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‘Murcutt’s ‘Tent’’ – details of Magney House, Bingie Point, designed by Glenn Murcutt

‘Power and Disfunction: the New South Wales Board for the Protection of Aborigines 1883 – 1940’ – book review

‘Capture of Clarke, the Outlaw, and His Brother’ – a newspaper report from 1867 about the capture of the bushranger Clarke gang

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‘I don’t need to be ‘welcomed’ to my country’ – an opinion piece on ‘Welcomes to Country’

‘Granny Sproats’ – a biography of a Wapengo pioneer

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‘Remembering Major World War I Actions’ – the stories behind the names of Holes 1 to 7 at the Kameruka Golf Course

‘On Community History’ – and interview with Dr Lenore Coltheart

‘The Women Who Changed Country Australia’ – book review

‘The Foundering of the Bega’ – a 1908 newspaper description of the loss of the SS ‘Bega’

‘What is an Acknowledgment of Country and How is it Different to a Welcome to Country’ – an Indigenous view on Welcomes to Country

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‘The History I Reveal’ – what a late 1920s photograph of Carp Street, Bega depicts

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‘F.S. (Frederick Simon) Goetz (1880 – 1968)’ – the story of a Bega shopkeeper

‘The Window in the Rock’ – a poem about ‘The Window in the Rock’, or ‘Australia Rock’, at Narooma

‘Shaping History – Why I Spent 10 Years Studying One Wikipedia Article’ - how Wikipedians write and change stories

‘South Coast: 85 Homes Lost; Vast Areas of Black Earth’ – a Sydney Morning Herald description of bushfires in 1952

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‘The Brown Mountain Road’ – two pictures of the Brown Mountain Road

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‘Getting to the South Coast from the Southern Highlands and the Monaro’ – pioneer tracks to the South Coast

‘Our Maritime Highway’ – the role of shipping along the South Coast up until the 1950s

‘On Time and In Place – Romancing Roads and Building Bridges’ – the development of vehicular access to the South Coast

‘Finding the National Story on the NSW South Coast’ – how South Coast history is built into depictions of Australia’s history by the National Museum of Australia

‘The Rural Deanery of the South Coast and Monaro Districts: An explanation of the history and sources’ – South Coast history held in the archives of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn

‘Trove’ – Trove’s future is seriously threatened by a lack of funding

‘Small Town’ – a view of Batemans Bay

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‘Retracing the Bodalla to Wagonga Tramway’ – the remains of a tramway that was built in 1883

‘Taking to the Field: A History of Australian Women in Science’ – book review

‘History of Moruya RSL’ – book review

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‘A Useful Resource’ – the Cabbage Tree Palm

‘The Last years of Old Bega Hospital’ – a history

‘Moruya – Patriotic…but Unenthusiastic’ – Moruya’s reaction to World War I

‘May 9 – The True Australia Day’ – why May 9 (the date the first federal parliament met in 1901) should be celebrated as Australia Day

‘The Journey to the Voice’ – events that lead up to the Voice referendum.

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‘’From the Very Summit’…Croagh Patrick Comes to Bega’ – the laying of a foundation stone, from Croagh Patrick in Ireland – for extensions to St Patrick’s Church, Bega

‘The Mystery Bay Mystery’ – the disappearance of five men at what is now called Mystery Bay

‘Suffering, Redemption and Triumph’ – book review

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‘Unreliable History’ – the myth that the Shoalhaven River Bridge was built for a railway

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‘Operation Hurricane: The story of Britain’s first atomic test in Australia and the legacy that remains’ – book review

‘Bee Miles: Australia’s famous Bohemian rebel and the untold story behind the legend’ – book review

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‘Southern Signals: Stories of innovation, challenge and triumph in Australia’s communication history’ – book review

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‘Local News, 100 Years Ago’ – the reporting of the suicide of a teenager near Candelo in 1924

‘Bega Showground Pavillion’ – the story behind a photograph

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‘Nowra’s Fleet Air Arm Museum’ – details of this free-entry museum

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‘The 1860s inn that came all the way from America in a flat pack – really!’ – the story of the Woolingubrah Inn near Cathcart

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‘Montreal: Australia’s Goldfield by the Sea’ – the history of Montreal Goldfields

‘New Road to Kiandra’ – an 1860 report of a new road linking Merimbula with the Kiandra goldfields.

‘Palmer’s Mystery Hikes’ – book review

‘South Coast Historic Buildings’ – details about Eden’s Crown and Anchor Inn, Pambula’s Toad Hall, Wolumla’s South Wolumla Butter Factory, Bemboka’s Hobbs Store and Cottage, Tathra’s Illawarra House

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‘You’ve Come a Long Way, Babe’ – how opportunities for Australian women have evolved

‘What’s wrong with ‘Granny’?’ – negative meanings attached to the affectionate term ‘Granny’

‘South Coast Historic Buildings’ – details about Bega’s Kings Theatre, Bermagui’s The Beach House, Cobargo’s Roman Catholic Group of Buildings in Wandella Road, Tilba Tilba’s Glen Luna, Narooma’s Lynch’s Hotel and Bodalla’s The Bodalla Arms Hotel

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South Coast History Society also co-ordinated the **Bega Shire’s Hidden Heritage** project which identified and assembled comprehensive dossiers of information about 101 objects of historical or heritage significance that are to be found in the Bega Valley Shire. These dossiers can be viewed on line. Details are at **www.bit.ly/101objectsbooklet**