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Keith Mundy from Tilba Nursery to hang up his quill

This issue of *The Triangle* is the last one with a Gardening Gabble column from Keith. Keith has been *The Triangle's* gardening correspondent for many years, so the name of the column will be retired with him. He has dispensed seasonal horticultural wisdom and advice to all the keen (and some not so keen) gardeners in the Triangle region month after month. *The Triangle* has archived dozens of Keith's

articles so they will remain accessible even though he has decided to step away from the monthly chore of thinking of another gardening challenge and then composing an informative column in response.

His nursery is and will continue to be a byword for high-quality plants, grafted Australian natives and unusual perennials. He and Desiree are an inspiring team, full of hands-on as well as book knowledge.

They will always do their best to track down that elusive gem that you just must have – and it's such a thrill when you get that phone call saying that they've found and set aside your heart's desire for you.

Thank you so much, Keith, for all your considered words and good advice over the years. Enjoy your garden and the familiar parade of the seasons.

Angela Marshall

Tasks for summer

After many years providing gardening information to all in *The Triangle*, I have decided to hang up my quill and allow another expert an opportunity to provide information that will assist you in your gardening tasks. This, therefore, is my last contribution to *The Triangle*.

I will still be at our nursery in Tilba Tilba every day to help you with any plant selection and advice that you require.

Moving onto this month's story, summer brings with it the usual tasks we can all associate with and, although these tasks can seem tiresome, they are most essential in the overall upkeep of our gardens.

Luckily this year we have had ample rain, so watering is not of such great importance, but the rain has led to one major task that most of us are not too pleased with and that is mowing the grass more often than we have had to do in previous times.

Many gardeners think that by mowing the grass very short, they will slow the grass growth down. In fact, it is the opposite and the grass will grow a lot quicker. Ideally, the mower should be on a higher setting and not only is the job done more quickly, but there is also a smaller pile of grass clippings to get rid of. Mowing the grass very short also introduces many weeds and the lawn becomes unsightly.

Another very important task is to keep a close eye on roses with 'dead heading' them important and make sure you give them a light application of rose food on a regular basis. This will encourage new flowering wood for a late summer/autumn flush and assist in the prevention of summer pests and diseases. Diseases like black spot and powdery mildew can be taken care of with a rose fungicide and insect pests like aphid can be controlled with a systemic insect spray.

Practices like watering roses in the early morning and placing the sprinkler in such a position that overhead watering doesn't take place will also assist in the prevention of fungal diseases.

This year with all the rain, there will be a lot of other pests and diseases around particularly as the late summer humidity kicks in. Given this, it is good to practice preventative control of pests and diseases instead of a control spray once the problem



Keith Mundy, local gardening guru in his natural habitat.

is noticed. The control spray will certainly take care of the pest but in most cases the damage has already occurred particularly with fungal diseases.

In the vegetable garden keep repeat planting lettuces (and the like) so you will have fresh leafy vegetables going right through into autumn.

Just a note on plant availability from nurseries. You might have found it a bit harder than usual to source your favourite plants. Be patient, as the growers are having trouble keeping up with demand, but we are assured that things are in hand to get stock out to the retailers. Place an order at your local nursery and you will be notified when your plants arrive.

From both Desiree and me, we hope you all have a safe and joyous Christmas and that you give a gift of a food plant to your family and friends – a gift that keeps on giving.

Keith Mundy
Tilba Tilba

Who ever said living in a small country village was quiet and dull? I think it was Olga Masters referring to Cobargo during 1935 in her novel *A Long Time Dying*. Almost 90 years later, Cobargo and the Triangle area are far from dull. Our publication reflects the vibrancy of the area and the attendant limitations and frustrations of regional life.

Looking through this year's *Triangles*, I note mask-wearing starts to taper off in March. COVID is still a concern but conditions for social interaction are almost at pre-COVID levels. All our annual festivals and shows are cranking up again and opportunities to cast off restrictions and

isolation are embraced. *The Triangle* reports these social events that make up some of the glue for our well-being and happiness. A full-page Fridge Door finally makes it back to its regular position in our bumper 20-year Anniversary issue in September after a two-year hiatus. The popular Game On stays on the second to last page. This edition's Fridge Door remains on the back page but will spill over to another as December and January combine with all their attendant summer events and holiday fun times.

The Triangle area is still affected by the fires of 2019. Rebuilding remains very slow for many individuals and even slower for the major work that is to come.

The lack of housing is a critical issue that *The Triangle* has been reporting on. *The Triangle* can be a voice of social and environmental responsibility, even though we try to remain apolitical. We need to engage, question and continue to be relevant in these uncertain times.

The birthday issue was a wonderful reminder of the efforts of all the people, past and present, who were and are involved in creating *The Triangle*. After 20 years, the paper still exists as a self-sustaining, independent, community publication. And, just as we reflect our community, we also reflect and are affected by the wider issues of the world we live in.

Support *The Triangle* in supporting our community

No one on *The Triangle* committee can remember the last time we raised our advertising rates. It's been at least a decade, that much is certain. And, as a not-for-profit, we're fine with that. We're not in it for the money. When we cover our costs, we're good. But sadly, inflation is catching up with us and instead of having spare funds to donate to worthy community ventures, we're watching our bank balance dwindle.

On a positive note, our free monthly publication has increased in size as more articles and photos are being sent to us from the community. We love that. Community engagement is what we're all about. These extra pages increase our outgoings though. Did you know that it costs an average of \$2.40 per issue just to produce, print and distribute *The Triangle*? That's not including things like insurance, accountants, software or our web presence either. While some of you put your gold coins in the tin or go online to our 'tip jar'

(thank you!), donations only cover about 10% of our costs. It's our advertisers who keep us in the black.

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The Triangle Team

Letters

Thank you

Congratulations to Ellie and Andrew for notching up their fourth year owning and running the Quaama General Store. They have had seven days off in all that time. We are grateful for their efforts since taking over. They successfully juggle the Post Office, supermarket, fuel, hot food, drinks and more. You guys stayed with us during the fires and helped the RFS. You're always happy to have a chat and lend a compassionate ear. Massive contribution to the community. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Mark Wade, Dalmeny

We all love you, Keith

You have been a stalwart contributor and a constant font of knowledge. We have all been honoured by your contribution over the years.

Stay well and happy. Be seeing you soon with a delivery of fresh *Triangles*.

Love, Linda xxx and the Triangle Team



'I know we should move with the times ... but the dawn chorus isn't quite the same since the rappers moved in.'
Cartoon by Naomi Lewis



Thumbs UP

To Tanya for keeping the Bermi 777 open during the power outage on Monday 21 Nov. We needed that Tilba milk!

To the Cobargo Town Crew who mowed so carefully around the nesting plovers at the grounds of the Cobargo School of Arts.

Thumbs DOWN

There seems to have been a spate lately of land clearing with subsequent ugliness and more importantly, loss of valuable habitat for bird and animal life as well as the destruction of plant life.

One wonders whether consultation and the necessary permits have been obtained for the work to ensure minimal impact.

Unfortunately, once the tractors and bulldozers have done their job, the damage has been done, so warnings, fines and stop work orders are too late.

If you want to raise an issue re unnecessary clearing that you have seen, contact the EPA hotline on 131 555, or BVSC on 6499 2222 or Fisheries NSW for affected water areas.



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

1. Stories should be 300 words maximum except by prior arrangement.
2. 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 cclsang333@gmail.com.

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

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Putting the South Coast on the sustainable fashion map

Are you a South Coast sustainable fashion business or do you know a local sustainable fashion designer, maker, up-cycler, re-cycling business, repairer, patternmaker or piece maker?

South Coast Circular Fashion is conducting a call out for the above participants to complete its South Coast Sustainable Fashion Trail (SCSFT). This is funded by the Bega Valley Shire Council Community Grants Program and will feature the who's who of sustainable fashion providers from Milton to Eden and be distributed by various outlets as well as online.

This has been the passion project of Yolanda del Valle-Buetefuer, Bermagui sustainable fashion advocate and founder of the SUSTAIN ME markets.



John and Ali, new local slow fashion Designer/Makers from AliJohn in Bate St, Tilba

Yolanda refined the Trail concept after her acceptance in the 2021 Bega Valley Innovation Hub program, run in conjunction with Wollongong University. With support from BVSC Community Grants Program, the South Coast Sustainable Fashion Map Trail will soon go to print.

'To learn that the Bega Valley region initiated the first circular economy region in Australia was a significant opportunity for me. I'd been following its development elsewhere in the UK, Europe and the US, including the massive innovation opportunities for various industries. I understood that, if we can get this right via good leadership, innovation and investment, the Bega Valley has a very exciting future, with climate change mitigation as the ultimate goal. It has the potential to put a spotlight on the Bega Valley for the rest of Australia and beyond,' states Yolanda.

The map honours and acknowledges First Nations people and includes a manifesto for every fashion retailer and consumer. It lists who's who, their locations and contact details. It also ranks each supplier against fourteen of the seventeen United Nations Development Goals relating to the fashion industry. The aim of the Trail is to create awareness, influence change and promote engagement between businesses and consumers.

There are so many amazing designers within our immediate region. Zoe Pook Jewellery in Cobargo, consciously designs beautiful jewellery pieces, sourcing gold from fair trade miners. Alijon has just opened in Bate St, Tilba and carries



Mareen Zenn from Blue Wren Zen crafts a new gemstone piece

end rolls to produce new fashions and will soon launch a series of small slow-fashion collections and wants to produce locally. Mareen Wren from Blue Wren Zen in Beauty Point combines stunning gems and wood pieces in jewellery with his philosophy that our connection and protection of nature is critical to our inner wellbeing.

Fashion is now about the relationship we have with our planet, our makers, with fashion, ourselves and each other. There are so many good news stories of committed, exceptional participants and the South Coast Sustainable Fashion Trail will help us find them.

Yolanda del Valle-Buetefuer

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Please care for our beaches

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

Guidelines for caring include:

1. Please place all litter in bins or take it home with you. This includes cigarette butts, drink containers, hooks and fishing line. Litter is unsightly and dangerous and may injure beach users or wildlife. Street litter can reach the beach via stormwater drains at Horseshoe Bay and the Harbour.

2. Please use and stay on designated accessways and avoid walking across vegetated dunes. This minimises damage to plants and disturbance to shorebird and animal habitat. This protects native

vegetation resulting in stable dunes that are more erosion resistant.

3. Do not light fires on beaches or in dunes. Even when buried, fires produce embers that remain very hot that can cause serious burns to unsuspecting people or animals, and also creates the risk of wildfire. Irreplaceable habitat is lost when firewood is gathered from beach areas.

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

5. Dogs must be on leashes at all times unless the beach is signposted as a 'leash free area', such as Beares and sections of Haywards Beaches. Dogs are banned from some beaches and coast walk sections for health reasons and/or to protect

wildlife habitat, so please check with Bega Valley Shire Council. No dogs are allowed on National Park beaches. Always remove animal waste, out of consideration for other beach users.

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

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

Karen Joynes
Co-ordinator, Bermagui Dune Care

Disaster Relief Australia returns to the Bega Valley Shire

Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) will return to the Bega Valley Shire in January to assist community members who are still rebuilding following the Black Summer bushfires.

The volunteer, veteran-led, not-for-profit will relaunch its bushfire recovery operations in the Bega Valley, after it was paused in 2020 due to COVID-19. The work to be undertaken will include chainsaw operations to remove burnt and dangerous trees, brush cutting and removing undergrowth, fenceline clearing and debris removal.

DRA unites the unique skills and experiences of military veterans and emergency services specialists with community members to deploy rapidly when disaster strikes.

DRA team members have been looking forward to providing the greatest service and impact possible once again, to residents in the Bega Valley Local Government Area (LGA).

We encourage community members to reach out for help to receive assistance when DRA's Teams arrive in January. If you, or someone you know, needs bushfire-related assistance please contact the team



Volunteers at work

on 0419 134 078 or send us an email on BVRecovery@disasterreliefau.org

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.



The Australian coat of arms

The DRA Team

The Plague

COVID, COVID, put on a mask,
I wonder how long this virus will last.
Be very careful, don't touch where it lands,
sneeze in your elbow and then wash your hands.

As germs go, I'm terribly small,
I don't need much room, no – no room at all.
I'm up in the air and spread far and wide,
I'll come and get you, so don't try to hide.

They call me a virus, COVID-19,
The deadliest germ that's ever been seen.
I've had a chat with my mate, the flu,
he claims he's more deadly, more deadly to you.

Let's go, get a jab, my arm may be sore.
Do I only need one? No, you must have all four.
So, get it in quick and get rid of the bug
then we can all get together, give our loved
ones a hug.

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Council serious about substantial rates increase

The Bega Valley Shire Council at its meeting on 16 November agreed to make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation to permanently increase general rates from 1 July 2023.

The size of the requested rate increase will be determined after community engagement on the four options in the Long Term Financial Plan 2023-32.

These four options are:

A – 90% increase in 2024

B – 45% increase in 2024 and a further 37.2% in 2025

C – 43% increase in 2024

D – 4.1% increase in 2024 (the maximum amount allowed by State Govt without separate approval).

This increase would not apply to water, sewer and waste rates so, for most residents, a 90% increase in general rates would result in a 40% increase in overall rates.

The Mayor, Russell Fitzpatrick, commented that, 'As it stands, we do not have the funds needed to continue maintaining the community's assets or to continue providing the vast range of services we know the community relies on.'

Council staff have recommended Option A and estimate that this will raise \$23.1 million in FY24.

The increase mainly compensates for many years' underspending on maintenance of roads, bridges and swimming pools, plus recent significant increases in construction

costs. Other significant factors are the reduction in funding from the Federal Government over the past few years, more costs being shifted to Council from the State Government and Bushfire Recovery grants coming to an end this year.

Council staff considers that the community must choose between much higher rates or substantially reduced community services.

Councillors and senior staff propose to explain this issue at town markets – Bermagui Market on 1 December was the first.

The Bermagui Community Forum considers that this is an unsatisfactory way to engage the community about this. Full-scale community meetings in the major towns, attended by councillors and senior staff, are required.

The nearest full-scale meeting has already been held in Bega on 28 November. The first community consultation at Eden Community Market on 19 November was poorly attended.

Without effective consultation by Council, a significant community backlash is likely. No Council decision on the size of the rate increase will go to IPART until after the community consultation.

A review of the Long Term Financial Plan, shows that some of the assumptions about expense increase are modest.

