

Bermagui SEASIDE fair

NEWS & REVIEWS

Country town tradition alive and well

Blessing of the fleet ... the street parade with a brass band ... the rides that thrill and chill ... pop music from times past and from various sources ... the buzz, sweat and cheers of the wood cutting events ... stalls and exotic food stands ... live music ... fireworks. What a day and evening too!

The Triangle (Community News), April 2014

Seaside Fair “Out of this World” Annual Bermagui celebration attracts 10,000

Bermagui Seaside Fair committee president Jo Jacobs said ... it all went smoothly from the breakfast first thing to the fireworks. We had some excellent entertainment in the afternoon with the chainsaw demonstration and Johnny Cash tribute show. New to the Fair this year was the auction of the “Umbrellas of Bermagui”, wonderful creations by local artists that were sold off to raise funds to build the Bermagui skate park. River Cottage Australia was also out and about filming during the Fair with host Paul West and his crew setting up a stall offering a special dish using produce grown on the farm.

Narooma News, 12 March 2014

Light shines on Seaside’s umbrellas

Plans for Saturday’s Bermagui Seaside Fair are well and truly in full swing with another jam-packed program to keep Fair goers entertained. One of the highlights is the “Umbrellas of Bermagui” auction. The inaugural event was launched by television personality Catriona Rowntree as part of her official Australia Day ambassador duties, on January 26. 15 three metre shad umbrellas, each featuring a unique hand-painted/decorated design on top, have been on display in Bermagui for the past few weeks and are now ready for auction at the Seaside Fair. The funds raised will be put towards the construction of the Bermagui Skate Park.

Bega District News, 4 March 2014

Thousands flock to be beside the seaside

Great weather, joyous crowds and a host of fun and fabulous events combined to make the 16th annual Bermagui Seaside Fair an unforgettable day.

Narooma News, 13 March 2013

Beside the seaside

Bermagui’s community fair a fantastic day in the sun

Bega District News, 12 March 2013

There’s no excuse for staying indoors this weekend with events such as the Bermagui Seaside Fair ... beautiful Bermagui hosts the Seaside Fair. The fair attracts thousands of visitors each year thanks to its lively street parade, market stalls, entertainment and delicious food.

Bega District News, 8 March 2013

Bermagui Seaside Fair

Saturday March 9 is fast approaching ... and the program for the 16th Fair is packed with events to suit every age group.

Narooma News, 6 March 2013

The Bermagui Seaside Fair is on Saturday 9th March, and it has a program that’s as long as your arm – truly!

IMAG Monthly, March 2013

Seasiders share the wealth

Bermagui Seasiders presented donations to nine local organisations as a result of the 2010 Bermagui Seaside Fair. At the Bermagui Country Club on Friday, June 25 cheques were presented by Seasiders chairperson, Jo Jacobs, to Bermagui Public School, Bermagui Preschool, Little Yuin Preschool, Bermagui SES, Bermagui Rural Fire Brigade, Bermagui Marine Rescue and All Saints Bermagui. Donations were also made prior to the presentation to Sculpture on the Edge and St John Ambulance.

Over 13 years Bermagui Seaside Fair has returned over \$27,000 to the community and benefited 21 local youth and community groups.

Planning is already under way for the 14th Seaside Fair, which will be held on Saturday March 12 next year.

Bermagui Times – Bega District News, 16 July 2010 & Narooma News, 21 July 2010

Bermagui's big day unites the town

Organisers of the Bermagui Seaside Fair were left with a glowing feeling after a perfect day ... The weather was perfect all day, Dickinson Oval was packed with crowds enjoying the entertainment, stalls and food ... Legendary Aboriginal performer Jimmy Little, whose family hails from the area, was the guest of honour at the fair and stuck around to give a great one-and-a-half-hour performance at the Senior's Concert on Sunday at Bermagui Country Club.

Narooma News, 17 March 2010

Countdown to the Bermagui Seaside Fair ... and a day long festival for the family!

