

# THE TRIANGLE

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## Fungi Festival announces new keynote speaker Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher

With over fifty events to celebrate the science, food and art of fungi, the Fungi Festival 2024 is pleased to announce that Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher has accepted our invitation to be part of the Festival. Sapphire is an internationally recognised fungi specialist who has a strong interest in the conservation of Australian fungi. This is significant because Australian fungi differ from those in other parts of the world in the same way that our plants and animals differ from those in other countries.

Sapphire has worked with community groups to help them understand the importance of fungi in maintaining healthy bushland and to raise the profile of our unique local fungi. As part of this work, she trains people to make good collections of fungi that can then be used to describe new Australian species. As a result, she has produced useful fungi field identification guides for a variety of different regions. Overall, Sapphire has produced more than 20 publications on fungi, including ones about the impact of fire on fungi and the importance of fungi in the post-fire rehabilitation of land.

On Friday evening 5 July, Dr McMullan-Fisher will speak about 'What fungi are doing for our bushlands' at Cobargo School of Arts. Her talk will cover the many important ways fungi contribute to our bushland and why fungi are critical for our environment as nutrient recyclers, symbiotic partners to plants, an important component of lichens and a key resource for many of our animals. Come along to hear some fascinating facts about fungi.

With a warmer and wetter winter predicted, the fungi in our region will be amazing. So, take the opportunity to join Sapphire in fungal identification and ecology walks. She will be leading two 90-minute walks (fungal forays) in Eurobodalla Regional Botanical Gardens on Saturday 6 July and another two walks in Bega Valley, location TBA, on Sunday 7 July.

To learn about fungi with Sapphire, book tickets on the Fungi Festival website.

For interviews or for more information, please call Annette Kennewell on 0417 203 610 or Deb Stevenson on 0417 835 169.

*Annette Kennewell*



These tiny fan fungi, *Campanella* sp. reproduce on dead grass stalks, spreading their spores to start new populations. These are also nutrient recyclers.



Even larger mushrooms like this *Amanita* may surprise by popping up after rain. *Amanitas* have mycorrhizae (fungal roots) that are the beneficial symbiotic partners of the roots of many trees and shrubs.

*Something for Everyone* is the theme for the 2024 National Volunteer Week, celebrated this year from 20 to 26 May. Every year this national week recognises the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. This year's theme acknowledges that there are many opportunities and a place for everyone in the world of volunteering.

Many organisations in the Triangle community benefit and rely on the involvement, talents and skills of local people who generously offer their time. For many years this has been recognised and acknowledged by both Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Shire Councils through their annual awards. And many organisations recognise years of service by individual

volunteers.

Without volunteers many of the activities, programs and services that we value would be diminished. In the context of National Volunteer Week, this month's *Triangle* offers a compelling cross section of just how vital volunteers are to our quality of life. From organisations like CWA and Rotary, raising much needed funds for local seniors' housing and prostate cancer respectively, to community get-togethers in Cobargo, Quaama and Tilba, volunteers are at their core. CWA and Rotary, raising much needed funds for local seniors' housing and prostate cancer research respectively, to Cobargo, Quaama and Tilba with their community get-togethers have volunteers at their

core. Whether it is a church group, a local museum, the local fire brigade, counting whales, getting involved in festivals or Land Care there is a crucial role for volunteers. And, of course, *The Triangle* would not happen without its team of volunteers!

Although National Volunteer Week will be over by publication time, we can all acknowledge and be grateful for the role that volunteers play in our community. Being a volunteer is also a great way to keep involved and connected to the community. And congratulations to May Blacka for her 54 years of making wreaths for local Anzac Day ceremonies and more.

## Save electricity – save money

With the rising cost of electricity to home consumers, the question is: 'How can I reduce my electricity bill?'

If you can afford the upfront cost, investing in generating and storing your own electricity – usually rooftop solar – is one solution. However, just by changing how you do things, you might be able to save quite a bit of your hard-earned cash.

One of the single biggest energy consuming appliances in your home is the humble refrigerator. 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year, it works to keep your food fresh and healthy by reducing its temperature to near zero. And that takes a lot of energy.

Surprisingly, one of the ways to ensure it operates efficiently is to fill it up!

Why? All that really cold food, liquid and ice held within the fridge acts as a reservoir of 'cold energy', meaning the refrigerator does not have to work as hard to keep things cold. This is especially true of your freezer. Also, try to minimise opening the door 'just to have a look'. That quick peek results in your chilled air falling out onto the floor, causing your fridge to have to use electricity to cool down again.

Last but not least – consider ditching or turning off the beer fridge in the garage. Or at least, only use it on festive occasions when you need that extra space in your main refrigerator. Typically, the beer fridge is an old clunker, the seals are worn out, it leaks cold air, it's not completely full, it's very inefficient and it eats up your

electricity big time.

A final thought: modern refrigerators are extremely efficient. If your refrigerator is 15 years or older, it might be time to change it over anyway – it's probably had its day.

Good news ... our Energy Coordinator service is back for two months until 31 July 2024 – book your free energy consultation by calling 0405 383 692 or email [renewablecobargo@gmail.com](mailto:renewablecobargo@gmail.com)

*Renewable Cobargo is an initiative of Cobargo and District Energy Transition (CaDET), a community group working to improve energy security and efficiency in our local area, and to assist the transition to clean, local electricity generation.*

*Renewable Cobargo*

## Join your fire brigade!

You can take up many different roles, for example, in communications, equipment maintenance, administration and catering. Just roll up and say g'day at your closest fire shed on a training night.

- **Cobargo** – Wandella Road – Thursdays 7.00 - 9.00 pm fortnightly.
- **Quaama** – Gordon St – Saturday 1.30 - 3.30 pm fortnightly.
- **Tilba** – Latimers Lane, Central Tilba – Monday 7.00 – 9.00 pm.
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## Meet your local rural fire brigades







## Thumbs UP

To Kepu and Satee from United Petrol in Cobargo who let all the children from the Anzac Day Service choose an ice cream afterwards.

Thank you to all the friendly drivers on the free bus service provided by Transport NSW while the Wallaga Bridge is being repaired. It's a great service between Bermi, Cobargo, Akolele, Tilba and Narooma and there's a good chance it'll become permanent if enough people use it.

To the Cobargo School of Arts team. Thank you for a wonderful evening of community fun. What a lot of work you all put into the decorations, the food that was superb as were the entertainments. A credit to the team!

To the organisers of the Narooma forum on the proposed Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. It was informative and frank with a panel of competent people who answered a long list of questions from residents. It was wonderful to put a swathe of rumours to rest. For more information go to About Regional and enter 'Narooma forum' in the search function.

## Thumbs DOWN



To the selfish person who disregarded basic hygiene etiquette by not covering their mouth when coughing in a confined space at a recent Tilba community gathering. COVID is real and it is nasty – and this disgruntled, very ill contributor wants to remind everyone to be considerate of others. Please cover your cough or sneeze or stay home. Let's work together to create a safer environment for our community.

Please respect the sign on the Bower Bird Op Shop door asking for donations not to be left out of hours.

The Op Shop relies on the many generous donations delivered during shop opening hours. However, if donations are left out of hours in our doorway our volunteers can't screen them and unsaleable ones then usually have to be disposed of at our cost which is a loss to the community.

To locals who walk their dogs unleashed on Horseshoe Bay, which then gives tourists the idea it is legal.

Why do locals not respect the precious environment and obey dog walking laws?

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## Guidelines for contributors

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

1. Stories should be 300 words or less except by prior arrangement.

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

3. Send all articles as WORD or other TEXT documents.

4. Please do not send posters or flyers! Instead, write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.

5. Think about a headline for your story. Please don't leave it to us!

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



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Please donate what you can.

## Disclaimer

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Whilst striving to accurately report the news and views of the readers, this newspaper accepts no responsibility or liability for statements made or opinions expressed.

All letters to the editor must be signed and include the writer's full name and address if they are to be considered for publication.

## End of life matters – Voluntary Assisted Dying

The Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Act came into law in New South Wales on 28 November 2023 for eligible people living in NSW. People working in the field locally and those seeking this pathway to whom I spoke recently, reported that there are some challenges, particularly in regional NSW, while this legal process is still being embedded.

I don't hold personal opinions about the choices people make regarding their end-of-life matters. I do, however, want to relay factual information to educate people about their options. I recommend that people who want more information or to be connected with a doctor who can support someone through the process, call the free NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service on 1300 802133, on Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 4.30pm; or email [NSLHD-VADCareNavigator@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NSLHD-VADCareNavigator@health.nsw.gov.au).

The NSW Health website ([www.health.nsw.gov.au/voluntary-assisted-dying/](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/voluntary-assisted-dying/)) cites that ... *voluntary assisted dying means an eligible person can ask for medical help to end their life. The person must have an advanced and progressive disease, illness, or medical condition that is expected to cause their death within six months (or 12 months*

*for neurodegenerative diseases such as motor neurone disease). They must also be experiencing suffering that can't be relieved in a way that is acceptable to them.*

The person requesting VAD must be 18 years or over; they need to have decision-making capacity; be acting voluntarily (no coercion by others); and have an enduring request for voluntary assisted dying (this means it is continuous, ongoing and lasting over a period of time). There are Australian and NSW residency requirements. Please do look at the NSW Health website for more detail about the eligibility criteria.

According to NSW Health, *People can only access voluntary assisted dying in NSW if they meet all the eligibility criteria and follow the process outlined in the law. This includes getting approval from the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Board. This will allow them to take or be given a medication to bring about their death at a time that they choose ... Voluntary assisted dying and suicide are different. Asking for medical help to die is **not** suicide under the law in NSW.*

***If the person seeking assistance does not meet all the criteria, there is no point in taking further steps.***

If a person does meet the criteria the process is quite specific (once again, see the NSW Health website).

The Seniors Rights Service on 1800 424 709 might be able to assist in cases where a senior who believes they meet the criteria for VAD is not approved.

There are no additional costs for the voluntary assisted dying process, however the usual costs to see a general practitioner, private doctor or specialist may apply.

Not all doctors in NSW are authorised to assist in this process. For sensitive/privacy reasons, there is no public list of authorised VAD practitioners, but people can contact the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service listed above to see if there is one available in their area.

My only recommendation is that if you are eligible and considering this end-of-life pathway, research as much as you can and write down your thoughts and reasons for choosing it before speaking with your GP, family and Enduring Guardian/s. The more you know about this option and can communicate clearly why you might choose it, the better your family, advocates and medical team can understand and support your decision.

Shanna Provost

## Christ Church Centenary Labyrinth Memorial plaques

Do you have a departed family member or friend who attended Cobargo Anglican Church?

We are offering the opportunity to place a plaque for them at the Memorial Labyrinth at Christ Church, Hoyer Street, bonded to the bricks of the circles in a location of your choice.

The plaques are 120mm x 74mm, black anodised aluminium, with engraved text, similar to the image below. Additional wording is possible.

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## Firewise Landscapes

The rain was pouring and wasn't looking like stopping, but that was not enough to put off the participants at the recent Firewise Landscapes workshop held at The Crossing Bermagui.

After braving the wet and slippery Nuttleys Creek Road, twenty people gathered in the main room at The Crossing to talk, listen, share experiences and learn about strategies to maximise water retention and reduce fire intensity.

Dean Turner presented a wealth of interesting information in such a positive and constructive way that it made us feel we can do more to manage the land and help make our little piece of it better prepared for another fire season. For homeowners, gardeners, farmers or nature enthusiasts, there is so much to learn about creating a more fire-retardant landscape.

