

## 2013 Newsletter

**Beautiful Bermagui**...only a couple of hours from a capital city, a million miles from care...

Wow another year has passed – can you believe it? Three down but who's counting!

Like everybody else in Australia Bermagui has had some unusual weather events this year however we have been spared bushfires and floods unlike many parts of New South Wales. As usual the weather continues to be glorious.

After the hail in 2012 the garden was decimated. Fortunately the replanted herb garden continues to supply guests with fresh produce.

The garden is so beautiful at this time of the year with the gardenias and roses once again in bloom and a joyous sight. Keith continues to keep the lawn looking beautiful however still avoiding the garden.



We have launched a new website and would love to receive your comments. Our web address is [www.captainsquarters.com.au](http://www.captainsquarters.com.au). Do you have any holiday snaps that you would like to add to our website? If so please email them to me and I will upload - [info@captainsquarters.com.au](mailto:info@captainsquarters.com.au) with acknowledgement to you if you like.

Wow what a whale season it has been! Whales galore! October presented the greatest number of whales yet on the return migration to the southern oceans. In early August a baby Southern Right was born in Horseshoe Bay. We were treated to the mother and calf cruising Mooreheads Beach less than 35m from shore for nearly four weeks. This on top of the largest numbers yet of Humpbacks in close has given guests and ourselves some of the most spectacular whale watching sights you can imagine.

After a quick visit earlier in the year it was a pleasure to welcome back the previous owners (Barb & Graeme) along with their extended family including three grandchildren who took time out to reacquaint themselves with Bermagui.

Bermagui has some changes and new additions:

1. To cater for the ever increasing number of bicycle riders Bega Shire Council has installed a new concrete cycle way from the Bermagui Bridge to the Fishermen's Wharf. In addition the footpath on the northern side of the bridge has been widened to accommodate dual use.
2. This ties in nicely with the new bike hiring business which is fantastic for those who like bike riding however do not have a towbar (myself). The guys also offer paddle board lessons and kayaking tours. Ocean Adventures are located opposite Saltwater café in Lamont Street.

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3. A new yoga studio located in the arcade in the main street.
4. Miracles by the Sea has relocated to the old barber shop.
5. Felt has relocated to the main street next to the newsagent and is attracting heaps more business.
6. The Lands Department has completed stage one of a new marina precinct. This is a new floating finger wharf protruding into the harbour from the western shores north of the slipway and caters for 28 boats up to 15 meters in length. Stage two planned for completion in early 2014 is to replace all of the old pole moorings on the rock retaining wall with a new floating finger wharf. All up this will accommodate some 50 plus vessels on a permanent basis



Keith and I were invited by the Four Winds Festival committee to an inspection of the new enclosed building (The Windsong Pavilion) which is due to open in January 2014. This building designed by the renowned Clinton Murray complements the bush setting. We are looking forward to seeing the finished building and listening to a year-round program of events.

The Seaside Fair and Sculpture on the Edge were up to their usual standard attracting many intra and interstate visitors.

Artspace 7 at Fishermen's Wharf continues to have great exhibitions. My favourite has been locally knitted, crochet and sewn products which

you can purchase. They also offer locally made furniture made from recycled timber collected off the beach. We live in such a talented area.

Some of the areas events that you may be interested in:

**Bermagui Carols by the Sea:** Friday 6  
December 2013

**George Bass Surf Boat Marathon:** Wednesday  
1st - Thursday 2nd January 2014

**The Great Moscow Circus, Batemans Bay:**  
Wednesday 15 – Monday 27 January 2014,

**Cobargo Folk Festival:** Friday 21 – Sunday 23  
February 2014

**Sculpture on the Edge:** Saturday 1st -Monday  
10th March 2014

**Bermagui Seaside Fair:** Saturday 8th March  
2014

**Narooma Oyster Festival:** Saturday 5 – Sunday  
6 April 2014

**Four Winds Festival:** Thursday 17th April -  
Sunday 20th April 2014 (Easter)

**Great Southern Blues Festival, Narooma:**  
Friday 3 – Sunday 5 October 2014

We would love to hear from you between visits. The best way to do this is via our facebook page [www.facebook.com/captainsquartersbermi](http://www.facebook.com/captainsquartersbermi). Look forward to receiving your posts and please upload some of the photos you have taken whilst in the region.

Keith and I look forward to welcoming you back to Captain's Quarters when you can take a break.

Hope you have a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

**relax unwind enjoy**