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South Coast's Giiyong Festival announces a diverse lineup of Aboriginal performers from the across the country

Giiyong Festival, the largest multiarts Aboriginal cultural festival in the Yuin Nation, will take place on Saturday 18 November 2023 at Jigamy near Eden, NSW. The event organisers, South East Arts, Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council have started unwrapping their epic lineup of performers.

Giiyong means 'come to welcome' in the south coast languages as spoken by Elders. Giiyong Festival celebrates traditional and contemporary culture and features live music, dance, food, demonstrations and immersive activities.

Jazz Williams, Giiyong Festival Director says, 'Our live music line-up this year has something for everyone. It's an all-ages event and we think we've pulled together a great array of artists for our third festival at Jigamy.'

The smooth vocals of big names Radical Son and Emma Donovan will lead the live music line-up this year, alongside two diverse additions – Eric Avery and J-MILLA. Eric Avery, Kabi Marrawuy Mumbulla, is a violinist, vocalist, dancer and composer from the Ngiyampaa, Yuin and Gumbangirr people of NSW.

He works with his family's custodial songs and his haunting compositions, predominantly in the Ngiyampaa language often feature him singing while playing violin. Quickly gaining an international reputation, Eric has appeared alongside and in association with some of the greatest artists of our time, from Yo-Yo Ma, the cellist, to Tina Arena.

Ms Williams says, 'After the massive crowds that came to see Baker Boy and Briggs at previous Giiyong Festivals, it was pretty clear to us that hip-hop and rap really hit a chord on the coast. This year we are bringing J-MILLA to the Giiyong stage.'

J-MILLA is a loud and proud member of the Mak Mak Marranungu people of the Northern Territory, who knows the power of narrative and the influence it can have. He is making waves across the nation with his strong performances and powerful lyrics.

Local performers are always a highlight of Giiyong Festival and, so far, include Ron Callaghan, Dust 'n' Echoes, the Djinima Yilaga and Mudjingaal Yangamba choirs and Eden duo, Nikea and Dre, with more to come.

To keep the day rolling, Giiyong Festival is bringing on board two of the funniest comedians in the business as emcees. Sean Choolburra returns for his third Giiyong Festival, alongside comedic star Steph Tisdell. Steph is a regular on *The Project* and *Hughsey, We Have a Problem*.

Duurunu Miru Dance Group, Djadjawaan Dancers, Bermagui locals Gadhu Dancers and, from the north of Yuin country, Gumaraa Dancers will perform a special combined dance ceremony entitled *Dhilwaan Yarrkura* that translates to Nightfall Dance.

Giiyong Festival also includes a special speakers program including the topics of food sovereignty, the Constitution and identity. Chef Mark Olive is back at Giiyong Festival this year, bringing his ingenious Indigenous twist to Australian cuisine. Chef Mark will conduct two cooking demonstrations and be part of the food sovereignty discussion panel alongside Uncle Noel Butler, who will also be presenting a session on bush tucker.

Presentations and live demonstrations of cultural practices will take place throughout the day around the festival site from highly regarded cultural practitioners from up and down the coast and the high country. The Guganyela Arts and Cultural Market featuring Aboriginal artists and producers from across the state is a key feature of the event.

Tickets are on sale now to this all-ages event and the Giiyong organisers have just announced that community Elders and



Steph Tisdell



Emma Donovan



Mark Olive, the chef

Under 18s can enter the event for free. Adult tickets are \$35 and are available online – along with the full and ever-expanding lineup.

To purchase tickets, go online to www.giiyong.com.au.

Kate Hogarth Communication Director Giiyong Festival Another meaty *Triangle* this month with contributions coming from all corners of our region.

The Coolagolite fire last month provoked a lot of us with responses ranging from feeling stunned through to positive action. A fire meeting in Quaama Hall and the Diggies gang coming together are two examples of our awareness of and community engagement around this threat. And this month's gardening page has lots of tips to help make your garden provide protection should a fire come your way.

The referendum result was a sad shock for the yes-sayers, many of whom worked tirelessly in the months leading up to the vote, now coming to grips with its defeat.

Bermagui Preschool looks to the

future with a new playground planned while Cobargo Preschool celebrates thirty years of operation. Quaama School students are racing solar cars and boats, Tilba's kids have been at the Bird Olympics and the Scouts have been rapelling into caves.

The warmer season is upon us and there is plenty to see and do. Reclink continues to provide free access to different programs around the region to help us get fit and enjoy the company of others. There are art exhibitions, a poetry reading, a book launch, the SOAPI theatre group's production at the Cobargo Hall, a dance party fundraiser, an Indigenous Arts Festival and lots of live music populating our Fridge Door page. Check it out! It's time to get out and about!

The Triangle Inc President's Report AGM Saturday 21 October 2023

I can't remember how many years I've been associated with *The Triangle*; certainly longer than I've been President. It's a job that is not usually called upon to conduct regular business, except for this task: The Report. Sounds so serious, which I suppose it is, as it's a requirement of the Office of Fair Trading, but it's really a quick overview of the past year.

As committee members, our lives are punctuated most every month by the ebb and flow of *Triangle* business. We accommodate the demands of producing a high-quality, monthly newspaper and we make our lives fit within the deadlines.

But if it wasn't fun, if we didn't enjoy our fellow Trianglers, if we weren't totally involved in our community – we wouldn't be here. For me, and for many people, *The Triangle* is a regular treat to be savoured every month (almost – I love our break too). *The Triangle* is relevant in people's

BERMAGUI MARKETS

Don't forget Bermagui Markets is starting up again on Thursday, 9 November, at 9.30 am on the greens at Bermagui Country Club. It will be great to see our local producers and makers selling their wares. Come along and support them.

If you would like to be involved in the Bermagui Markets please come along to the AGM on Thursday 23 November, at 6.00 pm in the auditorium of the Country Club. Join the friendly team that is passionate about keeping the markets running.

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lives, and we endeavour for it to remain so.

Community concerns are aired, information shared locally and events advertised. Timely publication of advice for bushfire preparedness has galvanised individuals and localised community groups to be more educated and prepared. Casting a wider net, *The Triangle* regularly published articles regarding the Voice referendum. The results were not as we had hoped, but it hasn't stopped the conversation (eds. as will be revealed in this issue) with contributors.

We are a reflection of our communities, but I can see that at times this is a narrow one. We wear our age, demographic, political and even spiritual leanings on our sleeves. We want to be relevant, but it's a rocky path we walk with inclusivity and integrity as our twin guides.

Linda Sang





Thumbs UP

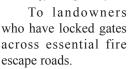
To the customers who return the Boomerang Bags

to the Cobargo General Store. Well done!

To the amazing free Reclink classes – Tai Chi at 10.00 am on Friday in the Cobargo School of Arts, and Yoga at 9.30 am in Quaama Hall. They are making a huge difference to my pain and anxiety levels! Come along for some gentle regular fun.

To Leonard the physio in Cobargo who has treated me and three friends. When his work was done, he told us to go away and do our exercises. If you see people standing on tippy toes, they are likely a Leonard graduate strengthening their ankles, knees and hips with this simple trick!

Thumbs DOWN





To the dog owners who still think they don't have to obey the Companion Animal Act. The law is meant to protect people, wildlife and the environment. Dogs must be on a leash unless the area is sign posted as a leash-free area. If it is a Dog Prohibited Area, then it is – No Dogs, No Excuses, No Exemptions.

BVSC Big Garage Sale Trail

Bega Valley Shire Council is promoting the national Garage Sale Trail initiative, Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff, this November. It's a great way to raise money as an individual or bring a club or group together for a group car-boot sale to fundraise *and* divert usable items from landfill.

This year sees two weekends of garage sales held simultaneously around the nation on 11-12 and 18-19 November 2023.

It's free to register and the Garage Sale Trail provides community groups with a host of tips, tools and free promotional materials to support their success.

You can visit Garage Sale Trail 2023 online to find out more and register an event.

Bega Valley Shire Council

Open Letter to our Aboriginal Neighbours

Australians overwhelmingly rejected the Referendum to recognise Aboriginal people through the establishment of an advisory body to Parliament and the Executive (60% No:40% Yes.) Politicians and activists on both sides accepted the verdict of the people, a tribute to our voting system. This is a positive we can all hold onto, regardless of how we voted.

We now have to accept the fact that we are the only country in the world founded by colonialists that does not recognise its First Nations people and has no permanent body for hearing their views on matters affecting them. How to explain this?

The first reaction of the Aboriginal leaders was to go into a week of mourning. Few would blame them given the decades of advocacy leading up to the Uluru Statement from the Heart (2017), and the bruising nature of the campaign this year.

Recognition of their pain and that of their community is the very least we can do as fellow citizens. Some of us want to go further and apologise for that hurt, even if we voted Yes; or No based on what we consider to be valid reasons (as opposed to some of the 'information' on social media). How do we move forward now? Almost certainly not down the path of Constitutional recognition, at least not in my lifetime! Many are discussing the need for truth telling – and truth listening. There is little argument that as citizens we have been largely ignorant of the lives of our Aboriginal neighbours over the past 200 years – or even in our lifetimes.

What do we know of the history of the Yuin people in our region? How many of us could write a one-page description of the history and the current situation of the Koori village at Wallaga Lake? How many people live there, are any of

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them part of the stolen generation, or the children of those that were stolen? Have any families been impacted by suicides? When were their families first allowed to live in Bermagui, in Bega? Who was our first Indigenous neighbour in Cobargo? What was the title of the book she wrote? What was an exemption certificate? When did it disappear? In what decade were our neighbours finally allowed to marry, to visit family interstate or even up the coast without getting the permission of the mission manager? Or catch the school bus? Or come into town after 6.00 pm?

What national role did Uncle Ozzie Cruse play in the struggle for land rights? What is the history of the Jigamy Keeping Place? Of the Umburra Cultural Centre? Which local Indigenous man is leading the campaign for fishing rights on the South Coast?

Perhaps the best way forward is to commit to understanding these and other realities in the lives of our neighbours. If we don't know, let's find out. Then the next time we are asked to consider justice for them, our decision won't be so hard to make.

Dr Heather O'Connor Fairhaven

Guidelines for contributors

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

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- 2. Images and graphics should be sent as attachments not embedded into your story. Please send the original digital photo or image, uncompressed, so we have a large file to work with. Generally above 1 mb is large enough. Accepted formats include jpg, jpeg, png and pdf. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies. Contact us for assistance.
- 3. Send all articles as WORD or other TEXT documents.
- 4. Please do not send posters or flyers! Instead, write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.
- 5. Think about a headline for your story. Please don't leave it to us!
- 6. Deadline is midday on the 22nd of the month. Any questions at all, please email contributions@thetriangle.org.au and cc lsang333@gmail.com.

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The Voice: the wrap

It was a few days before the Referendum last month and I was wearing my 'Yes' badge when someone asked me, 'So, why are you voting Yes?'

Well, after all those months I had a whole catalogue of answers to choose from, depending on the circumstances, the time I had, the demeanour of the person, the mood I was in. My first go-to had been, 'Because when governments listen to people about issues that affect them, they make better decisions, get better results and deliver better value for money.'

'But,' the questioner might ask, 'why do we need it in the Constitution?'

'Because all the past advisory bodies have been abolished when the government of the day didn't like their advice, and this one can't be.'

'So why should Indigenous peoples have special access to executive government?'