There are many things we can do, even on a town block. Understanding weather maps, especially the direction from which the wind hits your property is important. Plant a wind break to reduce wind speed and lessen the amount of moisture that is sucked from the soil. Fire-retardant native plants near buildings help to reduce radiant heat giving us an extra layer of defence. Landscape design to increase water retention, was a recurring topic too. I have now learnt about swales and riplines to help direct, collect and divert rainwater back onto your plants and land. In fact, it was the perfect rainy day to see the impact and effects of landscape design: where water flows, where it pools and how we can all help the land to retain water.



Dean Turner and participants at the Firewise workshop. Photo: Deb Worgan

Dean and Annette Turner have a wealth of knowledge and experience to pass on first-hand to participants. As well as a damper and hearty bean soup lunch, each participant was given a selection of ten tube stock, fire-resistant native plants to get us started on our journey to make our own fire-retardant landscape.

This project was supported by the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife and has received funding from the Australian Government's Preparing Australian Communities project.

Deb Worgan

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## Narooma's Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride shines

Narooma's first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) for Prostate Cancer Research and Men's Mental Health, a Narooma Rotary initiative, was a great success on Sunday.

'The response exceeded our expectations with an amazing 73 riders, dressed "dapper" and we raised \$10,867,' said Rotarian DGR coordinator Françoise Cleret. 'That's awesome. Some riders came from as far away as Merimbula and Batemans Bay, many riding classic or vintage-styled motorbikes. What's more, they enjoyed the day so much they want to come again next year.'

Ms Cleret said the Narooma DGR is one of almost a thousand DGRs across 105 countries holding similar events on 19 May. They bring people together to celebrate these bikes and the 'gentlefolk' who ride them, at the same time raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer and men's mental health.

'We showed today that coming together, dressing dapper and the actual ride do create awareness and raise funds by having fun in style,' she said.

All funds raised by the DGR will be invested by the official charity partner Movember in both local and global prostate cancer research and men's mental health programs.

The 21 km leisurely ride went past the golf course and the Plaza, down Forsters Bay Road, Bettini Lane and Riverside Drive, over the bridge, Dalmeny Drive, Ocean Parade, Noble Parade, swung around the caravan park, Mort Ave to the Highway and back to NATA Oval.

*Laurelle Pacey*



Checking in the riders at NATA Oval for Narooma's first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR)



Checking out the assembled bikes and their riders at Narooma's first DGR

### Memorial Notice for Ruth Gilmour

Well-known, once local identity, Ruth Gilmour, died in Springwood on 8 December 2023. Ruth had a significant involvement in the Anglican churches of Cobargo, Bermagui and Quaama and her work was instrumental in linking the community to the church through SRE (Special Religious Education) and establishing the OK Shed Op Shop in Bermagui.

Ruth was actively involved in many community organisations and was a great supporter of community events through her willingness to provide music for sing-fests and choirs.

A memorial service for Ruth will be held at Cobargo Anglican Church on Tuesday 4 June commencing at 11.30 am.

Everyone who knew Ruth and would like to honour her is welcome to attend.



Ruth Gilmour

### Jean Doreen Stokes

22 June 1929 to 22 April, 2024



Les and Richard with Jean

Mum and Dad arrived in Australia from the UK on the last day of 1965, with only £50 in the bank. Jean describes this as a very hard time for them but their faith kept them strong. In reminiscing about the war, she told us about the buzz bombs falling around where she lived – her Dad would say 'The next one is for us, Jean'.

Starting off in South Australia and then moving to Western Australia, the family finally settled in Victoria, where they did very well. After Dad died, we moved to Henkley Farm seven years ago. Mum stayed in Estia at Dalmeny for the last few years. She was a beautiful, strong and loving mother who we will never forget.

Her funeral service was held in our Chapel at Henkley Farm.

*Leslie and Richard Stokes*



# ORRCA annual whale census

The last day of June is a special day in the whale watching calendar. It's the designated day everyone is invited to participate in the annual whale census as whales pass our coastline. This is one of nature's most spectacular and longest migrations as they leave Antarctica on their way north to breed.

To participate in this valuable citizen science project is simple – go to the ORRCA website and at the top of the home page click on the Whale Census heading. Enter your details and one week before census day, you will receive a Census Day kit containing a sighting fact sheet and how to access ORRCA's Data Collection app to log your sightings.

So, pack your binoculars, pick your favourite headland, take yourself or invite friends and any time between sunrise and sunset spend an hour or two (or spend the day), observe and record any sightings, then log your findings in the ORRCA app. This is a wonderful opportunity, especially in our region, to observe these magnificent mammals while assisting ORRCA in their research.

ORRCA, the Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans in Australia, is the only licensed wildlife group in NSW charged with the rescue,



The southern humpback whale - Photo from Shutterstock

rehabilitation and release of marine mammals, that is whales, seals, dolphins and dugongs. Their mission also includes conservation and protection of these animals.

ORRCA's invaluable role in caring for these marine mammals relies solely on its team of dedicated volunteers and supporters. To become a volunteer, book one of their comprehensive Rescue

Training Days, where you will be equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to have a positive effect on these beautiful mammals that grace our seas.

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Happy whale watching!

*J. Hart*

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## CWA Far South Coast Group travel to State Conference

Every year the Country Women's Association hosts an annual State Conference. In 2021 it was Bega's turn but this year, 2024, twenty-one CWA members from Far South Coast travelled to Coffs Harbour. Lynette Andrews from CWA Bermagui branch, Lynn Lawson and Cassie Cole from Cobargo branch, and Susanne Robertson and Annette Kennewell from Tilba branch attended.

CWA Conference began on Sunday 5 May with a social event, a dinner with CWA members from the Mid North Coast and Hume Groups, joining Far South Coast Group. A wonderful night of friendship and fellowship for over fifty women. From Monday 6 through Thursday 9 May, the serious business sessions take priority with state committee reports and voting on advocacy topics including Agricultural & Environmental, Education, Health & Social Security, and Transport & Telecommunications, plus a range of other important women's issues.

Congratulations to all Far South Coast members who participated in the CWA competitions at state level. Handicraft winners included Cassie Cole of Cobargo branch and Marjorie O'Brien of Bermagui branch.

Not all Far South Coast members travelled to Coffs Harbour for CWA Conference. Mundi from Batemans Bay branch said, 'Technology has been a game-changer for conferences like the CWA! I love that I can ditch the travel and still be right in the thick of things. Watching the debates and speaker sessions from the comfort of my couch is fantastic. Livestreaming is a lifesaver for folks who can't make it in person, for whatever reason. It lets everyone hear directly about what is being said and stay informed about the issues and the direction the CWA is taking.'

Whether attending the CWA State Conference in person or virtually, all CWA members are focussed on improving the lives of women, children and families in rural, regional and remote



Cassie Cole of Cobargo CWA branch with her Top Ten Handicraft medal for her petit point with 7,500 stitches that took over fifty hours to complete. This is the third CWA State Conference Cassie has attended.

regions through their voluntary community work.

*Annette Kennewell*

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Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust has worked with this aim and purpose through educational programs from its founding in 1987. Our Encouragement Grants are an expression of this commitment. We are exceedingly pleased to present the first of our 2024 Encouragement Grants of \$2,000 to Shirlee-Maree Rowland on behalf of the Narooma High School 'Breakfast Club'.

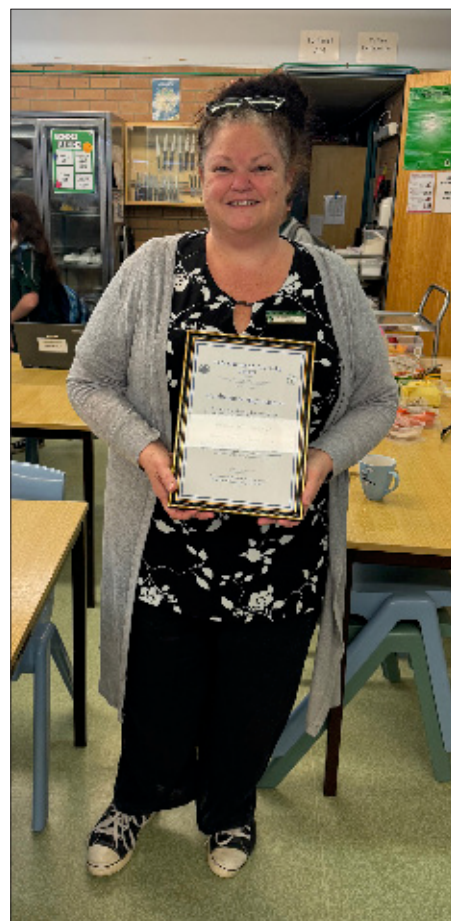
Shirlee is Head Teacher for Welfare and the Language Teacher at Narooma High School. She believes, and quotes Rita Pierson AM ... *every child deserves a Champion Adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the very best that they can possibly be.* The Breakfast Club offers this support each and every day for students to enable them to begin the school day feeling loved, cared for and fed a healthy

breakfast no matter their circumstances. We have also been fortunate to be able to offer a further donation of \$5,000 to enable some additional creative, innovative and inclusive programs for students made possible by the generosity of our Trust's supporters.

Following our Trust's 2018 support for a gardening project that has flourished and developed well, our new Narooma and District Education Support Committee is currently in the planning stages of a partnership with the school for a Mentoring Program. Utilising the skills, backgrounds and life experiences of many in the local retiree community, residents who expressed their willingness to be involved with young people to improve their literacy and numeracy, this program will be under the guidance and selection of the teachers. It aims to enable students to reach their full capacity and fulfill their hopes for a positive future.

Executive Principal Mrs Tracy Scobie said, 'As we continue to collaborate with the Elm Grove Trust, we eagerly anticipate the positive changes that our joint efforts will bring.'

*Sr. Laurel Lloyd-Jones*  
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As I sit in front of my computer to write this month's Tilba Bites, I reflect on the turning of the seasons as we move from autumn to winter. I love the sunny days that we often get with crisp nights that make sleeping cosy and comfortable. There is the whiff of wood smoke in the air and an occasional splash of bright autumn leaves. It is also Budget season – for some this will bring news of benefits and relief from cost of living pressures and challenges. Maintaining social connections is not always easy when there are other priorities and the weather is cooler. However, participating in community activities does balance the challenges of everyday life – and we are blessed to have lots of opportunities in our local Triangle area. Even just a visit to the local Tilba Market on a Saturday morning can turn into an enjoyable social outing!

## Anzac Day at Central Tilba

For many years this ceremony was ably organised by the late Harry Bate as an annual tradition at the Central Tilba Cenotaph. Harry sadly died just after Anzac Day last year and the job of continuing this annual tradition is now in the hands of a community group led by local resident, John McMahon. With a revamped Order of Commemoration, the march from The Drom began at 10.00 am and was led by Gillian Kearney from the Narooma RSL and Central Tilba Public School students to the haunting strains of John McMahon's bagpipes. With Janine Halasz officiating, Lyn Thomas performed the Welcome to Country acknowledging the part of local Aboriginal men who went to war; Podge bugled the Last Post; and David Oliphant gave the address outlining the history and importance of Anzac Day celebrations over the decades.

The local school has long been a part of this annual ceremony – this year saw that involvement increase. Based on the



Oskar, Ryder and Ethan at the Cenotaph

daily Last Post ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, where the story behind just one of the 102,700 names on the Roll of Honour is told each day, John discussed the possibility of doing something similar with local historian, Robyn Lucas and TPS Principal, Tania Hextell. This year two families were selected from the Roll of Honour and their stories were told. It is planned that this will become an important part of future Anzac Day ceremonies. As well as acknowledging the considerable contributions of local families, it is an important way of understanding and appreciating this part of the local history and its connection to the present day.

