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## A family history as told by Wally Stewart, local Walbunja man - Part 1

I went to a referendum meeting a couple of weeks ago and heard Wally Stewart, a local Walbunja man of the Yuin nation, talk about his family history. He handed around some intriguing copies of a 1938 newspaper, the first to concentrate on Aboriginal issues and politics, published by the Aboriginal Progress Association. But it was when he talked about his own family history that I felt that his story, like many other stories of indigenous people, should be more widely known. I asked Wally if he would be prepared to talk with me about himself and his family for an article to be published in *The Triangle* and I was delighted when he agreed.

George Stewart, a Walbunja man and traditional owner, was born in Gerrinja, near Nowra, in 1919 but was brought back to Bermagui. There was a large collection of shacks and humpies housing local First Nations people on the northern bank of the Bermagui River. None of these people were allowed to live in town. This situation was common all up and down the coast. George grew up on the edge of Bermagui and became a skilled fisherman, as did

many coastal aboriginal people at that time. As sixteen-year olds, he and Uncle Ozzie Cruse went up to the Torres Strait to give pearling a go. Eventually, he had a trawler working out of Bermagui.

Suzie Patten was a Gunai woman living in Victoria and, when George met her, was a young widow with eight children. Her husband had been killed on the railway near Orbost and she was afraid that the Welfare would remove her children. George took her and the children back to the Bermagui River encampment. Suzie's brothers had fought in the war but, when they returned, they were not eligible for the support that other returned servicemen were offered. There were no soldier settlement blocks or education grants for them.

George was a very hard worker and a proficient fisherman who was able to provide for his family despite the barriers put in his way.

In 1958, two years before Wally was born, he and Suzie were able to buy a house in Narooma. The house was down on the Flat close to the inlet and he fished the lakes with his gill nets. There were only three commercial fishermen in Narooma at that time netting in the inlets and they were called the swamp rats. The family of Stewarts and Pattens was the first aboriginal family to live in Narooma but faced opposition from other residents.

There was a new sergeant in town, Bill Dudley, who came to the house to let the family know that '... the whitefellas were not happy with blackfellas living in town' and they had circulated a petition opposing their right to live in Narooma. When a group of residents arrived at their house with their petition, Dudley stood alongside George and Suzie and stared them down. However, Suzie still had to attend the local police station to obtain an exemption form, which she had to show to move freely around town, go into businesses and be served in the shops (at



George Stewart and Ozzie Cruse on a pearling lugger at Thursday Island

'proprietor's discretion'!). Wally still has his mother's exemption form, a reminder of the institutional racism still considered normal as recently as the 1950s.

George and Suzie had a little shed next to the house from which they sold fresh fish and bait as well as cooked prawns in season. That house, which is still owned by the family, paved the way for other aboriginal families to live in the town. George also sold fish in town. 'He used to go to the bottom pub on a Friday night and he'd sell his fish. There was a little section called the Club Bar ... that's where they were allowed to go in that part of the pub,' Wally said.

George and Suzie both passed away in the 1990s after handing on a legacy of skills, an enduring sense of family and culture as well as a strong work ethic to the next generation.

Next month there will be a second article describing Wally's life.

Angela Marshall

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
Aborigines Protection Act 1909-1943, Section 18c

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Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1951.  
Issued by E. B. Meagher  
Chair of the Aborigines Welfare Board

1951 exemption certificate's conditions

It is July, we have passed the winter solstice and can look forward to the return of the sun. But there are still two months, at least, of wintery weather ahead of us – and that’s not all bad. Winter can be a time of introspection and honest awareness, mindfulness if you will. This month’s obituaries, as usual, inspire us to reflect on people’s roles as both individuals and community members. It is always interesting to explore the intersection of an individual’s story with their social and community action – and the sharing of stories is a real act of generosity and vulnerability on the part of the person sharing. Many of us fail to recognise how much has changed within our own lifetimes. But when we become aware of

simple facts – like the exemption certificate that Suzie Patten had to carry in 1961 to allow her to enter shops in town, we cannot unsee it. This is how a community can recognise great injustices and listen with open hearts to community members who have long been voiceless.

*The Triangle* raises our awareness of the challenges facing us in terms of a medical system under severe and ongoing stress. As well as reminding us of the ongoing hard work of organisations and individuals beavering away at problems that affect all of us, particularly since the enormous dislocations of fires, flood and COVID.

There is also much to applaud – a celebration of fungi, below the ground and

on our plates; educational opportunities from preschools to U3A; activities and skills like knitting, weaving, gardening, cooking and cold-water swimming all readily available; the arts, whether theatre, music, literature and/or visual media, are alive and welcoming throughout the Triangle area. We can even peek at the future as the Roborebels share their thoughts on their Houston trip, community support and advanced tech.

We live in a quiet, regional corner of Australia but we can be strongly connected with the world. We can learn from and accept the past, begin to understand the present and glimpse the future – all from the Triangle region.

Letters

Recently, in one of Bermagui’s Crown Land Reserves, several mature coastal banksia trees were illegally destroyed. The area is adjacent to Keating Drive and Moorhead Beach, and the damage to the surrounding shrubbery is extensive. All flora and fauna within the reserve is protected, as in a National Park, thus it is an offence to damage or remove anything without consultation and permission from the Bermagui Flora and Fauna Reserve Land Manager (BFFLRM). This area contains rare flora, and some of the only specimens of their kind this far south.

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Illegal tree destruction



Destroyed tree and damaged surrounds

235, or Bega Valley Shire Council on (02) 6496 1660 or email the BFFLRM at secretary.bfflr@gmail.com

All reports will be kept strictly confidential.

J.B. Caeruleus, Bermagui



Map of affected area



Cartoon by Naomi Lewis

He says he wants the vegetarian option

## Lucas family history

Dear Editor,

Having just read Flick Ruby's account in *Diggin Diggies*, I would like to correct a piece about the Lucas family. Firstly, no Lucas has ever lived at Dignams Creek that I know of and secondly there were nine brothers that went to serve for this country. Harry (jnr), Ruffus, Lance, Bill, Don, Jack, Dudley and Basil. Harry (sen) served in the First World War. Two of his youngest sons lied about their age so they could go to the Second World War with their brothers. They never came home.

Waiting at home with their father were their four sisters – Nancy, Florence, Kizzara and Gloria, with their baby brother, Christopher. Their mother, Alice Christine Lucas, died giving birth to Christopher. Alice was the mother of the fifteen children. There was also another son Harold who died at a very young age.

The Lucas family lived at Honeysuckle and Pumpkins Flat at Brogo where they trapped rabbits and stripped wattle bark for a living. There are none of the original family members left now but they have left behind a large legacy with many generations of Lucas's to carry on their name all over Australia.

*Diane Gaudie (née) Lucas*

### The Triangle Responds

Thanks, Diane, for your informative letter, exactly the kind of response I was hoping for! You can see from the article reproduced here that I was repeating a mistake made in the 24 Jan 1942 edition of the *Cobargo Chronicle*. Fascinating but wrong! Thanks again.

*Flick Ruby*

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## EIGHT SONS IN ARMY

**SYDNEY.** — From Dignam's Creek, near Bega, eight sons of Mr. Harry Lucas have gone into the Army.

Basil, 17; John, 18; and Jim, 19, are in Palestine with the A.I.F. Dudley, 21, is with the A.I.F. in Malaya; and Donald, 23, and Lance, 27, are with the A.I.F. in Darwin. Rufus, 25, is in the militia, and Harry, 33, who has seven children, is going into the militia on Monday.

A ninth son, Bill, 26, was nine months in the A.I.F. before he was discharged. Now 63, Harry Lucas, who is half-blind, is waiting for another operation on his eyes so that he can get a job in the A.I.F. or militia as a cook.

"If my sons can help their country, so can I," he said today.

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# Phil Gall – educator and man of nature 24.6.1940 to 3.5.2023

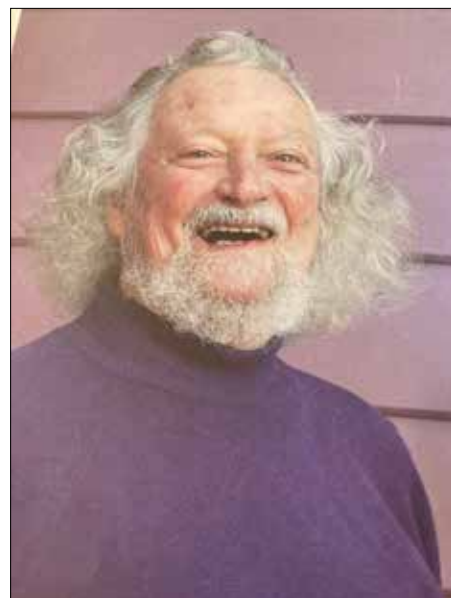
Phil already had a significant life story before moving to the Bega Valley. Born in Tasmania, his early years were spent in the rugged landscape of Queenstown. It was during those early years that he developed his enduring connection to nature and his tenacity – that would shape the rest of his life.

The family moved to Melbourne during Phil's teenage years where he went on to study architecture. The 1970s suited Phil's curiosity during which time his architectural practice started to include landscape ecology. Many years before permaculture, Phil had met, influenced and been influenced by proponents of keyline water management, biodynamics and organic gardening. In the late '70s Phil became involved in permaculture which brought all his expertise together. He became a firm friend of David Holmgren, who he regarded as a mentor.

Moving to the Bega Valley, Phil was able to continue his teaching and design

work. He worked closely with John Champagne and The Crossing, teaching in the Permaculture Design Courses. Well known in permaculture circles, he forged many close and enduring friendships that sustained him during his last years at Bermagui. Phil loved and participated fully in community life and was an enthusiastic and talented singer and musician, well known for a colourful beret and warm scarf.

Many of Phil's friends gathered together on Sunday, 4 June, for a final farewell, organised by his daughter Seer, Permaculture Australia and John Champagne. He loved the beach near Moorhen Cove at Bermagui, where he lived for many years, and it was here that he was lovingly farewelled. Following this last seabound journey, the gathering moved to The Crossing for lunch where many fond, funny and heartfelt memories were shared. A man ahead of his times, small in stature, large in so many ways, he will be



Phil Gall (photo credit Pip Magazine)

missed by his family and many friends, but never forgotten.

*Stuart Absalom*

## Handyman

The handy man has lots of fun, fixing up his home –  
he's very good at using tools, all the tools you've ever known.  
He can bend a nail, be it short or long, he can make a square edge round  
he can put a screw up high above, he can screw it in the ground.

There's no job too small, no task too big.  
Just reach for his tools, just reach for his jig,  
he's got tools for all uses – one just right for the job.  
He's got tools with no purpose – they were cheap, just ten bob.

He's proud of his skill, he shows it with pride,  
from work in the house, to the work just outside.  
He boasts of the money his tools must have saved,  
of the plumbers and chippies, that would have been paid.

But look at his wife, her nerves have been shot  
with the work in her home. Pleased? She is not.  
Her husband's tools have made her life hell,  
she thinks of the stories and the tales she could tell.

Like the time that shelf fell down on her head,  
she could have been silent, quite still and quite dead.  
Like the time that the lights just wouldn't go out –  
her husband did curse, did rave and did shout.

And, so now, for the good of her health, she takes care,  
she's hidden his tools and she won't tell him where.  
So now for the jobs round the house and the home,  
his only job, no tools allowed, is the use of the phone!



*Ray Stephens*

# What has U3A ever done for me??



Well, putting all Monty Python references aside, it may have done more than you realise. ‘How?’ you ask. ‘Because it has helped people in your community,’ I answer. In the grand scheme, it may be a relatively small number but it has kept those people in contact with others, learning new things and sharing common interests.

Recently I’ve had the chance to:

- review the impact of the last Ice Age on Australian flora and fauna and human migration patterns.
- become aware of the story of Fabian Ware, a Red Cross volunteer on the battlefield, who, in 1917, started the fight to recognise or give every dead soldier (irrespective of rank) a decent burial. This led to the formation of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
- learn more on the history of Bermagui through the

logging industry and Baranguba (Montague Island).

- take a boat journey up the Clyde River to Nelligen. A sunny day spent with good company, informative commentary and a chance to scratch around the village – full of shipping and bushranger stories. I’ve wanted to do this for ages.

Members with other interests have shared in our regular language and computer classes, film days and walks in our natural environment. We’ve had contributions from the local indigenous community on issues affecting them and the wetlands. Coming up is a session to discuss more about The Voice to Parliament.

As John Donne wrote 400 years ago, ‘No man is an island’. As social beings the well-being of a small group IS important in the grand scheme.

So, if you are new to the area and want to meet people or just want to learn or share something interesting, consider putting U3A in your world. It’s a world worth sharing.

*Bev Holland  
U3A member*

## U3A weaving class/Yarning Circle

I left the recent U3A weaving class with two small, slightly deformed grass baskets. I’m quite pleased with them and I’ll find a use for them somewhere. In addition to these new rough-hewn objects though, I left the weaving class with a feeling of friendship and connection with a group of about ten women with whom I had sat and chatted comfortably for over five hours. Although from different backgrounds and lifestyles, the more we sat and wove and talked the more we realised we had in common.

Carol Broadbent and Bev Franks did a great job of demonstrating how to weave different natural fibres and encouraged us every step of the way. With practice I might be able to make something even more useful or stylish. Even so, it was a very satisfying class because it gave us an opportunity to interact respectfully and honestly with others in a simple and relaxed way. It is a shame that in our modern lives there seems to be so little time for just sitting and yarning. If you come across any chance to do some simple craft work with a bunch of like-minded participants, I’d highly recommend it.

*Deb Worgan*



U3A weaving class

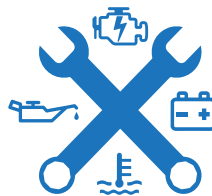


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## The little robotics team that did!

Reflections from the RoboRebels on their World Championship Adventures in Houston, Texas

After we represented our region in the South Pacific regional event for the *FIRST* Robotics Competition [*FIRST* – For Inspiration of Science and Technology], we worked closely with the Narooma High School community to promote interest in all areas of robotics and provide opportunities for local students to explore areas of design, construction and programming.

In March this year, the 2023 RoboRebels team qualified to attend the World Championship competition held in Houston, Texas.

It was an incredible opportunity that also required a mammoth community effort to raise the necessary funds and permissions in less than five weeks so the team could compete. Friends, families, parents, school staff, all our local feeder primary schools, community groups, local businesses, individuals and local and state government grants all gave generously of time, expertise and funds to reach the fundraising goal.

The *FIRST* Robotics Competition was next level. We competed with 600 other teams from around the world. While we didn't secure the world title, they say that half the success is being selected. We had a few positive wins, but not enough to get a place in the Grand Finals.

Team members reflected on what they gained from their experience and how they felt to receive such widespread community support.

*Harrison McKee*: 'An inspirational memory of Houston was meeting Dr Billy Cohn. He is a heart surgeon inventor genius who off-handedly showed us around his office in a chance meeting. He showed us some of his amazing inventions to help in heart surgery, and the lucrative ideas he had. He told us that "innovation is just serial failure" and to "fail quickly and cheaply". His messages hit hard as that is exactly what we do as designers.

