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Photo of the Week: Dawn at Dolphin Beach captured by Kat Patton Photography.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of the Moruya Mail. The Moruya Mail has been on social media for several years but is now launching a weekly free digital edition to fill the gap left with the passing of Lei Parker and the demise of the Beagle. Lei was the Beagle and the Beagle was Lei. No-one can fill those shoes. Lei was my friend and colleague. I mourn his counsel, his quick wit and encouragement. We first connected before I moved to Moruya, as the publisher of the Braidwood Bugle, he was keen to link up as neighbouring local digital publications. I believe that he would have encouraged me to continue local publishing for the Eurobodalla. In this edition you will find some of the stories from past weeks. There are news releases and snippets from Facebook. With reports of up to 30% of people leaving Facebook, The Moruya Mail hopes to bring lots of local happenings and stories into the one publication. I would never claim to write everything. A local paper should be about community and what the community wants to put in it. An old editor once told me, "the paper is just the community talking to itself." So please do send in things that you would like to see in the MM. I imagine that the look and feel will evolve over coming months. Who am I? As a child I spent nights in the press gallery watching the Senate, waiting for my Dad to finish work. Much of working life has been in the arts. I first started in publishing in the 80s in London, well before the digital age. I spent 14 years working for Rural Press/Fairfax/ACM in local publishing and a few years with Region Media. I went independent after the 2019/20 fires, realising that so many people were not connected to social media and relied on a local publication. Local papers are also an important record of what happened for the future. I hope you enjoy the read.

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Obituary Lei Parker

By Robert Macklin

Charles Dickens was a journalist. So too was Laura Tingle, Ita Buttrose, John Curtin, Paul Hasluck, Alfred Deakin, Trevor Kennedy, Rupert Murdoch, Lei Parker and Dorothy Parker (no relation).

Some I knew well, others only by reputation, but they all shared a passion for the game... none more so than Lei whom I respected as much as the best of them. His 'beat' was that vital third level of governance, the Eurobodalla Shire Council. It's the one that's closest to the community, the one that takes the decisions which really shape our lives.



Miss Pip is in charge of grammar

It's not glamorous. And it's certainly not well rewarded. If the hours Lei spent attending council meetings and reporting their activities were calculated on a plumber's rates, he'd have become a rich man. Instead, as the owner/editor of the Beagle Weekender (and the midweek edition) he asked only for a voluntary 'cup of coffee' from his readers to supplement the adds the Weekender carried on their well read pages.

Nor was he recognised by officialdom for the great communal effort he put into reporting the shire's activities. I nominated Lei three times for the Council's 'Local Hero' award and three times his efforts were virtually ignored.

He brought the Beagle into existence in 2006 with wife Jen's great support behind the scenes. And what a delight it soon became as he began each week with an Editorial that pulled no punches. And as the readership began a healthy climb, so too did the content spread its net. In fact, in more recent months both Lei and the Beagle featured in the ABC's Media Watch program run by Paul Barry. And on each occasion it was to congratulate the man and his doughty little fighter for good governance.

In the last few years, I became a regular columnist, and it was a privilege to be part of the Beagle's team. He was a joy to work with; and always warm in his praise when one or other of the stories struck a chord.

I was shocked when one day the Weekender came out unclothed by Lei's vigorous editorial. He had made passing mention of a kidney problem when we were down from Canberra to our Tuross bolthole a few weeks earlier. So when the next weekend brought no Beagle at all, my heart sank.

Lei's loss will never be fully appeased. As Dr Michael Holland, the State Member for Bega told the Parliament, 'Sadly, Lei Parker passed from this world without hearing my acknowledgment of his contribution to the Tuross Head and Eurobodalla community. He is a great loss to our lives. Rest peacefully, Lei. A life well lived.'

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North Head Road

Fiona Phillips MP reports:
 “Great News... North Head Drive, Moruya, is getting a much needed upgrade. Thrilled to announce with Dr Michael Holland MP \$1.058 million has been awarded in Commonwealth-State Infrastructure Betterment Funding to Eurobodalla Shire Council to help design, reconstruct and stabilise the embankment.
 This road sees over 4,000 traffic movements per day and once this work is completed it will ensure this road is much more resilient against future natural disasters, including removing the risk of rock falls.
 I advocated hard to make the change for federal betterment funding. It’s all about helping councils build back essential roads and infrastructure to a more resilient standard following natural disasters, through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Arrangements.”



Councillor Catch Up wrap up - Moruya

ESC - A small group sparked plenty of conversation topics at the Councillor Catchup on Wednesday 18 October. Three councillors were in attendance at this month’s catchup at Moruya: Mayor Mathew Hatcher, Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington and Councillor Tubby Harrison.
 A member of the South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) expressed her appreciation of being able to informally chat with councillors over a cuppa at Blue Heron Café. She talked about a recent workshop she attended run by the Tech Exec for get online week. She was amazed by Skyfi Internet hubs and their ability to keep remote areas connected.
 She asked if Council could install these internet hubs in Eurobodalla’s small communities. Mayor Hatcher said it would be a costly Council operation making sure every small community had one. He said Skyfi Internet hubs were something individuals have been purchasing and recommended communities or groups to buy their own.
 The SHASA member also talked about the upcoming EV Expo. With its growing success this year it’s expected to be their biggest yet. The Mayor was pleased to say Council was a proud sponsor.
 In curiosity, she asked if Council would run and take on community events as they grow too big for small volunteer groups to handle. Rather than managing events, Mayor Hatcher said Council has resources to support them.
 In another conversation, Councillors heard from a local woman frustrated by a campground along the Deua River she understood was illegal.

She said her efforts contacting Council, National Parks and Local Land Services have all hit dead ends with no organisation taking responsibility to assess the property and situation.
 “I feel everyone thinks: if it’s out of sight, it’s out of mind,” she said.
 She was concerned by inadequate waste infrastructure and pollution to the river with so many campers at the site. Councillors were also asked for an update on the old bowling club site at Batemans Bay. Mayor Hatcher said the EOI process was complete and the General Manager has begun negotiations with selected developers.
 Everyone at the catchup talked about their visions for the space – with everyone mentioning the benefits of a hi-rise apartment-style housing development.
 A gentleman from Tuross caught Councillors at the end of the catchup, asking for answers to whether Council can mitigate the fire risk of a 200-metre reserve alongside Hector McWilliam Drive and Trafalgar Road.
 “The Tuross Head Association has been asking Council for six years about a strip of land and its fire risk to the community.”
 Councillors are following up responses from Council staff on the Deua River campground and Tuross Head nature reserve and will be in touch with the respective community members.



Important milestone on commitment to improve mobile coverage

The Federal Government has reached an important milestone on its commitment to improve mobile coverage in Jamberoo, Kangaroo Valley, Lilli Pilli and Worrigea with new funding delivered as part of the Improving Mobile Coverage Round.

The new funding will see Commonwealth co-investment with Telstra to build a new mobile base station at these locations subject to local planning approvals.

The new towers mean local residents and visitors will be able to access more reliable phone coverage, helping them stay connected with family and friends, and run successful local businesses.

While the IMCR will not deliver a solution along the Princes Highway, from Ulladulla to Batemans Bay, coverage improvements are expected to be delivered by approved projects funded through the Regional Connectivity Program.

These local grants form part of \$37.2 million awarded under the IMCR, which attracted \$28.8 million in industry co-investment. The applications were independently assessed and approved by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department), following a competitive grant process to identify a value for money solution in the area.

This dedicated round was funded in the October 2022 Federal Budget and delivers on the Government's election commitments to co-invest Mobile Network Operators and Infrastructure Providers to deploy new mobile infrastructure at target locations across Australia.

The rollout schedule will be published on the carriers' websites once the contracts have been executed.

In addition to this dedicated election commitment round, the Albanese Government is working to improve regional coverage through its \$1.1 billion Better Connectivity Plan.

The Plan commits \$400 million to expanding mobile coverage and improving communications resilience, including investment to fund future rounds of the Mobile Black Spot Program, and \$200 million to fund place-based communications solutions through additional rounds of the Regional Connectivity Program.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "The Albanese Government has an ambitious agenda to narrow the digital divide in rural and regional Australia – including by improving mobile coverage.

"The Improving Mobile Coverage Round is a small part of our Government's work to improve regional communications, and comes in addition to our \$1.1 billion Better Connectivity Plan – the most significant investment in regional communications since the inception of the NBN."

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP said:

"I've worked hard to improve mobile coverage in our region, and I'm thrilled that the Albanese Government is delivering on its election commitments to ensure communities in Jamberoo, Kangaroo Valley, Lilli Pilli and Worrigea are better connected."

"Good mobile phone coverage ensures our communities stay connected to family and loved ones. But, reliable telecommunications are also vital during a disaster, and I'm committed to improving our local telecommunications networks."

"I look forward to seeing the benefits flow through our community as the project is rolled out."

For more information, visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/mbbsp.

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Saturday 21 October

12noon -2pm

Eurobodalla Regional

Botanic Gardens

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HOW WE VOTED

Results from the Voice Referendum
 National 39.27 % YES 60.73% NO
 NSW 40.34% YES 59.66% NO
 ACT 60.79% YES 39%. 21 NO
 Gilmore 37.90%YES 62.10% MP
 A few local booth results were:

Polling place results

| Polling Place | Yes | No | Informal | Total |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|
| Batehaven | 339 | 503 | 12 | 854 |
| Batemans Bay | 400 | 869 | 30 | 1,299 |
| Batemans Bay PPVC | 3,373 | 6,852 | 92 | 10,317 |
| Broulee | 497 | 347 | 7 | 851 |
| Long Beach | 174 | 268 | 4 | 446 |
| Malua Bay | 262 | 244 | 3 | 509 |
| Mogo | 130 | 75 | 3 | 208 |
| Moruya | 835 | 1,116 | 25 | 1,976 |
| Moruya South | 242 | 289 | 9 | 540 |
| Nelligen | 29 | 113 | 4 | 146 |
| Tomakin | 268 | 282 | 7 | 557 |
| Tuross Head | 427 | 651 | 13 | 1,091 |

Who will be the Local Hero of 2023?

Eurobodalla has many extraordinary residents who make our community better with acts of generosity, bravery, compassion and accomplishment.

It is time to recognise these people, with nominations now open for the 2023 Local Hero Award. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said high achievers often fly low, not seeking recognition.

“The annual Local Hero Award is one way Eurobodalla Council can put these good people in the spotlight, he said.

“To hear the background and stories of nominees is inspirational and it really reinforces how volunteers can be the glue that keep us all together. Last year’s winner was Dr Jenny Munro AM, who served the Narooma community as a well-loved GP since the 1970s, and once retired set up a foundation to support students in medicine.

She is now president of the Narooma Chamber of Commerce and helped keep community spirit alive, bringing people together over multiple events since bushfires and lockdowns.

Mayor Hatcher was also an award recipient in 2020. He said nominations can be for anyone who has exceeded expectations in any field.

“Whether that be community service, arts or sport, environment, education or health, we want to celebrate shire residents who have gone above and beyond for the benefit of others,” Mayor Hatcher said.

The Local Hero Award was established in 2018. Entries are open until Wednesday 1 November with the nomination form and guidelines on [Council’s Local Hero Award webpage](#).

Mayor Hatcher said all nominees will be invited to attend a special event in November where the finalists and winner will be announced.



Last year’s Local Hero Award winner Dr Jenny Munro AM with Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher.

Pooh plaque restored



The social platforms were outraged when the sign at Pooh Corner on the Clyde Mountain was removed. There were equally delighted when the sign was restored by the Narooma Men’s Shed and replaced on the Mountain. Rose and David, with Mathew Hatcher – Mayor Eurobodalla Shire, checked out the handiwork. as it was restored last month. Cr Hatcher said “thanks to the Narooma Men’s Shed for their wonderful work on this project. And thanks also to the passers-by already repopulating the corner with assorted Poohs, Piglets, Eeyores and others. May many more join them...”

GROOVIN’ IN TOMAKIN COMMUNITY DAY

headspace will be joining the TCA for their community day!

Saturday 28 October, 2023
3–6pm

headspace Batemans Bay will be hanging out in our chill-out space with some activities for everyone to enjoy. Make a DIY stress ball, have a polaroid taken in our portable photobooth, and spin the prize wheel! Max, our therapy dog, will also be present.

DIY Stress Ball

Prize Wheel

Therapy Dog

Portable Photobooth

Jack Buckley Park

Organised by Tomakin Community Association

Batemans Bay Pontoon to be modified for passenger carrying seaplanes

A Mayoral Minute to the October 17 Council Meeting was carried to advocate for minor modifications to the NSW Government-owned pontoon in Batemans Bay.

These modifications would accommodate passenger-carrying seaplanes seating up to 15 people. This is potentially a big win for the region, with a Sydney seaplane company ready to begin flights as soon as modifications are made.

Chair of the Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce David McLachlan addressed the council in support of the motion.

The report said "The Batemans Bay Business Chamber has been working with Transport for NSW on the issue and has asked for Council's support in the hope of expediting a solution. The pontoon was put in place for a variety of uses.

Minor modifications would allow 15-seat seaplanes to use the facility and provide opportunities for a passenger service that would enhance local tourism and business. I am aware that Member for Bega Michael Holland MP is also supportive of these modifications."

Flights between Sydney Harbour and Batemans Bay take around 45 minutes.

The Motion carried was THAT Council:

1. Supports urgent modifications to Batemans Bay pontoon that will allow 15-seat seaplanes to use the facility.
2. Advise the Minister for Transport, Transport for NSW, the Member for Bega, and other relevant parties of Council's support, noting the potential economic benefit for the region.
3. Thank the Batemans Bay Business Chamber for their efforts and confirm Council's formal support and advocacy for the modifications.

Cr Worthington was the only voice against the Motion, noting that there were no supporting documents with the Motion and questioning why it was being rushed through.

Bay Pavilions Risk Assessment and Energy Audit

A report to Council provided an update on the risk assessment and energy audit reviews undertaken at the Bay Pavilions, identifying risks outside 'Council's appetite' and energy savings to be made.

The risk and energy reviews, running parallel to this process, were conducted in June and July 2023 at the Bay Pavilions, with a report to Council now provided.

The recommendations and findings of the three external reviews, addressing operational and financial performance, the energy audit and risk assessment review, will be incorporated into the Plan, along with financial and maintenance considerations. Staff have already begun implementing key findings and actions from the three external reviews, with the development of a prioritised Sustainability Plan running parallel to this process.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken by InConsult, identifies 24 risks, 9 of which are outside Council's appetite, with 20+ Risk Treatment plans required.

Key risks and actions identified in the risk assessment include the potential for: failure of the facility to meet environmental expectations, unsustainable business/service delivery model, financial sustainability, procurement processes and potential fraud, cyber security, contract/governance, failure to meet community expectations, risk of death and injury and the potential for an inadequate transition from the defect liability period to Council maintenance.

In addition to the Risk Register, the main Risk Assessment report includes a 'Next Steps' section, which details 10 further recommendations for Council to consider and implement, to progress the risk assessment process to the next level.

Work has already commenced to address key risks and actions outlined in the report, including a preliminary review of the current contract with Aligned Leisure and a well progressed transition plan for maintenance as we approach the end of the defect liability period on 3 December 2023.