Presenting the Whiffen family story were Oskar, Ethan and Ryder, all Year 6 students. Ryder is the great-great-grandson of John William Whiffen whose youngest son, Royal, was a soldier in WW1. Ryder's great-great grandfather was Archibald (Archie), John William Whiffen's eldest son, who lived in the

original house on the corner of Corkhill Drive and Whiffens Lane. Three of Archie's sons (Stan, Snow and Jack) enlisted for WW2. All were discharged early as required for those employed in an essential occupation, that for them was dairy farming. John William Whiffen's son Matthew and daughter Amelia also had three sons who each enlisted in WW2 – all nine of his grandsons made it home. Ryder's great grandfather was Jack Whiffen whose daughter Debbie is Ryder's grandmother – Debbie's daughter, Cara, is his mother.

Dali Hone presented the story of Norman and Pearl Corkhill, whose father William Henry Corkhill married Frances Hawtrey Bate, the youngest daughter of Henry Jefferson Bate. Both Norman and Pearl saw active duty in WW1. Norman enlisted in the Australian Army and served in Egypt and France before being transferred to the Australian Flying Corps. Pearl joined the Australian Army Nursing Service shortly after completing her nurse's training and served in Egypt and France, as her brother did. Her war efforts in caring for wounded soldiers earned her the Military Medal (MM), one of only seven Army nurses to receive this award. Sister Pearl, as she was affectionately known



Dali Hone presenting the story of Norman and Pearl Corkhill



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used the initials MM after her name for the rest of her life. Her story is detailed on the Department of Veterans Affairs website – type Sister Pearl Corkhill DVA into your regular browser and you will be rewarded with a short film and an interesting read.

Gillian Kearney, who led the march with her faithful dog, gave the Commemoration Address, outlining the important and supportive role that animals played in war. This thought-provoking and, at times, emotional address focused on the role of horses in WW1 including a beautiful poem about a particular horse. Gillian, who is an active member of the RSL, has set up one of only a few Working Animals Memorials locally.

Congratulations to all involved. It was particularly special that Carol Ladd, Harry Bate's partner, was able to participate in the service. Following the march and ceremony, the ever-welcome cuppa and Anzac biscuits were served by the Halls Committee in the Small Hall.

## The Drom has a new manager

Welcome Bianca Humphries. A chance conversation with an industry colleague earlier in the year began the journey to Central Tilba and The Drom. Bianca has worked in pubs most of her

working life and particularly likes old pubs. Following the chance conversation, she started following The Drom on Instagram and saw the job advertised. After making contact and the usual processes, she was offered the job and started in early April.

The old saying 'It's meant to be' seems particularly apt for Bianca and chef husband Damon Philippakos. Although they have never lived in regional/rural Australia, they were ready for this change and things have fallen into place nicely. While Damon is having a break from the fast pace of executive cheffing, Bianca is enjoying her new job. She loves the sense of community, the slower pace, the closeness to nature and the ocean and the amazing meals Damon is cooking them. Even a very suitable rental property became available at the right time for them and Bianca's cats.

Bianca appreciates the warm welcome she has received from other staff and locals. Coincidentally, Glen, the new chef, started in March and she is enjoying working with him on reviewing and developing the menu, that changes regularly. There has been good feedback already on both the food and the welcoming and friendly staff. There are plans to revive



Bianca Humphries

the vegetable garden behind the pub and to keep something going on Wednesday nights, now that the popular Open Mic has finished. If you haven't been for a while, make sure to make time in the near future.

## Gulaga National Park expansion

Bellbrook Farm, on the lower slopes of Gulaga and adjacent to both Tilba villages, has recently been added to

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Bellbrook Farm

Gulaga National Park, ensuring higher level protection for Yuin sacred sites and koala habitat. In transferring this property, the Gulaga National Park Board of Management has opportunities to promote cultural experiences in a culturally respectful way. Chairperson of the Board, Aunty Ros Field said, 'Together with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Gulaga Board of Management will now be able to restore and protect this Country. This place will be protected in perpetuity for future generations to enjoy but, more importantly, for future generations to appreciate Yuin culture.'

The property is also home to remnant rainforest types, river oak forests and threatened native plant species, the square raspwort and warty ziera, found only on the South Coast. Expanding the national park will also increase habitat for the spotted-tail quoll, long-nosed potoroo, yellow-bellied glider and glossy-black cockatoo, all listed as threatened species. A second, separate parcel of land at Dignams Creek contains important habitat that may help support a small population of koalas that persists in the area has also been added to Gulaga National Park.

The Bellbrook Farm loop walk is a good introduction to this addition to Gulaga National Park and can be accessed through the carpark above The Drom.

## Ellen's revival

It seems like there is a bit of a shuffle happening in Central Tilba at the moment – in a good way, however. We are all thrilled that Rebecca, once of the Tilba Teapot, has opened Ellen's at Tilba, in what was previously Eumun Tea. Ellen's is a segue from Ellen's Pantry that operated a few years ago where Sweetwater is now. Opened in late May, Ellen's offers a quality café menu that pleases locals and visitors alike.

Rebecca sends a big thank you to the Tilba community for all their help and support over the past few weeks. Do drop in for a morning coffee or an enticing

lunch. Rebecca is looking forward to welcoming you.

## The Collective @ Tilba

The General Store at Central Tilba is opening up its space as a community hub. Nicole Jones invites the community to come and visit and suggests some possible uses:

- coffee shop featuring play space for your littlest loves to enjoy
- creators' and makers' collaborative shop space;
- space available for mums' groups, creative classes and/or meetings.

Mummas, families, makers, creators and small businesses all wrapped up in one very beautiful historic building in Central Tilba.

To join The Collective at Tilba at 2 Bate Street, Central Tilba, contact us on Instagram – [thecollective@tilba](https://www.instagram.com/thecollective@tilba) or [littlehipsterkitchenenquiries](https://www.instagram.com/littlehipsterkitchenenquiries).


## Farewell

Our popular Post Office person, Mandi, has resigned. In accepting her resignation, Claire said, 'We are really going to miss her effervescence as well as her love for the job and all the customers. She never failed to bring a smile and has been a huge part of everything we have done in the last two plus years. But right now, the most important thing she can do is spend some time focussing on her own health and wellbeing, so we have had to agree to let her go and do just that.'

We join with Claire and John in wishing Mandi all the best.



Ellen's at Tilba



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# Community dance in Tilba

We're having a community dance in Central Tilba to raise funds for our Halls and to bring the community together for winter. Three bands will play: Punkalla Holler, the Shannanigans and what we fondly call The Good Ol' Tilba Blues Band. You can also learn to line dance with Carrie and Chrissy too. The School of Arts Trust will provide delicious food at \$10/head. There'll be lots of raffles and prizes to be won. When: 7pm 'til late on Saturday, 15 June. Where: Central Tilba 'Big' Hall. How much: \$15 per head; kids under 16 free! Note: it's a cash at the door event.

For more information about the activities phone Muz on 0414 599 250

## Tilba CWA - *la belle vie!*

As the year turns from autumn to winter, two enjoyable community events have been presented by CWA Tilba branch. CWA supports health and wellbeing for rural communities and what better ways than enjoying each other's company with walking in lovely countryside or enjoying a heart-moving movie together?

Back in late April, Zoe Burke, Tilba's CWA Cultural Officer, hosted our annual Women Walk the World event, a fundraiser for the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). ACWW has been empowering rural women worldwide since 1929 and this special event unites ACWW sisters globally while raising awareness and funds for the organisation's crucial work. A delightful morning of walk and talk and then morning tea was enjoyed at Henkley Farm.

Most recently a luscious and happy community night of *bonhomie* was held, when an audience of 130 people enjoyed

our CWA French film fundraiser night on 16 May at Narooma Kinema. Our International Officer, Virginia York, organised this to coincide with the CWA international country of study, which in 2024 is France. The ladies of the branch cooked French offerings, including apple *tarte tatin*, *madeleines*, *pâté*, *vol au vents* and cheesy *gougères*, that were served with French wine and bubbles to an almost capacity crowd.

A raffle was drawn before the movie by our President, Annette Kennewell, and the winner was Deb Parker. This added to our fundraising via ticket sales, with the prize being a delectable Breton cake by Patricia of La Galette fame and a bottle of French bubbles! Our thanks to Jade at The Kinema for being so easy and helpful to deal with, and to all the ladies who assisted with food and serving on the night.

A warm buzz of pleasure from a lovely night, focused on artful creation, good food, love and devotion – CWA territory indeed!

Virginia York  
International and Publicity Officer  
CWA Tilba branch



Zoe Burke leading the walk with Jo Lewis, outside Sweetwater, the gathering place for the ACWW walk to Henkley Farm



Bon vivant CWA helpers at the end of the French movie fundraising night – Virginia York, Eva Mosler, Glendamai Morgan, Helene Sharpe and Susanne Robertson

### Vale Aunty Lorraine Naylor

Sadly, on the 30 April, Wallaga Lake Elder Aunty Lorraine Naylor began her journey to the Dreamtime. Aunty Lorraine was born on 25 October 1952 at Bega NSW to Cynthia Merle Kelly and Frances Kelly and passed in Bega after a long illness.

She was a wonderful woman who left a strong impression on her family, friends and community, and spent all her childhood living in the Wallaga Lake Community. She went to school in the village to Year 4, then went off to school at Bermagui Primary and then High School in Narooma.

In her early twenties she met Eric Naylor, and they were married for 45 years.

Lorraine loved to garden, loved fishing around Bermi and being active in the community. She was always working to make things better for her community. She was a member of the Gulaga/Biamanga and Katungal Boards of Management and Merriman's Local



Aunty Lorraine Naylor

Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

Merriman's LALC opened Umbarra Cultural Centre in 1993-94. It was here that members of the wider local non-Indigenous community and others visited to

learn and understand the history and stories of the Yuin Nation and Aboriginal culture. It was through her dedicated work at Umbarra that many of us came to know and deeply respect Aunty Lorraine (including those in Friends of Umbarra) as a quietly determined Aboriginal Elder steadfast in her dedication to her culture and community.

Lorraine was grateful to South East Regional doctors and nurses; the Bega Oncology Section, Narooma Community Health Centre and Eurobodalla Palliative Care team for their caring support as well as the assistance of Uniting, Red Cross and Katungul.

Deepest sympathy to Eric, Lee, Tara and young Eric and to Lorraine's siblings and their families.

Lorraine will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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### Landcare group helps with cost-of-living relief

My phone rang a few weeks ago and I saw a familiar name flash up – Dr Jim Chalmers, Federal Treasurer.

'Stubbo! It's Jimbo (we are close). How is Tilba Environmental Landcarers going?'

'Good, Jimbo. We have just ticked

over 360 hours of volunteer work undertaking bushcare and weed removal work in the strip of Eurobodalla National Park at Corunna Point. Remember the one – where the old velodrome is?'

'Yep, love that spot. Good on TEL for getting it sorted. Now listen, we have

the Federal Budget coming up and Albo wondered if you can assist with any cost-of-living relief?'

'Leave it with me, Jimbo, and say hi to Albo for me ...'

So, after our last bushcare morning in late April, as we relaxed on the lovely back deck at Craig and Jo Junor's place, sipping on coffee and munching on home-made slices and cake, we held our AGM and talked about all the great work that we have been doing at Corunna Point, on the Tilba Biosphere Feasibility Project and advocating for the local environment on various fronts.

