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## What a Change 20 Years Makes

**Phil Herrick** was a journalist at the *Moruya Examiner* in the late 80's and early 90's. He is now a volunteer *Moruya Mail* contributor and went to last Tuesday's council meeting.

I was starting to doze off at the first council meeting I covered for the *Examiner* back in 1988, numbed by the boring details of development applications and committee reports. Suddenly there were shouts and Cr Peter Cairney, a publican and ex-boxer, was on his feet, yelling at Cr Rob Pollock, demanding they head outside so they could have a punch up to settle whatever had upset him.

"Hullo," I thought, "this place may actually be entertaining". Pollock wisely remained seated, probably telling him to take a chill pill.

It was the first of many highlights over the following years, including one lady councillor tearing up dollar notes to make a point, councillor walkouts and shouting matches. And I won't start on the antics of Cr Wilf Reid who bailed me up on the main street one day to tell me he wanted to be a councillor "so I can stick a red-hot poker up the arse of the town planner" because he couldn't get development approval for his land in a low-lying part of town. Once elected he gave that promise a good go.

On Tuesday I went to my first council meeting in 20 years and what a difference to the old days.

Gone were the sneers and point scoring. Gone was the chocolate carpet and the picture of the Queen that had centre stage. Reduced in height was the bench where the Shire President and senior staff had sat like a judging panel looking down at the councillors in front of them.

And in its place, now on the same level as everyone else, was an energetic Mayor with a buzz cut and a mid-Pacific accent. There was polite, considered discussion where people were thanked for their contribution. There were no personal comments or attacks.

The senior staff had been moved to seats in the back rank and what seemed like endless time was given to members of the public to speak to councillors, limited only by their seven-minute allocation.

There were small video cameras everywhere to broadcast the proceedings to the world – if anyone cared to watch.

And there was Rob Pollock. Still a councillor after all these years, now silver haired and the father of the house. It was nice to see some things never change, and all the changes that were made seemed very much on the positive side of the column.

## Rate pegs set for 2024-25

The NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has set council rate pegs, before adjusting for population growth, for the 2024-25 financial year, ranging from 4.5% to 5.5%.

IPART Chair Carmel Donnelly said the Tribunal had reviewed and updated the methodology used to set the rate peg for the coming financial year.

"We have implemented the new methodology this year because it will produce rate pegs that more accurately reflect the increase in costs for each council" she said.

"We understand ratepayers across the State are facing cost-of-living pressures including the affordability of council rates.

"The new methodology we have applied will better account for the diversity among NSW councils and help ensure ratepayers contribute only to costs relevant to their local government area.

"These rate pegs are based on employee cost increases, forecast inflation and council-specific changes in Emergency Services Levy contributions and population growth."

An additional population factor applied for 49 of the 128 councils with growing populations will increase their final rate pegs.

Councils that receive a population factor will be able to spread the larger increase in general income among the increased number of ratepayers. This will reduce the impact on existing ratepayers while still providing councils with the additional revenue required to keep revenue per capita before inflation consistent, as populations grow.

Ms Donnelly said the rate pegs were one of several factors councils needed to consider in their budgets.

"Councils across NSW provide important goods, services, and facilities to their local communities and fund their operations from a mix of income sources, one of which is general income. The rate peg represents the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general income," she said.

"It applies to each council's general income in total, not to individual ratepayers' rates. Councils may increase categories of rates by more or less than the rate peg, provided the total increase in general income remains within the rate peg."

More information is available from [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/reate-pegs](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/reate-pegs)



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# David Oliphant is Eurobodalla's 2023 Local Hero



Nominees for the Local Hero Award at the Mayor's Ball.

**ESC** - A humble man who prefers working quietly behind the scenes, David Oliphant is Eurobodalla's 2023 Local Hero. Mr Oliphant received his award at the Mayor's Ball, a new event initiated by Mathew Hatcher to celebrate volunteers and volunteering across the shire, with proceeds going to a charity selected by the Mayor. "I chose Monty's Place as this year's charity," Mayor Hatcher said. "Every Wednesday the team at Monty's in Narooma serve up a free, two-course community meal. While money is still coming in, we plan to buy and install a new industrial-grade oven at Monty's from the charity ball proceeds and donations."

Mayor Hatcher said "it was a happy coincidence" that the 2023 Local Hero was also an initial driving force behind Monty's Place. "David has served countless volunteer hours over 25 years in Eurobodalla. Not only setting up and finding the funding for Monty's Place but also providing pastoral and spiritual care at hospitals and aged-care facilities, teaching communications skills and group work, and as a member of the Gulaga Reconciliation Group, the Elmgrove Sanctuary Trust and the Tilba Open Sanctuary Group. And more," Mayor Hatcher said. "Extensively qualified, David's philosophy for pastoral care in a multi-faith world is all about encouraging dialogue and working relations with practical outcomes." There was a strong group of nominees at the Narooma Golf Club on Friday 17 November. Other contenders for Eurobodalla's 2023 Local Hero were Cameron Condon, James Fraser, Michelle Hamrosi, Nanette Morton, Michelle Nickson, Jordan Nye, Susan Rowland and the late Lei Parker.



David Oliphant with Mayor Mathew Hatcher.

To the delight of the 90 plus ball attendees, Mayor Hatcher invited 2EC radio personality Kimmi Saker to cohost the inaugural event. 2EC joined sister station PowerFM Bega Bay, along with Watson Blinds and Awnings, and Mystery Bay cottages as sponsors. "Thanks to sponsor backing we enjoyed a night of good food, great company and much merriment while celebrating and supporting our shire's volunteers," Mayor Hatcher said. "I'm looking forward to doing it all again in 2024. Next time, it's Moruya's turn."

## ADELAIDE HOTEL MORUYA

### Upcoming music at the Addie

- Mick McGrath 7pm Sat 25th Nov
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# Emmott House Verandah – Declared Open after renovations



Mayor Mathew Hatcher cuts the ribbon with Sue Murphy (MDHS President).



Mayor Mathew Hatcher, Dr Michael Holland MP, Sue Murphy (MDHS President) and Derek Anderson (Moruya Rotary President) with Rotarians at the 'opening' on Saturday.

## Moruya and District Historical Society

A crowd of around 50 people gathered at the Museum from the opening of the new verandah of the Emmott House, the home of the Moruya Museum. Our Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher spoke to the heritage value of the Emmott House, and the importance of community organisations working together to achieve outcomes. He congratulated the Moruya and District Historical Society (MDHS) and Moruya Rotary on achieving maximum benefit for lowest cost through their cooperative efforts.

He highlighted the heritage importance of The Emmott House, and the role of the MDHS in its preservation and restoration. The NSW Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland also joined the group. After the ceremonial opening attendees enjoyed champagne and smoked salmon blinis in the Museum Garden. Thank you to the MDHS Shed Team of volunteers who planned the project, sawed the wood and hammered the nails to complete the renovation.



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# Council Heat Havens Resolution - you're on your own!