In undertaking the energy audit, GHD examined energy consumption for the period June 2022 to April 2023, being the period between opening and the energy audit being undertaken. Electricity consumption is the primary energy cost (81%), followed by electrical maximum demand charges (14%) and water consumption (5%).

The pool and gym areas account for 80% of total energy consumption, whereas theatre and centre areas are 19% and external lighting 1%. In terms of end-use, the HVAC systems (56%) and pool water treatment plant (28%) are the main energy consumers, with the remainder being general power (8%) and lighting (8%).

GHD calculated energy usage intensity as kWh per m² of gross floor area for the purposes of benchmarking the Bay Pavilions against similar facilities. Analysis indicates that the Bay Pavilions consumes moderately more energy than other indoor aquatic centre (+24%) and substantially more energy than other entertainment and recreational buildings (+186%).

The Risk Assessment and Risk Assessment report identified 24 risks, 9 of which are outside Council's appetite, with 20+ Risk Treatment plans required.

The suggested risk treatments have been included in the risk register. The Energy Audit provides 7 practical recommendations to realise energy and cost saving opportunities, largely focused on the HVAC system.

With an estimated a capital expenditure of \$66,000 the report estimates ongoing savings of \$253,000, with payback periods outlined for each of the 7 recommendations. An action in the General Manager's Performance Plan for 2023-2024 is the development and implementation of a Sustainability Plan for the Bay Pavilions.

The recommendations and findings of the three external reviews, addressing operational and financial performance, the energy audit and risk assessment review, will be incorporated into the Plan, along with financial and maintenance considerations, with the aim of reducing risks and costs and maximizing opportunities going forward.

Watch the full meeting at <https://webcast.esc.nsw.gov.au/>

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Reduced speed limit on the Princes Highway at North Batemans Bay and Moruya

Motorists will soon experience safer journeys on the Princes Highway at North Batemans Bay and Moruya, with the speed limit to be reduced in two locations later this month.

A Transport for NSW spokesperson said the speed limit will drop from 100 km/h to 80 km/h on the Princes Highway for 2.8 kilometres between Guthrie Street and Malabar Drive at Moruya. At North Batemans Bay a four-kilometres stretch between Cullendulla Drive and the Kings Highway limit will drop from 100 km/h to 80 km/h.

“These speed zones were reviewed in response to requests from the community to improve safety in the area,” the spokesperson said.

“The reduced speed of 80km/h was found to be appropriate for these sections of the highway due to an increase in residential development, the number of intersections, poor visibility, and heavy vehicle traffic.

“Speeding is the biggest contributor to road trauma in NSW so it’s important that motorists are aware of the changed speed limit and follow the road rules.

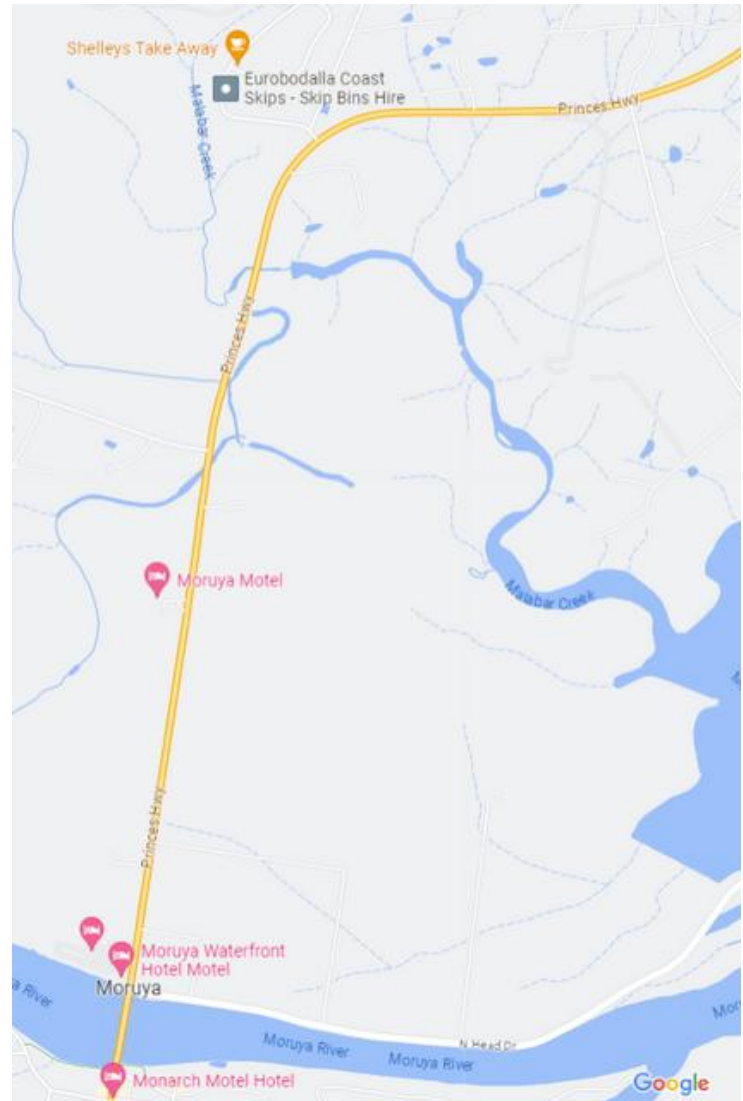
“In NSW, speeding contributes to 40 per cent of road fatalities and 24 per cent of serious injuries from road crashes each year.

“Speeding increases both the risk of a crash happening, as well as the likelihood of death or serious injury.”

The new speed zones will come into effect once the new signs have been installed. Work to install new road markings and signage will be carried out between 6am and 6pm on Monday 23 October at Moruya, and on Tuesday 24 October at North Batemans Bay, weather permitting.

A reduced speed limit of 40 km/h and traffic control will be in place during work hours.

Message boards will be onsite two weeks before and two weeks following the speed zone reduction, to notify motorists of the changed speed limit.



Banksia Above & Beyond Nomination



Banksia Village, Banksia Lodge and Banksia Community Care reports: The Banksia Community Care team were excited to be announced as finalists in the "Above and Beyond" category at the 2023 Community Service Awards. Charlene and Tina were proud to accept an award on behalf of the team at the ceremony last month.

Photo credit: Bernie Fischer, Taylah Chapman and Emma, of the Community Industry Group - Illawarra Forum

Banksia residents visit helicopter base



Banksia Village sends “A huge thanks to Trevor and the incredible Westpac Helicopter team for hosting a group of Banksia Lodge residents at Moruya Airport last Friday. Trevor and the team provided explanations and demonstrations of the workings of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, which the residents thoroughly enjoyed. It was an exciting morning, with the Helicopter crew almost required for an on-site rescue, when one of the nearby skydivers landed in the tree tops! Thankfully no one was injured, but the incident did highlight how quickly things can change and how fast the Westpac Team need to react in an emergency. “

Tomakin news

TCA BEACH ACCESS SURVEY SUBMISSION

After almost 2 years of work, the TCA Beach Access Submission was finally presented to the ESC by President Megan Kelly on October 3 at a Public Access Meeting. The document outlines 7 proposed actions being requested by the TCA.

It has been a huge effort on the part of TCA Committee Members with community consultation via a survey both online and paper based and participation in the ESC Draft Coastal Management Programme as well as consulting the ESC's Draft Disability Plan and the NSW State Dept of Environmental Planning's Coastal Management Policy.

Councillor Tanya Dannock said they were impressed with the extensive document and the amount of work undertaken to compile it.

The full document is available to read on the TCA's website along with the presentation to Council.

Photo> shows Councillor Deputy Mayor Allison Worthington and Megan Kelly with the document.



New Multi-Sport Structure for Jack Buckley Park and call on Community for Support



The Tomakin Community Association is excited to announce that after a lot of hard work securing funding and seeking local approvals, we've been successful in our application to the Federal Government's latest Stronger Communities Programme grant round. The TCA was awarded a grant of \$18,000 for this project and both the Eurobodalla Shire Council and the TCA are each contributing another \$5,000 each towards the project, taking the total raised so far to \$28,000.

The new Multi-sport Structure will mean that Tomakin's youth, and people of all ages, can once again play basketball, along with netball and many other ball-related games in their own local park. Available details regarding the project can be found on the landing page of the TCA's website at tomakincommunityassociation.com. The TCA is also seeking help from local businesses and individuals to fully fund this exciting new project. A special donations page for the 'Multi-sport Structure' has been set up on the TCA's website (<https://tomakincommunityassociation.square.site/donations-jbp-mss>).

If you feel you can contribute in other ways by, for example, providing professional expertise to assist in decreasing the cost of the project, please get in touch with either Megan Kelly (president@tomakincommunityassociation.com) or Liz Clout (communityliaison@tomakincommunityassociation.com).

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- ★ Moruya: Monday 23 October 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Riverside Park, Ford Street.
- ★ Broulee: Monday 16 October 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Captain Oldrey Park, Elizabeth Drive.
- ★ Batehaven: Monday 6 November 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Corrigan's Beach Reserve, Beach Road.
- ★ Nelligen: Thursday 19 October 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Bushranger Park, Braidwood Street, Nelligen.
- ★ Narooma: Thursday 9 November 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Quota Park, Riverside Drive.

For more information contact Council's Children's Services team on 4474 7333.

Real time tracking on 1800 more regional buses

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Around 1800 more buses in regional NSW are to be fitted with smart technology that will allow bus users to get real-time trip information at their fingertips. This will mean the entire NSW fleet of Transport's contracted buses will be able to be tracked, and passengers can access data at the tap of an app to help them plan their journey.

The rollout of Phase 3 of the Transport Connected Bus program is under way and buses in eight areas across the state will be progressively fitted with GPS tracking devices and automatic passenger technology.

The technology allows passengers to use various apps such as Transport for NSW's Trip Planner to find out where their bus is in real time, how soon it is due to arrive and how full it is.

Bus users can also view interactive maps, digital timetables, routes and stop information. They can ask Google Assistant or Amazon Alexa to 'Talk to Transport for NSW' to access real-time updates and send a travel query to the Facebook Messenger bot.

The technology is already available in Sydney and 16 regional towns and cities and is now being rolled out to more locations around the state.

Phase 3 of the program is its biggest uplift yet in regional NSW, following Phases 1 and 2 which saw 283 and 921 vehicles fitted respectively.

The first areas to be rolled out under Phase 3 are the Hunter and Lower North Coast and North Coast regions where 630 buses are getting the technology installed.

Other regions to be included in the new rollout are New England North West, Central West and Orana, Far West, Riverina Murray, Southern Tablelands and Ulladulla and South East and Tablelands. Dates and names of towns where the installations will take place will be communicated closer to the time.

Transport Connected Buses are already operating in Orange, Bathurst, Dubbo, Bega, Queanbeyan, Greater Nowra, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Griffith, Parkes and Forbes, Tamworth, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Armidale, Grafton and Tweed Heads. Since July 2020, more than 1.5 million trips have been tracked across the state.

The data collected from the program also helps bus operators with accurate data and tools to improve services and keep buses running on time, and will assist Transport for NSW plan for future improvements to services.

More about the Transport Connected Bus program here.

Learn about using the Transport for NSW Trip Planner tool at transportnsw.info/trip or other apps at transportnsw.info/apps

NSW State of the beaches 2022-2023 report

Thursday, 19 October 2023

The Minister for the Environment has released the NSW State of the beaches 2022-2023 report, which shows 96 per cent of monitored beaches have excellent water quality. The confirmation of excellent water quality at almost all our beaches, up from 94 per cent in 2021-2022 is a welcome result given the wet weather and flooding experienced over the reporting period. Many coastal areas experienced their wettest July on record, and more heavy rain and flooding through winter and in spring. Four ocean beaches have been upgraded to very good – Coledale in the Illawarra, Fingal Bay and South Stockton Beach in the Hunter, and Malua Bay on the South Coast. Two ocean beaches have been upgraded to good – Toowoona Bay on the Central Coast and Caseys Beach on the South Coast.

Five ocean beaches have been graded as poor, including Malabar Beach which takes longer to recover from stormwater events than surrounding areas, and Coogee Beach where work is progressing to improve stormwater diversion.

Despite record rainfall, NSW swimming spots overall have performed well in the report. 73 per cent of monitored sites received good or very good water quality results. It is a slight decline on 2021-2022, as a result of wet weather. Estuarine swimming sites are more susceptible to the effects of excessing rainfall and stormwater events, with just over half graded as good or very good.

State of the Beaches grades are compiled from water quality samples collected at sites monitored under Beachwatch and Beachwatch Partnership programs. In 2022, Beachwatch expanded state-wide to include inland waterways and freshwater swimming sites in the monitoring program. Sites include ocean beaches and baths, estuarine areas, lakes, lagoons and freshwater swimming spots.

Swimmers can check beach grades on the Beachwatch website at beachwatch.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW State of the beaches 2022-2023 report can be viewed here:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/state-of-the-beaches-2022-23>



Aboriginal Trainee Ranger wanted on NSW South Coast

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is recruiting an Aboriginal trainee ranger to join the Narooma team to care for Country on the spectacular Far South Coast. NPWS Area Manager Jo Issaverdis said the position is a pathway for a person from the Yuin Nation to become a full-time, ongoing NPWS ranger.

"We are looking for someone with a connection to Yuin Country who will support the Biamanga Board to deliver park operations on country," said Ms Issaverdis. "The trainee will also join our rangers and field teams to learn the practical, hands-on aspects of managing parks," said Ms Issaverdis.

Mr Bunja Smith, Chair of the Biamanga Board of Management will be a mentor to the successful candidate.

"Biamanga National Park is a hand-back park that is under management, care and control of the Yuin people and it's so important that we have a Yuin person looking after our Country," said Mr Smith.

"We'll support the successful applicant to not only complete a university degree, but to learn more about the cultural and environmental aspects of this park.

"If you're looking for work, and if you're interested in working on Country with your mob, make sure you apply for this trainee position," said Mr Smith.

The successful Aboriginal trainee ranger will be required to undertake and complete university studies in a relevant environmental discipline during their traineeship.

Upon successful completion of the degree, the trainee will be guaranteed an ongoing ranger role with NPWS.

Applications are open until Monday 6 November 2023. For support with your application, contact the NSW DPE Aboriginal People & Culture Team at dpieapc@dpie.nsw.gov.au

For further details, visit [I work for NSW](#) and search for 'Trainee Ranger' or enter the job reference number 531369.

CareFlight Community Education Trauma Care Workshop



Combined emergency services trauma training at Moruya SES over the October long weekend.

A CareFlight Community Education workshop in Moruya included members from the State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service, St John Ambulance and Marine Rescue.

Health services can be stretched in emergencies and often the first people to arrive at the scene of a serious incident are local community members. On the long weekend, CareFlight hosted a unique community education workshop, which aims to build resilience in local communities by improving access to health services and outcomes across Australia.

CareFlight's trauma care workshops are one-of-a-kind and are provided at no cost to participants. Lifelike medical mannequins, simulated accident scenarios and specially-designed simulation equipment aid in the recreation of a high-pressure, hands-on environment, ensuring the training is realistic, applicable and improves participants' ability to connect learning to real-world situations. In addition to lifesaving skills, personnel are armed with essential leadership, teamwork, situational awareness and communication skills that will help them respond to traumas.

Mrs Lara Miller, Head of Operations – Education and Training, said everyone should have the opportunity to be trained and equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to respond to emergencies and help save lives.