And we agreed that for 2024 we will waive our usual \$20 membership fee for existing and new members.

So, if you are interested in joining us on one morning each month for some easy and satisfying outdoors work, where you will learn some new things and meet some fun people, or just supporting the other things in which TEL gets involved, all for free, please contact me, as all are very welcome to join us.

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### Tilba Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country Carnival is a day when Quaama Public and Central Tilba Public schools come together at Tilba Tilba oval to race. This event was held on the last day of Term 1 and was a great way to end a very busy term. When we first got to the oval, we had our fruit break and set up the gazebo. This year Mr Kaydos-Nitis walked the track with us and explained how there is an extra section to run for the senior students.

The first race was for eight-year old girls with Byron, Willow and Pippy. Congratulations to Pippy who came in first, Byron who came in second and to Willow who gave it her best shot. The Kindergarten races were the most exciting because it was their first time and we could tell by their little faces how excited they were. Up first were the Kinder girls and it was amazing how fast they ran. Then it was the Kinder boys' turn.

The Tilba P&C had a scrumptious canteen for the kids and parents. It was so delicious and even included icy poles for when we finished our races. It was a very hot day. We were all tired and puffed out by the end of it, but all our friends and family were proud of how we went.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially the Kindergarten students who ran their little hearts out. Students in Years 3 to 6 who came first, second and third will go on to the District Cross Country Carnival in Bawley Point on Friday 17 May. Best of



Central Tilba School students

luck to everyone who attends. Our school's swim team were at the State Swimming Championships on the day of our Cross Country Carnival but will be given the opportunity to race at the District Carnival instead.

*Evie Jay and Athena*

### The annual Far South Coast Woodwork Exhibition and sale days

The June long weekend is fast approaching and no doubt there will be a lot of visitors to the Far South Coast region to take in our beautiful countryside and relax with friends and family. If you are looking for something to entertain them or want to take a leisurely drive just by yourself, look no further than Central Tilba! It's got the lot – pub grub, fashion, boutiques, leather and home giftware – and, the best of the lot, the annual Woodwork Exhibition and sales show.

The show features works from the two major woodworking groups in the area and members take pleasure from entering their finely crafted woodwork items, some of which are for sale. There are also sales tables featuring many attractive items, including serving platters, jewellery boxes, timber toys, pens etc. etc. So much to choose from and all at very reasonable prices.

Another main attraction at the show is the Dalmeny Quilters that is made up of highly respected artisans who also have some of their items for sale.

Entry to the show is just \$2 per adult and children under 16 are free. You each get to vote for your favourite entry in the Exhibition and have the chance to buy raffle tickets to win some great prizes, e.g. Jumbuck BBQ valued at approximately \$600, donated by Bunnings.

So, put the date in your diary – Saturday 8 June from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, and Sunday 9 June from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

We look forward to meeting you there.

*Chris Birks  
Tilba Woodwork show committee*

### Halls Report

The Steering Committee for our Hall's project has applied to the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF) for increased funds in order to complete the build. The fire protection, health and safety, and accessibility requirements necessary to ensure the building complies with Australian standards and increases in the price of materials and professional fees have made the project much more expensive than we first envisaged.

The original grant money has enabled the committee to obtain a Construction Certificate and commence some of the work but considerable additional funds are needed to see the project to completion. A decision regarding our increased funding will hopefully be communicated to the committee in the very near future. The committee and the community will all be hoping for that decision to be in our favour.

The Collectibles, Trash and Treasure markets will be operating over the winter months as usual on the second Sunday of the month from 9.00 am till 1.00 pm. It's a great opportunity to clear out unwanted items and recycle them. Stalls are always available every month with stall fees going to the halls. We have had some very generous donations that will also go directly to the halls. Just come along on the day or contact Janine on 0400 992 246 for a stall.

Eurobodalla Shire Council has donated timber from the Tilba Tilba bridge to the halls to sell. This has proved a challenge due to the difficult access and the sheer size of some of the timbers. Some of the timbers could be used for landscaping but much of it is good for firewood. We are offering locals the opportunity to come with a 6 x 4 trailer and chainsaw and load up for a \$100 donation to the halls. Please contact Janine 0400 992 246 for further details.

*Janine Halasz*

With the recent cold snap, it is evident that winter has arrived, though we are fortunate on the coast that the sun still shines most days and, apparently, the sea temperature still makes a swim possible for those who choose.

So what's been happening around Bermagui?

Costa made another visit to our region spreading the word to young and old about the benefits and joys of growing our own food.

The whole community is doing a wonderful job getting behind the FUNdraising to help the CWA complete two more units for those who need them the most. Still time to do your bit. Life goes on despite the Wallaga Lake Bridge works and people are accepting the necessary disruptions.

## Exciting news for Bermagui Preschool

The team at Bermagui Preschool is very excited about the announcement that the new budget includes wage increases for early childhood educators, recognising the value of early educators and teachers to Australia's children, families and communities.

As a long-term member of Community Early Learning Australia (CELA), Bermagui Preschool, led by Director/Teacher, Narelle Myers, has been deeply involved in the bargaining processes that have culminated in this announcement.

This will be a game changer for services that have struggled for years with workforce shortages, including Bermagui Preschool.

This announcement is a personal career highlight for Narelle. 'I literally cried tears of joy at the official celebration ... This is the moment that I have been working so hard towards on behalf of Bermagui Preschool, but also for other early education services across NSW. It's clear that we've been heard.'

'A big thank you to the Government, CELA and the other peak organisations for their work and support for this fantastic outcome. It will mean more access to early education for families by reducing critical staff shortages. We hope to open new places because we can attract and keep qualified educators and teachers by offering professional wages.'

Narelle Myers

We've had the 'big' Budget and now it's time for the Bega Shire budget. If you are keen you can review the 250 page document and see what's in store for the region.

There's still plenty to see and do ... Shop7 is thriving and is always a good place to view local art, Four Winds and the Murrah Hall have live theatre and music on offer.

Rug up, take a walk and enjoy what nature has on offer, there's plenty to see. The migratory birds have returned to the warmer climes of Siberia! But there's plenty of other bird life to observe. Soon the whales will be making their return to the south and providing us with their spectacles and antics.

Enjoy the winter.



Bermagui Preschool children, parents, educators and teachers happy with the budget announcement

## Bermagui Museum

Bermagui Museum has suffered another setback. Greg Lissaman who has been working as Museum Advisor for the Bega Shire is taking up a position in Canberra. Greg has been a great asset to the Historical Societies across the Bega Valley with his enthusiasm and knowledge of taking museums and historical organisations into the future, ensuring that valuable assets are protected.

Bermagui Museum needs you ...

The museum is open only on a Tuesday, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and we are still calling out for volunteers to help with cataloguing, entering information into E-Hive, assisting with updating policies and opening the Museum.

The museum is an invaluable resource and must be preserved.

Georgina Adamson

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May 12 is widely recognised as Mother's Day, but it also has a significant meaning for cold water swimmers in



the Bermagui area. It is the official first day of the winter swimming season for the Bermagui Blue Balls.



At a balmy 19.4 degrees it was not too hard to enjoy the water followed by 'anything blue' food and drink. The temperature will drop though, and the season concludes on Father's Day, September 1, 15 weeks away. So, Sundays 9.00 am, Horseshoe Bay, Bermagui is the place to be if you want to join the fun.



## Moodji Garden and Costa

Costa Georgiadis from ABC's *Gardening Australia* is the patron of our Moodji Garden. Each year he visits us to check in on our wonderful Moodji Garden and spend time with our children in the patch, teaching us about gardening,



Costa, kids and photographer

sustainability and the importance of learning to love and nurture our natural environments and planet.

On 9 May this year, Costa was joined by Georgie Kite from Frame and Brush, a talented local artist and Bermi Preschool parent. Following Georgie's artistic direction, the children worked to create a beautiful mandala from the freshly-picked produce from the Moodji Farm, that was washed and used in our Moodji Futures Dinner fundraiser the following night. Marigolds, purple popcorn, banana leaves, pods and other produce were harvested and then carefully arranged to create an amazing living artwork. It was a perfect photo opportunity for Costa and the children to celebrate all things Moodji!

Following this, handprints big and small were pressed to frame our new Moodji sign. A big thankyou to Costa, Georgie and, of course, Moodji Project Manager Dan Bakker for spending the day with us to create such a beautiful art project.

*Narelle Myer*

*Bermagui Preschool Director*



Costa helping with handprints



The new Moodji sign complete with lots of handprints.

## Week 3 at Bermagui Public School

It's the start of Term 2! For some kids at our school the term started on Thursday 25 May at the Anzac Day march. Our school had a small section in the march led by Eddie (our prime minister), Anna Sofia (our deputy prime minister) and a few of our teachers including Mrs Osgood and Mr Constable. About fifteen students came along and a few ex-students who now go to Narooma High School also attended.

Recently we had a very exciting excursion for Stage 2. Years 3 and 4 went on their annual school camp to Kianinny. For Year 3 it was their first school camp, however Year 4 went there last year. At Kianinny they did a lot of fun activities, but I think anyone who has been there can agree that the flying fox is the best.

Coming up we have four Bournda excursions for students with outstanding behaviour. There are two excursions for each Stage, with only Years 3-6 participating. Each excursion will have four students attending.

Kindergarten is going on their first 'big' school excursion on Friday 17 May to Tilba Dairy. They are going as part of their science unit, 'Paddock to Plate', where they are learning about how some people eat animals.



Bermagui PS participants in the District Cross-country competition held at Wolumla

We have more sport than usual coming up right now! In Week 4, Stage 3 has three Primary School Sport Association (PSSA) sports days. Soccer is on Tuesday 21 May led by Mrs Early and girls netball is on Wednesday 22 May led by Miss Carmichael. On Thursday 23



Anzac Day march, 2024

May, we had AFL led by Mrs Manning. And, finally, we had one PSSA sport for eight-year olds and above the week before – we had lots of our best runners attending the District Cross-country in Wolumla!

*Billie Matters*

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS JUNE

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9 Admiral, 10 Roswell, 11 Isaac, 12 Bob Windle, 13 In transit, 15 Talks, 17 Resurrection Men, 20 Treks, 22 Pesticide, 24 Persuaded, 26 Navel, 27 Caribou, 28 Sneak in.

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### Enchanted Gardening: Children join Beauty Point Bushcare for planting

Children and adults alike were captivated by a special gardening session run by Beauty Point Bushcare on 25 April. The group, led by Rebecca Rudd and Alison Fladun, ensured it was thoroughly enjoyable for everyone.

Children aged from two to ten busied themselves for the first hour or so planting natives, putting protective plastic cages around them and watering them in.

Most of the children were from Beauty Point or Wallaga Lake Heights but Marlow had come from Yowrie to join in a second time. First-timers six-year-old Aella and nine-year-old Edie worked together. Between them they planted a dozen native raspberries, carefully hammering in the bamboo stakes to hold the protective cages in place. It was the third time for six-year-old Lily. 'I like that you do planting and learn about nature,' Lily said.

The learning continued when Georgina Adamson started Kamishibai. It is a form of Japanese storytelling using pictures. The children were hooked instantly.

Georgina told a story about three children visiting their grandmother at Wallaga Lake. She surreptitiously taught the children how people can protect the lake's edge by planting vegetation. The children were absolutely engaged, putting up their hands to answer the questions posed by Georgina and to ask her questions.

The second story was about animals living in the bush. 'Super-heroes like you've never seen before,' Georgina told the wide-eyed children. Adults watching on commented how attentive the children were, hanging onto Georgina's every word.