Choices to be made

It appears that if the community doesn't want to accept a 90% rates increase, then we have to accept fewer

services such as:

- Reduce six swimming pools to one or two;
- Reduce road repairs to local non-arterial roads;
- Halt most non-grant-funded capital works; and
- Significantly reduce library hours.

The Shire would then have to wait for a different government funding package or substantial population growth to increase the rate base.

If Council decides to accept Option A, the Bermagui Community Forum suggests it be phased in over at least three years to allow residents to plan for this extra cost.

Council, with a bank, should offer financing arrangements, so that low-income earners and pensioners are not forced to sell up to meet this additional cost.

There will also be flow-on effects for the Council's Affordable Housing policy, as landlords will certainly want to increase their tenants' rents to cover the cost of the rate increase.

This proposal will be open for community engagement and comments until 16 January 2023.

We encourage our community to engage with the Council on this issue that will shape the long-term future of the shire.

You can contact Council via email or call 6499 2222. You can also complete an online survey on the Council's website.

*Geoff Steel
Bermagui*

A visit to the Tomato Guys

After a difficult year in the garden, the November outing of the Bermagui Garden Group was to Mountain View Tomatoes in Coolagolite on a beautiful sunny day.

Over the last eight years, Greg Lissaman and Andrew Hart, known as the Tomato Guys, have successfully established a highly productive, hydroponic tomato farm selling their tomatoes and basil at local markets and businesses.

With no exaggeration, they are Bermagui's favourite tomatoes and tomato growers. In those years they have had to deal with pests, heat, high winds, fire and tomato theft.

Greg explained to our visiting group the many technical issues and the labour-intensive nature of growing tomatoes in a controlled environment. Their frequent tasks include propagation, pruning, watering, fertilising, temperature control,

ventilation and, finally, picking on an almost daily basis.

Greg expects to have their first crop of tomatoes available shortly at the Bermagui Growers Market on Thursday afternoons and a good steady supply by early December. The season will then run until April.

The farm also grows herbs for local restaurants and kale, is experimenting with other crops and runs a flock of sheep and a herd of cattle as well.

Every effort is made to manage the property on sound environmental principles, including reforestation for koala habitat, erosion management and creek bank protection with the use of swales and replanting, creation of wetland environments and spray-free growing, using biological controls (good bugs that eat bad bugs).



Visiting the tomato farm

If you are interested in attending the Bermagui Garden Group visits, they are usually held on the morning of the first Tuesday of the month and will recommence in February 2023. Please SMS your details to Christine on 0400 301 040.

*Christine Poulton
Bermagui*

Montreal Goldfield

With the return of tourists at the beginning of 2022, there has been a surge of visitors to Montreal Goldfield as a new normal is established after two years of uncertainty.

Throughout the pandemic, tours were temporarily halted, however, ongoing maintenance at the Goldfield continued and many volunteers kept the grass down, the weeds at bay and the tracks and trails in good order.

Several special events in 2022 brought many visitors to the site. In August, a special Community Open Day was held for locals, who may not have visited the Goldfield before, with free entry and tours.

In September over two days, Montreal hosted a Bioblitz organised by Atlas of Life, where citizen scientists were invited to participate in several surveys led by qualified scientists to collect data on local flora and fauna in the reserve.

The Bioblitz was a huge success with people coming from far and wide to participate. It was the first time a night spotlighting walk was held within the Montreal reserve. Narooma and Bega High School students organised a Bioluminescence Light and Sound show for the occasion.

Over a hundred visitors walked the illuminated track and there were gasps of appreciation as the light show revealed a colourful, moving display of laser lights reflected from the forest and the gazebo. Sydney has Vivid – Bermagui has Montreal Bioluminescence!

In the last few months, there has been an increase in the number of tour



Montreal Goldfield – a magic spot in the forest.

buses stopping at the Montreal Goldfield. Caravan and car clubs have also chosen Montreal as an activity – sometimes bringing up to forty people at one time. Montreal guides and volunteers are thrilled to welcome large groups, but it puts extra pressure on guides as visitors need to be split into smaller groups for a better experience.

Montreal Goldfield needs some new blood! Over the past few years, some of our more senior guides have decided they can no longer take groups on tours. Sadly, we mourned the loss of one of our guides, Geoffrey Giuffre, who passed away earlier in the year.

People of the Triangle – we need you!

If you have an interest in history and love meeting and talking to people becoming a Montreal Guide might just be for you. New guides receive an introductory session and are invited to take tours with proficient guides to learn the ropes. There is a lot of written material on hand and experienced guides can mentor new guides. Most guides are rostered on once a week from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. There may be extra times when a large group tour is booked.

If you would like to find out more, please phone Carolyn on 0402 064 802 – or pop into the Goldfield between Wednesday and Sunday at 2.00 pm to talk to a guide or take a tour.

Carolyn Banados

Treasure from trash car booty sale!

While it is an undisputed fact that many items purchased for pennies from UK car boot sales are often valued at small fortunes by the experts on the *Antiques Roadshow* programme, the question remains as to when and how Car Boot sales started.

Obviously, the pattern and style of the modern-day events was formulated with the invention of the automobile. However, one of the earliest theories of the origin of car boot sales, is that Egyptian hieroglyphics showing chariots packed with goods were not depicting the spoils of war, but vendors going to their equivalent of a car boot sale!

Another much later suggestion is that a possible interpretation of Constable's painting, *The Hay Wain*, is that it was on

its way to a sale and got stuck in a river, but that is debatable.

There is little doubt however, that the quote below from Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, Act 3, Scene 5 – 'Sell when you can, you are not for all markets' has nothing to do with car boot sales.

Meanwhile, Bermi Bowlers will be holding their car boot sale on Saturday, 7 January, 2023 in the Bermagui Country Club car park. Vendor spaces are still \$20 – a bargain! Setting up commences at 7.00 am and sales happen from 8.00 am till 1.00 pm. Vendors, book your space at the Bermagui Country Club – call 6493 4340.

All comers and all ages welcome, you may be the one to happen upon an elusive treasure!

T. Millard

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Housing crisis – pleas to non-resident ratepayers

Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Russell Fitzpatrick, has written to around 3,000 non-resident ratepayers. Cr Fitzpatrick made a plea to owners with secondary or investment properties in the Bega Valley to consider putting their properties on the long-term rental market.

‘We offer one of the best places in Australia for people to visit during their holidays – but on the flipside, we have a lot of vacant properties throughout the year and a growing homelessness problem. Many of the people unable to find a place to call home have a steady job and income, but increasingly this is not enough to secure a rental property. Put simply, there are not enough houses to rent for the people who live and work here and who contribute to our society and economy. We have families sleeping in

cars, at temporary accommodation and on friends’ couches, and for most of the year we have an abundance of vacant properties across the shire. This impacts just about everyone in the Bega Valley because business owners and community service operators are unable to fill vacancies, which affects everything from your morning coffee to the provision of vital health services.

‘Following the success of Eurobodalla Shire Council’s campaign, we decided to approach owners who live outside our shire but own property here to help us ease the problem in the short-term. We are also working on a range of longer-term solutions as part of our Affordable Housing Strategy, but these take time and won’t help families needing help right now. Writing to property owners for short-term assistance

reaffirms our position that a state-wide housing crisis cannot be addressed in isolation – it needs collaboration from all tiers of government as well as the business and private sectors.

‘Having lost 467 homes during the Black Summer bushfires and with many potential homes purchased as secondary accommodation during the COVID-19 lockdowns, we are facing a significant crisis for the people who live and work in the shire. Please consider how placing your vacant property on the long-term rental market will assist families who need your help right now.’

The Community Forum commends Council for taking this action.

*Geoff Steele
Bermagui Community Forum*

Bermagui Ukalis finish on a high note

There is a saying ‘Every place is a happy place when you play the ukulele’ and, as the year draws to an end, the Bermagui Ukalis ukulele group are certainly making it happen.

The Ukalis have been playing together for four years. The group is twenty members strong, with ages ranging from 60 to 90. But age is irrelevant when it comes to playing and singing – we refer to ourselves as ‘recycled teenagers’!

2022 has been a full-on year for the Ukalis. We have been extending ourselves to take our ukulele playing to another level, learning more complicated songs, fundraising for Bega Valley Can Assist and just getting together to have some fun along the way – well, we do sing better after a glass of bubbly!

Fundraising is important to the group and, since June 2020, we have donated \$11,496 to Bega Valley Can Assist by busking at Woolworths or the Markets, helping organise fundraising events and raffles, and donating enough grocery items to fill two huge hampers as raffle prizes.

Twice this year, the group have taken the long trip down to Wyndham to perform at the markets and a private fundraising event. It is hoped that 2023 will see us doing a lot more performances and fundraising within the Bega Valley.

In October, group leader, Lori Hammerton, organised a Variety Concert at the Country Club to raise funds for Bega Valley Can Assist. Musicians from as far away as Victoria came to entertain the packed audience and, of course, the Ukalis were featured on the bill. We were



The Bermagui Ukalis playing at the Wyndham fund raiser

really chuffed when several people told us how much they enjoyed our performance and were amazed that a ukulele could sound so unique.

There is a misconception that ukulele groups only play Hawaiian songs or those simple old tunes. Well, next time you see the Ukalis playing, listen out for our rendition of AC/DC’s ‘It’s a long way to the top if you want to rock and roll’. We certainly get toes tapping with our music that includes ‘60’s, ‘70’s and ‘80’s rock, with The Beatles music a favourite, through to some lovely country ballads and maybe a real oldie or two.

New players and visitors are always welcome to join the Bermagui Ukalis.

In fact, to enrich our sound and rhythm, we are actively seeking a bass guitar/ukulele player and/or percussionist – drum, tambourine, bongos etc – to join our group. For more information, call Lori Hammerton on 0459 027 308.

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Marine Rescue volunteers head inland in response to the floods

I feel for those people who have been flood-affected again and again. There seems to be no end in sight for them. With much of inland NSW under water, volunteers from all fields have been called on to assist.

Marine Rescue volunteers from the far south coast, who are used to blue ocean water, have been getting a feel for muddy inland river navigation. They have been based at the affected Riverina communities of Deniliquin, Barham and Moama. Each unit provided essential equipment for the week-long deployment and were expected to undertake a range of support tasks. This saw the volunteers filling and delivering sandbags, protecting at-risk properties, implementing on-water patrols, maintaining local levee systems and undertaking evacuations. After floods peaked, the jobs changed to welfare checks, ferrying supplies to isolated properties and pumping water out of houses. Some of the stranger things they had to do was delivering feed to farm and domestic animals as well as ferrying more than 200 sheep to safe ground - one boat load at a time.

Marine Rescue Bermagui's own Volker Aebischer was one of those



Volker Aebischer helming an SES barge doing welfare checks on the Murray

volunteers who headed to the flood zone. He was deployed to Deniliquin and stayed at the NSW Rural Fire Service camp just out of town. He said the community there was fantastic. The locals were delighted and very appreciative to have the assistance of so many volunteers. They were made to feel welcome and looked after very well. Volker is still talking about the cooked breakfasts, coffee van, packed lunches and laundry service. Volker said it was an amazing and rewarding experience. Each day was unpredictable and often surreal. As the river had lost its boundaries, they

could just as easily be floating over fields and between trees or navigating around a flooded farmhouse.

It will be some time before these inland communities are back to normal. Many people from coastal areas feel it is an opportunity to pay back to our inland Emergency Services colleagues, after they helped us during the fires of 2020. Helping the flood-affected communities is the mission, but it has also been a good chance to get to know and work together with other emergency organisations.

Deb Worgan

A concert for Bega Valley Can Assist

A fund-raising concert for Bega Valley Can Assist was held at Bermagui Country Club on Sunday 9 October.

Musicians travelled from as far away as Leongatha in Victoria, Sydney, Canberra and Tuross as well as locally – all giving their time gratis for such a worthwhile event.

A fantastic raffle, valued at over

\$400, was offered and won by Brenda Montgomery from Bega. All the contents of two washing baskets packed with household goods and food items were donated by members of Bermagui Ukalis, who also entertained on the day. Many thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Over \$1518.00 was raised and donated, with every cent remaining in the

Bega Valley to financially assist people affected by cancer.

One absolute highlight of the afternoon was a piano recital by seventeen-year-old local lad, Benjamin Buchli. This was Ben's first public performance and had the crowd totally mesmerised with his ability to master his instrument with tenderness, emotion and amazing talent. Ben played a bracket of beautiful and difficult numbers including *Passacaglia* by Handel, the *Rondo Allaturca* by Mozart and *Nuvole Bianche* by Ludovico Einaudi without the assistance of any sheet music.

He received a standing ovation and was spoken about in Bermagui constantly during the following weeks.

Thanks must go to the management and, especially, the staff of Bermagui Country Club for the use of the auditorium, assistance with advertising and help on the day.

Huge thanks to members of our local ukulele group for providing the goods for the raffle, and to all the musicians who travelled to entertain on the day.

A great afternoon was had by all who attended and a tribute to the late Murray Douch was also greatly appreciated.

Lori Hamerton



Ben Buchli was mesmerising at the piano

It's December. Already! The year has flown past and we're all thinking about the holidays and summer and all that comes with it. Thankfully, we live in Quaama, so we won't be much bothered by all the tourists. They head down the highway with their boats and caravans, stopping in Cobargo and staying in the coastal villages where it takes a full five minutes just to cross the road. Here, we only have to contend with the flies! And mowing our lawns. We'll meet with chaos when we go into town for groceries, but nothing like our friends who live in the touristy parts of the Triangle. Honestly, Quaama rocks! This is one of many reasons why I don't want to live anywhere else.

Our new pedestrian crossing is all done except for some signage and the painting part. I'm told it won't be too long before we get the stripes and the jagged lines in the lanes leading up to it. It is so much safer than randomly wandering across the road which is what we've been doing until now. Now for the hard part, we have to change our jaywalking habits.



The pedestrian crossing is all finished except for the painting of stripes and jagged lines.

And the park is looking great. I've heard noises about a pizza oven being

installed. Now that would be awesome. Even without it, it's now a comfortable place for gatherings where kids can play and adults can safely sit in the shade and enjoy themselves. The trees that were given to us after the fires are growing well and the whole feeling is green and abundant. And there is a level path from the new disabled parking spot, so no one need be left behind.



The Quaama Park has never looked so good.