"The first few minutes after an accident can mean the difference between life and death for the patient. First responders do an incredible job for their community and can be called and at the scene of an accident before additional medical help arrives," said Mrs Miller.

"Through our partnership with local organisations, health services and emergency services, we are reinforcing the links in the chain of survival by ensuring that a higher level of care is available as soon as an incident occurs. "This workshop is a boost for the emergency services in the NSW South Coast. Off the back of an incredibly difficult few years facing floods and the pandemic, CareFlight is delighted to be able to bring the training into the community, thanks to government grants and community fundraising. Our aim is to empower locals with lifesaving skills and essential inter-agency collaboration, for the ultimate goal of creating a safer society," said Mrs Miller.

The workshops are part of CareFlight's grassroots initiative to create a more resilient and healthier community. In collaboration with local groups and their members, CareFlight is building confidence in the emergency response abilities of locals in the community. CareFlight's Community Education workshops are coordinated by experienced doctors, paramedics and nurses who train first responders.

CareFlight is grateful for the Commonwealth Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program for supporting CareFlight's mission to build resilience in communities.



Participants run through various emergency scenarios.



350Eurobodalla

350 Eurobodalla recently met with local Gilmore MP Fiona Phillips. We asked for her support for urgent amendments to the federal environment laws. We want climate impact and the effect on ground water caused by fracking for gas be considered when deal with new gas and coal projects. This will give the environment minister the power to block new climate destroying projects.

We told our local member of the trauma that many local people feel after going through the bushfires when they see more coal and gas being approved. People are also triggered by the shocking climate driven disasters in the northern hemisphere.

350 Eurobodalla was pleased that Labor was elected after the Liberal government had been a complete roadblock to climate action. We support Labor's shift to renewables and the grid upgrade for a low carbon electricity system.

However 350 Eurobodalla is alarmed that Labor is continuing to approve new coal and gas projects and we see that there is more than enough available from existing sources to make the transition to renewable energy.

Labor plans to continue the Liberal government's investment of \$1.5 billion in the Middle Arm industrial wharf precinct in Darwin. This precinct would be used to process and export gas fracked in the Beetaloo basin. There will be a Senate inquiry into Middle Arm and this gives Labor an opportunity to drop this subsidy.



CSIRO invests \$500K to help Indigenous students pursue futures in STEM

The CSIRO Indigenous STEM Scholarship will now be awarded in perpetuity following a further \$500,000 gift. Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, has bestowed more than half a million dollars to the University of Wollongong (UOW) to enable more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to pursue a future in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The CSIRO Indigenous STEM Scholarship was first established in 2019 with the help of a \$30,000 gift from the organisation to support two Indigenous STEM students throughout their studies. The scholarship will now be awarded in perpetuity following a further \$500,000 gift from CSIRO.

This is part of CSIRO's commitment in supporting the pipeline of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent which saw the agency contribute more than \$5M to Indigenous STEM Scholarships this year.

The partnership between CSIRO and UOW will provide one new scholar with \$5000 each year for the duration of their degree. It is aimed at Indigenous students who are undertaking a full-time Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics degree.

Zara Button, who is studying a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honours), was the 2021 recipient of the CSIRO Indigenous STEM Scholarship and said the financial support of the scholarship has enabled her to focus on her future career and her wellbeing.

"The money from the CSIRO scholarship means I have been able to work less and spend more time doing meaningful activities that could further my career or health. It has also given me confidence in myself that my hard efforts are being recognised," Zara said.

"I would like to thank the CSIRO for donating generous amounts of money to Indigenous STEM students like me. The money goes a long way in supporting my studies and encouraging me to keep going with it.

"It is so important to utilise Indigenous knowledge in all faculties, including in STEM, whether it be in the bushfire research I am involved with, or medicine and other areas."

Dr Chris Bourke, a Gamillaroi man and Director of Indigenous Science and Engagement at CSIRO, said the organisation was delighted to be providing practical support to nurture the next generation of Indigenous STEM superstars.

"Growing an Indigenous STEM pipeline will enable the science and technology sector, and CSIRO in particular, to engage with Indigenous talent, embed Indigenous knowledge and expertise and to foster thriving careers in science and research for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Dr Bourke said. "These scholarships are a very practical step because we know that adequate financial support for Indigenous university students is a key factor to overcoming barriers to entry and success in higher education."

Professor Patricia M Davidson, UOW Vice-Chancellor and President, said the partnership between the University and the CSIRO would foster the next generation of Indigenous talent in STEM.

"The CSIRO scholarships will enable students to explore and expand on their interests in STEM, fields that are vital to the future of our communities, our economy and our nation, without fear of financial stress," Professor Davidson said.

"This significant investment demonstrates the true power of philanthropy, by enriching the lives of Indigenous students and setting them up for a bright and prosperous future."

Jaymee Beveridge, Vice-President (Indigenous Strategy and Engagement) and Director of Woolyungah Indigenous Centre at UOW, said she was proud to see more financial support for Indigenous students who are interested in forging a career in the thriving industries of STEM.

"I am thrilled that these scholarships from CSIRO will enable UOW to truly support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to achieve their potential, tackle the big issues of tomorrow, and become the future leaders in the fields of STEM," Ms Beveridge said.

"Continued partnerships and commitments through scholarships create very real opportunities. They connect students with ongoing projects and research that have a direct effect on our Country, our People and ultimately our future. This investment in our students sends a message that our knowledge and voices are essential in STEM developments."

[Learn more about the CSIRO Indigenous STEM Scholarship.](#)

Councillors briefed on natural disaster emergency preparations



Eurobodalla councillors and local emergency officials meeting in Moruya last month to discuss natural disaster preparedness.

In September, State government emergency managers from across the region gathered in Moruya last week to update councillors on disaster preparation planning in Eurobodalla.

Representatives from the State Emergency Service, Community and Justice, Rural Fire Service, Police and the Health Department joined a round table meeting, called by council general manager Warwick Winn, where councillors were briefed on how emergency planning and response is undertaken. Councillors also had the opportunity to question how agencies are preparing for possible events this summer such as heatwaves, floods and fires.

The briefing took place as Eurobodalla Council advertises for its first full-time Local Emergency Management Officer. Councillors took the opportunity to highlight community concerns around heat havens and the risk of significant bushfires.

There was consensus from the emergency management officers that the community was more aware of the importance of being prepared for natural disasters, following three difficult years.

The RFS advised that the organisation expected a 'typical' summer bushfire risk for Eurobodalla, with the large areas burnt in 2019/20 still affording the shire some protection. Councillors were told that individuals and communities need to take responsibility for preparing their own properties as it is simply "not possible to put a fire truck on every single lawn".

Councillors asked about the need for new heat havens but were told by officials that there were already many existing places available to the community that could be used for relief during heat waves - for example RSLs, bowling clubs, shopping centres and libraries. There was agreement from the experts that there was no immediate need to be putting extra funding, extra time and extra resources into opening areas that might only get used by a few people. NSW Health are a great source of information with regards to coping with higher temperatures.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said the briefing was an excellent opportunity for councillors to understand how state government agencies prepare for emergencies and how that aligns with the work Council has done since the 2019/20 fires to prepare for natural disasters.

"I encourage every single person to sit down and work through a bushfire plan for their property. But remember, while we expect a hotter and drier summer this year, no-one is predicting a repeat of three years."

Win for community as vital bridge and roads funding locked in ahead of Budget

18th September 2023

Roads across the Bega region are set to benefit in the upcoming 2023-24 NSW Budget, with the Minns Labor Government locking in funding to commence planning and restoration of the Cuttagee Bridge and help councils clear the road repair backlog.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison confirmed on Friday that funding for the project would be in the Budget set to be handed down on Tuesday.

"Residents from Bermagui to Bega and beyond have been calling for action to fix the Cuttagee Bridge while ensuring its heritage position is preserved; now the Minns Labor Government is delivering," Minister Aitchison said.

"More details on our funding commitments will be in the Budget but I am pleased to confirm funding for the bridge will be locked in as part of our \$334 million Regional Roads Fund."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said the Budget would also deliver millions of dollars in new funding to local councils as part of a new \$390 million Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund.

"Whether it's fixing potholes, sealing roads, resurfacing or rehabilitating sections of road - this new fund will help our local councils undertake much-needed work to repair our roads," Dr Holland said.

"This new investment will be in the bank accounts of councils later this year and they'll be able to start work right away.

"It's great to see the Minns Labor Government is delivering on election commitments that will make a real difference to the lives of our local residents."



Disaster Recovery Training Workshop in Moruya



In September 33 volunteers attended a Disaster Recovery Training Workshop in Moruya.

Participants came from as far afield as Bungendore through to Merimbula. Magnus Linder, Disaster Recovery Manager, Anglicare NSW/ACT co-led the workshop with Helen Bennett as local volunteers were equipped to be ready to support their communities, should fires or other disasters occur during the upcoming Summer season.

Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT has 11 teams of trained and accredited Disaster Recovery volunteers ready to respond should we be activated by the Department of Communities and Justice to assist at Evacuation Centres, Recovery Centres or with Outreach.

In August, volunteers from Anglicare Sydney and Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT gathered to recognize a shared 25 years of bringing hope to disaster affected people and communities.

Anglicare Sydney's Disaster Recovery Manager, Magnus Linder, spoke on the day, recognizing the efforts of volunteers present and past in reaching this milestone. "Ninety-five percent of the work that has been done has been done by volunteers", he said.

"Today we want to give thanks to God for you and for your preparedness to go into difficult places to hang out with hurting people and to be prepared to share the pain of loss with strangers"

A common saying among disaster recovery volunteers is that they are "ordinary people making a difference in extraordinary situations". Anglicare's Regional Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Helen Bennett agrees. "Events in recent years, including the Black Summer bushfires and several severe flooding events remind us that catastrophic events can happen anywhere, with very little warning", she said. "Having a team ready to assist communities when they are at their most vulnerable is absolutely essential, and we are so thankful to our volunteers who have trained and are ready to help when needed."

If you are interested in becoming a Disaster Recovery volunteer with Anglicare, phone us on 02 6232 2488 or visit anglicare.com.au for more information.

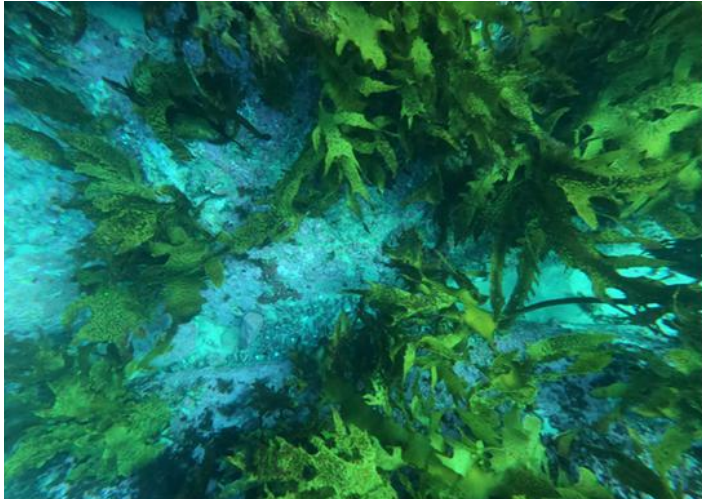
Quick thinking teachers at Carroll college



NSW Ambulance reports:

SECOND CHANCE: Quick-thinking teachers saved Thomas Haynes' life in June this year when he suffered an unexpected cardiac arrest while playing sport at his school in Broulee. The team from Carroll College worked together to give Tom CPR and used the school's automated external defibrillator (AED) to shock his heart. The paramedics who arrived soon after praised the actions of the teachers and have nominated them for cardiac arrest saviour awards for their life-saving actions. The 17-year-old recently talked about his experience when he met up with the paramedics who cared for him. "I have a second chance at life and feel really lucky to be here," Tom said. Since being discharged from hospital, Tom and his family have made it their mission to purchase and install AEDs along the south coast between Batemans Bay and Eden. So far, they have raised an impressive \$57,000 which will pay for up to 20 defibrillators for the region.

NSW sea floor images now available!



One of the thousands of images of the NSW seabed now available for the public to view on Squiddle.

NSW Marine Estate

Sea floor images now available to all! Have you ever wondered what the sea floor looks like off the NSW coastline?

Thousands of images of the NSW sea floor have just been made publicly available online. Researchers, ocean enthusiasts and members of the public can now view over 11,000 images of the sea floor along the NSW coast captured by NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy scientists.

It is all part of a project to track the impact of climate change on marine habitats in NSW. Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries Scientist Dr Tom Davis spent weeks at sea collecting the photos using a submerged camera towed behind a boat.

He said as well as helping Fisheries track the effects of climate change on rocky reef habitat across our coast, the undersea photos will be used by other researchers and ocean enthusiasts.

"It's fantastic we can get this imagery out there so everyone can benefit," Dr Davis said.

"These images are not just for researchers and universities. They are for anyone keen to discover what is off your bit of coast. Accessing underwater areas is not easy, so now anyone can get online and find out what's out there," he said.

"If you go to the [SQUIDDLE+ website](#), you can see the images taken at differing locations along the NSW coast. For instance, off Eden you can see areas of kelp, urchin barrens and sponge gardens. Whereas up off Tweed Heads there are diverse coral gardens and algal beds to check out."

The photo surveys will be repeated every few years to help track how climate change is affecting our coastal habitats. The images can be viewed on the [SQUIDDLE+ website](#) by selecting 'NSW DPI Towed Camera' in the 'Filter by Platform' pull-down menu.

Mapping the sea floor is part of the [Marine Estate Management Strategy Climate Change Monitoring project](#). The images have been made available through collaboration with the [IMOS Integrated Marine Observing System](#) through their Understanding Marine Imagery program.

Bay lalc walbunja rangers



Bay lalc walbunja rangers report: Last month they had a visit from Agriculture and Regional NSW Hon Tara Moriarty to check out our fishtrap and discuss further opportunities Too deadly."



Eurobodalla comes in 7th of Top Ten Visited National Parks in NSW

Blue Mountains National Park has retained its top spot as the most visited national park in NSW. The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service 2022 Park Visitor Survey shows 6.4 million domestic visits were made to the World Heritage-listed national park, which is home to 260,000 hectares of bushland, including the Three Sisters, Meehni, Wilmah and Gunnedoo.

The second most visited national park in NSW is the world's second-oldest national park, Royal National Park on Sydney's southern coast. 5 million visits were reported.

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park in Sydney's north sits third on the list, with 4.4 million visits to its winding creeks, rainforest, rocky cliffs, mangroves and Aboriginal sites. Number four is Lane Cove National Park which has bushland reaching to East Ryde, Pennant Hills, Wahroonga and West Chatswood, and in fifth place is the alpine wonderland Kosciuszko National Park.

The top 10 most-visited national parks in 2022:

1. Blue Mountains National Park - 6.40 million visits
2. Royal National Park - 5.05 million visits
3. Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park - 4.40 million visits
4. Lane Cove National Park - 2.61 million visits
5. Kosciuszko National Park - 2.48 million visits
6. Sydney Harbour National Park - 1.93 million visits
7. Eurobodalla National Park - 1.41 million visits
8. Garigal National Park - 1.18 million visits
9. Cape Byron National Park - 1.03 million visits
10. Brisbane Water National Park - 929,000 visits

Across the state, there were more than 53 million domestic visits to national parks in 2022. That's an increase of 49 per cent in the past ten years. In addition to these domestic visitors, many international travellers also enjoyed our parks. A record 12.5 million of the visits were made by children. Research has shown that building a meaningful connection with nature at an early age delivers far higher levels of connection and advocacy. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service focuses on younger visitors through dedicated education programs and by fostering fun experiences. The Greater Sydney region set a record with more than 20 million visits to its 49 National Park reserves. Five of the top ten parks are in Greater Sydney.