Next was a game of Nature Walk Bingo where kids marked off each insect and plant on their sheet of paper as they spotted it.

The group put on a huge spread that the hungry and thirsty children relished, as did the adults. The plants and catering were funded by a grant from Bega Valley Shire Council.

*Marion Williams*



Aella and Edie worked together at the planting session



Children were spellbound by Georgina Adamson's storytelling



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## Huge progress for Bermagui CWA seniors' housing project

The walls are up and the roof is in place. Bermagui and District CWA Branch Treasurer Cath Renwick said Get Smart builders have not missed a day on site and the branch is now just \$18,000 away from its \$100,000 FUNdraising target.

'The front cover article in April's *The Triangle* and those thermometer signs going up around town caught people's imaginations,' Ms Renwick said. The branch is immensely grateful for the community's support of this worthy project that has been twenty years in the making.

The list of potential tenants for the two units is growing. 'Tenants will be selected based on their need,' she said. 'The people here are pensioners with very few assets.'

Around forty-percent of the units' rent pays for rates and upkeep. The balance '... we have been squirreling away for years. Eventually we realised we could build these and we had the possibility of \$200,000 from the NSW Government Local Small Commitments Allocation program'.

There is enough money to complete the build, but funds are needed to complete the driveway, paths, fencing and carports to replace the four garages that were

demolished to make room for the two new units.

So, the last FUNdraising push is underway. People can help by contributing through the Bermagui CWA website, you can fund a fitting or attend the Grand High Tea and Art Auction on 8 June.

The auction features work by local artists and pieces that have been donated. That includes *Snowmobiles*, a triptych by Renee So who was born in Hong Kong, emerged as an artist in Australia and now lives in London. Ms Renwick said the work is valued at more than \$15,000.

Help Bermagui CWA to complete the job through the QR code below!

Marion Williams



Bermagui CWA tenant, Nieves Cridland, with her succulents.



Bermagui CWA tenants enjoying a chat in the late afternoon sun.

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## Bermagui sawmill's 1927 motor restored

A 1927 Crossley engine that cut timber to repair the Wallaga Lake, Cuttagee, Murrah, Tanja and Wapengo bridges as well as supplying timber used in the Sydney Opera House has been restored. It is one of only four of its kind in the world in working order. The Bega and District Historical Machinery Club took almost ten years to restore it.

Second-generation Bermagui resident and the president of the Bermagui Historical society for 18 years, Errol Masterson, knows the motor and its history well. He

started at Bermagui's Clyde Sawmill in 1961, aged 17, and used the machine for 18 years as he worked his way up to manager. He was the last to start the motor (with compressed air) to show it still worked when it was sold at auction.

The English-built, twin-cylinder engine was first used in Junee to power its flour mill and the town's electricity supply. The 160-horsepower, 18-ton engine burned 100 gallons of diesel oil per 40-hour week and had only two major overhauls in its lifetime.

It started working in Bermagui on Armistice Day, 1945, replacing a smaller steam engine. It cut spotted gum from Tanja and Bermagui State Forests and specialised in big timber for big jobs. 'The largest piece of timber I put across the saw bench was twelve inches by eighteen inches by 54 feet long for the keel of a Sydney ferry,' Mr Masterson said. The engine was in service until 22 October 1977 when a fire partially destroyed the sawmill.

The sawmill and its contents were auctioned in March 1979. The Crossley



The restored 1927 Crossley engine

lay derelict until the Walker family donated it to the machinery club in 2014. Mr Masterson felt honoured to be invited to February's official launch of the engine and congratulated the club '... for restoring a part of the timber industry's history'.

Marion Williams



Second-generation Bermagui resident Errol Masterson who worked with the 1927 Crossley motor for 18 years at the Clyde Sawmill

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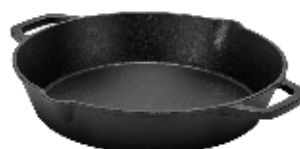
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## Ukelele mania hits Bermagui!

The atmosphere was electric at the Bermagui Country Club in late April when more than 120 ukulele enthusiasts gathered for the inaugural Bermagui Uke Muster.

Event organisers – Lori Hammerton, Carolyne Banados and Joan Bradley – were more than happy with the success of the Muster. ‘The event went way beyond our expectations, as six months of hard work finally came to fruition.’

Unlike some of the very large ukulele festivals, a conscious decision was made to keep our Muster small and intimate. It was all about ukulele enthusiasts gathering to listen to some great music, make new friendships and connections, and have a great time – as well as showing what a great place Bermagui is!

The event started with a Meet and Greet afternoon tea on the first day. Saturday was a really big day as the auditorium at the Bermagui Country Club filled to capacity. Seven individual groups/bands came from as far away as the Central Coast, Balmain, Tuggeranong and there were local ukulele groups from Eden and Merimbula. Of course, Bermagui’s own Ukalips were featured on the program.

The Muster showcased the ukulele as a very versatile instrument, with groups playing jazz, blues, country, hits of the ‘60s and ‘70s and, of course, good old rock and roll.

The Muster dinner was a real treat, with 86 people enjoying one of the best roast dinners ever. Big congratulations to the Bermagui Country Club who provided the dinner and went out



Something a little different – strum along under the gum trees at Montreal Goldfield, Bermagui Uke Muster 2024

of their way to make the weekend a success.

The real fun began after dinner with the TUGs (Tuggeranong Ukulele Group) performing some of the best rock ‘n’ roll music, all dressed up in their 1950s gear. Their special rendition of the *Time Warp* had the audience up and dancing.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear as the event moved to the beautiful forest of Montreal Goldfield for a strum-along under the gum trees. What a joy to hear the sounds of ukulele reverberating through the beautiful forest of Montreal.

Even though the event was held more than a month ago, organisers are still receiving positive feedback with comments such as ‘Of all the festivals I have been to, this has been the best’ (Kari, Balmain) and ‘The wonderful sleepy town came alive to the sound of ukuleles. What was lovely were the people – so warm and friendly. The local group blew my mind with their enthusiasm and the weather was perfect. We can’t wait for the next one.’ (Joanne, Balmain).

And will there be a Muster in 2025? You bet there will!

The Bermagui Ukalips meet every Thursday for practice. If you are interested in learning the ukulele, or are already a musician, you are more than welcome to join our group. New players can receive individual tuition until confident to join the group. For more information please call Lori Hammerton on 0459 027 308.

*Carolyne Banados*



Part of the audience enjoying a strum along at the Bermagui Uke Muster, 2024

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## Bermagui and District CWA

Bermagui CWA is abuzz with preparations for our 'Grand High Tea and Art Auction' – a finale to our massive drive to raise \$100,000 by the end of June. We are delighted to announce that we have reached \$82,000 and wish to thank everyone from our wonderful community who has embraced our cause. It is not too late to purchase your tickets at [BermaguiCWA.com](http://BermaguiCWA.com). The function is to be held in the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm on Saturday 8 June.

We are excited to see that the art for auction is now also on the website. Please take time to enjoy looking at the beautiful classic and contemporary offerings from dedicated locals and interstate friends. All works will be auctioned at the Grand High Tea, but some are also available for online bidding.

Our May evening meeting was followed by an informative presentation by guest speakers Michael Rozdall and Abbey Lambie from Clarke Law. Ladies appreciated an update covering the importance of Power of Attorney, Enduring Guardian, Wills and Estates. Michael and Abbey also discussed Advanced Directives and Living Wills and answered many questions. The presentation was followed by a very tasty and varied pot-luck dinner.

Our next meeting will be held in the Corunna Street rooms at 1.00 pm on Friday 7 June. Please feel welcome to come along, meet the ladies, make new friends and get involved in your local community.

*Chris Richard-Preston  
Publicity Officer*

## Budget, Budget, Budget!

### *An extract from the Bermagui Community Forum update*

Council has recently released its Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25, Delivery Program 2022-25, Draft Fees and Charges 2024-25, Draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2024-33 and June 2024 update of the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2022-25.

These documents run to about 250 pages and are open for community comment until Wednesday 5 June on the Council website.

Council's CEO, Anthony McMahon,

said Councillors will decide on final budget allocations for the 2024-25 financial year in June, after the public exhibition ends on 5 June.

Mr McMahon writes, 'We manage assets valued at more than \$1.9 billion and our road network alone is 1,500 kms long. It's important to maintain our assets and spend wisely now or we risk further deterioration costing us much more in the long term.'

The Bega Valley Shire is the largest

local government area in coastal NSW, but with a small dispersed population of around 35,000.

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*The Bermagui Community Forum*

## Anzac Day services in Bermagui



Laying a wreath at the memorial



Horses led the march

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## Moodji Farm

In just five years, Moodji Farm has become a strong focal point in Bermagui for learning, sharing and working with the community. Moodji Farm coordinator Dan Bakker of Eat Dirt Permaculture has been instrumental in the site development, workshops and event coordination.

One of their annual events is a long table dinner to celebrate local food with guest speakers focussing on community resilience, 'circularity' and envisioning a prosperous future. This year's dinner at Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club was also a fundraiser for the Bermagui Preschool's Urban and Indigenous Agriculture Project.

The panel consisted of Costa Georgiadis of ABC's *Gardening Australia* and patron of Moodji Garden, Karen Charlton, Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Wollongong and Carlin Stanford, acting director for the Illawarra and South-East Region of

Disaster Recovery NSW. The chair was former ABC South-East presenter, Sophie Longden. Each panellist presented their views on how we can help to build a prosperous future for our region as well as answering questions from the floor. Costa, as always, was very positive and enthusiastic about the various ways we can think about our urban environment.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Moodji dinner without Kelly Eastwood of Eastwood's Bermagui delighting everyone with a three-course menu featuring local produce. Starting with pork and pumpkin patties, then a main of a crowd-pleasing paella – vegetarian or meat, plus a Moodji Farm salad decorated with edible flowers and looking too good to eat. For dessert, pumpkin featured again in a type of cheesecake. Guitarama provided pre-dinner mood music and the Moodjiteers were instrumental in helping the event



Carlin Stanford, Karen Charlton, Costa Georgiadis and Sophie Longden at the Moodji Future's Dinner

run smoothly by setting up the venue, decorating the space with beautiful flowers, waiting on tables and cleaning up.

Congratulations Moodji Farm for another timely event to talk about where our community is positioned and where it might be in another five years from now.

Deb Worgan

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## Third anniversary of O'Shen – healing haven

The third Anniversary of O'Shen is coming up in July and what a business to be proud of. The excellent renovation and design of this 'Healing Haven' based in Bermagui near the river, ticks all the boxes. Sunda and Dietmar have created an escape from this busy world where anyone who cannot move freely can come for treatment and relief from their aches and pains in a quiet and beautiful surround. The eleven practitioners who work here offer a variety of massages, osteopathy and lymphatic drainage.

Before or after your massage you can take advantage of the infrared sauna and the float tank – bookings can be made for either of these treatments and even book for a private session of two hours

for two or three people so that you have the whole area and the shower for your use. Long bookings are only available from Wednesday to Sunday and need to be confirmed by phone.

Bookings can be made ahead for any treatments and it is advisable to arrive early enough to relax and get ready before your treatment so that you can enjoy the whole experience. As an older person, I can attest to the fact that any of the treatments offered at O'Shen will add to your well being and enjoyment of life – as your mobility increases as does your general fitness.

There are some wonderful products on offer which the practitioners can use on a daily basis as many of them are made and sourced locally. The Heat packs, local oils and rubs are made locally and I recommend the wonderful Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) that allows you to float effortlessly at home as well as in the float tank at O'Shen. Take a bag home with you, you will not regret it. The many wellness products have all been tested and tried by the practitioners as well as the local users.