There's no disabled toilet though. Many of you may remember when Council decided to close the public toilets in 2014. I won't go through it all again as my blood pressure might rise, but the good news that came out of battling that decision was that they wouldn't close them (phew!) and it was recommended that an accessible toilet be installed when funds could be found. Well, it's been seven long years since then and I'm wondering if that recommendation found its way to the bottom of a pile and is now out of living memory. I've decided to take it up with Council and see if we can get it back on the agenda. We are so close! There is disabled access to the park and the Hall has made a lot of improvements in that regard too so, once again, it's toilet time. Leave it with me. I'll keep you posted.

Four kids from Quaama Public School



Congratulations to Akira and Velvet who made it to the finals in the NSW Solar Boat Challenge

went up to Sydney for the State Solar Boat Challenge. There was cloudy weather, then the sun came out just in time for the races. It seems the Quaama designs being both light and having good guideposts that helped the boats go straight worked well. Christian's and Django's boat *Turbo* made it to the semi-finals and Velvet's and Akiva's boat made it all the way to the finals. That's a great result as 45 boats from across the state hit the water. Well done! Next year, it will be solar-powered cars. Teacher Matt Farran will have to build a track. Another thing to look forward to.

The Fair on 5 November was a lovely day! As usual, there was great food, a variety of stalls, music and familiar faces. Quaama's choir appeared on the Hall veranda and entertained us all.

There's a Christmas party happening in the Hall on Saturday 10 December from 7.00 pm, organised by Quaama Renewal

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The Quaama Choir entertains at the Spring Fair in November Photo: Matt Nettheim

Projects. Food, live music and a decorated Hall awaits to get us in the Christmas spirit. And if you want to dance in the New Year, there will be a big New Year's Eve bash in Cobargo featuring a kids' disco, live music and a DJ. There is more info on both these events in this edition of *The Triangle*.

We don't publish in January, so it's happy holidays to all from *The Triangle* team and we'll be back with the February issue. I hope you enjoy a lovely time over Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

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Quaama Renewal Projects

*a year of activities, a Christmas concert
and much more to come ...*



The Stillwater Trio will perform a Christmas concert in the Quaama Hall on Saturday, 10 December

Quaama Renewal Projects and Stillwater Trio invite the Quaama community and our friends all over the Triangle region and beyond to a special evening of light, love and Christmas. Get together with those you love and make some new Yuletide memories to the uplifting music of Stillwater Trio.

The Quaama School of Arts Hall will be decked out. Supper is provided. BYO drinks. All that's missing is you! Adults \$10. Under 18s free. Book your seats via Eventbrite (search for Quaama Renewal Projects) then pay at the door. Feel free to dress up yourselves and your tables and bring your community joy on Saturday 10 December 2022. Doors open at 6.30 pm.

Quaama Renewal Projects (QRP) has had a very busy 2022. This year, we have delivered or commenced delivery of numerous workshops, short courses and community events and contributed to several other community happenings including the wonderful Fire-up Oz Quaama School Fete.

We also contributed to the first gathering of the Triangle Owner Builders' Group, a much-needed community

initiative and one that is continuing with the support of other organisations and a lot of energy from invested community members.

Our other key activity is the management of Quaama Community Drop-In which happens every Wednesday from 10.00 am till 4.00 pm where anyone can join us for company, conversation, respite, distraction and connections as well as for sharing information, skills and bounty. We extend a special invitation to any of our newer community members to take the opportunity to meet the broader community. The Drop-In is free but donations are always welcome to help with costs.

All this work will continue in 2023, with funding for our healing and reconnection activities in place until the end of June 2023 and the Community Drop-In to continue as long as there is a need and an interest. Information about all our happenings, past, present and future, can be found on the Quaama Renewal Projects Facebook page or through the local community email lists.

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As another year draws to its conclusion, it is an opportunity to think about end of year celebrations – Christmas and the New Year – and to also reflect on the year past. Certainly, the COVID journey has left its mark, obvious by the number of Zoom meetings that continue to happen. For a lot of us, life has returned to some semblance of what it was, albeit with more caution about socialising in large groups. Business and visitor numbers have been strong which belies such important issues as the ongoing local housing shortage and the difficulty of finding staff. Notwithstanding all the vagaries of life these days, as we approach this festive season let's be thankful for all that is good in our lives and plan to work on the things that can secure a healthy future in our local community and beyond. Thank you for supporting *The Triangle* and for contributing to its success. May this coming festive season be a time of peace and thankfulness however you choose to spend it.

Forty years on ...

Tilba Leather opened in September, 1982, and now has the honour of being the oldest Central Tilba business with the same owners, Debbie and Phil Elton. Back then, Central Tilba was at the beginning of its renaissance as a heritage village and life was very different. Bate Street had no curbs or gutters, there were no footpaths and there was a vacant block next to Tilba Leather.

Debbie and Phil bought their property in 1981 for a ridiculously low-sounding price (compared to prices these days) and one of the front rooms became the shop. Deb's father, Jack Whiffen, had lived in the house previously after moving into 'town' from the family farm. And, although Deb had grown up locally, she and Phil had spent a number of years travelling the country and living in different places. With no previous business experience and not much leather experience either – except what they'd acquired growing up on farms – it was a leap of faith that paid off.

In those early years the business



Debbie and Phil Elton at Tilba Leather

concentrated on Australian-made products like shoes, Akubra hats and soft leather bags made by small craftspeople, and souvenirs like mugs and spoons. Full of energy and enthusiasm, Phil honed his skills as a leather craftsman, working in full public gaze in front of the shop and on the verandah. The '80s were a busy time – lots of community action with other couples with young families running their own small businesses and the vacant block next door becoming the local playground. The growing Tilba Leather business expanded into the other front room and Phil became the go-to person for leather repairs as well as making saddlery, belts, whips, purses and wallets and other special orders like motorbike panniers.

Both Deb and Phil have seen many changes over their forty years in business. Central Tilba has expanded with many of the vacant blocks now built on for new businesses. Some things haven't changed however – their business still runs seven days a week, except Christmas Day (this year it will also close Boxing Day for the first time). And, although they employ people to work in the shop, they still oversee business operations. Phil continues to make belts and whips as well as special orders and gets enough repair work to keep him going. These days all this work happens in his well-equipped workshop behind the shop although he can often be found sitting out front chatting with anyone

who is around – he reckons this is where a lot of the repair work comes from. As well as the workshop, their home has had various additions built over the years as business and family needs changed.

In addition to running a seven day a week business, community life and involvement has been a significant part of their lives. During their children's primary school years there was P and C that included all school community activities as well as working bees and maintenance. Phil also supervised the community services guys for more than thirty years – as well as providing the work for this program, it was of great benefit to both Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba in keeping the approaches to the villages well maintained.

The Central Tilba Halls are greatly valued by the community. However, it is in no small part due to the commitment of Phil particularly, and others, that these special buildings have stood the test of time. Although the funds have not been available to finish a lot of the work, the many hundreds of hours of work and fundraising have kept them functioning. Both Deb and Phil have contributed immensely to the community in many ways.

Tilba Leather is a thriving business these days. Deb and Phil are to be congratulated both for their success and longevity and for their commitment and ongoing involvement in this special community. There are no definite plans for the future, but they do sneak away with their caravan quite often. Thanks, Deb and Phil for all you have done.

Before *The Triangle*

Fascinating to get a look at previous mastheads! When preparing for this month, Deb Elton handed me a folder that contained copies of *The Dromedary Drum*, established in 1997, and *The*

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The Dromedary Drum

Tilba Mail, established in 1999. With *The Triangle* celebrating twenty years this year, it appears that local monthly news has been happening almost monthly since *The Dromedary Drum* started in late 1997! Shanna Provost was editor of *The Dromedary Drum*; Sue Martin was the editor of *The Tilba News*. John Small was another local of note who was involved

with both. I will enjoy reading these original publications.

Tilba District Chamber of Commerce (TDCC)

TDCC held its AGM on 14 November. Outgoing President, Susan Gray, in presenting her President's Report, highlighted the major activities of the year to the well-attended meeting in the Central Tilba Small Hall, noting that it had been somewhat of a rollercoaster time with COVID. Highlights included:

The Tilba Festival was a great success with a net profit of \$4844.65. Funds were distributed by EOI to Tilba CWA for their Centenary Garden Party; Gulaga Reconciliation Group for NAIDOC Week activities; Tilba Cemetery; and Tilba Halls for the storeroom.

Shuttle Bus trial which concluded that this service is not commercially viable.

Various grants, the major one being from Vinnies for the upgrade of the Harold Spindler Reserve Playground.

The ongoing work on the Strategic Review Project that has produced the Tilba District Strategic Plan and its implementation.

Working with Eurobodalla Council

on infrastructure matters.

Changes to TDCC operation and meeting structure with the implementation of a schedule for in-person meetings and online meetings.

In conclusion, Susan expressed her thanks for the work of the committee and to those who support the ongoing operation of TDCC.

A new committee was elected for 2023 as follows:

- Susan Gray, Dromedary Hotel – President
- Jo Major, Tilba Sweet Spot – Vice President
- Carrie Taylor, Tilba Coastal Retreat – Treasurer
- Kristy Randall – Secretary
- Claire Leonard, Central Tilba General Store – Committee Member
- Daniel Hodgson, Arcadia at Tilba – Committee Member
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The year ahead for TDCC

The big news is the Tilba Festival – after considerable discussion based on a well-prepared discussion paper, the general meeting following the AGM agreed that the 2023 Tilba Festival be held on a date to be decided between August and October rather than at Easter.

Other exciting community events for 2023 will include the Two Tilbas 5 km Fun Run in March, a family Film Night in November and A Very Tilba Christmas, to kick off the 2023 festive season with a weekend highlighting makers, artists, growers, cooks and crafts. Pencil these into your 2023 diary pending further details.

Small school doing big things

There always seems to be lots going on at Central Tilba School. Sport is obviously important but so is music, the natural environment and learning life skills. In breaking news, Tinkabell, Zac, George and Nash learnt that they got Silver in the State Relay Championships in Sydney after a disqualification – huge congratulations.

Barranguba (Yrs 3-6) appreciated their Four Winds experience at the Youth Festival on 11 November and found it amazing. They sang songs they have been



Learning life skills
Tilba school kids try their hands at woodwork

learning for four weeks in a mass choir, with an orchestra, professional sound and lighting. Tinkabell and Molly had solo roles and George, Nash and Sonny led the Remembrance Day acknowledgement.

At this time of year, the transition programs start. During November the school has had the Kindergarten transition; Nanjanuga, Yr 2, transition to Barranguba Yr 3; and Y6 transition at Narooma High School. This is an exciting time for those starting their school lives and for those continuing on their education journey.

The year will end with Presentation Night on Thursday, 15 December, when awards are handed out. This is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the completion of a rather difficult year!



Tilba School kids joined a mass choir at the Youth Festival at Four Winds

Land Council moved

Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council has moved temporarily to a new location at 14 Umbarra Road, Wallaga Lake – the first house on the right past the old office. The old office is no longer fit for purpose and Merrimans is seeking funding to build a new office on the site. Contact details have not changed.

Community Farewells

A wake was held at the Central Tilba RFS shed to farewell Harry Ghazikian who passed away in late October. Harry's commitment and involvement in the RFS was celebrated along with his dedicated fundraising for the local brigade. Our thoughts are with Audrey Coxhill, his partner, and his close friends.



Harry and his regalia

On 13 November, a Memorial Service was held for Liz Stenhouse, who passed away in late October. More than 100 people gathered at the Central Tilba Big Hall and heard about Liz's special life as wife, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend – caring, compassionate, empathetic, courageous and talented. Liz had a long involvement in the local Tilba community and beyond and our thoughts go out to Tony and their family.



The beautiful table at Liz Stenhouse's memorial

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

Landcare and lamingtons

Tilba Environment Landcarers (TEL) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) have had a very successful year in 2022 working to clear invasive plant species from the section of Eurobodalla National Park at Corunna Point. The aim is to clear the weeds to encourage the regrowth of important native plants in this beautiful section of our coastline.

The group comprises about sixteen volunteers who work with NPWS staff and, in the early days, one of their contractors. They meet at Corunna Point around the last Monday of each month at 9.00 am for three hours of low intensity work.

At the November working bee, the group ticked over 150 hours of voluntary work in 2022 that has resulted in a huge number of very large lantana bushes being removed, with work now starting on some of the invasive vine species, such as moth vine.

New TEL President, Mark

Stubbings, said, 'It is amazing to see the positive impact that we are having in this important part of our region, which is rich in indigenous and settler history, particularly the historic cycling velodrome. The volunteers can go at their own pace, removing weeds and exercising, while they are chatting with their co-workers.'

Mark also noted that, 'NPWS have been very supportive of this project, providing all of the necessary tools, safety equipment and herbicides along with giving us very valuable training in weed identification and removal.'

And the reference to lamingtons in the headline to this article? After a few hours of satisfying work, the group retires to the home of two of the volunteers to enjoy a coffee, some morning tea and a lovely view out over the ocean.

All readers of *The Triangle* are welcome to join the group. For further enquiries contact Mark on 0414 223 925.

Mark Stubbings

Tilba CWA News

Tilba CWA celebrates culture, Christmas, cooking and craft. In October, Tilba CWA members and friends gathered for a scrumptious Latvian lunch in the old dairy at Mountain View Farm, Tilba Tilba. Organised by Tilba CWA's International Officer, Zoe Burke, the lunch celebrated Latvia, the 'country of study' chosen by CWA of NSW this year. Traditional Latvian dishes enjoyed at the CWA gathering included *piragi* (Latvian bacon buns), chicken in aspic, spicy beetroot soup with sour cream, stuffed cabbage rolls, delicious potato, and bean salads, and, for the sweet lovers, an amazing honey cake. Zoe said, 'The idea for the Latvian Lunch came from community dinners. It was all about sharing.'

In December, Tilba CWA will be celebrating Christmas beginning with Christmas Carols on Sunday 4 December in the Central Tilba Small Hall from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm. Followed by our members' and friends' Christmas party at the home of Treasurer, Helen Thomson. Then catering for Little Yuin Preschool's and Tilba Rural Fire Service's end of year Christmas parties. We will also be delivering a special morning tea for the lovely ladies of Wallaga and surrounds for their Pamper Day.

Thank you to President Teresa Stubbings for another great year of community building and leadership, Tilba CWA members will rest in January.