Moruya CWA Heat Haven

**SHASA** - At the Council meeting of 21 November, Eurobodalla Shire Council voted not to provide any designated heat havens at council halls and facilities. Council believes that heat havens are not necessary in the Eurobodalla. SHASA emphatically disagrees. Council believes that nineteen identified "cool places", mainly sporting and service clubs, are sufficient. Many of those identified do not meet the criteria from the NSW State Heatwave plan which defines them as 'publicly accessible, air-conditioned spaces such as libraries, community halls and shopping centres'. SHASA understands that there is no established protocol or plan in place to make sure these facilities are available when needed, including extending operating hours, restricting access to gambling and alcohol, and waiving membership and admission fees where needed. Also, these facilities lack independent power supplies and communications to operate during blackouts. It is important to note that the population profile of the Eurobodalla Shire contains above average numbers of both older and socioeconomically disadvantaged people. Heatwaves disproportionately impact older people, children, people with disabilities, those with pre-existing or chronic health conditions, and those with greater socioeconomic disadvantage. "The Bureau of Meteorology has predicted a long hot summer with a high probability of extreme heat waves across South-Eastern Australia. The Eurobodalla in September (well before Summer) experienced a declared heat wave and Catastrophic Fire Danger warning. The Eurobodalla community will need a proactive approach to looking after its most vulnerable members during designated heatwaves," said Kathryn Maxwell, President of SHASA. 2019/20 Black Summer fires resulted in many people being adversely affected by the heat and smoke, with hospital emergency departments overwhelmed. This highlighted the need for dedicated havens with temperature and air quality control, and ideally with independent power systems to operate during blackouts. For the last four years SHASA has been upgrading community owned facilities in the Eurobodalla for this purpose. So far, the available havens will be the Anglican Parish in Moruya, the Uniting Church at Batemans Bay, both open to all, and the CWA at Moruya and Narooma (for CWA members, families and guests) and the Moruya Preschool (families with young children from all of Moruya's preschools). The Narooma Men's Shed has also upgraded their premises to haven standards. SHASA has done as much as we can within our limited resources. SHASA calls on the Council to provide the havens that the community will need during the next declared heat wave by upgrading its libraries and community halls.

<https://shasa.com.au/climate-crisis/heatwave-and-bushfire-havens/>

## Council's Annual Report Accepted By Phil Herrick

The performance of Eurobodalla Shire Council in the 2022-23 financial year has been detailed in a 184-page Annual Report accepted by the council at Tuesday's meeting, along with the annual financial statements. Mayor Matt Hatcher said the report was impressive. "I want to thank the staff for the tremendous amount of work they have done to put it out," he said. Every aspect of council's operations is covered in the report, with sections dedicated to showing where plans were achieved and where council has fallen short. The data includes a wide range of information such as the General Manager's pay package, what donations were made, the cost of legal actions taken and the value of all types of contracts that were signed during the year. Last year's Annual Report won bronze at the Australasian Reporting Awards for excellence in reporting. Given the effort and resources put into this year's document, it looks like council is going for gold. The Annual Report will be available on council's website.

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## Sculpture Grant Splits Council

By Phil Herrick

Batemans Bay's Sculpture for Clyde event in late May next year will be given another \$20,000 cash support by Eurobodalla Shire Council, as well as a waiver of \$8,074 in venue fees. This follows a \$20,000 council grant to the group last February. The annual event is recognised nationally and now offers prize money of \$100,000, the same as the famous Sculpture by the Sea event in Sydney. But the decision to give the cash split the councillors after they listened to arguments for and against in the Public Forum at the meeting. Bernie O'Neil from "A Better Eurobodalla" argued against the cash support, saying there was no transparent, competitive process being followed to let other events bid for the money.

"What about Moruya and Narooma?" she asked, before suggesting the organisers just drop the prize to \$80,000.

David Maclachlan, from Sculpture for Clyde, put the case for the grant, telling councillors it was a "no-brainer" as data showed at least \$4 million in economic activity was generated by the event last year.

As well, the winning sculpture that takes the \$100,000 prize is donated to the community for permanent display on the Bay foreshore. The cash from council would not be for the prize, but used to promote the event.

When it came time for councillors to decide the matter, Mayor Matt Hatcher withdrew from the meeting as he had previously been a committee member of Sculpture for Clyde.

Councillors Grace and Mayne echoed the views that a clearer grant-giving process was preferable and Cr Rob Pollock pointed out the event coincides with a long weekend when visitation rates are already high.

"Council should support events when visits are low," he said. "This second \$20,000 is too much and should be considered as part of an overall tourism strategy."

When it came to the final vote council split 4-4 with the interim chair of the meeting, Cr Amber Schutz putting her casting vote in favour. Voting in favour were Crs Harrison, Grace, Dannock and Schutz. Against were Crs Mayne, Pollock, Diskon and Worthington.

## Water restrictions begin December

**ESC** - Eurobodalla will move to Level 1 water restrictions from Saturday 2 December.

Eurobodalla Council's director of infrastructure Graham Attenborough said current dry conditions were predicted to continue, making the move to low-level water restrictions prudent.

"Although our water storage at Deep Creek Dam remains full, water in the Deua and Tuross Rivers is falling. Unless we get consistent and significant rain before Christmas we will be unable to pump enough from the rivers to match demand. Water restrictions help ensure supply over our busy Christmas period," Mr Attenborough said.

Eurobodalla's water supply is in two parts. Between February and November, the whole shire is supplied by the northern system, drawing water from the Deua River to store at Deep Creek Dam and feed the northern water treatment plant. However, during the Christmas holiday period demand for water can exceed the 20 megalitres/day capacity the northern plant can supply; an extra 4 megalitres/day is added from the southern system by drawing water from the Tuross River to feed the southern water treatment plant.

Mr Attenborough said Council encouraged residents and visitors to conserve water at all times.

"Level 1 water restrictions simply formalise the basic water-saving measures we should all be practicing," he said.

Under Level 1 water restrictions, washing down hard surfaces like paths and driveways, and the use of sprinklers, micro-spray systems and unattended hoses is banned. Instead, gardens can be watered between 5pm and 10am using a hand-held hose or drip-irrigations system. Private vehicles can be washed using buckets, with a final rinse by trigger-nozzle hose, between 5pm and 10am. Washing watercraft, trailers and vehicles at boat ramps is banned and boat motors must be flushed on grass.

Unless there is significant rain before mid-December it is likely Level 2 water restrictions will in place over the peak summer period, along with an information campaign directed at visitors alerting them to water restrictions.

Mr Attenborough said constructing the \$130 million Southern Water Supply Storage – with its 3,000 megalitre dam in the shire's south – was a priority for Council.

"The southern dam will go a long way to securing Eurobodalla's water supply into the future. We're on track for a late 2024 completion but significant rain to fill it will be required before it becomes fully operational and integrated," Mr Attenborough said.

"In the meantime, we will continue to use water restrictions as needed to maintain supply capacity and ensure adequate storage. I encourage the community to stay up-to-date on current water restrictions by visiting Council's website or calling the water hotline on 1800 441 070."