*Rosemary Millard*

## Winter Children's Market

Escape the cold with the Bermagui Growers and Makers Market (BGMM) Winter Children's Market!

Come inside the Bermagui Country Club Auditorium on 11 July to find a handful of your favourite BGMM stallholders, accompanying a range of stalls run by local children.

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Local kids will be busily making hand-crafted items and baked goods to sell at their stalls while we bigger folks will bring some of your old favourites.

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Hello winter! What stunning days we've had. Our first cold morning (not quite a frost) came on 19 May, a reminder of what's coming.

That afternoon the sun again shone and a healthy crowd showed up to the Getting to know Quaama get-together event at the hall. Kids and their minders were back and forth between the hall and the park and the vibe was warm and friendly. Young and old gathered to schmooze over a grazing table and to discuss what events and community happenings they'd like to see come to our hall in the coming months. I'm sure some good ideas were put forward which we hope will become more get-togethers in the future.



Quaama residents gathered to plan for the future at the hall



The grazing table included a wonderful array of sweets at the Getting to know Quaama afternoon last month

Quaama Public School continues to be a calm and peaceful place for students to learn and play. The school is excited about the progress students are making with their learning across all subjects. Students continue to enjoy their weekly Japanese lesson with Mayumi. Teachers are focused on students improving their handwriting skills to help them become more efficient writers. Quaama Public School takes a lot of pride in their wonderfully resourced library. Students can borrow from a new range of books and they enjoy sharing them during their library lessons each week.

We are excited about the future of Quaama Public School with a growing enrolment this year.



Quaama School kids enjoy learning Japanese with Mayumi



Quaama kids practice their handwriting skills

## Grab a bag of kindling!

Ensure your fire starts quickly and effortlessly by buying a bag of kindling made from recycled pine shipping pallets. Pop into the Quaama Men's Shed on Wednesday morning between 10am and 12.30pm to buy a bag or two. While you're there, grab a cuppa and have a tour of the Shed.

Large bags of kindling can be purchased on Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12.30pm from the Quaama Men's Shed, 20 Bermagui Street, Quaama or 7 days per week from the Quaama General Store. Bags are \$15 each.



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I have just returned from a much-enjoyed holiday up through the Red Centre on the Ghan Train whilst touring Adelaide, Alice Springs and Darwin on the way. What an amazing trip and I highly recommend it. I am certainly noticing the cold that has settled around the valley but the stunning green paddocks are a sight for sore eyes. Dairy farmers are now bracing themselves not just for the cold winter months ahead but also to manage the predicted reductions that are forecast for farm gate milk prices – a challenge that will affect all concerned.

Exciting to see the Wandella Hall build is making some progress, it's certainly starting to take shape and looks to be a very impressive structure. The official opening is still a way off and, sadly, we had to cancel our Anzac Day activities but the committee remains positive that many future celebrations will be held in the hall.

The autumn through winter months are often the quieter times but Cobargo is humming along as the RSL hall renovations are really taking shape. The Bushfire Resilience Centre build is underway and the rest of the Mainstreet rebuild is due to commence any tick of the clock. It is a

wonderful sight to see.

The Cobargo Show Committee is busy planning the Show's 125th birthday celebration on 22 June at the Cobargo Showground. The Main Pavilion is an apt venue to celebrate 125 years of this great event with the very popular band The Poddy Dodgers playing to create a fun party night. There will be a small fee for tickets, and everyone is welcome. Call June Tarlinton on 0400 350 814 for more details.

The Cobargo Showground function room is home to the group the Showground Stitchers. A warm, friendly group that welcomes anyone who would like to attend on Mondays running from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. You can attend for half day or a full day at a cost of \$5 or \$10 respectively. If you enjoy hand or machine sewing, knitting, crocheting, tapestry or crossstitch or any form of needlework, you're most welcome. Call Robyn Allen 0428 937 351 or Karen Martin 0415 229 689 for details.

Wishing all those around who are battling their way through some form of illness a speedy recovery.

## Lest we forget



May Blacka and Ruby Kelly, Captain of Cobargo Public School, with the Anzac Day wreath that was laid at the Cobargo RSL Memorial.

Fifty-four years ago, Mrs Frank Salway asked me if I would do the RSL wreath as she was not well. Mrs Salway had been doing them for a long time.

From then on, it started. Quaama, Bermagui, Tilba and Cobargo, all asked me to do their wreaths for the Red Cross, CWA, schools and many others. There were as many as 36 one Anzac Day. The one shown in the photo is the last I am going to do.

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May Blacka

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The celebrations will begin with a morning tea at 9.30 am in the church hall, where you can view a display of information and artifacts of the history of the parish. At 10.00 am, Bishop Mark Short, the bishop of our Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, will lead a service of thanksgiving, following which he will plant a new tree in the surrounds of the centenary labyrinth to represent a decade of fellowship at Christ Church. This will be the first of ten trees, each representing a decade of the church's century in Cobargo.

There will also be an unveiling of a plaque at the tree donated by Steve and Elly Williams to provide future shade for those enjoying the peace and reflection of the labyrinth, before those attending head off to the Cobargo pub for lunch.



Aerial photograph of the labyrinth and Christ Church in Cobargo

Whether you are a regular attendee at our services or are curious to know more about the church building, our fellowship and our history, you are welcome to join in the celebrations.

If you wish to join us for lunch, please contact the Parish Administrator, Vanessa Williams, on 0408 177 131 or email [cobargoanglican@bigpond.com](mailto:cobargoanglican@bigpond.com).

Alan Burdon



## Cobargo Community Capers – a roaring success!

Cobargo Community Capers certainly lived up to its name at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall on Sat 11 May! It was an open invitation to the community to celebrate the Hall.

Despite the wet conditions, the Community Capers kicked off with a kids' party from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm with Mathew, aka Basketboy, as the ringmaster. Face painting, juggling, unicycle riding and magic acts kept the kids enthralled and, judging by the chatter, very excited! It also allowed the parents to catch up with friends and to take the weight off their feet. The party was catered by Cobargo Primary School P&C's with a fabulous kids' party food and drinks table.

Bridging the time between the kids' party and the dinner service were performances by Tinkabell (12), vocals and guitar, and Angus Carpenter (19), vocals and keyboard. It was challenging, competing with the high sugar and excitement levels, but the performers gamely finished their sets to appreciative applause.

The event transitioned into a curry night extravaganza with a wide variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes cooked by the Cobargo School of Arts Hall Committee. With the meal completed, it was over to the dance floor with local musicians, the Shannanigans, putting the crowd through its paces with a combination of great songs and music. The party kicked on until 10.00 pm when we all retired exhausted but happy!

Was it worth it? From the Hall Committee's perspective, it was great –



Aerial girl, Kennedy Kelly  
Photo: Raelene Benny

despite the weather. From a community perspective the kids had a ball, the crowd was vocal, the food was eaten with gusto and much dancing took place!

Many thanks to the people who made it happen including the Council for funding such events for all the Shire Halls, the usual movers and shakers on the Hall committee, Raylene Benny, the Shannigans and all the other community members who gave their time.

However, the biggest thank you goes to the 120+ community members who enjoyed the food, magic, and mayhem. Cobargo at its best!

*Steve Williams*



Shannanigans rocked the night  
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Basketboy entertains the crowd  
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## Anzac Day 2024 Cobargo

A warm sunny day set the scene for Anzac Day celebrations in Cobargo.

As usual the march from the School of Arts to the Soldiers Memorial was led by the Lighthorse re-enactment group and the service was well attended by community and school groups, families and visitors. ADFA cadets provided the official component of the service.



Service at the memorial

With the Memorial Hall out of action due to construction, the Red Cross ladies catered with refreshment and Anzac bikkies on the lawns. We look forward to using the newly-renovated hall in associated services in the future.

*Bev Holland*

*Member, Cobargo Sub-branch RSL*



Main Street march

## CWA Cobargo news

The CWA is advocating to the Federal Government for assistance to women involved in domestic violence (DV), following an overwhelming vote in support at the State Conference in Coffs Harbour this month. The key element is to push for bail reform. The two representatives from Cobargo, Cassie Cole and Lynn Lawson, reported back to our meeting early in May. They also emphasised that the CWA of NSW is continuing in its support for low-cost accommodation for the homeless.

They reported on the success of a local Junior entry in the Cookery competition, when Meredith Cole from Bega won first place for her Simple Teacake. The Far South Coast Group was third in State for Handicraft, and Cassie Cole from our branch took third place in the top ten entries with her delightful work.

In recognition of the need for low-cost accommodation, we urge locals to show their support to the Bermagui Branch that is in the process of building low-cost accommodation units in addition to those they already have. You have probably seen the 'thermometer' as you enter Bermagui. Due to rising costs, they have a shortfall and are running various events to raise funds. Please watch for events coming up and help where possible.

On a personal note, I was surprised to receive a CWA long service badge for twenty years' service to Cobargo Branch, joining Lynne Jones who received her badge last month. How time flies! I joined the branch to make friends and contribute to the community. I certainly made heaps of friends and I am forever grateful I made that decision in 2004. I can highly recommend membership of this great group. We welcomed another new member from Quaama to our branch this month, Anne Chetwynd, a keen baker, and we look forward to her participation in



Lynn Lawson (L), Branch President, and Mary Williams, Publicity Officer

future competitions.

If you would like to join this happy group, our next meeting is at our rooms on the Cobargo- Bermagui Road on Tuesday 11 June at 10.30 am. You will be made most welcome!

*Mary Williams*



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Opening night, *In search of...* community exhibition. Photo by David Campbell.

Thanks to our local arts community, the May Shop7 Exhibition that responded to the theme 'In search of ...' included a wonderfully diverse collection of artworks created by more than thirty talented artists. Some of the inspired subjects were *In search of belonging*, *In search of adventure* and *In search of the angel with the vacuum cleaner*. There was a fabulous turnout at the opening, despite the absolutely torrential rain.

This month at Shop7 Art Space, you can enjoy an exhibition of art by the Shop7 collective that includes cards, paintings, drawings, photographs, prints, mixed media, textiles, jewellery, ceramics, sculpture, woodwork and knives. There are also Alex Bell's beautiful nature photos, exquisite glassworks by Mia Karlsson and woven natural pieces by Olivia Matthews.

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Lyndal Jenkins

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## A Plethora of Postcards is calling for entries

The *Plethora of Postcards* exhibition is returning this year to Spiral Gallery in Bega and everyone from novice to established artist can submit postcard-sized artworks for the exhibition.

A *Plethora of Postcards* goes back thirteen years and was the brainchild of Diny Stewart and Jenny Mein, both Spiral Members since 2005.

Diny had been working as the Community Arts officer, based at Gasworks Arts Park in South Melbourne and had seen a postcard show at Linden Gallery in St Kilda, while Jenny, as a former teacher was keen to promote a new idea for a community-based show to support and encourage teachers and students at local schools to enter small unique items in order to show off their special skills to family and friends in a mid-winter show at Spiral Gallery.

Since this humble beginning, the annual *Plethora of Postcards* has received many thousands of postcards, made of every possible material from a moss encrusted granite stone complete with message and stamp, to a half-eaten vegemite sandwich deeply embedded in resin.

No medium is rejected, the more obscure the better and, if the postcard is A6 sized (a quarter of a piece of photocopy paper), the entry will be accepted, hung, admired, discussed and possibly sold in this very popular show.