In fact First Nations peoples have had special treatment since 1788. Special massacres, special confinement to camps, reservations and missions, special wage theft. Special policing, charging, conviction and incarceration rates – and special rates

of deaths in custody. Special rates of child removal. Special suicide rates. Special low life expectancy. Why not special access now? (I never got to use that one but might have, if pressed).

Sometimes I referred to the beautiful Uluru Statement from the Heart and said, simply, 'Because that's what they want.'

But that day last month I was all out of puff. What came out was, 'Because it's not much, but it's better than nothing.'

I realise now how true that was. The question we were asked on 14 October was whether we should enshrine a Voice, an Indigenous advisory body, in the Constitution. An *advisory* body. The government would not need to act on its advice. Heck, they wouldn't even have to listen, despite a claim I made on these pages in May. It wasn't much.

Not much, but *better than nothing*. And nothing was what the 'No' side was offering, and the 'No' side won, so nothing's what we've got.

Where to from here? As sorry as I am about this lost opportunity, the bigger question for me now is the threat to our democracy that's been exposed in the

Referendum campaign. In general terms, advertising in Australia must be truthful. Whether you're pushing cars, vitamins, toothpaste or tomato sauce, you're not allowed to lie. But when it comes to political advertising, that rule flies out the window. You can say what you like to capture a vote, whether it's to install your candidate in a seat or knock down a perfectly reasonable change to the Constitution.

I'll now be writing to our local Federal Member, Kristy McBain, to ask the Government to introduce legislation that outlaws lies in political advertising, because the Federal Opposition will be emboldened by how easy it was to sway the vote their way using misinformation and sowing fear and confusion. Dutton's tactics have been labelled Trumpian. God help us.

Jen Severn

PS: Thanks for the encouraging letters and comments, whether in *The Triangle*, on my blog, or just in passing in the street. We were all in this together, and still are.



How did we vote?

These are the booths in the Triangle region, with a few from further north and south. For comparison we have given you the results for Australia as a whole, for NSW and for our federal electorate of Eden-Monaro.

Booths	Yes	No	Informal
Dalmeny	178 (42.6%)	240 (57.4%)	3 (0.7%)
Narooma	415 (46.0%)	488 (54.0%)	8 (0.9%)
Bermagui	629 (52.2%)	577 (47.8%)	16 (1.3%)
Cobargo	280 (43.1%)	370 (56.9%)	6 (0.9%)
Quaama	110 (38.9%)	173 (61.1%)	6 (2.1%)
Brogo	65 (58.04%)	47 (41.9%)	0 (0%)
Candelo	204 (48.9%)	213 (51.08%)	6 (1.4%)
Wolumla	123 (38.7%)	195 (61.3%)	4 (1.2%)
Bega	662 (45.5%)	817 (54.7%)	17 (1.2%)

Highest Yes vote in Eden-Monaro – Tanja 79% Highest No vote in Eden-Monaro – Bombala 80.1% Highest informal vote in E-M – Bredbo 2.8% 0 informal votes in E-M – Bowning, Brogo, Dalgety, Rosewood, Tanja and Towamba

For comparison	Yes	No
National	39.3%	60.7%
NSW	40.4%	59.6%
Eden-Monaro	39.2%	60.8%

EV Show and Tell

The Bermagui Country Club was buzzing with excitement Saturday morning, 21 October, as local electric vehicle owners showed us their cars. More than sixty people came along to show, tell and learn about a range of EV brands including Tesla, Polestar, BYD, Nissan and Hyundai. Eddie Holub of Eddie's Tesla Taxi took people on rides and drives around Bermagui. And a few people had a ride on the electric bikes as well! Deputy Mayor Cathy Griff spoke about the significance of the transition to renewable energy, including increasing the uptake of EVs. We also appreciated the support of Councillors Helen O'Neill, Joy Robin and David Porter. The lovely music of Melanie Horsnell created a warm, inviting background for the many conversations taking place.

As more EVs arrive in Australia, and uptake increases, we can expect to see many more on the South Coast. It's great that the two new chargers in Bermagui and Cobargo are up and running, ready for summer tourism.

E-Hub launch

Renewable Cobargo is launching our four cool places, the E-Hubs, on Saturday, 2 December at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. The RFS,



Families were interested to learn about the different EV's at the Country Club.

Photo credit: Samantha Fenton

RSL, Cobargo Co-op and School of Arts Hall installations are nearly complete. Funded by federal government Black Summer funding, each of these significant community buildings will have rooftop solar panels plus battery back-up, enabling them to maintain electricity when the grid goes down during the approaching hot summer. Come and join us to celebrate their completion.

The Renewable Cobargo Team

Renewable Cobargo is an initiative of Cobargo and District Energy Transition (CaDET). Our key projects are to develop extreme weather cool places, work towards a Cobargo microgrid and provide information and free consultations about energy through our Community Energy Coordinators. For more information type Renewable Cobargo into your search engine to visit our website or email us at renewablecobargo@gmail.com.



Chakradance Bushfire Donation Event

For those experiencing fear and anxiety and overwhelmed by fires locally, I invite you to come to an event and experience chakradance. Allow the chakraresonant music move through you as you float through this moving meditation. With eyes gently closed, you simply allow the music to take you where you need to go. AnyBODY can do chakradance to whichever level their abilities allow with no dance experience needed.

With recent local fires, past fires and big world events affecting our lives, I bring a gift to the Bega Valley. I have chosen to offer Chakradance Sessions in locations around the Bega Valley to aid the services that support us. I ask that you make a donation to the Rural Fire Brigade of your choice or to a service or go-fund-me project supporting locals at this time. I ask you to donate what you can and with a thankful heart for all that these wonderful services do. You can reserve your place in the session by contacting me and confirming the payment of your donation. Email: total_serenity@outlook.com.

Booking is essential. Please bring a cushion.

I offer my time and resources with the intention of love and support for our



Amanda Wheatley

communities for the following events:

Good Vibes Studio Bermi on 11/11/23; Nethercoat Hall on 12/11/23; Cobargo Hall on 19/11/23.

I look forward to seeing you soon or at a future event.

Amanda Wheatley Total Serenity Sapphire Coast



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CWA Far South Coast Group Annual Conference

More than fifty CWA members from Batemans Bay to Eden, gathered in Pambula on 16 October for their Annual Group Conference. The guest speaker was Erica Dibden, owner and CEO of Tilba Dairy. Erica spoke about the inspiring growth of Tilba Dairy over the past 25 years. Tilba Dairy produces quality Jersey milk, cream, yoghurt and cheeses. Erica began with the importance of soil for quality food production and the use of reusable glass bottles.

CWA members from the Triangle region's branches of Cobargo, Bermagui and Tilba all played a key role in the FSCG Annual Conference.

From Cobargo branch, outgoing Secretary Lynn Lawson joked about 'keeping minutes and losing hours'. Mary Williams of Cobargo outlined Social Issues including CWA's advocacy role with housing issues and homelessness for older women. Annette Kennewell of Tilba gave the Agriculture and Environment report highlighting members' concerns for bushfire, drought, feral animals and uncontrolled weeds.

CWA annual branch reports were presented. Cobargo CWA discussed their fundraising support for Cobargo Public School's 150th celebrations and other community initiatives including a monthly cake stall. Bermagui CWA celebrated their Centenary with a High Tea and Hats event. Bermagui's fundraising is focused on building two new senior housing units. Tilba CWA's community efforts included coordinating catering for 400 people attending a funeral for an elder at Wallaga village and a fundraising stall at Tilba Festival.

New committee members elected at the CWA FSCG AGM include Lynn Lawson of Cobargo CWA as State Executive Committee member, an important communication role. Mary Williams of Cobargo CWA is continuing with the Social Issues



Lyn Lawson of the Cobargo CWA, special guest speaker, Erica Dibden of Tilba Dairy and Jo Major of Tilba CWA.

role. Annette Kennewell of Tilba CWA is continuing with the Agriculture and Environment role and taking on a new role with Publicity.

There was a special CWA Awards presentation and winners from the Triangle region were Debbie Fisher of Cobargo branch for her Land Cookery contributions, Cath Renwick of Bermagui branch for local publicity and Lynn Lawson of Cobargo for her International Doll. Stephanie Stanhope, President of CWA FSCG, noted that the Annual Conference was a celebration of CWA's contributions to improving our community.

Annette Kennewell



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Local film makers host a fund-raver in order to raise funds for a film about rave culture

Monty O'Brien and Lily Tallulah, two local film makers from Bermagui, are making a short film about a group of young men living on the South Coast who are interested in drum and bass music and 90s rave culture

In order to raise funds, the pair have decided to host an incredible rave (fund-raver, as they call it) for the people of the south coast. The party will be taking place at the Cobargo Showground Pavilion on 11 November and will feature a number of DJs from all over NSW, some coming from as far away as Bellingen. The event kicks off at 6.00 pm and finishing up around 2.00 am, with BYO drinks. They ask that everyone has fun but also acts responsibly on the night.

Delicious curries made by Mr Bold Catering will be available on the night (get in before they sell out), and there will be camping available as well. All you need to do, is just hop onto the ticketing link and purchase tickets and a camping pass. Tickets are \$35 online, \$40 at the door,



Lily directing the cast on the *East Side* music video, as the crew watch on

camping passes are \$16 per tent or van. The film-making pair are hoping to get more than 400 people on the night, and are putting in every bit of effort to make it a memorable experience for the Far South Coast. If you want to have a fun time busting out to incredible music from incredible DJs, this is the event for you. Go to the Humanitix website and search for Soundboy Fund-Raver

Lily Tallulah



Monty O'Brien and Lily Tallulah from Bermagui

Bega Valley Can Assist has a successful fund-raising concert

About 100 people enjoyed an afternoon of fantastic music, scrumptious afternoon tea and friendship while raising money for local charity, Bega Valley Can Assist, on 8 October at the Bermagui Country Club.

\$1057.80 was raised through entry charges, a donation box and the raffle of a huge food hamper mostly donated by members of the Bermagui ukulele group and a \$50 food voucher from Woolworth. All money remains in Bega Valley assisting people affected by cancer.

A beautiful amethyst necklace and a gift set of china mugs were the second and third prizes, donated by Penny Moody and the late Del Gray.

Bermagui Men's Shed dedicated \$2000 to the cause on the day, which is greatly appreciated by all the hard working and dedicated volunteers of Can Assist.

Musicians all gave their time for the cause. Some had travelled from Churchill and Warragul in Victoria.

Local 18-year old, Ben Buchli, had the audience enthralled with his classical piano playing, rarely heard in this area except at Four Winds Festivals. Ben has the astonishing talent of playing incredibly difficult pieces without music, and a beautiful gentle touch that had everyone totally silent throughout with resounding applause after each piece.

Jan Belton's beautiful voice is

reminiscent of the late Judith Durham's. She backed herself on keyboard and wowed the audience with her renditions of songs by Olivia Newton John, Anne Murray, The Seekers and a few medleys with audience participation. She ended her second set with *We are Australian*, very appropriate for the time.

Travelin' Country Two played popular country songs, some old, some new, and Graeme Drury's guitar solo of *Tennessee Flat Top Box* had the audience on their feet. The rapport between the couple from the stage was such fun. Marya and Graeme met at a country music festival five years ago and have been together since.

