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Another classic success

Waking up early Saturday, 1 November, the rain had eased to fog in the sleepy town of Cobargo. A gentle rumble of cars, trucks, bikes and trailers carrying some awesome machinery could be heard as they made their way to the Cobargo Showgrounds.

At the stroke of 6.00 am the gates opened and the main arena began filling fast with a magnificent array of chrome, colour and craftsmanship. Some were wiping the early morning mist off their masterpiece with pride, gentle chatter became a constant sound of laughter and 'G'day mate' throughout the day.

By mid-morning it was time to wander through the swap meet stalls of car parts, bike leathers and gadgets that you just simply have to have, while others browsed the market stalls. You could smell the bacon and eggs cooking in the canteen, getting everyone's taste buds ready for the food trucks setting up around the grounds.

The day then started for the three little ponies waiting patiently for the kids to work out they could actually get on and have a ride for free! Many going back again and again because it was so much fun. Then, to top off their day, a trip to see Netty and pick out



Aerial shot of the showgrounds

something fabulous to have painted on their faces, from flowers to animals. They all ran around with smiles, before ending the day with a whopper ice cream.

Approximately 450 entrants were judged in different categories, and about 3,000 spectators strolled through the gates raising \$22,000. This was distributed, after running costs were taken out, to the

Cobargo Scouts (\$7,000), Nardy House (\$7,000), Tilba Public School P&C (\$2,000) and Cobargo Pony Club (\$1,000). In total \$31,000 has been donated to local community organisations from the past two car shows!

The Far South Coast Classics Car Club would like to thank everyone who participated in this event by entering, buying a raffle ticket or just coming for a look. We also remind everyone to support our sponsors and volunteers, as without them days like this can't happen!

*Mel Britton, President
Far South Coast Classics Car Club*



L-R Dave, Chris, Denise and Mel with Meg, Renee and Nicolas sitting in front at Nardy House with the Big Cheque



Dave Britton Holden VH Commodore Brock replica Photo by: Rick Reynolds

For a couple of years now, *The Triangle* team has taken turns to write the editorial. Apart from sharing this task, it is a chance for each of us to say things in our own way and for our readers to get the benefit of a different voice each month. In many ways this is like *The Triangle* itself – its collection of views and news each month from many contributors is as diverse and varied as the communities that are represented. As 2025 draws to a close, it is fitting that we give thanks for this long-running community publication,

to all those who contribute and to all those who look forward to reading it each month.

Flicking through the pages of this latest and last *Triangle* for 2025 there are, as always, the stories and activities of communities that do amazing things – a Melbourne Cup Day Dog Race, a Witches Paddle, lots of art, kids excelling at various sports, and the people who live here and participate. End of the year recognition and awards celebrate the achievements of local groups and organisations and often reflect the generosity of volunteers and the people

who support them. Community is also about putting in the hard yards to fight for things and dealing with the disappointment when community wishes are not honoured.

The Triangle team will have a break in January with the first edition for 2026 appearing in February. From all of us, have a safe, happy and enjoyable festive season however you choose to celebrate. We hope that this time is filled with joy and love, family and friends, and that the New Year brings all that we wish for. Go well.

Letters

Editor,

The decision by five councillors to push for a large two-lane concrete bridge despite Council's community consultation showing overwhelming support for a single-lane concrete option is regrettable.

Whether Council is successful in securing government funds for the build is another matter.

Should such a high-speed, two-lane bridge ever be built, inexorably there will be a likely unstoppable push to replace the old single-lane timber bridges at the Murrah, Wapengo and Tanja with similar constructions.

The present low-speed road connecting Bermagui and Tathra passes through both Biamanga and Mimosa National Parks, Flora Reserves and is adjacent to magnificent coastal landscapes.

As such it has much to offer the local economy through tourism.

Encouraging faster through-traffic runs the risk of effectively duplicating the Princes Highway with the consequent problems of gridlocked traffic in Bermagui and, to a lesser extent, Tathra.

Jack Miller
Bermagui

Community Carols in Bermagui

The combined churches of Bermagui will host the Community Carols again in 2025

Lock in the date: Friday, 19 December

You, your family and friends are all invited to gather on the Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club lawn.

The Bermagui Community Carols start at 5.30 pm

Enjoy the Nipper's fundraising BBQ. Santa will arrive on a fire truck. Food vans and fun for the whole family and live music.

The Bega Brass Band Carols start at 6.30 pm

Come and celebrate all things Christmas!
We have lots more to announce so please keep an eye out for future posts on the Bermagui Baptist Church Facebook page. For more information call 0429 861 996.

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.

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Thumbs UP

To the semi-trailer driver who pulled up on the highway near the servo so he did not hit the rainbow lorikeets who were eating something on the road and refused to move. At least six of us had to chase them off the road.

To the BVSC receptionist, who organised the council workers who came so promptly to repair our water meter.

Thumbs DOWN

To people who throw bottles and cans out of their windows on bush roads or at the beach – who even are you?



To the poor sods who gossip, slander and run down the many kind souls in this community quietly doing good, keeping hope alive in ways that often can't be seen. Let them gossip, let them be bitter and twisted, but also let it pass by and don't let them get you down!



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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. Please email contributions@thetriangle.org.au and cclsang333@gmail.com with any questions.

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Bowerbird Community Op Shop awards

The Bowerbird Community Op Shop's tenth anniversary Community Association Awards (CAA) were presented at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall at an afternoon tea on Sunday, 26 October 2025.

The final votes were closely guarded secrets that added to the atmosphere as the individual awards were announced.

A gathering of almost fifty community members applauded as Quaama PS P&C, Friends of Cobargo Cemetery, Cobargo Pony Club and Narooma High School Cattle Team each received \$500; Bermagui SLSC, 1st Scouts Cobargo and CAN Assist each received \$1000; Cobargo School of Arts Hall received \$2,500; and Volunteer Rescue Association Bega received \$5,000.

Finally, Marine Rescue Bermagui received the top grant of \$10,000. As awards MC Trisha Olsen said, 'These community-initiated awards have proved a great success and, while they were considered a one-off event to celebrate our tenth anniversary, we may consider a similar format for future awards rounds.'

An additional feature of the afternoon was that some the awards were presented by Ros Hewitt to mark her retirement from the Bowerbird. Ros has now finally retired, sold up and will soon move to West Wyalong where her early roots were.

Current Bowerbird Committee Chair Corrine Harris said, 'Ros was one of the founders of the Bowerbird and will be sorely missed by all. She has witnessed the growth of the organisation and provided both leadership and energy to its development. Well done, Ros!'

So, is that it for the Bowerbird year? Absolutely not!



Zach Willis, Captain of the Bega VRA and some of his team that received \$5,000 Photo: Flick Ruby



Talicia Ogilvie and Matt Elliot from the Narooma High School Cattle Team Photo: Flick Ruby

Building on the success of previous years, the Bowerbird Op Shop is again hosting a Community Christmas lunch on 25 December 2025! You will find more information in a separate article in this edition of *The Triangle*.

Steve Williams



Graham Parr, Jan White and Tom Beethum on behalf of 1st Scouts Cobargo. Photo: Flick Ruby



Ros Hewitt, one of the founders of the Bowerbird in front of the grants board in 2018. Funds given to the community now top \$300k.

Thank you to the Bowerbird Op Shop

The members of Marine Rescue Bermagui are deeply honoured to receive the 2025 Community Award of \$10,000. We are very grateful to be recognised in this way, and we want to acknowledge the Bowerbird Op Shop for the fantastic work it does for the community. Thank you also to everyone who voted for us and considered our efforts and achievements worthy of such an award.

This prize motivates our volunteers in their efforts both in the radio room and on our rescue vessel BG30. This award allows us to continue to upgrade and refine significant items of our equipment, ensuring that we are rescue-ready as we come into the busy summer season.



Jim Anderson receiving the award from Corrine Harris Photo: Flick Ruby

Thank you again for this significant honour – it means a great deal to us.

Jim Anderson, Unit Commander,
Marine Rescue Bermagui

Pickleball competition – Sapphire Coast vs Narooma

On 7 November, thirty enthusiastic pickleball players gathered at Bermagui Sports Stadium for a friendly morning of sport, connection and community.

Sapphire Coast Pickleball Association Inc. (SCPAI) invited the newly formed Narooma Pickleball Association to Bermagui for a few fun-filled hours on the courts – and it turned out to be an absolute hit. There were medals, prizes, laughter and plenty of great rallies as friendly competition added to the fun.

Players shared their thoughts throughout the day:

‘It’s surprising how people change when a little competition is added into the mix!’

‘Everyone is so friendly and the match-ups are really good – I feel like I’ve played some great games.’

‘The stadium is amazing ... the floor is so perfect!’

Between matches, there was plenty of time to mingle, enjoy the delicious food everyone brought to share and soak up the welcoming atmosphere, both on and off the court.

More feedback from participants included:

‘What a wonderful way to socialise with like-minded, passionate pickleballers. You made the new players feel so welcome. The pickleball spirit is well and truly high on the coast!’

‘Thanks for coordinating today – it was so much fun! Loved playing all different abilities. The Round Robin format was fast, fair and worked perfectly.’

‘The prizes were awesome – loved the medals and vouchers!’

A huge thank you to both clubs for making the day such a success and for showcasing the inclusive community spirit that makes pickleball on the coast so special.

New players are always welcome! Sapphire Coast Pickleball



All the participants

Association Inc has pickleball sessions for:

Bermagui Beginners – Thursdays, 10 am to noon

Pambula – weekends, 9.00 am to 11.00 am

Bega (beginner friendly) – Mondays and Fridays, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

If you want to try pickleball for the first time, these sessions are perfect for beginners. For all other skill levels, check the website for additional session times.

For details, go to the Sapphire Coast Pickleball website or follow us on Facebook. For more information on playing times at the Narooma Pickleball Association put ‘revolutioniseSPORT Narooma pickleball’ into your search engine or you can follow Narooma Pickleball Association on Facebook.

Shelley Rowlands

National day of action for Palestine

Join us for the National Day of Action for Palestine with our very own Bermagui event organised by Palestine Action Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Justice 4 Palestine. Bring a picnic lunch, grab some fundraiser lemonade, hear from Palestinian and allied speakers, and make and fly kites as a community in solidarity with Palestinians.

11.00 am on Sunday 7 December, Bermagui Headland (near the war memorial)

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Much to be found at The Foundry

A beautiful new space has sprung up in Bermagui, celebrating local talent and creativity.

After meeting at various local markets, local creators Anne, Alison, Cheryl, Corey and Jen realised they shared a desire to collaborate on a retail maker's space – somewhere they could showcase their creations to customers all year round.

The next step was finding the right location and, after a year-long search, the ideal space in Bermagui finally appeared.

The Foundry@Bermagui opened on 1 September on the corner of Lamont and Wallaga Street, immediately delighting

locals and visitors alike. The studio and retail shop embraces colourful, vibrant clothing, homewares and gifts with a focus on thoughtful, enduring designs that emphasise quality, individuality and anti-disposability. You can also pick up a unique piece of fabric for your next sewing project, including limited edition Australian designer prints, French linen and Japanese denim.