The first Tilba CWA meeting in 2023 will be in the Small Hall Central Tilba on Thursday 9 February at 10.30 am. From 11.30 am Tilba CWA's Land Cookery Competition will be judged by Bev Smith of Bodalla CWA branch. Everyone residing in the Tilba region is welcome to enter The Land Cookery competition. For



Members and friends enjoying the Latvian lunch

entry details please contact Tilba CWA's Cookery Officer Annette Kennewell on 0417 203 610.

Coordinated by Tilba CWA's Handicraft Officer, Vicky Staddon, 'Women's Circle of Yarns with Craft' will be held at Umbarra Cultural Centre on Thursday 23 February from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Vicky said, 'Tilba CWA's craft is inclusive for all women in our community. It's for the young and young at heart and all are welcome to join us for a cuppa with craft activities.' For more information contact Vicky Staddon on 0493 392 055.

Annette Kennewell
Publicity Officer

Welcome to Open Sanctuary, Tilba Tilba

You may have bypassed the Princes Highway and taken Corkhill Drive many times from Tilba Tilba to Central Tilba. If so, you will have passed by the little old church up on the hill, now called the Open Sanctuary. Nestled against the backdrop of Gulaga and set in farmland; however small it may be, it has a big heart.

Many have been drawn to this quiet place over the years. Here contemplative silence, respect and friendship, concern for the world and the environment are part of everything that happens.

A Monday Meditation group meets from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon during school terms throughout the year.

The practice of silence is reflected through monthly Dadirri days lead by Linda Chapman on 4th Fridays of the month.

A 'Wisdom Circle' meets monthly with David Oliphant leading conversations and reflections in a conversational gathering.

At Open Sanctuary we believe a contemplative life will enable us to live through times of crisis in a creative way. If any of these activities sound interesting to you, please call a member of the team



Open Sanctuary

on the following numbers Linda on 0422 273 021, Lyndall on 4473 7595, David on 4473 7838 or Mandy on 0401 670 132. To find out more, please explore our website opensanctuary.org/

We look forward to seeing you at Open Sanctuary soon and may the 'peace that passes understanding' be with you.

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Shock reverberated among the local multiple sclerosis community in the days following 27 October as a chain of phone calls relayed the news – our friend Liz had passed away peacefully in her sleep. Liz,



Farewell to Liz and that big smile

the one who kept up with the latest MS news, sharing the findings relevant to our treatment and wellbeing; Liz, who strove constantly to keep her own condition stable, and largely succeeded decades after her diagnosis; Liz, who approached every challenge in life, and there were many, with that huge, sunny smile.

Of course, the shock and sadness were felt more widely. Liz had a large, rich and varied friendship circle in Tilba and beyond, and a loving extended family.

Elizabeth Mary Stenhouse was born in Canberra in 1952. She met Tony in 1970 and they were married in 1975. Liz attained a Bachelor of Science and a Graduate Diploma in Education and taught in ACT high schools until her condition was diagnosed. She was having trouble with Canberra's temperature extremes and she and Tony realised that the coastal climate would be easier.

So, in 1986 they bought seven acres on Sunnyside Road, Central Tilba, and

built a home. In 1991 they moved their young family there – by then they had Michelle, Brianna and James. Liz worked as a casual teacher at Narooma High School, mainly in science. Unfortunately, her physical limitations forced her to retire in the early '90s.

As well as Tony, Liz leaves behind her daughter Michelle, son-in-law Aaron and grandchildren Madison and Kingston; her daughter Brianna; and her son James and his fiancée, Jane.

Elke Bancroft read 'Do Not Stand at My Grave' by Mary Elizabeth Bancroft at a celebration of Liz's life at Central Tilba Big Hall on 13 November, and never did the poem's last stanza ring more true:

*I am the clouds that race above,
Where I watch over those I love.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not here. I did not die.
So hear the words that here I say,
I am the love that guides your way.*

Jen Severn

Vale Harry Ghazikian

Central Tilba Rural Fire Brigade is very sad to report the passing of its dear and oldest member, Harry Ghazikian, on 30 October 2022 after a protracted illness. Harry was a much loved and very valuable member of our brigade for decades. He was always at the forefront in responding to local call outs and was a frequent participant in fire responses to other parts of the state and interstate. He participated in more than 350 Brigade call outs between 1995 and 2022.

Harry was passionate about the Brigade and referred to it as a 'club', and that reflected exactly how he felt about it. Due to this dedication, he was awarded Life Membership of Central Tilba Brigade.

Harry was for many years the public face of Tilba Brigade in Bate Street on Saturday mornings and holiday times, collecting an outstanding amount of monetary donations for the Brigade.

Harry's funeral was held at Broulee Memorial Gardens on Friday 4 November. Approximately thirty RFS members from across Eurobodalla Shire, including Far South Coast Superintendent, Angus Barnes, attended and formed a Guard of Honour as the hearse arrived and they did so again within the chapel.

There was a Wake at Central Tilba Fire Shed on Saturday 12 November, and over 70 members of the Tilba community attended and paid their respects. Catering



Harry Ghazikian

was generously provided by Central Tilba CWA.

Harry is survived by his partner of 52 years, Audrey Coxhill.

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As I sit and type this last article for *The Triangle* for 2022, I have just finished milking using a PTO-driven generator as the wind of today has caused a major blackout. Apparently 3,045 homes are without power. The wind sending dust, leaves and sticks through the air filling both eyes is more than a little challenging.

We have preg tested 132 cows with the vet with a very good result of cows in calf with the odd disappointment. Despite what people think, farmers have pets among their herds who get an extra drop of feed or a much-enjoyed ear scratch. A cow I admire named Reka, after one of our daughters' friends, is a regal old lady who just goes about her business of milking well, enjoying a well-earned six-week holiday, calving then completing her 300-day lactation without too much fuss.

Our full Jersey herd of 320 cows is producing 22 litres of milk each per day on average, with 4.67 fat and 3.6 protein, so well and truly earning their keep.

One of the things I have started to hear is the much talked about and planned Christmas Day celebrations and I often wonder if people realise dairy farmers have to milk morning and afternoon on that day as well. Not complaining just saying how it is.

Just to clarify an item that seems to be causing confusion in the district – the Wandellow Hall has always been called the Wandella Hall in the locality of Wandella since the beginning of settlement. When the tender went out to the designers, they inadvertently put Wandella Hall on the façade of their design and the vast majority of the management committee of the Hall have requested the original spelling be retained.

We have just held the final community consultation for the street rebuild for the year and the thought that crossed my mind was – I wonder do people realise we are doing it all for the betterment of our town? We really want our town to be revived and to come back to the great place it was. We are giving it everything we have but, because of the process of grants, it takes time. I really want to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who contribute in any way to the many and varied organisations around our town and also to the kind souls who offer so much support in their own quiet way to other peeps in need.

Wishing everybody a safe, happy and fun-filled Christmas and don't forget Cobargo Show 11 and 12 Feb, 2023.

Why you should go to the Cobargo Folk Festival

Something to think about ...

On a wet Sunday in the valley, we've been thinking about folk festivals and the more commercial music festivals. Each has a place and makes a valuable contribution to making life just that little bit sweeter. But we especially love festivals that reflect the intent of a whole bunch of people who want to participate in a creative way – as volunteers, musicians, singers, dancers, poets, storytellers, street artists, instrument makers, artisan stallholders who spend hours making beautiful work/food/coffee that they want to share, people with a passion for recycling ... events for people who see themselves as creative contributors to making the event a success. It has never been just about the concerts for us.

And when you attend community-based folk festivals, you can be sure that you are directly supporting performers, local service providers, local communities, providing local jobs and helping the ongoing development of local, regional and national music, art and culture.

The Cobargo Folk Festival Team

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The Annual Review Information Session of the CCDC

The Cobargo Community Development Corporation (CCDC) Limited held its inaugural AGM on 16 November, with the Board and member representatives from the CQBRG Incorporated and Cobargo Co-Operative Society Limited.

The CCDC's Acting Chairperson's Report and Treasurer's Report were tabled at the AGM and are now available for public viewing on the CCDC website. The Chairperson's report details an overview of the work undertaken by the CCDC Board, our project management team, architects, consultants and project stakeholders over the past financial year. The CCDC accounts have also been audited, as per ASIC legislative requirements, by Kothes Accounting Group.

An Annual Review Information Session open to the community was held at the Cobargo Hotel on 19 November.

This was our opportunity to discuss the REBUILD COBARGO Development Applications, highlight the milestones achieved over the last year and outline our plans for the next twelve months. In particular, we discussed our focus on ensuring the financial security of the REBUILD COBARGO projects. As discussed at the session, the CCDC project management team is currently developing a submission to Government to apply for required additional funding to fully complete the project building phase.

While we await DA approval, we have also begun work on the procurement and tender processes. Community members can access the DA's through the Council's DA tracker on the BVSC website.

In other news, we are pleased to have now engaged a content manager for the CCDC website and, over the next month,

you will notice changes as the website is upgraded and updated.

Thanks to the 35 community members who joined the Annual Review Information Session and provided your comments, thoughts and feedback during the Q and A session. Answers provided by the panel will be collated and uploaded to the CCDC website under the FAQ tab.

Finally, the CCDC Limited Board would like to thank the community for the time, commitment and energy you have provided to the REBUILD COBARGO projects over the past year. We are committed to providing ongoing community engagement opportunities as we navigate forward, ensuring your voices are heard throughout the design and building phase of this project.

Seasons Greeting from the CCDC!



Lest we forget

A service and wreath laying at the Cobargo War Memorial on Remembrance Day Photo Credit: Matt Nettheim



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We have relocated into our new premises in the Innovation Hub in Cobargo. And what a lovely space it is! We welcome all members of the community to drop in and have a chat or take part in upcoming events.

Our purpose includes providing pathways to services, computer assistance, printing, photocopying, advocacy with Government departments/services and anything else people may need assistance with. Over time, more activities and services will become available in what we hope will become a busy, welcoming community space.

Our first community event will be 'High Tea Tuesday' for the more senior folk in our community. It will be an opportunity to enjoy a lovely morning tea, a chat with friends and an introduction to the new Community Access Centre. Mark Tuesday 13 December on your calendar and call Chris on 0476 787 480 to register your attendance.

We'd like to acknowledge the almost three years of volunteer service that Liz Martin has given to the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre, and then the Cobargo Community Access Centre. Liz and her husband have decided to do some more travel and enjoy their retirement so she



Danielle and Chris in the Innovation Hub office of the Community Access Centre

has reluctantly decided to step aside from her role with the Centre. However, she will still pop in from time to time so you will still be able to see her friendly face at our community events. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Liz, for all you have done for this community.

Do drop in anytime on Tuesdays,

Thursdays or Fridays, have a cuppa and a chat and enjoy some friendly company. Share with us any thoughts and ideas you may have to contribute to what we hope will be a wonderful community asset.


We're here for you!

Chris and Danielle

The Annual General Meeting of the Cobargo and District Energy Transition Group Inc (CaDET) will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, 7 December at 5.00 pm.
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Halloween 2022 – wet and wild but full of tricks and treats!

Creatures of all shapes and sizes came out in Cobargo on Monday 31 October to celebrate Halloween.

They started around 4.00 pm by collecting a map from the depths of Hoyer St and then made their way on foot around the wet, spooky streets collecting treats or being tricked.

Bank Street sure did trick some creatures with their amazingly awful tasting iced cupcakes (toothpaste) and Avernus St made them jump out of their skins with their spooky singing doll.

With buckets, bags, hats and bellies full of treats they made their way to the local watering hole (Cobargo Pub) for a groovy and spooktacular disco, dancing their sugar highs off. With the fall of dusk and after lots of thrills, howling and shaking of tail feathers the creatures disappeared into the depths of the Cobargo Village until next year.

A huge thank you to the following for making Halloween happen: the Map Creators, the Home Decorators, the Parent Costume Helpers, Carly McMahon for disco fever and the Cobargo Hotel.

Jessie Collins



Lookin' ghoul! Back - Steph, Tim and Arron Front - Kova, Inti, Rahki and Finn

Community Carols on Christmas Eve

Our annual Cobargo community carols will be held in the Apex Park (corner of Princes Highway and Bermagui Rd) on Christmas Eve at 8.00 pm.

Everyone is welcome, with gifts for all children.

If you are a musician, call Fiona Kotvojs on 0448 453 422 as we would love to have you join in the music.

A perfect way to start Christmas!



Iain, Branwen and Sarah Hamilton channelled the Addams family



Sweet sisters Lily and Zoe Craythorn must have been given a lot of candy!



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Stay Well

Triangle Youth Event # 2

The sun was out on Saturday 29 October, as the Cobargo Skatepark played host to our second successful Triangle Youth Event. The day was put on by Cobargo Green Recovery and there was a huge turn out to enjoy skating activities, live music, market stalls, BBQ and heaps of prize give aways, thanks to lucindaskate.com from Ulladulla for their generous donation.



Skaters waiting to show off their tricks

Amped Planet kicked off the day with some skate workshops for young children and young people to learn the basics, or improve their skills, and went on to coordinate a free-flowing skate competition.

Arlo McMahon ran a bunch of skate maintenance workshops on the day.

Pambula Rotary and the Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast supplied

their portable stage and sound systems to create a festival vibe. Local musician, David Crowdon put together a set list of some of the best young local musical talent including Sarah Lingard, Sam Quast, Bohdi Turner, Guitarama, Kunda, Laura S., Alice Weibe and Lara Scivers.

Cobargo Green Recovery put on a BBQ for the day, with a huge effort from Carole, Alf, Guy, Gabrielle, Von and Tania to make it happen. A bunch of local stallholders went out of their way to build a festive atmosphere, including Cobargo General Store's ice cream stand, Cobargo Primary School's baked goods and Hippiie Vibes Co. with their free tie-dyeing.

A little more of Cobargo Green Recovery's dream for the skatepark area was realised on the day, with



Darren Martin, from the Community Greening Program and Sydney Royal Botanical Gardens planting trees with local, Lucas Stevens.



Skate Maintenance Crew – working hard

Darren Martin from the Royal Botanic Gardens (Community Greening Program) coordinating the planting of a native bush tucker garden.

Cobargo Green Recovery would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day happen, including our funders, the NSW and Federal Governments, Cal from Bega Valley Shire Council for supporting the project, David and Susan from Cobargo Green Recovery who helped organise the planting, and everyone who lent a hand to set up and pack down on the day.