The countdown is on for the annual multi award-winning thirteenth Bermagui Seaside Fair. Saturday, 13th March is the date to note and Dickinson Oval in the centre of beautiful Bermagui is the venue ... So make the 13th of March your lucky day and come along to the thirteenth Bermagui Seaside Fair. You will be glad you did!!!

Gem Attractions, March 2010

Proud of our Place: Seaside Fair 2010

Planning for the 13th multi award-winning Bermagui Seaside Fair on Saturday, March 13 is well under way. "Bermagui – Proud of our Place" is the theme for the 2010 Fair and the committee is hoping to demonstrate the history of Bermagui from its roots at the Montreal Goldfields, the fishing industry, timber and farming industry, through to the importance of today's tourism for the local economy.

Bermagui Times – Bega District News, 19 February & Narooma News, 24 February 2010

Seasiders hand out fair proceeds

Seven local organisations benefited from the proceeds of the 2009 Bermagui Seaside Fair. Since 1998, Bermagui Seaside Fair has been able to return to [the] community a total of almost \$24,000, and benefited 20 local organisations.

Bermagui Times – Bega District News, 14 July 2009

Bermagui Shines Again

"The Best Ever" was the unanimous conclusion of all who attended the 12th Annual Bermagui Seaside Fair on Saturday 14th March.

This year's Pet Pageant was full of surprises and wonderful moments such as the arrival of Digby the pig, a beautiful, proudly displayed python and so many lovely lovable dogs and guinea pigs.

The Triangle (Community News), April 2009

Seaside Success

Organisers of the Bermagui Seaside Fair say it was the best ever, drawing thousands of visitors from near and far. "The whole idea was to attract people to the town to show off its assets, attractions and businesses." (Jo Jacobs, Bermagui Seaside Fair Organiser)

Bega District News, 20 March 2009

The best-ever Bermagui Seaside Fair Seaside Fair a success

Narooma News, 18 March 2009

Bermagui Seaside Fair – 'the best day out!

Don't miss the opportunity of having one of the best days out you will experience this year at Bermagui's 12th Annual Seaside Fair on Saturday, March 14.

South Coast Leisure Times, February-March 2009

Seaside Fair funds benefit many

The Bermagui Seaside Fair committee held a presentation night on Friday 20th June. Event Organiser Jo Jacobs was pleased to be able to present some of the donations in person to representatives from the different local volunteer groups who attended. Since the inception of the Seaside Fair almost \$20,000 has been donated to the local community and plans are well under way for the 2009 event.

Bermagui Times – Bega District News, 15 July & Narooma News, 20 July 2008

A Spectacular Seaside Success

Overall the 11th Bermagui Seaside Fair was a spectacular success. With sculpture to inspire and delight, photography to admire, country music, bush poetry, paintings and pots, who wouldn't have found a few hours of relaxed family fun among the stalls and stages at this year's Fair?

The Triangle (Community News), April 2008

Something beautiful, something significant

Sculpture on the Edge

Art as described by the Macquarie dictionary is the production or expression of what is beautiful or of more than ordinary significance. For six days, visitors to Bermagui celebrated a beautiful event of more than ordinary significance as over 100 artworks were exhibited as part of "Sculpture on the Edge", which featured as part of the Seaside Fair.

Bermagui Times – Narooma News, 19 March 2008

Sculpture attracts visitors from far and wide

Sculpture on the Edge organiser Jan Ireland was elated by the success of this year's sculpture exhibit at the Bermagui Seaside Fair. Ms Ireland said she spoke to several people who came from as far as Sydney and Canberra just to see the sculptures, three of which sold on the first day.

Narooma News, 12 March 2008

Seaside success

Sunny skies and smiling faces were the order of the day at Bermagui's annual Seaside Fair on Saturday. Organisers were pleased with the day as thousands of people visited Bermagui to take part in the event.

Narooma News, 12 March 2008

Fabulous Bermagui Seaside Fair

Drop in to beautiful Bermagui on Saturday 8th March for the multi-award winning Bermagui Seaside Fair. The Bermagui Seaside Fair, now in its 11th year, boasts many events visitors may not expect to find at a seaside village celebration.

Imag Monthly, February & March 2008

Hats Off To ...