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## Eurobodalla gives a sheet for the planet

Eurobodalla Council is teaming up with a clean technology company to divert textiles and clothing away from landfill. Council has partnered with BlockTexx to run a textile recycling event – Give a Sheet for the Planet – at Moruya Transfer Station on Saturday 25 November. Council’s waste services manager Nathan Ladmore said residents can drop-off their unwanted linen for free.

“The BlockTexx team will collect household linen, sheets and towels for free as part of their Give a Sheet for the Planet events,” Mr Ladmore said.

“An average household has around 15kg of old, worn out or unwanted linen – we hope to see everyone jump on board and clean out their linen cupboards ahead of the weekend.

Residents can drop-off clean sheets, towels, pillowcases and quilt covers. Items that won’t be accepted include wool and acrylic items, waterproof mattress protectors, plastic coated aprons and tablecloths, pillows and doonas.

Mr Ladmore said textile recycling was a circular economy solution, helping to keep resources in use for as long as possible.

“Our unwanted linen will be turned into raw materials and used by Australian manufacturers to create a range of new products – they won’t be going into landfill, burnt or exported overseas,” Mr Ladmore said.

“It benefits community and the environment and will offset 30 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent for every tonne of textile waste processed.”

The first 50 residents to drop-off items at the Give a Sheet for the Planet event will receive a free recycling goodie bag.

“If the day goes well, we’ll look into running more textile collection events at each waste facility and other locations across the shire,” Mr Ladmore said.



Angus Barnes with Eurobodalla Council’s general manager Warwick Winn.

## Eurobodalla's first full-time emergency officer, Angus Barnes

Eurobodalla has its first full-time local emergency management officer, with Angus Barnes stepping into the role last week.

Mr Barnes new responsibilities are many and varied; reviewing emergency response procedures, developing and implementing emergency management plans alongside other emergency services like the RFS and SES, and – as Eurobodalla Council’s representative during natural disasters – supporting response agencies and the community with Council resources as directed by the lead response agency.

General manager Warwick Winn said the upgrade from part-time to full-time position reflected both community sentiment and Council’s commitment to preparing the shire ahead of natural disasters.

“Angus Barnes is a seasoned professional, coming to us with 21 years at the NSW Rural Fire Service – from volunteering with his local brigade to leading as district manager for the south-east region,” Mr Winn said.

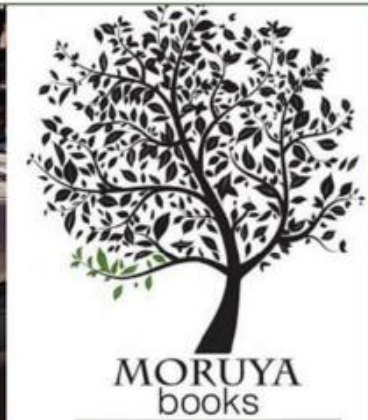
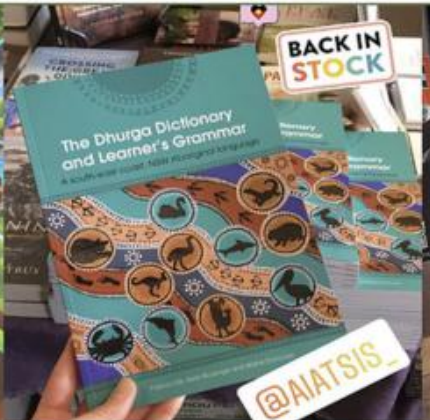
“He’s been on the ground through countless fires, worked logistics, operations, planning and as incident controller – here in NSW but also across the country and in other countries too. He’s a straight talker and the ideal person to engage with both emergency service groups and the community.”

Mr Barnes said his first job was to review all the emergency plans that currently exist for the shire.

“There also needs to be a focus on pre-emergency preparation – what can we do ahead of time to mitigate impact from natural disasters,” Mr Barnes said.

“I also want to raise community understanding of Council’s roles and responsibilities – before, during and after disaster – compared to those of the emergency response agencies.”

Already Mr Barnes has attended an evacuation centre exercise hosted by the Department of Community and Justice at the Moruya Basketball Stadium, where he provided feedback to relief-agency staff (Red Cross, Anglicare, NSW Health, Local Land Services) roleplaying detailed evacuation-centre scenarios.



# Batemans Bay Cranks It Up for the weekend



It was a fine weekend for the thousands of visitors who attended the Crank It Up Festival in Batemans Bay. Clyde St was closed off to traffic and taken over by two stages, food vans and stalls, along with over 100 classic cars and bikes. A great vibe. The winners of this years awards: 1. Best Historic or Vintage car - 1929 Chrysler Roadster owned by Marc Ruxton, 2. Best Rock n Roll car (1953-1963) - 1956 Mercury Montclair owned by De-Troy Smith, 3. Best Hotrod of Show sponsored by Lil Niks Mechanical Repairs - 1940 Ford Pickup owned by Catriona Colalillo, 4. Best Interior sponsored by Benny Stitch at Southside Stitching - 1937 , Chev owned by Trevor Beck and accepted by Gary Dews, , . Best Classic or Custom - 1977 Mini pickup owned by Adam Simmons, Best Bike of show - Harley Heritage Softail owned by Jeff Keenan, 6. Peoples Choice Car of Crank It Up 2023 - 1974 Holden HJ One Tonna owned by Kevin Duck.

## Green light for Congo Road

By Phil Herrick

The next stage in reopening Congo Road has been given the green light, with council voting on Tuesday to approve the survey of the proposed road and send it to the Registrar General. Once registered, the way is clear for construction to commence and the road to reopen. In the Public Forum at the meeting Norm Shepherd spoke, representing the owners who closed the section of the road that crossed their private property in 2021 when concerns were raised about liability and other issues. Mr Shepherd was critical of the proposed route, saying the landowner preferred a northern alignment that had been discussed with council previously. He said the proposed route meant more trees would have to be removed. He also criticised the lack of consultation by council and questioned why the landowner would have to pay for fencing along a road that was being built by council. A submission by the Congo Community Association in the Public Forum fully supported council's planned route and also asked council to review speed limits in Congo once the road is reopened. Deborah Stevenson also spoke on the road plans, supporting the proposed route but questioning why nine trees needed to be removed as they were used by threatened species. She suggested the trees remain and that a very low speed limit be placed on the section, citing the 30kph limit in the Moruya shopping district.

## Council Public Reserves sale axed

By Phil Herrick

A controversial proposal by council to sell public reserves in Broulee, Malua Bay and South Durras was overturned at Tuesday's council meeting, following strong community opposition. The unanimous decision was hailed by Mayor Matt Hatcher as a demonstration of council's willingness to listen to the community. The community land reserves are at Moir Place in Broulee, Illabunda Drive, Malua Bay and Village Road, South Durras. Community land must be reclassified as operational with an amendment to the Local Environmental Plan before it can be sold - and council must specifically approve each sale. The Public Forum at the meeting was dominated by the issue, as speaker after speaker passionately objected to the sale of the reserves. They shared common themes, pointing out the sale of public assets for short term financial gain was not wise, that once green space is lost, it's gone forever and outlining the broad opposition to the sales in each village. After removing the three reserves from the list, council approved the reclassification and sale of seven small plots in various locations around the shire that were not public reserves and where there had been no community opposition.