Two months on, the collective has expanded from five to ten makers, now featuring leatherwork, natural skincare, handmade buttons, baskets, gift cards and more – an ever-growing range.

Responding to high demand, The Foundry now also offers a made-to-measure clothing and soft furnishings service. This provides a cost-effective and convenient option for local residents, as well as visitors via the mail-order service.

With a dedicated studio space and a platform for hosting workshops, The Foundry will announce a series of classes in the new year for participants keen to learn or refine their handmade skills.



The Foundry shopfront with the makers

Central to the ethos of the makers is the use of eco-friendly, sustainable materials, including repurposed quality fabrics wherever possible. The shop also donates 5% of its net profits to Women's Community Shelters NSW.

Come and explore The Foundry@Bermagui and discover the art of handmade fashion and gifting – because life is too short for dull colours and generic designs.

For more information you can email thefoundry2546@gmail.com.

Jen

The Foundry Coordinator



Inside the shop

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Maker's studio and retail space embracing colourful vibrant gifts, jewellery and clothing – all locally created with a commitment to thoughtful and enduring designs

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Mumbulla School awards second full financial scholarship

Mumbulla School for Rudolf Steiner Education in Bega is proud to announce the awarding of its second full financial scholarship, granted to a student who will commence kindergarten in 2026.

The Mumbulla School Scholarship Program was established to broaden access to a Steiner education by offering full financial support to families who may not otherwise have the means to enrol. The recipient, who remains anonymous, will be supported throughout their entire schooling journey at Mumbulla School. This scholarship reflects the school's commitment to inclusivity and the value of making Steiner education accessible to more families within the local community.

'We are delighted to be in a position to offer this opportunity,' said Reagan White, Education Manager of Mumbulla School. 'Supporting a family in this way aligns deeply with our values and mission. We believe every child should have access to education that nurtures their individuality, creativity and connection to the world.'

This is the second time the school has awarded a full financial scholarship, marking a growing effort to ensure that financial circumstances are not a barrier to receiving a rich and holistic education.

Mumbulla School extends a warm welcome to the scholarship



Kindergarten children at home time.

recipient and their family and looks forward to supporting their learning and growth in the years ahead.

For more information about the school's scholarship program or enrolment, please contact the school on (02) 6492 3476 or info@mumbullaschool.com.au or search for 'Mumbulla School' in your usual browser.

Vickie Goldsmith

Medical emergencies/evacuations pack

To save stress during an emergency, prepare the things you may need to gather quickly for yourself or someone who is ill or infirm. It's really helpful for ambos, nurses and other medical staff if you have a laminated card that lists your (or your person's) communication or care needs. This is especially helpful for those with dementia, stroke etc.

On the card, write the contact details of your (or your person's) regular GP, any allergies, conditions or recent surgeries, plus the contact details of next-of-kin and/or carers and how to access an Advance Care Directive if there is one. You may need to update the cards periodically, but it's especially important to have an up-to-date card in case you become separated from your person or carer for any reason.

In addition, you may need the following items.

Medicines. Take all medicines in their original packaging to ensure correct dosage (our brains can become foggy under stress). If you have a Webster-Pak or dose administration aid, take them, plus keep a small cooler bag ready to go for medicines that need it. Store all of these in one place. You can keep a pack with a second set of everything – but remember that medicines all have expiration dates that also need to be managed.

Medicines may include tablets and capsules, mixtures, inhalers and puffers, creams, ointments and patches, sprays, injections, any medicines bought over the counter without a prescription from a pharmacy or supermarket, plus vitamins, herbal or alternative medicines.

Aids. Have any mobility and other aids such as walking sticks, sitting aids, hearing aids and chargers, eye-glasses, portable breathing units, etc. handy.

Personal items. Make sure that you pack personal items such as dentures and cleaner, toiletries (toothpaste/brush, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrush and shaving gear); a spare set of comfortable clothes, especially extra underwear; towels and face washers; lip balm, moisturiser, sanitary and incontinence items (can be difficult to acquire if shops are closed); car and house keys (label them), phones, laptops and chargers. ALWAYS have bottled water in the car or in your bag.

Have a safe and joy-filled holiday season everyone.

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Creative dissenter Honor Northam

We can thank Honor's mother for bringing her and Tim to Bermagui. After leaving Lord Howe Island, they wanted to open a restaurant somewhere small and beautiful by the beach. On the long slow drive from Brisbane, they looked at many towns but realised Bermi had everything, 'and why would I not choose the place where my mother lived?'

Long lines of locals and visitors at Honorbread speak to the delicious success of this local business. Honor and Tim hope their fifty employees will soon own it, using a model that is gaining traction in Europe and the US. Honor explains, 'This model seems complicated at first, but selling your business to your employees through an Employee Ownership Trust makes a lot of sense. It keeps the business in the hands of people who care about it and know how to run it. A constitution grounds important values, the Trust owns the business on behalf of employees, and future profits pay off the owners and later get dispersed to employees. A company board makes sure the company still works, it's not a co-op, but employees have more of a say. It would make an enormous difference if the Treasurer and the ATO would issue guidelines about what it would mean tax wise, about what kind of valuation I need. Then my lawyer and my accountant could just set it up.'

'We've worked really hard to build certain values into this business. It's not easy when you have so many different personalities and needs. Every day you have to think and act on the right thing, right here and right now. That doesn't just happen. You have to constantly reinvent what's going to work. When we started a decade ago, Tim and I were making every decision, but now we are slowly stepping back and a management team is doing much more of that work.'

Honor has recently joined the Four Winds Board, 'I love everything about Four Winds, which has evolved so much since we first got here fifteen years ago. The classical music festival every two years was fantastic and introduced me to lots of music I would never have heard. Now that opportunity happens all year round. That space is being used and it's alive. People's ideas are being incorporated. I like things that bring people together, share creativity and allow people to grow. I'm seeing all that happen at Four Winds and I love being part of it.'

Honor recently had the opportunity to visit Scott Reef, endangered by resource giant Woodside's proposal for gas extraction in the remarkable Kimberley region. 'It's really hard to get there. Scott Reef is 400 nautical miles west of Broome. The exact location of where they want to mine is the most pristine reef. There was bleaching everywhere else, but not there, and no one would see that. We were with a team documenting the beauty and the danger. Let's protect this precious place from seismic blasting and from industrial gas extraction. We need to be louder. We saw another former mine, and it was just abandoned. Nobody sees the destruction or the waste and that's what they're banking on. I've never explored Western Australia before, so it was incredible. We saw crocodiles and incredible First Nations rock art, just extraordinary.'

Honor has a new project in a café space a few doors down from Honorbread called The Dissenters Lounge. 'I called it The Dissenters Lounge because of a place I saw in the UK and also because I sometimes worry that we're moving into a time where people aren't speaking up for what's right. They're scared. I've been thinking a lot about homelessness too, so I wanted to make a space where people can have comfort, clean clothes, internet and a space to sit at a nice table, have a cup of tea, make yourself a piece of toast. It will be a comfortable community space that everybody can access. During summer, The Lounge will be a normal coffee shop till noon and then it will be different till 9 or 10 at night. Sometimes it will be rented out for events, for classes, a DJ could have a great little dance party here.'

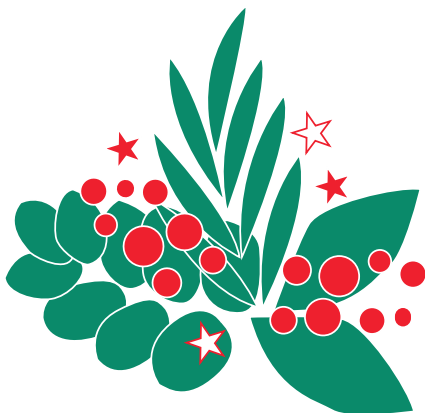
A long table at the centre of The Dissenters Lounge has a lot of history.



Honor in The Dissenters Lounge
Photo by Flick Ruby

'This table was milled from a tree on the daffodil farm where Tim and I got married. This has been in our house for a long time; many good dinners and conversations have happened around this table. It's got good juju. You could host a dinner here because there is a full kitchen and nice lighting. Exciting things are going to happen here. We'll see how it turns out! It changes every day.'

Where does Honor get her energy from? 'I'll be very honest. Up until this time last year, I've been running on adrenaline. I can't say that I have looked after myself all that well. I have always kept pretty fit, but maybe to excess, I've often exercised more than I need to. This year, I've consciously tried to be less critical of myself and let myself do things with faith that it won't all come tumbling down. I've realised that self-care is about self-compassion. I'm loving that I have a grandson. I have got to an age where I'm not so mentally consumed with everybody else. I lost my sister a few years ago. When she died, it made me really think about how I actually want to live and what I really want to be doing. I'm not going to keep doing something just because I started it, but what do I really want? It became incredibly clear that you die exactly how you live. I don't want to think things will be better later on, or that I'll start my life later on. I want to make sure that all the things I do every single day are what I really want to do.'



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As we all start to hear the rattle of the rush of Christmas, I'm sure we brace ourselves for the mad season ahead. There is a lot of family fun to be had so take the time to enjoy and not get too stressed about it all. A fantastic bluegrass/acoustic night was held in the function room at the Cobargo Showground. The four-piece band, The Tone Rangers, all the way from Canada, entertained with some magical numbers. A witty dialogue kept all enthralled with the banjo, mandolin, fiddle and bass keeping everyone tapping their toes. Fantastic night.

Cobargo & District Pony Club recently combined with the Cobargo Horse & Trail Riders Club for a mini trail ride that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The ride, led by Christy Holland, meandered through the paddocks, across creeks and returned to the Cobargo Showground for a welcome cuppa and everything was packed up and we got home just before the storm hit. Lots of fun was had by all.

The Cobargo Show committee is busy planning for the upcoming show in February with the building of the cattle shed extension well underway. The PA System has had some more revamping with it now reaching the competitors in every area on the showground to marshal them up for their events. The Young Woman of the Year competition is also looking for entrants – the winner will be the young lady who would most like to be the Cobargo Show Ambassador. The competition is open to young women aged 18 to 25 years. A Junior Showgirl event is also being run in conjunction with it and entrants aged 12 to under 18 are encouraged to contact Christy on 0401 383 952 or June on 0400 350 814 to gain some more information about the event. We would love to hear from you. The Cobargo Show is on 13, 14 and 15 February 2026. Come join in the fun.



The fun-filled Cobargo Preschool trivia night, Photo: Emma Anderson

Talking of fun – thank you to the Cobargo Preschool committee for an absolutely brilliant trivia night.

The Wandella Hall Christmas tree is on again on Sunday 30 November commencing at 5.30 pm with Santa arriving at 6.00 pm. There will be some fun games for all and the committee asks that you all bring a plate to share and also a gift for your little one so Santa can make the presentation. You are never too old or too young, so come along and join in the fun.

As I finalise my last Cobargo Conversations for 2025, I would like to wish you all a safe, calm holiday season and I truly hope 2026 is all that you hope for.

Anglican Church

Cobargo Community Christmas Carols by candlelight, Christmas Eve 24 Dec, 7pm



Start your Christmas celebrations with carols on Christmas Eve. Come and join the Cobargo Community Christmas Carols in the Apex Park in Cobargo (corner Princes Hwy & Cobargo-Bermagui Rd).