The Seaside Fair has done it again ... taken out its fourth honour in four years – Award of Distinction from the South Coast Awards for Excellence in Tourism in the Regional Festival or Event section.

The Triangle (Community News), July 2007

Seaside Fair was huge!

Bega District News, 13 March 2007

Tourism operators receive awards

Local winners at the 2006 South Coast Regional Tourism Awards included organisers of the Bermagui Seaside Fair who won the Regional Festival or Event category, making it the third year the fair has received an award at the event.

Narooma News, 5 July 2006

Award for Bermagui Seaside Fair

Bermagui Seaside Fair was the winner in the Regional Festival or Event category at the South Coast Awards for Excellence in Tourism. This is the third year in a row Bermagui Seaside Fair has received an excellence in tourism award.

Bega District News, 4 July 2006

Excellence awards for Bermagui tourism

Four Bermagui businesses were recognised at the 2005 South Coast Regional Tourism Awards. The secretary of the Bermagui Seaside Fair, Jo Jacobs, said theirs was a close working team, with everybody in the community involved and having a whole load of fun. The judges said the fair was a fantastic example of a community working together to make things happen. "It is a fantastic event, encompassing all sectors of the community – a showcase of local art, craft, produce and talent, an event not to be missed."

Bega District News, 19 July 2005 & Narooma News, 20 July 2005

My husband and I travelled from Goulburn to attend yesterday's Seaside Fair ... what a wonderful, happy, community spirited day it was. We enjoyed the parade immensely and marvelled at the amount of effort that had been put into the entries. Well done to all involved. We WILL be back next year. THANK YOU!!!!

NR, March 2014

Another super day at Bermagui, loved the painted brollies.

DK, March 2014

Congratulations to your committee for a fabulous day ... the parade was spectacular, a great turn up of stalls ... such a big crowd ... the poets were good ... so much FUN.

TJ, March 2014

The purpose of this correspondence is to express our continued support and pride in sponsoring the Bermagui Seaside Fair. The annual event is a major event in Bermagui and it is always patronised by not only Bermagui residents but neighbouring towns, villages and many, many visitors to the Bermagui area.

Bermagui Country Club, July 2010

The [2009] Fair offered a unique variety of entertainment, catering to a vast range of interests. By hosting the Fair the community of Bermagui was given the opportunity to showcase their goods and services in a very positive environment.

Bermagui Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Your group provides a wonderful community activity as a result of many hours of work. Congratulations and thank you on behalf of the Bermagui Public School community.

Neil Rutherford, Principal, Bermagui Public School

All who participated [at the 2009 Bermagui Seaside Fair] thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful array of activities to enjoy and stalls to visit. The organisation on the day was excellent and a great tribute to you all.

Narelle Myers, Director, Bermagui Preschool

I just wanted to let you know what a fantastic day the Bermagui Seaside Fair was. The variety of entertainment, events and market stalls made for a wonderfully enjoyable day. The sculpture event was stimulating and of a high standard – and what a perfect venue that headland is.

BL, Kiama

Just a quick note to thank everyone concerned with organising of the Fair. The day was certainly worth it for us.

LM, Kalaru

I just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the Seaside Fair ... we had a great day ... there was a real sense of community spirit and energy which was wonderful to see.

GB, Tasmania

As a member of the public the Seaside Fair is a fabulous social day, as well as an information gathering opportunity. People wait with anticipation for the next Fair.

SS, Bermagui

... congratulate the committee who made this year's Bermagui Seaside Fair such a happy, trouble-free and successful day. I think it was the 'best ever'.

JF, Bega

Awards for Bermagui Seaside Fair

- **Semi-Finalist – Top 10**
2010 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement & Community Awards, Events & Tourism category
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 - **Distinction Award**
2007 South Coast Awards for Excellence in Tourism, Regional Festival or Event category
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 - **Distinction Award**
2005 South Coast Awards for Excellence in Tourism, Regional Festival or Event category
 - **Encouragement Award**
2004 South Coast Awards for Excellence in Tourism, Regional Festival or Event category
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