The *Plethora of Postcards* exhibition opens on 28 June, with artworks to be submitted by 14 June at the latest.

This year's special category is *At Home*. Postcard-sized artworks with any



Raechelle Kennedy (2018) Needle felted



Karen Sharpe (2019) *At home on the hill*

other theme can be entered in the General category. Entries can be two or three dimensional. Entry forms are available from Spiral Gallery, Church St, Bega, or can be downloaded from the Spiral Gallery website – type Spiral Gallery Bega into your search engine.

For questions, please contact the Spiral Postcard Team at [spiralpostcards@gmail.com](mailto:spiralpostcards@gmail.com).

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Also, this is a call-out to anyone wishing to enter this year's 8x8 exhibition at Cobargo Creators. The exhibition will run from 8 August until 9 September. Work will need to be received by 4 August, be no bigger than 8" x 8" (20 cm x 20 cm) and be ready to hang. There is a limit of three works per person. Entry is \$5 per piece and is free to members. Entry forms will be available in the next few weeks, so get those creative ideas whirring as late entries cannot be accepted. There is no theme for this exhibition, so we are looking forward to lots of variety.

*Beth Dogan  
Cobargo Creators*



Grab your knitting gear and come to Cobargo on World Wide Knit in Public Day

### Steampunk@Altitude



Triangle folk seen playing and dressing up at the *Steampunk@Altitude* festival in Nimmitabel on 5 May  
On the left, Janet Hastie and Will Hughes - On the right, Zoe Burke



## Abalone-ink workshop at Good Vibes

These abalone are not painted with watercolour (cue: shock and awe). They are imposters, and their artistic recipe – which I won't be guarding for much longer – is simpler, cheaper, easier and more travel-light. This won't be the first time I have unveiled the mystery of my abalone-shell technique; when I have shown friends the trick of it before, they have created shells every bit as lovely as mine, and that isn't just because my friends are all talented (but they are – shout out to you dazzling jazz-muffins).

Now, many of you will know me (Ness – art teacher, gregarious, colourful) as one of the Paint & Sip ladies around the valley. I have been running Topsy Frida's Paint & Sip for two and a half years now, teaming up with our local licensed venues to host your mums and aunties painting, with a little vino to banish their inner critics! This abalone-ink event, however, is different to my usual funky events. This is an artist workshop to teach you a special, meditative art technique I invented during the panini lockdown, and this one isn't about the sipping (sorry –although tea and coffee will be provided and you are encouraged to BYO snacks). This two-hour class will be held at Good Vibes Studio in Bermagui on Sunday 9 June, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. All art materials will be provided, and the workshop is suitable for all levels of skill and confidence. Message or call me on 0401 989 464 to book or look up @tipsyfrida on social media to find out about this event and others! Thanks and see you around!

*Ness Mercieca*



Abalone-ink example

## Unique

The Macquarie Dictionary Dictionary defines unique as having no like or equal, different from all others, remarkable, rare or unusual.

Unique is the theme for Lazy Lizard's Side Room June Exhibition by Steve and Helen Stafford.

Steve's unique pieces are those that have been especially created for exhibitions in the last four years as all others were destroyed in the 2019 fire. These pieces are turned and embellished with various mediums such as fibre, shellfish shell or hand carving. Other pieces are natural, wood-edged, free-form carvings.

Helen's unique items are those that will not be repeated because she changed the pattern slightly – intentionally or unintentionally. When there were too many rows to the pattern and it was difficult to keep track Helen vowed never to do it again and some stitches were stressful for arthritic fingers. Bloom by Bendigo Woollen Mills is no longer available so a few items using that wool have been included.

*Helen Stafford*



Unique works Photo: Steve Stafford

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## Winter in the Windsong Pavilion

The cooler months are the ideal time to surround yourself with familiar friends and immerse yourself in the rich tones of music inside Four Winds Windsong Pavilion. The pavilion was designed by local architect Clinton Murray and is a spectacular example of how arts spaces can bring the outside in so you feel truly part of the stunning Barragga Bay landscape as you listen.

Four Winds is now a place for year-round music, highlighted by their diverse Sunday afternoon concerts. Sundays were chosen with local audiences in mind, to be greeted with a beverage, enjoy a picnic on the grass in the afternoon sun, a warm indoor space to experience the program and plenty of time to drive home before dark. From classical to rock, jazz to hip hop, choirs to film screenings the winter program has it all! And, with their new more accessible pricing, it's easier to visit more often! All performances are \$45 General Admission, \$35 Concession and 16 years and under free.

Artists include renowned pianist Stefan Cassomenos on 2 June, *Follow the Rain* film screening on 29 June,

progressive-rock legend David Bridie (*Not Drowning, Waving* and *My Friend the Chocolate Cake*) on 30 June, talented flautist Ana de la Vega performing alongside pianist Grace Kim on 7 July, jazz-fusion trio Koi Kingdom on 21 July, *The Offering* a collaboration between hip-hop poet Omar Musa and cellist Mariel Roberts on 4 August, award-winning

Affinity Quartet performing Beethoven's iconic Opus 18 on 17 and 18 August and the sensational Sharon and Slava Grigoryan, cello and guitar, on 23 August. You can explore the full program and purchase tickets via the website – just type Four Winds Bermagui into your usual browser.

Madison Phillips



Join Four Winds for a diverse program of events across winter. Photo: Trevor Mein

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## Book Review

Wendy Tucker

### Women & Children

Tony Birch

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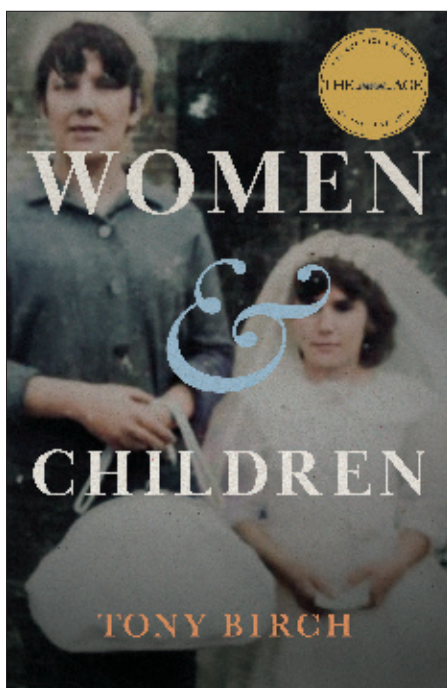
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Tony Birch is an author, activist and academic. This is his fourth novel. He is best known for his award-winning novel *The White Girl* and his short story collection *Dark as Last Night*.

*Women & Children* has just won the 2024 Age Book of the Year for Fiction and will probably win more awards. It is set in 1965 in a poor inner-city suburb of Melbourne. Our protagonist is Joe Cluny, 'a wide-eyed, eleven-year old boy in year six'. Joe is in constant trouble with the nuns at his Catholic school and often receives brutal punishments. Joe is also in fear of the Hell that is described in a daily ritual of terror by the nuns. This is countered by his loving family – his hardworking single mother, Marion, and his high-achieving, fearless sister, Ruby. Joe is especially close to his grandfather, Charley, a retired street sweeper, and now a 'collector of things that other people discard'.

Joe's innocence and belief that sin equals punishment are thrown into question at the arrival on his doorstep of his severely beaten Auntie Oona. 'Oona has done nothing wrong', insists his mother to Joe's questions.

The novel now takes us into the world of domestic violence and the secrecy that surrounds it. The brutality and danger



of Oona's situation now overshadows and threatens the whole family.

Birch's great skill lies in the simplicity and tenderness of his writing. He writes the scenes of violence with a knowing sensitivity and compassion. His characters are complex and very human.

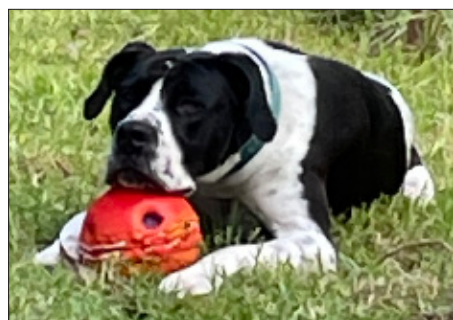
The Cluny family refuses to stay silent, as was the norm of the times, and takes the only way possible to help Oona escape.

This is a beautiful and honest novel that tells of the strength of family and the danger of silence.

## Pet of the month

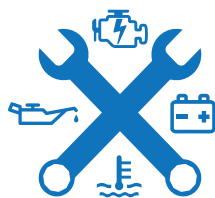
Hi, my name is Snoop and I am a playful Bull Mastiff x Boxer. I am still a bit of a big goofy pup but not in a destructive way. I am well behaved, and house trained and just want to hang with you – in fact lying around near you would be one of my favourite pastimes. I love people and get excited when you come back home. Unfortunately, I am not good with other animals including other dogs and cats. If you ask me to get my toy, I know exactly what you mean, because I really love them too – particularly those squeaky ones! I sit and wait on command for meals and treats and I am learning other things like 'Look' to focus on my human ... so you can have fun training me. I love a pat and gentle rubs ... oh my, how good are those?

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## Deciduous deliciousness

Winter is the perfect time to select and plant a deciduous plant in your garden. Deciduous plants are dormant during winter, making them easy to transport and plant and, at this time of year, nurseries tend to have the best selection including bare-rooted varieties that can make for a more economical purchase.

Deciduous plants drop all their leaves as an adaptation to conserve water and energy, avoid physical damage from snow and ice, regulate temperature, manage pests and diseases, and contribute to nutrient cycling. In the garden, we can take advantage of this trait.

The main advantage of having a deciduous plant in your garden is that they provide excellent shade when needed in the summer months, but they allow the sun to shine through in winter. This can be advantageous for passive solar heating and cooling of your house by locating the plant(s) on the northern or western sides. This is also useful for livestock protection (e.g. a mulberry tree in a chook pen) and for shielding sun-sensitive plants (our hydrangeas thrive underneath the protection of a big old plum tree). You can achieve the same effect with a deciduous

vine run over a structure such as an arbour, pergola or vertical structure.

Another, aesthetic, advantage of a deciduous plant is colour. The colour change associated with the deciduous process occurs as the plant tries to reclaim as many useful components from the leaves as possible. The first ingredient to be reclaimed is chlorophyll, the light harvesting structure that give leaves their green colour. As the chlorophyll is reclaimed from the leaf and absorbed back into the plant, other chemicals and pigments in the leaves become visible as



Red hot pokers are all aflame

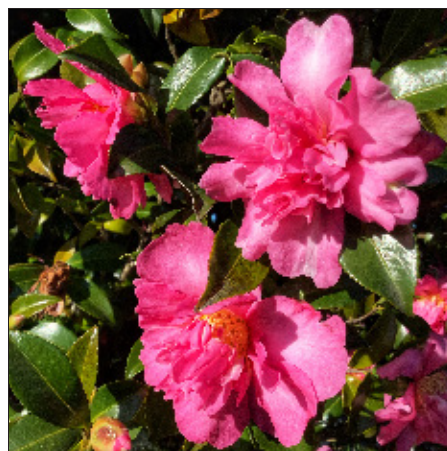
fruiting trees (apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, figs etc.) as well as vines such as grapes, wisteria, clematis, hops and even choko. So, give one a chance, embrace the season and let the winter sunshine in.

Meanwhile, around the town gardens, the hibiscus are still providing splashes of colour after seemingly endless months. The grevilleas are throwing out yet another round of flowers. Those queens of winter, the camellias, have burst into bloom, and the kniphofia spp. (red hot pokers) have begun lighting up the winter gardens like flaming torches.