Put 11 March 2023 in your calendar, as it will be the third and final Triangle Youth Event. To stay in the loop, follow us on Facebook - @cobargogreenrecovery or Instagram @triangle_youth_events. Can't wait to see you next time!

*Jacinta Boyle
Triangle Youth Events*

Renewable energy resilience for Cobargo

Electricity, and energy generally, are becoming hot topics in the region. We're all grappling with increases in power prices. And is the major electricity blackout across the South Coast region during the high winds in late November a sign of things to come?

The Cobargo microgrid feasibility study is making good progress. The immediate aim of this microgrid is to allow critical community services and parts of the Cobargo village to have power in the event of a grid outage.

This microgrid will comprise a solar farm and battery, using local generation of renewable power to increase Cobargo's energy resilience. During normal operation, Cobargo will remain grid-connected with existing electricity access unchanged.

The funding for this feasibility study was obtained in late 2021, building on ongoing work within the community after the 2019-2020 fires. Together with Australian renewables experts, ITP

Renewables, the Cobargo and District Energy Transition group (CaDET) obtained \$1.36m from the Australian Federal Government's Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund (RRCRF).

CaDET has now executed a Memorandum of Understanding with ITP Renewables and ITP Development. This partnership brings ITP Development on as the project developer, shifting the project closer to reality through ITP Development's extensive experience in community development projects.

Key to the partnership is the continued shared aims of achieving energy resilience through local generation of renewable energy and maximising community benefits. ITP Development's involvement also enables the development of a larger microgrid system, allowing critical services and more of the Cobargo area to retain power during outages.

The other component of the RRCRF project is a load-management trial that

involves the installation of small load-management devices in Cobargo residences and businesses. These devices allow trial participants to monitor and have more control over their energy usage. The trial will collect data on customer preferences, control systems and load reduction. Almost all trial spots have been taken, but a few remain available!

Residents interested in finding out more or joining the load-management trial can visit the Renewable Cobargo website. Further community meetings are planned for early next year for consultation and feedback on the microgrid design.

CaDET welcomes interest from community members. CaDET's Community Energy Coordinator, David Neyle, is available to help demystify energy and help manage your electricity costs. David can be contacted at david.neyle@renewablecobargo.com

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The Bowerbird Community Op Shop committee and volunteers would like to wish everyone the very best for the holiday season and say thank you for your amazing donations and support during 2022. It has been a wonderful year and we've settled into our new nest, adorning it with pretty and sparkly things to attract valued customers.

The whisper of Christmas is getting louder every day, with the excited chatter of children as they spy decorations and lights starting to grace homes and shop windows, plans being made for Christmas Day, stocking stuffers and unique gifts bought and taken home to be wrapped, ready to go under the tree. It's certainly an exciting time for many, but for some, unfortunately, it's just another day, a reminder they're away from their families or that times are tougher than ever.

The Bowerbird would like to share the magic of the season with as many people as possible, in the hope of bringing joy and companionship into their lives and creating wonderful memories. Our main initiative this year is a giving tree in the op shop to which people can donate gifts, whether for a child or an adult. They will be distributed leading up to Christmas so



The Bowerbird notice about the giving tree

others can experience the joy of receiving something special.

We will be hosting a luncheon with all the trimmings on Christmas Day. We've spoken to community members throughout the year and recognised that many will be spending Christmas Day alone, away from family, friends and loved ones. We would



Wrapped presents beneath the tree

love nothing more than to share the day, eat wonderful food and enjoy each other's company. The CWA Hall in Cobargo will be our venue for Christmas Day lunch and transport can be arranged for anyone who needs it. If you know of someone who is isolated or will be alone for Christmas and might welcome an invitation, please email us at bowerbirdopshop@gmail.com or call 0422 888 547.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing of your plans for the holidays. The giving tree is ready to receive wrapped and marked gifts, and we will work hard to bring those in need an amazing meal and experience on Christmas Day.

Corrine Harris

emailmailmailmailmailmailmailmail The Triangle's email address is contributions@thetriangle.org.au

CWA looks back to move forward

Cobargo CWA has decided it is time we recorded the history of our branch. We want to make an oral history and we are seeking the help of the community in this, because the branch is part of the fabric of the community and has been for about eighty years.

Was your mum or gran in Cobargo CWA? We would love to talk to you about your memories of their membership. Because so many of us are new members, we are eager to find out more about the women that were in the branch. We'd like to know how they felt about belonging and what the membership meant to them. Are there people still in Cobargo who might have gone to meetings with their mothers? Can you remember what she talked about after meetings? How did she dress to go to CWA? Did she wear her hat and gloves? Did she make scones and sandwiches for fund raising?

Please ring either Felicity Ruby on 0452 161 673 or Mary Williams on 0447 401 725 if you would like to find out more. We'd love to hear from you.

Have you nominated anyone for the Cobargo Citizen of the Year 2023 yet? The closing date is the first week in December so please hurry. Remember we need the reasons for your nomination in writing. Please send an email to Mary Williams, maryw42@bigpond.com, or write to PO Box 5114 Cobargo.

We're not sure of the venue for the Australia Day event in January. It will be posted on the Cobargo Community email and on

posters around town next month. We have been assured that there should be an Australia Day Ambassador this time, if all goes well.

Meanwhile our happy band of members is hoping to have a Christmas get-together after our next meeting. We had a Cookery Competition at our last meeting and the winners will be entering in the Group competition next March. The judge at Cobargo was Barb Smith, who is a well-known CWA judge, and she gave lots of tips to improve baking – worthwhile just being there to learn so much.

Whilst CWA is known for scones, just remember that the tea and scones are there to start the conversation. From the conversations come the ideas for improving the lives of all by advocating to governments, both State and Federal, for reforms and changes that improve the lives of all. Plus, there is the wonderful friendship in a group that is inclusive and encompassing. It is the largest women's group that was originally developed to improve the lives of women and children in regional and country areas. It now works for all, with emphasis on those living in regional, rural and remote areas. Think about joining us some time!

We had a successful cake stall in November. Our next one will be at the *Celebrate Cobargo!* evening in December – we look forward to seeing you there!

Mary Williams

Publicity Officer

Cobargo Branch CWA of NSW

Community connection is everything

For me, the last three years have been such a ridiculous roller coaster I don't even know where to begin. One thing I know for sure is that what has kept me going with the Cobargo Wellness Group activities are the deep connections and friendships that have formed along the way.

Touring with *My Superpower*, our theatre show, led me through hectares of dead bush in the Blue Mountains and devastated flood areas from the Orara Valley to the Hawkesbury region. I worked with strong, passionate people, heavily invested in their communities and their connections reminded me of our own.

We at the CWG love hosting parties, so it seems fitting that this year's last event will be *Brite*, a New Year's Eve shindig for the whole community and beyond. It's all very well having a vision, but nothing happens without support. Most of the funding has come from Vinnies, along

with the CCBRF, Anglicare, Red Cross, Bega Valley Shire Council, and even Nikki Hutteman's association with a motor-cycle club in Queensland! What a privilege it is to collaborate with these organisations!

Many in the community have confirmed that a gathering at the Cobargo Showgrounds would be a great idea. I've been ignoring New Year's Eve for the last few years but the general vibe is it's time to bring people together and have a celebration. What a perfect place to see in 2023!

Brite will open with a taste of West African drumming from Djembe Forte followed by a kids' dance party. Food will be available to purchase but please BYO drinks, there won't be a bar. Howlin' Mitch will get us stomping to some rhythm and blues, The Scaramouche will follow bringing mischief and magic with their eclectic mix of jazz, rock, swing and

punk, followed by Goldie, a band with a soulful voice and a passion for dancing to an energetic and vibrant combination of funk and Latin American. Ben Buggy will man the DJ decks and we'll keep the tunes coming till the last person leaves.

Join us for a wonderful night, stay the night and, if you have time, please contact me (0417 684 300) to volunteer for a couple of hours around New Year's Eve or before. The event is free but you'll be well fed and feel the benefits volunteering brings. When we give, we get back in spades and, above all, feel strong and hopeful through belonging to a connected community.

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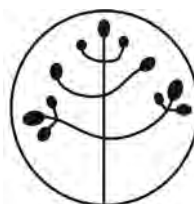
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Cobargo Public School Update

Once again, the Year 6 student journalists have been busy writing updates about the happenings at Cobargo Public School:

Wollongong University Visit

written by Dani and Logan

A few weeks ago, Stage 3 students were lucky enough to visit the University of Wollongong (Bega campus) to talk about our future careers. We learnt a lot about the many different career pathways available. Moving from room to room, we were able to become mini neuroscientists, lawyers, engineers and geneticists. After a day full of mind tricks, problem solving and dissections, we went home thinking about our eventful day and the possibilities ahead for our future selves. We enjoyed our day so much that we wish to go again!



A visit to the University of Wollongong proved to be lots of fun!

Year 3 and 4 Kitchen Garden

reported by Iris



Our beautiful, productive kitchen garden.

Students in Years 3/4 have been chopping, slicing, cooking and eating fresh produce grown at the school this past year as part of their kitchen and garden lessons. To support this, everyone is very grateful for the garden beds donated by the school's P and C and thankful for the help from Mr Benny who planted the garden beds. The fresh produce the students have grown has given the students amazing foods to use in the recipes they have cooked at school, allowing them to experiment with a variety of recipes and learn new skills. Yet again, we are all very grateful for this support to provide opportunities and we are very glad and happy about our fresh produce.

Dani, Logan and Iris

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The Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund update

The committee of the Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund Inc (CCBRF) is now winding up its work and applications have now closed.

The fund has supported 56 community projects to a total value of \$528,899. The committee has set aside \$200,000 for community art and the beautification of the community-owned spaces that will be created in the main street rebuild and is retaining a small amount of funding to cover ongoing audit and accounting expenses and the website hosting costs.

The CCBRF committee extends its grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to the fund and to all the many volunteers who have undertaken recovery projects.

Audited financial records are available on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission website – google ACNC.

The CCBRF Committee

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What's been happening at the Cobargo District Museum?

Sewing machine



This fine old machine is now with the museum thanks to the Bower Bird Op Shop.

Thanks to the astute staff at the Bower Bird, we were offered an old Singer sewing machine, treadle converted to electric. We found it was owned and used by Mrs Burton, earlier owner of the Sorrento Lodge (aka The Beachouse) at Bermagui. Her son, Gerry Burton, owned the Village Kitchen in Cobargo. The intact machine was purchased by two museum supporters and donated to the museum.

Steam engine

Have you wondered what happened to the old steam engine previously located



This steam engine is a part of local history and will soon be on display

at the Cobargo Hotel? It drove a stamper battery at the Nerrigundah goldfields in the 1860s and then ran a sawmill at Dignams Creek. In 2018, it was offered to the museum for safe keeping and was stored on a local property where it narrowly escaped the bushfires. The museum has arranged for it to come back to the community. It's now on the bank of the Murrabrine Creek opposite the hotel, next to the new

Wandella Bridge.

A plaque explaining its story and heritage has been funded with a grant from the Bower Bird Op shop. The required fencing will be funded by a private donor.

The well

Are you aware that Cobargo did not have proper water infrastructure until the 1960s? Residents used to source their water from tanks or various wells around town. One such well remains with visible internal paving and it's next to the steam engine.

With proposed landscaping, this area will become another feature to add to Cobargo's tourist trail. It too needs fencing (as a safety measure) if it is to be retained by the community. The museum has agreed to fund the fencing but will seek to recoup some of this by means of public support and fund-raising.

So if you wish to donate or see us selling at the pub raffles please be generous if you can. It's your heritage!

Thank you, Cobargo, for your ongoing support.

Bev Holland

President, Cobargo District Museum



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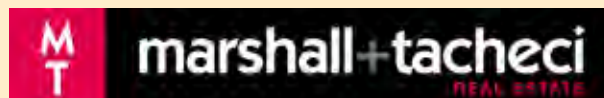
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I know it's a cliché but, where did the year go? I am amazed that we are putting together the last issue of *The Triangle* for the year, December and January combined. The events of the last few years seem to have changed our perception of time somehow and dates and events are a bit of a blur.

While we have returned to our 'normal' lives in most forms, COVID has not left the scene and seems to reappear in different forms, reminding us not to drop our guard or become complacent, especially over this busy holiday time. This is probably how our lives are going to be.

While this part of Australia is not suffering from physical disasters at the moment, other areas are suffering with the terrible flooding that is inundating a lot of the land, having a catastrophic effect with loss of homes, properties, livestock, incomes and, worse, the loss of lives.

Having been through a devastating event resulting in shocking loss, our love and support goes out to these people, as well as practical help (see Marine Rescue report on pg 9).

Singing soothes the soul

If you enjoy singing and being part of a group there is plenty of choice across the Bega Valley. I belong to a wonderful choir in Bermagui, literally called *That bunch of singers*, run by the inspiring and very talented Dan Scollay. We meet once a week to enjoy an hour and a half of vocal exercise and an escape from our daily lives and worries. Dan brings out the best in us and we all feel much lighter after our sessions together and enjoy the wonderful sounds we produce.

There will be a Christmas concert at



Microlite Milly visits Bermagui Preschool (the kids were thrilled!)

the Brogo Hall on 10 December, 4.00 pm with the Bega Valley Men's Choir.

Spirit Allegro from down Pambula way led by the amazing David Francis is performing two Christmas Concerts - Wolumla Memorial Hall, 17 December at 2.00 pm and Nethercote Hall, 18 December at 2.00 pm.

Microlight Millie drops in!

... an amazing young woman in her flying machine.

I have been following this story and was excited to meet the amazing Amelia Thornby at Bermagui Preschool the other day when she dropped in on her tour around Australia, spreading the word about the incredible story of migratory birds that journey huge distances each year, some visiting our beaches and mudflats at Bermagui.

Recently a Godwit made news with its record breaking 13,000 kms over eleven days non-stop flying from Siberia to NZ.

Millie has been retracing the paths of one species in a microlight craft she built herself, the next best thing to wings. She has been visiting schools giving free Science, Technology, Education and Maths (STEM) classes about migratory shorebirds and to talk about and make people aware of this yearly event and, of course, the part we can play in ensuring it continues.

The kids were amazed with her adventure and learnt a lot more about this incredible nature event and how to identify these shorebirds when they arrive here for their 'summer holiday', and now can look out for them.

She continued on her journey this morning and, on her way north to Moruya from Merimbula (flight leg 26), dipped her wings to Bermagui and the people she met.

For more info on this story go to Wing Threads on Facebook or go to the Wing Threads website.