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# Probians enjoying benefits from their membership

Members of Tollgates Combined Probus Club have been busy and have enjoyed being out and about during the last month.

At the end of October, a group of 25 comprising Tollgates members and members of the Batemans Bay Probus Club travelled to Junee and spent a week exploring the Riverina. It was a great time of FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP, the three pillars on which PROBUS flourishes. Visits to various places of interest in the area were both interesting and informative. The final venue was Borambola Winery for lunch and tasting – what a way to finish a great week!

This tour was followed by a “Mystery Trip” in November. 47 brave Tollgates members, members from Batemans Bay Probus Club and friends left Batehaven and headed south – destination unknown! Morning tea was catered for by the Cobargo CWA, and what an impressive spread there was. The coach continued south, finally stopping at “Oaklands” in Pambula for an excellent lunch. President Garry Gray of Tollgates Combined Probus Club said that the whole day, was amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all. He also said that such events don’t just happen and thanked the organiser of each activity.

New members are always very welcome. Meetings, including morning tea and a guest speaker, for Tollgates Combined Probus Club are held at the Surf Club at Malua Bay on the first Monday of each month, except for January, starting at 9.45am. Come and check us out or contact us at [tollgatesprobus@hotmail.com](mailto:tollgatesprobus@hotmail.com)



# Batemans Bay Probus Club visit Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens



Several members of the Batemans Bay Probus Club recently enjoyed a beautiful spring day visiting the Eurobodalla Botanic gardens where they lunched in the Garden Cafe.

The Club regularly holds luncheons, coffee mornings, attends theatre productions and Movie outings. Any interested retirees are warmly invited to come along to the monthly meetings held on the fourth Monday of the month at the CWA Hall in Edward Road, Sunshine Bay at 10 am.

Club will be in recess during December and meetings resume in January 2024. For enquiries please phone Jan on 0488 727 004.

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## Fly from Everest raises funds for global polio campaign

Climbing the world's highest mountain and then paragliding down is the dream of very few, but such a dream drove south coast adventurer Berry Rotarian Ken Hutt.

You can hear from the man himself at the screening of the film Fly from Everest at Narooma Kinema on Thursday 30 November, hosted by Narooma Rotary Club as a fundraiser for the global 'End Polio Now' campaign. Last year 62 year-old Ken Hutt hoped to become the oldest man to achieve that feat, but illness on Everest thwarted him. His other major aim was to raise awareness and funds to continue the global fight to eliminate the paralyzing disease polio from the world.

He returned in July this year with fellow paraglider Marcus Loane and legally flew from Lobuche Peak, near Everest, to complete filming for this movie. Film director is Joe Carter.

Mr Hutt is immensely proud of his team members' efforts and that they also raised \$300,000 for the cause, with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. They received publicity and support from around the world. "Our main aim was to get the polio message out there and we achieved that," he said.

Narooma Rotary President Lynn Hastings said when Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative more than 30 years ago, polio paralyzed 1,000 children every day.



"Since then, cases due to wild poliovirus have declined by more than 99.9%, with wild poliovirus remaining endemic today in only two countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan," she said. "Disruptions to routine vaccination programmes around the world put this progress at risk. Rotary and its partners are trying to sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk."

Fly from Everest will screen at Narooma Kinema on Thursday 30 November (6.30 nibbles for 7pm screening). Tickets \$20. Please book via Kinema 4476 2352. Dress-ups encouraged but please leave paragliders at home.

## National Rural Health Month highlights healthcare inequities

November is National Rural Health Month - a month which highlights the inequities that rural, regional and remote Australians face when trying to access the same health care as their urban counterparts.


"This November, we take the opportunity to highlight the myriad of issues faced by rural and remote communities in Australia when trying to access health care, aiming to draw the attention of health sector stakeholders to work towards tangible and sustainable solutions," said Susi Tegen, Chief Executive of the Alliance.


"We're keen to voice the healthcare concerns of the 7 million people living in rural and remote Australia throughout this month and highlight the contributions of rural health and medical practitioners. We welcome your stories using #RuralHealthMatters to highlight in our communications channels," said Ms Tegen. "Rural areas have fewer health providers across most registered professions although the burden of disease and deaths increase with remoteness. Rural and remote Australians are not second-class citizens and should be able to access equitable health services to their urban counterparts," Ms Tegen said.


"The Alliance knows from the [Evidence base for additional investment in rural health in Australia](#), released earlier this year, that each person in rural and remote Australia is missing out on nearly \$850 per year of healthcare access. This equates to a total annual rural health underspend of \$6.5billion. This is money that could have allowed Australians living rurally to access health and medical services where they live," Ms Tegen added. Rural people experience a triple health disadvantage: poorer circumstances in terms of social determinants of health, a lack of service availability, and higher costs of access and delivery, all resulting in poor health outcomes, despite their sizable social, cultural and economic contribution.

National Rural Health Month coincides the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Alliance.


**Narooma Rotary fundraiser**  
**Narooma Kinema**  
**Thursday 30 November 6.30 for 7pm**  
**All tickets \$20 (nibbles and drinks from 6.30 before film) Book at Kinema 4476 2352**










  
**END POLIO NOW**

  
**FLY FROM EVEREST**



**The incredible true story of Ken Hutt's attempt to become the first person to legally fly a paraglider from Mt Everest, and help the global campaign to End Polio Now. The film also incorporates Ken's return to Everest this year to fly the Khumbu. Ken will join us at the Kinema.**  
**A film by Joe Carter**



## 100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Farmers arriving at first Moruya Cheese Factory.

### 24th November 1923

**Messrs. J. Neale (Nelligen), P. Bill and W. Linkenbath** have donated a silver cup for competition amongst Batemans Bay, Mogo, Nelligen and Benandra cricket clubs.

That champion canvasser, **Mr. J. Coppin, jnr.**, quite excelled himself this year by collecting the handsome sum of £22 13s 6d at Gundry in members' subscriptions and special prizes for our A. and P. Society. The list includes 11 new members. Although not a member of the committee, Mr. Coppin takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Society, and it is a pity that we have not a few more residents with his energy and enthusiasm in our midst.

**During Sept. 147,205 lbs. of milk** equaling 5,354 ¼ lbs. of butter fat were delivered at the Moruya factory. During October 936 cheese, weighing 13,626 lbs. were shipped to Sydney. The amount paid to suppliers at the rate of 2/10 per lb. of butter fat - £758 9s 10d.