Local Bermagui ukulele band, The Ukalips, gave great renditions of their favourite Beatles songs in their first bracket, and returned with popular numbers and medleys towards the end of the concert. Their Abba, Buddy Holly and Herman's Hermits medleys had people clapping, singing along and even dancing.

Sadly, Kathryn and Alannah Russack were booked to perform but due to floods in Victoria were unable to travel.

Joost Van Delft played beautiful harmonica during the afternoon tea break and Nieves Cridland from CWA delivered an amusing poem.

Secretary of Can Assist Peter van Bracht from Bega thanked everyone and spoke of Can Assist's work and Carolyne



Jan Belton from Warragul at her keyboard



Ben Buchli received heartfelt applause after his first set

Carmody, President of the Bermagui Country Club, drew the raffles.

Lori Hammerton, concert organiser and leader of The Ukalips, presented certificates of thanks to the performers, the Country Club and local CWA for their ongoing support and delicious afternoon tea and thanked everyone for attending.

Lori Hammerton

Have you heard about Reclink?

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on a quest for fitness is truly a wonderful thing.

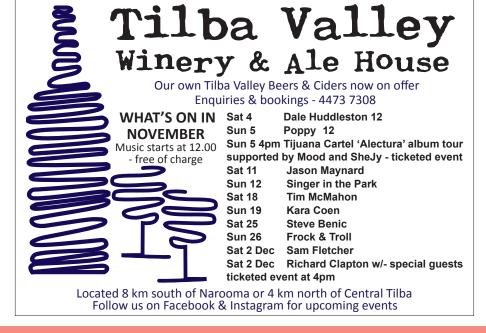
So, if you are looking to meet new people in your community, and get your body moving, reading this is your sign!

Sign up as a participant today at Club Reclink on the Reclink website.

Call Julia on 0431 531 453 with any questions.

Julia Wilson







Fungi Feastival forms new committee

The Fungi Feastival committee met in the barn at the Dromedary Hotel in early October for their Annual General Meeting. Annette Kennewell of Tilba Mushrooms and Josh Whitworth of Collective Cultures presented the annual report summarising the events of the 2023 Feastival. Fiona Kotvojs of Gulaga Gold Dignams Creek presented the financial report, noting that the Feastival is ready to begin planning for 2024 fungi events. Photographer Andrew Larkin gave feedback on the fungi photography workshops.

A new Fungi Feastival committee was formed, with Caitlin Brown, Elisabeth Newfield, Jo Major and Matt B, joining co-founders Fiona, Josh and Annette. Other local fungi enthusiasts, Renee Connolly, Deb Stevenson and Kush Bourke, were unable to attend Fungi Feastival's AGM but are keen to help with planning for 2024.

Caitlin Brown of Bermagui is a new committee member whose interest in the Fungi Feastival is education for children. Caitlin has been working locally as a preschool educator for seven years. Caitlin's qualifications include a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Visual Arts and Certificate III in Education. Caitlin's passion is to share the wonder of nature with young children, arousing their curiosity in mushrooms and other fungi. Excited about the Fungi Feastival, Caitlin would like to share her interest in fungi for others to learn about this forgotten Kingdom, building a community that values the role of fungi in ecosystems. A keen photographer, Caitlin treads gently in nature to take pictures of fungi, leaving them undisturbed in their environment.

Caitlin spoke with heart, 'My hope is that the Fungi Feastival will help inspire and connect a growing community of fungi admirers and nature lovers, children and their families who want to learn more about the colourful Kingdom of Fungi, and see its natural habitat loved and valued by all in a new and lasting way. If we can help children become really fascinated with the forest floor, with our soils, with the tiny, complex worlds within our local ecosystems and their cycles and systems



Caitlin Brown of Bermagui has joined the Fungi Feastival committee

that support all life on earth, then I feel that will be a very meaningful outcome!'

The next Fungi Feastival is scheduled from 21 June to 21 July 2024.

Annette Kennewell

Natura, Far South Coast

If you're interested in bees, wasps, beetles and moths, then check out the September Issue, #7 of Natura. This online publication is produced monthly by Debbie Taylor and deals with observing and understanding the flora and fauna of Bermagui and Wallaga Lake's forests and foreshores.

Deb has put together another informative and interesting issue with great photos. There's also an amusing little piece about a bandicoot that visits, the little critter that is causing many people grief with its diggings for food.

If you would like to receive Debbie's monthly newsletter email her at:

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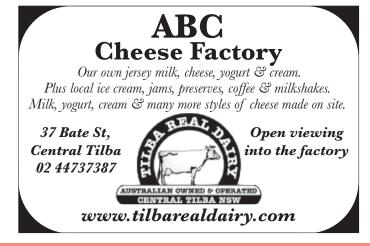
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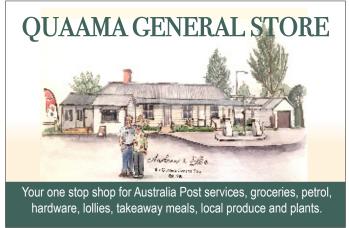


An iconic, much lauded and endangered species, Bogong Moths have made a return to the Bega Valley after a long absence. These moths can fly more than 1,000 kms to spend the summer in a state of hibernation in the caves of our southern Alps before repeating the long migratory journey to their more northerly winter breeding grounds.



A Cloudy Masked Bee working to seal her nest in a bee hotel. These small 5 - 8 mm long native bees are solitary, with each female selecting her own nest cavity and then working to provision the nest with the nectar and pollen that will feed her young once the eggs hatch.





Fires

Everybody is concerned about the forthcoming summer season and the threat of fires with high temperatures and lack of rain predicted for this summer. But residents of the far south coast were shocked by a serious fire in early October that started in Coolagolite and burnt rapidly and ferociously to the coast in the first week of October. Fanned by

strong winds, the fire burnt out over 5,000 hectares, destroyed property, equipment, stock sheds and two houses

The community is shocked ... it is so early in the season and follows on from the devastating fires of 2020. Memories are still raw and, so sadly, one family has been hit again, just as they were rebuilding from that earlier time.

There has been nothing but praise for the efforts of the teams of firefighters and emergency services that have thrown everything into controlling and containing this blaze. The community once again rallied to support those affected in any way with accommodation, food, clothing and fund raising.

Bermagui Community Forum - Bermagui Medical Centre

It has been announced that the Bermagui Medical Centre will be operating on reduced hours. From Tuesday, 31 October the centre will be closed on Tuesdays and from Thursday 21 December it will also be closed on Thursdays.

In a statement, Dr Gundi Muller-Grotjan said, 'The shortage of doctors working in regional areas has been a problem for years and the situation is now critical.'

The Community Forum has been in touch with the office of Dr Michael Holland, NSW Member for Bega and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health who is aware of the problem that is not just restricted to the South Coast.

Community thank you to the RFS

A big thank you to all the volunteers in the local Rural Fire Service units and other supporting services who have been able to limit the bushfire damage to properties significantly over the past week. There are many stories of houses saved around the Murrah and Cuttagee. Notably, the 120-year-old Murrah Hall and the Four Winds Pavilion and Sound Shell were both saved.

A thank you also to those local residents who provided temporary accommodation last week to evacuees from the fire-affected areas.

Community members need to continue

to be mindful of their fire prevention measures around their properties, given the current dry conditions and the forecast for above average temperatures this summer.

> Geoff Steel (Coordinator) Bermagui Community Forum





Bermagui Preschool playground revamp

There was excitement for all involved, with the Preschool hearing that our application for funding to revamp the playground was successful.



From building blocks to a new play space

As always, the children were involved with helping design the new space and, through drawings, discussions and constructions with Lego and boxes, they shared their ideas of what they would like to see. These were taken into consideration for the design by Project Manager and Builder Tim Dummett from Proscape Garden Constructions.

Outdoor experiences are an essential part of children's daily lives and environment. Not only does it offer children challenges and help them develop limitations, but also helps them develop physically, intellectually and emotionally while offering them freedom to explore.

We know that our new revamped playground will provide lots of fun play and learning opportunities for our children.

A big thank you to the NSW Department of Education (Early Childhood Education and Care) and the Quality and Participation Grant Program for funding our project and enhancing the infrastructure of our community Preschool.

Narelle Myers Early Childhood Teacher/Director



The design process in action



Children interested in the building activities

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Shoulder to shoulder with mates

The Men's Shed movement was set up to improve the health and wellbeing of men. By the early 2000s, hundreds of Men's Sheds began to appear around Australia. For those who aren't aware of the Men's Shed movement, it is about improving the health and wellbeing of members through mateship and shared interests, a place where men can meet to learn new skills, help and support fellow Shedders in times of need and develop friendships through social activities.

In 2011 the Bermagui Men's Shed started out with a small group of blokes. In the early days The Shed negotiated with the Merriman's Land Council for a lease on premises at the Umbarra Cultural Centre at Akolele (then known as the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed).

The first few months were busy with repairs and improvements to the facilities, followed by active recruitment of new members. Soon Shed membership swelled to over thirty. New equipment was purchased through donations and successful funding grants. Extensions to the workshop nearly tripled the size of the existing workshop.

That Shed operated from the Umbarra site for several years but, with the proposed reopening of the cultural centre, the group became shedless! They struggled along for a few years using storage premises leased in Young Street while searching for an affordable site. Phil Baldwin secured our present site. Remediation of what had been a tip was done by the Council and a lease secured.

The community, Chamber of Commerce, many businesses and individuals contributed to the building project. Generous grants funding completed the task, initially driven by Phil Baldwin and later Bill Johnson.

Fast forward to 2023 and the Bermagui Men's Shed is now an impressive complex on the Bermagui-Tathra Road.

The main shed is a hub of activity as members work on individual or community projects, while the recently completed meeting room is a quiet haven for those who just want to sit down, have a yarn and a cuppa with mates.

The new meeting room, with a fully equipped kitchen, air conditioning and state of the art media facilities, was always intended as a venue for other community groups and it is a very popular venue. Probus, the Historical Society and U3A now have regular bookings, with other



Marine Rescue Unit Commander, Caron Parfitt receiving a donation from Graham Hore, Bermagui Men's Shed 'Shedder of the Year' recipient.

not-for-profit groups using it occasionally.

Giving back to the community is a big part of the Bermagui Men's Shed. Those lovely Christmas decorations around town in December are put up by the Shedders. Last year this was done without charge. Numerous projects are permanent fixtures around town including harbour-side planter boxes, memorial chairs and picnic tables.

The Shedders raise money from bottle and can collection, key to environmental salvage. Throughout the year, trailers are placed at local caravan parks for the Return and Earn scheme. Although it is quite a job to put thousands of bottles and cans through the machines, this is a big fund raiser. The blokes are adept at feeding the machines! Bottles can also be left at the Shed or members will do pickups if required. Various other projects are completed for a donation and manufactured products sold on commission at the Information Centre. The enticing aroma of the sausage sizzle will usually be the Men's Shed cooking up a storm around town – the recent election being an example! The blokes have now gone online with the introduction of a mobile EFT system – no cash required.

Recently a donation of \$2,000 was made to the Robo Rebels from Narooma High School toward their USA trip. The same amount went to Marine Rescue and Can Assist to help fund their good work. The running costs of the facility keep rising. New equipment and alterations to the existing shed are ongoing.

The shed is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm at 4243 Bermagui-Tathra Road (Bunga Street), just past the cemetery. New members are invited to join and participate in Shed activities. A minimal yearly membership fee is charged which covers the insurance of its members.