It was amazing to see the financial support and messages of recognition. To know that people, businesses and organisations in our community were behind us all the way was humbling and awesome.

We just had a casual off-season event, and our rookies proved themselves worthy in designing, building, and operating our robot. They show great potential and commitment and hopefully inspire more to continue the traditions for years to come.'



The RoboRebels team and supporters in Houston.

From left to right: Harmony Cannon, Harrison McKee, Mrs Potts, Mrs Jackson, Kye Potter, Mr Hayes, Daniel Caruzo (innovator), Mr Benson Saulo (Australian Consul-General), Matthew Brooks, Lincoln McLeod-Scott and Mrs Allison

*Harmony Cannon*: 'A take-home memory from Houston was the Einstein (finals) being surrounded by my teammates and friends I had made along the way and just dancing and singing and having a good time. The intensity of it all is a memory I will always have.

*FIRST* as a community in general is probably one of the first (get it) place I felt like I really belonged and didn't have to be like someone that wasn't me. The culture around it is great, like you go to a competition and end up making a friend that you talk to year-round (even if you're halfway across the world). It's such an amazing environment where even though you're in a competition everyone's so polite and friendly, and you feel fully supported by everyone around you.

I would like to see us inspire more people from schools like ours to take an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and even consider a career in STEM. And I want us to show people that even if you have little and are just doing what you can; the only thing you can do is try. And you can get wonderful things out of that.'

*Matthew Brooks*: 'The whole experience is something to remember forever. Our robotics journey over the years has been incredibly fulfilling and being part of such a significant event has put our achievements into perspective. For me, it visualised how far we have come.

We are very lucky to have such a supportive community. Being able to get out there and have conversations with locals about what we do has been very beneficial.

I hope to see the RoboRebels continue to thrive far into the future. I know our

juniors will pick up where we left off, and I hope to see them achieving things we couldn't.'

*Linc McLeod-Scott*: 'I will never forget the inspirational advice given to us during our candid meeting with Billy Cohn.

The *FIRST* competition will stay with me. I will definitely volunteer later in my life. The RoboRebels are in safe hands with rookies showing enormous potential.'

*Kye Potter*: 'Being in the pits after most teams were eliminated (including us) was an experience to remember. It was great being able to talk to other teams about what we all experienced and to have a final break from the stress of the competition.

It was amazing to have the community supporting us throughout our journey to Houston. We had everyone backing us, from local families and businesses to our local member of parliament, Kristy McBain, and even the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese. We will repay this debt by making the STEM field more accessible to local communities, allowing the future generations more of a choice in what they want to do in the future.

I believe we will keep on keeping on. We will continue to support the community, just as they supported us, keep going to competitions, and try to make a bigger impact. We are more than robots.'

The team is so grateful for all the support received – thank you to everyone.

The RoboRebels team expresses sincere thanks to Narooma High School, Executive Principal Fiona Jackson, and our two creative and amazing mentors, Gayle Allison and Christina Potts. Forever grateful for this opportunity.

*RoboRebels Team*

# Fungi Festival – it’s happening now!

The Fungi Festival kicked off in mid-June with mushroom growing workshops in Batemans Bay and Central Tilba, a truffle hunt at Dignams Creek, a fungi photography workshop near Merimbula and, at Tilba Markets, a ‘Medley of Mushrooms’ educational tea towel and mushroom-themed pottery. A limited edition of Fungi Festival stamps was also launched by Australia Post. This was just a taster of what will come in July.

The two mushroom growing workshops in Tilba focused on growing mushrooms to increase food resilience and promoted local commercial production of gourmet fungi. Josh Whitworth of Collective Cultures near Narooma presented a mushroom growing workshop at Batemans Bay Library.

In Central Tilba, Annette Kennewell of Tilba Mushrooms taught attendees how to grow oyster and lion’s mane mushrooms indoors, and red wine caps outdoors. As a successful producer of shiitake mushroom on hardwood logs, and both oyster mushrooms and red wine caps in outdoor vegetable garden beds in Corunna, Elisabeth Newfield shared her expertise with workshop participants. For those interested in growing truffles for their own use or commercially, Fiona Kotvojs of Gulaga Gold truffle farm discussed her experiences and urged others to have a go.

On Saturday, there was a truffle hunt at Gulaga Gold. Truffle hunting participants all unearthed truffles and enjoyed the tasting that followed – particularly the truffled icecream!

The weekend finished with a hands-on photography workshop at Bournda Environmental Education Centre near Merimbula. This was facilitated by award-winning photographer Andrew Larkin who finds joy in photographing fungi.

There are more workshops on mushroom growing, fungi photography and truffle hunts this month. There are fungi-themed dinners at The Drom in Central Tilba, Il Passaggio in Bermagui



Stuart Absalom and Philip Mawer with their whimsical mushroom pottery made by Brenda Hoyer in Central Tilba

and Wheelers in Pambula. Kelly Eastwood is running a fungi cooking workshop in Bermagui. Restaurants and cafes offering fungi meals or products include Mr Bold in Narooma, Tilba Bakery and Tilba Dairy in Central Tilba and, in Eden, the Fig Café and the Australasia. Fresh oyster mushrooms and truffles along with mushroom tea towels, pottery and stamps will be available at the Tilba Markets.

For more information and to book Fungi Festival events look up fungi festival online.

*Annette Kennewell*



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# The Voice: what exactly is ‘sovereignty’?

At the Referendum meeting at Well Thumbed Books on 6 June, a participant cited some friends of hers, Wiradjuri elders. These women were concerned that with a Voice to Parliament, First Nations peoples would be ceding sovereignty. Leading constitutional lawyers, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, disagree.

But what exactly is sovereignty?

Sovereignty means the authority to self-govern. Governor Phillip hoisted the British flag in Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788, as if the country were Britain’s to take, as if it were uninhabited, a ‘Terra Nullius’ – a doctrine in play until the Mabo decision in 1992. But First Nations peoples had self-governed until that day. They never agreed to cede their land or waters – to give their country to the invaders – or to live under someone else’s laws. Rather, they fought to defend and retain their country.

Sovereignty over this continent had never been ceded. It still hasn’t. It co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

In 2017 the Uluru Statement from the Heart asked for three things: a First Nations voice, then agreement-making between governments and First Nations (a treaty, ‘Makarrata’), then truth-telling – in that order.

Independent Senator Lidia Thorpe believes that a treaty should come before the Voice. ‘We demand a sovereign treaty with an independent sovereign treaty commission,’ she says. ‘We don’t need a referendum.’

The progressive Indigenous argument against the Voice is that Aboriginal people are being co-opted into the white system, and once Indigenous people are part of the white system, they will lose their power to negotiate – how can a people negotiate with itself? – so there will never be a treaty.

Leading constitutional lawyers disagree. The Voice proposal says nothing about sovereignty. Sovereignty does not come from the Australian Constitution or any other settler document and cannot be ceded or extinguished without the agreement of both parties.

Constitutional lawyer and Cobble Cobble woman Professor Megan Davis says, ‘Since neither federation in 1901 nor the recognition of Aboriginal people as citizens in 1967 ceded Indigenous sovereignty, nor would a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament.’

Dr Hannah McGlade, Noongar woman and member of the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, agrees. ‘Nowhere does the Voice to Parliament

proposal suggest any agreement of Aboriginal people to cede sovereignty. To the contrary, the proposal recognises the right of Indigenous people to be heard on laws affecting our people.’

Polling by Ipsos of 300 First Nations people in January revealed that 80 per cent of respondents support the government’s proposed Indigenous Voice to parliament.

I might be whitesplaining so if there’s an Indigenous reader out there who’d like to take this up, please don’t hold back.

The next meeting will be held at Well Thumbed Books at 11 am on Tuesday 4 July. Come along with your questions and join the conversation so that when Referendum Day comes you can be confident in your vote, be it ‘Yes’ or ‘No’.

*Jen Severn*



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# Dear community members, patients and friends

Our chronic doctor shortage has now reached an alarming new level and – for the first time ever – we don't have enough doctors to operate both the Lighthouse Surgery in Narooma and the Bermagui Medical Centre every day. Over the next weeks we will be forced to close Bermagui Medical Centre on some days.

Unless we get more doctors, this will become a semi-permanent solution after 1 August with the Bermagui Medical Centre closed every Tuesday and staffed by only one doctor on all other days. The Lighthouse Surgery in Narooma can, for now, remain open every day but also with only one doctor on some days.

Our few doctors are working incredibly hard to somehow not only look after their usual patients but patients who have lost their usual doctors, from this or other clinics.

We are desperately trying to attract more doctors. Apart from a massive drop in junior doctors wanting to train in rural General Practice, it is also extremely expensive attracting fully-trained GPs and

so far it's been impossible even with extra financial incentives.

We have already received a lot of support from some of you and are extremely grateful for everybody who is understanding and appreciative of the hard work our doctors are doing. Please be patient and understand that medicine has changed – we no longer have the luxury of plenty and lengthy appointments. Although we can't take on any new patients now, we will always try to accommodate emergencies.

Appointments are available but the waiting time is longer than usual.

You all know how important this surgery is for our community as the nearest hospital is an hour away and many of our patients don't drive. We are committed to keeping Bermagui Surgery open. As always, this is not for our financial benefit – a smarter business decision would be to close the surgery!

If you would like to have your say, you can contact our MPs, Kristy McBain and Michael Holland, our Federal Minister

for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, or the NSW Minister for Health, Ryan Park. They are all on our side but we need more than their understanding. Lobbying on our behalf or maybe a lot of money to help us attract new doctors would help! We have added a link to a document on our website and our FB page. Feel free to use this, edit it, improve it or design your own letter.

You're welcome to drop in, talk to us or email us. Please don't hesitate to seek medical help if you need it. We can't help everyone immediately, but we are trying. A lot of requests are currently dealt without consultations such as scripts for regular medication, e.g. blood pressure and diabetes medication, and repeat specialist referral letters.

We will remain committed to giving you all the best healthcare we can under whatever circumstances we are facing. We won't give up.

*Dr Gundi Muller  
Bermagui Medical Centre  
Lighthouse Surgery, Narooma*

## *A Beer with Bazza*

Mick wended his way through the gathering late afternoon patrons and landed the two schooners on the bar table.

Bazza nodded a g'day and motioned to lift the schooner.

'Wooo up, Bazza!'

Mick flicked out his mobile phone and took photographs of the two schooners at various angles, including a 'selfie'. He scrolled through his phone to post the photographs, looked up and grinned.

Bazza shook his head and blinked repeatedly.

'I like to let everyone know what I am doing, Bazza. They will look at the photo and know I am having a beer.'

They both took a decent sip and Bazza rubbed his chin.

'But why, Mick? Do you, for a moment, think people will stop what they are doing, look at the photograph and say to the person next to them – "Look ... Mick is having a schooner. How about that, eh?" And chat away for ages ... I just don't get it.'

Mick sighed and leaned in.

'Cynical ... Bazza ... you have become so bloody cynical. Sending a photograph is a great way to communicate. A picture tells a thousand words and that's why everyone does it.'

A long pause.

'Well ... actually it doesn't, Mick.

Most people pose for a photograph so it's a false impression. In *selfies*, people are almost always smiling even though their world might be falling apart. It does not tell me anything about how they are feeling or what is important to them. All it does is assure me they are alive and in some cool setting.'

Bazza took a sip.

'You see, Mick ... we might as well go back to the Ancient Egyptian's hieroglyphics if we are to communicate with images.'

Mick raised an eyebrow.

'Ahhhhh ... Bazza, you can always add an emoji if you want to express a bit of feeling.'

Bazza took another long sip.

'Bloody hell, Mick ... another image ... why don't we use words? You know ... the English language? Even when we go on holidays we tend to communicate by photographs. I am better off scrolling through *The National Geographic* for more professional images. Now ... once upon a time ...'

Mick screwed up his eyes.

'Crikey ... here we go, Bazza ... you are about to get on your high horse. I should film and post this sermon.'

Bazza half smiled.

'As a young bloke, Mick, it was the opposite. When I travelled through India I

would not dream of sending photographs home. Developing photographs and sending them home via post was a very expensive and time-consuming exercise.'

Bazza paused for a sip and Mick rolled his eyes.

'Instead ... each week I used to buy an aerogram and cram as much tiny handwriting into every available space. The writing would cover my wellbeing, adventures, views and descriptions of the country. I would also nominate a post office to receive 'post restante' letters from home. The photographs were secondary. In fact, I waited until I got home to have them developed.'

Mick took a sip and sighed.

'What's your point, Bazza?'

Bazza sighed.

'Declining literacy skills, Mick ... use them or lose them. Do I need to draw you a *picture*?'

*John Longhurst*



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## We heart the Diggies Fire Shed

This story has a good ending, but it's a disheartening story. I've used other words to describe Bega Valley Shire Council's decision to flog off the Diggies Fire Shed, but let's go with disheartening. It's disheartening because the process was so shoddy, secretive and then rammed through in literally 70 seconds.

It all started when the Dignams Creek Community Group decided to get a defibrillator machine. Given our ageing population living some distance from both the Bega and Moruya Hospitals, we were easily convinced when a member spoke to their safety benefits in case of heart attack. The Bowerbird OpShop agreed to support the purchase, as they do for so many projects that benefit the health and happiness of our community. What could go wrong?

On 19 Feb, we wrote to Council seeking permission to affix this life saving device to the Diggies Fire Shed as it is within a short drive of most residents. We explained that the fully automatic machine we intend to purchase is the same design used by the NSW RFS, so could be easily used by RFS folks too. After no response,



The Dignams Creek Community Group AGM with Fire Shed in the background.

on 26 April we resent the letter. An answer came two days later, indicating that a report about the Fire Shed was being prepared for Council's 24 May meeting. We were assured that, 'We ... will let you know once it has been finalised and provide a link with information on how you can view the meeting.'

Having heard nothing, after our AGM on 21 May we wrote an urgent letter, conveying alarm and dismay that an active incorporated association that

is in regular contact with Council would not be consulted about the place we regularly meet, and which community members mow and maintain. We requested information about the scope of the report and an opportunity to provide our insights into the history and use of the site, requesting Council delay making any decision until we could have input. We also informed Council of the decision taken by our fire-affected community to establish a Community Fire Unit to provide basic

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training and equipment as a prelude to re-establishing the Dignams Creek RFB.

The report on the fate of our fire shed became available 24 hours before the Council met. Whoever wrote it clearly viewed the site simply as an asset to be disposed of. They also misconstrued correspondence from us as community consultation. That was rich as there had been zero consultation, although the word had been used, by us, begging for it!

Only one Councillor, Cathy Griff, acted on our letter. On the eve of the Council meeting, despite being overseas and missing only her second meeting in seven years, she emailed staff and councillors and texted the EO to protest the process and lack of consultation. She also phoned another Councillor to discuss. They knew what they were doing.

