagui. She is from one of the early families to settle and shape the town. Her father Joe was a bricklayer and was responsible for laying the foundations of much of the town. She reminisces about the role her father and grandfather played in the history of the town and she has a wealth of information about early Bermagui.

Rhonda went to school locally and on to work at various jobs around Bermagui. She married Jim Drakos whose family had moved down from Cooma. His family had run a corner store in Cooma and, when they moved to Bermagui, they ran the Blue Marlin Café (on the site of the bottle shop). Jim went into the building trade and became the Drakos Brothers, a wellknown and respected building company responsible for many fine homes in the district.

Rhonda and Jim have two children who have grown up and made their own lives in the town.

In 2006 Rhonda took over as the owner of 777 and gave it her unique stamp, stocking basic groceries and an extensive and interesting line of deli products, many with a Continental influence.

When a large corporation opened a branch of its supermarket in Bermagui there was concern that the smaller businesses would be forced to close. But opposition to that development and loyalty to 777 meant it kept the doors open and grew. Even though the number of cooked chooks



Rhonda Drakos – There's a big smile under that mask, she's ready to start her new life.

diminished!

There have been tough times, and Rhonda recalls that, within the first few weeks of taking over, a number of the fridges and freezers broke down. Power outages, late deliveries and in winter, when the freezing westerlies blow through the front door, flooding. More recently, the bushfires and COVID have affected the business, as they have throughout the town. Rhonda's attitude is 'put one foot in front of the other and hope it'll end soon'.

The thing she loves the most is contact with the regulars and sharing their life stories. As for the tourists, well, they are important to the survival of the business and often provide material for her quick humour.

But Rhonda has enjoyed her time there, although she is ready to retire and enjoy her role as a full-time Nanny and get into her garden. There will be plenty to do, but she will miss the people in her life and the many friends she has made.

Having lived here all her life Rhonda has seen many changes in the town. 'Some changes have been good, others not so good. I think I grew up in the time that Bermi was at its best.'

Thanks Rhonda. You will be missed.

Like spring, we are exploding back into life at a pace that matches the lush rain-soaked growth of our gardens, pastures and forests. Keeping up with the announcements about new freedoms is challenging and often confusing. Nevertheless, there is a certain positive energy obvious as people reconnect - a chat in the street, a coffee together, a walk or a drink at the local – with many a smile behind the inevitable mask or not! There is also a lot of enthusiasm for getting back into community life and, with that, no doubt many ideas. Projects that were started in lockdown will take on new dimensions as we emerge. Maybe we have become aware of the things that are most important to us - for some this will be personal, for some it will political, for others it will be a range of things and for all of us it will be part of our life journey. Knowing that this time will end has been important as we contemplate the future the current belated political shapeshifting is a wonder to behold and excruciatingly frustrating but at last what has been bleedingly obvious for so long is moving in the right direction. It's time for the talk to stop and the action to start!

Learning language

In late September, I got an excited phone call from Alison Walker, a Djiringjan woman and artist whose home is Wallaga Lake. A project that she has been working on was ready to go public. Alison will be known to many for her colourful artwork that she sells at the Tilba Market and which reflects her deep connection to country. Here's some of her story in her own words:

My name is Alison Walker and my home is Wallaga Lake, a small coastal Aboriginal community on the Far South Coast of New South Wales. My totem is Umbarra, the Black Duck, of the Djiringjan Tribe, Yuin Nation. I take my strength from my culture, which has been passed down to me through my Elders over many generations. This has instilled within me a deep love and respect for and connection with my culture. My artistic practice always seeks to offer the viewer a story that expresses the importance and cultural significance of the land, the sea, the mountains, our animals and our Storylines. All relate to the Dreaming and the stories passed down to us through our Elders.

I walk proudly down that Dreaming track and I am thankful for the gifts that have flowed to me and the opportunity to share these with others. I love to paint – it's my life. I hope that the passion and happiness that painting gives to me is reflected through my art as memories flow out from me. They bring me great joy and I hope that the pride I have in my heritage is shared with the observer.

Alison's deep commitment to her community is reflected in her past and present activities. She was a founding board member of Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool, an involvement that continues to this day. She is currently a Director on the Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council and sits as a Traditional Owner Director on the Joint Biamanga and Gulaga Board of Management. Her creative journey began in 2010, when she formed the Djiringjan Dancers, a troupe of Wallaga Lake women who love to show their culture through dance.

The combination of lockdown and her ongoing connection with Little Yuin Preschool made Alison realise that she wanted to use her art to do something for the Preschool. With the encouragement of the Director of Little Yuin, Kim Cooke, the idea of colouring books was born. Alison's artwork already has strong connections to the local natural world so it seemed an obvious link to join her distinctive art with language. This link was reinforced when Alison found an old loose-bound Wallaga Lake dictionary – the only one ever done of the Djiringjan language specific to Wallaga Lake.

The outcome is three appealing, self-published colouring books with art and illustrations by Alison. The drawings depict local birds, fish and animals with their Wallaga Lake names that are enticing and fun – and not just for those of preschool age! Alison is seeking funding to publish professionally and distribute throughout the preschool education system. Kim is delighted that the children at Little Yuin Preschool have a local art and language resource.

As well, another important outcome of Alison's contributions to Little Yuin, is part-time employment to provide cultural support through the development of learning resources, funded through Aboriginal Affairs. Kim is looking forward to Alison's employment and envisages that the art in the colouring books can form the basis for a range of resources such as number cards with the possibility of digital adaptation. Alison says she is 'blown away' by the response.

The Children's Colouring Book, editions 1, 2 and 3 sell for \$30 each with 5%

of sales going to Little Yuin. The books as well as all Alison's artworks are available through Facebook – Alison Walker Artwork – by email on allowalkabout@gmail.com or by phoning 0421 981 676.



Alison Walker's colouring books would be an ideal Christmas gift

News from The Drom

During the latest lockdown, our local, The Drom, has offered takeaway meals to great acclaim as well as their famous bacon and egg rolls for Sunday brunch. This commitment to what they do has been rewarded - The Drom has recently won the Excellence in Small Business Award for the Far South Coast Region (Bega, Eurobodalla and Southern Tablelands) organised by Business NSW. As regional winners The Drom becomes a state finalist, and State Award winners will be announced at the end of November. Commenting on the Award, Susan Gray, co-owner of The Drom said, 'It's a really great acknowledgement of all the hard work the team have put into the pub over the last few challenging years. We're a real destination now, known for our excellent food, good wine list with good variety and reasonable prices, over twenty gins and, of course, now we also have our own beer. We've come a long way in just over three years and it's great to see the pub and the town thriving.³

Congratulations to Susan, Jeremy and The Drom team – well done!



The Drom team get a well deserved award

With the 70% and 80% COVID vaccination roadmap, The Drom is back in the swing and locals are certainly showing their pleasure. Palace Pale Ale, made

exclusively for The Drom through their new subsiduary business, Tilba Brewing Co, is now available on tap or in cans and will be joined in the near future with an amber beer, an IPA (quiz question – what's an IPA beer?), a lager and a stout or porter in time for next winter. The name Palace is a nod to history as The Drom started life as the The Palace Hotel. Tilba Brewing Co has a business relationship with a familyowned Gerringong company, Stoic, that is making the new beers to The Drom's own recipes.