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Bermagui Public School Report

Bermagui Public School has had a dynamic start to Term 4. We look forward to maintaining this incredible pace for the remaining four weeks. Throughout Term 3, students and staff worked towards a fantastic new creative art project called *Kaleidoscope*. A fabulous evening showcased incredible art projects and dances for family and friends.



Art and performance meet during *Kaleidoscope*

Teachers ran art workshops for students and families to participate in – these included mural painting, weaving, marbling, portrait creations and chalk pavement illustrations. Some of the projects resulted in school beautification, with artworks installed in gardens around the school. Thank you to our community for making the event so successful. Gabby Rose, Greg Lissaman and Justina Legoe, please accept our thanks for working with students and staff to produce such a professional experience for the school community.



Another *Kaleidoscope* activity that helps beautify our school



Students enjoying the fun at Questacon

Stage 3 students and teachers have returned from an incredible excursion to Canberra, jam-packed with fun and exciting activities at Questacon, Old Parliament House, the National Museum and the Arboretum. One highlight was a visit to Parliament House with a greeting from Kristy McBain, who mentioned BPS in her Facebook post. We watched her in the House of Representatives and then moved to view the Senate vote on a bill.



Exploring Parliament House and meeting Kristy McBain

Students and teachers had a fabulous time travelling, singing, visiting and challenging each other. Teachers were delighted to spend time with Bermagui students and were elated with the respect and responsibility students showed towards each other and at all attractions.

Students in Years 3-6 were involved

with a Four Winds initiative in Terms 3 and 4, learning to sing with Robyn Martin. The initiative, *Wali*, meaning return, come back, give back, was to highlight Dhurga, one of the Yuin languages. Robyn orchestrated a fabulous experience for Bermagui students visiting each Friday, teaching many new songs. This culminated in a singing workshop at Four Winds with the Luminescence Chamber Singers, the Inventi Ensemble, the Djinima Yilaga Choir and other schools from our area. Bermagui students enjoyed the experience of performing with others.

K-2 students had a visit from the Inventi Ensemble at school as a part of the festival. The performance was highly engaging; students learned about various instruments, the sounds they make and how they are similar. They listened to the call of animals and drew reflectively while engaging with the performance. Thank you, Four Winds, for including us.

In Week 4, students celebrated the arrival of Bookfair, an opportunity to browse a pop-up book shop and purchase books and stationery. Teachers and staff dressed up as book characters with a mini parade in the morning. Other recent fundraisers included National Bandana Day and Day for Daniel.

Upcoming events include Preschool transitions to Kindergarten, the closure of the 2022 School Parliament, nominations for Parliamentary Ministers of 2023, Year 6 transition day to local high schools, Narooma High School Robotics workshop for Years 5 and 6, The Crossing camp for Year 6, Presentation Day, the Year 6 farewell and class parties. It's a busy time, that's for sure!

Michelle Osgood
Assistant Principal
Bermagui Public School

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Fundraising for a vital project: two new social housing units for seniors

Have you heard about the housing crisis? We need more homes for people living in our town, and CWA Bermagui is taking action.

Bermagui and District CWA had a fundraising event in November – High Tea and Hats – it was a combination of a 100th birthday celebration for CWA of NSW and a fundraiser for our affordable units building project.

Back in the early 1980s, Bermagui CWA built four ‘Aged Persons Independent Living Units’ on their property in Corunna Street next to the CWA Rooms and Seaside Cottage. These became known as the Sinclair Units, named for Mrs Sinclair, who was the branch President at the time, and her well-known husband, Sam Sinclair, who contributed funds to the build. Funding of \$60,000 was received from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security and other locals contributed to the successful project in a variety of ways.

All four units have been occupied by tenants for over forty years and when one becomes available, a rare occurrence, the next tenant on the waiting list moves in quick smart. They are managed and maintained by the CWA as affordable social housing.

Thanks to another bequest some time ago from local woman, Florence Froggett, and the proceeds from some astute investments, Bermagui CWA has about 70% of the funds needed to build two more units on the site. Given the current circumstances with price rises etc, we are aiming to get started as soon as possible.

We have a Council DA for the two planned one-bedroom units. One will be fully accessible, and each could provide a home for two people.

Official fundraising started with the High Tea and Hats event where we raised about \$1400. Fifty glamorously hatted guests enjoyed celebrating the CWA’s hundredth birthday and were inspired by the plans for the much-needed building project.

We need lots of help to find the funds necessary to complete this important community-enhancing project. If you would like to contribute in any way to our building project contact Bermagui CWA President Paula Rumble on 0428 436 228. If you have any questions, please call Cath Renwick on 0419 491 104.

Cath Renwick, Acting Publicity Officer, Bermagui CWA

Lone Pine



A lovely job has been done at the War Memorial at the top of the town. The Lone Pine sadly had to be removed as it was diseased, but Canberra Botanical Gardens was able to take a piece and propagate another tree. The new tree is in its original place with tasteful landscaping to protect it as well as providing seating.

Georgina Adamson

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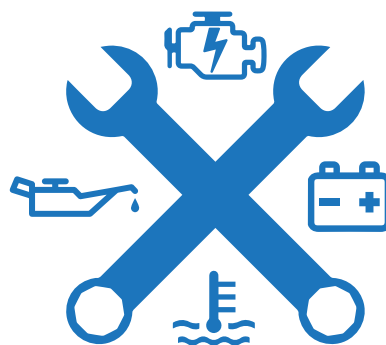


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Beauty Point Bushcare Group

This year has been the first year of operation for the newly-formed Beauty Point Bushcare Group. It was initiated by our dedicated local environmentalist, Rebecca Rudd, to start tackling weed infestations in and around the Wallaga Lake area of Beauty Point and the bushland on the north side of Beauty Point Road. It has been well attended by local residents to tackle some of the burgeoning weeds in the area. These include, among others, two of the worst local weeds – Asparagus Fern (*Asparagus aethiopicus* and *A. asparagoides*) and Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster* sp.). Additionally, garden escapes have managed to become established fairly widely in the Beauty Point area over the years and these are being specifically targeted at the best times.

This group, like others in the Bega Valley, is supported by the Bega Valley

Shire Council (BVSC) under the auspices of the Far South Coast Landcare Association (FSCCLA) which has been good enough to help us become established with tools, other supplies and advice on the significance of keeping invasive species under control. We would also like to thank Ecocrew for their assistance around Camel Rock area.

We are now able to plan for next year's activities that will include some regenerative plantings of suitable species for the area (there is already a preliminary small replanting near the Beauty Point boat ramp). We are planning a family day outing some time in autumn to encourage the involvement of local families with their kids to see what we are doing and to let them join in. This will give them some appreciation of the local natural environment and why we don't like invasive weeds!

Dave Bulman



Tackling the invasive weed problem in the area

Men – back at work!

Stage 2 of the Bermagui Men's Shed project has now been completed. The much-anticipated Meeting Room is now giving members an extra space to relax in away from the hustle and bustle of the work shed machinery.

The new Meeting Room is a huge area with a kitchen any chef would be proud to cook in, fully air-conditioned and carpeted with plenty of space for future activities. High on the list is a pool table! The room has facility for IT presentations and the latest addition is a Smart TV – that has already been used for a Melbourne Cup afternoon (partners included) and a live stream of the funeral of a member that was

held in Sydney. It is a resource that will get lots of use – the blokes can gather to watch football matches or other sporting events, hold movie nights or games nights.

The Meeting Room is also available to local community groups to use in the future. Already, Probus has begun meeting there and have held a successful movie/pizza night in the room. Stage 3 is now in the planning, with the car park almost finished and plans to build an outdoor, undercover BBQ area with pizza oven. Landscaping is also in the planning stage.

Bermagui Men's Shed is a welcoming space for men to come together in mateship, to work on their own projects or on

community projects if they wish or to simply come for a coffee and a chat. New members are always welcome.

The shed is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm. Located on the Bermagui-Tathra Road just past the cemetery. If you are interested in becoming involved, drop in and have a chat to any of the blokes – who will tell you that this is the best place to go!

And, ladies ... think about that quiet time when your man has gone to the Shed. All those projects you can do, or simply sit back with a good book and relax!

Carolyn Banados



'Yep, that looks a bit suss!' – Bermagui Men's Shed members problem solving.

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Bruce Steer pool safety net replacement

Following some persistent enquiries from local residents over recent months, it is pleasing to report that a new safety barrier will be installed by Council at Bruce Steer Pool in about one month's time.

One of the supporting piles and the existing metal ring net incurred significant damage over the last year, such that it is no longer effective or repairable.

Council has recently advised that an order has been placed for a new barrier that is currently being fabricated in WA. It is anticipated that the new barrier will be in Bermagui in late November, with installation targeted for late November or early December.

There is also some work to do removing the existing barrier that they hope to schedule in late November. It is likely that the existing piles will remain in situ until early next year. They will remove the piles using a barge from the Bermagui Harbour boat ramp upgrade project.

The Bruce Steer Pool, when operating effectively, offers a protected swimming



Damaged safety net at Bruce Steer pool

area for the benefit of young families and more elderly swimmers. It has very good amenities on the foreshore and a wheelchair access ramp into the water.

Geoff Steele

Bermagui Historical Society



A new calendar has been printed for 2023 and is available for \$20 from the BHS Museum and the Bermagui Information Centre and at the Red Cross Market on the last Sunday of the month.

It's an interesting publication and all the photos depict a place of significance around the town that will all have information boards that will be erected next year.

It's a terrific present for anyone interested in the history of the area.

2023 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Bermagui Historical Society ... quite an achievement and I am sure there are celebrations being planned.

Georgina Adamson



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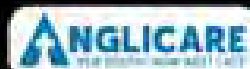


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Following a suggestion from Diggies resident, Sally Anne Gaunt, thirty residents gathered on a Sunday in September to learn about the work of Firesticks from Djiringanj Yuin Traditional Custodian, Dan Morgan. He explained the layers of science and the long history of traditional land management through cultural burning. Also called cool or mosaic burning, this technique involves first identifying different country types and parent trees, such as ironbark or spotted gum areas, ridge lines etc with plant species that work in symbiosis. Soil also helps determine country type. A trained observer can read when an area is ready for burning. With cultural burning, fire moves through particular pockets of country like water. What you end up with is a charcoal mulch layer with leaf litter that blankets the soil and protects it. When rain comes, the nutrients soak in and improve the soil, resulting in lush forests that act like a natural fire break, protecting the canopy from fire.

This kind of burning is different to hazard reduction burning that aims to reduce surface fuel loads per hectare by clustering sometimes six to ten different types of country into one big block, and then burning it quite hot. This is proving to have negative and damaging effects on



The latest 'Feed Diggies' community working bee collected fifteen feed bags of fireweed at Sarah's and Ian's place. Overwhelming tasks are more easily knocked over with helpers!

plant and animal species, as well as the soil. What needs to change is how hazard reduction burning is undertaken, but we also need to reconsider the idea of asset protection. If we protect and manage the assets of forest systems, soil and waterways, other assets like houses and towns will also, de facto, be protected. We need to respect fire as a friend, as a living spirit, and as a relationship, Dan explained. If we treat fire as an enemy, if we structure our fire response systems like a military command, no one wins.

While Firesticks is experiencing genuine public interest and recognition of the value of traditional fire practices, especially after the Black Summer fires,

not enough has changed with regards to integrating cultural burns into fire management plans, certification of cultural burning practitioners and reduction of red tape. There is currently no overarching policy framework for cultural burning in New South Wales, despite this being a recommendation in the NSW Bushfire Inquiry. One is being developed but delivery has been pushed back to June 2023. Many in Diggies believe this isn't good enough. We plan to agitate for policy change, but also to build up our relationship and plan to collaborate with Firesticks and others to work towards cultural burning in Diggies before next summer.



Dignams Creek Community Group meeting with Dan Morgan of Firesticks, 18 September 2022

emailmailmailmailmailmailmailmail The Triangle's email address is contributions@thetriangle.org.au

The Badja Forest Road Fire Oral History Project

The National Library of Australia is working with the Cobargo Bushfire Resilience Centre Inc. and members of the impacted communities to create an oral history project as a historical record of those who lived through the Badja Forest Road Fire.

If you were affected by the fire and want to tell your story, we'd like to hear from you.

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Slow Stitching and Back to the Future! **for the Lazy Lizard Gallery in December and January**

Summer is here, the Lizards are emerging from hibernation, and are set to delight their adoring public with, not one, but two exciting Side Room exhibitions!

In December, we have *Slow Stitching*, with work by Gallery members Gabrielle Powell and Patto McDonald. Gabrielle has her fantastic colourful baskets, made entirely from recycled materials, while Patto will be exhibiting her exquisitely designed, beaded fibre jewellery.

Slow Stitching, they explain, is, 'The practice of hand sewing with intention and thoughtfulness, while giving us the perfect time to take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.'



Blue Basket by Gabrielle Powell

Using a wide range of recycled materials, such as lengths of plastic-covered wire cable, that is then over-stitched, blanket-stitched, wrapped, woven and netted, Gabrielle creates beautiful baskets that will last a lifetime and are equally at home in the lounge room, the dining room, the bathroom or even on the verandah. 'My baskets are slow stitched at night,' says Gabrielle. 'They bring with them a story about caring for the environment, in a creative and unique way ... turning trash into treasure, one basket at a time!'



Hairclip by Patto McDonald

Patto's work also has a story. She had had a really challenging year, so she decided to get herself a little van, take off and see some of the country to relax and clear her head. However, the holiday brought its own challenges, in the form of car troubles, and she tells how she was marooned for a time at Agnes Waters in Queensland, awaiting repairs but, in true Patto spirit, she rose to the challenge: she had with her some felt, buttons, fibre, a few beads and some thread, so she set about 'slow stitching' and has created some gorgeous unique jewellery for this exhibition.

Slow Stitching will open at 5.00 pm on Friday 2 December, during the *Celebrate Cobargo!* evening, and you are invited to come and join us. It will run till 31 December.

Now to January! As you know, we always hold a group exhibition for gallery members at this time of year and ask the Lizards to create some special new works to start the year in style! We have called the exhibition *Back to the Future* – so it is wide open to all sorts of interpretations! Your guess is as good as mine, but I am sure it will be interesting and good fun, so please be sure to drop by and have a look!

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support and wish you a lovely Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Naomi Lewis

The Triangle Heartbeat Collection

Adam West, photographic artist, and Sylke Claridge, expressionist fauvist painter and printmaker, present our portfolios with a local focus.