We are going to need two defib machines around here if we watch more Council meetings. I was surprised by the tension and unprofessional tone, an unedifying display of bickering and rudeness that would be unacceptable in community organisations or private sector entities. In Cr. Griff's absence there was, however, unanimity on the Diggies Fire Shed proposal. Done and dusted, out the

door in 70 seconds flat, despite – or perhaps because – they were aware of community concerns and requests. A discussion about pay rises took much longer. If it's for the rock stars who work at the tip and the library, we're fine with it, but for the Councillors, not so much.

This council decision should be rescinded. The community should have been consulted. Will we fight? Will we spend time, energy and money on a Save Our Shed (SOS) campaign? When wrongdoing occurs, when processes are cooked to fast-track the fast bucks, we really need to hold our institutions to account, so we might. We also must ask why an abundance of local leadership emerging in our area so magnificently to cope with the pace or absence of government support too often does not translate into ethical and effective formal governance.

I promised a good ending. Here it is: a community member has offered up a shed on their place. We can fix it up in a few working bees to create a new community meeting place where we can do fire preparedness training, put our Community Fire Unit box, and if someone has a heart attack, they'll find the defib machine. This

generous offer has lifted our spirits again from the corrosive rust of cynicism and despair and back to gratitude and diggin' Diggies even more.

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## The silence of winter

Yes, it's cold. At least I'm feeling it this year more than most. Perhaps it's just a natural part of getting older, but the wind smells of snow and has me turning up my collar.

Each month, I put this page together by asking our local 'movers and shakers' to get me up to speed with events. I regularly frequent the shop, hall and school to see what's in the wind. Usually, they let me know about fairs, school trips, general gossip, upgrades and workshops in our tiny town. This month, not a one has had anything to report. It's winter. We're at home by the fire. We're not going out much. The days are short and one task seems to take up most of the available daylight.

Tilba has gone mushroom mad and is putting on a festival. Cobargo has had scouts doing lots of energetic and fun things and horses are soon to be out and about. Here in Quaama town, there's nothing much going on other than firewood gathering and some burning off. This is not a bad thing! If we feel energetic, we can drive 10 minutes down the road and partake of all that Cobargo is up to, 20 minutes to truffle hunts and fungi dinners and a 25-minute trip to the coast for a spot of fishing, but then we can come home to peace, silence, good friends and neighbours.



Julia from Reclink with Quaama's school kids on the grass

So again, I sing praises for our village. We have all we need. We are blessed by the wonderful people that live here and even when quiet, bundled up and buttoned down, it remains a fabulous place to live.

PS: Oh, how wrong I was ... The school was indeed busy and right after I wrote the blurb above, came back to me with a summary of their activities. I'll put their article below for you to enjoy.

And Principal, Daniel Roe, provided plenty of pics to choose from. Then I spotted her. The ever-present Julia from Reclink sitting on the grass with students. I hunted her down and asked what she was doing at the school. Turns out that her popular class 'Mindfulness and Movement' has a kids' version with breathing, guided meditations, movement and general stress management. Wow.

Did you know that when you sign up with Reclink, you can take part in

all the classes they offer free of charge? And signing up is free too! You can be a member of our tennis club, attend yoga classes, walk the village with neighbours, attend Tai Chi in Cobargo, learn to 'Body Groove' (!) and attend the Mindfulness and Movement classes at the hall that inspired the one the kids are now enjoying. Do check it out. This sort of opportunity to get fit and engage for the price of just showing up is not to be missed.

While driving through town the other day, I had the pleasure of seeing a sign about cyclists in training and to drive slowly. Indeed, ahead there were school children using the hand signal to tell me they were turning right. There was a string of them with dad, Jens, and teacher, Matt Farran, supervising and keeping them safe. Such a great life skill. Road awareness is so important to have – as a driver, rider or pedestrian. Thumbs Up.



Learning how to share the road, Quaama School style

We bid farewell to Richard Parker and Bronte Somerset who are leaving Quaama this month to head north. Bronte has frequently submitted poems and articles to the *Triangle* and we'll miss Richard with his plant stall at future Quaama fairs. They have been great neighbours and friends and we wish them all the best in their new community.

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## Quaama Public School

Quaama Public School continues to be a busy place providing all students with a great education and many extra curricular activities.

Mr Farran, with the support of Jens, has been providing bike education lessons this term to interested students. Many students have enjoyed learning how to safely ride on the road and how to maintain their bikes.

Students in 4/5/6 class were fortunate to visit Canberra recently. All the students enjoyed meeting our local member and having a tour of Parliament House. They also had a lot of fun at Questacon, the



Quaama's kids check out the really big bucket at Canberra's National Museum. One scoop almost fills 2 dump trucks!

Arboretum, National Museum and Old Parliament House.

Students have been practising their athletic skills this term ready for the school athletics carnival on the last day of school when Central Tilba PS will be coming to join in the events.

Quaama PS Boccia team has successfully navigated the local and regional tournaments and is now off to Sydney to compete in the State Boccia Tournament Finals next term. Erin and her team will represent all primary schools on the South Coast and look forward to the amazing opportunity.

*Daniel Roe*

*Principal, Quaama Public School*

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<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Inclusive Basketball</b>  11-12pm (bookings required)  Merimbula Basketball centre, Fishpen	<b>Badminton</b> Bermagui Stadium  <b>All abilities welcome</b>  2-4pm (racquets supplied)	Inclusive Ten Pin Bowling/ Laser Tag/ Putt Putt with Connections Plus* <b>Top Fun Merimbula</b> 12-1pm (*Bookings essential)  <b>Tennis</b> Quaama Tennis Courts  <b>All abilities welcome</b> 2-5pm (racquets supplied)	<b>Mens Yoga with Madhava</b>  Cobargo School of Arts School 2:20-3:45pm	<b>Mindfulness and Movement</b>  Stretch, breathe and move  <b>All abilities</b> 2-3pm Quaama Hall	All programs are FREE!

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We often say of the present that ‘we live in interesting times’. I suspect that this could be said about any period in our collective history. However, there are quite a few matters right now that require our attention and possible participation. Reducing carbon emissions is urgent as is informing ourselves about the Voice to Parliament. Supporting people in our community who are doing it tough because of cost of living challenges is important right now, too. There are lots of ways to get involved – reading through *The Triangle* each month gives us all ideas of what’s happening locally. Groups, forums, informal get togethers, talking with family, friends and neighbours, catching up for a coffee at the market are ways we all keep up to date. And there’s social media as well. Keep your eyes and ears peeled and read on!

## Ngayawang dhuri



Ngayawang dhuri

Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool has a new Edible Garden Coordinator, Lauren Johnson, and a refurbished garden enclosure. Named *ngayawang dhuri* meaning we grow, this has been made possible by a small Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant. The Regrown Project aims to regenerate the edible garden with the involvement of the children in planting, caring for plants, harvesting, cooking and eating the produce. The edible garden will include local bush tucker plants like appleberry and native lemongrass and also plants that are useful in other cultural ways, such as weaving. As well as helping the children understand how plants grow, the garden aims to strengthen cultural connections and knowledge.

Lauren is at the preschool each Wednesday from 10.00 am and community members are invited to come along and help out. This is an evolving space, as all gardens are, and there are plans for a small greenhouse to raise plants from seed. Two wicking beds will also be added to make vegetable growing easier during holiday times. Merryn Carey from South Coast

Flora has provided advice and plants for the native edible garden. Follow on Facebook at Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool.

## Celebrating history at Tilba Festival

The annual Tilba Festival has a new timeslot – Saturday, 29 July! Welcome to country and opening speeches will happen at 9.00 am with Wallaga Lake Indigenous dancers and Djinama Yilaga Choir. Stalls and music will start at 9.30 am and finish at 3.30 pm.

A special treat this year will be an exhibition in the Big Hall celebrating the rich and diverse history of the Tilba district. Organised by the History and Culture Working Group, a part of Tilba District Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan Steering Committee, this group was formed in July 2022. The working group is made up of local residents from Tilba and Mystery Bay. Its focus is to raise awareness about the local history, to better understand Indigenous and settler history and to provide engagement opportunities. This focus is reflected in six themes that the group has chosen to express the history of the area – geology, goldmining, dairying, the Mystery Bay mystery, sporting and social activities and renewal of the Tilba community. The Tilba district is defined as the area between the three bridges – Corunna, Wallaga Lake and Dignams Creek.

The exhibition at the Tilba Festival is based on the six themes using large format banners. The group has also begun collecting oral histories from long-term local people and the footage of these interviews will be shown at the exhibition. These oral history interviews reflect the six chosen themes. In addition, the Yuin Nation Timeline panels will be on display alongside the colonial history.

Robyn Lucas, as a fifth generation local and a member of the History and Culture Working Group, said this about her involvement, ‘Capturing the living history of some of the district’s multigenerational



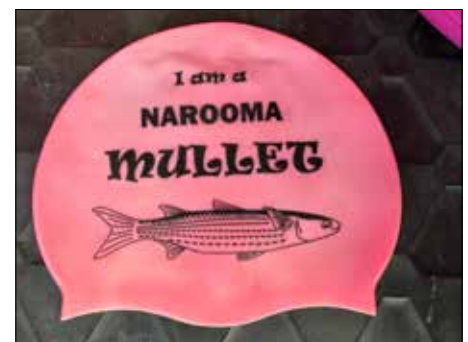
Gary Campbell and Cathie Muller participating in the oral history project

and long-term residents’ stories has been an enormous privilege. They are now permanently recorded, available to the generations that come after us, similar to the Corkhill Collection photos. Our wish is to record a few more stories to add to the collection in the next twelve months. The committee has been working long and hard to ensure the success of this project and thank all the contributors for trusting us to preserve their life stories.’

The Working Group appreciates the assistance of Dave Cotton, who helped access photos from the Corkhill Collection. Laurelle Pacey has also been very helpful and a valuable resource. Richard Cooke’s technical expertise made it possible to video and record the oral history interviews. This is an exhibition not to miss!

The Tilba Festival will have all the usual things that it is well-known and loved for – local bands and solo performances in three locations along Bate Street; lots of food vans and stalls; gifts, handmade arts and local gourmet treats; kids entertainment and favourite street games. Parking will be at the Tilba Oval with a shuttle bus service to Central Tilba. Information is available at [visittilba.com.au](http://visittilba.com.au).

## Queen Mullet



The Mulletts’ pink cap

Many locals expound the health and well-being benefits of cold ocean swimming. A local Narooma group, The Mulletts, certainly subscribe to this axiom.

Local Mystery Bay residents, Rob and Sally Hawkins, have been part of the group since 2016. And ex-Central Tilba resident, Marilyn Heaney, affectionately known as Queen Mullet and reputedly able to make the sun shine for the daily swim, is a founding member.

The Mullet’s daily swim goes from Bar Beach to Mill Bay or vice versa, depending on weather conditions – a distance of 1.8kms. The swim occurs at high tide and the group is notified daily via a Facebook private group, which has



A group (school?) of Mulletts

over 250 members. There are regularly seven to eight swimmers increasing to twenty-five in the summer months and visitors are welcome.

The safety aspects of ocean swimming are very purposely covered by The Mulletts. Rob bought the group pink swimming caps (stamped *I am a Narooma Mullet*) that sell for \$15 each, \$10 of which goes to Narooma Marine Rescue. Marine Rescue are notified before each swim with the number of swimmers and this is broadcast to boats.

Rob swims four to five times a week and is addicted to the invigorating, exhilarating and glorious feelings during the swim and post swim - especially as it's so close to nature with lots of marine life and crystal clear water. Should you want to give it a go you can request to join the Facebook group – it's a bit brave for me!

**Tiny Towns are the best**

Tilba won Silver in the Tiny Top Tourism Town category out of ten amazing tiny towns. Here's the lead-in to its winning submission:

*Tilba is tucked amongst the lush valleys of the Eurobodalla region on the*

*NSW South Coast. The town might be small, but its identity is unique, combining a continuing connection to Indigenous culture; a rich, diverse history; and impressive natural landscapes. The combination makes Tilba a destination for foodies, nature lovers and heritage buffs alike.*

Huskisson was the overall winner and Eden, Ulladulla, Kangaroo Valley and Berry all featured in their various categories. Tilba District Chamber of Commerce members Carrie Taylor, Claire Leonard and Jo Major put in an amazing amount of work in conjunction with Eurobodalla Shire Council on the winning submission. As well as a plaque and certificate, Tilba will benefit from additional advertising and promotion through Destination NSW. Well done – this is a great outcome and thanks to everyone who voted.



Susan Gray and Jo Major

**Creating a circular economy**

What do you do when faced with a mountain of paper? The obvious is to

recycle. However, outlets for recycling do not really exist around here. This got John Matthews from the Central Tilba General Store thinking. The answer? A briquette-making paper press! The Post Office come Store generates a lot of wastepaper – waiting collection cards, old phone books, newspapers and general paper. Making briquettes is quite a process that Mandy Yates, who we all know from behind the PO counter, is doing in her spare moments; shred – soak in water – compress – air dry for three days. The briquettes are good for fire starters or outdoor fires. Mandy does not use window envelopes because of the plastic. This is small scale but a great example of what is possible.



Mandy Yates making briquettes



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## Vale Aunty Harriett Walker

We lost another treasured Elder on 16 May with the passing of Aunty Harriett Lola Walker, who was born at Wallaga Lake in 1935 and lived at the Village most of her life. Harriett was the daughter of Joyce Carter and Arthur Thomas and the granddaughter of Charles Carter and Margaret (Maggie) Haddigaddi and William Ibera Thomas and Mary (Lynno) Ahoy. She had eight children: Les, Margaret, Michael, Maria, Alexander, Marion, Milo and Allison; many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harriett lived a good life at Wallaga. As a child the family would walk to Mystery Bay and camp at Pooles Point in little swags protected by windbreaks they made from shrubs and trees. Harriet had fond memories of fishing with lines and spears off Pooles Point where she spent time with her grandparents camping near fresh water.

In the 1940s as a young girl, Harriett walked along the coast from Wallaga Lake to Ulladulla with her family. The journey took more than a month. They camped and fished along the way on their traditional lands including at Tuross, Bingie and Garlandtown (Moruya). They stayed with the Davis-Duren-Brierley family at Brierley's homestead (Moruya Aerodrome). Harriett's father traded fish,

lobsters and abalone he caught for supplies like tea, sugar and flour all along the track to Ulladulla. When he did the trading, Harriett and the kids stayed at the beach with their mother collecting bimbulas and oysters. When they returned, the family walked to Coopers Island for work picking peas and beans.

When she was a bit older, Harriett worked housecleaning at Whiffens, Jeff Bates's holiday house on Bridge Point in Akolele. Harriet and her sister Pam also worked picking along the Tuross River and she later worked at Greenseas Cannery in Narooma.

Harriet loved to dance and sing to music by Elvis, Slim Dusty and Uncle Jimmy Little. In her later years as she suffered dementia, Elvis music would calm her down. Her favourite thing was to sit in the sun on a beautiful spring day under 'Milo's tree' at her home.