Candles for all. Everyone is welcome. We would love to have musicians help lead the singing. If you are interested, please call Fiona on 0448 453 422 or email fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au.

Cobargo High Tea

Cobargo High Teas were started by the Cobargo Community Access Centre and have continued at the Cobargo Anglican Church. They are a fantastic opportunity to catch up with other members of the community over tea or coffee and beautiful food. Come and join us for our Christmas High Tea – Tuesday 16 December at 10.30 am held at Cobargo Anglican Church in Hoyer Street. Every one is welcome.

Please email fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au or message Fiona on 0448 453 422 to book (this helps with our catering) or if you have any questions.

OK Shed Op Shop Trading days:

Closed public holidays. Trading days: Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd Wed, 24th, Sat 27th, Mon 29th, Tues 30th, Wed 31st, Fri 2nd Free Movie afternoons for families are being planned for Bermagui between Christmas and New Year, then Cobargo in January.

For details go to: anglicanchurchcobargobermagui.org.au or FB

December regular services:



Bermagui at 8.30am: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Cobargo at 10.30am: 7th, 14th, 21st
Quaama at 10.30am: 28th



Christmas services and events:

Cobargo High Tea: 16th at 10.30am
Bermagui Blue Christmas service: 21st at 2pm (for those who find Christmas a difficult time)
Quaama Christmas Eve service: 24th at 5.30pm
Apex Park Cobargo Carols by Candlelight: 24th at 7pm
Bermagui Christmas Day service: 25th at 9.00am



January regular services:

Bermagui at 8.30am: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Cobargo at 10.30am: 4th, 11th, 18th
Quaama at 10.30am: 25th

January special service and events:

New Years Day Dawn Service at the Blue pool lookout Bermagui at 5.30am
Cobargo High Tea: 20th at 10.30am

CAATS claw back!

Chris Norries of CAATS, aka Cobargo Auto and Tyre Service, played the game of the season when the team defeated Tonners, a strong team from Bega, in the 2025 Darts A-Grade Grand Final.

And what a show-down it was!

At no stage was it going to be a clear call. Both sides overcame their nerves, rallied at the right times, played superb darts and kept the audience unsure throughout each game. Brilliance was punctuated with fumbles and near-misses. Close calls were commonplace.

Nonetheless, that game was played in the spirit of sportsmanship, with each side praising good performances.

It was a Grand Final at the close of what proved to be a grand year for players young and old.



The coolest CAATS L-R Chris 'Norrie' Norris, Alan Bliesner, Todd Harnett, Henry Loth, Der Loth and (in front) Rodney 'Rocket' Walters

Congratulations to CAATS for a well-deserved win, and also to the Bega team for giving the locals a worthy challenge.

The CAATS team

Museum matters

Over the last few months, members of the Cobargo and District Museum team have been developing our Facebook site. Feedback tells us that many locals and associated family and friends have enjoyed rediscovering each other and unearthing old memories, as they discover stories and photos from our past. Our little community is gaining strength again.

We would like to thank Cobargo's Bowerbird Op Shop for its much-appreciated grant that will help to future-proof our preservation work through the acquisition of enhanced computer, printing and storage capacity. All are essential to running a museum.

And thank you to all who support us by buying our plants and fresh produce each week and our raffle tickets at the Cobargo Hotel. We are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please drop in for a chat or bring your visitors in over the holiday period. Our region has a great story to tell.

Bev Holland

Cobargo and District Museum



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Saturday 14 December
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Join the Dignams Creek Community Group for a Christmas Trash n Treasure Night Market — a night full of local bargains, handmade gifts, great food, and cheerful tunes.

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DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

Cobargo Conversations

Get ready to jingle and mingle at the annual Cobargo Community Christmas lunch

Building on the success of previous years, the Bowerbird Op Shop is again hosting a Community Christmas lunch on 25 December 2025. This year will be the fourth time we've held the event and it will be the biggest and the best yet.

The lunch is open to a range of people including singles, couples or families of any age in the community who would otherwise be having Christmas Day alone. It is also for those unable to afford a special occasion lunch, including young families with children.

Where? The Cobargo School of Arts Hall.

Date and time? 25 December 2025 (of course!) starting to gather at 11.30 am.

What do you bring? Bring yourselves, the ability to share the day with others and the capacity to revel in the community Christmas spirit!

How do I book? RSVP to the Op Shop in person, through our Facebook page or by email at bowerbirdopshop@gmail.com.

We are hoping for good weather and really looking forward to building on the great celebrations we've had so far.

Importantly, if you know of anyone else who may be interested in coming, could you please pass the Christmas lunch details on to them – but they will have to make their own bookings.

Even if you can't join us on the day, we always appreciate any added assistance in the lead-up. Contact us if you would like to discuss or suggest what you could contribute.

We also like to distribute age-appropriate wrapped gifts and would appreciate their donation at the Op Shop by 23 December.

As always, looking forward to meeting up with old friends and making new ones!

Steve Williams

Celebrate Christmas in Cobargo!



Come and join us on Friday, 5 December for an evening of fun, food and late-night shopping. Not only on the main street, but check out the Co-op and the shops next to it in The Hub. Our pharmacy will be open, also Twig & Feather, Well Thumbed Books, the Lazy Lizard Gallery, Sapphire Nupulse and the Bowerbird Op Shop.

Cobargo Creators are opening their members' exhibition called New Beginnings and you are all invited to come, view and browse. Monique of Twig & Feather will be offering free chocolate taste testing and a small glass of bubbles in store on the night. The CWA will have their bake stall, there will be other market stalls, and other businesses open.

Everybody is welcome. From 5.00 pm till late. If you want to have a stall, please contact Beth Dogan on 0428 696 623 as there are limited spaces.

Beth Dogan



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13 - 14 - 15 FEBRUARY 2026

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Whether you're a long-time local or a first-time visitor, the Cobargo Show is your chance to reconnect with the land, support rural traditions, and enjoy a vibrant community event.

💎 Entry at the gate – all welcome!

Follow us on Facebook or visit cobargoshow.org.au for updates, schedules, and entry forms.

Let's make 2026 our biggest and brightest Show yet – see you there!



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Cobargo Show

Cobargo students shine at State and National Titles

AFL – Charlie participated in the 2025 PSSA AFL State Championships held at Blacktown International Sports Park 4-6 June after being selected for the South Coast PSSA team. Over the course of three exciting days, South Coast competed against teams from across New South Wales. The team performed exceptionally well, winning three matches and securing the Surfboard Cup for their division. This achievement reflects their strong teamwork and dedication. Charlie expressed how much he enjoyed the event, saying, ‘It was a great experience, and I made many new friends.’ The championships provided an opportunity for players to connect with other young athletes, fostering friendships that extend beyond the game.

Dance – Congratulations to Lily, Zoe and Demi for being chosen to participate in the State Dance Festival as part of the Far South Coast Primary Dance Ensemble. They performed at the Seymour Centre in Sydney during Term 3. The ensemble showcased the remarkable talent and commitment of dancers from regional and rural south and west areas. All three students attend dance schools in Narooma and Bermagui and having the chance to represent their region in such a major event is truly outstanding.



State Dance Festival girls – Demi, Lily and Zoe



Hallie



Charlie in the AFL

Horse Riding – Hallie and Lacey spent ten days in Sydney competing at the ENSW Southern Cross and the Show Hack Council Grand Nationals. Lacey received Champion in the Leading Rein and a first in the ridden competition. Hallie received Champion Rider 5-9 years old, Champion Small Hunter Pony, Runner-up in the Large Galloway Hack and Champion Small Open Pony and finished in the top ten in all her other events. Both Hallie and Lacey have already qualified for Grand Nationals 2026 after winning at Canberra and Bathurst Royals. What an amazing experience!

Spelling – Neve participated in the Premier’s Spelling Bee State Titles held on Friday, 7 November at the Q Theatre in Penrith. Representing Cobargo Public School in the Junior division, she competed against other students in her age group. Neve advanced to the third round, correctly



Lacey



Neve at the State Spelling Bee

spelling ‘sanctuary’ and ‘mosaic’ before being eliminated on the word ‘sympathy’. Her impressive performance placed her among the top 27 spellers in the state. Throughout the competition, she showed great sportsmanship by encouraging her fellow contestants. The event received media coverage from SBS, Channel 10 and the ABC.

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A busy end to the year

This month will be a busy time for us all. Cobargo CWA will enjoy a Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 9 December, after a short meeting. We also welcomed in November the CWA Far South Group for their Christmas lunch for members from Batemans Bay to Eden. Plus we are catering for the Cobargo Co-op AGM on 3 December at the CWA Cottage.

On Friday evening, 5 December, we will have our Bake Stall during late night shopping. We will still have the stall on the following morning, Saturday, with special Christmas goodies on sale as well as our usual delicious offerings. We will be in our usual spot in the village.

Just a reminder that we are seeking nominations for Cobargo Citizen of the Year for 2026. If you know someone who volunteers their time and effort in the community over and above the usual, why not nominate them? Simply jot down your thoughts and post to CWA, PO Box 5272, Cobargo 2550 or email cwa.cobargo@gmail.com. Entries close on 13 December 2025 and the winner will be announced on Australia Day 2026.

We hope everyone is enjoying the monthly market in the CWA Gardens on the third Saturday of each month. It is good fun for all and a lovely environment. We are looking at improving the access soon.

Lastly, we wish everyone a peaceful time for the coming season. Why not come along and join us in the New Year? We welcome all women to join us in a friendly environment where we get together to have fun while learning new skills, or just simply enjoying each other's company.

*Mary Williams, Publicity Officer
Cobargo Branch, CWA of NSW*

COBARGO COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Join us for the Cobargo Community Christmas Carols at 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December, in Apex Park, Cobargo. Bring your family, friends and festive spirit – everyone is warmly welcome to share in this joyful community celebration!



MUSICIANS FOR COBARGO COMMUNITY CAROLS

We are putting together a group of people to provide the music for the Cobargo Community Christmas Carols that will be held at 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December, in the park at Cobargo. Last year's event was great, and we hope this year's will be bigger and better.

If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing, please contact Fiona Kotvojs on 0448 453 422 or fiona@kurrajonghill.com.au.

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Rebuild Cobargo update – as the end of the year draws closer

The year is rapidly coming to an end and as CCDC Chair John Walters says, 'With lots of pre-Christmas activity happening across the three sites of the Rebuild Cobargo Project, the progressive removal of the scaffolding reveals more detail of its final shape. We are well and truly into the important phase of providing potential commercial and residential tenants with the different sites available.'

Shona Toranto, who is coordinating this important phase, has indicated that there has been a strong level of interest by prospective retail tenants and that a number of Expressions of Interest are progressing to the next stage of developing Heads of Agreement prior to signing a lease. 'This significant step forward will only gain further momentum when prospective tenants can see the finished product. Until then the floor plans are a good indication of what is available – take a look at the full floor plans on our website to see what is being delivered across the rebuild.'

As always for further information, please contact one of our Community Representative Directors or visit www.ccdc.org.au or scan the attached QR code.