If you would like any further information, please ring Ian Bailey (President) on 0409 691 458. Or just drop in one day and have a look around. You will be most welcome.

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I'm writing this on a beautiful morning just after the mist has lifted from the valley behind my home. Quaama is an idyllic place to live so much of the time. But we all had a bit of a jolt this last month with hot and windy weather and a fire burning out of control between here and the coast. Thankfully, it was moving away from us but, as we all know, the wind can change in a flash and anything could happen. I'm pretty sure that many of us felt some residual trauma from the last fires awaken in this dress rehearsal. Suddenly we were thrown back to fire plans and pumps and packing precious items ahead of a potential evacuation.

Ahead of all this was a timely fire meeting organised by Ruth Hagar and Cecile Bower at the Quaama Hall. A good number of people showed up to discuss fire, our plans and tips for preparation. When there is a bushfire, we really can't rely on anyone to come and save us. The RFS has an enormous amount to do and will prioritise human life and public infrastructure ahead of defending private homes. So, it really is up to us individually and collectively as neighbours to do all we can to prepare, communicate and support each other to enact our fire plans safely.

One of the first things mentioned was that our 'safe space' is the Quaama Showground on the other side of the highway. It is not the park, and it is NOT the fire shed. Our fire brigade has plenty to do without having to worry about a mob of residents in their workspace! If your fire plan is to evacuate, you should do so well before any fire reaches the village.

If you're planning to stay and defend there is much to consider. You can find



A good crowd attended the first fire meeting of the season at Ouaama Hall

excellent information from the NSW Rural Fire Service website. You should not try to defend your property alone. You need at least two people stationed on both sides of your home. You'll need to have pumps, hoses, goggles, masks, boots and fire-resistant clothing ready. Check your equipment. Make sure you know how to use it. Remember that you can't rely on either electricity or town water during a bushfire and alternatives must be in place. The list goes on so, if your plan is to stay, please study the advice carefully and take all measures to ensure a good and safe outcome.

Regardless of our plan on the day, we all need to prepare our properties ahead of time. Remove anything near your home that might burn, water your garden and grass to make a green zone. Prune dead branches, remove leaf litter and take it to the tip or shift it all a good distance away from any buildings. Clean your gutters and, ahead of the fire, seal your home as best you can so no embers can enter, then hose it all down. This not only protects your own home but when we all do so, it

protects your end of town.

In my view, the most important thing we discussed was how to collaborate with neighbours. Even if it is as little as letting them know what your intentions are, that's a great start. If we all work together, we can ensure that no one is caught out or left behind. It's important to check in, especially on those not as quick on their feet as they once might have been. Good to identify the safest house in your immediate area - who has a water tank, who's staying and who's gone so those defending don't have to guess. Neighbours often end up as heroes in a bush fire, so have a chat over the fence and see how you might support each other to ensure a good outcome.

There will be more meetings coming up, so keep an eye on community emails, the Quaama Facebook page or on the notice board at the shop and come along if you're able. It's so important to be prepared.

And on a lighter note – our school has had their first orientation session for the 2024 kindergarten students. They were all very enthusiastic and participated in a variety of games and chants.

Term 4 is busy with students preparing for their special end-of-year performance of *Toy Story*. They will also be taking part in ten swimming lessons throughout the term to help improve their skills and knowledge in and around the water. It's a broad education on offer at our school and it well deserves its good reputation.

A small Christmas Fair will be held by the school in Quaama Park on Monday 4 December. Students will be selling small handmade gifts and treats. Everyone is welcome. We'll be sure to remind you in the next edition.





The next class of Quaama School kids dabble in water colour during kindy orientation

A capella workshop with Tony Backhouse

Tony Backhouse, renowned choral director from Sydney, recently spent the weekend in Quaama School of Arts Hall directing an a capella singing workshop for more than forty-five participants. Tony specialises in gospel and African-American music. He has the remarkable ability to get a large group of people from all walks of life singing in four-part harmony in less than half an hour.

Participants were encouraged to try singing different parts (two higher and two lower). One thing I found particularly interesting was that at the beginning of the weekend only ten people chose the tenor part (middle low register) but by the end of the weekend this section had the most singers. Over the course of the weekend, we learned six songs, including an arrangement of *Amazing Grace*.

The Hall, built in 1902, has fabulous acoustics and we all enjoyed the atmosphere and sound created by so many people singing. The Hall was lucky to survive the fire on the night of 30 and 31 December 2019. After the fire, the Hall became a gathering place for villagers and for the many goods and services donated by people and organisations from



Joyous group singing raising the roof of Quaama Hall Photo: Stuart Absalom

across Australia.

Workshop participation was subsidised by Quaama Renewal Projects funding. This project received funding to run activities to support local fire victims in their recovery and to bring awareness to the wider community that the fire of 2019 affected people and properties in and

around Quaama as well as Cobargo. This aim was achieved as many participants came from up and down the coast as well as Canberra. Special thanks go to Quaama Renewal Projects for organising the event and to all the participants who joined in singing so joyfully.

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Quaama students compete in State Solar Vehicle Races

The senior class at Quaama Primary School has been learning how to build solar boats and cars. Teams of two worked on designs for both competitions – a twenty metre drag race for cars and a ten metre boat race. Their class teacher built a car track and a boat pool so that they could race at school. It was a real challenge to



Stevie preparing the car to start a race

understand the wiring, particularly how to connect a three-way switch so that the cars could work on battery power when in the shade. The students raced their vehicles at school in September to find out which of them were heading to Sydney for the State races.

On Saturday 21 October, seven students, their teacher and three supporters travelled to the University of New South Wales campus in Kensington where 120 teams of students were competing in a range of solar vehicle events. They were certainly the team from the smallest school and who had travelled the furthest.

At the end of the racing, three of the four vehicles had made it as far as the quarterfinals in their events. This is a creditable performance, especially considering the rapid improvements in solar technology meant that the panels used by Quaama students in last year's podium finishers in the primary open boat race were superseded by new ones available this year.

Class teacher Matthew Farran says that the event is a great opportunity for students to practise STEM skills in a real project. He reckons for next year the



Year 6 Quaama students with their solar vehicles in Sydney

challenge may be to build a pursuit car that travels around a circular track until it catches or is caught by another vehicle. Quaama may be a small school, but that doesn't mean the students and staff can't dream big!

Matthew Farran



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www.renewablecobargo.com renewablecobargo@gmail.com 14 October will be a day that is etched into our history as a nation. Notwithstanding the outcome of the Voice to Parliament Referendum, there is a great need to build on the significant and important connections that have been made both locally and more broadly. This is the hope for the future – that we can now recognise and acknowledge our past in order to make our future better especially for First Nations people and ultimately for all of us.

In Central Tilba, on 14 October, we had our usual Saturday Tilba Market in the Big Hall with voting in the Small Hall. However, across the road in front of the General Store an important historical display popped up. The History and Culture Group, part of the Tilba District Chamber of Commerce Strategy Plan, have designed and had printed six large banner posters that tell the history of white settlement in this area. Along with that they also displayed the Yuin Nation Timelines banners. This is just the second time the banners have been displayed, having been launched at the Tilba Festival in July. Alongside this display, there was a short video of highlights from interviews that the group has undertaken with local people,

reflecting the themes in the banners. Hopefully the full recordings of these oral history interviews will be available in the future. Expect to see these banners pop up in other places over the coming months. They represent a valuable overview of the local history – well done to this group for this important work.



History banners, General Store, Central Tilba

Then in the afternoon of 14 October, a procession of early Ford Falcons drove into Central Tilba for a day's outing. In Narooma for the 22nd Early Falcon Nationals Narooma NSW 2023, there was great interest as the cars found normal and unusual places to park! No doubt they brought back many memories for some – it made me remember exactly where I was in



1965 Ford Falcons

1960 when I saw the first write up of the newly launched Falcon!

So, a day to remember but also one where life goes on and unexpected things happen!

Festival of Yes

Narooma and Surrounding Communities Yes23 Group had a busy time leading up to the Voice Referendum on 14 October. Nevertheless, there was still the will to throw a special event in the Central Tilba Big Hall, on Sunday 1 October. With a lineup of local musicians, the event kicked off at noon on a blisteringly hot day, with the promise of a cool southerly change later in the afternoon. Bright Yes flags, posters and other information decorated



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Festival of Yes volunteers, Central Tilba

the hall with Yes23 information, badges and t-shirts available.

Welcome to Country from Gary Campbell opened the day, with a heartfelt and gracious invitation for us all to support First Nations people through a Yes vote. During the afternoon Uncle Bunja Smith and Christine Lee spoke from the heart when explaining the importance of supporting the Voice to Parliament and what its potential means for First Nations people, their own people and all Australians.

Chris O'Connor, Soul Stories, Larimar, Ron Callaghan, Melanie Horsnell, Malumba and local choir Djinama Yilaga performed throughout the afternoon. MC Sean Burke, in welcoming each performance, provided background laced with his own musical journeys over the years. Sean also stressed that all the musicians performed with no charge, that the event was entirely self-funded through Narooma and Surrounding Communities Yes23 Group and run by volunteers.

Many people braved the hot conditions to come along and enjoy what was a relaxing and enjoyable seven hours of musical entertainment. The crowd swelled a good bit when Melanie Horsnell and Djinama Yilaga, fresh from the Wanderer Festival at Pambula, performed, accompanied by the cool change.

A very special event indeed to celebrate the opportunity to vote Yes!

Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House – five years on

Five years ago I wrote a welcome piece on sister and brother, Carly and Jamie Smith, the very new owners of Tilba Valley Winery. At the time their new venture seemed huge – however, five years on this family- and pet-friendly meeting place is thriving. Significantly, the winery and ale house has become a sought-after musical venue, attracting many well-known local bands and performers, as well as many big name artists and their bands. Archie Roach performed one of his last concerts there; other big names that have performed are Casey Chambers, Tex Perkins, the Black Sorrows and Ross Wilson. And there are some well-known artists and performances coming up - Richard Clapton, The Whitlams, Kim Churchill



Ruth Wyard at work

and, just announced, Tijuana Cartel who recently appeared at the Wanderer Festival.

In line with its name, a range of wines are made on site as well as two types of beer and cider. Wines available include whites, reds and a tawny with their rosé being the most popular. Grapes are sourced mainly from the Hilltops Region as the existing vines are no longer viable. There are plans to re-establish the vineyard over the next few years.

The restaurant is an integral part of the whole operation. During COVID the large dining area was revamped. Outside,



Djinama Yilaga at Festival of Yes



Carly Smith, Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House



The veranda at the winery



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the decks have been extended, there is an outdoor bar on the old croquet lawn, and a huge outdoor stage is almost complete. The restaurant has two chefs and a new menu has recently been introduced with great success.

When I visited on a Sunday in mid-October around lunch time, there was a good crowd. The whole place is well laid out with plenty of seating options. Best of all, it was a day when Ruth Wyard, who has a long and much valued association with the winery, was working. Follow them on Facebook.

Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool - enrolling now

Enrolments are now open for 2024. The well-established and successful preschool operates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for children aged three to five years old. There is a full curriculum that includes a breakfast and lunch program, garden program, cultural language program and excursions. The preschool also operates a bus service with child safety seats to Tilba, Narooma, Kianga and Dalmeny. All children are welcome and more information is available from Director, Kim Cooke on 4473 7396.