At the end of her life, Harriett lived at the Rose Mumbulla Village in Nowra and was then moved to the Basonview Masonic Village where she passed away. Harriett was loved by all who knew her and was well known and respected by the people of Tilba and Bermagui.

Aunty Harriett's family would like to thank all the people and organisations who supported them with the funeral. It couldn't have happened without the help of the Gulaga Reconciliation Group who provided beautiful flowers, Australian Red Cross for catering on the day, Richard Cooke for providing sound, Kelly Eastwood, Shirleena Gallagher and her helpers from Southern NSW District



Aunty Harriet Walker with her daughter Allo

Health, the Tilba Bakery, Janine Halasz and all the members of the Tilba community who donated food for the wake, Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust, Dale Huddleston, Johnny Huckle, Uncle CJ and Linno Thomas for singing, Gabrielle Powell for setting up the GoFundMe page and everyone else who helped to create a beautiful celebration of her life.

*Allison (Allo) Walker and Shanna Provost*

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## Tilba CWA News

Tilba CWA (Country Women's Association) members were busy during the month of June. As I write, we are cooking up a storm for NAIDOC week celebrations at Umbarra Cultural Centre; preparing healthy and hearty soups and desserts for our annual Winter Solstice Lantern Parade in conjunction with Central Tilba Public School; and planning for our CWA stall at the Tilba Festival coming up on Saturday 29 July.

Now you may think that CWA is all about cooking! Well, that does play a big part in what we do, however it's not the only thing. I certainly didn't join the CWA just to bake. For me it was about friendship, learning new skills, chatting, stimulation, enjoying a laugh, relaxing,

craft and challenging myself, not to mention the occasional lunch at the Drom! I especially wanted to contribute to the community in terms of improving the conditions of women and their families. Since I joined Tilba CWA in 2021, as a new kid on the block, I've enjoyed a rich and rewarding experience that has only come through my connections with the amazing women of the Tilba CWA branch, the local community and the other nine CWA branches from Bateman's Bay to Eden.

Membership is open to all women and, by joining the CWA, you will contribute to improving the world in which you live. We meet on the second Thursday of each month and participate in various activities, from fundraising, handicrafts and cultural

activities to debating current social and environmental issues. We'd love to see you at our next meeting in the Small Hall in Central Tilba on 13 July at 10.30 am.

Look for us on Facebook, under CWA Tilba, to keep up to date with all things local including details of our next craft day.

*Teresa Stubbings  
Tilba CWA President  
0417 418 447*

**Voice Café  
at Central Tilba**

Saturday 12 August in the Small Hall, from 10.30 to noon.

All welcome – ask questions, share ideas and gain information about the upcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

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Looking forward to the Tilba CWA Stall at the Tilba Festival

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## Farewell Harry Bate

A community gathering of around a hundred family, friends and Central Tilba Fire Brigade colleagues celebrated Harry's life in the Big Hall at Central Tilba on Sunday, 18 June. Officiated by David Oliphant, Harry's son Laurence, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the memorial.

Harry's life was remembered by family members, Richard Snashall and Ewan Thomson; by Fire Brigade member, Peter Hopkins; by Tilba resident, Robyn Lucas, who spoke about their work together on the Tilba Cemetery Committee; by Janine Halasz, who read a tribute to Harry and spoke about their work together on the Halls Committee; and by David Oliphant who interviewed Harry as part of an oral history project. Harry was remembered by others for his love of farming and the Tilba district and his active participation in community life with his partner Carol.

There was also a video, by Richard Snashall, made in 2019 at the time of the hundred and fiftieth



Memorial to Harry Bate

anniversary of the Bate family's presence in the area.

Afternoon tea completed the afternoon. As a community elder, Harry will be missed by all.

*Stuart Absalom*

## Birds of a Feather at Tilba School

On Friday 12 May, Doug Rekord came to our school from Bournda Environmental Education Centre to set up a bird bath and a motion sensor camera to track the birds and wildlife that are in our school environment. This was a part of a sustainable schools grant project.

We check it every Friday to upload the photos and log what species we find onto our school's iNaturalist account. The Barranguba class attended the training session with Doug, and we have a roster to monitor the photos each week so everyone gets a turn.

Banjo is responsible for uploading one photo of each species every week to iNaturalist. They then send us information about each species, including the proper names. We have captured the following species: Pied Currawong, Common Brushtail Possum, Eastern Grey Shrike Thrush, White-browed Scrubwren, Eastern Yellow Robin, Superb Fairywren, Swamp Wallaby, Galah, Bowerbirds and Magpies.

You can search the website [iNaturalist.org/observations](http://iNaturalist.org/observations) for Tilba Public School and see all the observations we have captured so far.

This project allows students at our school to contribute to the efforts of citizen scientists by submitting our observations of wildlife. Researchers can



Checking the camera

use the data we collect to understand where species live and what habitats they like. We feel like we are helping to protect native birds and animals by collecting the data. We are also learning more about the birds and animals in our school environment.

*Leroy Moore*



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The Cobargo Showground was a hive of activity with the 2023 Jamborette held over the King's Birthday June long weekend. 147 Scouts descended on the grounds with the theme this year being 'Turn Back Time'. There were eighty Leaders and also forty Venturers in attendance.

The entrance gateway to the camp was decorated as the Cobargo Cinema with movie characters from the '80s/'90s. The scouts experienced flying fox activities, cliff abseiling, cross-cut sawing and garden tractor driving to name a few activities.

Graham Parr from Cobargo Scouts was presented with his 35 years of service badge during the camp. An amazing level of commitment but Graham thoroughly enjoys it all.

The Scouts had to cook their own food so many life skills were learnt. The camp concluded on Monday morning after a huge bonfire was held on Sunday night.

Several members from the local group will be attending the World Scout Jamboree which is to be held in Korea. Graham will be attending as part of the international service team and his role will be to drive



Cliff abseiling

one of the buses within the camp. Graham intends having his Bluetooth playing Australians songs throughout the bus.

The Cobargo Showground will also be the location for the State Mounted Games Championship to be held on the 14-16 July with all members of Pony Clubs from clubs far and wide in attendance. A great spectacle to enjoy.

The planning for the Women in Dairy conference is well underway with the committee fine tuning special guests lists with many interesting and varied life stories of women in dairy. It is being held at Merimbula from 13 to 15 September. A fabulous event for sure.

Congratulations to Chris Walters who celebrated a milestone birthday recently with family and friends. Kylie and Jai Rugendyke are thrilled with the arrival of a daughter Hayley Louise,



Part of the Jamborette group



Getting those sawing skills up



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baby sister to James. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Aaron le Baldwin and Mickayla Jenkins who both have had unfortunate accidents.



L-R Alan Critcher presenting Graham Parr his 35 years of service medal



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## Completion of multi-use netball and basketball court - grand opening 19 August!

Cobargo Green Recovery is excited to announce the completion of the multi-use netball and basketball court at the top of Park Street. The court was funded by a grant from the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund. A huge thank you to Susan Bear who has been our grant-writing guru right from the start.

This is the final phase of construction at the site, which began in 2006 with the formation of Cobargo Skate Club.

By 2012, with the support of the entire community, and grants of \$15,000 from Community Building Partnership and \$17,000 from NSW Sport and Rec, the Skate Club had raised \$42,000.00, enough money to construct the skate park. This is an extraordinary feat for such a small community and everyone who supported our raffles, cake stalls, t-shirt sales and donated countless hours volunteering their time and labour, made it possible. We couldn't have done it without the local tradies who donated their skills and time too.

During construction of the Dignam's Creek bypass in 2018, Tania secured a donation of over 1000 tonnes of landfill to create the bike pump track. The construction was done by Stuart Longhurst, Steve Neilson and over three hundred hours of volunteer labour. Special thanks to Danielle Murphy and John Burgess who worked tirelessly to get this job done. This was paid for entirely from the fundraising efforts of Cobargo Skate Club – and, again, the generosity of our entire community.

Flyers with more details about the grand opening will be posted around town and on Cobargo Green Recovery's Facebook page. Everyone is welcome.

Great news for Cobargo youth. In coming weeks, PCYC plans to deliver a two-hour after school program at the court, with



The new court in use. Happy days! And what a shot! Photo: Tania Lingard

basketball coach Randall Forbes alongside Reclink on Thursday afternoons. The program will be funded by the NSW Government and is also supported by Anglicare, Cobargo Green Recovery and Bega Valley Shire Council.

The program will start with a 'Learn to Play' basketball program for the first hour and then a more intermediate/advanced program and a game at the end for the second hour.

In bad weather there will be alternative activities. Follow PCYC Far South Coast or Cobargo Green Recovery on Facebook for updates.

*Tania Lingard  
President CGR*

## Well done, Cobargo Hotel-Motel!

Well done, Cobargo Hotel-Motel a finalist in the Bega Valley business awards, a great achievement for David and Bronwen Allen and their team, in the hospitality category. There was a very slim margin between the three finalists, resulting in Toast cafe in Pambula taking out the award. Over 900 nominations were submitted for the awards.

The awards were funded and presented by the Bega Valley Business Forum that comprises a representative from Eden, Pambula, Tathra, Merimbula, Bega and Cobargo Chambers of Commerce or Tourist and Business Associations. Each representative had two or three categories out of 18 to research, this proved to be a lengthy and extremely challenging process, a secretive representative also visited each of the finalists and the general public formed a large part of the judging.

The awards were presented at Club Sapphire, Merimbula, on Saturday 17 June. The room looked spectacular, decorated in black and gold, including the red carpet to welcome everyone.

Guest speakers were Kristy McBain, Federal member for Eden Monaro, and Russell Fitzpatrick, Mayor of Bega Valley, both spoke about the importance of businesses to the Bega Valley economy.

We encourage members at our northern end of the shire to participate in the 2024 business awards – now is the time to prepare for your business or an individual to shine.

*Janet Doolin*



Our family run pub is recognised. L-R Bronwen, Dave and son, Jack Allen

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## Cobargo Public School News

Year 3/4 were lucky enough to go to Narooma to play AFL. Playing AFL made us realise that teamwork can lead to our achievements. We understood the ways of playing the game by eye contact on the ball and observing our friends achieve their goals. We were so lucky that Miss Wilton and Mrs Field organised this for year 3/4 to develop our sporting skills and have a fun day out with other schools. We had the most extraordinary fun on the fields together!

*Meadow and Lily, Year 3*

Students from Cobargo Public School in Years 3-5 have been working hard to create a school dance. The theme displayed



throughout our dance highlights the importance of friendship and accepting differences. We will be performing at Batemans Bay at the end of Term 2. We are all very excited to perform and show the skills we have learnt. We have been practicing every recess with dedication and commitment. We are grateful that Mrs Gresty has organised this amazing dance and has allowed us this opportunity at school.

*Calli and Charlee, Year 4*



Three photos from the AFL gala day

In Stage 3 we've been learning about the power of short stories or micro-narratives. We've explored some different authors and then had a go at creating one of our own. We worked in teams of four or five and co-authored each paragraph as a team. We hope you enjoy our short satirical piece below, *The Sodium War*.

*Year 5/6*

### *The Sodium War*

Felicity rubbed her sleepy green eyes and reluctantly peeled her winter doona back. The morning apricity peeked through the window warming her cold bones and she wrapped the pink, flocculent dressing gown tightly around her, tying it with a large bow. Life was good! Felicity tiptoed down the stairs, and the aroma of her mother's coffee danced up to meet her. That familiar smell comforted her like an old friend, but then it hit her like a cold morning shower ... that teasing aroma could only mean one thing, and one thing only: it was a school day and an all-out apocalyptic lunch war was about to commence.

It was dark, and her eyes were still adjusting to the morning light, but an urgency grew in her, for she knew she didn't have long. Felicity's first objective 'Lima Bravo' (or, for you civilians, her Lunch Box) lay across the room near her school bag. Felicity's nervous eyes searched the dystopian battlefield that was the kitchen. While it was familiar territory (and this wasn't her first lunch box rodeo), she knew at this time of day, danger lurked in every corner and hid in every shadow. Across the room, Felicity's dusty old lunch

box, lay like a fallen soldier in need of medical assistance. Felicity darted swiftly across the room, like a combat medic, bounding from cover to cover. She came in with a low slide along the floorboards, scooping up the lunchbox and resuscitating it on the fly. Lying prone now, Felicity's cautious eyes darted swiftly around the kitchen searching for her next target. There it was – glistening in the first light of the day like a precious sapphire, crowned upon the top shelf of the pantry. 19g of blue, crisp perfection, albeit not to be sold separately.

The Smiths Originals chips whispered to her, with salty promises of satisfaction, beckoning for her to come closer. As she approached the cupboard, the fridge's compressor whirred to life, causing the fridge to tremble nervously on the spot like it knew of Felicity's coming fate. A brontide rolled across the dark wood laminate of the kitchen cupboards and the thunderous steps of her brother Joel came charging down the stairs. Joel's facinorous eyes met Felicity's. She had seen the fire raging in those eyes many times before and again last week in the Muesli Bar wars of March 2023, which had been cruel

and bitter. He moved closer to her now and demanded that the 'Crispy, crunchy, crinkly pieces of heaven were to be his today.'

Felicity held her ground. She looked Joel in the eye and roared, 'Cry havoc and let slip the dogs of war.' Joel startled at the sudden cry, stepped backwards and Felicity used this to her advantage. With a quick dash and jump she snatched the packet from the top shelf like some kind of angelic AFL player soaring through the sky. She descended with the prize in one hand and the 'squeezy' tomato sauce from the shelf below in the other. A cheeky smile danced across her face. She flipped open the sauce lid and held it out in front of her with a clear message to Joel. 'How would you like a splash of colour for the school bus this morning?' she smirked. Joel backed away nervously, knowing it wasn't a bluff.

'Very wise,' Felicity whispered strutting proudly towards her bag like a bowerbird, with her cerulean prize. She scooped up her bag and headed back up the stairs to her room to get ready for school. Joel sobbed sadly on the dusty kitchen floor. Bitter, beaten, broken. Her battle had been won.

*Year 5/6*



## Cobargo's Bowerbird Op Shop – end of an era?

After nearly eight years of hard sweat and toil, Ros Hewett has decided to take a break from Cobargo's beloved Bowerbird Op Shop. The op shop was very much Ros's brainchild. Since its inception she has contributed to its growth and has been an essential part of the dynamic volunteer body that has worked with the community in making it a Cobargo icon.

Ros was born in Wagga and has lived in many places, but came to Cobargo from Queensland, to leave the humidity behind and get back to New South Wales with its four distinct seasons.

Ros would have us think that, with eyes closed, she pointed at a map and her finger fell near the home that she eventually bought online without an onsite inspection. I prefer to think it's called fate!