*Deb Summer and Steve Williams
Community Representative Directors
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December ... again! How quickly it comes around. The pace of life always seems to shift up a gear as we squeeze in end of year parties, friends and family we haven't seen enough of during the year, present shopping and plans for Christmas Day. It is also a time to reflect on the year – achievements, challenges and life in general. During this normally busier time of the year, it is important to appreciate ourselves, our families and friends, and our community. Whatever way you choose to celebrate this time of year, go well and go gently. And thank you from me to all who have contributed to Tilba Bites. Tilba Bites will be back next year – in the meantime have a happy festive season and all the best as we begin a new year.

Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool

It has been a while since news from Little Yuin has appeared in these pages. On a recent visit it was a pleasure to hear about the programs and activities that support early childhood learning and the preparation for the move to primary school. There is compelling evidence that transition to school life benefits from the foundations established in early childhood learning.

The programs and activities offered at this popular preschool follow the usual curriculum of language development, healthy play and activities, health and well-being. Preschool Director Kim Cooke (who is on leave at present) has successfully applied for funding for programs, activities and other infrastructure that enable the preschool to expand its educational focus and actively use two-way learning that integrates both Indigenous and Western knowledge systems. Auntie Mary Perry runs the Djiringandj language learning program that introduces words in language and incorporates them into yarning. Currently, there is a four-week Nourishing Little Minds program focussed on healthy



Wigwam play space at Little Yuin

eating – this includes preparing food using produce from the bush tucker and vegetable gardens. Annemarie Narraway, a local audiologist, attends weekly with programs to build vocabulary and assess hearing, particularly for the children who are transitioning to primary school. Early Childhood teachers, Olga Nielsen and Belinda Frances, engage in the foundational programs that support learning language through narrative, yarning, rhymes and description, development of gross and fine motor skills, and preparation for primary school.

The preschool has a strong connection to community with a local board and the active involvement of Aunties and Uncles. This includes a Teaching Assistant who provides cultural support, others who visit to teach the children about culture and an Uncle who plays didgeridoo for the children. Local Aunties also assist with the day-to-day operation of the preschool. And there is a dedicated bus that runs between Dalmeny and the preschool.

There are no vacancies for 2026, which is a good indication of the popularity



Yarning circle and vegetable garden at Little Yuin and reputation of the preschool. However, there is a waiting list and Olga and Belinda can be contacted about that on 0490 858 500 or email preschool@littleyuin.com. The preschool operates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nancy's Deli

When Candy and Jennie left their jobs in Brisbane to explore towns around the Australian coastline, they had no idea where they might end up. An eighteen-month road trip eventually ended with them deciding to give Bermagui a go. Two years on from that decision, Nancy's Deli, their gourmet sandwich food trailer, is about to celebrate its first birthday.

Married as well as business partners, Candy and Jennie obviously take time to consider and do research before making decisions. To get a feel for Bermagui they spent their first year there working in local businesses – Candy at Boneless and Il Passaggio Provadores and Jennie at Big 4



Candy and Jennie of Nancy's Deli

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Wallaga Lake and the Bermagui Country Club. Candy's background in running a café and wine bar in Brisbane means this food business is well organised with a menu that changes weekly, although there are regulars on the menu. The emphasis is on locally-sourced products and produce which are displayed on the daily menu. Candy is responsible for the gourmet sandwiches and their fillings and catering. Jennie, with a background in the arts, is the food taster, does the baking and drinks, and looks after business aspects such as social media and finances.

While they are enjoying the flexibility of having a food business on wheels and doing it very well, Candy does see them moving to bricks and mortar in the future.

Nancy's Deli – named after their Kelpie/Staffy dog – has been well received. With regular spots on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, there is a strong and growing following. On Friday it is at Reflections Holidays Bermagui, Saturday at Sweetwater Central Tilba where you can get a coffee and eat indoors, and Sunday at the Bar Beach car park in Narooma. There will be extra days during summer and school holidays as well as markets and festivals. To celebrate their first

birthday, Nancy's will be at the Bermagui Country Club on Christmas Eve for a family-friendly event with lawn games and give-aways.

For more information, locations and times check out their website, email or call 0408 319 167 / hello@nancys.au.

Halls update

As the Halls Project nears completion, there are lots of indications of just how well this large and complex repair and renovation work has enhanced these special buildings. The Project Steering Committee recently did a walk around with local Federal Member, Kristy McBain, builder Hahn and Site Manager Tim. While the extent of remedial structural work is still visible, there are glimpses of the finished work in all its beauty and quality. It is still a construction site but now it is possible to appreciate the old spaces as well as the new spaces. The new hardwood deck between the halls is stunning.

The community is aware of the current fundraising efforts and many have already contributed generously. Kristy's visit was in part to seek further funding advice and opportunities as well as to show her the full scope of the project and what has already been achieved. Local State Member, Dr



Halls Steering Committee and building team with Kristy McBain MP

Michael Holland, is due to visit in early December for a similar reason.

Importantly, an approach to Eurobodalla Shire Council has been successful, resulting in a \$60,000 interest-free loan, which is a much-appreciated standby. The Committee is also pleased that the footpath will be reconstructed by Council in the 2026/27 financial year – for which many thanks. Further funding opportunities and applications will continue, as well as the local fundraising.

It is anticipated that these special community halls will be ready for

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occupation early in the new year. It will be a happy reopening for the community.

And a reminder – the Halls Committee AGM will be in the Barn at the Drom, Friday, 5 December at 5.30 pm. All welcome.

Celebrating Chrissy's birthday



Jo Major with Chrissy at her 70th

Chrissy Montague arrived in Central Tilba in 2010 after deciding the year before it was the place she had to be. Well known in the community through both

her previous work and her involvement with local organisations and groups, including a stint as *The Triangle's* Tilba Bites correspondent, it was no surprise that the celebration of her seven decades was a true village community event. Held on her birthday in the courtyard and barn at the Drom – and dodging much needed rain – with the Shannanigans (minus Shanna) rocking the crowd, Chrissy's family and old friends joined lots of locals to wish her Happy Birthday. The cutting of the cake was even beamed to the UK so one of her lifelong friends, whose birthday is on the same day, could be present. After a delicious dinner by Tilba Cooks, the lively music got most people jigging and many dancing as the Shannanigans were joined by Bev and Ako. Many of the locals clearly enjoyed catching up, including the Whiffens Lane mob! Happy birthday to a special member of this special community.

Christmas Sanctus at Open Sanctuary

Every year since Open Sanctuary began, a special community Christmas service has been held. There was even one year where the church was so full it was standing room only. This year will follow the several Sunday Sanctus gatherings that



Sunday Sanctus at Open Sanctuary

have been held throughout the year, with Christmas Carols and Taizé music led by Kim Edgar.

All are welcome to Christmas Sanctus on Sunday, 14 December at 3.30 pm followed by afternoon tea, at this special place beneath Gulaga.

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Tilba Festival announces 2026 date – old-school charm, fresh new feel

The much-loved Tilba Festival is set to return next year with a renewed spirit and the same heartwarming community atmosphere locals and visitors adore. Mark your calendars – the 2026 Tilba Festival will take place on Saturday, 26 September.

Next year's theme embraces an 'old school, new feel' approach, celebrating everything that makes Tilba special while introducing fresh ideas, activities and experiences. From heritage displays and local artisans' stalls to live music, food and family-friendly fun, the festival will once again showcase the very best of our



vibrant village community.

Behind the scenes, a passionate team

of volunteers is already working to bring the festival to life – but they'd love more hands on deck. Whether you're interested in joining the organising committee or lending a hand on the day, new volunteers are warmly welcomed.

If you're available and keen to be part of the 2026 Tilba Festival, please get in touch at festival@visittilba.com.au.

Come help shape a festival that honours Tilba's rich history while creating something exciting for the future. We can't wait to celebrate with you in 2026!

Jo Major

Tilba CWA thanks you

A big thank you from Tilba CWA to everyone who turned out for the second annual High Tea at Henkley Farm in October, a fund raiser for the Little Yuin Preschool, Tilba Public School, Tilba RFS and the Women's Resource Centre, Bega.

Guests enjoyed a feast of sandwiches, quiche, mini sausage rolls and pies, cheesecake, vanilla slices, chocolate-coated strawberries and, of course, scones – all with French champagne, live music from Tinkabell Hynes and judging of the best dressed guest.

Many thanks to raffle prize donors Mystery Bay Cottages, Reva jewellery, Tilba Sweet Spot and Tilba CWA President Vicky Stadon. Plans are already underway for next year's High Tea.

Tilba CWA is catering for the Little Yuin Preschool Christmas party for parents, grandparents, carers, friends, staff

and the children, on 8 December, with a special appearance by Santa on a Tilba RFS fire truck.

Tilba CWA is also catering for the



Tinkabell Hynes at the Tilba CWA High Tea

Tilba RFS Christmas party, with salads, prawns and desserts, on 22 December at the Tilba RFS shed.

The Tilba CWA meat tray raffle on the last Friday of the month at the Drom, sponsored by Rapley and Son's Butchery, will be on Boxing Day. If you don't already know, Friday night dinner at the Drom is a big night and lots of fun.

This year, Tilba CWA contributed to the NSW CWA Disaster Relief Fund for victims of the recent floods in the Kempsey region.

Tilba CWA is inviting prospective members, and other friends, to Tilba CWA's Christmas lunch at the Pickled Octopus, Tuross, on 18 December. To book for lunch (or enquire about joining this friendly group) please call Eva Mosler on 0488 910 456 by 1 December.

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Barranguba class steps back in time at Montreal Goldfield

On a November Wednesday, the students of Barranguba class embarked on an exciting journey to the Montreal Goldfield, immersing themselves in the history of the Australian gold rush. This hands-on excursion brought their classroom learning to life, transporting them back to the 1800s.

Led by knowledgeable guides, the class explored the historic goldfield site, gaining close-up views of the old mine shafts that once buzzed with activity. The students enthusiastically tried their hand at panning for gold, experiencing firsthand the challenges and thrills faced by prospectors of the era. In addition to mining, the day was filled with play using children's toys from the time, offering a glimpse into life beyond the work.

One of the highlights was experiencing what schooling was like in the nineteenth



In the goldrush era classroom

century. After sampling lessons in a replica classroom, the students were unanimous in their relief to be attending school in 2025, appreciating the comforts and learning methods available today.

Throughout the excursion, the class learned about the wider impact of the gold rush on Australia's growth, including how it fuelled immigration and shaped the nation's development. They also reflected on the tough living and working conditions faced by the miners and their families.

The visit sparked curiosity about local history too, with students pondering the intriguing Mystery of Mystery Bay, adding an element of local lore to their educational adventure.

The Barranguba class returned to

school inspired and full of stories, their understanding of Australian history enriched by this engaging and memorable experience.

As part of learning about the gold rush, students have been writing letters and journal entries from the perspective of a gold miner.

Tania Hextell, Principal

Kupy's Journal – November 19, 1852

I be only ten years, yet I done wandered too deep into Pa's mine. Thought I'd fetch me a shiny rock, maybe a nugget like the men brag 'bout. The lantern's near gone, sputterin' like a sick mule, and the walls groan somethin' fierce.