Palace Pale Ale, in a pub near you!

From 1 November, The Drom will have a new manager to replace well-known local, Warren Hadfield, who retired just before the lockdown. Rex Hone, Wendy Corfield's son-in-law and Central Tilba resident, is joining the family business as the new manager. Jack-of-all-trades Rex has had a broad and varied career path

Stuart Absalom

with skills that will complement those of the existing Drom team. A big welcome to Rex in his new role and to the Hone family, Jess and the kids. Many will know Jess from the Central Tilba Post Office.



Rex Hone joins the team at The Drom

Following instinct

The longrunning B&B, The Bryn at Tilba, has new owners. Stephen and Xana Wolfson took over the property, with its high position on the slopes of Gulaga above Central Tilba with panoramic views, at the end of September. Currently based in Sydney, Stephen, who is a clinical neuroscientist and Xana, who is an international consultant in public policy and a PhD student at UNSW, will operate The Bryn with the same people who worked for previous owners, Peter and Sharon. There are solid bookings between November and Easter next year and they plan to spend most of the summer months here to get to know the community and their new home and business.

Stephen and Xana migrated to Australia from the US six years ago and are now Australian citizens. With a deep fascination for Downunder and a personal prediction that he would some day move to Australia, Stephen is following a longheld desire. Both he and Xana are drawn to the natural environment rather than the more developed areas north of Sydney. Once they discovered the area south of Narooma they were immediately drawn to Gulaga and the Tilba area. The Bryn ticks all the boxes, with its expansive views out to Montague Island and the backdrop of Gulaga. As well there is a comfortable and well-appointed residence that is separate from the B&B accommodation.

Stephen has already had a few enjoyable meals at The Drom and met some of the locals. Welcome Stephen and Xana and its good to know that The Bryn at Tilba continues and is in good hands.



Welcome to Stephen and Xana Wolfson





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Tilba Bits

Lee Anne Eddie, owner and founder of MBK for Life – 100% Mystery Bay kelp – has won the 2021 Business NSW Excellence in Micro-business for the Far South Coast Region and will automatically proceed as a finalist to the State Awards. Operating for several years now, MBK makes a range of seasoning blends based on local kelp that has many health benefits. Congratulations, Lee Anne! The MBK product range is available through https:// www.mbkforlife.com



Micro-business award winner, Lee Anne Eddie, with her kelp-based seasoning blends.

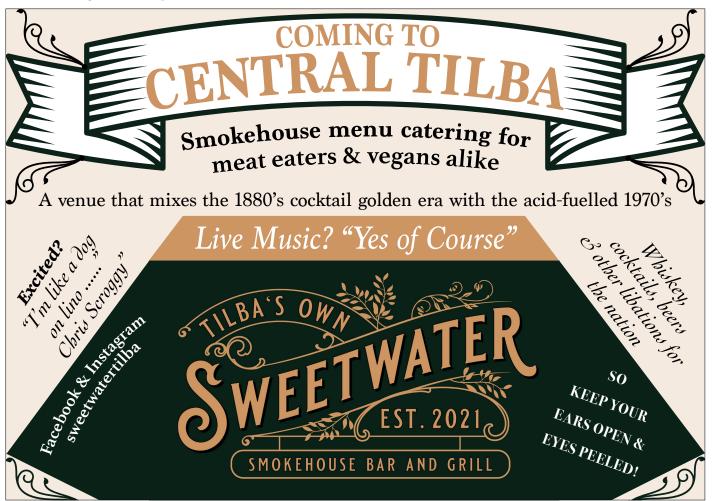
Stuart Absalom

Five years ago, Yvonne Maxfield and Mike Hanrahan, started Tilba Chocolates in Central Tilba, quickly gaining a reputation for delicious handmade chocolates and good coffee. They decided to close shop last year. With the recent sale of their Bate Street property, they have decided to return to Hazelbrook in the Blue Mountains. Farewell Yvonne and Mike and all the best for the future.

Tale of two caravans

As many do when building a new house, Philip and I lived in the old caravan that was on our land when we bought it. It was home for nearly two years. When it came time to move into our new home, we thought that the caravan was at the end of its life. To our great surprise, Kathryn at Mountain View Farm at Tilba Tilba, jumped at the chance to take it. Also surprising was that it was still towable – just needed air in the tandem wheels! Landing in a daisy field at Mountain View Farm was the start of its new life – as an artpiece in the River of Art community art project. Last year, it emerged as the Love Van, painted in the pinks and whites of the daisies. Check it out at https:// mountainviewfarm.com.au/ the-love-van. Well done, Kathryn – your imagination and creativity is admirable.

Stuart and Philip's old caravan has been transformed into the Love Van



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School's back!



Kindergarten and Year 1 grades returned to school on Monday, 18 October, to great excitement. The pleasure of the children seeing their friends after the past few months at home is special as being at school again takes on a whole new meaning!

Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool - Enrolment is now open for 2022. All welcome!

Contact Director, Kim Cooke, on 0488 533 978 or check out their Facebook page – Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool.

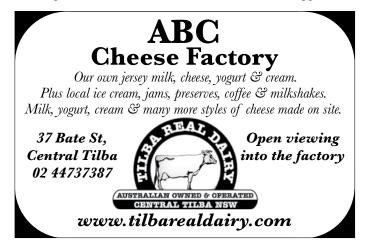
Tilba CWA News

As I write, our Tilba community is getting back to some semblance of normality with restrictions being lifted and businesses re-opening. School's back and I can hear a collective sigh from many households. A big shout-out to the teachers and staff at Central Tilba School for their dedication and support of students, keeping them on track during these challenging times.

We held our AGM online this month and have been able to fill the following roles: President/Publicity (Teresa Stubbings), Secretary (Helene Sharpe), Treasurer (Helen Thomson), Vice President and International (Zoe Burke), Craft (Vicky Stadon) and Agriculture and Environment (Annette Kennewell). Thanks to all our new office bearers for stepping up.

We're a small working branch but we pack a lot of punch and, most of all, have a lot of fun. If this interests you or someone you know, we meet once a month to solve the problems of the world (and our community) and then celebrate with a lunch. We are part of an international community of women who are inclusive and encouraging of all members. We're not just about crafts and cooking! Advocating for and engaging with the community is our mission. For any enquiries please contact the Secretary (cwasecretarytilba@gmail.com).

It goes without saying that 2021 has been an unsettled year in terms of Tilba CWA activities and fundraising events but despite this we've been able to continue our support and





CWA celebration 2022

engagement with the local community including making donations to both Little Yuin Preschool and Central Tilba School to supply resources for the delivery of their educational programs. We've continued to support BlazeAid volunteers with a gastronomical, internationally-themed experience each month, donated, cooked and delivered by members of Tilba CWA – volunteers helping volunteers. Before lockdowns a monthly CWA stall at the Big Hall raised valuable funds and we were able to continue with our Winter Solstice parade in conjunction with the students, staff and families of Central Tilba School.