Rather than settling in to a quiet country retirement, Ros collected a group of like-minded people around her and got to work on establishing an op shop in the village – and what an op shop! Ros was interviewed by the ABC just as the Bowerbird was opening and said that the new op shop was a dream come true. However, that dream was not just restricted to highlighting the savings, resources and potential for charitable recycling. Ros's vision was also to create a place where people could simply gather for a chat and some company, and to be able to make significant community grants.

As Ros said at the time, 'There's a lot of people here in the community who need something to do. The older folk that don't get a chance to get out of town or don't have anybody here, all need a community area with an op shop around it. If you put the vision out there this is what we will get ... a dream come true.'

And has the dream come true? A resounding yes! By the end of 2023, the Bowerbird will have distributed nearly \$250,000 of community grants.

Ros thanks her parents for instilling in her the value of community service while she was growing up and believes that



Ros sitting in one of her happy places surrounded by things she has collected and loves

she has been bitten by the bug of helping people. However, she also believes it's the dynamic of the Cobargo community itself that has made the success of the op shop possible. As Ros has always stressed, 'There is great energy and compassion in Cobargo and we just build on that.'

Corrine Harris has replaced Ros as the

Bowerbird Committee Chair and stressed that Ros will be sorely missed by all.

But who knows? Ros has a bit of the Dame Nelly Melba about her and don't be surprised to see her come out of retirement even if only for the occasional (but welcome) cameo appearance!

*Steve Williams*

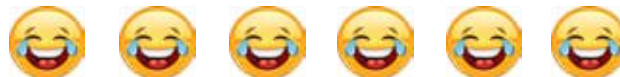
### CROSSWORD ANSWERS ACROSS

9 Looks, 10 Mortal sin, 11 Peery Lake, 12 Noise, 13 Spaceship, 16 Dingo, 17 Carpentaria palm, 19 S C U B A, 21 Close down, 23 Miami, 24 Black-eyed, 26 Reminisce, 27 Overt.

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS DOWN

1 Slopes, 2 To be fair, 3 Esky, 4 Empathetic, 5 Tree, 6 Wayne Deane, 7 Assign, 8 Anteroom, 14 Elevations, 15 Personages, 17 Cashmere, 18 Acolytes, 20 U S Army, 22 Nudity, 24 Bush, 25 Knot.

### KIDS' KORNER JOKE ANSWERS



1. Dam! 2. Neigh-bour! 3. Igloos it together!
4. No, they're more sluggish! 5. I'm in glove with you!
6. I've fallen and can't giddyup! 7. It's full of blades!
8. A lawn moo-er! 9. Day-scare centers! 10. A headband!

## Cobargo CWA bakes for babies!

Thanks to everyone for your support for the CWA Bake Stall each month. The funds raised help us with the ongoing costs of the CWA Cottage.

The next Bake Stall will be on Saturday 8 July from 8.45 am for you to collect your goodies baked by our talented cooks. Don't forget a treat for your furry friend – home-baked doggie treats!

In August, we will be devoting the proceeds of the Bake Stall to the Bake for Babies fund. This organisation is dedicated to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Special Care Nursery at Canberra's Hospital for Women and Children where around 350 sick and premature babies from regional NSW are admitted each year. In many cases, families are separated hundreds of kilometres from each other.

This hospital was the first hospital in Australia to install a live video stream, web-based system via a camera above each baby's cot.

This meant that the mother's separation anxiety was reduced and it enabled other family members from, perhaps, hundreds of kilometres away, to view the baby, promoting the bonding process.

The original system has reached its use by date and a new option needs to be installed and we are helping to raise funds to make this possible. If you buy from our Bake Stall in August, the funds will go directly to this cause. You are welcome to make donations, too. This is a project important to CWA as we were founded to support women and children in regional

and rural areas. Please help us! (More information when you search for bake for babies online.)

If you would like to hold a meeting or a function in a warm, air-conditioned and carpeted space with a functional, modern kitchen, please consider the CWA Cottage. The hire fees are very low (\$10 per hour) as we believe in supporting our community. Interested? Contact Sally Halupka on 0429 933 686 or by email at [cwa.cobargo@gmail.com](mailto:cwa.cobargo@gmail.com)

P.S. New members are always welcome. Next meeting is 11 July or ring me on 0447 401 725 or by email at the above address for more information.

Mary Williams  
Publicity

CWA Cobargo Branch

## Cobargo Innovation Hub – a place of creativity

July is shaping up to be a time of great innovation and creativity at the Cobargo Innovation Hub. Our resident artists are busy creating beautiful new original pieces. You could walk away from the Hub with a one-of-a-kind creation, made right here in Cobargo by skilled artists and creators. The Hub really is a special place of creativity.

Sally Wilson from Sally Wilson Art is busy creating a new range of landscape bracelets and in July will be working on a new series of paintings to display in her beautiful studio. As always there are t-shirts, fabrics, mugs and other pieces, all featuring Sally's stunning artwork. Well

worth a look!

Zoe Pook is making new hand-crafted and original jewellery – all are one offs and, if you pop into the studio, you will see new pieces coming all the time. Ruby is the birthstone for July, so if you're looking for a gift for a July birthday, there will be gorgeous jewellery featuring rubies too. Zoe also has some items from the Life's Little Pleasures store, so you may still be able to pick up an item you may otherwise have missed.

At Leadlight Revival, there is always a gorgeous display of hand-crafted leadlight and glass works. Robyn is a master

craftsperson and will help you design a special exclusive window to brighten and add colour to your space. Fine arts are also on display and for sale.

The Cobargo Community Access Centre continues to provide services to the community. In addition to its provision of legal, social and community services, there is a new addition to its offerings – Here2Help offers tutoring for adult literacy and numeracy, helping people who may have difficulty with filling out forms and other literacy issues.

Chris Walters

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## Cobargo Preschool 30th Birthday

The Cobargo Preschool has been in our current premises for thirty years this year. Before we moved in, children had preschool in a room at the Anglican Church.

The preschool has celebrated many years of joy, learning, creativity and fun with the children of Cobargo.

We are planning birthday celebrations for October and we're catching up with past teachers and children. We'd love to hear from people who have stories and memories to share. Some of the parents of our current group of preschoolers came to Cobargo Preschool when they were four!

We have been hunting through our archives and found some

amazing photos that show the history and development of our wonderful community preschool. In 1992, families got together, with lots of enthusiasm and community support and turned the derelict old golf clubhouse into a building to house the preschool.

Over the years it got better and better. Look at the difference. Do you remember?

*Christine McKnight  
Director/Teacher*



Back in 1992, families helped rebuild the old golf clubhouse into a preschool



The present-day Cobargo Preschool

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Well I have to admit I have put my togs/bathers/swimmers (depending on which state you come from) away and swapped them for jumpers/scarves/beanies. There are still a few 'hardies', a gaggle/mob/gang of intrepid swimmers, collectively known as the Blue Balls who swim the waters of Horseshoe Bay daily.

Winter has descended on Bermagui, the town has gone quiet and the visitors/locals/tourists have largely departed. Still, it's a beautiful place to be, crisp mornings, sunny days, glorious skies at sunset and rise.

I hope that everyone can stay warm and if you know someone who is suffering

with the cold, talk to them and see if you can get them some help.

Red Cross, CWA and op shops, can usually help or clean out your cupboards of unwanted sweaters/pullovers/jumpers or blankets.

## IPART approves Council rates increases

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) recently approved the rate increase requested by BVSC. Councillors will consider implementing the rise at a future Council meeting.

The rate rise of 24% next year and 19.6% the year after in the general rate is going to be hard for residents to swallow given the increasing interest rates and the current rate of inflation.

Bermagui residents, like the residents of other BVSC coastal villages, will also be hit with a bigger rate rise following the

revaluation of properties announced earlier in the year.

In his comments about the IPART approval of the rate rise, the Mayor, Cr Fitzpatrick, mentioned the need to slash the budget in the future. The residents of Bermagui would like to understand what services are proposed to be cut. At this stage no options have been presented by Council and ratepayers deserve to be told what is being considered and what the likely priority areas might be.

*Geoff Steele*

*Bermagui Community Forum*

### Mystery kite box



Does anyone know the origin of this amazing tin box, full of kites, possibly of Indian origin, that was donated to the OK Shed?  
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## You may enjoy joining the Bermagui and District Seniors' Social Club!

The Bermagui and District Seniors' Social Club is a very lively group of seniors who enjoy meeting once a month at the Bermagui Country Club.

After the monthly meeting, it is optional for members to stay for lunch. This is our way of supporting the club as well as extending our time together.

There is also an opportunity to catch up again with members for lunch during the month.

Those without transport are catered for as we carpool.

As well as day trips to interesting places nearby, once a year we try to organise an overnight trip out of town. These trips are supported by grants that we apply for with an additional minimum charge for members. Membership fees are \$15 per year and we hold a raffle at each meeting to help with costs for the trips.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please come along to one of our meetings on the first Wednesday each month at the club at 11.30 am. You will be welcomed.

*Meg Dodson*



Smiles all around. Come join the Seniors' Social Club!

## Conversations about the Referendum

On Tuesday 4 July (first Tuesday of the month), 'drop in for a chat' will be held at Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo to continue discussions on the forthcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

The discussion starts at 11.00 am and will go for about two hours. The purpose of the session is to discuss any question you might have about the referendum. The hope is that everyone will feel confident when they come to vote that they are making an informed and educated choice.

The views of everyone will be treated with respect. No one in the room is an expert, but together we will try to find answers to any question raised.

There will be books and other resources available to borrow.

We intend to have similar sessions on the first Tuesday of the month between now and whenever the referendum is held. It is not necessary to come to every session – come when you can!

For further information, ring Heather O'Connor, 0428 566 865

## The Bermagui Garden Group explores the gardens at Nerimbah

On Tuesday 6 June 2023, fifty-two members of the Bermagui Garden Group made their way to the 34-acre Nerimbah property, located on a cliff-top overlooking Jagers Beach at the southern end of town.

Over a delicious morning tea, members were welcomed by current owner Don Moffat who explained the property's history. It was once part of the Jagers family dairy farm before being purchased by the previous owner and orchid enthusiast Dr Miles Seton, who built the original house on the site in around 1973. When Don and his wife Cecilia purchased the property in 1999, they rebuilt the house within the original footprint and set about overhauling the garden which Dr Seton had established.

Don explained that when he and Cecilia first arrived, the front, western section buffering the road had long been left as native bushland and that between this and the house had been mostly maintained lawn with scattered camellias and magnolias beneath a canopy of native *Eucalyptus botryoides* (bangalay) trees. With the help of local garden designer, Surajo Frith, Don and Cecilia embarked on a major garden renovation with a focus on endemic, salt-tolerant coastal species. The result is a garden that harmonises perfectly with adjacent native vegetation, attracts abundant wildlife and affords both views and wind protection for the house.

On the day the Garden Group visited, the mass planted drifts of banksias on the northern side of the house were in full flower. Primarily composed of three species, the large golden flower spikes of the lower growing *Banksia spinulosa* (hairpin banksia) and the slightly taller *B. ericifolia* (heath-leaved banksia) were used to great effect beneath a taller tree canopy of *B. integrifolia* (coast banksia).

Another stunning plant combination



Westringia and melaleuca balls along the pathway

observed was the use of formally clipped balls of both *Westringia fruticosa* (coastal rosemary) and *Melaleuca lanceolata* (Moonah). With the westringia occurring from the ground to a height of around a metre, the melaleuca then takes over, seamlessly lifting the manicured shapes to a much greater height.

Elsewhere throughout the garden and further from the house, stands of the taller *Melaleuca armillaris* (bracelet honeymyrtle) work as an effective windbreak species, whilst *Melaleuca hypericifolia* (hillock bush) and the smaller

*Grevillea rhyolitica* (Deua grevillea) provide scattered splashes of red.

Dr Seton's original orchid house has been retained and the garden also includes a number of other buildings including a generous tool shed and an art studio that overlooks an enclosed vegetable garden.

Don graciously provided an array of plants to give away to members.

For more information on the Bermagui Garden Group and upcoming garden visits, please contact Christine Poulton on 0400 301 040.

Mark Evans



*Banksia spinulosa* in full flower

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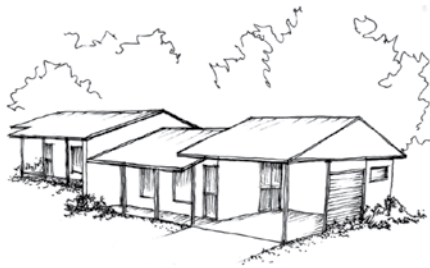
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## Builders, players, creators at Bermagui CWA

We've been busy these last few months. We received a commitment from the new NSW Government of a significant contribution to our social housing fund. Local builders, Andrew and Stuart Ponsford, with apprentice Calib, of Get Smart Constructions, plan to break ground in early spring to build two new units adjacent to the existing units on CWA land in Corunna Street, Bermagui.

With more than 80% of the money we need in the bank or promised, we will be seeking further contributions once the project is underway. More on that soon!



Artist's impression of the new CWA units to be built in Corunna Street

Members and others have been playing hard to raise funds for the Eugowra CWA Branch whose rooms were virtually destroyed in the floods



'Hoy!' - the joy of a win. Photo: Cath Renwick

of November 2022 and must be rebuilt. The Hoy FUNdraising afternoon raised \$500. CWA stalwart, Gail Whelan, was the 'caller'. She enjoyed her role watching '... five tables of happy folk engaging in social chit-chat interspersed with total silence as the "eyes down" bell was rung. Concentration was paramount as ladies matched their cards with those being "called" and the race was on to win chocolate!

Do you know that Bermagui CWA and friends create many fabulous warming items every year? In the past twelve months, 35 blankets, 55 beanies, 90 kids' jumpers (various sizes), 60 items for tiny

newborns and many other items have been made by the gang while chatting away at the CWA Rooms or at home between meetings. As winter approached, these have been distributed in the region and beyond.

The group meets from 9.30 to 11.30 am on the second Wednesday of every month (except January) – come and join us at the CWA Rooms on Corunna Street, Bermagui. To find out more call President Paula Rumble on 0428 436 228 or join us at a monthly meeting. The next one is Friday 4 August at 12 noon for a Soup and Trivia lunch followed by the 1.00 pm meeting.



A box of warm knits by CWA members  
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Cath Renwick

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## U3A Indigenous talks

U3A members were privileged to be a part of an interesting and informative dialogue with a well-known Yuin family. There have been four sessions, commencing on August 22, 2022. Gary Campbell approached Wendy Tucker from U3A concerned about developments taking place in the area that do not acknowledge significant and sacred places of which he felt local people should be aware.

Of particular concern are the Fairhaven land subdivision, the Bora ring site at Bunga, the sacred waterhole in Hill Street, Bermagui and misuse of the headland.

He felt that local people should be aware of the aboriginal heritage connected with these places. Of particular concern was the sacred waterhole in Hill Street, Bermagui, that is totally overgrown with exotic weeds and in a state of general disrepair.

Right of way through that land and neighbouring buildings encroaching on the waterhole has impacted this important site.