Celebrating one year

The House of Alijon, created by Alid and Jon, turned one in early October. To celebrate, the community was invited to



Alid, House of Alijon

drinks on the veranda of this stylishly renovated Central Tilba cottage. With an impressive range of women's fashion, that has tripled over the first year of trading, there is now complementary fashion accessories as well as homewares. If your desire is always a splash of colour, this is a good place to visit. Congratulations, Alid and Jon, on this successful first year in the place you have made your home as well.

Last day of trading

October 14 was the last day of the closing down sale at Mockingbird Lane Antiques, Central Tilba. There have been



Peita and Greg Wall on their last day

many bargains for those keen to grab something and there are maybe plans to have something at the Tilba Christmas event in early December if items remain.

Greg and Peita Wall are retiring after over twenty years of business in Central Tilba. They have already had a taste of what retirement can offer, having just returned from an amazing and wonderful trip to Europe – they loved Cortona and had a lot of fun in Paris. And, best of all, they did a lot of walking, which is arguably the best way to experience one's travels. To everyone's surprise and delight, Greg secretly learned Italian before leaving – apparently very convincingly!

Both Greg and Peita wish to thank everyone for supporting their business over the past twenty odd years. Although it has been a seven day a week business the rewards have been many, not least that they have made many friends and been able to live in this special area.

Traveler's Choice Winner 2023

The Drom has earned a hat trick – third year in a row. In the top 10% of best places to visit in the world this is certainly one for the team at The Drom, for its clientele and for Central Tilba. Well done and congratulations to Susan, Jeremy, Rex and the whole crew. Check out their Facebook page to see what's cooking and what live music is on.

Let's Get the General Open for Summer

The General Store at Central Tilba is being offered for short term lease or as a pop-up shop over the peak summer trading period.

Renovations are under way but not complete, so it is a great opportunity to use the space. Claire and John are very flexible and prepared to consider all genuine offers, even to the extent of using the existing facilities.

For more information and to discuss, call Claire on 0439 691 019 or email centraltilbastore@gmail.com.

Central Tilba Fire Brigade - Monthly Tip What to do if you see an unattended fire

There a few simple steps in making a Triple Zero (000) call to report a fire:

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NOTE: Do not make phone calls while driving – pull over in a safe location.



Chris Weire President, Snr Deputy Captain

Tilba School shines at Bird Olympics

Tilba School participated for the first time in the Bournda Environmental Education Centre schools Bird Olympics competition at Potoroo Palace on Thursday 19 October 2023.

The six students who attended were the winners of our school bird calling competition on Monday 18 September. They were judged on their enthusiasm, audibility and accuracy by our expert judge, Mandy. Grace, Lilah, Dylan, Amelia, Gracie and Pippy represented Tilba School.

The competition is still going wonderfully after six years. Schools from Pambula, Tanja, Tathra, Wolumla and Wyndham all came together for a chirpy day. The students participated in many different activities including bird identification, statistics and counting, art and craft as well as learning lots about birds.

At the end of the day was the Bird Calling Competition. The girls were all very nervous especially as Tilba went first!

The Bird Calling Champion for 2023 is our very own Amelia Matthews with her outstanding Gang Gang call. Second place was none other than Grace Clark with her Australian Raven call.

Tilba's debut participation resulted in the team taking out 3rd place in all activities. We are so proud of Amelia, Grace, Gracie, Dylan, Lilah and Pippy for their courage, enthusiasm and teamwork.

We look forward to entering next year!

Abbie Lipple



The Bird Calling Champion for 2023 is our very own Amelia with her outstanding Gang Gang call

New Leadership Takes Charge

In a culmination of dedication, teamwork and a shared passion for our community, the CWA Tilba Branch held its Annual General Meeting on 12 October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Halls Committee for accommodating our meetings each month.

As we look back on yet another busy and fulfilling year as members of CWA Tilba, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. I'd like to thank all our members for their support, dedication and contributions to what has been a truly special year. Whether it was baking biscuits, selling raffle tickets or simply attending our meetings with enthusiasm, they have all played a vital role in our collective success.

One of the beautiful aspects of our little branch is the sense of connection it provides. Women have an incredible way of understanding and supporting one another, and this has been evident in our group. We've come together to share stories, collaborate on community events and, most importantly, made a positive difference. To quote Eleanor Roosevelt, 'A woman is like a teabag—you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.'

As we move forward into the new CWA year, I am excited to announce our

new committee for 2023/2024. Liz Tough from the Bodalla branch of the CWA chaired our meeting during the elections.

President – Annette Kennewell: Annette's unwavering dedication and commitment to everything she undertakes is truly remarkable.

Vice Presidents – Teresa Stubbings and Helen Thomson: Helen steps down as our Treasurer for the past three years. She has demonstrated professionalism, efficiency and infinite patience in managing our finances.

Treasurer – Eva Mosler-Teichman: Serving as our secretary this past year, Eva has kept us organised, on track with our meetings and ensured that our minutes and agendas are well prepared.

Secretary – Teresa Stubbings: I am stepping down as President after three years and look forward to continuing Eva's high standards.

Vicky Stadon continues in the role of Handicraft; Zoe Burke will take on the Cultural portfolio; Virginia York is keen to get into the International and Publicity roles; Annette has taken on the role of Agriculture and Environment and Jo Major and Susanne Robertson will represent us at Far South Group meetings. Congratulations to our new 2023/2024



Teresa Stubbings, dedicated ex-President, new Vice President and Secretary

committee.

Pop Sunday 10 December in your diary as our annual Christmas Carols will be held in the Small Hall where Santa is rumoured to be making an appearance. Follow us on Facebook – CWA Tilba – for more details. Our next meeting will be in the Small Hall on Thursday 9 November, 10.00 for 10.30 am.

Teresa Stubbings CWA Tilba Secretary, 0417 418 447

The Cobargo Preschool's thirty-year celebrations were an amazing success. A parade that gathered at the old preschool, which had been the Anglican church hall, proceeded up the street to the current preschool that was the original Cobargo Golf Club. The parade was led by the original director Lyndell Smith, second director Tracey Abraham, present director Chris McKnight, teacher Rob Connell and Narelle Russell. The children followed closely behind waving their flags and many beautiful fairies sprinkled fairy dust. After the arrival at the preschool a Welcome to Country was ably done by Emma Eldridge. Harper Jessop entertained singing with his beautiful voice - an incredibly talented young man. Guitarama captured everyone's attention with their fabulous guitar playing. Chris McKnight, Lyndell Smith and Tracey Abraham cut the beautiful cake that was made by parent Shelley Harnett. Many parents wandered down memory lane perusing lots of photos and long ago created craft items. It was an absolutely fabulous day.

The older children who are at preschool have been attending Cobargo School to prepare them for next year's enrolment into kindy. With the very helpful

buddy system they are taken to their classroom and attend Friday afternoon's lesson. There are twenty children enrolled for kindy in 2024, which is the biggest enrolment they have had for some time.

Cobargo Show Committee is looking for volunteers to help out at next years show on 9, 10 and 11 February, 2024. Join us on our Facebook page or contact our secretary Naomi Rolfe on 0417 456 354. It's a wonderful event to be involved in.

The walls and the floors were jumping when Ali Taylor celebrated her sixtieth birthday in the Quaama Hall with a live band. Good fun was had by all.

Best wishes are extended to local heavy machinery operator John Evans who is recovering after having a lung transplant. To date he is going well but has had a couple of setbacks. John is a local character who always has a willing smile and a wisecrack to share. Happy 21st birthday to his son, Luke, a young Cobargo bull rider.

Sadly, Peter Hillard has passed away and will probably be most remembered for all those years he drove his beloved draught horse Kate into Cobargo. A tremendous sight for sore eyes. Peter was a blacksmith and a great creator of many stylish pieces.

We have sadly farewelled a lovely

horse called Spangles. I bred her out of my mare Scotchy and she was sired by Barry Parke's stallion. Bridget took her to Pony Club and came home with blue ribbons. An extremely fast walking horse, she was a pack horse and Richard's trail horse for seventeen years. She has travelled over every historic bridle track on the coast and many more besides. At twenty-five years she has been laid to sleep forever.

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Cobargo Conversations

Cobargo Preschool celebrates 30 years

On Saturday 14 October, families, children, teachers and community members from across the thirty years met at the Anglican church, the preschool's original location, and walked together to our beautiful preschool on Park St. The children waved streamers and flags, there were bubble fairies and drums, friends and laughter.

After its early beginnings in a room at the church, Cobargo Preschool moved into its current premises in the old golf club house in 1993. A group of parents and community members worked together raising money, building and establishing the preschool that has continued to grow and develop with constant support from families and community over the years.

Sadly, Warren Ngarrae Foster and the Gulaga Dancers were sick on the day but Emma Eldridge stepped in and gave a Welcome to Country. Harper Jessop started the music, followed by Guitarama, both wonderful local musicians.

We enjoyed face painting with Vicky while bubble fairies Domi, Alby, Simone and Amelia made the day festive. Geoffrey, Chris Norris and Ash cooked the BBQ, Caitlin and Ilona managed the cake stall with delicious cakes made by families. The Nutleys Creek coffee van came.

Shelley Harnett made and decorated a beautiful birthday cake with the preschool logo.

Jacob Round set up a studio for audio interviews, talking to as many people as he could, capturing memories and stories that he will collate to create an audio story. He is still happy to talk to people with stories to share.

Photo albums from across the years were available. It was really special, particularly for some of the original preschool



Left to right - Tracey Abraham, Narelle Russell, Christine McKnight and Lyndell Smith on the walk to Cobargo Preschool.

children who are now adults to find pictures of themselves. Several families were there spanning the years, parents who helped set up the preschool, their children who attended and who now have their children at preschool.

The first Director Lyndell Smith and the second Tracey Abraham both travelled great distances to be here, as well as many other staff from the past and more than 300 community members involved with the preschool shared the festivities.

It was a beautiful day in the garden with friends, catching up and remembering stories.

Current Director Christine McKnight said, 'Thirty years has seen many changes. We've grown into a great community asset with a wonderful Board and Staff over the years, amazing community support with a clear vision for the future.'

Geoffrey Grigg



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Cobargo Conversations

Two is better than one ... dual studio opening

After having family in the area since 1988, it was time for Graham and Mark Hearn to move to Cobargo to spend more time with Graham's parents. Moving from northern NSW meant a change of pace and a change of lifestyle. They have found plenty of both.

Because they were here in 2020, and Graham has been associated with the area since 1988, they are fully aware and appreciative of the community spirit of Cobargo and its surrounds and have come to know many amazing people in the area.

As recent arrivals to Cobargo, Mark and Graham decided to use their experience, backgrounds and talents to bring some healing and fun to the area.

They have decided to open a dual studio in Cobargo, located at the rear of 39 Cobargo Bermagui Rd. Graham has set up an art studio and gallery and Mark, a remedial massage therapist, has set up a



Graham in front of one of his paintings



Mark is the remedial massage therapist massage studio.

A bit about us ... Mark has been massaging in the area for a while now and has gained a great following. He offers gift vouchers, pensioner rates, health rebates and many other wonderful things. Another interest is cooking - look for Mark's recipes

in Open Sauce this issue.

Graham has been painting seriously now for a few years and has artwork in many places across the county and overseas. He paints with lots of colour and texture and on large canvases.