Join us for our exhibition at the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club, from 14 – 15 January, 10 am – 6 pm. This exhibition showcases our region leaving the observer immersed in a sense of belonging.

For further information, contact Adam on 0419 302 181 or Sylke on 0410 966404.



Adam West On Golden Pond photograph



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Call out for volunteers at Sculpture Bermagui



Art, community and smiles all around. Volunteers at Sculpture Bermagui 2021.

If you're interested in volunteering at Sculpture Bermagui, now is the time to get in touch with the volunteer team.

Last year, more than 6,500 visitors attended the spectacular sculpture exhibition on the Dickinson Point headland and at the Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club.

For next year's exhibition (11–19 March), prize money has been increased, the judging process revamped and the Sculpture Bermagui website upgraded.

The major sculpture prize in 2023 will be \$15,000 and judging will be headed up by notable artist Wendy Teakel, whose work is held in significant national and private collections and overseas. Wendy was Head of Sculpture at the Australian National University.

According to the feedback received at Sculpture Bermagui, volunteers love:

- *Being surrounded by art, talking to artists & seeing visitor reactions.*
- *Being part of something to share with the town and beyond.*
- *Meeting everyone and seeing their delight.*
- *Shared endeavour, fellowship.*

Sculpture Bermagui volunteer coordinator, Cath Renwick, said, 'We have the most wonderful band of continuing volunteers, but each year we hope to see some new faces become part of this terrific community event.'

'We need some volunteers all year round, others just for a day, and everything in between.'

'If you are new to town, or keen to meet new people, or just love art, then visit our new website and click on the Volunteer tab to find out more.'

'The website has information about all the volunteer roles available. There is a role for everyone who might want to be involved.'

Sculpture Bermagui is all about community. The event receives no government grants, all prizemoney and running costs are funded by sponsor donations and sculpture sales. Proceeds from the sales also, of course, benefit the exhibiting artists.

Email inquiries to: volunteer@sculpturebermagui.org.au

Cath Renwick

Summer exhibitions at Spiral Gallery



Fish by Bill Insch

Artesanato, Spiral Gallery's artists' and friends' annual cash and carry exhibition in Gallery 1, begins on Friday 2 December at 10.00 am and coffee and cake with the artists will be served on Saturday 3 December.

A smorgasbord of original artworks from Spiral members and friends – with ceramics, jewellery, clothing, textiles, prints and paintings, handcrafted wood and knives, baskets and more.

The exhibition runs to 18 January 2023.

- Note: Extended opening hours 9.00 am – 5.00 pm from 12–24 December.
- Closed: 25, 26 and 27 December and 2 January.

And in Spiral Gallery 2:

Clay, fire and ceramics

Raku, garden sculpture and ceramics by new and emerging South Coast artists.

Clay, fire and ceramics runs from 2 December to 24 December. Please join the artists for coffee and cake from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm on Saturday 3 December.

After Christmas in Spiral Gallery 2:

From past to present

oil paintings by Graeme Krake

Runs from 28 December 2022 to 18 January 2023.

Spiral Gallery is at 47 Church Street Bega and is open Mon–Fri from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Sat 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

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What is Wayfarers?

Wayfarers was founded in 1997 by Australian composer Judith (Judy) Clingan AM, with mainly teenagers from Steiner schools around Australia who loved singing. Every year, Wayfarers have met to rehearse choral music or music theatre, and then they travel, offering performances and workshops to adults and children. Touring Wayfarer groups have ranged in size from ten to a hundred; performing at musical levels from basic to excellent near-professional. Wayfarers is now open to anyone aged ten or older who loves singing.

In the early years, students, teachers and parents from all over Australia performed in northern NSW, Victoria, South Australia and in central and northern Australia. Different tours focussed on different repertoires – some took the magnificent works of the western tradition, like Handel's *Messiah*, to country towns; some took musical theatre versions of children's stories to schools, as well as short choral songs from a variety of countries and eras.

Since 2000, overseas tours had become a regular Wayfarers highlight – singing choral masterpieces in the great cathedrals of Europe, performing Judy's operas and music theatre works in Iceland, Taiwan, Russia and Japan. They have also given singing, drama, recorder and music education workshops to children and adults in Finland, Korea, New Zealand and India. These



The Dog, the Goat and the Dragon from the Chinese Zodiac, in Clingan's mini-opera for kids, *Heavenly Grandfather's Banquet*, written in 2016

experiences have created a wonderful web of friendship around the world. There are now Wayfarers groups in several countries, run by young adults who toured with Judy as students.

Then the bushfires and COVID happened – and Wayfarers virtually stopped, apart from a bushfire recovery concert in March 2020 and performances of Judy's musical version of Dr Seuss's *The Lorax* in December 2020. A tour of the south coast was planned for January 2021, but COVID put paid to that idea. Then Judy crashed on her electric tricycle and broke both her legs – no major performances were attempted in 2021. 2022 has seen several low-key events come to fruition in and near Canberra. The January 2023 tour of the south coast is the first big adventure since the world changed – our performance troupe has 25 Wayfarers aged five to eighty from Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Bowral, Canberra, Melbourne and Lorinna in Tasmania, spending four days in intensive rehearsal at Narooma and three days performing from Dalmeny to Bermagui. Most of the group have good instrumental skills as well as singing and acting skills. We hope you will join us in celebrating the power of the arts to lift our spirits and inject meaning into life! See page 39 for information and times.

Judith Clingan



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The return of SOAPI

Recently Cobargo saw the first production from SOAPI since the fires. After the loss of most committee members' homes and all its equipment, SOAPI has taken a while to get back to the stage, though weekly workshops have been running since 2021. *Hearts and minds* comprised three short plays and some audience interactive skits. The plays touched on a number of threads common in so many of our lives – love, misdirected energies, loneliness, loss, day to day stress and yet, as in life, humour.

Timothy Rochford wrote and directed the first play, *Tying the knot*. Starring Francesca Rochford as Maryanne, a savvy art curator who suspects her fiancé, Sean (Trevor Grebert) wants to marry her for the wrong reasons, the play takes us to a future when the government has legislated to bring down the divorce rate. As counsellors Norman (Graeme Freedman) and Davina (Josephine Darling) navigate the couple through the bureaucratic quagmire, Sean, a psychiatrist learns the wisdom of a woman's intuition.

The second play, *Hey, Dougal*, was written and directed by Robyn Freedman. Timothy Rochford plays Arthur, a widower who has become housebound after surgery. His well-meaning but rather impatient



A group scene from the short play *Just Another Morning* (left to right) Kathryn, Tim, Julie and Oskar

sister, Maggie (Kathryn Haynes) decides that Google is the answer to his woes ... !

The last play, *Just another morning*, follows the hapless Robinsons as they start another day. Robyn Freedman directed, as Mum, Maureen (Julie Sweeney), and Dad, Frank (Timothy Rochford), try to wrest control of the household from each other. Oskar Feddersen portrays the frustrated pre-teen Jason, while the support cast

of Francesca Rochford (Jackie), Nanna (Kathryn Haynes) and the burglar (Trevor Grebert) add to the chaos.

Improvised skits rounded out the entertainment. First was Trevor Grebert's *Storytime* and then the audience helped set the scene for Timothy's *Shaking the tree* with hilarious results.

Graeme Freedman

Season's greetings from Cobargo Creators!

If you missed the opening of our annual 8xEight Exhibition during Celebrate Cobargo! on 2 December, all is not lost. This eclectic exhibition of applied creativity will remain on display for everyone to enjoy (and the entries will be available for purchase) until Sunday, 15 January. So why not come in and have a look? You'll see some great original work and you just might find that special Christmas present that has been eluding you.

Cobargo Creators turned ten years old in 2022! We will celebrate a decade of creativity in the community and welcome the New Year with a garden party for our members in January.

And we already have some great creativity events planned for 2023 so watch this space. In addition to a range of workshops and themed exhibitions open to all, we will be showcasing work from the youngsters at Cobargo Preschool and students at the public schools in

the Triangle area, in a series of mini exhibitions. Our members will also be able to showcase their work by taking advantage of our Featured Member exhibitions that will run for two weeks throughout the year.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help manage our Instagram feed and webpage. If you have skills in these areas and are keen to support and foster creativity in our community, please email us at mail@cobargocreators.org

You don't have to be a member of Cobargo Creators to volunteer with us and we are approved by Centrelink to provide voluntary work opportunities for people aged over 55 who are eligible to fulfil their mutual obligation through volunteering.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season and we look forward to beginning a second decade of creativity in the community. Please consider joining us for the journey.

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Wali: a return – Four Winds Spring Youth Music Festival

On Friday 11 November, Four Winds celebrated its Spring Youth Music Festival – *Wali: a return*.

What a triumphant and inspiring day for all involved! The morning unfolded with blue skies, as over 270 school children rolled in to perform alongside Djinama Yilaga Choir, Luminescence Chamber Singers and Inventi Ensemble. Led by Rachel Hore OAM and Robyn Martin, the school students sang pieces arranged by celebrated composer Ella Macens. Carrillo Gantner (son of Four Winds Founder, Neilma Gantner) and his wife Ziyin said of the day, 'It was a powerful act of reconciliation that will be absorbed by the children. [We] could almost feel the trees smiling outside the Windsong Pavilion.'

Lara Crew, Four Winds Create and Inspire Education Program Producer, remarked: 'Dhurga was sung to Country by the united voices of the valley's children and the magnificent Djinama Yilaga Choir. While the sun shone and the rain fell gently in the afternoon, Four Winds Aboriginal Creative Producer, Cheryl Davison, saw her dream being realised – the *wali* [return] of language and the gradual healing of Yuin country.'

The event was curated by Four Winds Create and Inspire



Guitarama playing at the Spring Youth Festival. Photo Credit: Elise Idiens

Education Program Director, David Hewitt. David reflected on the event: '*Wali* was a moving intercultural and intergenerational expression of our community and place – celebrating the talent and optimism of our young people. Curating the day was one of the greatest joys I've experienced in my role at Four Winds. Hearing the artists, both aspiring and professional, join together created for me a sense of true hopefulness and confidence that, as the world changes, we can change with it for the better. I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the experience, and will be soaking in the effects of the week for many moons to come.' Four Winds would like to thank the Volunteers who made this event possible -

Elise, Sian, Moira, Skye, Julie, Bruce, Martin, Scott, Mary, Mel, Mahamati and Jane.

To stay in the loop about Four Winds programs, sign up to e-news at fourwinds.com.au/sign-up or follow them on socials @fourwindsau.

Madison Phillips

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Lessons

Ian McEwan

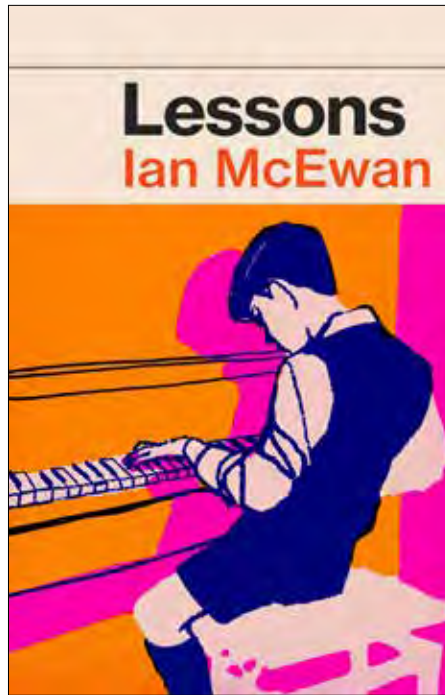
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This is Ian McEwan's seventeenth novel and has become known as his pandemic novel and also his baby boomer novel (as much as I hate that term, it is accurate here). *Lessons* is a meandering journey of a novel where McEwan returns to his beloved subject of the contemporary middle-class Englishman. And he does this so well.

We follow the life of Roland Baines as he drifts through a seemingly passive life over eight decades. Roland never seems to take charge of his life and we wonder if this is his lassitude, his desire never to hurt others or his belief that something better is just around the corner. It is perhaps all three.

The course of Roland's life seems be set by two events. The first is the feeling of unfettered freedom. His army father is serving in post-war Libya and the families are evacuated to an airfield camp during the Suez crisis. For the first time Roland is unsupervised and runs wild and free with the other boys. Roland's longing to recapture this feeling remains throughout his life. Is it to his detriment?

In the norms of his class and its aspirations, Roland is sent two-thousand



miles away to boarding school in England and here he begins piano lessons. And they are lessons indeed. His teacher is the beautiful, rosewater-scented Miriam who pinches him and kisses him and invites him to her house for tea. It takes two years for Roland to accept the invitation. At the height of the Cuban missile crisis, fourteen-year-old Roland is determined not to die before he has experienced sex and

so bicycles off to Miriam. Here begins a two-year period of sexual obsession for both. McEwan is the master of writing about adolescent sexual obsession. The adult Roland tries to recapture those years of sexual ecstasy and thus leaves lover after lover when the relationship begins to pall. Has Miriam ruined his life?

This novel is a biography of the feckless Roland but also a biography of England from the '50s to the present and how national and world events shape and change us. McEwan takes a drifting Roland and his reader through Chernobyl, the AIDS crisis, Thatcherism, Iraq, Brexit and the pandemic. We are transported from the optimism at the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War to Trumpism and the storming of the Capitol Building.

There are indeed many lessons in this wonderful novel about our times and what we have or haven't learnt.

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Pet of the Month

Kerri Brady

Molly is almost nine years old and has been waiting to find her purrfect home for some months now. She lives with her carer where she was initially set up indoors but for a couple of months has been free to go out into the large secure garden for several hours each day. She is now very happy and content in the garden, especially when her carer is out there too. She loves company and would suit a quiet family or single, who can include her in their indoor family life but, also, after a settling-in period, give her safe and secure outdoor garden time in daylight hours. Molly is a lovely cat, quite capable of letting you know what she wants and when, who really does need to find a good home. She will cost \$200. Please call 0400 372 609 (phone hours are Monday to Friday 9.00 am-5.00 pm).