**There was consternation** amongst our farmers on Thursday morning when they arose and found their young corn and saccaline crops and garden plots blackened by one of the heaviest frosts that has fallen during the year. It is feared that the saccaline crops and pumpkin vines will be completely ruined, but the maize crops are expected to recover. Herbage, which was beginning to flourish after the recent thundershowers, has received a decided set-back.

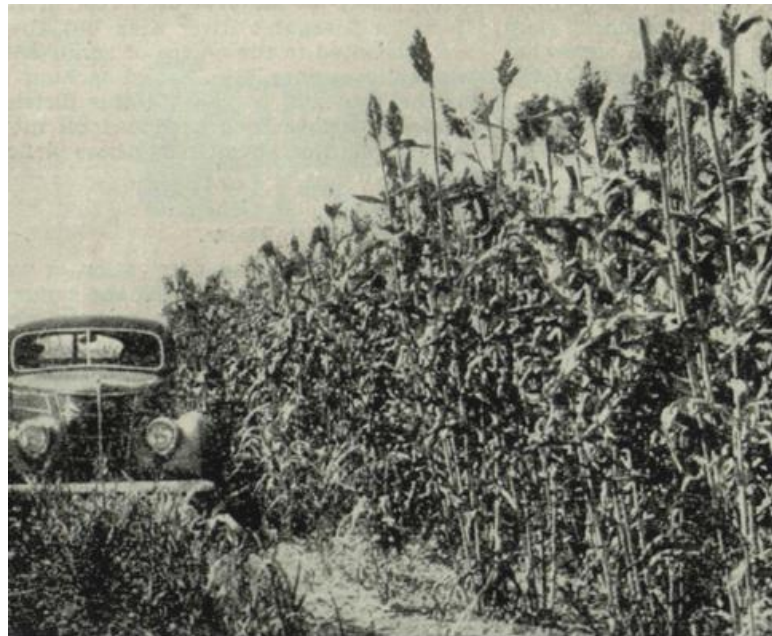
We are pleased to note that more improvements are being effected in our town. **The Royal Hotel is receiving a new coat of paint.**

**Mr. Allan Louttit**, who has invested in the purchase of a new Overland car, is, we understand, shortly to take over the management of one of Mr. J. Duncan's Eurobodalla farms. In making a model farm of his **Riverview Estate at Bodalla**, our enterprising townsman, Mr. A. F. Emmott, has already expended £800 upon it, and contemplates making still further improvements.

Batemans Bay. (From our Correspondent.) The local cricket competition opened here on Saturday when Benandrah and Bateman's Bay played on the local ground. The Bay team registered their first win.

Small showers of rain at intervals during the past fortnight have been very welcome, but nevertheless a good soaking downpour is now required to add lustre to the present prospects for the season.

The lady golfers were out in force on Monday last. They report good results and are taking to the game very well indeed. Quite a maritime air was given to the Bay on Saturday as four boats were in port at the one time and a fifth crossed in on Sunday. They were "Kianga," "Bermagui," "Belbowrie," "Benandrah," and "Bodalla." All left with big cargoes, and of course mostly timber.



Saccaline (fodder Sorghum).



## Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

# Street Stall

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## At last, the South Coast has its own history

For the first time ever, a history of the entire NSW South Coast has been compiled.

Hundreds and hundreds of histories about small areas along the South Coast have previously been written, mostly by or for the 16 history societies that are based in the area.

But this is the first-ever history of the whole area from Kiama to the Victorian border to have been issued.

'The history of the entire South Coast has essentially been determined by the geography of the area,' Peter Lacey, the author of *Extraordinary Histories*, explained.

'Everywhere along the coast we have the sea to the east – and this has not always been readily or easily accessible from land.

And to the west is a range of mountains with an escarpment that has always been a challenge to those wanting to travel up or down it;

To the north are several major rivers that (somehow) had to be crossed;

Along virtually the entire length of the coast is fertile grazing land that, from the earliest days of European settlement, had an alluring appeal to graziers in the Southern Highlands and on the Monaro, and which has since proven to be particularly suitable for grazing cows and cattle;

The area's weather is (mostly) favourable;

And the resources required for settlement (things like supplies of reliable, permanent, drinkable water, and timber from which houses could be constructed, and potential sources of income that are necessary to sustain a population [activities such as dairying, timber getting, fishing]) were in abundance and were easily exploitable.'

'The history of the South Coast that has resulted is extraordinarily interesting,' Peter also suggests.

'It's full of engaging stories of shipwrecks, bushrangers, gold rushes, fires and floods of course, some extraordinary promises that were made to the area that were never fulfilled, and some incredibly stupid decisions that significantly affected the area.'

'The challenge we had, therefore, was to decide which of all the available stories should be included in the book, and which could be left out.'

'*Extraordinary Histories* starts with some conventional history in chronological order – the geological history of the area, information about the Yuin nation, details of early exploration and settlement – but rapidly dissembles into a collection of somewhat random, but fascinating, stories about the area. This ensures the book is very readable and is a million miles away from being a textbook type of history. And 75 historic photographs have been included in the book to add to its appeal.'

*Extraordinary Histories* is a 320-page soft cover, paperback size book that retails for \$34.95. It will be available from this week – just in time for Christmas – from good bookshops, newsagents, gift shops, museums and visitor centres throughout the South Coast.



Peter Lacey with his new publication.

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# Local screening unveils 100-year saga of Bells Family Carnival



Isabel Darling spent seven and a half years filming the life and times of the Bells Family Carnival.

They're a local institution – every year since 1968 the Bells Family Carnival set up at Batemans Bay for the summer holidays.

But what do they do for the rest of the year? Where do they go? How do they live day-to-day? Is carnival life even financially viable? Intrigued, Batemans Bay film maker Isabel Darling started asking questions. She didn't realise it would take many years – much of it on the road with the Bells – to get those questions answered.

"I was so curious about these people – I knew nothing about them or where they came from. They would arrive at Batehaven, hang out for a couple of months, then disappear."

Finding they travelled the country in a huge circuit – including Batemans Bay but venturing as far as Darwin and Adelaide – Ms Darling joined the Bells family to film their lives. For seven and a half years.

"I had to build trust; they were receptive but a bit nervy to start with," Ms Darling said, but it wasn't long before "they treated me like one of the team, it was very natural".

With the Bells Carnival spanning six generations and staging carnivals for 100 years – the last 55 visiting Batemans Bay – the release of Ms Darling's film is timely. Her company Torchlight Media is joining Eurobodalla Council to present a special screening at Bay Pavilions on Thursday 7 December in a carnival-themed soirée with festival-inspired cocktails and canapés from 5.30pm. After the screening, Ms Darling and film producer Tom Zubrycki will join in a Q&A with the audience.

"It means a lot for me to showcase this film here, now," Ms Darling said.

"People can expect the unexpected. It's a character driven, multigenerational drama in observational documentary style. Like a fly on the wall, the audience gets to see the Bells as they are; salt of the earth people there to put on a show."

Ms Darling said the 85-minute screening provided viewers with a sense of just how hard these people work.

"The carnival is all for fun and we take it for granted we're going to get this show every year," she said.