I hollered till my throat hurt, but ain't no one come. My hand is small so can't dig much, an' the dirt feels as heavy as the whole world. I'm scared but I try not to cry for Pa says boys must be stout o' heart.

It's cold down here, damp as a cellar. I reckon the sun's still shinin' up yonder but I can't see it.

If I get out, I'll ne'er go pokin' in the shaft alone again. Gold ain't worth the dark.

*Lord, keep me till mornin'.
Signin' off, Kupy Martin*

Dylan's journal entry



Students learning the layout of the goldfield with Chris Franks

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Brian reigns supreme in the Darcy Cup

*Darcy Dog /dārsē dng/ noun: a short-haired fox terrier born at Darcy's place or, often, on his ute floor.
Local to Tilba, known for their exceptional speed.*

The race that stops a village has come and gone for another year with the reigning champion, Brian, making it three from three now. For those not in the know, the Darcy Cup began three years back when Kim Taylor and I decided the Drom's Melbourne Cup Day needed a little more Tilba charm. We decided to race the local Darcy Dogs up Bate Street instead – a bit of old-fashioned fun.

This year (like the previous two) brought together a big local crowd in suits, dresses and fancy hats, eager to see who would 'get up'. After a quick, funny interview with our host Jess, from Tilba Rocks fame, the dogs donned their racing silks and proceeded to the starting line by the Bate Street red telephone box.

Brian and his main rivals Merv, Neville, Bridie and Patchy hit the lead early – running in the right direction, which can't be said of the rest of the pack. Piper,

Jock and Treva gave it their best and fresh puppies Flash, Snuffy and Toffee decided staying at the starting line felt right to them.

In the end Brian crossed the line first once again, followed by Neville, then Merv, making it an undefeated three in a row for this champion Darcy Dog, an incredible feat on equal footing to that of Makybe Diva.

The phone rang post-race with congratulations from Prime Minister Albo, but that was up next to Tilba's 'Bullshit Corner' so may not have happened.

Thanks to the Drom and the Tilba Rocks team for another successful event that has now become a bit of a town favourite. You can find the recap video and other great clips on the Tilba Rocks Facebook page.



Jason Snell with Brian and the cup

Andy Read

Punkalla Holler are hollered out

Tilba's favourite Stomp and Holler band, Punkalla Holler, have decided to pull up stumps and call it a day.



Steve Overmyer, Scott James and Muzz play their last song together

Comprised of Tilba and Mystery Bay locals Muzz Reggiani (guitar), Scott James (mandolin), Steve Overmyer (auto harp, santur), Stephen Clune (slide guitar) and me, Andy Read (bass, drums), we have played countless shows over the past five years at all the local venues, developing a strong following and love for our quirky takes on classics and our original tracks.

The band put on a final gig at the Drom on 1 November that saw a huge crowd turn out for a holler and a dance to bid us farewell. We've also released a limited batch CD that is titled *Hollered Out*. Head to our Facebook page if you're interested in grabbing a copy.

Andy Read

The Ballad of the Darcy Cup

Come gather round people,
it's high time ye learned
about a hero named Brian
and a rival named Merv.
They race every year
to a standing ovation
from a telephone box
to the street they call 'Station'.



And they're not alone
in this battle for glory,
near a dozen fox terriers
appear in this story.
Brian had won it
two years in a row,
aided in one
by a tennis ball throw.



Merv never trained,
he slept late in his bed
curled up by the fire
warm and well fed.
A few dogs like Neville
got close every year,
while Ralph, Chip and Cleo
had a one-race career.



Patchy was quick
they say the quickest by far;
he clocked 42 running
next to Brenda's car.
Jock grew up strong
while Millie stayed lean,
and Piper got round as
a tuna from Dean.



None of that matters
on race day each year;
every dog has its day
every trainer has fear.
When the starter yelled 'Go'
and they ran up the street
Wazza was chucklin',
cos he entered a sheep.

Up near the front we had
Patchy and Neville,
but home on the farm
remained Batman, the devil.
And stopped next to Ellen's,
where they drink tea and coffee,
were two little puppies
named Snuffy and Toffee.

When Brian got out to a
three-dog length lead
the crowd started screaming
and Bridie lost speed.
Could he do it again?
Whiffo was a believer.
'Australia's best racer
since Makybe Diva!'

He crossed the line first;
he raised up his paw.
Three in a row –
the whole town was in awe.
They were running up Bate Street
here in Central Tilba.
A sight to behold ...
it's sure to bewilder.

Andy Read
This has been set to music, also by Andy Read

Tilba RFS wants YOU!

Tilba RFS wants to involve you in firefighting efforts and, no, you don't need to hold a hose.

Quick access to water is crucial in firefighting efforts and having the ability to refill fire trucks using water resources such as creeks, dams and swimming pools in the vicinity of a fire enhances our firefighting efforts to protect our community.

The communities supported by Tilba RFS (Central Tilba, Tilba Tilba, Akolele, Wallaga Lake and Mystery Bay) are spread across large tracts of agricultural and forested land and access to water in the vicinity of bushfires is challenging. In addition, mains supply is often not adequate during major bushfires.

To address this problem, Tilba RFS has gained grant funding from the Community Building Partnership Fund, to purchase two high-volume water pumps that will allow faster, easier access to water

from previously inaccessible sources. This in turn will improve the Brigade's firefighting capabilities.

Community involvement is the key factor to the success of this initiative. To help build our capability, landholders with water resources in the Tilba RFS area can register their interest in a site visit. The purpose of these visits is to map and record water sources on rural properties and to gain agreement to access the water sources during bushfires.

The site visits will also provide opportunities for us to identify potential fire hazards onsite and provide advice on fire risk management to improve safety for you and firefighters in the event of a fire. Site visits would normally take 30-45 minutes. Information collected at the time of the visit will be treated as confidential and only used to help firefighting efforts.

Visits will be held from November



Pump demonstration

2025 through to April 2026.

Register your interest using one of the following options – you can go online, search for 'RFS Static Water Supply', phone (02) 4210 7667 or email tilba-sws@gmail.com.

*Susie Beitz,
Treasurer, Tilba RFS*

A Very Tilba Christmas – Celebrate the Season in Style!

Get ready to embrace the magic of the holidays at A Very Tilba Christmas, lighting up our beautiful village on Friday, 6 December, from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm!

Join us for an evening full of festive cheer, featuring:

- Late-night shopping with your favourite local stores
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- Live entertainment to keep the Christmas spirit soaring

And to top it all off, we'll finish the night with the lighting of the town Christmas tree – lovingly decorated earlier in the day by local kids!

So come along, embrace the merriment of the season, and kick off your holidays with a truly festive bang. A Very Tilba Christmas – where community, creativity and Christmas magic come together!

Halls fundraiser

November saw a fantastic fundraiser hosted by Maggie Clowes at Club Cursley in aid of the renovation project of the Central Tilba School of Arts Halls. You just can't beat a night of good company, great music and the opportunity to strut your stuff in such a wonderful location. The stage was buzzing and the dance floor was heaving thanks to the sounds of talented musicians Al, Andy, Saul and Duncan, fronted by our beloved diva Shanna – who together comprise the Shannanigans. This wonderful bunch of performers generously donated their time, energy and considerable talent to put on this event. Those who bought tickets and supported the event were not disappointed!



The doo-wop girls with the Shannanigans at Club Cursley

A special appearance by Sol on sax was a massive bonus, along with the doo-wop girls from The Predicaments days who proved they've still got it!!

Special thanks must go to Maggie Clowes for hosting, and to Gerri Leake for fostering the idea and organising ticket sales to make it happen. More than \$2,000 was raised from ticket sales plus a further \$500 from raffle tickets sold by Halls Committee member Chrissy. Fantastic result! To those in our community who contribute in such a variety of ways, you continually enrich us with your generosity of spirit, and we are truly grateful for your support.

Our raffle runs until March 2026, so keep your eye out for tickets that are available from various businesses in Tilba.

*Sally Pryor,
Secretary, CTSOAT*



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Spring is here and it is good. Sitting outside later in the evening, seeing some growth in the veggies, watching the bees at work and enjoying the warm days are what makes this a beautiful place. The weather is still fickle though, with some extreme fluctuations of temperature. The water temperature is rising slowly too, but if the air temperature is warm it makes post-swimming changing much more enjoyable. We could all use a good downpour as the days are still mainly dry. There was one local thunderstorm on 15 November when Bermagui received 15 mls in 15 minutes, but nearby areas missed out completely. Aurora australis lighting up the skies in spectacular hues of purple, blue and green was here too, apparently, but I missed it, due to cloudy conditions.

How disappointing it was to hear of BVSC's vote to replace Cuttagee Bridge with a two-lane concrete bridge. It seems the years of campaigning to save the bridge have been for nothing. A full environmental assessment is yet to be done but the Council said that the concrete design with lower repair and maintenance costs would be of benefit to ratepayers.

There is a new sign in Bermagui on



The new real estate office in town

the shopfront in Lamont Street where Marshall and Tacheci Real Estate used to be. Welcome to Forbes Stynes who have bought the business from Robert Tacheci, who had been at the helm for many years but has now officially retired. Forbes Stynes will add the Bermagui office to its list of agencies at Thredbo, Jindabyne and Tathra. All Bermagui staff have retained their positions and business is continuing as usual.

Mini Search and Rescue exercise (SAREX)

In late November Marine Rescue Bermagui held an in-house search and rescue training day. As it is coming into the busiest time for Marine Rescue with

summer just around the corner, Pelican Down!, as it was code named, was a timely event. It involved the radio operators and watch officers at the radio base and eight members of the crew on the rescue vessel responding to a hypothetical major incident. The training incident involved multiple sightings of a small aircraft crashing into the ocean off Bermagui. The scenario ran for approximately 90 minutes with events unfolding and information arriving in real time. Exercises like these give all the volunteers a taste of what an actual major incident might be like and some of the difficult decisions they might have to carry out under pressure.



Marine Rescue Bermagui members attend the briefing for Pelican Down!

Good Sauna

Have you noticed a cute little wooden structure in front of the Surf Club at Horseshoe Bay? Well, that is Good Sauna, the handiwork of local carpenter Luke Axisa. Luke, while rebuilding a property at Nerrigundah that included a sauna, decided a sauna on wheels was a great idea. That was five years ago and Luke has poured his heart and soul into his new creation.

The sauna accommodates eight people, has a large viewing window and uses 100% dead-fall wood harvested from his property at Brogo. Luke feels passionate and excited about bringing communal, affordable saunas to this community. He believes wellness shouldn't be solitary and exclusive. Good Sauna offers a place of peace and rest, a place to slow down and breathe deeply, a place to be with people and share an experience.

The Bermagui community got its first taste of the sauna at the Reboot Festival in October this year and then again last weekend at Horseshoe Bay. The public response has been overwhelmingly supportive with better than a 50% return rate and he has several more weekends at Horseshoe Bay planned for December and January. At present, each time Luke sets up he has to apply for a short term UPL (Use of Public Land) licence, which is not sustainable in the long run. Now Luke has an application before Council for a licence to operate on a more permanent basis. The community consultation period has closed and Council will vote on 10 December.