Around 1.8 million nights were spent in a campground, cottage, cabin or lighthouse within national parks. The 895 reserves in the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service system conserve around 10 per cent of the state, protecting unique ecosystems across deserts, Alpine regions, World Heritage Gondwanaland rainforest and Ramsar-listed wetlands.

The Park Visitor Survey started in 2008 and is undertaken every two years to better understand visitor use patterns and enable the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to plan for the future.



Bingi Dreaming Track Photo: Christina Bullivant.

The survey reports on the total number of visits, rather than the number of people who visited parks. It considers people who live in Australia.

Minister for the Environment Penny Sharpe:

“National parks are one of NSW’s greatest public assets, which are loved by people from within our state, across Australia and internationally.

“In a post-Covid world it is clear that visits to national parks are growing.

“Across the state there are 895 national parks, nature reserves, state conservation areas and regional parks. These are places to be in nature, to swim, to seek adventure, to understand Aboriginal and other heritage and to appreciate the beauty of our natural environment.

“The NSW Government is investing \$74 million to upgrade visitor infrastructure in NSW national parks so people can enjoy unforgettable experiences, from camping trips in the bush to coastal getaways and alpine adventures.”



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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin has been writing THE GADFLY PAPERS since 2012.

Gadfly

Australia's Ambassador in Washington, Kevin Rudd says Australia must remain 'rock solid' with the United States in its support for Israel in the war with the militant Hamas leadership of the Moslem Palestinians in Gaza. He was speaking last week at an American Australian Association defence dialogue and was reported at length by Farrah Tomazin in the Sydney Morning Herald.

Kevin was just getting started. It was also Australia's 'responsibility', he said, to be similarly 'rock solid' with America's policy towards Ukraine and 'the threat of China in the Indo-Pacific'. That pretty much covers the global hot spots. DFAT can take a well-deserved vacation.

No doubt there are some members of the Australian Cabinet – and even more in Peter Dutton's Shadow Cabinet – who would applaud his sentiments.

I suspect, however, that Foreign Minister Penny Wong was not best pleased.

Rudd's intervention exposes the potential problem of a former Prime Minister as Australia's representative in such a sensitive post. It was Kevin Rudd, you will recall, who appointed Anthony Albanese as his Deputy Prime Minister during Rudd's second term in The Lodge. That's when he replaced Julia Gillard to 'save the furniture' in 2013.

So when Kevin indicated his interest in the Washington post, it was not in Albo's nature to decline. What he didn't realise, I suspect, is the fierce Rudd ambition that will not be assuaged until he reaches the post of his deepest dreams: Secretary General of the United Nations.

He has harboured it for many years. I first stumbled upon it in one of several very long interviews I did with him in 2007-2008 in researching and writing Kevin Rudd: The Biography. We were coming to the end of an extended conversation when I asked him whom he respected most among his political predecessors as Labor leaders. His answer was unequivocal: 'H. V. Evatt,' he said.

I was stunned. 'Doc' Evatt was a disaster; under his leadership the Party split and gave the Coalition a free electoral run for a decade. But Kevin was serious: 'I think he should properly be revered in terms of his Foreign Ministry achievements,' he said.

These were essentially his role in framing the United Nations Charter in the San Francisco conference of 1945; ironically, a failed attempt to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab States with Greater Jerusalem under international control; and his support for Indonesian independence.

'He may not have been the most attractive person to work with,' Kevin said, 'but he was intellectually formidable and a person of achievement.'

Now who does that remind you of?

It came as no surprise when Kevin headed for America after his 2013 defeat, nor when he attached himself to Hilary Clinton's campaign for the 2016 Presidential election. He knew that if he were to achieve his aim, Washington DC was the place to be, and the closer to the Oval Office the better.

Alas, Trump trumped that attempted finesse but Kevin bided his time, casting his net across the movers and shakers that only America could provide. And then, voila! Labor returns to power and Albo has the final say in the appointment he prayed for.

Penny Wong was rightly proud of the 'nuanced' policies she created in dealings with her corresponding ministers in the three areas where Ambassador Rudd chose to replace them with the American position.

Oh well, it was nice while it lasted.

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N.B. Speaking of Ambos to Washington, in my research for CASTING HIS NET, the biography of Trevor Kennedy, I discovered that then PM Paul Keating, offered him that post early in his time at The Lodge. You can read why Trevor turned it down if you hurry to Moruya Books where I signed their last eight copies this week. (rrp \$38.)

GET THE FACTS ON CHEAPER MEDICINES

The Albanese Government is working to **reduce medicine costs and free up local GPs:**

- ✓ Slashing the cost of the maximum PBS co-payment from \$42.50 to \$30.
- ✓ Introducing 60-day prescribing – two months' worth of medication for the price of a single script – meaning fewer GP visits.
- ✓ Tripling the bulk-billing incentive for the most common consultations – supporting local families and pensioners.
- ✓ Not affecting medicine availability and not adding to shortages.

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4. Investing \$350 million to support community pharmacy outreach into aged care facilities.





A Beer with Bazz #137

With
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Longhurst

Beryl sipped a glass of sauvignon blanc and smiled widely as Bazza approached.

‘G’day there, Beryl. I reckon it’s the first time I have spotted you in the pub. Good to see you out and about.’

Beryl leaned forward in her electric wheelchair.

‘Ahhhh Bazza..... Bella, the publican, has installed a new ramp which means I can independently access the pub. Otherwise, I would have to rely on others and I hate putting people out. A single step is enough to deny me access.’

Bazza sipped his schooner and rubbed his chin.

‘A simple ramp makes a difference, eh, Beryl? That’s nice of Bella.’

Beryl screwed her face and eyeballed Bazza.

‘Nice!... What do you mean nice!... It’s nice of Bella to comply with the law, Bazza. It’s not a favour. It’s my right to have access. The Disability Discrimination Act makes it against the law for public places to be inaccessible to people with a disability. I seem to spend a lot of time reminding the able bodied community of my rights. They are not gestures of goodwill, Bazza. They are my bloody rights. Take away my access and you take away my independence. I might as well stay locked up at home.’

Bazza’s blushed and raised both eyebrows as Beryl paused for a sip of her wine.

‘Take this morning, Bazza and every bloody Friday morning. The garbage truck only has to leave one empty bin across the footpath and my access is compromised. If I try to go around it, I am likely to get bogged on the grass and can only hope for an able bodied person, with a bit of muscle, to come along and push me out. So.....I have to turn around and either abandon my trip into town or backtrack and find a ramp to cross the road to the other footpath. It’s ridiculous I have to constantly remind the council of its legal obligations.’

Bazza’s mouth remained half opened.

‘Abandoned shopping trolleys are another favourite of some in the able bodied community, Bazza. I really need to install a bull bar on the front of my chair and just bulldoze my way through. One thoughtless act can really stuff up my day.’

Beryl ran her fingers through her hair.

‘Ahhhh there are some advantages, Bazza. I reckon I could beat you in a sprint to town if the path is clear. Now... it might not be great appreciating the view or smells at bum height in a crowd but when I am in the supermarket, I am at eye level to the cheaper options always available below abled body eye level. Also kids always stop for a chat as they are at equal height.’

Bazza smiled and finished his schooner as Bella approached.

‘All good, Beryl?’

‘Not bad, Bella but it would be even better if the disabled toilet is left unlocked and is not used as a store room... but we are making progress.’

Bella’s face reddened.

Have a beer with Bazza at john.longhurst59@gmail.com



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Seawater and Soil exhibition at The Bas

Art exhibition: Seawater and Soil - A Group exhibition opens at The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre on Friday 27th October

Seawater and Soil showcases the work of five male artists from the NSW south coast. A dynamic and diverse collection of works, the exhibition explores the deep connection between the artists and their coastal environment, with inspiration drawn from the ever-changing character of the sea and the rich soil of the region.

Featuring the work of acclaimed local artists: Rodney Hayes, Purusha, John Rouch, John Sharman, and Stuart Whitelaw.

Experience the landscape through the eyes of the artists as they lead you on a journey of exploration and connection to the natural world, capturing the essence of the Eurobodalla landscape, its vibrant colours, forms and textures.

Rodney Hayes practiced as an architect, builder, environmentalist, broadcaster, academic and now retired, as a poet and artist. Lloyd Rees and Roland Wakelin were mentors at Sydney University, and their influence is still in his work some sixty years later. Issues of environmentalism and sustainability have driven his personal and professional life. The work presented for this exhibition, is a small collection of watercolour pencil on paper drawings which show how a series of preliminary works emerge as more formal statements that reflect Hayes' approach to the theme.

Purusha describes himself as a lifetime artist and poet. He found oil paint in his early twenties and ran with it, mesmerized with the freedom to develop without constraint or expectation, no contrivance or plan. 'I love all great art whatever the medium or provenance of the artist. When I go to an exhibition or gallery and see wonderful things, I often come away giving myself a little bit more permission to be freer in my own work.'

John Rouch grew up in Melbourne's outer eastern districts surrounded by apple and pear orchards, and the pristine bush of Warrandyte. He studied Fine Art, Painting at the Victorian College of Fine Arts in the late 1970's and after graduation, continued to paint and work in film, theatre, music and television industries until 2000.

After 2000, he moved with his young family to the south coast and has worked to improve his understanding and art practice, drawing inspiration from the surrounding beauty.

John Sharman is a realist painter of seascapes and landscapes. He was interested in art and the Masters from an early age and drew constantly, eventually moving to colour and rendering his work plein air. Sharman gains great satisfaction in knowing that this way of recording what he sees is held in many private, public and corporate collections nationally and internationally.

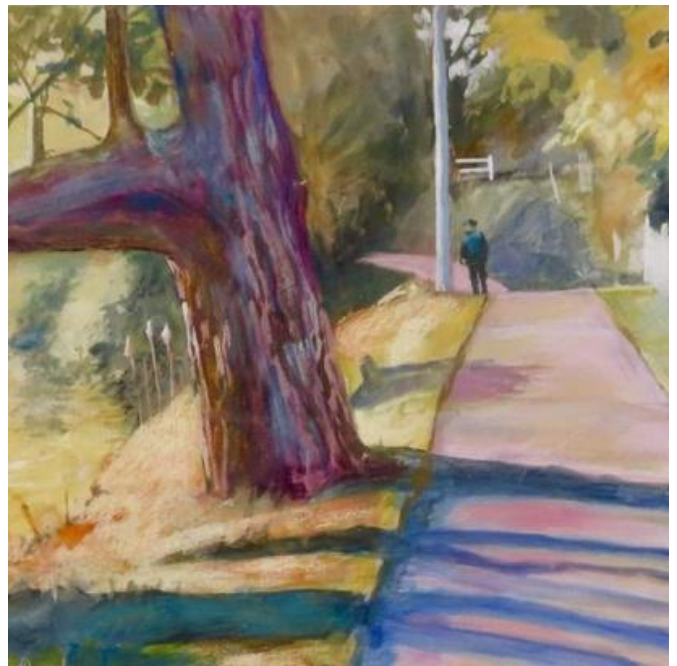
Stuart Whitelaw - Living near the ocean for the past 25 years and being almost surrounded by seawater where he lives in Bingie, has given Whitelaw great respect for this environment, as well as making him aware of its fragility. Similarly, he observes that nearby Moruya, sitting on a flood plain of fertile soil next to a tidal (seawater) river, has had a complicated relationship with its setting; dependent on the river for trade, thankful for the fertile soils it has deposited, yet fearful of its destructive power.

In these works he wanted to not just create landscapes but try to distill some of that 'essence' of place, reflecting both the coast where he lives but also our town and its relationship with the river.

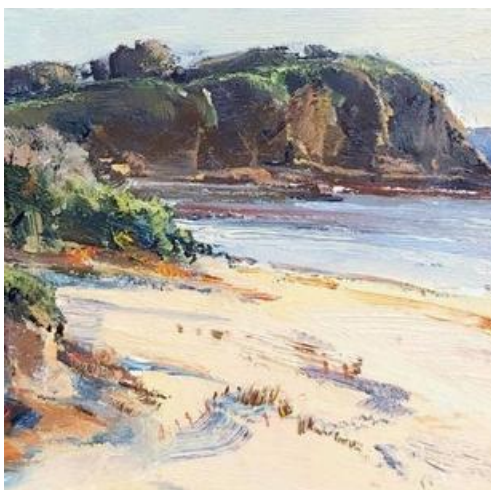
Exhibition runs until 26 November. Opening hours: Daily, 10am – 4pm



John Rouch



Stuart Whitelaw



John Sharman



Rodney Hayes



Purusha

RECOVERY TOUR HITS THE ROAD WITH FILM, MUSIC AND FOOD



The international award-winning feature film, **Up Armidale Road**, which celebrates recovering disaster-affected communities, will be showcased in a series of free events in the South of NSW this October.

The **NSW Rural Fire Service Association, Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal** and **Grace and Hugh** invite all local residents to experience this acclaimed touring show combining film, food and live music to provide a fun, free night out for all to attend. These events promise to be a moving celebration of volunteer firefighters through the south of NSW, with the RFS taking the opportunity to thank their members for their support of the local community. Following each screening, audiences will be treated to a “rafter-shaking” performance by the well-travelled musical duo Grace and Hugh, fresh from their headline performance at the Manly Jazz and Blues Festival. And of course, food will be available for purchase through Nomad Kitchen and BBQ Food Trucks on site, cooking up a storm before the show.

The events, sponsored by the RFS and FRRR, follow similar festivities held throughout NSW earlier this year with Grace and Hugh.

RFS President Scott Campbell, a volunteer firefighter from the Clarence Valley, said the events were designed to provide recovering communities with a fantastic free night out with family, friends and neighbours.

“In 2023 the RFS teamed up with Grace and Hugh to thank these volunteers for their efforts with a Recovery Tour. In February the first epic tour kicked off with 12 shows over 12 nights and covered a distance that stretched from Moree to the Murray. In July, the Recovery Tour visited members in the North-East of the state,” Mr Campbell said.

“The tour’s undeniable success and positive influence led to the planning of another tour in October, and we can’t wait to visit our members in the South-East of NSW.

“The event is open for all the public to attend with a special welcome to RFS members and their families.

“An acclaimed movie featuring two fantastic songwriters with their well-travelled piano and a village full of talented bushfire survivors will make for a fantastic night. “This is a way to celebrate the volunteer heroes who protect our communities in times of crisis and to show the public that we care about the towns that we protect.”

The international award-winning film *Up Armidale Road* records how the residents of Nymboida welcomed two musicians, Grace and Hugh, into their lives sharing stories of survival and courage in the aftermath of the bushfire that decimated their small village during the 2019-20 summer bushfires.

The determined songwriters threw themselves into immortalising the stories of Nymboidans as only they could. Returning many times over the following year, Grace and Hugh wove together the lyrics and melody of the song ‘Up Armidale Road’, embarking on an ambitious musical collaboration with the community to bring the song to life on a shoe-string budget, full orchestra in tow, as the hills turned from black to green again.