With any luck COVID restrictions may be a thing of the past and 2022 will be a cracker! Plans are well underway for our big event on 10 September next year to celebrate the centerary of the CWA of NSW and the tenth anniversary of the re-forming of our branch. Our Spring Garden Party, to be held at the stunning Mountain View Farm property of Kathryn Ratcliffe, is something not to be missed. So save the date for what will be a day of storytelling, picnics, high teas, cheese and wine tasting, craft stalls, dress-up competition, games, flower picking, great food and, of course, it wouldn't be a CWA event without old-fashioned sweets and baking stalls!

Teresa Stubbings, President, Tilba CWA

Protecting our land and improving our soils in the Tilba district

The recently renamed Tilba Environment Landcarers (TEL) invited Gerry Gillespie, author, researcher, educator and public forum presenter, to speak to members and other local landholders about his work producing quality soil through effective composting of organic materials from various waste streams.

TEL president, Geoff Pryor, in his introduction, said, 'Gerry's key interest is getting organic material (food stuffs and other greenwaste) as clean, high-quality products back into the soil. This improves the quality of the soil itself, enhances enterprise productivity and improves food output quality.'

In his webinar presentation, Gerry spoke of his composting experiences based on forty years of work in this field and, while it included considerable experience overseas, the examples in his presentation were from across our south-east NSW region and other parts of Australia.

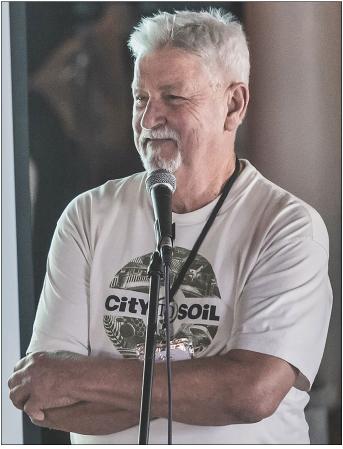
Geoff said, 'Gerry's presentation highlighted creative ways in which farmers and owners of small holdings can make compost simply and effectively.'

Gerry Gillespie began his efforts in Queanbeyan by taking out the organic materials that are left in the roadside waste bins. From using this source of material, later expanded to include other organic sources, he designed a no-shred, no-turn compost system. This process had the benefit of producing no methane, no odour and was not a fire risk.

Additionally, Gerry developed what he called an inoculant that has a broad biological base. This product, easily made at home, somewhat like making a yoghurt or cheese, operates in two stages, the first stage being aerobic while the second stage is facultative. Gerry showed slides to demonstrate this process.

He also highlighted that his approach reduced costs, improves local property environments, addresses weed kill, manages protein sources (e.g. dead feral animals, road kill and other dead stock) and addresses product disease issues.

Geoff said, 'The presentation from Gerry offered interesting opportunities for local communities, such as in the Tilba district, to better manage their local resources including their waste stream organics. Gerry expressed his concern that urban communities have lost their connection to the soil as their food producer. His response is to use waste stream materials produced from urban



Gerry Gillespie speaks

environments, compost these materials and sell the resultant product to local land managers.'

Gerry's book, *The Waste between our Ears*, is an exciting read covering subjects like the circular economy and growing a local sustainable economy. It is available online or in-house from the Paperchain Bookstore in Franklin Street, Manuka, ACT or from the publisher Acres USA through their website. For more information you can call Geoff Pryor on 0428 930 196.

Geoff Pryor President, Tilba Environment Landcarers



As the sound of a pounding hammer rang out through the valley it alerted the inhabitants that it was the first of many blows struck for the completion of the beautiful tree memorial that is being made and constructed in the main street of Cobargo. The idea is for all local and surrounding people of Cobargo to construct a leaf from flat iron at the two hot forges in the district. On completion of each leaf, your name is engraved on the back. Two local forge craftsmen, Ian Hamilton and Philippe Ravenel, with their partners Sarah and Marie-Claude respectively, were on hand to help support the participants in the task of crafting their leaves. Some leaves were made for families while others were made and engraved for some that have been lost. A total of twenty-eight leaves were made on the day and the total when the memorial is complete will number 2000. Some more days for forging have been planned so don't hesitate to have what I can only describe as an extremely emotionally moving experience. Contact Sarah on 0412 945 212 or Philippe on 0409 922 0979 to book a spot.

The Cobargo Show committee has made the decision to host a 2022 Cobargo show. The time frame to prepare is limited but they are eager to host a great show and give the community an opportunity to unite and celebrate moving forward together. Since the last show we are, sadly, grieving for the seven vital members we have lost. We are in need of new committee members to help organise our Show. Within the Show there are many and varied sections you can help organise and to which you contribute your skills. Please consider joining us and be involved in one of the



June Tarlinton

June Tarlinton hammers out a metal leaf

most valuable and entertaining spectacles that the coast has to offer. As an incentive to join we are offering free membership to anyone who would like to come on board. For more information phone our Secretary, Naomi, on 0417 456 354 or June on 0400 350 814.

The rain has been rather extraordinary as it visits on a very frequent basis and the countryside looks nothing short of spectacular. The paddocks are covered in white flowers that, of course, are a sign



Richard Tarlinton at the forge

that the clover gone crazy – it has not been seen in such profusion in many years. Alas while that is wonderful, it does create the problem of bloat in stock and there have been some losses experienced in the district. However, it is a far better problem than drought-stricken paddocks.

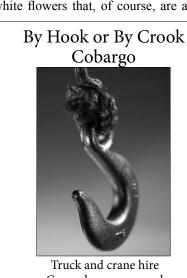
Congratulations to the volunteers who make the Bower Bird shop look incredibly stylish at all times.

Christmas Eve Carols in Cobargo Musicians Wanted!

Carols in the Park at Cobargo is being planned for Christmas Eve, 2021. Yes - it is already that time!

We would love to have as many musicians join us as possible. If you are interested in helping, please call Fiona Kotvojs (0448453422) or email fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there.





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Cobargo Community Garden (CCG) – Grow Food, Share Knowledge

We were sad to say goodbye to the All Hands and Hearts team on 30 October but very grateful for the fancy Tool Shed they have built. Now that we have a place to store our tools, our Garden Shed has room for indoor workshops, meetings and our garden reference library.

'10x10 Backyard Vegies' wins PIP Magazine Permie Award

PIP, the quarterly Australian permaculture magazine, has awarded '10x10' the best project of the year. Keep an eye out for a feature article on '10 x10' in PIP soon. '10x10', run in partnership with the Tool Library, Vinnies, Bega Seed Savers, Anglicare, Red Cross, Salvos and Eden Community Access Centre, is over halfway through its ten-week program with most of the ten participants staying the course despite having to attend by Zoom during lockdown.

Susan Bear, one of the participants, while not a novice gardener, says '10 x 10' is helping her rebuild her garden, after losing her home during the Black Summer bushfires. 'It's also been great for my mental health, seeing familiar faces each week. Thea [Constandarids] has been a fantastic mentor. I've learnt a lot: how to grow vegies in wicking beds, the importance of compost and that when things don't work to start again.'

Susan recommends '10 x 10' to others, especially those re-establishing themselves after the fires.

The Cobargo Community Garden is planning to run another '10x10' soon.

The year has slipped by so quickly and the end of the year is looming. This means that it is time for nominations for Cobargo Citizen of the Year.