The Campbell family have always been the traditional 'watchers', watching



Some of the Campbell clan with Wendy Tucker, U3A organiser

the rise and fall of waters that were a source of fresh water as well as being a sacred place.

The talks began with Gary and his twin brother Paul, discussing the long history of their family in the area and the importance of preserving significant places in and around Bermagui on Yuin land.

Next session was a cultural walk to middens at Fairhaven, Camel Rock and then to the sacred waterhole in Hill Street. Many of those present hadn't been aware of these places and their degradation. Various members were concerned and wrote letters or made phone calls in support of the reparation of the waterhole.

A third session with the Campbell brothers and other family members was a follow up session about what had

eventuated as a result of that visit and the talks between the Campbells and Dr Michael Holland and the then Shadow Minister for the Environment who undertook to assist should they be elected into government.

At the last session on 11 May 2023, the Campbell family brought along various local artefacts, talked about these and followed that with a meal of indigenous food that they had collected and cooked.

The good news is that permission has finally been granted for restoration work to begin on the waterhole.

Much interest was shown with record-breaking attendance at the initial and follow-up sessions and people want to continue these interesting educational and important talks.

*Georgie Adamson*



Paul, Gary Campbell and Patrick

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Artefacts from the district

## Restore Cuttagee Bridge to 25-tonne limit by 2025

We honour Djiringanj country and acknowledge all Djiringanj first peoples. We recognise their past and continued custodianship of the lands and waters, where Cuttagee Bridge stands.

The Far South Coast Environment, Heritage and Conservation (FSCEHC) report, is written with voices from the community and done in a spirit of co-operation with our stakeholders. It provides an overview of a critically important infrastructure repair project: the restoration of the Cuttagee Bridge, just south of Bermagui NSW, to a 25-tonne load limit by 2025.

We invite the NSW State Government and Bega Valley Shire Council to set up a stakeholder process with the community, honouring the 14,000 who have signed the change.org petition challenging the Bega Valley Council's decision to pull down the bridge and replace it with a two-lane concrete option.

We encourage the Government to set up a sophisticated research and consultation process, inviting timber bridge builders and specialists from architecture and engineering companies to give us a contemporary perspective on the use of timber, alongside the possibility of retaining the one-lane advantage.

Spokesperson for FSCEHC, Sheena Boughen, says, 'We look forward to the NSW State Government Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison, outlining how they will honour their pre-election commitment of \$15 million



A well-attended protest against the demolition of Cuttagee bridge in 2021  
Photo: David Rogers

towards the "repair and restoration of the Cuttagee Bridge in line with its heritage position."?

When asked by a resident if it would remain one-lane, Ms Aitchison said, 'We have to preserve its nature.'

Sheena Boughen, 0418 656 916  
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## Update on Bermagui Preschool activities

Recently the children learnt about First Responders and the part they play in our community through play-based activities. Our cubby was turned into an emergency service station, our bikes became First Responder vehicles and pretend play was set up to role-play fire trucks and services work. We worked in small groups and shared conversations, allowing time to listen, answer questions and help articulate thoughts and feelings, while working with books, puzzles and drawing activities. Next door at the library we enjoyed a special story time with volunteers from the SES.

We also made a banner to thank our First Responders. Through the process of making this sign we were also able to talk about people who made us feel safe and people who help us, building a sense of security and trust. The sensory experience of painting was also very tactile and calming. When we finished, we were able to hang the banner on the fence outside,



Thank you to some of our first responders, with the ambos

making it visible to our paramedics next door, our volunteer firies and the SES across the road at the Fire Station and our Police up the street.

A big thankyou to all those First Responders ... men and women who have worked so hard to keep our beautiful children, families and town safe.

### First Nations' Art and Culture

At Bermagui Preschool we ensure First Nation history, culture and language is embedded in our program as part of our daily routines and activities, not just celebrated in a tokenistic way on certain days. Stories, puzzles, artwork, play resources, our Reconciliation Action Plan, Welcome signage, furnishings and commitment to staff cultural training all pay respect and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and



Enjoying story time at the library with volunteers from the SES



We were happy to receive this amazing painting from our artist friend, Dennis Pitt

culture on an ongoing basis. We look for ways to reflect and promote our local Aboriginal language and culture in our experiences, including music, storytelling and of course of our Moodji Garden.

We were excited once again to be working with Dennis Pitt, an amazing Aboriginal artist. A few years ago, we commissioned Dennis to create a mural at the front of our Preschool to pay tribute to our local Aboriginal culture and heritage. Last week, during Reconciliation Week, Dennis presented us with an amazing painting of Barrangubba (Montague Island), the light house, Gadu (the ocean) and a Murrah (fish). Our children were able to talk with Dennis about the themes and techniques used in his painting. They were then able to create their own artwork with a variety of materials that were available. A huge thankyou to Dennis for creating this beautiful painting that will inspire our current and future children and families to connect with our beautiful local country and culture.

By embedding Aboriginal culture in our preschool program we are promoting friendship, harmony, recognition of difference, as well as respect, acceptance and understanding. In this way we work to improve connections and outcomes for all children.

*Narelle Myers*

*Early Childhood Teacher/Director  
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## Winter at Cobargo Creators

A sunny winter's morning in Cobargo was the perfect setting for celebrating 'World Knitting in Public Day'. The eighteen intrepid, needle-wielding attendees, who set up outside the Gallery, enjoyed camaraderie, cake and considerable interest from visitors and passers-by. The event proved to be a great conversation starter and the gathering added laughter and learning to the usual Saturday morning market day vibe. Next year's event is already on the calendar. And, commencing in July, regular knitting afternoons will be held in Cobargo Creators for anyone who would like to attend.

Our annual 8xEight Exhibition is fast approaching and supplies and entry forms are now available from the Gallery during opening hours. Canvases and boards are for sale at very reasonable prices and the Art and Craft bank is full of creative things so come in and have a look. You'll be surprised by what's on offer and it's all free for the taking. This exhibition is open to all,

and I urge you to take the creative plunge and join in. Entries must be received by close of business on Saturday 5 August. You are invited to the opening event at the Gallery from 5.00 pm on Tuesday 8 August. Refreshments will be served.

To round off our community engagement activities for 2023, Cobargo Creators will host a celebration of Young Creators during September. The celebrations will take the form of two exhibitions. The work of local preschool children will be on display in the Gallery while an exhibition of art and creative work by students of the primary schools in the Triangle area will be held in the Cobargo School of Arts Hall over the weekend of 16-17 September. The exhibition at the Hall will coincide with other activities planned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Cobargo's Public School. More information about these events will be provided next month.

Lastly, our AGM will be held on



Cobargo Creators participating in World Knitting in Public Day

Saturday 12 August. If you'd like to join the committee, please contact me by phone or email.

*Glenda Heino*

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## MOTEL Art Fair returns promising a big culture dose this winter

The much-anticipated MOTEL Art Fair returns once again this July, this time to the seaside enclave of Bermagui.

Now an annual event, the MOTEL Art Fair brings together artists, collectors and art enthusiasts from across the region for a weekend of fun, art and culture. Now in its third year, the event was first conceived as a cultural-led response to renewal and recovery for the region in the wake of the combined impacts of drought, bush-fires, floods and the long-running COVID-19 pandemic. Since the pilot event, the Art Fair has achieved extraordinary success with a sell-out opening event, and has gone from strength to strength. It was Highly Commended in the 2022 Museums and Galleries Imagine awards for industry innovation and resilience.

The model uses a unique approach – activating a motel for the weekend, supporting a local business in its off season, and inspiring artists to step up to the challenge by putting their creative skills into practice as each occupies a room and presents a pop-up

gallery space as part of a collective art fair. This year's venue is the iconic Bermagui Motor Inn.

For artists living in the Bega Valley, the event provides a high-impact platform to show their work, network with peers, meet the community and develop their collector base. Most importantly, the event has succeeded in achieving real sales income for many of the previous participants.

For the community, the event fills the gap in the winter months when there are few events for local audiences and when tourism is typically lowest. The event now attracts high attendance from both regional and visiting audiences, achieving more than \$40,000 in sales each year.

This year a total of 17 rooms were awarded to finalist artists/artist groups.

There will be a preview event on Friday evening with DJs and a bar, followed by a free family open day the next day. The MOTEL Art Fair promises a great night or day out with culture at its core this winter!

- MOTEL Art Fair preview launches on Friday, 28 July, 6.00 to 9.00 pm.
- Preview tickets available at Humanitix, look up art fair vip preview.
- MOTEL Art Fair free open day is on Saturday, 29 July, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.
- You can register for your free tickets at Humanitix, look up MOTEL art fair art all day.

The Bermagui Motor Inn, 38 Lamont St, Bermagui NSW 2546 is the venue for Friday evening and Saturday.

The MOTEL Art Fair is an initiative of the South East Centre for Contemporary Art, Bega, proudly supported by Bega Valley Shire Council.

*Jasmin Brown*



Visitors at the MOTEL Art Fair launch event 2022 at the Eden Nimo Motel  
Photo credit: Chris Sheedy

## Theatre returns to the Murrah Hall!

For the first time since 2019, a long-anticipated theatre season will grace the Murrah Hall in late July.

This has been the home of many widely acclaimed theatre productions and this new production, *I just want to dance with words*, will be performed by Murrah Prez, Howard Stanley.

His long ago, pre-Bermi performative work ranges from the iconic (*Howard Slowly*) to the 'iconoclastic' (*Liz Jones, La Mama Theatre*).

The best performance compliment he ever received, 'I don't know why I'm laughing!', was from the world-renowned teacher of Acting and Clown, Phillippe Gaulier (among many theatre and film luminaries, he taught the Borat guy, Sasha Baron Cohen). More locally, one wag commented, 'Well, if it's anything like his

Murrah Curry, it'll probably be alright.'

Nearly a century ago, the acclaimed author Robert Walser, discussing this piece, wrote, 'My intention is to dance with words.' (Google him!)

In the words of Adrian Guthrie, the director, 'To dance with words is exactly what Walser achieves; he offers a mischievous and ironic lightness that we can share in Howard's performance. He disrupts the sentimental with the ridiculous to let ourselves go in this onrush of images and eddies of reflection, to breathe hard at the twists, to risk glimpsing the sublime.'

This is a Disaster Recovery show and it is our hope that, if this season is successful, we will be able to reach out and tour to other small and remote disaster-affected communities in NSW.

Murrah Hall audiences are in for a

triple treat – not only a theatre performance of the highest order, but also the new, raked seating for better viewing and improved, less reverberant acoustics, thanks to a recent Culture Infrastructure grant from Create NSW.

### Eight shows from 20–30 July

Thursday – Saturday: 7.30 pm

Sundays: 3.00 pm

Entry \$25 Con: \$20

Limited seating

Duration: 70 mins

Contains a bit of ironic partial nudity: arms, assorted fingers, legs, feet, face and rehearsed bits of upper torso.

For bookings and more information put Murrah Hall into your search engine.

Howard Stanley

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## Family beanie bonanza at the Lazy Lizard

The good news is that Helen Stafford will still have knitted work on display in the gallery this month, so if you missed out last month, you still have time to buy some of those lovely warm beanies or snuggly mittens.

For this month, Helen has produced a whole lot of new beanies, in sizes suitable for the whole family, with exciting new designs, colours and wool. She has managed all this, despite spending what is now their fourth winter, trying to live and work in a campervan and shed. Helen informs me, however, that the rebuilding is happening ... just a bit slower than hoped for! Well done, Helen, for not neglecting your creativity under difficult circumstances and making sure we don't



New designs, sizes, colours and wools

suffer the winter chills without suitable mittens and headgear!

So come by the Lazy Lizard, Cobargo and give Helen your support, check out her new designs and have a browse around the rest of the gallery.

Naomi Lewis

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## The Murrah: Looking and sounding great for the massive enjoyment of future generations

In late 2022, the Murrah Hall applied, successfully, to Create NSW's Creative Capital and Minor Works Round Two – The Murrah Metamorphosis Stage 2, Better Viewing, Safer Sound. In 2023, the Murrah Hall's 120th year, stuff started to happen not only inside, but outside as well.

The funding from this grant has paid for sixteen all-terrain portable staging units as well as the purchase and installation of 'invisible floating pads' to improve the Hall's acoustics, lessen reverberation and make electrified sound safer and acoustic sound, including speech, clearer – especially for the hearing impaired.

These developments complement the existing Murrah Metamorphosis Stage 1 funding (from 2018) for a portable PA, a digital lighting system and our website, that now makes the Murrah Hall the most professionally resourced, safest and clearest sounding community venue

in SE NSW.

The portable indoor/outdoor staging is a wider community win.

Professional hire for this equipment is both expensive and distant, limiting the choices of community groups in both how and what kinds of events they can organise. They can now think of

- a fundraising fashion show or similar
- performance staging or audience seating for theatre and dance groups
- an outdoor stage(s) for announcements or entertainment.

The Murrah Committee will be able to make these units available at very low cost to other community and NFP groups. Cobargo Folk Festival has already booked them for next year's festival.

Murrah President, Howard Stanley, said, 'It's taken nearly twenty years to get to where we are now and, on behalf of the Murrah Committee, we thank Create NSW

and, earlier, the Mumbulla Foundation for making their cultural infrastructure funding available to remote and rural, disaster-affected areas like ours, in order to attract more artists to play or perform here and, just as importantly, to give our audiences the professional production standards they deserve. We also thank the artists, community groups and Bega Valley Shire Council especially who wrote so eloquently in our support for the cultural equipment that is so vital to our social and cultural community health.' He went on to thank BVSC for funding a volunteer and trade mix to prep, repair and paint the Hall and surrounds.

With the Hall looking better than it has in a very long time and with its latest acquisitions, it's more than ready for its 120th birthday celebrations in September, later this year.

*Howard Stanley  
Murrah Prez*

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## Poetry pep talk at Well Thumbed Books



Peter Bakowski

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### The words

*Freed from the stable of the dictionary  
they gallop across the plain of the poem.*

Peter Bakowski

Come along to a Poetry Pep talk with Peter Bakowski, whose first book of poetry won the Victorian Premier's award for poetry. He has been writing poetry for over forty years and will come to the Well Thumbed Books in Cobargo on Saturday 29 July at 10.00 am.

Peter will share practical and philosophical tips, insights, suggestions, challenges and exercises connected with the writing of poetry. Key points to be addressed will include allocation and protection of writing time, facing the blank page, finding and broadening your subject matter, writing the researched poem, the character-driven poem, questioning the adjective and the simile, pruning and revising, nourishing yourself as poet/writer, submissions, publishing ...

Peter writes clear, accessible poems, using ordinary words to say extraordinary things. He has published eight poetry collections, been a writer-in-residence numerous times and travelled the world giving workshops and readings.

Those attending Peter's Poetry Pep talk will come away fired up, keen to write poetry more often, to source an expansive range of subject matter and to be thorough and insightful as poets.

This event is sponsored by Well Thumbed Poets of Cobargo who, with generous support from the Cobargo Community Assn Inc., published an anthology, *Chasing the Line – An Anthology of Poems from the Back Room*.