"Look closer and the costs are through the roof, they are really up against it. But they are so resilient and such a strong part of our culture, and I don't think Australians will sit by and let this die."

For more information or to book, visit <https://bpav.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/116060>.



Isabel Darling, with Daniel Hartley-Allen, during filming of The Carnival.

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## Award winning actor and director joins Moruya Red Door Theatre as Patron



*Karen Vickery*

The Red Door Theatre Company are thrilled to announce that the award-winning actor and director, Karen Vickery will join the Red Door team as our Patron.

Karen is a Canberra based actor and the founder of Chaika Theatre, Canberra. A NIDA graduate, where she also lectured for 15 years, Karen has performed in all media and for a range of companies, including Sydney Theatre Company, Belvoir, commercial theatre, ABC TV and radio, film and commercials. Karen's screen credits include Oscar and Lucinda, Murder Call, Home & Away, Love My Way, All Saints, A Country Practice, Rafferty's Rules and Sons & Daughters. For theatre lovers, you may recognise Karen from her roles in Sydney, including A Streetcar named Desire starring Martin Shaw and Angela Punch McGregor.

Anthony Mayne from the Red Door Theatre Company said, "I first met Karen in her role as a theatre mentor. As part of the development program at The Hub at Kingston in the ACT, Karen was providing mentoring support to all of us in the play Ruben Guthrie by Wander Theatre & NUTS. Her passion, knowledge, insight and incredible depth was simply inspiring. But most of all, it was her generous kindness in helping us grow in our capacity as actors which has stayed with me." "We are incredibly privileged to have Karen as our Patron given the demands on her time. I think it is testimony to her commitment to the arts, especially with a regional focus" said Anthony.

While 2023 has proven to be a watershed year for the Moruya Red Door Theatre Company, 2024 promises to be something special.

The 2023 season will end with our third play of the year, "Lend Me a Soprano" by Ken Ludwig. Having won the Best Production and also the Best Actor awards at the regional One Act Wonders festival, the Red Door team are putting the final touches to what promises to be an hilarious end of year "romcom".

**"Lend Me a Soprano" - 5 Shows Only: 8, 9, 10, 15 & 16 Dec. All shows 7.30pm except the 10th which is a 2pm matinee. Tickets at: [ticketor.com/mrdtc](https://ticketor.com/mrdtc)**



*The Cast : "Lend Me a Soprano" - Liz Fisher, Nichola Creighton, Camilla Barr, James Gillett, Ben O'Connell, Luke Ryan, Carmel Mackin, Anthony Mayne & Kersten Davis*

"We hope to see Karen in Moruya for "Lend Me a Soprano", which will be performed over 5 shows in December at the Moruya RSL Hall" said Anthony. In the meantime, Karen will be performing in the title role of "King Lear" at The Q, Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre.

"To see Karen in the lead role as King Lear, with an incredible cast and directed by the seriously talented Joel Horwodd, this is going to be something special", said Anthony. "I have my tickets and wouldn't miss this for the world."



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# Music Scholarship winners announced



Music group with CrAmber Scultz and Sally Greenaway.

An appreciative audience was on hand to hear the announcement that Sakura Tinker on Classical piano and Raphi Herford, a wonderful jazz vocalist, were the major winners of the 2023 St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarships, on Sunday November 19. A total of \$6,000 was presented to 11 finalists at the concert to help them pay for tuition and the development of their careers as musicians. Students from three shires along the south coast auditioned in October and Adjudicator, Sally Greenaway selected winners in junior and senior, classical and contemporary categories.

Performance is a major component of the scholarship program and, although nervous, the contestants valued the opportunity to perform for their peers and the wider community. When interviewed, many said they dreamed of joining a band, playing for pleasure and continuing their studies as musicians.

According to Maxine Wilson, a pianist in Year 10 at Batemans Bay High School, it was a great experience. "I practised hard for this concert and it was good to see other performances," she said. "It really pushed me to improve my pieces and it was great to see how everyone improved through participation in the auditions and concert," said 15 year old Sakura after winning the Senior Classical Prize of \$1,000.

Raphi Herford from Carroll College, who has just completed her HSC and appeared relaxed and confident, also appreciated the opportunity to perform for the community. "There was such a range of genre, experience and instruments," she said. "I'm more comfortable with my stage performance now."

The St Cecilia Music Scholarships have been running since 1995 however the event is only now re-gaining momentum after struggling through COVID and the loss of key people from the committee. It is supported by Eurobodalla Shire Council, The CWA, Batemans Bay Rotary, The South Coast Music Society, as well as individual sponsors.

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP, attended and said she was excited to experience the talent and dedication of the music students. Adjudicator Sally Greenaway, an accomplished musician and composer, also attended and encouraged students to continue striving for excellence and enjoyment.

"The work of the committee and the community to provide these scholarships and encourage these students is very important," said St Cecilia President and herself a past winner, Jess Farrell. "I know how significant this encouragement can be in the lives of young musicians and the entire community benefits when they share their abilities through performance."

### Other Winners

#### Junior classical

- 1 Brandon Ford \$500
- 2 Evelyn Wilson \$300
- 3 Ziggy Brunoro \$200

#### Junior contemporary

- 1 Julian Dolphin \$500
- 2 Django Dolphin \$300 and O'Shea Clohesy \$300

#### Senior classical

- 1 Sakura Tinker \$10002
- Maxine Wilson \$750

#### Senior contemporary

- 1 Raphi Herford \$1000
- 2 Michael Bateman \$750
- 3 Stephanie Bow \$400



Raphi Herford

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## JENNIFER TAYLOR “meet me in the middle of the air” at GALLERY BODALLA

The next exhibition at Gallery Bodalla features Jennifer Taylor’s beautiful recent body of work – “meet me in the middle of the air”. All are welcome to Jennifer’s artist talk and opening drinks Saturday 9 December at 3pm with the groovy guitar sounds of Geoffrey Potter.

Jennifer Taylor describes the inspiration for her work:

“The air over the coast is alive with wind, light and moisture. Cloud formations fly overhead or line up in stately processions along the horizon, where the planet curves away out of sight.


“The title of this exhibition comes from a Paul Kelly song, in which he describes the ‘middle of the air’ as a place we might encounter spirits, or God, or beings we have loved and lost. For me, ‘come and meet me in the middle of the air’ is a call to see and feel the inherent life, beauty, and mystery of the atmosphere.”

Jennifer and partner Sue spend time between Alice Springs and Cuttagee near Bermagui. Working in oils she paints with a deep respect and warmth for country and its First Nations Peoples. Expressed with excellent tonality, her paintings are pared down to the minimum, which doesn’t diminish the impact. On the contrary, they show the strength, the essence, the spirit, the life-giving energy and ever-changing light present in the land and atmosphere. ‘Meet me in the middle of the air’ commences on Thursday 7 December ‘23 and runs through to Sunday 7 January ‘24. Don’t miss it. You won’t be disappointed!