There are, I am sure, a huge number of worthy recipients. However, before we can ask our team of community members to decide on the Citizen of the Year for 2022, we need nominations from the Cobargo community. The candidate needs to be someone who goes above and beyond over a sustained period without personal gain.

Sometimes, I hear the comment that this or that person deserves the award but without someone compiling the nomination, we cannot go ahead. What is involved if you want to nominate someone? It's not hard. First, you need to get your thoughts about your reasons for



Lara Carolan from Verona beside her wicking bathtub installed by the Tool Library and Vinnies as part of '10x10'.

Register your interest with Monica Considine at monica.considine@gmail. com.

Join the Cobargo Community Garden weekly working bees

You will need sturdy shoes, gloves, a hat, water to drink and garden membership (\$5). You can join on the day or email

Cobargo CWA news

nominating down on paper. This can be as easy to do as you please. It can be as simple as point form, just listing your reasons.

It is preferred that the nominee has assisted in such a way that they benefitted many in the community. They also need to have volunteered their help for a sustained time and live within the Cobargo community. Simply send your nomination to me, Mary Williams, at maryw42@ bigpond.com or send to PO Box 5114, Cobargo, NSW 2550. If you want further advice ring me on 6493 6167 and I can give you more assistance.

What happens next? I ask three volunteers from established community groups to meet to discuss the applications. They understand the confidential nature of their choices. A vote is taken, and the

Harry at harry.binnendijk@gmail.com.

Join us on Mondays (10 am–1 pm) for garden infrastructure projects or Thursdays (10 am–1 pm) for general gardening and maintenance.

Cheers from the CCG working group and hope to see you soon.

Harry, Monica, Margaret, Stephen, Cornelia and Cecile

winner is chosen. Note: it is not the CWA members who select the winner. We host and organise the event as our way of serving the community of Cobargo. The importance of keeping the name secret until Australia Day is also emphasised. If your nomination is successful, then you will be asked to ensure the recipient comes along to the Cobargo Australia Day ceremony in 2022.

Thank you and remember we always welcome new members. We meet at the CWA cottage on Bermagui Road, next to the playground on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 for 10.30 am.

> Mary Williams Publicity Officer Cobargo CWA

Cobargo Doctors welcomes Dr Nasir

Dr Nasir has joined the Cobargo Doctors practice. He has a special interest in skin cancer medicine and surgery and uses state-of-the-art FotoFinder technology to help detect, treat and prevent skin cancers and melanomas.

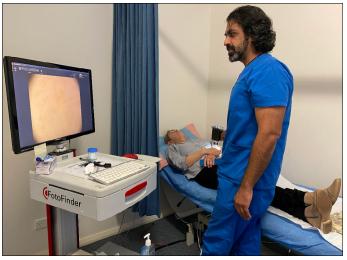
He completed his training as a dermoscopist with Skin Cancer College Australasia in 2017 and has been practicing as a GP since 2016. He formerly worked at the Blue House Surgery, Narooma.

Dr Nasir came to Australia from Pakistan in 2006. He obtained a Masters in Public Health from the University of New South Wales in 2007 before passing the Australian Medical Council exams and gaining full registration with AHPRA.

He has worked across a range of disciplines from psychiatry, general medicine and cardiothoracic surgery to emergency medicine and geriatrics.

Before moving to Bermagui, Dr Nasir worked in WA at Bunbury Regional Hospital, Broome Regional Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, in NSW at Lismore Base Hospital and Tweed Heads Hospital and at Ulladulla Endoscopy.

He is continuing his training with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Skin Cancer College Australasia.



Dr Nasir with a patient, scanning for skin cancers.

He lives in Fairhaven with his wife and two kids. As a family, they have settled in the area and have made it their home.

Dr Muhammad Bilal Nasir

The Cobargo School of Arts AGM will be held at Well Thumbed Books Wednesday, 24 November @ 5.30pm Phone 0407 047 404



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Everyone is invited to our unique village for 'Celebrate Cobargo' – an event to celebrate our wonderful community and welcome in the festive season on Friday 3 December from 4.30 pm until late.

The village has many independently-owned small businesses that display a rich variety of goods and services and many of these will be open. The main street will be dotted with food stalls selling everything from sausages, dim sims, spring rolls and Danish hot dogs to plenty of finger food as well as Christmas cakes, puddings, jams, preserves and gifts. There will be several coffee vans, cold drinks and our famous Cobargo Ice Cream will be available from The General Store.

Entertainment will include musical performers, jam sessions, Cobargo's own Santa will be test-driving his new sleigh and we will introduce our resident circus performer and his amazing act!

Our two galleries showcase the wealth of artistic talent in the area, as do the fabulous 'painted poles' around the town. Cobargo Creators have the opening night of the 8XEight exhibition that has proved to be a huge success in the past, with artists creating works in any medium measuring 20 cm x 20 cm (or 8"x8"!). The Lazy Lizard Gallery has displays of work from a small group of very talented artists – pop in and browse for hand-made presents!

Antiques, collectables and 'retro' items feature in our two second-hand shops, one also has a specialty jeweller tucked inside. We are especially proud of our Op Shop that also sells collectables and has amazing window displays while distributing many grants throughout the community.

We are very pleased to have Benny's Butchery open again and, if you look down the lane beside the Pharmacy, we have



Light Up Cobargo 2019 in front of Cobargo General Store Jay McMahon, Santa (Dave Rugendyke), Elizabeth Andalis and Tim McMahon

another jeweller and a Wellness Centre. Check out Twig & Feather, Home & Garage and the Cobargo Co-Op - there's heaps to see and explore!

This festive season, come and be part of an evening of music, good food and company, and see what Cobargo has to offer!

Beth Dogan Cobargo Tourism and Business Association

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Huge plant sale raises over \$2000 for Cobargo's recovery

Thanks to a great turn-out for the plant sale held by Cobargo Green Recovery (CGR) on Saturday 16 October, over \$2000 has been raised for projects that will directly benefit the town and surrounding community. The remainder of the 1300 natives will be planted by CGR and volunteers at locations around Cobargo in the coming weeks, including at the Skate Park, Apex Park and along the Narira Creek walk.

The plants formed the backdrop to a Tourism Australia event held in Sydney in June and made their way to Cobargo thanks to the generous efforts of several organisations, including South East Local Land Services (LLS), Nursery and Garden Industry NSW & ACT (NGINA), Tourism Australia and the Department of Primary Industries – Rural Recovery Support Service.

The assortment of hardy natives was nursed by LLS staff in Berry throughout lockdown and transported to the rear yard of Well Thumbed Books just in time for the plant sale.

'It's a wonderful opportunity for the community to benefit from the generous donation,' said Chris Matthews, cofounder of Cobargo Green Recovery Inc, whose networking with LLS secured the plants. 'Getting them here has been a great collaborative effort, especially with all the COVID challenges.'

The funds raised by the plant sale will be shared equally between the Triangle Tool Library (a library of tools and



Plants to be sold



Happy customers taking away plants



Robyn Williams painting her colourful pole outside the Cobargo School of Arts



CGR donation to Louise Brown of the Cobargo School of Arts

equipment established after the fires that provides lending services to the 'triangle' of surrounding communities); Cobargo School of Arts Hall; and CGR, to fund their community projects.