Sauna lovers about town are hoping for a positive result and Luke was feeling quietly optimistic as everyone has been very supportive, cooperative and helpful so far. To find out more, type 'Good Sauna' in your favourite search engine.

Deb Worgan



Good Sauna bringing communal, affordable saunas to Horseshoe Bay

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Cuttagee Bridge: a dark day for democracy

On 12 November, Bega Valley Shire Councillors Allen, Fitzpatrick, Nadin, Noble and Porter voted to replace Cuttagee Bridge with a two-lane concrete structure. Since Council said it intended to replace the bridge in 2021, there has been strong community support for a single-lane structure that reflects its heritage and aesthetic values and considers its fragile coastal environment.

Council dismissed a petition of 14,900 signatures because not all signatories were local. It then dismissed the results of its two most recent surveys showing around 70% supported a one-lane heritage outcome and 52% supported the one-lane design option because they reflected 'locals with strong personal views and motivations', not the sentiment of the broader shire.

Only 28% of respondents supported the two-lane concrete option. More than 60% said it didn't reflect the local area's character. The existing bridge calms traffic. The new one will likely have an 80 km speed limit with no load limit. It is a busy pedestrian area during school holidays without footpaths or safe access to the beach. The single-lane option would still have allowed emergency vehicles to pass other traffic.

In 2023, NSW Labor made a \$15 million election commitment to restore the bridge to uphold its heritage value and community wishes. NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison welcomed news of Council's decision after an 'extraordinarily long time' but was disappointed the bridge's heritage values were not reflected. Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said Council had already spent \$2 million.



Cuttagee Bridge from the air Photo credit: David Rogers

The cost of the concrete bridge is estimated to be \$29.1 million, \$2.4 million more than the single-lane option and more than double the \$13.3 million spent restoring Wallaga Lake Bridge.

Council expects it will take 12 months to build the bridge, with completion due in mid-2027. Construction cannot begin until the \$14 million shortfall is funded. Will a nine-metre wide bridge in this constrained area receive environmental approval? For context, Bermagui River Bridge is only eight metres wide.

Phil Coates



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Bermagui Water Security Project

The NSW Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is investigating options to ensure Bermagui has a sustainable water supply.

Bermagui faces the risk of water shortages during severe drought due to the town water supply's heavy reliance on rainfall and vulnerability to the impacts of climate change.

The Department's Water Group is investigating options aligned with the South Coast Regional Water Strategy. The options being considered include:

- adjusting Brogo Dam's reserve to

support water delivery during extreme events

- modifying weir pool volumes or relocating the town water offtake
- building a weir at the offtake to ensure adequate water levels for town supply pumps and to support WaterNSW's dam release management.

To find out more about the Bermagui Water Security Project, you can attend one of their information sessions. You have already missed an online meeting in November about local water security but you could still catch up at two in-person meetings, one in Bermagui and the other

in Cobargo.

Drop-in: Tuesday, 2 December 2025, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club

Tuesday, 2 December 2025, 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm at the Cobargo RSL Memorial Hall.

For more information: subscribe for updates: watergroup.dpie.nsw.gov.au/bermagui-subscribe, call 1300 081 047, email water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au or search for 'nsw south coast regional water strategy' in your usual browser.

Marita Reynolds

The first Witches Paddle in Bermagui

On 31 October, six keen witches took to the water to celebrate Halloween and honour the women who came before them. This event occurs throughout North America and I, a lover of all things Halloween, brought it to Bermagui from my native Canada. While I enjoy trick or treating with my young friends each year, I thought, 'Why not add something that adults could join in too?'

And so, the Witches Paddle made its debut in Bermagui.

The witches were lucky to have professional photographer Craig Bryant volunteer to capture the event. Thank you, Craig! If you're looking for a photographer, we highly recommend him

– nothing can scare him off!

Next year's paddle will be a fundraiser. We hope to see many more witches on 31 October 2026, ready to set off at 9.00 am!

Shelley Rowlands



Witches under the bridge Photo: Craig Bryant



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Cuttagee Bridge is over scaled for a secondary road

As most readers would now be aware, the Council decided at their meeting on 12 November 2025 to adopt Option 3 for Cuttagee Bridge – a concrete bridge with a nine-metre-wide bridge roadway and two and a half metre-wide shared pathway. The twelve-metre width of this proposed bridge appears to be very large for a bridge along a secondary regional road in a fragile environmental area.

As a point of comparison, refer to the photo of the Bermagui River bridge in Bermagui township with an eight-metre-wide bridge roadway and a 1.9-metre raised walkway – a total of just under ten metres wide. This bridge is completely adequate

for much more two-way traffic flow than that envisaged for the 12.2 metre-wide Cuttagee Bridge Option 3.

I am concerned that there is the potential for significant cost overruns in the construction of such a large bridge at Cuttagee, currently estimated to cost \$29.1m. Council will need to seek additional funding above the \$15m provided by the NSW Government. To reach this stage, I understand that Council has already spent around \$2m on preliminary bridge design options and a community consultation process (the outcome of which Council largely ignored – only 28% of the responders wanted Option 3).

Council next faces a Review of Environmental Factors. Council is proposing inserting a concrete bridge (12.2 metres wide) and a single lane steel temporary bridge into a fragile lake estuary area close to the ocean (the current bridge is only five metres wide).

The steel temporary bridge is currently estimated to be \$2.2m with only 25 metres of bridge and 160 metres of roadway approach, presumably across the beach. With only a 25-metre bridge component this must assume there will be no flooding, storms or ocean surge during the new bridge construction period of at least a year. The temporary bridge is mostly necessary to enable local residents and businesses access to Bermagui.

The community should be aware that with the proposed scale and likely further delays, there is the potential for the Cuttagee Bridge Renewal Project to result in a major cost overrun for our Council and ultimately the ratepayers.

Geoff Steel, Bermagui



Point of comparison: Bermagui River Bridge. Photo: Geoff Steel



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Save the date – Cobargo Folk Festival 2026

The Cobargo Folk Festival is a true gem in our regional cultural calendar and next year's festival promises to be one of the biggest and best yet.

Once again, the festival will kick off with 'It Takes a Village' on Thursday, 26 February – a series of performances and 'happenings' offered free of charge at venues around the village. More details of the events and performers will be published in the February edition of *The Triangle*.

The festival proper will run from Friday, 27 February to Sunday, 1 March 2026 at the Cobargo Showground. It's a great way to catch up with old friends, sample a wide range of delectable food, browse the craft stalls and immerse yourself in the wonderful mix of music, dance, spoken word, and workshops for adults and kids alike.

Each year, the festival team offers some of the best international, national and local acts. Highlights for the 2026 festival include El Pony Pisador, an exciting big band from Barcelona; Northern Resonance, a high-class string ensemble from Sweden; Amadí, a dynamic young Celtic band from Brisbane; and Australian favourites Crest of Crows, the younger members of the famous Pigram family from Broome, and much-loved local, Daniel Champagne. There's music to suit all tastes from the wailing blues of Howlin' Mitch, the pacey bluegrass of Charley Castle & the Boys in the Well, theme shows featuring the songs of Hank Williams and the Beatles, and the classy country music of Josh Cunningham and Felicity Urquhart.



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The festival is run by locals for locals, with supporting local businesses and volunteers at its heart. Early bird tickets are on sale now, with camping options and youth rates. You can also register to volunteer or to be a stall holder.

Details of performers, tickets, volunteering and stalls are on the Cobargo Folk Festival 2026 website.

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Mosaic exhibition in Narooma

The Artful Nine, a group of talented mosaicists from the Eurobodalla Shire, are presenting an exhibition and sale of



O is for Ocean, Carol Hellmers

stunning mosaic artwork in the studio of the Montague Arts and Crafts Society, Narooma. It has been four years since The Artful Nine showed their collective work to the public, so this exhibition of mosaic creations is long awaited.



Still Life after Olley, Carol Hellmers

Mosaic art has a very long tradition, dating back to stone paths and floors of Greco-Roman times. These days almost any material can be used to make a mosaic including stone, glass, ceramic, porcelain, recycled costume jewellery, even broken safety glass. The styles of mosaic art cover a wide range too, from pictorial to abstract imagery, from the purely aesthetic wall art to highly functional pieces and wearable art. With free entry and open for three days only, this exhibition is not to be missed.

The opening is 5.00 to 7.00 pm Thursday, 4 December – drinks and nibbles provided.

Three days only: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5-7 December at the MACS Studio, Building 3, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road, Narooma.

Call me on 0403 426 405 for more information.

Carol Hellmers

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Art in the Triangle

Oh, Mumma

Oh Mumma, An Ode to Early Motherhood is an exhibition in the Sideroom at the Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo, for the month of December 2025 by Tia Ofu Fereti.

It is a watercolour series celebrating the beauty between mum and bub – the softness, the sweetness of those quiet



Mumma and Bub, Tia Ofu Fereti

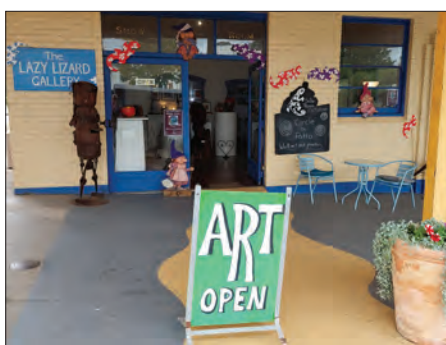
moments, the snuggles, songs shared in the wee hours, the magic of motherhood.

My name is Tia Ofu Fereti, I grew up in Bermagui and have lived here for 24 years. I became a mother to my little Mana on 9 September this year by the fire at 6.12 pm. He is the inspiration of this exhibition, every painting has been done with him by my side.

Here's to all the mummás out there, you are magic! You are loved! You are so incredibly powerful! Thank you.

I would love to see you at the opening on Saturday, 6 December between 10.00 am and noon.

Tia Ofu Fereti



The Lazy Lizard Gallery in Cobargo

The art of every day – finding the extraordinary in the ordinary

This January, the Lazy Lizard Gallery invites you to discover beauty in the moments we often overlook.

The Art of Every Day brings together new works by gallery members who transform familiar scenes, objects and routines into surprising expressions of colour, texture and insight. From quiet corners and fleeting gestures to the patterns woven into daily life, each piece reveals how the mundane can spark imagination when seen with fresh eyes.

Across painting, ceramics, jewellery, photography and mixed media, the artists invite us to slow down, to find wonder in the familiar and celebrate the creative possibilities of everyday living, and to discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary. On display 1-31 January 2026.

Michelle Marly

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From darkness to discord: SOAPI delivers a double bill of drama and wit

The School of Arts Players Inc. (SOAPI) presented two original plays by playwright Jenifer James at the Cobargo School of Arts on Friday, 7 November 2025. Both were directed by Robyn Freedman and performed by a talented cast of local actors.

The evening opened with *Danse Macabre*, a dark, atmospheric piece set in a misty forest clearing. Sophia Moody is compelling as Faye, a troubled wife torn over her charming yet unfaithful husband Neal (Ben Buggy). Kathryn Ratcliff brings poise to Evie, Neal's lover and Faye's former friend, while Linda Tucker gives a haunting performance as a ghostly *psychopomp* guiding souls to the afterlife. Only in the final moments does the audience discover who among them is alive, unhinged – or already dead.