Former Fleetwood Mac manager Dennis Dunstan has described *Up Armidale Road* as “the best music film/documentary I’ve seen in a long, long time ... I had tears of grief and joy ... what a film, don’t miss it”.

Save the Dates: October 21-25

This time the evening will include a special screening of the documentary 'Up Armidale Road'

Complimentary for RFS members and guests:

- Dinner
- Soft drinks
- Tea & coffee
- Performance
- Giveaways

To register go to

<https://www.rfsa.org.au/recoverytour/>

(Make sure you book your tickets with Promo Code RFSAGUEST)

Please book your free tickets using Promo Code

The events (event starts 5:30pm).

[Ticket information: www.graceandhugh.com.au/tour](http://www.graceandhugh.com.au/tour)

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RFSAGUEST so we can cater for your complimentary dinner. RFS Members and their family and friends are most welcome!

- 21 October – Lake Conjola Community Centre – [click here for tickets to Lake Conjola](#)
- 22 October – Moruya RSL Memorial Hall – [click here for tickets to Moruya](#)
- 23 October – The Pavilion at Cobargo Showground – [click here for tickets to Cobargo](#)
- 24 October – Nethercote Hall – [click here for tickets to Nethercote](#)
- 25 October – The Clubhouse, Cooma Car Club – [click here for tickets to Cooma](#)

Children's Book Launch

Two very special children's books were launched at Braidwood Regional Art Gallery on Sunday 8th October to an enthusiastic book-loving crowd.

The books were written by Trish Butler who said "I was very humbled by the number of people who turned up and also bought the books! My desire is for these books to be shared for a better future for our living environment and those who follow."

Way Away touches on the stolen generation told through the eyes of a Goombawa family (Dhurga language name for Koala) based on the stories told by Budawang Elder Noel Butler from his knowledge of his family history in Yuin Country.

When The Trees Disappeared was written by Trish Butler to inspire children to look after and love their land. To learn what pollution is and to be aware of the destruction of our environment. To gain from yesterday for a better tomorrow. The books were illustrated by Braidwood graphic designer and fine artist Elizabeth Hawkes, who also organised the event. She said she was extremely happy with the outcome and hopes that the books will make excellent Christmas gifts for children and grandchildren.

Elizabeth said in her speech, "Most of us are aware of the benefits of reading aloud to small children. Research has found that it stimulates the hyperactive language centres in their brains, accelerates their communication skills, their social skills and literacy skills."

In these two books, Dhurga language words, spoken by the Yuin people of the South Coast of New South Wales, are integrated into the English text to create this bilingual and important cultural alliance.

There will be another book launch in Milton coming up in November. The date and venue will be announced soon. If you would like to purchase the books, they are available at Studio Altenburg, Wallace Street, Braidwood or by emailing Trish Butler on nuragunyu@gmail.com



Illustrator Elizabeth Hawkes with Trish and Noel Butler.

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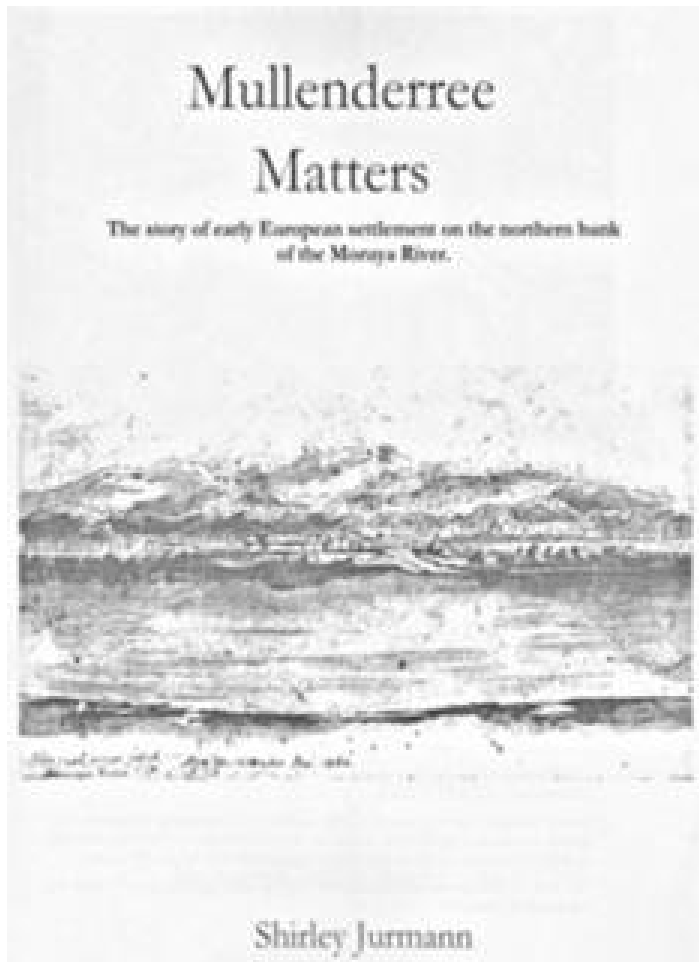
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Mullenderree Matters – New Book



The story of early European settlement on the north bank of the Moruya River, including Shannon View, Glenduart, Moggendoura and Mullenderree By Shirley Jurmann.

This book starts with the early exploration and settlers on the north side of the Moruya River. The river, its floods, its navigation difficulties and bridges are described in detail along with the agricultural and commercial activities in the area. The families who lived in the area, their stories, their social life, their successes and disasters are featured. The Appendices include the 1837 Aboriginal Returns for the area, the Parish maps and Shire Electoral roll listings for 1914. 183pages, photographs and index

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VISUAL ARTIST CALLOUT FOR RE-EMERGENCE FILM PROJECT!

Rebus

Are you a disabled visual artist living in Regional NSW?

Rebus Theatre invites you to be part of Re-Emergence, an exploration of the last five years and the themes that have shaped our world. We are excited to announce our open call for visual artists across the NSW region to contribute their unique perspectives to be featured in this transformative film project.

More info and submission guidelines here:

<https://rebustheatre.com/4079/>

We are seeking artworks in the following categories/themes:

- 1) Reflections on the Past Five Years: Share your personal journey and interpretation of the events and emotions that have defined the last half-decade.
- 2) A House for a Hag: Create a visual representation of the concept 'a house for a hag' – an opportunity to explore the mystical and enigmatic.
- 3) Us Coming Together: Illustrate the beauty and power of human connection, unity, and solidarity through your artistic lens.
- 4) Imminent Disaster: Examine the idea of impending crisis, chaos, or change through your visual storytelling.

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Go Seek! Musical Adventure Show

Musical Adventure Show!

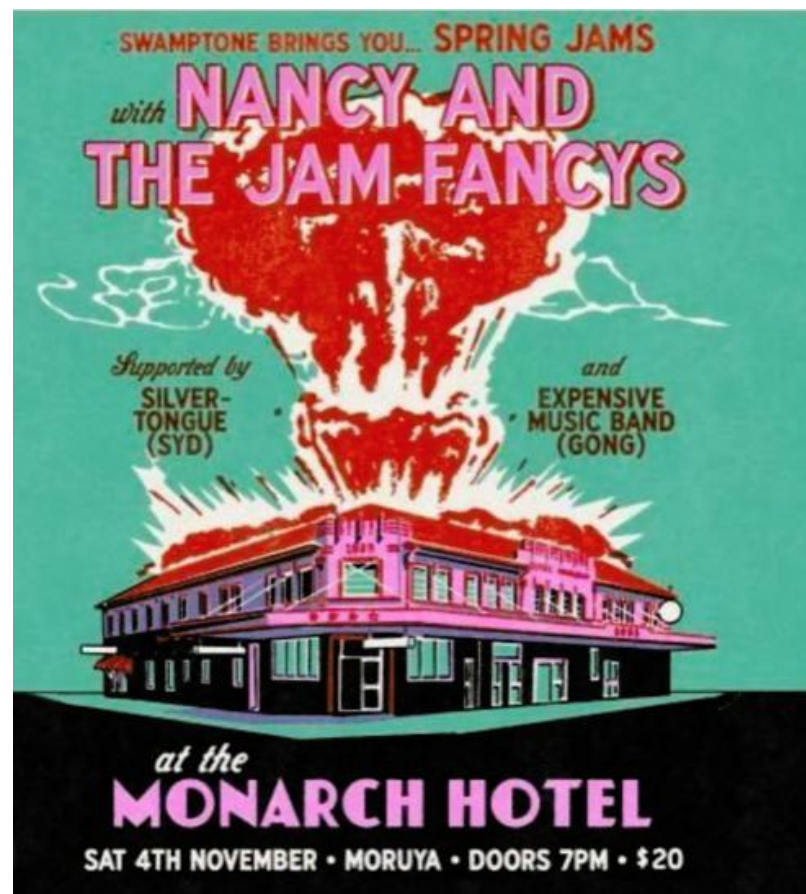
Mon, 23 Oct 2023 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM AEDT

Mackay Park Sports and Function Centre

Go Seek! An explosion of colour, movement and funky music. This interactive, playful show is designed for children to discover the world around them.

Go Seeks upbeat songs will have everyone moving, with high energy routines and fun dance moves to follow along. Suitable for children 2-6 years. Bookings are essential and spaces are limited.

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The first of a series of blues showcases. Casting the best local blues talent on the Far South Coast. - A massive line up to light up the Tukka Cafe. We will be celebrating the release of Fiona Boyes's new album "Ramblified".

Ramblified [ram-bluh-fayhd]

'I wasn't content anywhere long... just loved to ramble. I was just ramblified, you know' - Son House (from 'Preachin' the Blues' by Daniel Beaumont).

This gem from legendary bluesman Son House caught my eye while reading through my collection of blues music books. I guess there was a lot of reading I never got around to until a world-wide pandemic stopped me in my tracks. It made me realise I've spent a large chunk of my adult life being ramblified...

Although I was physically stuck at home, this collection of songs shows that my heart was still on a journey. Songs full of deep Blues, resignation, joy and defiant fun trace a winding path on this album from the past to the present, with a couple of surprise detours along the way. Mostly solo, or duo arrangements, with plenty of inventive percussion from my long-time drummer Mark Grunden, this impromptu session is a celebration. A celebration of finally being able to cross long-closed state borders; of being able to get into the studio, of being able to catch up with a bandmate who lives 1,500 km away. I was happy to make the journey and happy to let the music unfold: new songs, old songs reimagined, trusty old guitars and new instruments (including a recent cigar-box guitar built by my husband, The Preacher, as featured on this album cover). There's plenty of twists and turns along the way, so join me, won't you? It's time to get "Ramblified!" - Fiona Boyes.

Joining Fiona Boyes will be... Howlin Mitch & the Habanero's,

Ron Callaghan, and Gadhu Dreaming Band.

TICKETS

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Term 4 2023

Monday 9th October to
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with Nick Summers
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Creative mark making using mixed media and tools.

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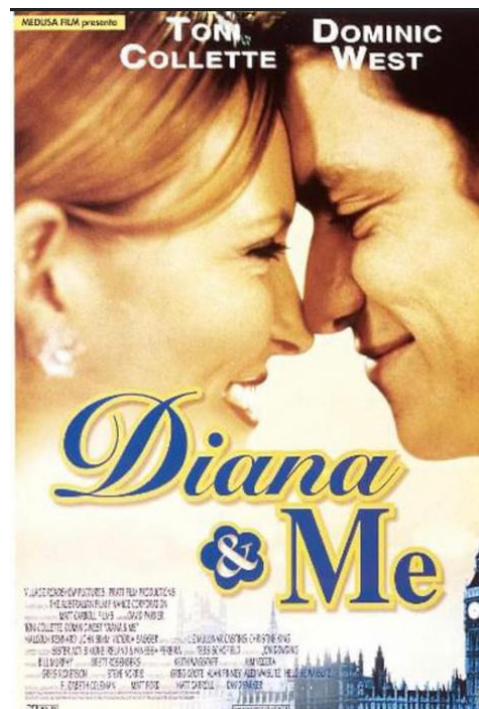
Moruya Film Group

Enjoy a film, some wine and nibbles. Join us for our next film screening - Diana & Me - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 28th of October @The Red Door, Moruya.

Synopsis: Diana & Me is a 1997 Australian romantic comedy film directed by David Parker. Australian Diana Spencer wins a competition in a women's magazine, and as a prize gets a trip for two to London, where she wants to meet her idol and namesake, Princess Diana. She goes there with her fiancé, Mark, but during the garden party Princess plans to attend, things get mixed up and Aussie Diana gets arrested with Papparazzi photographer Rob.

Diana really wants to meet Princess and follows Rob as he searches for Princess Di to take some photos.

Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months – Guests welcome.



Cherish Nature

Bas About Town is proud to present Cherish Nature, a group exhibition featuring our natural environment – its character, beauty, light and natural patterns, including endangered wildlife and their habitats. The artwork is presented in paintings, photography and pottery that feature forests, wetlands, coastal and marine habitats detailing our exquisite nature.

At the Moruya Mechanics Institute.
Exhibition runs until Sunday 29 October 10am – 3pm



Creative Arts Officer Sue Blackburn, with exhibiting artists Juliet Ramsay and Michael Anlezank, Manager Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens at the opening. Photo Kat Patton

Bas About Town Cherish Nature

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Margaret Allen, Kristen Arrayet, Lynda Burke, Janet Carr, Susan Christie,
Jane Elek, Garry Kemp, Marie Lund, Sheryl Miller, Sue Murray, Marie Nicholson,
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Christine Sullivan and Heide Weber

14 October - 29 October 2023

Mechanics Institute | Exhibition Opening: Friday 13 October 2023, 5 - 7pm
13 Page Street, Moruya 2537 | Open every day, 10am - 3pm



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River of Art Luminous at the Moruya Showground



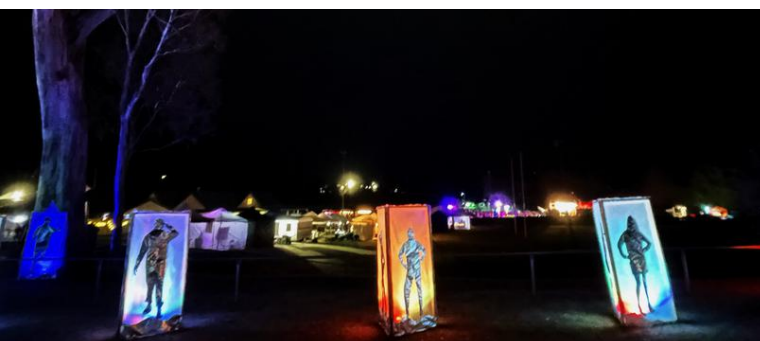
As the culmination to the River of Art Festival, on September 23 the Moruya Showground hosted Luminous - an evening of music, recycling and a performance by the ladies of Plastic Fantastic spreading light as they moved in slow motion throughout the crowd. Lead by international choreographer Elise May and The Distaffik Collective's Deb Cleland, As well as performances on stage by Ron Callo, Benji and the Saltwater Sound System and The Spindrift Saga playing. There were street stalls, a range of food trucks, the chook shed full of lanterns created from waste and an outdoor exhibition of lanterns made by a variety of groups and individuals. And of course there were light projections by Scott Bakers 'Bioluminescence', Narooma artist Cat Wilson, and Moruya's DunkOtron.