CGR is holding a planting event on Saturday 30 October and welcomes any volunteers who would like to help out on the day. A selection of hardy natives has been earmarked for the Skate Park in the youth precinct, at the children's playground at Apex Park and along the northern bank of Narira Creek adjacent to the park.

Anyone who is free to help with the planting effort, please contact Chris Matthews, Cobargo Green Recovery Inc. Secretary, on 0438 551 962

Chris Matthew

Remembrance Day in Cobargo

On Thursday 11 November, the Cobargo RSL sub-branch will hold a brief ceremony at the Cobargo Memorial on the corner of the Princes Highway and Tarlinton Street. The traditional flag raising will take place at 11 am. People wishing to lay wreaths are invited to attend from 10.45 am onwards, or at any time beforehand if unable to attend the ceremony.

11 November, 2021 marks 103 years since the signing of the Armistice at the end of World War One.

Bermagui Banter

Georgina Adamson

When I started to write Bermi Banter for November, I looked back at the piece I wrote for last year's November edition. At that time the town was experiencing an influx of visitors coming here to enjoy the beautiful safe environment after having been in lockdown for some time. There was a certain optimism in the air and the hope that things were improving and business may have a chance to recover over the holiday period.

But here we are, twelve months on, and we have experienced even more severe lockdowns with the greater threat from the new Delta variant of COVID. Fewer people, more severe restrictions and the uncertainty has made it just very hard for everyone.

I noticed the notice below in the window of Neighbourhood, one popular local café and it sort of summed things up ...

As I write, we are on the cusp of the country opening up and no one knows how that will affect the town. It remains to be seen.

Post Script: Special thanks to Maddy and Jo at Neighbourhood cafe, who have been so generous in supporting the community in so many ways ... fund raisers, donations and free coffee. Always willing to help.

Good luck with future ventures.

We have made the heavy and heartbreaking decision to close Neighbourhood.

This decision has not been made lightly, however over the last 3 months we have been forced to sit back and have a look at our business and the future through a different perspective.

Since we took over in September 2019, we have only had 3 months of trade that have not been impacted in some way. We completely understand that we are not alone in being affected, however the time has come for us to make honest and difficult decisions. We have to consider how this affects our relationship to each other and the kids, our relationship with our partners, our friends and the broader community that we feel so intrinsically connected to.

We walked through the doors 2 years ago full of energy and enthusiasm, but now we have pivoted so much over that time that we are unable to find our feet!

It is impossible to convey how much the continued support from all of our customers means to us. We appreciate beyond measure every coffee we have been able to make, every special occasion we have been part of, every cheeky treat that we promise we didn't tell your trainer about and parts of your life that you have felt comfortable to share with us. From the Neighbourhood family we thank you all and look forward to whatever the future has in store for us.

Our last day of trade will be Friday, 1st October 2021.

Bermagui Public School Report

The air has never been cleaner! Bermagui Public School students are back at school under Level 3 COVID-19 restrictions. Students are relishing the feeling of being back and maskless at school, the one thing we all dreamed about during lockdown. We have plenty of sanitiser to keep ourselves and others safe at a time when, even though these measures are precautionary, we need to keep ourselves protected. Due to the COVID restrictions, programs such as Scripture, Ethics, Four Winds singing and performances, Band, Durga language and MultiLit are all on hold. Sadly, we are not allowed to mix cohorts in classrooms and Stage 3 has missed out on their Canberra excursion because of the outbreak in the ACT. Teachers and staff also have to be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times.

As soon as the lockdown was lifted, Ken and Steve were back at work making our school grounds and environment look stunning. Thanks to their hard work, the grass is greener than ever, the bush tucker garden is thriving and the vegetable garden is full of beautiful carrot, capsicum, cucumber, tomato and corn. All the grass is freshly mowed and the hedges are clipped to perfection. A massive thanks to Ken and Steve for keeping our school looking so amazing!

Kindergarten Orientation takes place this month. Students from Little Lambs, Little Yuin and Bermagui Preschool will attend Bermagui Public School to meet their soon-to-be teachers and explore the school. We are so excited to have them!

On Friday 15 October I competed in the Regional Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at the Illawarra and South East final. Because of COVID, the event was run virtually over Zoom. There were eight other speakers. We first presented a prepared speech and then an impromptu one on a given topic. Our impromptu speech was 'Breaking the rules'. It is a very tense five minutes while brainstorming and planning a twominute speech. A big congratulations to all the other speakers, it was an incredible experience to be competing with all of you.

> Archie Schwarz Minister of Communication Bermagui Public School

Congratulations Archie – a great effort to compete in the finals - *The Triangle Team*

And the winner is - Marine Rescue Bermagui!

Marine Rescue Bermagui has taken out the 2021 NSW Volunteer Team of the Year Award for the South Coast region. This vast region encompasses the coastline from Nowra to the Victorian border.

To take out this award was quite a surprise for the Bermagui Unit as they had not realised they had been nominated. A Bermagui local took the initiative to put forward the nomination herself. She acknowledged that, although the sea can be a wonderful place for recreational or travel activities, it can become treacherous if

equipment fails or weather conditions change for the worse. For this reason, she nominated Marine Rescue Bermagui as she recognised they provide an essential service to the region, monitoring the emergency radios seven days a week and providing information on sea state, weather conditions, safety issues and sending out its rescue vessel, BG 30, to assist boats in trouble. She felt strongly that the Bermagui Unit contributes to the safety of vessels and their crew along the South Coast of NSW.

The NSW South Coast is home to many amazing volunteers and organisations, keeping their communities strong and connected, and this award recognises the important role they play. There were nominees in the categories of Junior, Senior, Club and Volunteer Team categories. The nominated areas ranged from mental health, sports, aged care and hospital volunteers to community organisations.

Marine Rescue Bermagui Unit Commander Caron Parfitt said, 'How humbling it feels to be selected as the 2021 South Coast Volunteer Team of the Year against such competition. It is a fantastic outcome for all our members at MR Bermagui and a special thanks to the Bermagui resident who made the submission without our knowledge. Our congratulations to all nominees, and, of course, to the other winners.'

Now that twenty-five regional finalists have been announced, representatives are invited to Sydney for the announcement of the 2021 NSW Volunteer of the Year in early December. Good luck for the next stage Marine Rescue Bermagui!

Debbie Worgan



Steve Knight, Deputy Unit Commander, and Caron Parfitt, Unit Commander, proudly displaying the Volunteer of the Year certificate

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26 cigarette butts and one lolly wrapper collected within 50 metres of the stormwater drain at Horseshoe Bay after recent rain. All drains lead to the sea - especially in Bermagui. Photo credit: Karen Joynes

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Weed alert – arum lily, agapanthus and bridal creeper

Reports indicate that arum lilies, bridal creeper and agapanthus are spreading into native bushland in the Triangle area.

One area of great concern is around Baragoot Lake and Swamp. If you live in the area, please check your yard and remove any arum lilies, as they have the potential to infest wet areas, notably the Endangered Ecological Community of the Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest.

Arum lilies (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*), also known as calla lilies, are extremely difficult to remove once established and can diminish biodiversity by replacing other native plants, so, no matter where you live, please remove arum lilies.