This month in the vegie garden, the planting options are getting a tad thin. It's pretty much the last chance to get your garlic in and, by all means, carry on planting the alliums (onions, shallots etc.). That's about all we will be sowing this month.

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

Happy growing.



Camellias are flowering

reds and yellows. Once all the elements are reclaimed, the leaf dies and falls from the tree. Spectacular colours are not just restricted to their leaves either, as many deciduous species flower spectacularly on bare branches at the beginning of spring such as Prunus spp. (Japanese cherry blossom).

The third advantage of a deciduous plant/tree is the actual leaf drop itself which can be a useful resource if composted or turned into leaf mould.

There is a deciduous species to suit every sized garden from large trees (Liquidambar spp.) to small trees (Acer spp.),



Deciduous leaves

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## Winter is the season to feast on fungi flavours

Cultivated mushrooms and truffles taste best when fresh and in season. Their delicious umami flavour is enjoyed as an accompaniment to meat dishes or the hero in plant-based dishes. With over ten mushroom cookbooks at home, there are hundreds of recipes from button mushrooms and portobellos, to gourmet mushrooms like oysters and shiitake, and then there's the exotic black truffle. A favourite that I'm cooking now is creamy mushroom soup with Swiss browns, Tilba cream and silken tofu. Then for a chocolate treat, Reishi bliss balls with sweet Tilba honey. For a weekend breakfast treat, try truffle-infused scrambled eggs on toast. Fungilicious!

### Mushroom and truffle risotto from Il Passaggio in Bermagui



Il Passaggio Italian Restaurant in Bermagui cooked this mouth-watering mushroom and truffle risotto for a special fungi dinner for Fungi Festival last year

#### Ingredients:

1 cup arborio rice  
 ½ cup dry white wine  
 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth  
 1 small onion, finely chopped  
 2 cloves garlic, minced  
 2 tbsp olive oil  
 2 tbsp unsalted butter  
 ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper,  
 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley (optional,  
 for garnish)

#### Mushroom mixture:

1 cup enoki mushrooms, trimmed  
 1 cup shiitake mushrooms, sliced  
 1 cup oyster mushrooms, sliced  
 2 tbsp olive oil  
 1 tbsp unsalted butter  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper,  
 to taste

#### Truffle:

1 black truffle, shaved or finely grated  
 (about 2-3 tbsp)

#### Instructions:

Prepare the broth: In a medium

saucepan, heat the chicken or vegetable broth over low heat. Keep it warm throughout the cooking process.

In a large skillet, heat the olive oil and butter over medium-high heat. Add the shiitake and oyster mushrooms. Sauté for about 5-7 minutes until they are golden and tender. Add the enoki mushrooms and cook for another 2-3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan or Dutch oven, heat the olive oil and butter over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and cook until soft and translucent, about five minutes. Add the minced garlic and cook for another 1-2 minutes, until fragrant. Stir in the arborio rice, ensuring each grain is coated with the oil and butter. Toast the rice for about two minutes until it is lightly golden.

Pour in the white wine and stir continuously until the wine is fully absorbed. Begin adding the warm broth, one ladle at a time, stirring frequently. Wait until the liquid is almost completely absorbed before adding the next ladle of broth. Continue this process until the rice is creamy and cooked to al dente, about 18-20 minutes.

Once the risotto is done, stir in the cooked mushrooms. Add the parmesan cheese and season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat and stir in the shaved or grated black truffle.

Divide the risotto into bowls or plates. Garnish with additional shaved truffle and fresh parsley if desired. Serve immediately, while hot.

Enjoy your luxurious mushroom and truffle risotto!

### Truffled cheesecake from Gulaga Gold, Dignams Creek



Fiona Kotvojs of Gulaga Gold, Dignams Creek uses her own locally farmed truffles to cook this tasty truffle cheesecake

#### Ingredients:

250g Anzac biscuits  
 100g butter  
 500g cream cheese at room temperature  
 150g caster sugar  
 ¼ lemon – zested  
 4 truffled eggs – separated  
 100ml cream  
 30-50g black truffle – grated

#### Instructions:

Crush the biscuits, add melted butter and stir through. Pour the mix into a cake tin or spring-form pan, compress the mix evenly around the base. Allow to sit in a cool spot to set.

Beat the cheese, sugar, lemon zest, egg yolks and cream. Stir the truffle through the mix. Whisk the egg whites till they peak and fold into the mixture.

Pour this mix onto the biscuit base. Bake at 180°C for about 40-45 minutes. Allow to cool for a few hours or overnight.

Serve with good cream or ice cream and garnish with additional sliced or grated truffle if you like. Use within three days as the truffle flavour will decrease over time.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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Bermagui: All Saints - every Sunday 8.00am  
Cobargo: Christ Church -  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays 10.00am  
Quaama: Quaama School of Arts Hall -  
4th Sunday 10am  
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## BERMAGUI CWA

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

## BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

Meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month  
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1st Tuesday every Month 10 am until 12 noon,  
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## BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

New members welcome. Meet 1st Thurs  
each month at Cobargo Hotel & 3rd Thurs at  
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Enquiries: Geoff 0407 164 466

## THE BERMAGUI MARKET

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the  
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## BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Meets Tues, Thurs & Sat from 10am @  
new shed adjacent to the council depot on  
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## BERMAGUI PROBUS

Meets at 10am to 12pm on the 2nd Monday of  
each month at the Men's Shed meeting room.  
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Meets the 1st Wed, 11.30 am at the Bermagui  
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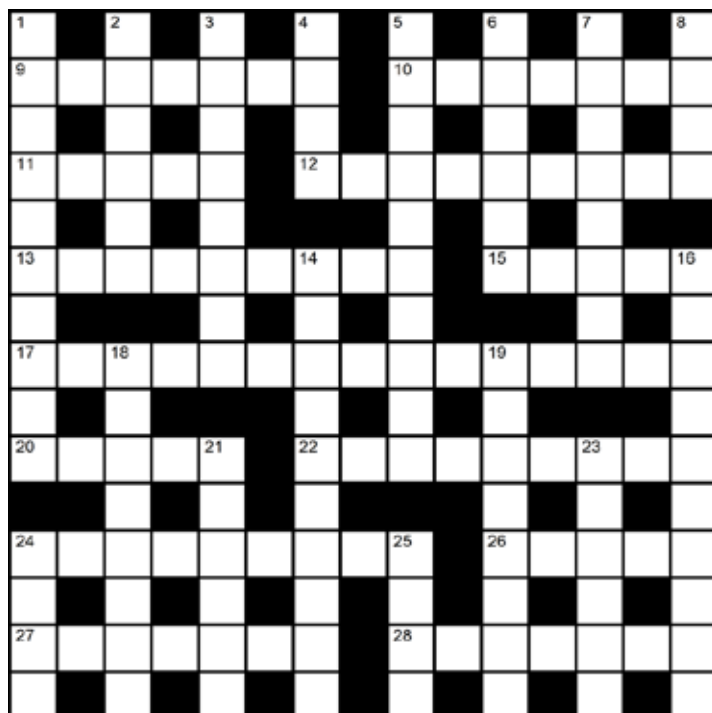
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# Game On

## JUNE CROSSWORD



## SUDOKU



### ACROSS

- 9 Fleet commander (7)
- 10 New Mexican ufology centre (7)
- 11 Author Asimov (5)
- 12 Australian Olympic swimmer who won gold, silver and bronze medals. (3,6)
- 13 Train isn't running badly, coming or going (2,7) \*
- 15 Negotiations (5)
- 17 Body snatchers (12,3)
- 20 Arduous journeys (5)
- 22 Debugger? (9)
- 24 Won over (9)
- 26 Seedless orange (5)
- 27 American reindeer (7)
- 28 Crash the party (5,2)

### DOWN

- 1 The kiore, an unwelcome visitor (7,3)
- 2 Transmit (6)
- 3 Comfy living-room item (8)
- 4 Cheese chunk (4)
- 5 Crazy, eats at bars on the Persian Gulf (4,6) \*
- 6 Wearable souvenir (1-5)
- 7 Regular swinger (8)
- 8 Slang - fight (4)
- 14 Walked vigorously (7,3)
- 16 Summer-visiting coastal wading bird (10)
- 18 Rob ---, Virgin Blue co-founder (8)
- 19 Spatially adjusted (8)
- 21 Small beer bottle (6)
- 23 Call on spirit or deity
- 24 Ice breaker (4)
- 25 Culinary creation (4)

\*Indicates a cryptic clue.

**Answers on page 17**

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## Kidz' Korner

## I SPY dinosaurs



# For the fridge door

JUNE	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
Sat 1	Cass McGufficke	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
All June	Unique creations by Steve and Helen Stafford pg 33	Lazy Lizard, Side Room	10 am - 2 pm
	Members and friends exhibition pg 31	Shop 7 Art Space every day except Tuesday	10.30 am - 3 pm
Sun 2	Poppy Duo	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	Stefan Cassomenos, concert pianist	Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds, Barraga Bay	3 pm
Mon 3	Showground Stitchers, fibre group BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided Robyn Allen 0428 937 351 or Karen Martin 0415 229 689.	Function Room, Cobargo Showground, every Monday pg 28	9 am - 5 pm
Sat 8	World-wide Knitting Day: bring a chair and knitting or fibre project pg 32	Outside Cobargo Creators	10 am - 12 noonish
	Jakob Poyner	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	Woodwork exhibition pg 15	Big Hall, Bates St, Tilba	9 am - 4 pm
Sun 9	Woodwork exhibition pg 15	Big Hall, Bates St, Tilba	9 am - 3 pm
	Dale Huddleston	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	Abalone + Ink workshop pg 33	Good Vibes Studio, Bermagui	2 pm - 4 pm
	Grand High Tea plus Art Auction CWA fundraiser pgs 19 and 24	Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club	2.30 pm - 5 pm
	Ash Grunwald	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	5 pm
Sat 15	Totum	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	Tilba Community Dance, three bands: Punkalla Holler, Shannanigans, the Good 'Ol Tilba Blues Band + more! pg 13	Big Hall, Central Tilba food available, raffles, more	7 pm till late
Sun 16	Jason Maynard	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
Sat 22	Alec Randles	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	A party/dance to celebrate 125 years of Cobargo Shows, info on the Cobargo Show and Rodeo Facebook pages. Ph June Tarlinton 0400 350 814 or Jeanette Allen 0415 365 971	Cobargo Showground, Main Pavilion. Poddy Dodgers playing. Tickets available online and at the door	7 pm start
Sun 23	Tim McMahon	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	Truffle Hunt: part of the Fungi Festival: info online or 0448 453 422	Gulaga Gold, Dignams Creek	1 pm
	Funky Fungi Paint & Sip: part of the Fungi Festival Ph 0401 989 464	Mountain View Farm, Tilba \$65	1 pm
Thurs 27	Fungi dinner with Fungi filmmakers Stephen Axford & Catherine Marciniak	Il Passagio, Bermagui	6 pm - 9 pm
Fri 28	Plethora of Postcards exhibition opening pg 31	Spiral Gallery, Bega	Enquiries online
Sat 29	Sam Fletcher	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	Truffle Hunt: book online or ph 0448 453422	Gulaga Gold, Dignams Creek	1 pm
	Fungi documentary <i>Follow the Rain</i> plus Q&A with filmmakers Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak	Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds, Barraga Bay	2 pm - 4 pm
Sun 30	Phil Coleman	Tilba Winery and Alehouse	12 noon
	David Bridie (alt-rock)	Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds	3 pm