There will be a Grand Opening of these studios at the above address on Saturday afternoon 11 November from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Please drop by and make yourselves known, have a look at what is new and exciting in Cobargo.

Mark will be available for massages by appointment on 0447 556 648 and Graham's studio and gallery will be open by appointment during the week and weekends by contacting 0409 368 271 or, if you see the open flags, drop in and say hi.

Graham and Mark Hearn



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Interested in volunteering at one of the many organisations in the region? It's really empowering and rewarding! The Cobargo Community Access Centre is working on setting up a local Volunteer Hub where you can register your skills and interests and be matched up with an organisation that can best utilise those skills and help you develop new ones! Drop in and have a chat about what you'd like to do. And, if you are from a local organisation, please let us know about all the opportunities you have for volunteers.

For all your community and service needs, Cobargo Community Access Centre is here for you.

We're at the Innovation Hub, next to Cobargo Coop (10.00 am to 3.00 pm, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), or you can call us on 0493 671 117. You can also find us on Facebook.

Chris Walters, President



49 Princes Highway, Cobargo Phone: 0418 613 771

Flourishing Cobargo Show Needs More Volunteers

The 2024 Cobargo Show is the 125th one since it began in 1889. Since the cancelled shows of 2020 and 2021 the event has bounced back and grown in a major way. More visitors, more events, more fun and more excitement. This means the dedicated group of volunteers that work all year to bring the event to life have been working ever harder.

For the 2024 Show to be even bigger and better we now need more people to step forward and offer to support the event. Volunteers help set up the Show, work at a range of jobs during the Show and assist with packing up after. The main areas that need assistance are taking tickets sales at the gate and helping in the canteen and the bar, but volunteers are welcome in all areas. Volunteers who do a shift will get free entry on that day, a meal and some Show merchandise.

A video has been produced by members of the Show Committee about why they volunteer at the Show. Check it out at cobargoshow.org.au/volunteers. The overwhelming reason they give is a sense of belonging to something that is so important to this area.

So, whether you are new to the Triangle area or a long-term resident who has got more time than before, please consider joining in and belonging to our Show community. All the information you need is on the website cobargoshow.org.au and head to the volunteer section.

You won't regret it.

Matthew Farran Volunteer Coordinator, Cobargo Show



Bull riding at the Cobargo Show Rodeo



Lawn Mower Racing at the Cobargo Show

Cobargo Preschool Fundraiser

To celebrate 30 years we are giving away over \$1,500 worth of WISH and Coles-Myer gift vouchers, thanks to the generosity of one of our founding families, the Russells.

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Cobargo Scouts Out and About

A group of intrepid Venturer Scouts spent the October long weekend underground in caves near Wee Jasper, NSW.

We were joined by Scouts NSW caving guide Rob and some friends from 1st Austinmer Venturers, who attended the recent World Scout Jamboree in South Korea with members of 1st Cobargo. One of the great things about Scouting in our region is that our youth and leaders can form friendships with members from other areas that last throughout their time in Scouts and beyond.

We were able to access four caves over the weekend, Signature, Dog Leg, Punchbowl and the Gong. Punchbowl was particularly noteworthy as it required a thirty-metre abseil in and a thirty-metre climb on a wire rope ladder to get out. This was a first for many of our young people and definitely outside some comfort zones.

New members Phoebe and Gypsy were formally welcomed into 1st Cobargo Scout Group underground in Signature cave and made their Scout promise in overalls and helmets.

Caving at Wee Jasper was an



The scouts in Signature Cave

annual event for our Venturer Scouts before COVID and plans are already underway for our 2024 trip. We also have a 24-hour caving blitz at Wyanbene planned and ten days of adventure at Venture24 in Victoria in January. The Venturer Scout Unit is open to young people between 15 and 18 years of age.

Recent activities have included a practice survival camp, a progressive dinner and adventurous activities such as caving and abseiling. We welcome new members. Please contact Craig for more information at 1stCobargo@nsw.scouts.com.au or find us on Facebook and our Cobargo Scouts' website

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It's that time of the year again!

Yes, we are calling on the community for nominations for Cobargo Citizen of the Year. We know there are many unsung heroes in this community of ours, and it is up to everyone to make the effort to nominate them for this award.

This year we are setting some new outlines for the nominations. If you wish to nominate someone, please send an email to cwa.cobargo@gmail.com with your nomination details included as an attachment. Your nomination should include your reasons for nominating, giving as much detail as possible. Remember this award is for volunteers only and for someone who does not receive any remuneration for what they do. The selection of the Cobargo Citizen of the Year is made based solely on what you include in your nomination. Please include your contact information so we can contact you if necessary. We will advise you of receipt of your nomination by email.

Meanwhile, our branch will continue with another Bake Stall on Saturday 4 November in our usual stall in the centre of the village. Don't miss out on the delicious goodies on offer! The reputation of the Cobargo branch for offering yummy food is spreading, so be there to get your share!

We are still offering the opportunity to the community to use the CWA cottage for events. It is a wonderful central venue, it offers a warm or cool environment (fully air-conditioned), commercial kitchen facilities in the centre of the village at a VERY reasonable rate. It is ideal for community or board meetings, and we have facilities such as an overhead projector and screen to help in communication.

So, if you have an event coming up and need a special venue simply contact Sally Halupka on 0429 933 686 and she will advise you of our low rates for hire.

The CWA Cookery Competition on 14 November has been cancelled.



Elected at the recent AGM of the Cobargo CWA
Back Row: Ann Holub (Catering), Mary Williams (Publicity and Cultural),
Debbie Fisher (Cookery) and Cassie Cole (Handicraft).
Front Row: Lynne Jones (Treasurer), Lynn Lawson (President) and Sally
Halupka, (Secretary).

We always welcome new members. If you are interested in what we do, such as cooking, handicraft or raising issues of importance to us all, please drop in at our next meeting on the morning of 14 Nov at 10.00 am. You are assured of a warm welcome (and a cuppa and nibbles!).

Mary Williams

Publicity and Cultural Officer

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Twenty days is a long time to be away from the garden in spring. Especially when you leave several hundred tiny tomato seedlings in the hothouse. I was grateful to come home to the tomato seeds Leigh bought in Tasmania to share with everyone in Diggies, reaching for the sky. The jasmine had burst into flower, wisteria sticks had sprouted leaves, and the purple broccoli was almost ready for the wok. But it wasn't all flowers and food upon my return. Three burned and smelly patches were waving to me too, demanding that I take fire planning more seriously.

A few windy and stinking hot Sundays ago, as many of you saw on the Hazards Near Me app, the burn pile I had lit five weeks earlier, got stirred up. And up. High into a few trees. And low, creeping along the ground, leaping to random spots. We had lit the pile, after notifying RFS, well before the permit season started, with a tractor on hand for a few days and an excavator a few weeks later, but still it smouldered for weeks, and continued.

I was so grateful for the Cobargo Fire Brigade sending four trucks and putting it out well and truly. The captain said I had done everything right, but with the combination of heat and wind, these things happen. But it shouldn't have happened. And it could have been catastrophic.

What did I learn from this close call? Heaps.

- First, the fire hose coiled lovingly by the pump is useless without the right attachment fitting, which it now has. All systems must be tested!
- Second, I asked someone to check my header tank was full, but I didn't

- follow up, which meant the water pressure on the hoses was weak on the day. Follow up!
- Third, I texted three people the night before it happened concerned about the hot day coming, but not the person who has a tank of water on the back of his ute, who would have checked the pile and called the fire brigade. Always text Sticky!
- Fourth, the mister system installed by Sticky (Nick van Stek) is a great addition to my house, drenching the entire perimeter very effectively. Get more of those up!
- Fifth, the improved NBN meant that my house sitter could call my neighbour Trevor who saved the day, and his partner Rici could light up our vital communications lists.

I also learned that I provided an awfully big fright to my neighbours and community. I invited them over to review what happened, what I've done since and what I plan to do. It was great to share reflections, hear about others' fire plans and get their suggestions – how about burying the pipes that link the header tank to the house? How about a lot more mulberry and other deciduous trees? How about another steel header tank? How about never burning another thing in August ever again? I've started to put these ideas into action. I also gave them each as many tomato seedlings as they could carry by way of apology.

Of course, I was humbled, embarrassed and full of gratitude at my next fire brigade training. When it was my turn to speak, I



Sharing the tomato seedlings among friends and neighbours



Dignams Creek post-fire debrief

just said thanks for coming to the party at mine a few Sundays back. I didn't say what a bunch of utter legends they are. I didn't say how listening to their voices on the scanner app during the Coolagalite fire made me burst with pride. They were dusty and tired and the trucks needed restocking. And besides, we had three – count 'em – three new members joining that night. How great is that? If we learn from our mistakes, act on our fire plans and support the fire brigade, I'm praying Diggies can see out the summer as safely as possible.

PS The ticks have been shocking out at Diggies all year. My reactions to bites were getting so bad I considered just bathing in Bushman spray. I may never stop thanking Greg at the Coop for his tip of keeping a can of Aerostart or Start Ya Bastard handy. Yes, hitting them with a cotton bud or tissue soaked in that makes me smell like Chris Norris's workshop, but it stops them dead and is better than anything else I've tried (and I tried plenty of the chemical and hippy treatments and they're rubbish compared to ethanol). Give it a whirl if you're suffering.



New owners of Frame & Brush hold an exhibition

Georgie Kite is a multidisciplinary emerging artist who has been based in Bermagui since 2016. She and her husband James bought long-standing local business Frame & Brush in 2022. They provide custom picture framing services, art supplies and exhibit an eclectic mix of local art.

Georgie is a finalist in the competitive 2023 National Emerging Art Prize, a national platform to identify, promote and celebrate the most promising unrepresented visual artists in Australia. Her series of paintings Tall Stories was produced during a recent residency at Gang Studios, Cuttagee. It is a homage to the local landscape and 'the other-worldly experience of immersion in the spotted gums'.



In the Burrawangs by Georgie Kite, acrylic on Arches paper

Tall Stories opens at Frame & Brush, 4/28 Lamont St, Bermagui on Friday 24 November at 5.00 pm and will be on display until 16 December. You can visit Instagram pages @ frameandbrush and @georgiekitestudio.

Georgie Kite

Anglican Churches of Bermagui Cobargo and Quaama

WORSHIP SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

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Contact: The Reverend John Thomas Tel: 0427 260 833

The clock

Tick tock, went the clock, as it sat on the mantle like a fat ageing man (it could only use its hands)

Then dong, went the clock Six times to be sure. it then opened its door and shouted dinner my lord.

The lord came in and sat at the table and waited for the maid to hand him his ladle.

He then spooned the stew on his plate and with much guzzling, and gurgling, he ate.

He threw his spoon at the clock thinking it was the moon, then he howled at its face and with much rage and hate turned to the window, and leapt through the pane.



Rose Thompson

Age 13





E-Hubs launch in Cobargo

Saturday 2 December 2023 School of Arts Hall 10am to 12.30pm

Cobargo community buildings now have resilient, cheaper and cleaner sources of energy!

Come and celebrate the completion of four new solar energy hubs at the RFS, RSL, School of Arts Hall and the Cobargo Co-op.

Solar powered with battery storage, these buildings will maintain power when the grid is down and help us survive extreme hot weather.

Funded by Federal Government Black Summer funding

www.renewablecobargo.com

An Invitation to *Nature Stories*, a one-day exhibition at the Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room on 11 November.