After a short interval, *KAOS* lifted the mood with sharp humour and lively performances. In a crumbling mountain hideaway, Eris, goddess of discord (Julie Sweeney), rules over her daughters Leth'e (Alexa Peggie) and A-T'e (Tamlyn Magee). When two stranded mortals arrive – used-car salesman Barney King (Alan Arthur) and his nephew Nigel (Charlie Bamford) – mischief ensues. Eris tricks Barney into becoming King of the Underworld, while Leth'e's compassion wins her a human companion. The final scene is both witty and unexpectedly touching.

Founded by Graeme and Robyn Freedman in 2017, SOAPI continues to inspire locals to explore their creativity. The Cobargo School of Arts provided a comfortable, cabaret-style setting for about 80 guests, complete with complimentary refreshments and a friendly, community feel.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable night of imaginative local theatre. SOAPI's next in-house production is planned for early 2026, with casting underway and new actors warmly encouraged to join.

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Artesanato Summer at the Spiral Gallery, Bega

The **Cash, Card & Carry** exhibition runs until 13 January 2026. You will find a smorgasbord of original artworks from Spiral members and other South Coast artists for the summer season: ceramics, jewellery, clothing, prints, paintings, handcrafted wood and knives, baskets and more.

Nature's Tattoo is an exhibition in Gallery 2 featuring Barb Crowden, Polly Crowden, Jude Lamb and Camilla Lardi Rizzotto exploring the ways nature informs their art practice. Featuring ceramics, screen and eco printing, and assemblage wallworks. It runs until 24 December.

Whispers Through Fabric: Issara will also be in Gallery 2 and is a textile exhibition that runs from 29 December to 13 January 2026 and features improvisations in textiles.

Nature's Palette is an exhibition that runs from 16 January to 11 February 2026 and features Alex Bell and Helen Morris. Showcasing the natural beauty of landscape, flora and fauna in our south-east region of NSW, it is an eclectic mix of photography, drawing, print and paint.

Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St, Bega. Open Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and Saturdays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Extended trading hours between 15 and 24 December when the gallery will be open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. The gallery will be closed on 25 and 26 December and on 1 January.

Check out the website by typing in 'Spiral Gallery Bega' in your usual search engine.

Diana Stewart



Stitched bag by Marilyn Banfield is in the Cash, Card & Carry show.



Hand-painted ceramic plate by Barb Crowden showing in Nature's Tattoo



Horse Head Rock, Bermagui, NSW by Alex Bell in Nature's Palette



Artwork by Helen Morris in Nature's Palette

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Your summer reading list from *The Triangle* team

Marita

***Born to Run*, Bruce Springsteen, 2016.** I borrowed this after watching the movie Springsteen: *Deliver me from Nowhere*. The book provides deep insight into the life and career of The Boss and is quite raw.

***Yoga in Practice*, Katy Appleton, 2004.** I bought this book and a pile of Katy's videos when I had a back injury over 15 years ago. I decided to revisit it earlier this year when I was training for Connor's Run. I have found it a great complement to guided practice classes.

***Winter Knits Made Easy 40 Fabulous Patterns*, Anne Hildyard (ed.), 2014.** A great resource that has lots of patterns but, more importantly for me, because my Mum is no longer alive, a section on techniques and fixing your knitting mistakes (which I have a tendency to do when I'm not concentrating)!

Flick

***Juice*, Tim Winton, 2024.** This is a gripping audiobook. I was wary of the thick paper book but found the audio version compelling and returned it to the library well ahead of the due date.

***Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*, Gabrielle Zevin, 2022,** is a friendship love story between Sadie and Sam, two childhood friends who become famous making computer games.

***The Rose Field*, Philip Pullman, 2025,** is the third volume in the The Book of Dust series and is a magnificent quest to find Lyra's imagination in a world where dogma and fear smash the imagination to pieces.

Tikka

***Twelve Post-War Tales*, Graham Swift, 2025.** These stories are a reflective study of human experience, through the small and personal, blending colloquial, ordinary lives against the lingering impact of conflict through history.

***Orbital*, Samantha Harvey, 2023 Booker Prize winner.** This novella, set in the International Space Station, explores the astronauts' understanding of the hopeful relationship of humanity with our planet Earth.

***The Vanishing Point*, Paul Theroux, 2025,** a collection of short stories about remembering and illustrates the poignancy of memory and longing through the prism of time passing.

Deb

***The Paris Express*, Emma Donoghue, 2025.** Based on an actual journey in 1895, it follows passengers aboard an express train on a fateful journey to Paris.

***The Coast*, Chris Hammer, 2013.** Travel the east coast of Australia with author's memoirs, descriptions and histories of areas as you pass through, with a focus on climate change.

***Brooklyn*, Colm Tóibín, 2009.** Beautifully written, navigating life and relationships between Ireland and America in the 1950s.

Linda

***Edenglassie*, Melissa Lucashenko, 2023.** A humorous, mostly historical story set in Brisbane when First Nations people still outnumber the colonists.

***The Tarot Reader of Versailles*, Anya Bergman, 2025.** A captivating epic novel set during the French Revolution.

***Jane in Love*, Rachel Givney, 2020.** A fun time-travelling novel that has Jane Austen travelling to the future and falling in love – of course!

Stuart

***Song of the Crocodile*, Nardi Simpson, 2020 and**

***Prophet Song*, Paul Lynch, 2023.**

Two very different books about love and survival.

***The Survivors*, Jane Harper, 2020.** Secrets, grief and guilt.

Angela

***Theory and Practice*, Michelle de Kretser, 2024.** An honest and beautifully written book that plays with the form of the novel, exposes the inevitable contradictions between life as it is lived and the ideals we espouse and the guilt and shame that ensue, and is an unflinching critique of colonialism.

***Always Home, Always Homesick*, Hannah Kent, 2025.** Her memoir of her year on a student exchange programme in Iceland, the setting of her book *Burial Rites*, and an exploration of the idea of home and the power of stories.

***Tell Me Why*, Archie Roach, 2019.** The most moving account of his life, art and love. The book is gritty, challenging and real – totally involving and devastatingly emotional – bring tissues..



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The colours of Christmas

Red, green and white are among the most popular colours associated with Christmas. This iconic combination is often linked to the English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), with its evergreen leaves and bright red berries. Amid the European snow, holly symbolised hope during the depths of winter and was central to ancient solstice celebrations long before Christmas as we know it was celebrated.

In Australia, however, holly berries ripen between May and August, making the plant less suited to our December celebrations – unless you're hosting Christmas in July. Despite the abundance of plastic replicas, holly isn't a practical choice for an Aussie Christmas.

A plant that has been successfully adapted for our summer season is the poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*). Native to Mexico, poinsettias naturally change colour in response to shorter winter days. Australian growers use light and temperature control to coax them into colour for December. If you replant your poinsettia in the garden, expect it to return to its natural winter-flowering cycle.

For a festive splash of red from closer to home, the *Metrosideros* species – commonly known as the New Zealand Christmas Bush – offers a vibrant, seasonally timed alternative. With evergreen foliage and fluffy red flowers that appear in early summer, these plants range from large trees such as *M. excelsa* to compact forms including 'Little Bridget' (1 m x 1 m), 'Mini Christmas' (2 m x 1 m) and 'Firecracker' (4 m x 2 m). These smaller cultivars make excellent hedges or container plants.

Our most local and beloved Christmas plant is the NSW Christmas Bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*) that grows naturally from Ulladulla to Evans

Head. Like the poinsettia, its showy red colouring comes not from the flowers but from the enlarged calyx lobes that flush after flowering. This species has been a festive favourite since colonial times and was used in much the same way as holly in European traditions. Its bright red bunches make striking, long-lasting cut flowers. Cultivars such as 'Albury's Red' and 'Johana's Christmas' are prized for their especially deep scarlet tones.

For an easy, cheerful burst of seasonal colour, try red and white petunias in baskets or pots. Pairing white petunias with red salvias also creates a bold, eye-catching combination. Or keep an eye out for red-and-white bi-coloured petunias for an instant holiday feel.

Around town gardens, oleanders and bougainvillea are in full flush. One of our favourite seasonal colour pairings is coming to an end as the jacarandas and Illawarra flame trees finish their dramatic flower drop.

In the wild places – particularly along the Triangle roadsides – look for *Ozothamnus diosmifolium*, a two-metre native shrub carrying tight clumps of small, white, papery flowers at the ends of its branches.

In the vegie garden it's still a great time to plant fast-growing summer favourites such as cucumbers, beans and zucchini, as well as blocks of corn, more tomatoes and pumpkins. With hot, dry conditions settling in, be sure to keep water up to the garden and mulch any bare soil. If plants begin to wilt, consider providing shade cloth during the hottest part of the day.

Any comments, gardening questions or plant or pest identification problems, send them through to gardening@thetriangle.org.au. I will get back to you.

Happy growing and merry Christmas.



Poinsettia



Petunias



Ozothamnus diosmifolium



NZ Christmas bush



NSW Christmas bush



Christmas sides

Forget the centrepieces of seafood, poultry, meats and vegan extravaganzas, here are some of *The Triangle* team's favourite side dishes that can accompany, or even star in their own right at the festive table.

Tomatoes with toasted fennel and anchovy dressing

Fill a bowl of halved cherry tomatoes, or scatter quartered smallish tomatoes on a platter. Sprinkle with a little vinegar. Gently heat half a cup of olive oil, throw in 2 tablespoons of slightly crushed fennel seeds, and a tin or small jar of anchovies. Gently cook until the anchovies dissolve. Spoon the simple, spicy, salty, savoury and scrumptious toasted fennel-anchovy sauce onto the toms with a few grinds of black pepper. It doesn't taste fishy at all. Beware of addiction.

Flick

Roasted carrots with tahini sauce

1 kilo of carrots (not too big)
2 tablespoons olive oil
Sea salt
½ teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon honey
1 orange
2 tablespoons chopped pistachios (shelled, roasted and salted)
1 tablespoon chopped chives
1/3 cup of plain Greek yoghurt
3 tablespoons of tahini
1 garlic clove, finely chopped or grated

Method:

Heat oven to 180-200° C.
Peel carrots and slice into spears. Toss the carrots with olive oil, salt and cumin. Roast in hot oven for about 20 to 25 minutes until they are soft, with a little bit of charring around the edges. Drizzle with a teaspoon of honey while hot and toss again.

Tahini sauce

Cut orange in half, squeeze 3 tablespoons of juice. Add yoghurt, tahini, garlic and 2 tablespoons of water and whisk together in a bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Smear the mixture onto a serving platter.