Gallery Bodalla | heritage Post Office Bodalla | open Thurs to Sun 11am to 4pm | Closed 25th and 26th December ‘23 and 1 January ‘24 | [www.gallerybodalla.com.au](http://www.gallerybodalla.com.au)



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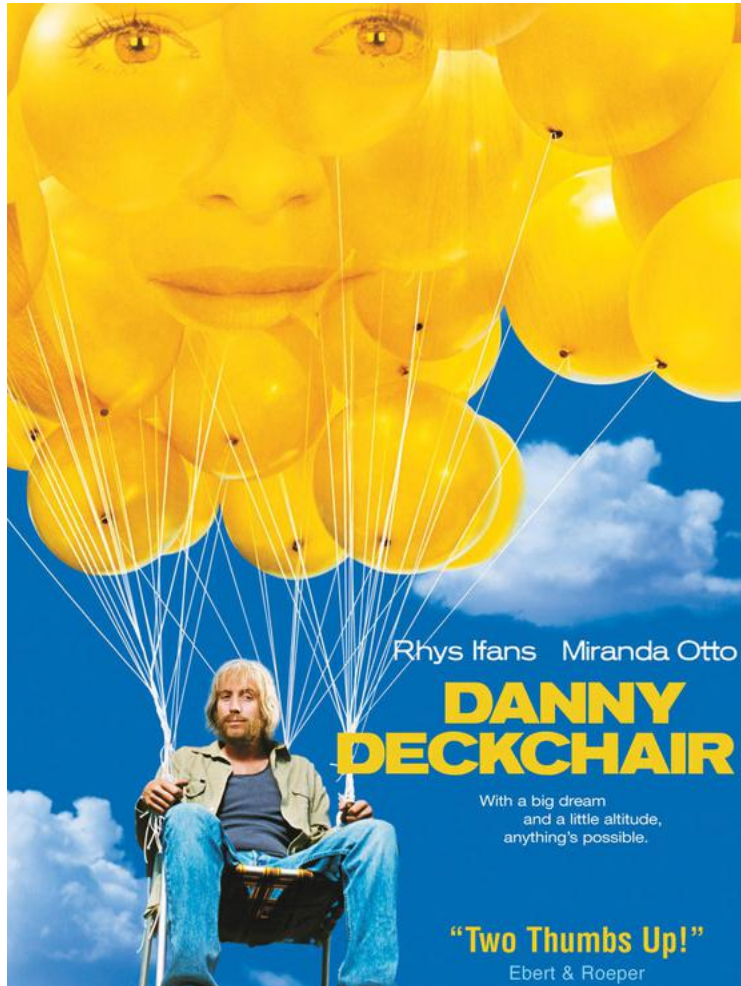


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## Moruya Community Film Group

### Screening of DANNY DECKCHAIR

St. John's Anglican Church, Page St Moruya

SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 19:00

Enjoy a film, some wine and nibbles. Join us for our next film screening - Danny Deckchair - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 25th of November @The Red Door, Moruya.

Synopsis: Australian movie 2003 - Director Jeff Dalsmeyer. An eccentric man's patience reaches breaking point when his estate agent girlfriend cancels a romantic holiday in order to show a TV personality around a house. Making light of the situation, he decides to tie hundreds of helium balloons to a chair in an outlandish bid to float across the city.

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



## ECLECTICA

Works by the Deua Eclectic Union of Artists

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- 10 Dec - Tony Jagers
- 17 Dec - Totum
- 24 Dec - Christmas Carols
- 30 Dec - Sam Fletcher

## The SunBears are back at Kinema



Coming to Narooma Kinema Saturday 9 December – The SunBears are CC Hall (guitar and vocals), Dylan Harding (drums), and Craig Marshalsey(bass).

Top contemporary Blues band the SunBears returns to Narooma Kinema on Saturday 9 December, hosted by Narooma School of Arts (NSoA).

“We’re very excited because everyone who saw the SunBears here in May loved their explosive energy, their tight musicianship and their overall enthusiasm,” said co-event organiser Petti McInnes of NSoA. “They had many people up dancing; it was such fun.”

The Kinema concert series is an ambitious collaboration between the School of Arts, the Kinema and Hotel Narooma to bring live music to Narooma “up close and personal”. The SunBears will be supported by local legend Tony Jagers.

The SunBears draws inspiration from a diverse range of musical genres and have been described as “blending a fistful of George Thorogood passion, a crunch of AC/DC rawness and a sprinkling of John Mayer soul, but with an Australian flair”. They were voted favourite ‘Emerging Artist 2022’ by Sydney Blues Society members and three of their singles reached #1 on the Australian National AMRAP charts. The band recently returned from a European tour and has played at some of Australia's most iconic venues and festivals, including the Enmore Theatre supporting Suzi Quattro, Thredbo Blues and Roots Festival, and the Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival.

Tony Jagers needs no introduction to Blues fans across south-east NSW. He has supported many top line bands and performed at many major Blues Festivals in Australia and with some Blues greats. He also hosts the community radio Blues programme ‘Mojo and JellyRolls’.

The SunBears and Tony Jagers concert is on Saturday 9 December. Buy tickets online through [www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](http://www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au), not at the Kinema. Tickets are early bird \$38 (before 1 December), online \$45, \$48 on the night. School of Arts members \$5 discount. All tickets are seated so limited.

Doors open 6.30pm, Tony Jagers 7-7.45pm, SunBears 8-8.45 and 9.15-10pm. Bar and food by Narooma Hotel inside Cinema 2 with their signature 'Band Night Noodle Boxes' with vegetarian/vegan options.

## Human impacts on the ocean

– artists create an eye opening exhibition to raise awareness and spark positive change! 25 Eurobodalla artists jump on board to create art with a powerful message.

Human impacts on the ocean will include photographs of a woman painted and hooked like a fish, a cute tangled pufferfish, an illuminated octopus and jellyfish, and stunning paintings, sculptures and mixed media artworks of the underwater world as it exists, due to human activities, and what we face to lose.

“We all love the ocean and its beautiful creatures, and for many reasons we rely on them, just like we do the forests. Yet we are causing devastation to the ocean world through actions such as pollution, plastic and fishing” says exhibition co-ordinator Clare Knight. “What many people don't know is the leading cause of plastic pollution and the death of trillions of sea animals every year, is commercial fishing. The oceans largest garbage patch is 1.6million square kms wide and 46% of this is fishing nets” explains Clare. “We can all do our bit to help the ocean and its animals survive, by actions such as adopting a plant based diet, reducing your consumption of plastic, and picking up rubbish wherever you see it ” concludes Clare.

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**Saturday the 2nd of Dec 3pm - 8pm**  
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**Sunday the 3rd of Dec - Various times TBA**  
 An array of workshops and demonstrations to attend both in town and on location including Whiskey and Cheese pairing, bread making and other local handicrafts.

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## New timeline for work on Wallaga Lake Bridge

The NSW Government has reduced the length of time Wallaga Lake Bridge will need to be closed for essential maintenance after Transport for NSW acted on feedback from Bermagui residents and businesses.