All animals available through AWLNSW are microchipped, de-sexed, vaccinated, wormed and treated for ticks and fleas. Their 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 be suitable to meet the needs of the dog and have secure dog-proof fencing. You can view available animals on our Facebook page – Animal Welfare League, Far South Coast Branch 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). If you would like to become a member please call 0400 372 609. If you have lost or found a companion animal please call the BVSC Companion Animal Facility on 6499 2222. De-sexing vouchers are available at all vet clinics in our branch area of Bermagui, Cobargo, Bega, Merimbula, Pambula and Eden for residents who hold a Centrelink Pension Card. AWL-Far South Coast will subsidise the de-sexing by \$125 for female dogs and cats and by \$100 for male dogs and cats. Simply make a booking with your vet, show your pension card and you only need to cover the balance of the de-sexing cost.



Purrfect Molly

Remember not to leave pets in cars. It is against the law and is a very cruel death. Phone police if you find a dog shut in a car and they are panting.

This year, when discussing what we would do for Open Sauce, we all mentioned how we approach the Christmas table ourselves to get some recipe inspiration. We enjoyed the narratives so much, we thought you might too. Whatever you

do, we wish you a happy and delicious Christmas. Me? After reading these, I just may whip up some shortbread, pick up a dozen oysters and a bottle of bubbles and drop over to Debbie's!

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My Christmas Fare

Georgina

Pretty non-traditional approach to Christmas food for me this year as I am travelling south to visit family and friends. (Hopefully I'll make it this year, third time lucky.) So I am taking some delicious, local fare to share ...

My version of giardiniera: the freshest spring garden vegetables cut into batons, or florets, and steeped in a mixture of equal quantities of water, your choice of vinegar and seeds (dill, coriander, fennel, mustard), salt and sugar. Choose colourful vegetables but do make sure they are as fresh as possible. There are many versions so just experiment yourself. It's a colourful, crunchy and refreshing vegetable alternative, can be sealed in jars and travels well.

I will also be taking some beautiful Wapengo oysters and my trusty oyster knife along with some home-grown lemons and limes. Always appreciated on any festive table.

For a sweet contribution I will make and jar up some of my seedy balls.

Seedy balls

Put 1 cup rolled oats, 1 cup coconut, ½ cup each sesame seeds, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, finely crushed almonds or walnuts in a pan and toast gently over a low heat, stirring constantly until smelling good. Place in a bowl with 1 cup sultanas or cranberries. Melt 125 g butter, ½ cup honey, 1/3 cup brown sugar in a small saucepan until well combined and pour into dry ingredients. Mix to make a gooey mixture. Refrigerate till cool, then roll into balls.

Nice little mouthful and (mainly) healthy. Again, substitute any of the above ingredients for ones of our choice.

Enjoy your festive season food wherever you are and whoever you are with.



My approach to Christmas

Angela

My approach to Christmas has evolved over the decades to the point where we now have a turkey-, tree- and tinsel-free zone at Christmas. But one tradition has not been allowed to wither and die – the shortbread and mince pies made to my maternal grandmother's recipes. There is no point sharing her mince pie recipe so late in the year (you needed to make the fruit mince a couple of months ago and leave it to mature) but the shortbread is another matter entirely. That can be made at any time (although I only make it at Christmas) and my entirely grown-up kids only ever eat them at Christmas. This is the easiest three ingredient recipe – and this is how it appears in the splattered, hand-written recipe book.

Shortbread

4 ounces caster sugar

8 ounces butter

12 ounces plain flour

Cream butter and sugar. Add flour.

Roll out, cut into squares, bake in moderate oven until golden. Dust with caster sugar while still hot.

That's where Grandma's handwriting stops but my mother has written under it: Bake on brown paper!

So I always have. (The shortbread should be poked gently with the tines of a fork before baking to make little indentations. Grandma assumed that you knew this so it wasn't written down.)



What's on my Christmas table

Debbie

Since moving to Bermagui, I have loved having fresh local seafood to feast on, so that usually becomes the centre piece for the Christmas lunch too.

All-day nibbles include Parmesan and roasted garlic hummus or roasted eggplant dip served with veggie sticks, grissini and fresh cherries. They are so delicious at Christmas time.

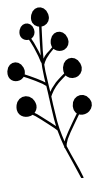
For starters I love to have local mussels cooked in wine with charred bread. They are easy. Just clean them up, fry shallots in butter in a large pan then add the mussels and about a cup of white wine. Steam for a few minutes until the shells open. Discard any that don't open and serve with parsley, pepper and the bread. Yum!

For mains I will serve fish again – usually BBQ so I can hand over the cooking. I might make a macadamia crumbed topping to fancy the fish up on the plates. Serve it with two or three salads like beetroot and feta salad, avocado and noodle salad, sweet potato mash or whole roasted cauliflower and green tahini dressing (thank you, Ottolenghi!). You can't go wrong.

Finally, if there is any room for dessert, panettone is always a winner or something simple like figs and halva.

Serve all with champagne and you have a wonderful, fresh, local feast for the big day.



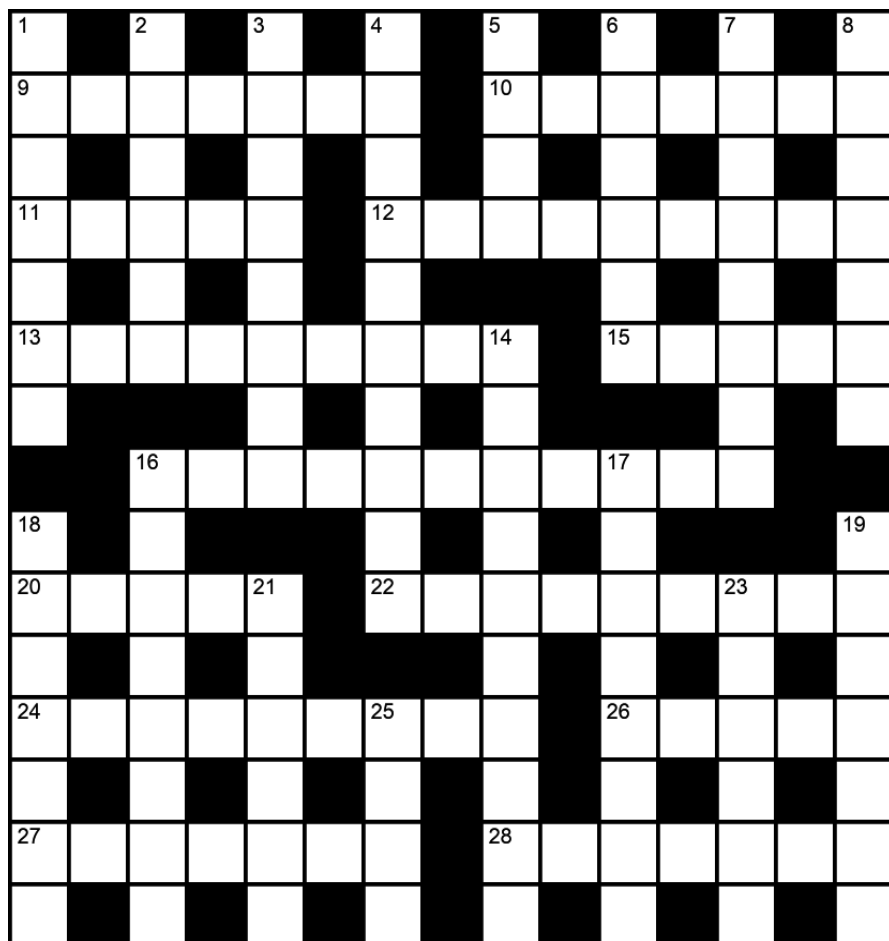


CHRISTMAS FOOD TRIVIA

- The most popular Christmas dinner main is turkey, but what is the most popular vegetarian alternative?
- In 'The Christmas Song' what was 'roasting on an open fire'?
- Which way do you stir a Christmas pudding mixture for good luck?
- In Tudor times, they roasted a bird before putting it back together (including the feathers) and served it to impress guests at a Christmas banquet. Which bird was it?
- In Japan, which famous fast food restaurant brand is a traditional Christmas treat?
- How many mince pies does the average Brit eat over Christmas? a) 6 b) 11 c) 21 d) 27
- In the old days, women in England who wanted to find a husband ate what at Christmas for good luck?
- What is the meal consisting of leftover vegetables served on 26th December?
- What is the name of the traditional Italian cake eaten at Christmas?
- What would you stick into an onion when following a traditional bread sauce recipe?
- Which fruit was often found in children's Christmas stockings in the UK and considered to be a luxury?
- Which English monarch was affectionately known as the 'Pudding King' because he requested plum pudding for his first Christmas dinner in England?
- The cinnamon bread known as Kanellängd comes from which country?
- What should be eaten on each of the 12 days of Christmas to ensure good luck for the year ahead?
- Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?
- Bounceberry is another name for which Christmas berry?
- True or false: Before turkey became popular, the traditional Christmas dinner in England included a pig's head smothered in mustard?
- What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
- What was the Goose Club in the Victorian era?
- Babka, a sweet bread or cake filled with a variety of sweet fillings such as chocolate, is popular with which ethno-religious group?
- Who dishes up the figgy pudding in Charles Dickens's classic 'A Christmas Carol'?
- A Christmas Couronne is a rich sweet bread and a speciality of Lyon. What does Couronne mean in English?
- Which Swedish word is a term for a buffet-style meal with a selection of hot and cold dishes?
- Why do we eat chocolate log at Christmas time?
- When did turkey's first arrive in Britain (pick a century)?

Answers on page 3

DECEMBER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Highland (7)
- Jimi ---, short-lived rock guitarist (7)
- Hands off! (3,2)
- World's largest mammal (4,5)
- Based (9)
- Nobel-winning Irish poet and dramatist (5)
- Dual Olympic gold-winning cyclist (6,5)
- Change (5)
- Today is the tomorrow you worried about --- (9)
- Rugby commentator and seven times captain of the Kangaroos (3,6)
- Common computer code (1,1,1,1,1)
- Possibly ... (5,2)
- Formally installed (5,2)

DOWN

- Practically in one's face (2,5)
- A repeated phrase (6)
- Lisa is one, and so is Jessica (8)
- NT sinkhole (5,5)
- Old world you (4)
- Regardless (6)
- Persist (3,5)
- Outlay (7)
- Run a commercial operation (2,8)
- Move around (3,5)
- Machine controller (8)
- Revenge (7)
- Ray sins badly, living in the Middle East (7)
- Shots (6)
- Respectable (6)
- Gum or plum? (4)

For the fridge door January, continued ...

Sat 14	Wayfarers Drama w/s for 6-12	Central Tilba small hall pg 39	4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
	Wayfarers Story Song performance	Central Tilba small hall pg 39	5.30 pm - 6.15 pm
Sat 14- Sun 15	Adam West, photographic & Sylke Claridge painter & printer exhibition	Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club	10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Sat 14	Goldie \$10	Riverrock	7.30 pm
	Moondog	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sun 15	Stick Whack	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	ChangoTRee	The Drom	4.00 pm
	Tony Jagers	Tilba Winery & Ale House	1.00 pm
	Fiona Cullen	Riverrock	1.00 pm
Sat 21	Kara Cohen & Jacqui Holmes	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sun 22	Captain Ablit & the Bluetrassh Band	The Drom	4.00 pm
	Stillwater Trio Dinner/Show \$30	Riverrock	5.30 pm
	Pickn Time	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Jakob Poyner	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Thu 26	Cobargo Citizen of the year	TBC Ring Mary Williams 0447 401 725	11.00 am onwards
	Rick Bamford	The Drom	4.00 pm
Sat 28	Micheal Meneger Dinner/Show \$30	Riverrock	5.30 pm
	ChangoTRee	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sun 29	Joe Driscoll	The Drom	4.00 pm
Sun 29	Moondog	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Totum	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
	Ross Wilson's Cool World (ticketed event)	Tilba Winery & Ale House	5.00



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DEC	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
Fri 2	Celebrate Cobargo! street fair fun - art, food, music & late night shopping	Main St, Cobargo	4.30 pm
	8 x 8 exhibition & opening pg 42	Cobargo Creators	5.00 pm
	<i>Slow Stitching</i> exhibition opening pg 38	Lazy Lizard	5.00 pm
	Artesanto cash & carry group exhibit	Spiral Gallery pg 40	10.00 am
Sat 3	The Chordroys \$10	Riverrock	7.00 pm
	ChangoTRee	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
	<i>Clay Fire & Ceramics</i> emerging artists	Spiral Gallery pg 40	10 am - 1 pm
Sun 4	Malumba	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Kara Coen	The Drom	4.00 pm
	Grand Baxter	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sat 10	Christmas evening, food & live music pg 11	Quaama Hall	7.00 pm
	Howling Mitch & the Habeneros \$15	Riverrock	7.30 pm
	Felicity Dowd	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sun 11	ChangoTRee	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Captain Ablit & the Bluetrassh Band	The Drom	4.00 pm
	Two Dogs Plucking	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sat 17	Christmas concert with Spirit Allegro	Wolumla Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
	Richard Lawson	Riverrock	7.00 pm
	Stitch the Band	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sun 18	Christmas concert with Spirit Allegro	Nethercote Hall	2.00 pm
	Solo West	The Drom	4.00 pm
	Salt	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Ako (John Atkins)	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sat 24	Christmas Carols in Apex park Cobargo	Cnr Princes Hwy & Bermagui Rd	8.00 pm
Sun 27	Sam Stevenson	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Mon 28	<i>Past to Present</i> Graeme Krake paintings	Spiral Gallery pg 40	10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Sat 31	Brite NYE celebration free event, camping from 4 pm, music, food available.	Cobargo Showgrounds pg 36	music starts at 6.00 pm
	<i>Back to the Future</i> gallery members group exhibit pg 38	Lazy Lizard Gallery	10 am - 2.00 pm
	NYE with Moondog	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
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Sun 1	NYD Captain Ablit & the Bluetrassh Band	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sat 7	Car Boot Sale pg 31	Bermagui Country Club carpark	8.00 am - 1.00 pm
	Drive Time \$10	Riverrock	7.30 pm
	Jakob Poyner	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
Sun 8	Richard Lawson	The Drom	4.00 pm
	ChangoTRee	Cobargo Hotel	5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Steve Benic	Tilba Winery & Ale House	Noon
	Daniel Champagne LIVE	Tilba Winery & Ale House (ticketed event)	6.00 pm
Thu 12	Jack Botts with special guests	Tilba Winery & Ale House (ticketed event)	5.00 pm
Fri 13	The Singing Mermaid Puppet Show	Bermagui Library Free pg 39	10.30 am - 11.00 am
	Wayfarers Drama w/s for 6-12	Quaama Hall pg 39 for bookings	4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
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