To quote BVSC's Weed Identification document, 'Many garden plants are ideally suited to becoming 'garden escapees' threatening the environment, having been selected for their ease of growing, spectacular flowers, fruit or nuts, and hardiness. Plants such as Polygala and Arum lilies fit this category.'

You can find the BVSC weed identification document on their website. Search for Bega Valley Weed Identification. Also of concern is bridal



Pretty though they may be, Arum lilies are a pest.

creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*). While the flower-inhibiting rust was spread successfully many years ago, it seems the recent drought may have enabled the plants to flower and seed again, as many new seedlings are being found in bushland.



Bridal creeper

Again, please remove this plant if you see it growing in your yard as it is a 'priority' weed in BVSC.

Please either remove agapanthus or ensure flower heads are removed before seeds develop.

Bermagui Dune Care has recently received a grant from Bega Valley Shire Council to tackle weeds at Setons Headland.

A contractor will treat moth vine and blackberry, while Dune Care will target the smaller weeds such as thistle and ink weed, as well as agapanthus and arum lily.

> Karen Joynes Co-ordinator Bermagui Dune Care



Art in the Triangle

HOTH* Studio

No yoga mats in sight, Lois Irwin has wasted no time in repurposing her yoga studio into an art exhibition space.

For the last ten years, Lois had focussed on teaching yoga and built up a devoted following. Since retiring in mid-2021 and with plenty of time on her hands, she has returned to her other love of art. Many would remember her fine work in solo and group shows around the district, prior to her yoga life.

She has decided to give 'the shed' a new life and look and will be using it as an exhibition space for her own artwork, paintings and drawings.

Her first Open Studio will be on the weekend of 3-5 December. From then it will be open to coincide with other events taking place in the area.

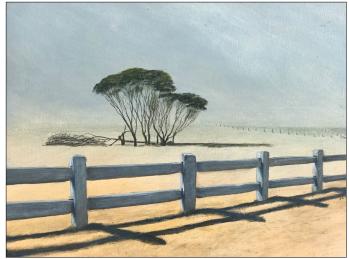
Open 10 am onwards 35 Geall Road, Cuttagee

*HOTH – House on the Hill

Georgina Adamson



Untitled by Lois Irwin, Photo Credit: Dean Irwin



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'Welcome back Frayed Edges!' say the Lizards

It's November, and Frayed Edges is once more in the Side Room gallery for its annual exhibition. It represents a comforting little island of familiarity in a sea of change!

Frayed Edges is a Quaama-based group of women who meet regularly to share their creative energies and passions. They have also been long-standing supporters of our gallery.

Like everything else in this area, when bushfires and then COVID tragically threw our lives into chaos, the group's meetings were disrupted as they struggled to put their own lives back together, as well as reaching out and helping others. Anyway, the good news is that for the past few months they have managed to get back together and they are as humorous, quirky and creative as ever!

Founding member, Cathy Blake, extends an invitation to all:

'The Frayed Edges of Quaama invite you to our 2021 exhibition, which will be open in the Side Room of the Lazy Lizard Gallery in Cobargo for the whole of November.

We have let our imaginations run loose, using paint, paper, fabric, glue, stitching, felt and beads, found objects and broken pottery to express ourselves.

We hope you enjoy the results.'

Please come in and support the gallery and the wonderful women of Frayed Edges! Naomi Lewis



Ros Hewett's steampunk decorated guitar

A great big thank you

The SCULPTURE Bermagui team sends an enormous thank you to Paul Payten, who recently stood down from his dual roles with the fabulous Bermagui event.

Paul has been President of the organisation and Event Manager for the early autumn sculpture exhibition for six years. He will be much missed as a guiding member of the team.

Paul has encouraged, supported and overseen many changes during his six-year tenure. There has been substantial growth in the number of artworks displayed and in the number of visitors and sales in that time. The Bega Valley Shire Council prize has, for many years, acquired a number of sculptures that have subsequently been installed in various towns in the valley.

One of the most enduring achievements has been the purchase of

Do you know about art? Or do you just know what you like?

Either way, we need you as a volunteer for SCULPTURE Bermagui as the event builds to a crescendo in early March next year.

There are many jobs in the lead-up to the event and, of course, a lot to do during the exhibition, both behind the scenes and face to face with sculptors and our wonderful visitors.

Dates for 2022 are:

• 4 March – Opening night for invited guests works on year-round display in Bermagui. Have you seen them all? Look near Octopii, Bermagui Motor Inn, Eastwoods and on the grassy verge at the Bermagui Country Club where there are two works.

Paul loves ideas, the arts, camaraderie, supporting his community and the environment in myriad ways and he will no doubt continue those interests.

In taking on the exhibition in 2016, Paul guided and supported local artists and sculptors from further afield, together with community members to continue to build engagement in our little town.

You might not know that Paul has published two books – his latest, published in 2019, is available at Gulaga Organics – maybe there will be time to write another one now.

Paul will no doubt continue to contribute his boundless energy and

Calling all art lovers

- 5 March Open to all
- 14 March Last day of exhibition

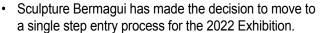
This year our first weekend coincides with the splendidly rambunctious Cobargo Folk Festival just up the hill but you can combine attending the folkie, or even volunteering there, with participating in SCULPTURE Bermagui too. I will certainly be attending the evening concerts.

We have the most wonderful band of continuing volunteers on whom SCULPTURE Bermagui depends, but each year we hope to see some new faces because there really is something for

SCULPTURE Bermagui 5 -14 March 2022 Competition Entry for 2022



Bermagui



- We will only be requiring artists to submit the formal Competition Entry Form, not the Expression of Interest form.
- We are calling for entries from sculptors wishing to exhibit. Entries open in late November and close on 29/1/22
- We are committed to supporting all artists who are thinking of entering in 2022 and are available to provide advice

Vist www.sculpturebermagui.org.au for details Contact Pauline on 0468 464 167 or curator@sculpturebermagui.org.au



Paul Payten

enthusiasm elsewhere as a volunteer for the arts and the environment.

We all wish Paul every success in the future and look forward to seeing him out and about in Bermagui.

Pauline Balos President and Curator SCULPTURE Bermagui

everyone who wants to be part of this terrific community event.

Call me on 0419 491 104 or email to volunteer@sculpturebermagui.org.au to discuss how you might want to become involved.

Cath Renwick

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Book Review

Dark as Last Night Tony Birch \$29.99

A double treat this month; two Indigenous male authors, both of whom tackle

the issue of family relationships and the role of the men within them.