Guru Dudu silent disco was a hit with the kids.



Pierced teapot lanterns in the park .



Recycling for resilience lanterns lit up the park .



Robyn Martin performing.

Costa coming to Moruya for the Eating Democracy book launch

Costa Georgiadis (Australian TV presenter and landscape architect) will host a panel discussion for the launch of Eating Democracy: The True Cost of the Food We Eat, at the SAGE Garden in Moruya on Saturday 21 October and tickets for the launch and dinner can be purchased online through the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance website. Books can also be pre purchased and collected at the launch.

Eating Democracy: The True Cost of the Food We Eat is a compilation of inspirational food stories from diverse Australians in the wake of crises. It profiles eleven eaters from urban, rural, remote and coastal regions across Australia, from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds, to unveil the true cost of the food we eat. The book was crowdfunded and produced by the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA) which is a farmer-led, volunteer-run organisation, representing people committed to food sovereignty. Local market gardener Eliza Cannon from Borrowed Ground Farm and a regular stallholder at the SAGE Farmers Market who sits on both the ASFA and local SAGE NSW management committees, says the book launch kicks off the annual 2-day AFSA Food Sovereignty Convergence being held in Moruya this year.

"Tickets to the book launch and the convergence are open to anyone with an interest in eating and food security locally and across Australia. The annual convergence brings together small-scale farmers, food producers, First Peoples and allies to discuss, strategise and find ways to advance the food sovereignty movement at a local and national scale, she said. Tickets to both events are now on sale and SAGE is calling on locals to get involved.

"SAGE is proud to be hosting AFSA's Eating Democracy book launch and Food Sovereignty Convergence on home soil in October," says SAGE NSW committee member Eliza Cannon. "The book launch panel discussion hosted by Costa at the SAGE Garden in Moruya should be lively and thought provoking. Tickets to the book launch are \$60 and include SAGE's famous local produce pizzas and a drink.

"Our region has been deeply impacted by bushfires and floods over the past few years, and we're hoping this event will attract farmers and producers from Moruya, New South Wales and Canberra to gather here and form collectives that will strengthen the resilience of our local food system," adds Ms Cannon.

Agritourism Business Guide

The Department of Planning and Environment has released a new guide to help NSW farmers set up agritourism businesses on their land. It explains what planning approvals are needed and how landowners can meet the requirements. It also includes practical advice on issues such as location and design.

Download the guide [here](https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/setting-up-an-agritourism-business.pdf?utm_medium).
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Moruya EV Expo - an incredible opportunity to talk to local owners of electric vehicles

The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, in partnership with the Moruya Business Chamber, proudly announces the inaugural Moruya Electric Vehicle Expo on 28 October 10am - 2pm at Russ Martin Park and Adelaide Hotel Car Park, Moruya. Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President, said "A big feature of the Expo is the opportunity to talk to 11 local owners of 11 different models of EVs.

Find out why they bought an electric vehicle and what factors led them to the right choice for them."

Models on display include:


- Tesla 3
- Tesla 3 LR dual
- BYD Atto 3
- Hyundai Kona
- Hyundai Ioniq
- Nissan Leaf
- Volvo C40
- MG ZS EV
- Polestar 2
- Jaguar i-Pace
- Kia EV6
- Mitsubishi i-Miev
- GWM Ora

There will be two second hand electric vehicles for sale - a Nissan Leaf and a MG SUV EV. There will also be a range of new electric cars on display from AMH Moruya, Coastal Motors Batemans Bay and BYD Gungahlin - including the Kia 6 EV, Kia Niro EV, MG ZS EV, MG 4 EV, GWM Ora, BYD Atto 3 and BYD Dolphin.


The Expo is possible thanks to generous sponsorship from Horizon Bank, Tec Exec, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Adelaide Hotel, MESA, Moruya Bicycles, Beta Electrical, Repurposing for Resilience, Moruya Golf Club, ITP Batemans Bay, McAsh Oysters and Mon Financial Services.

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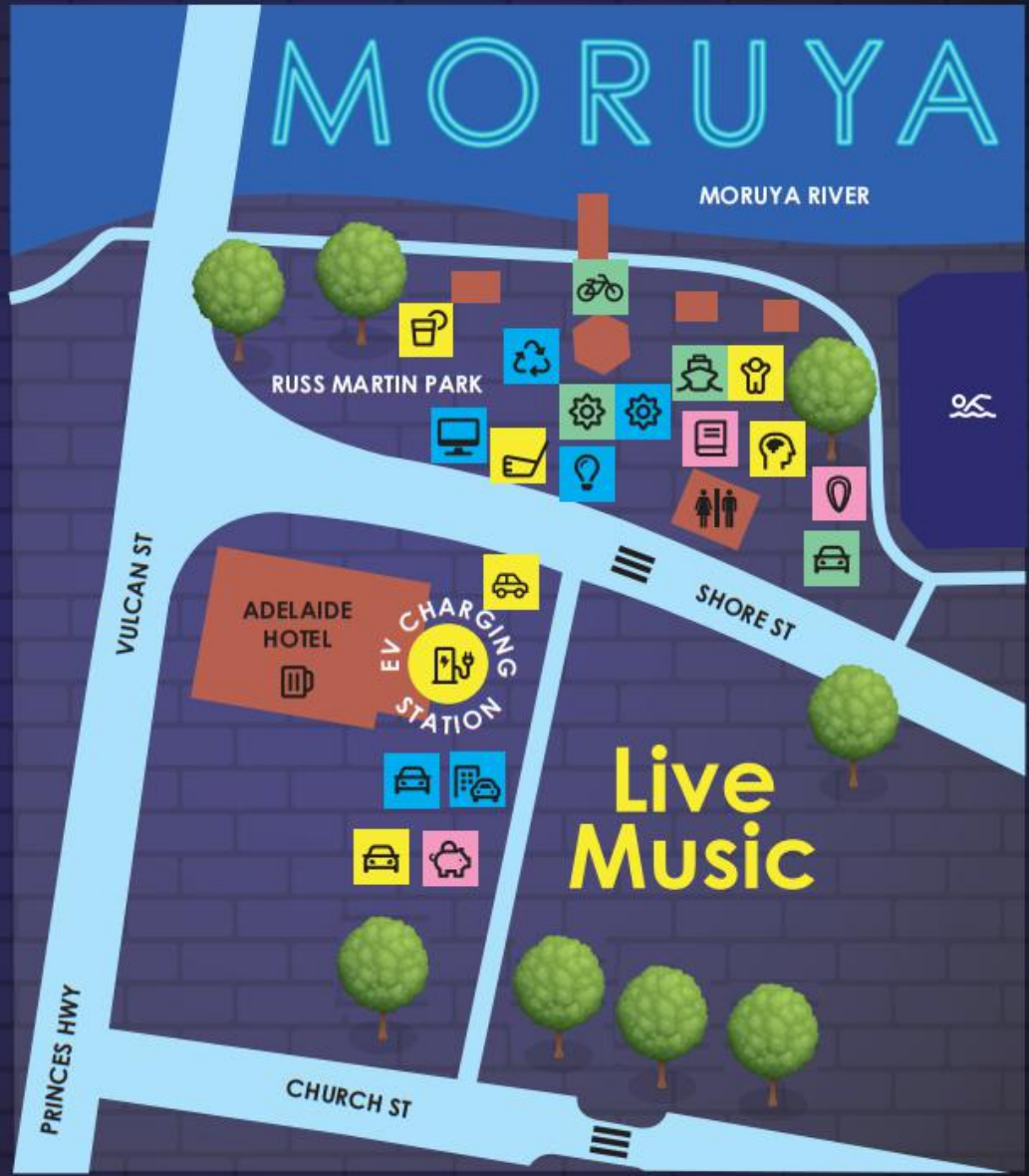
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-  AMH
-  YOGA0z
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-  Betta Electrical
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Lea-Anne Eddie and Annie Flint collaborating at the SAGE Market.

Weekly market offers creative menu ideas

The weekly SAGE FARMERS MARKET is staging another free tasting of stallholder produce as part of its Spring promotion, this time offering market goers locally made cheese and a taste of Mystery Bay Kelp (MBK).

The market committee aims to showcase how easily fresh local produce from a variety of stallholders can be used to create healthy snacks and meals.

Volunteers will hand out crackers topped with Annie’s Mogendura fetta cheese sprinkled with MBK seasoning and Don John and Friends will play some fresh acoustic vibes at next Tuesday’s market (24th October) from 4pm.

The fetta is made with milk sourced from Tilba Dairy and the seasoning is made from kelp harvested from nearby Mystery Bay.

Annie Flint, the creator of Mogendura fetta and ricotta, said that when she learned how to make cheese, she was told to source the creamiest and freshest milk possible which led to her using Tilba Dairy’s milk.

Lea-Anne Eddie, founder of MBK, also collaborates with Tilba Dairy, supplying the seaweed for its award-winning Mystery Bay Kelp two-year vintage cheddar cheese. She said it is satisfying to work with other local producers to create products rich in quality, health properties and flavour.

SAGE veteran and committee spokesman Stuart Whitelaw said the Spring promotion of free tastings is one way of inspiring shoppers with creative menu ideas.

“Our producers and growers generate such great ideas for how to best use their products, so it’s wonderful to be able to share that with marketgoers,” he said.

Mr Whitelaw also inspires market goers with his artistic recipe offerings. He currently produces a weekly recipe that showcases seasonal offerings, complete with drawings and step by step instructions. The recipes are posted on SAGE’s social media pages and displayed at the market, giving shoppers inspiration for meals.

The SAGE farmers market is held in Moruya’s Riverside Park from 3pm to 5pm every Tuesday.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GARDENING DIPS

SAGE (NSW) at Stepping Stone Farm are now offering a series of informal, stimulating, afternoon seminars on the first and third Friday of every month.

These afternoon gardening dips are filled with valuable tips with the aim to build on and share the substantial, collective body of knowledge about vegetable growing, market gardening and organic farming that exists in Moruya. Everyone is welcome, our interns, total gardening novices and experienced growers.

BOOK your place NOW in one or more

We have put together a long list of seasonally appropriate topics and hope to cover a lot of material over the next year. It is envisaged that participants will come with their own questions and wisdom and the program for the first quarter of 2024 will reflect issues that come up in discussion over the next few months.

The first seven seminars will be convened by Joyce Wilkie who will share her knowledge and also give everyone who attends an opportunity to talk about their experiences.

What’s on offer

Date: Held on the first and third Friday of every month, starting Friday, 15 September.

Time: 1.30 - 3.30pm

Venue: Stepping Stone Farm

Cost: \$25 per session (includes afternoon tea)

Presenter: Joyce Wilkie

Dates and Topics

- 20 October – Annual herbs - basil, coriander, parsley, spring onions
- 3 November – Pruning and trellising solanaceae
- 17 November – Soil testing
- 1 December – Chicory family
- 15 December – Watering

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The best thing about growing food is that it is a mountain without a top - nature has a way of humbling even the most accomplished market gardeners and teaching us all that we still have a lot more to learn.



Joyce Wilkie left, sharing her extensive knowledge at Stepping Stone Farm.

\$6 million awarded to help NSW businesses to reduce waste and cut carbon emissions

Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) has been awarded \$500,000 as part of the NSW Government's Bin Trim Networks Program helping divert approximately 35,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year. This is part of a \$6 million commitment helping around 4,000 small to medium NSW businesses support NSW's transition to a circular economy. Bin Trim is Australia's largest business waste program aimed at avoiding, reusing and reducing waste, as well as saving money and cutting carbon emissions. It encourages innovation and collaboration across industry sectors, supply chains and precincts to address problem waste materials. The funding for Canberra Region Joint Organisation's Bin Trim Network Program project will allow them to work with businesses in the Canberra Region to improve waste and resource recovery across their operations. It will identify opportunities to change or improve their business processes towards a more circular use of resources and materials, focusing on food waste and organics, plastics, and textiles. Once complete, it's expected that the Canberra Region Joint Organisation's Bin Trim Network Program will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by 7000 tonnes per year. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has also released the Bin Trim app, a free resource enabling all NSW businesses to conduct their own waste assessment, create an action plan to avoid and reduce waste, and monitor improvements over time.

The EPA's popular Bin Trim Program has already enabled more than 38,000 businesses to help the environment and save money by diverting more than 260,000 tonnes of waste from landfill. The Program is part of the NSW Government's Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy backed by \$356 million over five years.

Dr. Michael Holland: "It's great to see the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Bin Trim Network Program awarded funding by the NSW EPA under the Bin Trim Networks Program. This will benefit the Eurobodalla and the Bega Valley communities.

"Businesses like Canberra Region Joint Organisation play a vital role in driving our circular economy and can help create a more sustainable future our community."

NSW Minister for the Environment, Penny Sharpe: "The NSW Government is supporting small and medium businesses to innovate to reduce the amount of organic, plastic and other waste that goes to landfill. "From food courts to bike shops and pre-schools, businesses are embracing the circular principles of avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle to both help the environment and effectively mitigate the impacts of rising costs."

NSW Minister for Small Business, Stephen Kamper: "Small businesses have the power to shape our transition to a circular economy. "Their agility, innovation, and commitment to sustainable practices empowers them to lead the way in redefining how we produce, consume, and repurpose resources. "By integrating circularity into their business practices, small businesses not only minimise waste and environmental impact but can unlock new opportunities for growth, job creation, and community resilience."

New resource helps NSW 'Get Ready' for natural disasters

The Minns Labor Government is helping households across NSW take the guess work out of planning for natural disasters thanks to a new preparedness campaign called Get Ready NSW.

Get Ready NSW is the go-to single resource that will guide communities on how to better protect themselves from a range of natural disasters including bushfires, storms and floods. Designed in partnership between the NSW Reconstruction Authority and NSW Department of Customer Service, in consultation with emergency services, Get Ready NSW will cover a range of scenarios, including:

- Understanding bushfire risk
- Preparing homes for a bushfire season
- Preparing businesses for a bushfire
- Managing pets and livestock
- How to find evacuation centres
- Understanding storm risk
- Preparing homes for a storm
- Information on heatwaves
- Finding support if you are impacted by natural disasters.

Households will also find valuable evacuation advice on Get Ready NSW, including how to create a digital 'grab bag' to make accessing important information easier during the recovery process.

The first stage of the campaign kicks off today with the launch of the website, followed later by social media posts, advertisements in regional papers and emails to communities.

Minister for Emergency Services and Customer Service Jihad Dib said: "The Get Ready NSW campaign comes on the back of an early start to the bushfire season and with an El Nino weather pattern indicating a hotter, dryer summer, we want households to be prepared early for a wide range of disasters."

"This initiative will take the guess work out of preparing for a disaster – we don't want people Googling how to prepare for a natural disaster – we want them to use Get Ready NSW as an important resource."

"If the worst occurs and you are caught in a disaster, this website will also assist in directing you to the information you need to help you recover. We know people trust nsw.gov.au as a resource for government information, with the website receiving more than 2.3 million visitors a month and this tool will further enhance the site."

"Natural disasters like bushfires and floods are becoming more frequent, being prepared is easier than you think. You can start by having a conversation with your family and visiting Get Ready NSW."