Around this time last year, I was one of fifteen people from five local government areas – Eurobodalla, Bega Valley Sire, East Gippsland, Queanbeyan-Palerang and the ACT – selected by Rebus Theatre to lead a series of cross-disciplinary community engagement arts projects designed to build connections across South-East Australia.

As a visual artist, my practice is all about connecting with the natural world around me and responding to specific sites and locations. Living in a remote location at Tinpot along the Tuross River, the forest provided me with the opportunity to experiment with a variety of plant material and found objects for my art-making processes. As part of Project Alchemy, I decided to present a series of workshops sharing my deep love of the environment, knowledge of materials and art processes with the wider community.

Since late August, I have been facilitating two art workshops a week, titled *Nature Stories*.

Experimentation with all sorts of mark-making techniques, design principles and materials has been fundamental to these. We have come together in support of each other's creativity, been inspired by found objects that we have collected, other artists' works, individuals' unique stories, and a connection with nature and each other.

We would love to share this exploratory work with an audience, both friends and locals. So, if you are in town on 11 November, Remembrance Day, please



Painting collected seed pods

come along to the Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room to see our display.

The Supper Room will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. There will be a special morning tea with everyone from 10.30 am to noon, then the choice of a couple of hands-on workshops to attend (no bookings necessary – just come along).

Michele Grimston (type her name into your search engine for more information on her website) from Project Alchemy, ACT will be facilitating her *Slow Textiles* practice from 12.00 to 2.00 pm. Using fabric and thread, '... she explores the connections that hold together the systems of our world – whether these be personal,



Eco dyeing

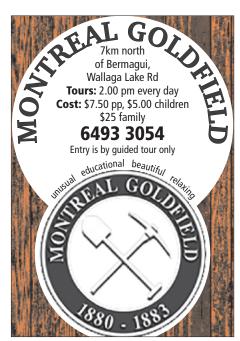
social or ecological'. Michele will provide some materials and will sit and stitch with 6 - 8 people with places rotating over the two-hour session. If you have any special pieces of fabric or eco-dyed fabric you'd like to stitch, please bring them along.

I'll also be putting on a brew for some eco-dying, so if you have any cotton, rayon or silk that needs some foliage prints, bring it along and we'll prepare them for the dye bath (this will be outside, so it is weather dependant). I'll also have some paper and cotton material available.

Sunday, 12 November, will see Project Alchemy Artists on the second day at Radical Hope, the Festival of Daring Possibilities, in the Garden at Navigate Art, Tanja.

Project Alchemy is made possible thanks to funding from the Australian Government for the Black Summer Bushfire Grant Program. Rebus is also supported by Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres and the ACT Government.

Robyn Williams





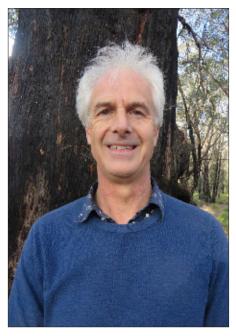
Fire poems and more with poet and comic performer Harry Laing

Poet and comic performer Harry Laing is looking forward to sharing his poems, including a selection from his new book, *Time of Fire*, at Well Thumbed Books at Cobargo on Saturday 18 November from 10.30 am to12.00 noon. A light morning tea will be served following the reading.

Together with his partner, Nicola, Harry lives on 115 acres at Reidsdale near Braidwood on the Southern Tablelands and was involved in the 2019-'20 fires both as a landholder and also as a member of the Braidwood brigade of the RFS.

Time of Fire is a powerful narrative account of what happened, an electrifying, rare poetic insight into the drama of fire. It is also a testament to the regenerative power of the forest afterwards, from the first epicormic shoots to the full-bodied unfurling of the tree ferns. And, throughout the book, Harry salutes the powerful depth of connection within the Braidwood community and people's care for each other at such a threatening time.

Harry is sensitive to what the South Coast went through in the '19-'20 fires and more recently and the poetry won't just be about fire: he promises to lighten up his reading with poems from his previous collection *unsettled* that includes *Doodling Dogs* and *Dental Diatribe*, poems from a sequence about a road trip, and more. He might even do his *Lovesong for a Wombat Wannabe*.



Harry Laing at Geebung three years after the fires

Harry is a great performer and entertainer and believes that poetry needs to be heard to be fully enjoyed. He has given many public readings and performed at various festivals. As well, Harry has published three books of poems for children and is in demand as a guest author in schools. He and Nicola also run much loved PoetryAlive workshops at their property.

Joani Cornish

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What's on at Shop7 Artspace, Bermagui Wharf?

November at Shop7 Artspace is a bit special for us. We're a community gallery providing space and opportunity for local artists to show their work for most of the year. Our annual *Harbour* Community Exhibition is a good example. The 2023 Exhibition displayed the work of twenty new local artists across many media.

But November is our chance for the collective members of Shop7 ArtSpace to strut their stuff at our annual Masterworks Exhibition and show you what they've been exploring in their individual pursuits. We'll all be displaying our new and best works to the community.

We'll be holding an opening event for *Masterworks* on Friday 3 November at 5.00 pm at the Gallery. Everyone is welcome. *Masterworks* runs from Thursday 2 November to Wednesday 22 November. Please do drop in to see the exhibition, and to browse the high-quality, original art and gifts for sale in the Gallery.

The Gallery is open from 10.30 am until 3.00 pm every day except Tuesdays. We look forward to seeing you!

Shop 7 ArtSpace is upstairs at Bermagui Wharf.

Peter Campbell



Opening night at the last *Harbour* Community Exhibition Photo credit: Peter Campbell

Form and Function – an exhibition of creative sculptures from driftwood and other natural materials

We are delighted to have Zoe Burke, designer of Deadwood Studios in Tilba, exhibiting in the Lazy Lizard Sideroom for November 2023.

Zoe loves to design works with function from found materials and, more often, presented from people in our local region. These works, items and products have stories to tell, enabling awareness of what is in the landscape.

She has fun playing and delights in the fanciful creations of newly found products. Her aim is to place less pressure upon the environment to create unique products and, knowing their origins, using less fossil fuels to produce them.

Zoe has a background in product design and development. She was a draftsperson and continues to work in conservation land management, skills that she puts to good use to create her beautiful pieces.

This exhibition is very timely with Christmas just around the corner. As well as enjoying the works, it is an opportunity to get a unique, creative and environmentally sound gift for those you love.

> Zoe Burke, Deadwood Studios, Tilba



Using found materials, Zoe's sculptures are expressive



Cobargo Creators News

There's plenty of Cobargo creativity to enjoy in the lead up to the festive season.

From mid-November until the end of December you'll find a great range of locally handcrafted Christmas decorations, food and gifts on display in the Gallery. There's always something new to see and you never know what you'll find so come in and have a look around.

Continuing our pre-COVID tradition, Cobargo Creators will be open for late night Christmas shopping on Friday 1 December. We'll be open between 10.00 am and 8.00 pm so come in and enjoy some festive refreshments while you browse for those special, locally-made gifts.

Until Saturday 11 November, you can admire the skills of master upholsterer and furniture reviver Will Hughes. This display of Will's work will be our secondlast Featured Member Exhibition (FME) for this year. So come in and enjoy the unique furniture pieces Will has worked hard to restore.

Our annual fundraising raffle is now underway and will be drawn in the Cobargo Creators Gallery on Saturday 16 December. Tickets are \$2 each and are available in the Gallery during normal opening hours. There are three prizes of gift vouchers for use in the Gallery (\$200, \$100 and \$50). The vouchers are transferable and would make great Christmas presents.

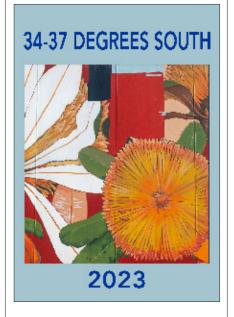
Our final FME for this year will showcase the broad ranging talent of woodworker Ian Camp. Ian creates original pieces ranging from decorative to utilitarian and this collection will be on display in the Gallery between Monday 20 November and Saturday 2 December.

If you're planning a hand-made, home-made, gift-giving of your own, you should call in and check out our Art and Craft Bank. This extensive collection of donated art and craft materials is a valuable community asset and we invite you to come in and collect some free supplies.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Cobargo Creators, you can contact us by email at mail@cobargocreators.org.mail or call Glennda on 0408 411 956.

Glennda Heino

South Coast poets wax lyrical in Cobargo



34 to 37 Degrees South is an annual poetry anthology produced by the South Coast Writers Centre, showcasing the work of local poets. This year there is a collection of thirty poems based on the theme 'Country'.

A launch for this poetry anthology will take place at Well Thumbed Books, Cobargo from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm on Sunday 12 November.

The poems contain unique perspectives, ranging from the personal and the intimate to the grand, poems about trauma, change and hope, as well as some wry humour. Poets will perform readings of their works at the launch and attendees can purchase the anthology for \$15.00. All funds raised will go towards the South Coast Writers Centre.

The South Coast Writers Centre is a non-profit writing organisation that provides opportunities to writers from the NSW south coast area from Helensburgh to Eden and west into the Southern Highlands that is, appropriately, approximately latitude 34 to 37 degrees south.

Refreshments and snacks will be available at the launch. Entry is a gold coin donation in support of the venue.

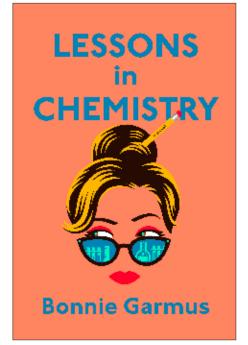
The poetry anthology will be online and in an audio format in November and an additional Illawarrabased reading will take place in mid-December.

Linda Godfrey

Lessons in Chemistry Bonnie Garmus Penguin Books RRP \$29.95

Bonnie Garmus was 65 years old when this, her first novel, was published in 2022 and this fact should give hope to all those procrastinating writers out there. She was a senior copy writer and the only woman at a meeting where she was yet again spoken over, interrupted, disregarded and her ideas usurped. That night she wrote the first chapter of *Lessons in Chemistry* while thinking of her mother, a nurse who wanted to be a surgeon, and wondering just how far professional woman have come since the 1950s.

And so, Elizabeth Zott was created, a chemist, battling the sexist 1950s when woman didn't/shouldn't/couldn't do science. Zott is glamorous (that sharp pencil hidden in the immaculate chignon is useful for jotting down ideas but also for warding off unwanted sexual advances), pragmatic, tough and relentlessly logical. It



is her deadpan reactions that supply much of the humour even when dreadful things happen to her.

Elizabeth's work and brilliance is underestimated, and she is treated as

an assistant or secretary and the object of sexual harassment, except by Calvin Evans, another brilliant scientist, who falls in love with her. She will not marry; her work is published under her name and she will not change that.

They have a child and a dog. Both the daughter and the dog are taught a lot by their unconventional parents. Both careers advance.

After some most unfortunate events, Elizabeth finds herself alone, unemployed and a single mother. She takes a job as the hostess of a TV cooking show for housewives called *Supper at Six* because she needs the money and because cooking is really chemistry. She becomes a sensation. She calls vinegar and salt *acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride* and subverts the program to become, of course, lessons in chemistry.

At first pigeonholed as a woman's holiday read it became an international best seller enjoyed by both sexes as funny, intelligent, wise and beautifully written by a highly skilled wordsmith.