Tony Birch is renowned for his novels and short stories. This latest collection contains many sad stories, but ones that are often softened by the affection and loyalty exhibited between family and community members. Set in the 1970s, one of the strongest themes is how tough life was for working class kids - both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Prejudice, poverty and inequality were rife, as was family violence. But so also were the values of sibling support and the strength of the women who often held families together. The white characters are not depicted as one-dimensional stereotypes, but add to the complexity of the challenges faced by

Pet of the Month

Peanut is a rather beautiful, elevenyears young, long-haired tabby bloke. This boy might be getting on but he is still active and very fit for his age. His long coat will need brushing every day but fortunately he loves being brushed and patted especially around his face. He is generally very gentle and easy to handle. Peanut was a reluctant surrender but didn't adapt well to moving from an inside/outside life in a house to a purely inside life in a unit so he is looking for a new home with a bit of space. He is a really lovely gentleman who will cost \$100. If you are interested in Peanut or any kittens we have in care, please give our enquiry number a ring - 0400 372 609 (phone hours are Monday to Friday 9 am-5 pm). All animals available through AWLNSW are microchipped, de-sexed, vaccinated, wormed and treated for fleas and ticks. The adoption fee is subsidised in the hope that rescue pets will be people's first choice and that eventually we will be able to stop unwanted litters. Please note that potential dog owners will need to have secure dog-proof fencing and be suitable to the needs of the animal. You can view available animals on our Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com and search for AWL far south coast. But you will need to call Animal Welfare League FSC Branch on 0400 372 609 to enquire about any of the many cats, kittens, dogs and pups available for adoption (AWL Heather O'Connor

Dear Son: Letters and Reflections from First Nations Fathers and Sons Thomas Mayor \$34.99



working class families. Every story is a gem. Not to be missed.

Thomas Mayor is a Torres Strait Islander, father of five, union official and tireless advocate for the proposals in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. In this collection he invited twelve contributors to write a letter, either to his father or son. The writers come from a wide range of professions and life experiences, and each is a leader in his own right. They write of life, masculinity, culture and racism. In doing so, they challenge derogatory stereotypes and bring a different perspective to our knowledge and understanding of Indigenous men. A timely and original contribution.

Kerri Brady



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As the weather is now growing warmer please remember not to leave pets in cars. It is against the law and could be a very cruel death. Phone police if you find a panting dog shut in a car.

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It's spring and some of the most delicious vegetables we grow are in season. Broad beans, globe artichokes and asparagus are among our favourite flavours. *The Triangle* Team hope you enjoy the bounty of the season.

Broad Bean Falafel



1 kg shelled broad beans 1 cup couscous soaked in 1 cup water ¹/₂ cup flour 4 eggs 1 tablespoon salt or to taste 1 tablespoon ground cumin 1 tablespoon ground coriander 1 teaspoon ground pepper pinch of chilli pepper (optional) 8 cloves garlic 1 cup chopped spring onions 1 cup chopped herbs (parsley, coriander, mint) $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice sesame seeds (optional) Frying oil to cover (rice bran or sunflower) Pulse in a food processor until it's a fine

and sticky consistency.

Form disks with two spoons. If desired, sprinkle with sesame seeds.

You can freeze them on baking paper for cooking later at this point.

Drop into oil and cook in batches at 180° C until golden.

Asparagus dip

1 bunch of asparagus, blanched

- ¹/₄ cup almond meal
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of grated parmesan
- ¹/₂ bunch of parsley
- $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of olive oil
- 2-3 cloves of garlic finely chopped
- Salt & pepper to taste

Put everything in the food processor and blend until creamy.



Globe artichokes are in season. For those of you who are unfamiliar with them, they are the bud of a member of the thistle family, harvested when they're still tightly closed, then cooked in a variety of ways. The simplest way to prepare them may be the best. Trim the thorns from the tips of the leaves, then cut off the top with a sharp knife. Rinse under running water. Cut the stem pretty close to the base (it's bitter), or if the artichoke is young and tender, peel it to expose its delicious pale centre. Put a large steamer on to boil and add a couple of crushed garlic cloves, a slice of lemon and a bay leaf to the water. Steam until you can easily pull out a leaf from the side. For a large artichoke, it can take 20 or more minutes so watch that it doesn't boil dry. When they're done, remove the tiny leaves near the base and put them in a small bowl to serve.

Your dipping sauce can be as simple as melted butter with lemon or garlic or mayonnaise with a dash of balsamic. Put it within reach of everyone as well as a large bowl for what you discard. I suggest you prepare a table with something to catch the drips and pull out the bibs. Eating artichokes is messy!

First you pull an outer leaf, dip it and put it between your teeth, soft side down. Then pull it out, scraping off the tender flesh with your bottom teeth. Discard the leaf and keep going. Eventually you get to a tender cone of thin leaves in the centre of the bud. You can squeeze this gently and remove it intact from the base. Check that



the centre is hollow and that the 'choke' is still sitting inside the base before you dip it into your sauce and nibble right the way around. Now for the best bit! Take a spoon and gently scrape the inedible 'choke' out the centre of the base. You can also pinch the choke and pull gently and those hairlike bits will come out in clumps. This leaves you with the whole base ready to dip and enjoy.

I hope you try them if you've never experienced this delicious Mediterranean treat!





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Salvia with their extraordinary diversity of colour and habit: with over 1800 species alone, without the new varieties added every year, Salvias are truly a gardener's delight providing rich and interesting rewards for every garden.

This spellbinding genus has blues to rival the colours of the ocean and sky as well as rich reds, pinks, yellow and white and with every colour combination of these dominant colours.

Their diversity in leaf colour and shape is second to none – some with leaves that feel like velvet, others with long narrow leaves of varying colours. Many of the varieties are used for culinary purposes and have delightful scents that can be used to flavour foods of all kinds.

The other group that will give a similar appearance to the salvias, are lavenders.

Australia is a leading developer of new varieties of lavender and in recent times many new varieties have been introduced that will give colour all year around and survive in conditions from coastal to inland gardens. They come in a range of colours from white through pink to several shades of mauve. Their foliage is also fragrant and some varieties can be used for potpourri.

Both groups are adaptable to an extensive range of soil types from clay to open sandy soils. Where soils might need of improvement it makes sense to add some organic matter like animal manures or compost.

However, good drainage is generally advisable and without it there is a greater risk of the less hardy varieties succumbing to a long, wet winter. In gardens where the soil is wet for long periods it is advisable to slightly raise the planting area to allow for better drainage.

When preparing soils for them, refrain from adding excessive nitrogen. Too much nitrogen will give lush foliage at the expense of flowers. Soil acidity/alkalinity play no great part in the placement of the plants although many of the species are derived from locations where limestone (which is alkaline) is dominant.

Perennial delights

Nearly all varieties prefer a full sun position, with the exception of a few varieties of salvia that will grow in and tolerate some shade.

Some taller varieties have a brittle branching habit and thus should be planted in a location free of strong winds. Many of the lower growing forms are excellent in a seaside garden.

Like all perennials, both groups should be pruned on a regular basis to keep the plant compact and to promote several periods of flowering throughout the year.

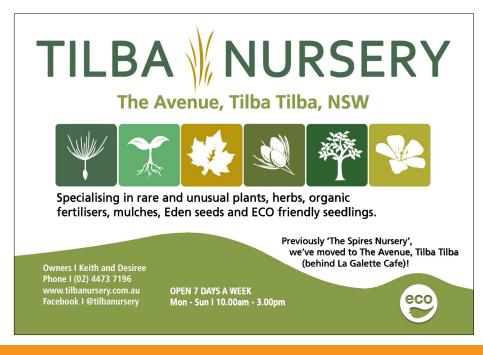
They are generally pest and disease free with aphids and some powdery mildew being a problem in the summer months.

They are a great plant to grow in a container for those who have a difficult location or to brighten up an area on paving etc. where other plants might have failed. Due to their ability to handle periods of dryness they are an ideal pot plant.