Sandra Taylor

## SOAPI and Noosa Arts Theatre finally meet up!

Cobargo theatre group, School of Arts Players Inc (SOAPI), lost most of its props and equipment in the Black Summer fires. Most of SOAPI's executive committee lost their homes.

Help came out of the blue with an incredible offer from 1,500 km away, a generous donation and then a fundraiser from Noosa Arts Theatre (NAT) that helped keep SOAPI operational, funded free workshops and provided critical sound and lighting equipment.

Last month, three and a half years on, Robyn and Graeme Freedman (SOAPI's artistic and technical directors), drove to Noosa to experience the famous Noosa Arts One-Act Play Festival and for a very special face-to-face meeting to say thanks in person.

After almost three years of communication via email and telephone to express care and support, John MacMahon from Noosa Arts along with President Frank Wilkie, Maria Karambelas and scores of members of the Noosa Arts Theatre family finally met their SOAPI cousins in person and spent time together.

Although SOAPI still has no permanent theatre (unlike Noosa Arts) the donation plus a grant from the NSW Government means it is now one of the best equipped rural community theatre groups. This gives SOAPI the technical capability to bump in and out of small poorly equipped rural community halls. In the last year SOAPI also helped local and travelling performance groups with a few shows where the local facilities were otherwise unusable for lighting and sound.



From left Frank Wilkie, Noosa Arts Theatre (NAT) President, Robyn Freedman (SOAPI artistic director), Graeme Freedman (SOAPI technical director) and John MacMahon (NAT committee member) at the NAT One-Act Play Festival.

Anyone interested in theatre in the Triangle area can contact SOAPI to be involved in productions. There is absolutely no experience required and no cost. New actors are supported with training and direction. Male, female, young and old, come along and try out for a part – you might surprise yourself with how good you are. If you don't want to act, there is a lot to be done and learned – supporting productions with sound, lighting, sets and costumes, plus volunteers for both backstage and front of house.

There will be open auditions soon over two Saturdays in July for upcoming productions. Adults and kids over ten are welcome, there will be parts for you!! (One is a pantomime.)

Casting/audition details are – Saturday 15 and 22 July from 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall, 20 Cobargo-Bermagui Road, Cobargo. Contact 0410 525 968 or SOAPI@dotindot.com or see Facebook @SOAPItheatre.

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## What's on at Shop7 ArtSpace

We've been really looking forward to July! In July, Shop7 ArtSpace at Bermagui Harbour holds its annual *Harbour* Community Exhibition. The exhibition displays local artists in all media, such as painting, ceramics, photography, mixed media and textiles.

Every year the theme *Harbour* is seen in so many ways by the artists, from literal to unique interpretations. And every year we're surprised by artists' new ways of seeing the world. We also learn things that help enhance the work of the artists of the Shop7 ArtSpace Collective.

The ten artists of the Shop7 ArtSpace Collective will also exhibit new works, across all media.

The Exhibition is open from Thursday 6 July to Wednesday 26 July, with the opening event on Friday 7 July at 5.00 pm at the Gallery. Every year, local businesses choose their favourite works and donate prizes that are presented at the opening. It's also a great chance for everyone to meet Bermagui's up and coming artists, and for artists to exchange ideas.

If you can't make it to the opening,



Shop7 ArtSpace is at Bermagui Wharf. Our July Community exhibition is *Harbour*

please do drop in to the Gallery to see Bermagui's artists' works, and browse the quality original gifts in the Gallery.

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until 3.00 pm every day except Tuesdays. We look forward to seeing you!

*Peter Campbell*

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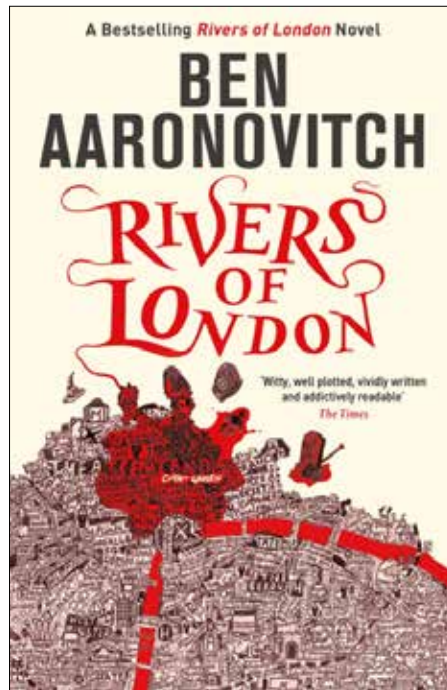
How to describe this novel, the first in a series of nine?

It's a crime novel, a police procedural novel, a fantasy/magical realism novel, a love letter to London and a commentary on race. And it's rollicking good fun and totally addictive. I am a fan of good crime writing but not usually of fantasy.

*Rivers of London* is a cross over of crime and fantasy and it has the familiarity of suspenseful crime novels and the fantasy elements never disrupt the reader's belief in reality. This crossover of genre is not easy to achieve but Aaronovitch does this superbly. It has been described as Harry Potter for adults, that's if Harry Potter joined the Metropolitan Police Service, the MET. But it's much more original than that.

Ben Aaronovitch is an English writer and screenwriter. He wrote two series of *Doctor Who* and spin-off novels of *Doctor Who*.

Peter Grant, our young protagonist, is just a probationary constable in the Met. He has a science degree and hopes to become a detective but has failed to impress and looks at a life of drudgery 'doing paperwork so real coppers don't have to'. While on his inner London beat, he witnesses a murder and finds himself



talking to a ghost. This ability, which is a huge surprise to Peter, brings him to the attention of Inspector Nightingale, the last wizard in England.

He is officially apprenticed and joins a secret department of the Met that investigates the inexplicable.

And so begins our story or stories, steeped in the folklore and urban myths that a city as old as London is full of and that live on in the architecture, rivers and landscape. Firstly, Mother Thames and her seven daughters and Father Thames and his sons are in a boundary dispute that

must be settled before natural/unnatural disasters occur. Much of the history of the Thames and its tributaries are woven into the narrative here.

Then we come to Punch and Judy. An ancient and horrible tale of murder and revenge that somehow morphed into a children's puppet show. In the original story, Punch is actually a murderous villain, who first murders his wife and baby, attacks a doctor and then pursues the constable who is chasing him. And this is happening again. The faces of the murderers are transformed into the face of Punch and murders most horrible follow. And we know that our Peter is the constable who comes next. This all sounds a bit grim, and it is, but the voice of our hero is self-deprecating, witty, drily amusing and full of asides. These asides comment astutely on race (Peter is black), the police, relationships, sex, the English and his beloved city. The tone is dry and sardonic.

'For a terrifying moment I thought he was going to hug me, but we both remembered we were British just in time. Still, it was a close call.'

Peter also gives some advice: 'If you find yourself talking to the police, my advice is to stay calm but look guilty; it's your safest bet.'

And – 'In winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold.'

I'll take both on board. And I'll keep reading this series.

## Pet of the month

This is Tess. Tess is very difficult to photograph as she insists on rubbing against you as soon as you get anywhere near her. She is about a year old and is a petite girl who loves people. She also enjoys the simple pleasures in life, like sprawling on the bed and getting enough food to eat and is well behaved in the house and litter trained. She is just waiting for the right person to come along and take her home so she can show them what a loving, affectionate girl she is. She will cost \$250. 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.



## Click go the shears!

While it is often said that ‘the best time to prune is when the knife is sharp’, as we move beyond the winter solstice (22 June) and the days start to grow longer, now is one of the best times to prepare your garden for the upcoming growing season by sharpening up your pruning shears.



Now's the time to sharpen your secateurs

Late winter is a great time to prune any deciduous trees or shrubs while they are still dormant. Pruning now allows for better visibility of the plant's structure and will promote vigorous growth during once growth restarts. Remove any dead, damaged or crossing branches, and shape the plant to promote airflow and increased sunlight to the centre of the plant. This will help to prevent the spread of disease and reduces the risk of pests infesting the plant. In frost-free areas, roses can be pruned in a similar manner right now as well. Trim stems to just above an outward-facing bud, which encourages new stems to grow in the



Salvia showing the new growth at base that we will prune back to

same direction away from the centre of the plant.

Pruning perennials and ornamental grasses now will also help rejuvenate the plants and encourages healthier, fuller growth during the next growing season. We will be trimming back all our salvias to their new emerging shoots and snipping our liriop off at ground level. We will also be chopping the ends off all the hydrangea branches back to the nearest strong bud.

The only thing we would avoid pruning right now is anything that is currently flowering and any evergreen hedges. As with most plants, pruning after the plant has flowered is a good general rule, whilst evergreen hedges are best lightly trimmed a couple of times during the active growing season to maintain their shape and density. One exception might be the major chopping back of a totally unruly hedge, in which case late winter is again probably the best time to do it.

Remember, these are general guidelines. Some plants do have specific pruning requirements and so it is good practice to investigate the trimming needs for each plant in your garden. By pruning those plants that need it at the right time you can maintain their health, control growth, enhance their beauty and maximize their productivity.

Toolwise, there is a minimum of three pruning tools essential for the task. A set of secateurs, a set of long-handled loppers and a hand saw, although there is a myriad of other products on the market. Some of the best new tools we have seen lately are the battery-powered secateurs and the mini electric pruning saws, both of which are especially handy for those with less hand strength. Remember, keep your tools sharp and disinfect frequently as you work with a squirt of straight methylated spirits.

Meanwhile, around the town gardens, camellias continue to shine and the normally nondescript hardy succulent *Crassula ovata* (jade plant) shrubs are revealing themselves as they enter peak flowering season. The banksias and grevilleas are also having a flowering flush, which is keeping the Wattlebirds and other Honeyeaters well fed and, with its feathery passionfruit-scented foliage, the shrubby sun-loving *Tagetes lemmonii* (Mexican marigold) is also aflush now with its amber-orange daisy-like blooms.

In the wild places, on the sides of the road around the Triangle, the bushland is currently rather homogeneously green, with very few obvious flowers.

Finally, this month in the vegie garden we continue catering to the cooler weather and so are mostly still limited to planting leeks, shallots or onions, peas of any description as well as broad beans and lettuce. It is also probably time to clean up the pumpkin patch and give your berry canes a trim and tidy.

Finally, if you have any comments, gardening questions or plant or pest identification problems, please send them through to [gardening@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:gardening@thetriangle.org.au) and we will get back to you personally.

Happy growing!



Tagetes lemmonii (Mexican marigold) flowers



# Pumpkins Forever!



Pumpkins on the side of the road, pumpkins still hanging on by a thread on fences, pumpkin soup on many menus! We love pumpkin time and here are a few favourites from the team.

## Pumpkin fillo parcels

*Stuart Absalom*



### Ingredients:

- quarter of a medium-sized pumpkin
- 1 large onion
- olive oil
- butter
- thyme
- 1 egg
- 150 gm fetta
- salt and pepper
- sesame seeds
- fillo pastry (or phyllo or filo ...)

Cut pumpkin into small pieces, toss in olive oil and roast until tender. While the pumpkin is roasting, melt 30 gm of butter in a pan, add onions with a good sprig of thyme and caramelize.

Mash the pumpkin well, add cooked onions, crumbled fetta, season and beat in an egg. Refrigerate for an hour.

Melt 90 gm of butter. Butter eight sheets of fillo pastry – two for each serve. Divide the pumpkin mixture into four. Roll each sheet of fillo into a rectangular log approximately 12 cm long. Butter well and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

Cook in a moderate oven until golden. Serve and enjoy.

## Fiji Pumpkin Curry

*Flick Ruby*

Dimity learned this recipe from her mother, Peta, who was taught it in Fiji. It's best when you use fresh spices and herbs but do what you can! It's delicious! (Dimity is my bestie – Flick)

### Ingredients:

- 680 gms (around 3 cups) pumpkin, skinned and chopped into large (around 1.5 inches/3.5 cm) cubes
- 6 cloves garlic, finely grated
- 5 cms of fresh turmeric, finely grated
- 5 cms green ginger, finely grated
- 3 red chillies (more or less, to taste)
- ½ a grated coconut (or 1 tin coconut milk)
- 2 green chillies
- 1 large brown onion
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- salt to taste
- coriander to serve

Skin and cut the pumpkin. Mash together the garlic, turmeric and ginger. Cut red chillies finely and add to the mash, then mix in with the coconut milk.

Put pumpkin cubes and mash mixture into a large pot, along with the green chillies sliced lengthwise. Bring it all to the boil then reduce heat to simmer until pumpkin is tender (my mother says this can be done in a microwave, but top of the stove is good too.)

Taste and add salt if needed.

While the pumpkin is cooking, slice the onion finely, and fry in oil until the onion is deep brown, almost caramelised. Stir half the onion into the pot when the pumpkin is ready and then transfer into a large serving bowl and sprinkle the remaining onion over the top with chopped fresh coriander.

Serve on a bed of rice, offer a little raita on the side, and warm some fresh roti and/or pappadoms. Sprinkle more coriander over the top.



## Pumpkin cake

*Angela Marshall*

Use a dry pumpkin like Queensland Blue or Jarrahdale. Kents are too wet.



### Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked mashed pumpkin (260 gms) – allow to cool and drain off all excess moisture
- 1 dessertspoon grated orange rind
- 3 tablespoons butter (90 gms)
- ¾ cup sugar (165 gms)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sultanas (165 gms)
- 2 cups SR flour (300 gms)
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup milk (125 mls)

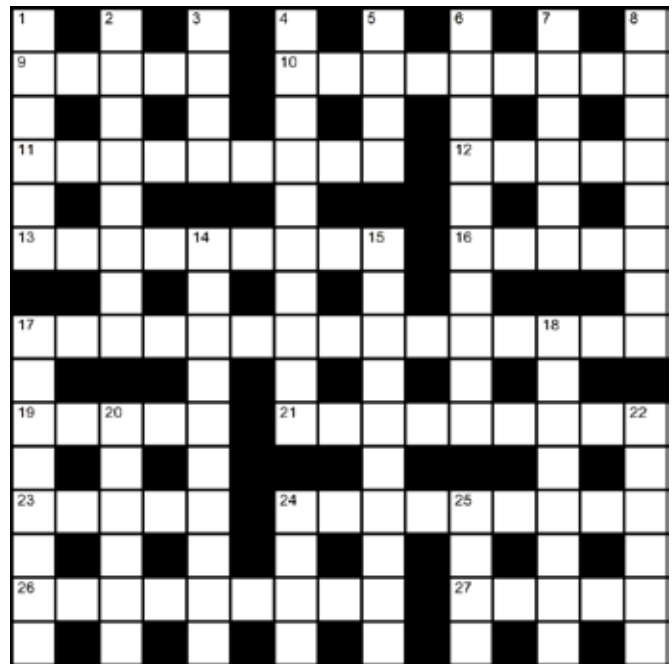
Cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg well. Add mashed pumpkin, rind, sultanas, salt and flour, beat until just smooth. Stir in milk.