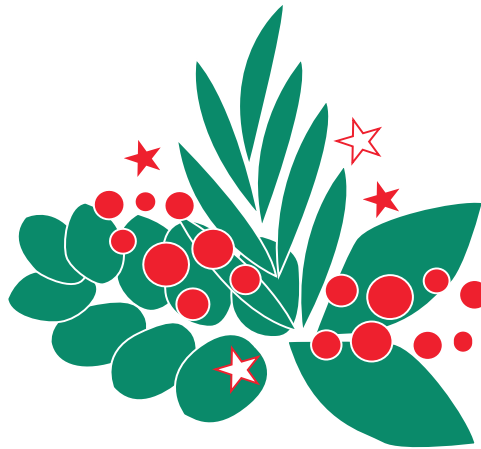
Give the roasted carrots a squeeze of orange juice, drizzle with a small amount of olive oil and a grind of black pepper. Toss and add extra seasoning if warranted. Arrange the carrots on top of the smear of tahini sauce, pour any leftover oil and seasoning on top and sprinkle with chopped pistachios and chives. Serve hot, warm or at room temperature.

Angela

Easy and tasty snacks

Toasted almonds

100 g peeled almonds
1 tablespoon olive oil



Sea salt

Heat olive oil in pan, add the almonds and move around the pan constantly for about 1 minute until golden brown – do not burn! Spread out on kitchen paper, sprinkle with sea salt and serve once cool.

Bruschetta

500 gms ripe tomatoes, any size or variety, chopped
½ red onion, chopped
1 clove garlic
Basil leaves
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
Sea salt and freshly ground pepper
1 baguette

Mix tomato, onion, basil, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper. Leave 30 minutes. Slice baguette diagonally and toast. Rub toast with more olive oil and garlic clove. Top with tomato mix and serve immediately.

Debbie

Green beans with garlic chips

These delicious green beans are for garlic lovers. When you put this dish together, you need to pay attention – be sure not to burn the garlic chips or they will become bitter and you'll need to start again. And when you toss the beans, the oil should be hot but not smoking. This is a wonderful side dish for Christmas or any time green beans are in season.

500 grams green beans
6-8 large garlic cloves
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
Squeeze of lemon juice
Handful of finely chopped parsley
Salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Peel the garlic cloves and slice them very thinly. Heat the oil and butter in a frying

pan and fry the garlic chips on a medium flame until just turning golden. Remove them to a paper-lined plate.

Top and tail the beans and steam or boil in salted water until *al dente* (5-7 minutes). Drain and refresh the green beans in cold water. When you're ready to serve, reheat the garlic oil to medium high and sear the beans tossing them until they are a bit blistered. Squeeze lemon juice and give a final toss.

Plate the beans, pouring the garlic oil on top. Scatter the garlic chips and parsley, then grind some salt and pepper.

Serve hot.

bhagya

Potato salad with fennel and apple

Cook about a kilogram of potatoes with skin on till tender. Cool and peel skin. Cut into smallish cubes. Dice some fennel into similar sized pieces (probably weighing half the amount of potato). Cube a similar amount of green apple (as the fennel), toss apple in lemon juice to stay white. Toss everything in a mix of ½ cup of mayonnaise (homemade or in a jar), ¼ cup of sour cream, add a spoonful of Dijon mustard, a spoonful of honey, chopped fresh dill and season with salt and pepper. Serves 4-6.

Linda

Cucumber salad with smashed garlic and ginger

3-4 smallish cucumbers peeled and sliced or cut into matchstick size

3 cloves of garlic

2 cm knob of ginger

Small red onion or 3 large spring onions

Grapeseed or rice bran oil

Sesame oil

Brown rice vinegar

Salt

Toasted sesame seeds

Fresh coriander

Slice the onion and marinate in 2 tablespoons of oil, teaspoon of sesame oil and tablespoon of rice vinegar for an hour in a serving bowl large enough to fit all the cucumber.

Smash garlic and ginger with 1 teaspoon of salt in a mortar and pestle.

Place cucumber in the serving bowl, add garlic and ginger, toasted sesame seeds and coriander. Mix well.

Leave to stand for a short while to allow flavours to mingle. Serve and enjoy with other salads.

Stuart

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

Bermagui: All Saints - every Sunday 8.30am
Cobargo: Christ Church -
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays 10.30am
Quaama: Quaama School of Arts Hall -
4th Sunday 10.30am
Ph: Vanessa Williams 0408 177 131

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

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

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Every Sunday morning at 10am
behind the Bermagui Country Club.
Beginners and new members welcome.
Contact Bermagui Country Club on 6493 4340

BERMAGUI CWA

Meet first Friday of each month (except Jan)
CWA Hall, 10 Corunna St, Bermagui
Contact: Amanda Greedy 0413 613 773
cwa.bermagui@gmail.com

BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

Meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month
Contact: bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

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

BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museum Open Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am - 2pm. Researchers & helpers welcome.
Contact bermaguimuseum@gmail.com

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

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

BERMAGUI PROBUS

Meets at 10am to 12pm on the 2nd Monday of
each month at the Men's Shed meeting room.
Bermagui Tathra Rd. Contact Lorraine Courtis
email lcou6446@bigpond.net.au

BERMAGUI SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

COBARGO AND DISTRICT ENERGY TRANSITION GROUP INC (CaDET)

Email - renewablecobargo@gmail.com
www.renewablecobargo.com

COBARGO CREATORS

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

COBARGO CWA

Meets in the CWA Rooms, 5 Bermagui St
2nd Tues of the month, 10.30am.
cwa.cobargo@gmail.com
Cottage Hire 6493 6428 or 0429 933 686

COBARGO DISTRICT MUSEUM

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

COBARGO PRESCHOOL

Child centred, play based preschool
education for 3-5 year olds.
Mon - Thurs during school terms
0455 043 489 cobargopreschool@gmail.com
www.cobargopreschool.com.au

COBARGO QUAAMA BUSINESS RECOVERY GROUP INC (CQBRG)

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

COBARGO RSL HALL

Hall bookings and inquiries:
Graham Churchill
0409 638 323 / cobargorsl@gmail.com

COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

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

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS

Hall bookings and inquiries:
Don 0432 508 518 / cobargohall@gmail.com

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP

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

COBARGO SHOWGROUND

Contact: Mike Nicholas m: 0414 012 287
e: miknik62@hotmail.com for bookings

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

Monthly 2nd Wednesday, 7.00 pm - Cobargo
Showground dining hall. Contact Naomi 0417
456 354 secretarycobargoshow@yahoo.com.au

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSOC

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

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

KAMALASHILA TIBETAN BUDDHIST CENTRE

Every Sunday
Sunday guided meditation 10am - 11am
Self-guided meditation 10am - 11am
By donations. Everyone is welcome.
9000 Princes Highway, Tilba

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guest speakers & special events.
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Contact: Linda Chapman 0422 273 021

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays 10am-3.00pm in the CWA
Cottage, Bermagui Road, Cobargo. Anyone
welcome who does patchwork, quilting, or any
other fibre or needlecraft. Contact Lorraine
James 0459 022 368 or Leanne Tett 0408 627 103

QUAAMA MEN'S SHED

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

QUAAMA SCHOOL OF ARTS

Hall bookings and inquiries:
Call 0490 902 616
quaamahallbookings@gmail.com

SOAPI COMMUNITY THEATRE

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

TILBA CWA

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

TILBA MARKET

Home grown, Hand made,
Grow it, Make it, Sew it, Bake it.
Saturdays 9am to 1pm, Bate St, Central Tilba
Stall booking essential. Phone 0490 130 478.

TRIANGLE TOOL LIBRARY

Behind the Cobargo Co-op
Open 9am-12pm on Tues, Fri and Sat
www.triangletoollibrary.org.au
Lynn 0411 432 533 or Nacre 0419 425 208

U3A BERMAGUI

Lifelong Learning Opportunities
For a full list of courses and timetable
visit: u3abermagui.com.au

UNITING CHURCH SERVICES

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

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

The Yuin Folk Club organises the annual
Cobargo Folk Festival and hosts folk music
concerts throughout the year.
Details at www.cobargofolkfestival.com
Ph. Secretary Chris Walters 0476 787 480,
Treasurer Peter Shears 0439 738 377 or email
info@cobargofolkfestival.com

For the fridge door

DECEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
All month	Oh Mumma, an ode to early motherhood, watercolours, Tia Ofu Fereti, Opening Sat 6, 10 am pg 33	Sideroom, Lazy Lizard Gallery Cobargo	T-F 10-3 pm, Sat 10-1 pm
Till Weds 24	Nature's Tattoo, group exhibition, ceramics, eco prints, assemblage pg 35	Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St Bega	M-F 10-4 pm Sat 10-1 pm
All month till Tues 13 Jan	Artesanato summer group exhibition, Cash, Card & Carry pg 35	Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St Bega	M-F 10-4 pm Sat 10-1 pm
Thurs 4	Opening group Mosaic exhibition pg 32	MACS Studio, Narooma	5-7 pm
Fri 5, Sat 6, Sun 7	Mosaic exhibition by the Artful Nine group of mosaic artists pg 32	MACS Studio, Bldg 3, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Rd, Narooma	10-4 pm
Fri 5	Christmas in Cobargo - late night fun, shops open, food & market stalls pg 12	Cobargo Main St and beyond	5 pm till late
	Tilba Halls Committee AGM Pages 17, 18	The Barn, Dromedary Hotel Central Tilba	5.30 pm
Fri 5 till Fri 30 Jan	New Beginnings members exhibition in all media. Opening 10 am pg 12	Cobargo Creators	Sun-F 10-2 pm Sat 9-1 pm
All Saturdays	Live music ph 0477 496 159	Camel Rock Brewhouse Open W-Sun 11.30-8.30pm	3-6 pm
Sat 6	A Very Tilba Christmas - late night market shopping, food, stalls and lighting the Xmas tree pg 24	Bate St, Central Tilba	4-8 pm
All Sundays	Live music ph 0477 496 159	Camel Rock Brewhouse Open W-Sun 11.30-8.30pm	2-5 pm
Sun 14	Sunday Sanctus - special Christmas community service with Christmas carols and Taizé led by Kim Edgar, afternoon tea follows pg 18	Open Sanctuary, 229 Corkhill Dr, Tilba Tilba	3.30 pm onwards
	Dignams Creek Trash & Treasure night market, raffles, food, kids activities, homemade goodies + produce pg 10	Follow the signs to the New Old shed	4-8 pm
Fri 19	Bermagui Community Carols - Santa, Nippers BBQ, Brass Band pg 2	Bermagui Life Saving Club lawn	Starts 5.30 pm Band 6.30 pm
Weds 24	Community Christmas Carols pg 14	Apex Park, Cobargo	7 pm onwards
Thurs 25	Bowerbird Christmas Lunch pg 12	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	Gather at 11.30 am
Mon 29 to Tues 13 Jan	Whispers Through Fabric: Issara improvisations in textiles pg 35	Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St Bega	M-F 10-4 pm Sat 10-1 pm
JANUARY			
All month	The Art of Everyday: finding the extraordinary in the ordinary group show of Lazy Lizard members pg 33	Sideroom, Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	T-F 10-3pm Sat 10-1 pm
Fri 16 to Weds 11 Feb	Nature's Palette, inspired by nature. Alex Bell & Helen Morris, eclectic mix of photography, drawing, print & paint. pg 35	Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St Bega	M-F 10-4 pm Sat 10-1 pm
Mon 26	Cobargo Citizen of the Year pg 14	Cobargo School of Arts	11 am onwards