Annual forms of salvia are often overlooked these days but there is an extensive range that are available to brighten up the flower garden where seasonal change is required. Colours of reds, white, blues and purple are available and should be planted at the rear of the garden. Most of the annual forms are best planted in the warmer months, so keep an eye out for them in nurseries around mid-spring.

One other thing that these beautiful plants also do is to provide bees and nectarfeeding birds with nectar and pollen and, therefore, they are a great plant to place around vegetable gardens to help in the pollination of plants.





For the fridge door

NOVEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME		
All November	Frayed Edges group exhibition	Lazy Lizard Gallery	10 am - 3 pm		
Weds 3	Bermi & Districts Senior's Social Club book upcoming Zoo trip at meeting	Bermi Country Club	11.30 am		
Sat 6	Oktoberfest! (ticketed event)	Tilba Winery	From 10 am		
Sun 7	k upcoming Zoo trip at meetingroberfest! (ticketed event)Tilba Winerytain Ablit & the Bluetrash freeThe Dromedary Hotelis ParelloTilba WineryumCobargo Hotelf & Deej BandTilba Wineryavana Sun: ticketed event all agesTilba Wineryta Paws for your Christmas pet pics ne Kerrie 0407 222 549Cobargo School of Arts Supper Rooma MCC Social cricket Bega v Cobargo - see page 6Dickenson Oval, Bermit & EchoesCobargo Hotelt Diggy HipsThe Dromedary Hotely JaggersTilba Wineryan ParlatoTilba Winerytama Community Christmas MarketQuaama School of Arts Hallf StoneThe Dromedary Hotel	The Dromedary Hotel	4 pm - 7 pm		
	Chris Parello	Tilba Winery	10 am - 3 pm		
	Totum	Cobargo Hotel	5 pm - 8 pm		
Sat13	Jeff & Deej Band	Tilba Winery	12 onwards		
	Caravana Sun: ticketed event all ages	Tilba Winery	3 pm		
Sun 14	Santa Paws for your Christmas pet pics Phone Kerrie 0407 222 549		9 am - 1 pm		
	Bega MCC Social cricket Bega v Cobargo - see page 6	Dickenson Oval, Bermi	10 am - 4 am		
	Dust & Echoes	Cobargo Hotel	5 pm - 8 pm		
	The Diggy Hips	The Dromedary Hotel	4 pm - 7 pm		
	Tony Jaggers	Tilba Winery	12 onwards		
Sat 20	Ethan Parlato	Tilba Winery	12 onwards		
Sun 21	Quaama Community Christmas Market	Quaama School of Arts Hall	12 pm - 3 pm		
	Wolf Stone	The Dromedary Hotel	4 pm - 7 pm		
	Chango Tree	Cobargo Hotel	5 pm - 8 pm		
	Stitch	Tilba Winery	12 onwards		
Sun 28	Craig Sinclair	The Dromedary Hotel	4 pm - 7 pm		
	Hannah Matysek	Cobargo Hotel	5 pm - 8 pm		
	AKO (John Atkins)	Tilba Winery	12 onwards		
DECEMBER Fri 3	Celebrate Cobargo Festival: businesses open till late, stalls, food, entertainment, galleries & Santa	Main St, Cobargo	from 4.30 pm till late		
Sat 4	Local government election day	Your local polling place	8 am - 6 pm		
Fri 3 - 5	Lois Irwin : Open Studio - 39 Geall Rd, Cuttagee	HOTH Studio (House on the Hill)	10 am onward		

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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AUSTRALIAN TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 1911 2. A train running between Normanton and Croydon in Queensland 3. A fish 4. Aluminium 5. A crane 6. 1853 7. Industrial 8. Western Australia 9. Mersey River 10. John Macarthur 11. Off the coast of Western Australia 12. 1956 13. He was a champion snooker and billiards player 14. Richmond, Tasmania



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Game On

CROSSWORD ACROSS

- Informal parent 1
- Wooded valleys 6.
- 11. Female pronoun
- 14. of expertise
- Bye-bye, in Burgundy 15.
- 16. Two digit number
- 17. Object on Israel's flag (4, 2, 5)
- 19. Insert
- 20. Burning
- 21. Old-time school uniform fabric
- Annoying inconvenience 23.
- 26. Professed
- 28. FBI employee for short
- 29. Eve's mate
- 31. Jacob's twin
- 32. Unedited version
- 34. Clothing junction
- Blueprint detail, in short 36.
- Most spooky 39.
- 41. Motorbike passenger pod
- 43. Bristle
- 44. An assistant
- 46. Having an irregular edge
- 47. Catch sight of
- 49. Direction of dawn
- 51. Harden
- 52 Barnum and Bailey's business
- 55. Home for a king
- 57. Guiding beliefs of a group
- 58. In a lively manner
- 60. The language of Laos.
- 61. US Campus VIP (4,7)
- 66. Nightmare street of film
- 67. Down provider

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- 70. R
- 71. F

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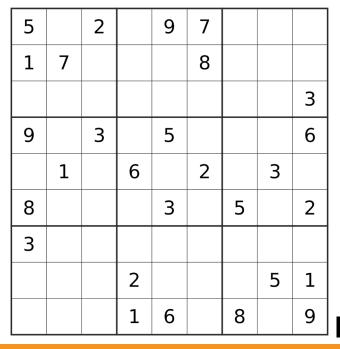
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- 1. de deux
- 2. Dinner scrap
- 3. Ammo in a harmless gun
- 4. Abbreviated US legal aides
- 5. Recently (2, 2, 4)
- 6. Baby's word for 1 Across
- **SUDOKU**



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			7.	Japanese high protein bean				Renoir's prop						
'Sayonara!'			8.	Cats have nine of them			38.	Minotaur's home						
Run-down in appearance			9.	Welcoming garland			40.							
Furry weasel cousin			10.	Makes soapy bubbles										
WN			11.	Business seed money			45.	Longed for						

- (5, 2, 4)12. Steeplechase obstacle
 - 13. Called off
 - 18. Left the scene
 - 22. Pencil case item
 - 23. Hellish place
 - 24. See things the same way
 - 25. First base (7, 4)
 - 27. Prefix for circle
 - 30. spumante (Italian wine)
 - 33. Total disaster
 - 35. On the sea
- 59. Change or alter Make a clovehitch 62.

54. Dodge

48.

50.

52.

53.

63. Flow back

march

64. Abbreviated phone 65. Prior, to poets

Venice setting

56. Alabama civil rights

Boot-wearing felines

Sing "shooby-doo" etc

Paparazzi target (for short)

AUSTRALIAN TRIVIA

- In which year did Douglas Mawson lead Australia's first 1. expedition to the Antarctic?
- 2. What is 'The Gulflander"?
- 3. What is a snoek?
- What is made from bauxite? 4.
- 5. What type of bird is a brolga?
- 6. When did Cob & Co begin operating?
- 7. What does the I stand for in CSIRO?
- 8. Where would you find the Darling Range?
- 9. On which river would you find Devonport?
- 10. Who established Elizabeth Farm at Parramatta?
- 11. Where was the Batavia wrecked in 1629?
- In which year did TV begin transmission in Australia? 12.
- What was Walter Lindrum best known for? 13.
- 14. In which town is the oldest continuously used bridge?

Answers on page 39