The Reconstruction Authority will work with local councils and communities to further develop the campaign next year. To access the Get Ready NSW website, visit: nsw.gov.au/get-ready.



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NSW firefighters receive highest pay rise in more than a decade

The NSW Government is investing in the future of the state's firefighters with a 4.5 per cent pay rise for more than 6,800 Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) staff. The NSW Government has reached an agreement with the Fire Brigade Employees' Union (FBEU) to finalise the pay increase for permanent and on-call firefighters.

It follows similar pay rises for other NSW frontline workers, including nurses and police, which are the highest in a decade. The agreement has also given rise to a new non-station based allowance designed to incentivise more training opportunities and clearer promotional pathways, which will benefit community safety.

After 12 years, the NSW Government is committed to growing the FRNSW frontline and has set the target of appointing 600 new permanent firefighters over the next eight years. The total number of FRNSW staff has declined over the past decade despite the state growing by almost a million people.

The NSW Government's investment in these personnel is long overdue and is recognition of the critical role they play in keeping the NSW community safe.

It comes on top of what the Minns Labor Government has already delivered:

- the end of the former government's unfair public sector wages cap; and
- a two-year salary freeze for senior executives and Members of Parliament which will save around \$250 million over four years.

We are a government with a clear focus – managing our finances responsibly so we can provide support when you need it most and improve the essential services that we all rely on, now and into the future.

Minister for Industrial Relations Sophie Cotsis said "I welcome the agreement for better pay and conditions for NSW firefighters, it's a win for the industry and I thank the firies for their advocacy, patience and support". "It's been 12 years since we saw meaningful negotiation for our firies".

"We appreciate their commitment and service to the people of NSW".

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said "Whether it is responding to fires or accidents, FRNSW employees do a lot for the community, and a pay rise is an important way of recognising and rewarding this work."

"I am very pleased to have seen a negotiated agreement between FRNSW and the FBEU that, in addition to a significant pay rise, also heralds a renewed commitment to work together in order to achieve the best possible outcomes."

"This Government is committed to supporting the state's frontline workers who provide critical services to the people of NSW, and I am proud to be part of the government introducing the first significant pay rise for our incredible firefighters in more than a decade."

\$300,000 in grants available to kickstart community infrastructure projects in Bega Electorate

Applications are now open for the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program, with grants available to help make the Bega electorate a better place to live, work, learn and play.

The program invests in infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion.

Since 2009, the program has awarded more than \$436 million to more than 19,700 projects across the state, from access ramps for community halls to resurfacing the local sporting grounds. Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are eligible to apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$150,000.

In 2023, grants must be for building, refurbishing or repairing community infrastructure, or for buying freestanding equipment or vehicles. Grant applications close Friday, 27 October 2023 at 5pm.

Dr. Michael Holland said: "I strongly encourage local organisations to apply for this much loved program.

This funding is a direct investment into the Bega electorate and supports much-needed upgrades to our local community spaces and facilities.

"I know there are fantastic ideas out there that could use this funding to make a difference in the community. I urge people to make the most of this opportunity to get your project off the ground and into the world."

To apply, visit the Community Building Partnership website: nsw.gov.au/cbp

Braidwood Open Gardens

4 & 5 November 2023 - Saturday & Sunday 10am-4pm

An annual fundraiser for the community run, not-for-profit Braidwood Preschool. Explore six amazing gardens in the heritage-listed town of Braidwood. Click on the links below to discover the history and story of each garden:

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- [Oorong](#)
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- [Longsight](#)
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Provider selected for Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic


The Albanese Government is delivering on its commitment to residents of the South Coast with a provider for the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (Medicare UCC) selected, following an Expression of Interest process. ForHealth will establish the Medicare UCC to support the Batemans Bay community and will start seeing patients in early December 2023. The Batemans Bay Medicare UCC will deliver on the Albanese Government's commitment to make it easier for people in NSW to get the urgent treatment they need – from highly qualified doctors and nurses – while taking pressure off the Batemans Bay Hospital. The Batemans Bay UCC will operate at the site of the Batemans Bay Hospital. The new UCC will operate independently from the Batemans Bay ED, which will alleviate pressure on the hospital. The Medicare UCC will be open for extended hours, 7 days a week, and offer walk-in care that is fully bulk billed. Over 55 per cent of presentations to the Batemans Bay Hospital are for non-urgent or semi-urgent care. The Batemans Bay clinic is one of the 14 Medicare UCCs that are being established by the Albanese Government across NSW. The Australian Government will continue to work closely with Primary Health Networks and the NSW Government to deliver the remaining Medicare UCCs, all of which will open this year.

Minister Butler said “The Batemans Bay Medicare UCC is going to make a big difference to patients across the South Coast. “Patients will be able to walk in, see a doctor or nurse and access imaging and pathology services. “The clinic will ease pressure on the Batemans Bay Hospital, allowing them to concentrate on higher priority emergencies.

Fiona Phillips MP said “The new Batemans Bay Medicare UCC will provide an alternative option for families needing urgent care from a doctor or nurse. They will treat sprains and broken bones, cuts, wounds, insect bites, minor ear and eye problems, minor burns and other non-life-threatening issues. “This will ease pressure on our local ED and be much more convenient for our community, the centre will be completely bulk-billed meaning that people needing urgent but non-life-threatening care will save on out-of-pocket costs. “55 percent of the current presentations to the Batemans Bay ED are non-life-threatening or semi-urgent, which the new UCC can now handle. This will help alleviate pressure on the ED whilst ensuring people can get the urgent professional care they need.

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Halloween options not shown in this photo but you get the idea

Barunguba Montague Island Nature Reserve Draft Plan of Management: Public consultation

The Barunguba Montague Island Nature Reserve Draft Plan of Management is on public exhibition until 20 November 2023.

Public exhibition of the draft plan provides an important opportunity for community members to have a say in the management of Barunguba Montague Island Nature Reserve. Once adopted, this plan of management will replace the existing plan for this park, which was adopted in 1995.

The Barunguba Montague Island Nature Reserve Draft Planning Considerations report accompanies the draft plan. It is recommended that readers of the plan refer to the planning considerations report for detailed explanations of the parks' values and management considerations.

The park is part of Yuin Country. It is located on Barunguba Montague Island, an island in the Tasman Sea, approximately 9 km south-east of Narooma on the Far South Coast of New South Wales.

Key objectives of this draft plan include:

- protecting the natural environment – the island provides important habitat for nesting seabirds, including little penguins, Gould's petrels and white-faced storm-petrels.
- looking after culture and heritage – the island has considerable Aboriginal and historic heritage values. The 2018 declaration of Barunguba Aboriginal Place recognises the island's importance as a very significant ceremonial area and a significant resource gathering place. It also recognises the special song lines connecting Barunguba Montague Island to the mainland, especially to Gulaga Mount Dromedary. Montague Island Lighthouse, the residences, gardens and graves demonstrate the island's rich maritime history.
- providing for visitor use, public appreciation and enjoyment – the island is an attractive visitor destination. It is remote from development on the mainland, relatively wild, teeming with seabirds and marine life, and rich with Aboriginal and historic heritage. Visitation is carefully managed. Public visitation is restricted to visitors on authorised short-duration tours and a few pre-booked commercial overnight guests.



The draft plan proposes adjusting the number of visitors allowed on the island. These adjustments are necessary to protect the island's natural and cultural values against the impacts associated with the movement of people on the island during peak periods and to improve the experience enjoyed by visitors by avoiding periods of overcrowding. It is also necessary to ensure that park infrastructure provided for visitors continues to operate effectively.

More see

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/barunguba-montague-island-nature-reserve-draft-plan-of-management>

Little penguin chick hatches hope for a new colony

A Little Penguin chick has hatched near Eagles Claw Nature Reserve in Eden on the far south coast of NSW, for the first time in more than 30 years. The breeding colony disappeared from the area in 1993, and the successful hatching of this chick is the culmination of many years of hard work to create and restore nesting habitat. It is believed the chick was a few days old, when it was sighted last week.

NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Senior Research Scientist Nicholas Carlile says, "we initially spotted a penguin pair in December 2022, when they took the first steps to developing a pair bond in a courting ritual.

"Remote cameras installed at the cove means we have been able to keep an eye on the loved-up pair over the last few months and have watched them collect materials to build a nest and eventually lay and tend to two eggs.

"We hope this newly hatched chick will be the first of many hatched in Eden and our dedicated team will continue to support the Little Penguins return to this very unique, very precious mainland breeding site," Mr Carlile said.

The Department of Planning and Environment has been working with local citizen scientists, the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and Bega Valley Shire Council to remove weeds, protect the area from foxes and install artificial nesting burrows in the hopes of attracting breeding pairs.

It has also installed a solar powered 'love-machine', which is a sound attraction device that echoes Little Penguin mating calls across the cove and out into Twofold Bay each night to encourage them to visit and breed.

The Department of Planning and Environment and Bega Valley Shire Council will continue to monitor the penguin pair and their chick over the coming weeks.

Little Penguins were once more common on the Australian mainland, but their colonies are now generally restricted to offshore islands. Until now, the only known mainland breeding colony in NSW was in a secluded cove in the Manly area of Sydney Harbour. This Sydney colony has been declared an endangered population.

Breeding in the Eagles Claw Nature Reserve had previously stopped due to years of fox and dog attacks on unprotected nest sites in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland "A loved-up penguin pair was first spotted at Eden's Eagles Claw Nature Reserve in December 2022 and it's absolutely wonderful to hear that they not only nested and laid an egg, but also produced a little chick.

"We are so pleased that this dedicated effort from local citizen scientists, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Council has paid off and we hope this little chick marks the start of a new generation of penguins at Eden."



Little penguin on nest_Credit DPE



Nicholas carlile with penguin chick_image by Julianne Noble_Parks Australia

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Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival



Narooma Oyster Festival reports from the Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival.

Our Champion, Doody Gerard Dennis is Home after a fantastic performance in the World Oyster Opening Championships to finish 11th IN THE WORLD on last month

Doody finished third in his heat and came midfield overall, an incredible result after his brief introduction to the Galway Flat Oyster the day prior.



His decades of experience here in Australia served him well, and he was able to quickly refine his unique technique to tackle this tricky species and add some signature showmanship to the competition too. The crowd loved him!

History was made, as a proud Gamilaroi/Kamilaroi Man from Walgett living on Yuin Country, Doody is the first Indigenous Australian ever to compete and was also the only entrant from the Southern Hemisphere. Congratulations to the new World Oyster Opening Champion, Frederick Fiorillo from the UK and thank you to the Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival for making us feel so welcome! We will see you soon Doody, and so proud of all you have achieved!

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Bushfire recovery project helping to heal country and community on NSW South Coast

South Coast landholders still feeling the effects of the Black Summer bushfires are receiving a helping hand as part of a broader effort to restore country, culture and community in NSW.

Through a large-scale project spearheaded by Great Eastern Ranges (GER) and funded through the Australian and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, South Coast landholders on fifteen properties are being supported to regenerate their land and build their resilience to future climate disasters. Project activities in the region are being led by local Eurobodalla environment group Coastwatchers.

These landholders include Rae Harvey, wildlife carer and owner of Wild 2 Free, a 27 hectare wildlife sanctuary within the Mogo State Forest near Batemans Bay which was destroyed by the bushfires that ripped through it on NYE 2019.

Rae and her volunteer Karen had to be rescued via boat by her neighbour when the fire hit. They returned shortly after to care for any animals who had survived, despite the property having no power, water or septic running and only a fire-damaged cabin to shelter in.

"No one was prepared or ready for what happened that night. The fire entered Mogo at 4.00am and skipped us, so we thought we were in the clear, especially after a few false alarms. We had also worked really hard to prepare the property for fire. And then the southerly came and we were suddenly surrounded by flames," said Rae.

Although the property has been regenerating well in some areas, Rae has welcomed the additional support and funding to assist with managing weeds and planting and reconnecting of habitat and food for yellow-bellied and greater gliders, glossy black cockatoos, powerful owls and other local wildlife. This includes the animals that she releases back into the wild after rescuing and rehabilitating them.

"Being a wildlife carer, I am particularly sensitive to the environment and what we have lost. I get upset when people say that the bush has come back so it's all okay. Yes, some of it has returned but where are the glossy black cockatoos and the she oaks? It's come back, but it hasn't come back right."

To encourage glossy black cockatoos back and support other local wildlife including her beloved roos, Rae requested that lots of species of flowering trees and shrubs be planted around her homestead as part of the GER project. Wild 2 Free's neighbours are also being supported through the project with work on their land focused on reconnecting habitat for woodland birds.

In addition to helping landholders, the project has stimulated local employment opportunities with Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Lands Council's (LALC) Walbanja ranger team and Campbell Page EcoCrews funded to assist with bush regeneration. The work is building on existing on-ground efforts in the region, including boosting the number of trees planted in 2021 by the LALC on Rae's property.

Gary Howling, CEO of Great Eastern Ranges says that the South Coast was selected as one of the priority landscapes for the project due to the severe impact of the Black Summer bushfires on the region and the local community's calls for help.



"A lot of the initial focus and funding for the recovery effort was directed at northern NSW to the detriment of other regions. But the NSW South Coast was one of the areas that was the most severely impacted by the bushfires. We developed the project in direct response to appeals from local landholders who lacked the funding, knowledge and resources to respond to a bushfire crisis of that scale themselves. We were able to provide that targeted assistance through our regional partnerships," said Gary.

Other local partners working with Coastwatchers on the project include the Community Environment Network, which has been conducting Land for Wildlife property assessments, and the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

GER project activities to restore country, culture and community have also been taking place on the NSW North Coast, Greater Blue Mountains and Illawarra-Shoalhaven region.



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For sending to and from most destinations within Australia via Parcel Post, parcels should be sent by Monday 18 December, or if sending via Express Post by Thursday 21 December. People sending to or from Western Australia and Northern Territory should allow a few extra days. For international sending via Economy Air, last sending dates for cards and gifts fall between 16-29 November, depending on the destination. Customers sending via International Standard will have a few extra days to find the perfect gift, while last-minute shoppers can give themselves another week if sending via International Express.

Within Australia:

- Parcel Post: Monday 18 December
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- Economy Air: 16-29 November (depending on the destination)
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- International Express: 30 November-13 December (depending on the destination)

Australia Post Executive General Manager Parcel, Post and eCommerce Services Gary Starr said customers should visit the Australia Post website to check their chosen destination's dates well in advance and plan out their Christmas sending to give items the best chance of arriving in time.

"We know these last-sending dates are very important for customers to help ensure cards and gifts make it in time to loved ones near and far.

"Of course, if items are sent after the recommended dates, they will still be delivered as quickly as possible, but they may not arrive until after Christmas."

All dates are now available at auspost.com.au/christmas, including sending within Australia via Parcel Post and Express Post, and for international sending via Economy Air, International Standard, International Express and International Courier.

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in which each
new note
confirms the
unique common
hypnotic flow
of the
band...Judge
for yourself."
- His Voice,
Czech Rep.

FOOD TRUCK & BAR FROM 1PM

17 FOUR WINDS RD, BARRAGGA BAY (9MINS FROM BERMAGUI)
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Volunteers Needed

Banksia Lodge are currently looking for volunteers



WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

WE NEED HELP WITH :

- Small women's groups
- Small men's groups
- Board games & jigsaws
- Garden experiences
- Arts & crafts
- One on one chats

For more information please contact Lorraine, Banksia Lodge Lifestyle & Activities Coordinator, on 4471 6091

www.banksiavillage.com.au

FIRES TO FLOURISH FUNDS SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY KITCHEN + SHASA FOOD PROGRAM

This collaborative food program provides a bag of food to 60 families each week.