Pet of the month

Kerri Brady

Beautiful Lexi is ten years old and has a striking, long blue/ grey coat. She is a quiet girl looking for a quiet home where she can be someone's friend and companion. She is not keen on dogs and has not yet been tested with other cats. Lexi would be very happy as an indoor only cat. She will cost \$100. 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.

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



Lexi would be happy at home with you

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Trojan, 5 Nuga Nuga, 9 Swamp rat, 10 Tennis, 11 Ayes, 12 Moving away, 13 Altogether, 16 Coos, 17 Skid, 18 Gold-plated, 19 If I were you, 22 Mail, 24 Copied, 25 O'Donnell, 26 Textbook, 27 Scrimp.

DOWN

2 Rowdy, 3 James Bond, 4 Nuremberg, 5 Native hollyhock, 6 Got on, 7 Ninja, 8 Go it alone, 14 Lake Frome, 15 Rapturous, 16 Coal miner, 20 Waist, 21 Radio, 23 Islam.

Plants are the primary source of fuel for a bushfire and, even though all plants burn, the location, arrangement and maintenance of vegetation within a garden has a bigger impact on how a bushfire will spread rather than the flammability of individual plants. The aim of bushfire gardening is to reduce radiant heat, prevent flame contact and minimise ember attack on the house. This can increase the likelihood of the house surviving a bushfire, even if your plan is to leave early.

A bushfire garden avoids having plants right up against the house and instead features non-flammable elements immediately adjacent to the dwelling, such as paths, driveways and paved areas. Beyond the house, if space allows, make an inner zone at least ten metres wide. Inside this zone, make any hard landscape features such as edging or retaining walls from non-combustible materials such as steel, concrete or stone. Flammable mulches should also be avoided here, in preference to groundcover plants or surface coverings such as gravel, scoria, pebbles, shells or recycled crushed bricks.

Any trees in the inner ten metre zone should be located at least 1.5 times their



Use non-combustible materials near the house



Gravel mulch and no understorey

Bushfire gardening

mature height away from the house. Lower branches should be pruned off to a height of at least two metres and their canopies should be clearly separated from other trees by several metres. Whilst groundcovers or non-combustible mulch may be located beneath them, avoid planting shrubs at their base. Shrubs can be planted within the inner ten metre zone but should be located at least four metres from the house and laid out in islands of small groupings with a separation distance between clumps at least double that of the clump size itself. A covering of mowed lawn or gravel pathways in between is advised.

Another ten metres beyond the inner ten metre zone, the vegetation may be slightly thicker and less managed, but not completely neglected. If the area is native vegetation, then the tree canopy should be thinned and undergrowth slashed into separated clumps semi-regularly throughout the year. If planted, the isolated clump arrangement outlined for the inner zone should be continued, but a higher planting density would be acceptable. The lawn might be mowed slightly higher and less often, although shrubs should still be avoided beneath trees and the trees should still have their branches removed up to a height of at least two metres. Any clumps of shrubs in this outer ten metre zone should be no larger than ten square metres and separated from each other by at least ten metres. Potentially combustible mulch and hard landscaping would be acceptable in this outer zone.

As a note of caution, whilst garden design and maintenance can improve the chances of a house surviving a bushfire, please do not rely on these measures alone. A holistic approach to bushfire preparation is critical, and the critical importance of other considerations such as an appropriate



No plants against the house



Wide areas of mown lawn can stop a fire

water supply, good access/egress, house construction and maintenance and the preparation of a Bushfire Survival Plan should not be ignored. In high bushfire risk areas, on Extreme and Catastrophic days leaving early is always the safest option to protect yourself and your family. To find out more visit the sections on how to prepare your property and landscaping on the Country Fire Authority (CFA) Victoria website.

Stay Safe.



OK SHED OP SHOP

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EST LITTLE OF SHOP ON THE COAST



I have been passionate about food and cooking since I was a kid. My mother and grandmother were great cooks and there was always something on the table or in the kitchen for when people dropped in ... these are just some samples of the

recipes I have, all different – some basic, some more involved. I am also in the process of publishing a cookbook in the not-too-distant future.

Enjoy, Mark.

Beetroot Relish



Ingredients:

500 gm grated beetroot

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 teaspoon yellow mustard seeds
- 1 cup white or brown sugar
- 1 chopped onion
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt

Method:

Grate beetroot, heat saucepan and put in mustard seeds, adding oil after they have started to pop.

Turn heat down to medium, add chopped onion and fry with mustard seeds until translucent.

Add sugar, water, allspice, cinnamon, vinegar, salt and beetroot – stir to combine.

This will cook quite quickly – about 15 to 20 minutes. Then pour in hot, sterilised jars.

Sweet Pickled Cucumbers



Ingredients:

7 long cucumbers

- 2 large onions
- 5 cups white vinegar
- 5 cups white sugar
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard seeds
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 1 teaspoon vegetable salt (optional)
- ½ cup salt

Method:

Slice cucumber and onion thinly, sprinkle with ½ cup salt and stand overnight.

Next day, drain off liquid from onion and cucumber and discard brine.

Place drained cucumber and onions into saucepan and pour over vinegar and sugar, mix and bring to boil (point of boil).

Bottle and seal whilst hot.

Brownies



Ingredients:

11/4 cups caster sugar

- 2 cups Corn Flakes
- 250 gms dark chocolate, chopped
- 2 cups self-raising flour, sifted
- 3 x 70 gm eggs
- 200 gm butter
- 125 gms pecans, chopped

Method:

Preheat oven to 180° deg C.

Place butter and chocolate in saucepan and melt over very low heat, stirring until the mixture becomes just smooth.

Place eggs and sugar in a bowl and beat until pale and thick. Mix in Corn Flakes, flour and nuts with a wooden spoon, then fold in the chocolate mixture and pour into a 20 cm square cake tin, lined with baking paper.

Bake for 30 minutes or until firm to touch.

Allow to cool and dust with icing sugar.



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

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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 Courtis email 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

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

BERMAGUI U3A

(University of the Third Age) Lifelong Learning Opportunities For a full list of courses and timetable visit: 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 www.renewablecobargo.com

COBARGO COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTRE

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

COBARGO CREATORS

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

COBARGO CWA

Meets in the CWA Rooms, 20 Bermagui St 2nd Tues of the month, 10.30am. cwa.cobargo@gmail.com Cottage Hire 6493 6428 or 0429 933 686

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 www.cobargopreschool.com.au

COBARGO QUAAMA BUSINESS RECOVERY GROUP INC (CQBRG)

New Members Welcome! Enquiries: CQBRG Secretary Ph: 0418 361 781 e: cqbrgroup@gmail.com 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

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

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 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 0459 022 368 or Leanne Tett 0408 627 103

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

QUAAMA RENEWAL PROJECTS

quaamarenewalprojects@gmail.com Phone: Veronica 0437 263 128 www.facebook.com/quaamarenewal

QUAAMA SCHOOL OF ARTS

Hall bookings and inquiries: Call 0408 411 956 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 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

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 Ph. Secretary Carolyn Griffin 0400 391 324, Treasurer Zena Armstrong 0402 067 615 or email info@cobargofolkfestival.com

Game On

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Computer threat (6)
- Queensland National Park (4,4)
- Drunken tramp saw rodent (5,3)
- 10 Court sport (6)
- "The --- have it!" (4)
- 12 Leaving the home front (6,4)
- 13

- 16 Pigeon talk (4)
- 17 Slip (4)
- Like some costume jewellery (4-6)
- 19 Advice starter (2,1,4,3)
- 22 Letters (4)
- 24 Transcribed (6)
- 25 Simon ---, leading cricketer and footballer (8)
- 26 Student's reading matter (8)
- Everything considered (10) 27 Try to make ends meet (6)

DOWN

- Rough and disorderly (5)
- Agent amends job, botching it (5,4)
- Famed trial venue (9)
- Tall, widespread plant, with large showy flowers (6,9)
- Boarded (3,2)
- Japanese assassin (5)
- Proceed independently (2,2,5)
- 14 Large salt pan adjacent to the Flinders Ranges (4,5)
- 15 Ecstatic (9)
- 16 Underground worker (4,5)
- 20 Narrowest part of the torso (5)
- 21 Electromagnetic
- telecommunication (5) 23 Five Pillars *Indicates a

faith (5) cryptic clue.

Answers on page 35

Kidz' Korner

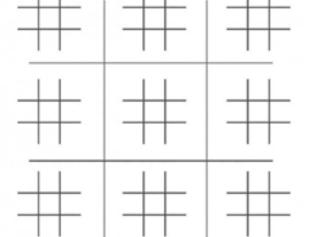


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Spot 7 differences





For the fridge door

NOVEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
All Nov	Sculptures by Zoe Burke in Sideroom Pg 34	Lazy Lizard Mon - Sat	10 am - 2 pm
Fri 3	Masterworks group exhibit opening Pg 33	Shop7 Artspace every day except Tues	10.30 am - 3.00 pm
	Love & Other Apps, four short plays SOAPI Trybooking website or QR code	Cobargo School of Arts	7 pm - 9 pm
Every Fri	Open Mic	RiverRock café in Bermagui	7 pm - 10 pm
Sat 4	Dale Huddleston	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
	Love & Other Apps, four short plays SOAPI Trybooking website or QR code	Cobargo School of Arts	7 pm -9 pm
Sun 5	Рорру	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
	Tijuana Cartel Alectura album tour supported by Mood & SheJy ticketed	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	4 pm
Thurs 9	Bermagui markets open again	Bermagui Country Club	3.30 pm
Sat 11	Nature Stories group exhibit Pg 33	Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room	10 am - 4 pm
	Jason Maynard	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
	Opening of Two Studios Pg 26	39 Cobargo Bermagui Rd Cobargo	4 pm -6 pm
	Chakradance fundraiser Pg 6	Good Vibes studio Bermagui	4 pm
	Fund-raver dance party Pg 9	Cobargo Showground Pavilion	6 pm - 2 pm
	Los Zafiros \$20 at the door	River Rock Cafe	7.30 pm
Sun 12	Singer in the Park	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
	Chakradance fundraiser Pg 6	Nethercote Hall	2 pm
	South Coast Poets Anthology launch Pg 34	Well Thumbed Books Cobargo	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Sat 18	Giiyong : Aboriginal multi-cultural arts festival Front Page	Jigamy, near Eden	Information online
	Archibold Prize exhibition: booking essential online at the SECCA website	South East Centre for Contemporary Art, Bega	10 am onwards
	Harry Laing poetry presentation from his book Time of Fire and discussions Pg 32	Well Thumbed Books	10.30 am - 12 noon
	Tim McMahon	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
Sun 19	Kara Coen	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
	Chakradance fundraiser Pg 6	Cobargo School of Arts	2 pm
Fri 24	Tall Stories paintings by Georgie Kite opening Pg 31	Frame & Brush Bermagui	5 pm
Sat 25	Steve Benic	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
Sun 26	Frock & Troll	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
DECEMBER		'	
Fri 1	Celebrate Cobargo street festival - late night shopping, food, stalls and music	Cobargo Main Street	4 pm - 9 pm
Sat 2	E-Hub launch and celebration Pg 5	Cobargo School of Arts	10 am - 12.30 pm
	Sam Fletcher	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	12 noon
	Richard Clapton with special guests, ticketed	Tilba Winery & Alehouse	4 pm