Bake in moderate oven for about one hour (check from 45 minutes on ... usual advice – skewer should come out clean). Ice with orange icing if desired.

## SUDOKU

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## JULY CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 9 Peers (5)
- 10 \* It's normal to be hammered - priests don't like it (6,3)
- 11 Paroo River feature internationally important as a wetland (5,4)
- 12 Sound (5)
- 13 Interplanetary transport (9)
- 16 Native dog (5)
- 17 Darwin garden sight (11,4)
- 19 Diving kit (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Cease operations (5,4)
- 23 It's nicknamed the 'Capital of Latin America' (5)
- 24 Type of pea (5-4)
- 26 Recall past experiences (9)
- 27 Not concealed (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Skiers' challenges (6)
- 2 In all honesty (2,2,4)
- 3 Picnic cooler (4)
- 4 Feeling the pain of others (10)
- 5 Superficially, it's all bark and no bite (4)
- 6 Champion surfer/shaper, father of Noa (5,5)
- 7 Allocate (6)
- 8 Place for waiting (8)
- 14 Side views on blueprints (10)
- 15 Illustrious people (10)
- 17 Fine, soft goat's wool (8)
- 18 Religious followers (8)
- 20 \* Say! Rum manoeuvres for soldiers of an ally (1,1,4)
- 22 Natural state? (6)
- 24 One burned but was not consumed (4)
- 25 Timber flaw (4)

\*Indicates a cryptic clue.

## Kidz' Korner Jokes



1. What did the fish say when he hit the wall?  
*Contributed by Hunter Varley*
2. What do you call a horse that lives next door?
3. How does a penguin build a house?
4. Are snails faster without their shells?
5. What did the thumb say to the finger?
6. What did the horse say when it fell over?
7. Why is the grass dangerous?
8. What do you call a cow that eats your grass?
9. Where do baby ghosts go during the day?
10. What makes music on your head?



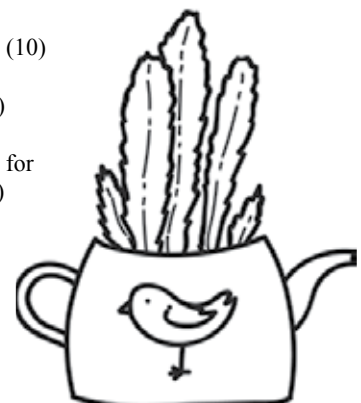
## School Words

Find and circle the words



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C A A A C S U R O C  
O R W R H H E A E H  
M E A J A S M S F W  
P A F E L R T E V Y  
U D T U K K K R G W  
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H B O O K S M A T H

BOOKS	MATH	TEACHER
CHALK	NOTES	WRITING
COMPUTER	PENCIL	
ERASER	READING	



## Answers on page 25

If you have a game, quiz or crossword you would like to see on the Game On page, send it to [contributions@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Notices are advertised in *The Triangle* for non-profit groups free of charge. If your organisation would like to be listed or if details change, please contact us at: [contributions@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au)

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui Saturdays 2pm at the Anglican Church Hall, Ph: Dave on 6493 5014

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

Bermagui: All Saints - every Sunday 8.00am  
Cobargo: Christ Church -  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays 10.00am  
Quaama: Quaama School of Arts Hall -  
4th Sunday 10am  
Ph: The Reverend John Thomas 0427 260 833

## ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch promotes the welfare of companion animals and responsible pet ownership. Call 0400 372 609

## BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

West Street, Bermagui.  
Family Service Sundays 10.00-12 am  
All Welcome.

## BERMAGUI CWA

Meeting, first Friday of the Month at 1 pm.  
CWA Rooms, 10 Corunna St, Bermagui.  
Contact: Mrs Kathryn Preston, 6493 5887  
[kfpreston@bigpond.com](mailto:kfpreston@bigpond.com)

## BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

Meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month  
Contact: [bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au](mailto:bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au)

## BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday every Month 10 am until 12 noon,  
venues vary. Phone Christine 0400 301 040

## BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museum Open Tuesdays 10am - 2pm.  
Researchers & helpers welcome.  
Contact Allan Douch 0428 427 873  
or Dave Cotton 6493 5014

## BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

New members welcome. Meet 1st Thurs  
each month at Cobargo Hotel & 3rd Thurs at  
Bermagui Country Club at 12 for 12.30 pm  
Enquiries: Geoff 0407 164 466

## THE BERMAGUI MARKET

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the  
Bermagui Red Cross. Gary Stevens, 6493 6581.

## BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Meets Tues, Thurs & Sat from 10am @  
new shed adjacent to the council depot on  
Bermagui Tathra Rd. All men are welcome.  
Contact Ian Bailey 0409 691 458

## BERMAGUI PROBUS

Probus provides an opportunity to meet  
with fellow retirees on a regular basis, listen  
to interesting guest speakers and join in the  
company of new friends.  
Meets at 10am to 12pm on the 2nd Monday of  
each month at the Men's Shed meeting room.  
Bermagui Tathra Rd. Contact Lorraine Curtis  
email [lcou6446@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lcou6446@bigpond.net.au)

## BERMAGUI SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB

Meets the 1st Wed, 11.30 am at the Bermagui  
Country Club, with social luncheons to follow.  
New members are most welcome.  
Enquiries: [bermaguiseniors@gmail.com](mailto:bermaguiseniors@gmail.com)

## BERMAGUI U3A

(University of the Third Age)  
Lifelong Learning Opportunities  
For a full list of courses and timetable visit:  
[www.bermagui.u3anet.org.au](http://www.bermagui.u3anet.org.au)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass times.  
Bermagui - Sun 7:30am Cobargo - Sat 5pm

## COBARGO AND DISTRICT ENERGY TRANSITION GROUP INC (CaDET)

Email - [renewablecobargo@gmail.com](mailto:renewablecobargo@gmail.com)  
[www.renewablecobargo.com](http://www.renewablecobargo.com)

## COBARGO COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTRE

Unit 5 & 6 / 48 Princes Highway, Cobargo  
Open Tues, Thurs and Fri 10am-3pm  
[cobargoreliefcentre2550@gmail.com](mailto:cobargoreliefcentre2550@gmail.com)  
Ph: 0493 671 117

## COBARGO CREATORS

Established in 2012, a volunteer-run, not-for-  
profit art collective. Manages the Cobargo  
Creators Art Gallery. New members and  
volunteers always welcome! Committee meets  
monthly. email: [mail@cobargocreators.org](mailto:mail@cobargocreators.org)

## COBARGO CWA

Meets in the CWA Rooms, 20 Bermagui St  
2nd Tues of the month, 10.30am.  
[cwa.cobargo@gmail.com](mailto:cwa.cobargo@gmail.com)  
Cottage Hire 6493 6428

## COBARGO DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Cobargo Museum: researching local  
history, old photos & information.  
New members welcome.  
Contacts: Vicky Hoyer 0422 377 278  
Bev Holland 0408 280 024

## COBARGO PRESCHOOL

Child centred, play based preschool  
education for 3-5 year olds.  
Mon - Thurs during school terms  
0455 043 489 [cobargopreschool@gmail.com](mailto:cobargopreschool@gmail.com)  
[www.cobargopreschool.com.au](http://www.cobargopreschool.com.au)

## COBARGO QUAAMA BUSINESS RECOVERY GROUP INC (CQBRG)

New Members Welcome!  
Enquiries: CQBRG Secretary Ph: 0418 361 761  
e: [cqbrgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cqbrgroup@gmail.com) [www.cqbr.org.au](http://www.cqbr.org.au)

## COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

For meeting dates or catering enquiries  
phone Kathy Rix 0488 048 701

## COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS

Hall bookings and inquiries:  
Linda 0407 047 404 / [cobargohall@gmail.com](mailto:cobargohall@gmail.com)

## 1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP

Children 6 - 18yrs. Meetings 6.30pm to 8pm in  
school term Cobargo Showground dining hall.  
Contact Graham Parr on 0429 936 795.

## COBARGO SHOW MEETING

Monthly 2nd Wednesday, 7.30 pm - Cobargo  
Showground dining hall. Contact Naomi 0417  
456 354 [secretarycobargoshow@yahoo.com.au](mailto:secretarycobargoshow@yahoo.com.au)

## COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSOC

Meets every 2nd Tuesdays, 6pm @ the CWA  
cottage. Contact: Janet Doolin 0409 033 828

## DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

Meets randomly. Contact Nick van Stek, Pres.  
0439 361 118 or Felicity Ruby, Sec. 0452 161 673

## MOBILE TOY LIBRARY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE

All parents of children 0-6 welcome to join.  
Enquiries: 6496 1918

## OPEN SANCTUARY AT TILBA TILBA

Meditations, discussions,  
guest speakers & special events.  
[opensanctuarytilba.org](http://opensanctuarytilba.org) and on facebook.  
Contact: Linda Chapman 0422 273 021

## QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA  
Cottage, Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and  
welcomes anyone who does patchwork,  
quilting, or any other needlework.  
Lorraine James 6493 7175  
or Mary Cooke 6493 7320.

## QUAAMA MEN'S SHED

Meets Weds from 10am, 20 Bermagui Street  
John Preston (President) 0429 179 184  
Ron Higgins on 0408 788 528.  
All men are welcome.

## QUAAMA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome. Phone: 0408 411 956  
[quaamaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:quaamaprogress@gmail.com)

## QUAAMA RENEWAL PROJECTS

[quaamarenewalprojects@gmail.com](mailto:quaamarenewalprojects@gmail.com)  
Phone: Veronica 0437 263 128  
[www.facebook.com/quaamarenewal](http://www.facebook.com/quaamarenewal)

## QUAAMA SCHOOL OF ARTS

Hall bookings and inquiries:  
Call 0408 411 956  
[quaamahallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:quaamahallbookings@gmail.com)

## SOAPI COMMUNITY THEATRE

School of Arts Players Inc (SOAPI) writes,  
produces and performs theatre in the region.  
10 years to adult. No experience necessary.  
Facebook @SOAPItheatre or call  
Robyn Freedman 0410 525 968

## TILBA CWA

Meeting 2nd Thursday of the month, 10.30 am  
Tilba small hall, Bate Street, Central Tilba  
Contact: Teresa Stubbings 0417 418 447

## TILBA MARKET

Home grown, Hand made,  
Grow it, Make it, Sew it, Bake it.  
Every Saturday 8am to 12, Central Tilba Hall  
Stall booking essential. Phone 0490 130 478.

## TRIANGLE TOOL LIBRARY

Behind the Cobargo Co-op  
Open 9-12 on Tues, Fri and Sat  
[www.triangletoollibrary.org.au](http://www.triangletoollibrary.org.au)  
Lynn 0411 432 533 or Nacre 0419 425 208

## UNITING CHURCH SERVICES

Narooma - Sundays at 9am, 134 Wagonga St.  
Cobargo - 2nd Sunday at 11.00 am.  
4th Sun Prayer & Praise (ecumenical) at 11 am.  
38 Bermagui Road, Cobargo  
Phone Di: 4476 2024 [mtdromedary.uca.org.au](mailto:mtdromedary.uca.org.au)

## THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

The Yuin Folk Club organises the annual  
Cobargo Folk Festival and hosts folk music  
concerts throughout the year.  
Details at [www.cobargofolkfestival.com](http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com)  
Ph. Secretary Carolyn Griffin 0400 391 324,  
Treasurer Zena Armstrong 0402 067 615 or  
email [info@cobargofolkfestival.com](mailto:info@cobargofolkfestival.com)

# For the fridge door

JULY	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
All month	Family beanie bonanza, hand knits See pg 35	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	10 am - 2 pm
Sat 1	Fungi Festival dinner book online visitnsw.com search for mushroom dinner	Il Passaggio, Bermagui	From 5 pm
	Pete Campbell	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Sun 2	Chango Tree	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Tues 4	About the referendum: drop in for a chat, resources available See pg 28	Well Thumbed Books	11 am - 1 pm
Tues 4 + Wed 5	SOAPI free kids' drama two-day workshop for 4 - 9 years old, book via SOAPI theatre Facebook See pg 37	Cobargo School of Arts	10.30 am - 12.30 pm both days
Wed 5, Sun 9, Th 13, Sat 15, Sun 23, Sat 29	Truffle Hunts: check times. See pg 7 book online, <a href="http://www.gulagagold.com.au">www.gulagagold.com.au</a> or ring Fiona: 0448 453 422	Gulaga Gold, Dignams Creek.	Varies, 10 am or 1 pm
Thurs 6 - 26	Harbour community art exhibition See pg 38	Shop 7 Artspace Bermi Wharf, not open Tues	Every day 10.30 am - 3 pm
Sat 8	Ethan Parlato	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
	Cooking with mushrooms and truffles book online <a href="http://www.eastwoodsbermagui.com.au">www.eastwoodsbermagui.com.au</a>	Eastwood's cooking school	4 pm - 7.30 pm
	Fungi Festival photography workshop book online <a href="http://www.fungifeestival.com.au">www.fungifeestival.com.au</a>	Club Narooma	10 am - 2.30 pm
Sun 9	Tilba Trash & Treasure Market	Big Hall, Central Tilba	9 am - 1 pm
	Singer in the Park	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Tues 11	Fungi Festival dinner, bookings essential <a href="http://www.dromedaryhotel.com.au">www.dromedaryhotel.com.au</a>	Dromedary Hotel, Central Tilba	6 pm - 9 pm
Tues 11 + Wed 12	SOAPI free kids' drama two-day workshop 8 - 16 years old, book via SOAPI Theatre Facebook See page 37	Cobargo School of Arts	10.30 am - 12.30 pm both days
Fri 14 - Sun 16	State Mounted Games Championship <a href="http://www.zone14ponyclub.org.au">www.zone14ponyclub.org.au</a>	Cobargo Show Grounds	Information online
Sat 15	SOAPI theatrical auditions, no prep req - ages 10 - adult. No booking, turn up, we provide scripts. See pg 37	Cobargo School of Arts	2 pm - 4 pm
	Greg Kew	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Sun 16	Shaun Baxter	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Thurs 20 - Sun 30	<i>I just want to dance with words</i> theatrical performance with Howard Stanley See pg 35 Book online <a href="http://www.murrahhall.net.au">www.murrahhall.net.au</a>	Murrah Hall	Thurs - Sat 7.30 pm Sun 3 pm
	Cass McGufficke with Ben Churcher	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Sat 22	SOAPI theatrical auditions, no prep req - ages 10 - adult. No booking, turn up, we provide scripts. See pg 37	Cobargo School of Arts	2 pm - 4 pm
Sun 23	Captain Ablit & The Bluetrash Band	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Fri 28	MOTEL Art Fair See pg 34	Bermagui Motor Inn	6 pm - 9 pm
Sat 29	Tilba Festival See pg 19	Bate Street, Central Tibla	9 am - 4 pm
	Poetry pep talk See pg 37	Well Thumbed Books	10 am start
	Kalista	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon
Sun 30	Totum	Tilba Winery & Ale House	12 noon