Fires to Flourish has provided SHASA with \$78,200 to purchase:

- a second hand Nissan EV 200 van
- two years of registration and insurance for the van
- install of a solar system and EV charger for the van
- promotional magnets for the van
- four fridges/freezers to enable better storage of food
- a coordinator to run some local feasts for volunteers and clients of the food program
- food for the local feasts



This will significantly cut the costs of collecting food from supermarkets, bringing it to a location for sorting and then delivering to people's homes.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SHASA AT OUR MORUYA MARKETS STALL



SHASA members Andrew Everard and Andrea Charlton will be running a SHASA stall at the Moruya Markets, tomorrow Saturday 21 October. Come and buy a Moruya EV Expo Raffle Ticket (\$2 each or 3 for \$5), plus learn about the upcoming EV Expo and check out a Tesla 3!



- There are four great prizes:
- 1st prize: Samsung A13 5G mobile phone from Tec Exec (value \$385)
 - 2nd prize: 3 x Personal Training Session with Active Wellbeing (value \$180)
 - 3rd prize: 10 yoga classes with YOGAOZ (value \$150)
 - 4th prize: \$50 book voucher from Moruya Books



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| MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3 PG | 12:00 PM | 12:00 PM | 12:00 PM | 11:00 AM | | | |
| PAW PATROL: THE MIGHTY MOVIE PG | 12:40 PM | 12:40 PM | 12:00 PM | 11:10 AM | | 12:20 PM | 12:20 PM |
| RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN PG | | | 2:40 PM | 12:50 PM | | | |
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Fall Prevention & Healthy Ageing Network Rural Forum

Do you work with older people? Join us on 27 October in Batemans Bay for the NSW Fall Prevention & Healthy Ageing Network Rural Forum! The forum provides a fantastic opportunity to come together and learn about the latest in fall prevention and healthy ageing. The aim is to inspire and motivate care staff to provide high-quality, evidenced-based care with a focus on strategies to reduce risk & harm from falls. The program will include: Presentations from keynote speakers Fall Prevention initiative updates from SNSWLHD Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) Older Persons' Patient Safety Program Consumer perspectives
 Keynote Speakers Include: Prof Stephen Lord, Director, Falls, Balance and Injury Research Centre (FBIRC), NeuRA, Prof Kim Delbaere, Senior Principal Research Scientist, Director Innovation & Translation, FBIRC NeuRA, Ms Lorraine Lovitt, Older Person's Patient Safety Program, Clinical Excellence Commission.
 When: Friday, 27th October 2023. Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Venue: Bay Pavilions, 12 Vesper St, Batemans Bay
 Registration is free. All welcome. Register at:
<https://fallsnetwork.neura.edu.au/event/ruralforumbatemansbay/>

Log Jam 2023 - Timber Milling Demonstration Day

9.30am-2pm, Sun 12 Nov, Cobargo
 Come and see a range of small scale timber mills in action at the inaugural Log Jam.
 Speak to mill operators & compare mills - portable mills, band saw mills, chainsaw jigs, freehand and more.
 FREE EVENT 9.30am-2pm Sunday November 12
 10457 Princes Highway, Cobargo
 Morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch, hat, water and ear protection. Enquiries to Scott Herring - 0422 548 156
 Event co-ordinated by South East Agroforestry Network (SEAN)

Volunteer to have fun and make new friends!

Creative Arts Batemans Bay Inc. (CABBI) is a not for profit art and craft association which has been established for 24 years. Our flagship is The Gallery, at Mogo. All members are volunteers. We're looking for people who would like to volunteer some time towards helping to make our association even better. Volunteers don't have to be interested in art, but are just looking to be involved within the community, keep mentally active, learn new skills, attend social events, workshops and make new friends. The areas of expertise which we are mainly focussing on include: Coordinating events and activities e.g. fundraising, exhibitions, and community events. Organising membership drives and helping with membership administration. Helping to source, write and submit grants. Media liaison e.g. creating and submitting editorials. General administration. Volunteers need to have basic/intermediate computer skills, access to a computer, good literacy skills and the ability to contribute as part of a team and remotely. Training and guidance will be provided. If you feel that you have skills which you would like to use or further develop, please send an email to president@cabbi.com.au with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you! Current members are encouraged to apply. www.cabbi.com.au

Notification of changed traffic conditions on the Kings Highway and Wharf Street at Nelligen

Single lane closures, stop/slow traffic conditions and a reduced speed of 40 km/h will be in place to allow asphalt and line marking works to be completed. These temporary traffic changes will be in place between 7am and 6pm from Tuesday 10 to Friday 20 October, weather permitting. For the latest traffic updates download the Live Traffic NSW App, visit livetraffic.com or call 132 701. Drive safely everyone and enjoy the weekend.

SWIM SCHOOL ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

A reminder that swim school enrolments for the upcoming season at Moruya are now open! So, give us a call to enroll today and get your child swim-ready for SUMMER! Lessons will commence Monday 23rd October! To enroll, simply call us on (02) 4474 2343 or email your interest to moruyaswimcentre@alignedleisure.au and one of our swim team will be in touch!

Save the date "Diversity Night 2023" by Eurobodalla Multicultural Group

Saturday 18 November 2023 at Greek Church Hall, North Batemans Bay. Multicultural Food and performances. If you would like to showcase performances from your culture, please contact us by email to "efscmg@gmail.com"



This powerful and practical training for Eurobodalla community groups, initiatives and organisations seeking ways to bring the 'community' back into governance, organising and culture to support your good work. Explore shared leadership as a way to build resilience in our communities - better decision making and meetings, confidence working with conflict, higher engagement and much more. Come along with your team!
 WHAT: Going Horizontal: Community Governance training
 WHEN: 22-24 November South Durras
 DETAILS: <https://www.campfire.coop/gohoeurobodalla>
 A community project funded by Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla, with greatly reduced fees for locals groups.

HANDMADE ON THE SOUTH COAST
Art & Craft Fair
SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 9AM-2PM
 Meet the Maker Market
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< Moruya Bowling Club reports:

“Warren Charlton has defeated Peter Davies 25 - 19 to win his first major singles title at Moruya. It was good display from both players in trying windy conditions. Warren got away to a fast start at 8 - 3 but Peter was determined to defend his title and pegged him back to take the lead. The lead then changed another 3 times before it was all locked at 19 all in front of a captivated audience. Warren then scored a couple of 3's to run out the game. Congratulations to both players.”

Magical creative dance classes!
Term 4 2023
Moruya

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Tuesdays
9.30am - 10.30am

Creative Sensory Dance for Preschool & Kindy Kids
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Thursdays
3.30pm - 4.15pm

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7 - 10 yr. olds
Thursdays
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All Abilities Dinner Dance

Adults living with disability in Eurobodalla are invited to a free dinner dance at Moruya in October.

It's a community celebration where music and movement bring us together in friendship and connection. We'd love to see you bring along a family member or your support person too.

Dinner and music provided, drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Event details

When Thursday 26 October, 5.30 to 8.30pm
Where Moruya Golf Club, Evans Street Moruya
Cost Free
RSVP Registration is required for all guests and support people. Visit eventbrite.com.au and search 'All Abilities Dinner Dance'

More information

Contact Karen McLellan on 4474 1302 or karen.mclellan@esc.nsw.gov.au



Registration is required. Scan the QR code or visit eventbrite.com.au



MORUYA LIONS CLUB



Membership Drive

You are welcome to come and join a great club, we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Moruya golf club at 6.30pm.

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“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation”

For more information please contact:

Reg: 44742473 (Life member) Jenny: 0499831151 (President)

Barbara: 0447007353 (membership officer)

Fishing for future success

4 October 2023

A new Futures of Seafood project led by government, industry and research partners has been launched to support industry growth, improve sustainability and identify emerging issues impacting the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Murray Watt joined representatives from Seafood Industry Australia and the Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre in Hobart to launch the project.

Minister Watt said the Australian Government would contribute \$450,000 for research to identify potential future opportunities for the sectors and emerging impacts on them.

"The Albanese Government is committed to back the future growth of the fisheries and aquaculture industries, which is why we have invested nearly half a million dollars towards delivering this project," Minister Watt said.

"This project will paint a clearer picture of the impacts of emerging marine activities and climate change pressures on fishing and aquaculture.

"By mapping and modelling current impacts facing the industry, we can help the fishing and aquaculture industries succeed, through better planning for the future." ABARES estimates that the gross value of Australian fisheries and aquaculture production grew by 8.2% in 2022-23 to \$3.63 billion, demonstrating the importance of this industry to Australia.

The Fisheries Research and Development Cooperation (FRDC), funded jointly by the Federal Government and industry, is supportive of this project, and is working with Seafood Industry Australia and Blue Economy CRC to ensure collaboration across the fishing and aquaculture stakeholders.

Managing Director of the FRDC Dr Patrick Hone said all fishing and aquaculture sectors are facing uncertainty as the aquatic environment responds to climate change and new sectors seek to access the resource.

"This project will be a major collaborative science contribution to ensuring Australia's aquatic environments are healthy and resilient and ensure stakeholders that utilise these resources can contribute now and for future generations," Dr Hone said.

Seafood Industry Australia CEO Veronica Papacosta said seafood is part of Australia's identity.

"Australian seafood is amongst the best in the world but is only available to consumers if we have continued access to our oceans and coastal areas.

"The critical need for this project is to understand the breaking points and challenges to be faced and identify the growth opportunities for the futures of the Australian seafood industry.

"Futures of Seafood is a series of work programs and outputs that will shape the future of the Australian seafood industry, marking a pivotal step in our journey toward a sustainable and thriving domestic seafood industry."

Director Blue Policy and Planning at Blue Economy CRC, Angela Williamson said seafood plays an important role in Australia's coastal communities, jobs and nutritional security.

"It has been at the heart of towns like Lakes Entrance, Eden, and regions like the Spencer Gulf and East coast of Tasmania," Ms Williamson said.

"But climate, nature and how we use and protect oceans are all changing.

"This world leading study will profile and map our seafood footprint, provide evidence-based insights and chart a course for Australia's futures of seafood alongside other ocean uses for the coming 10-15 years."

Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya Moruya River.

A steady improvement this week, as the temps increase and the fish become more active. While the water temps are playing ball, the wind, however has made it difficult to fish. Saturdays wind forecast looks less than favourable, while Sunday looks to be the pick of the days this weekend.

Good size trevally and tailor have been reported around the mouth of Malabar creek, remember that malabar creek itself is sanctuary zone and shouldn't be fished!

Flathead still continue to be readily available towards the front of the system, with the airport flats, Preddy's wharf and quarry wharf all being good place to start looking.

The bream have started to make the oyster leases in behind the hole in the wall home, with some nice fish coming out of the racks on small lightly weighted soft plastics and small hard body lures. Wind will play a major roll on how easy or difficult fishing the leases will be. Just remember that they are someone's livley hood, and need to be respected and not damaged.

The town bridge is still holding numbers of estuary perch over the weed beds after dark, while the sand flats in the middle of the river are holding good flathead, bream, trevally and the odd whiting. Live nippers will be the best bait for a nocturnal session while soft plastics will also work.

Further upstream, the hole in front of the hospital has been producing, bream, flathead, trevally and estuary perch.

The are plenty of options this weekend in Moruya.

Tuross River.

Lots of mid sized flathead around the 45-50cm mark have been reported this week both towards the front half of the system around the the potato point flats and all the way up past four ways and up to the Bodalla bridge.

The bream will be well and truly at home in the extensive oyster leases that Tuross is famous for as well.

Wind yet again, will be the governing factor, for the fishability of the system this weekend. With an early start on Sunday going to be the prime time looking at the forecast.

The prawns will be starting to drop off substantially, now that we are well past the new moon, but it will only be a matter of a few weeks before they start to show up again.

Rock and beach.

There have been good reports of some very solid salmon along the beaches, rocky headland and breakwall this past week. With fish pushing the 50-60cm mark reported all along the coast, there has been some fun had. Along with the Salmon the Moruya breakwall has seen the usual suspects being caught, with trevally, bream, flathead and luderick all available along the wall.

Offshore.

If you are looking for a feed of snapper, there has been good reports of fish around the 20-30m mark up and down the coast. 50-60cm fish have been easily available, with bag limits and many more fish returned to fight again another day reported.

There have also been good numbers of flathead for those not wanting to anchor up and drift.

The bait freezer is still missing salted pilchards, whole mullet and King worms, as Tweed Bait are out of stock, but we do have stock of everything else.

Shop stock is looking good for most other items, and there will be a top up Kings gear arriving next week.

Stay safe everyone and remember, "everyday's a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Got an event coming up ?
Let the Moruya Mail know
mail@moruyamail.com.au



IMAGE The Grenada's Underwater Sculpture Park

ONE DIVE CLOSER

The **Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber** reports: The committee is pleased to announce that we've received a letter of support from Dr Michael Holland MP for Bega for the proposed underwater sculpture park.

VISION: The chamber has a vision to improve infrastructure in the region, to grow tourism and address unemployment rates especially amongst our youth.

INCLUSIVE: The proposed sculpture dive park will attract visitors and locals alike.

BACKGROUND: The proposal has been underway for many years working with local council, Maritime NSW and the Batemans Maritime Park Authority.

NEXT STEP: An environmental impact study (which we're currently seeking funding).

TOURISM: There are many underwater sculpture parks around the world including Australia: Townsville, the Gold Coast and WA...just to name a few.

Stay tuned and follow us for all updates



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Saturday 21 October 2023, 10am to 2pm

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- Free coffee
- Bring a picnic lunch and join the sustainability revolution



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Moruya Pool back in action

Current opening hours are:

- Monday - Thursday: 6am - 6pm
- Friday: 6am - 4pm
- Saturday: 8am - 2pm
- Sunday: 10am - 2pm

If you're keen on swim lessons, squad or aqua aerobic classes, visit the [pool's website](#) for info and get in touch with the team.

FEES & CHARGES

| TYPE OF ENTRY | PRICE | COMMENT |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Casual Entry | | |
| Adult | \$6.30 | 18yrs+ / Seniors Card Holders |
| Concession (Pensioner) / Student | \$4.80 | under 16yrs / Govt Pension Card Holder |
| Infant / Child | Free | under 4 yrs / With Paying Adult |
| Non swimming spectators | Free | With Paying Swimmer |
| Family (4 Members) | \$23.00 | 2 Adults + 2 Children under 16yrs |
| Multi-Visit Passes | | |
| 20 Visit Adult | \$113.00 | 18yrs+ / 6 Month Expiry |
| 20 Visit Concession / Child | \$85.00 | under 16yrs / Govt Pension cardholder / 6 Month Expiry |
| Season Passes | | |
| Adult | \$254.00 | 18yrs+ / 6 Month Expiry |
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BUDDING BRUMBIES

GET INTO RUGBY

FRIDAY NIGHTS, 5PM

AGE: 4 -12

DATES: 27th October - 1st December

LOCATION:
Hanging Rock, Bateman's Bay (Week 1)
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COST: \$65

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MORUYA Rodeo



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