Announcing the timeline for the important safety work, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison confirmed early work was expected to begin from 4 March 2024 when a site compound is due to be set up on Payne's Island.

Full closures have been limited to two periods – from 29 April 2024 for up to four weeks, weather permitting, and from 8 July 2024 for up to three weeks, weather permitting.

After the first full closure, the bridge will then temporarily reopen to all traffic under stop/slow traffic control for six weeks while teams prepare for the next stage of work.

During this period, scaffolding will be installed around the bridge and utilities on the bridge will be temporarily relocated. During the second closure period, some work will take place at night and Transport for NSW will consult with impacted residents in advance.

Improvements to the modified repair plan mean all the timber elements of the bridge deck will now be replaced, allowing for some repair work to be done safely from the bridge deck after hours, and reducing the full closure period.

After the second closure periods, the bridge is expected to reopen with stop/slow traffic arrangements in place from Monday 29 July, 2024 for five weeks, weather permitting, while teams install handrails and complete finishing works.

Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions about the new repair plan when Transport for NSW hosts two public drop-in sessions next month and members from the project team can answer any questions.

**The drop-in sessions will be held on 4 December, 2023 at Bermagui Country Club from 12pm to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm.**

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said: "Local MPs Dr Michael Holland and Kristy McBain have been advocating for a reduced timeframe for these essential safety repairs on the bridge and I am pleased Transport for NSW has been able to accommodate this.

"Transport for NSW are working closely with local school bus operators to develop solutions to minimise impacts on students commuting to and from school, including alternate routes and an amended timetable during the two full closure periods.

"Transport for NSW is also investigating options to provide shuttle buses, maintain pedestrian access and promote the access options available for Bermagui to help businesses and local events."



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## Gadfly

During his election campaign 160 years ago, Abraham Lincoln likened himself to the great Charles Blondin walking a tightrope 'with all that was valuable to America in the wheelbarrow he was pushing before him'. The comparison with Joe Biden's current high wire act is irresistible.

Blondin and Lincoln succeeded in their most famous feats – Blondin over Niagara Falls and Lincoln to the open doors of the White House. But America's most admired President could not avoid the horror of civil war virtually on arrival.

President Biden's fate is blowing in a much fiercer wind than confronted either of his high wire predecessors. The chances of his reaching his goal is diminishing with every television newsfeed from the horror called the Gaza Strip. The winds of a religious war know no boundaries. And in his wheelbarrow is the squalling child of America's democracy.

Should he fall – either figuratively or literally – Biden will be replaced in the Oval Office by Donald Trump, whose vision of presidential governance is self-aggrandisement and revenge. And in the latest polls he is leading Biden in those five or six States that make the difference between winning and losing the key votes of the Electoral College.

The polls were taken just before the October 7 Hamas atrocity that sparked the Israeli over-reaction displayed in sickening detail on our TV screens each evening. Not that our response matters much in the presidential campaign. The real problem for Biden and his precious bundle in the wheelbarrow is the college-educated young voters who strongly supported him in the last bout with Trump.

Unlike Biden, they refuse to tolerate the Israeli extremists who condone the bombing of hospitals, schools and refuges sheltering the Gaza civilians and their children. This doesn't mean they will vote for Trump; it's enough that they stay at home or choose a third-party outlier to put the Republican nominee-in-waiting over the top.

They are not alone in their withdrawal of support for the aging Biden. The same trend is operating among Blacks and Latinos, despite America's healthy economy and its 'soft landing' from the COVID pandemic inflation bump. Most notably, David Axelrod, the architect of President Obama's two successful campaigns has publicly pleaded with Biden to pass the presidential baton to a younger Democrat or face an ignominious defeat.

Biden is unmoved. He'd been running for the presidential prize since the 1987 campaign; and was not about to sacrifice a single minute of his time at the top.

The consequences for Australia are not confined to our much-touted security relationship with the United States. There is a growing gap at the apex of the Labor Government towards the Chinese 'threat' to stability in the region. Prime Minister Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong are diplomats by nature. Their mantra of cooperating where we can, disagreeing where we must and engaging in the national interest is a long-term pathway to peace.

By contrast, Defence Minister Richard Marles' (whose insistence on the courtesy title of 'Deputy Prime Minister' would be comical were it not so ominous) has swallowed the Pentagon perception whole. That's where Donald Trump caucuses with the group he calls 'my generals' to confront China with his military might. So Australia's political stability might well be squeezed in a corner of that wheelbarrow too.

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## South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1172

### What Percentage of Income on Rent is Too Much?

As we all know by now, the rental market is under huge pressure at the moment with vacancy rates around the country at an all time low. And, as the case with supply and demand, rental prices are putting huge strain on the budgets of those that rent. Recent figures from the ABC showed the share of income spent on rent had Sydney at 29% with Melbourne and Canberra the lowest on 24%. People often "escape to the country" when rents get this high but there is no relief there at the moment with regional Queensland topping the list at 30%, NSW at 29% and the ACT at 24%. In addition, 42% of all low-income renter household are in rental stress (up from 35% in 2008). The perfect storm of Covid, huge increase in interest rates, high migration and policy makers asleep at the wheel has created this mess.

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Baby Reid with is parents at the Tukka Cafe Fundraiser on Sunday

## Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser draws a crowd at Tukka Cafe

Community came together on a warm Sunday at Tukka Café in Moruya to show support and successfully raise funds for Ronald McDonald House.

Batemans Bay’s Kim and Billy Stait organised the fundraiser after their newborn grandson was taken into Sydney Children’s Hospital for a serious operation to remove a Sacrococcygeal Teratoma – a life threatening cancer that required immediate and complicated surgery.

Luckily, the Staits’ daughter Maryellen secured a place at Ronald McDonald House in Randwick, allowing them to stay close to baby Reid.

This greatly reduced the financial and emotional stress of having a sick little baby undergoing a nine and a half hour operation and the ongoing high-level hospital care. Billy and Kim are stalwarts of the Batemans Bay and Moruya music scene, with Billy playing in bands including Driving Sideways and the Billy Stait Trio. So it wasn’t a surprise that the Staits were overwhelmed with the response from local musicians when they announced a massive live-music fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House.

Along with a day of exceptional live music, the day featured a chocolate wheel, great food and drinks and even the chance to throw a cream pie with Billy as the target, and lots more surprises.

Kim said “We hope our efforts will go some way to showing our gratitude to Ronald McDonald House and the care our family received.”



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Batemans Bay to be entertained by leading Canberra community band



Ginninderra Wind Orchestra after performing recently at Canberra's Floriade.



A prominent Canberra community band will be performing in Batemans Bay on Saturday November 25.

Ginninderra Wind Orchestra will present 2 performances in the Park area between the Cenotaph and Inness Boat Shed on Saturday November 25, from 11am-12pm and 2-3.30pm.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear a range of music performed by the Concert Band. Repertoire will include a range of popular music, with a particular focus on musical and movie tunes which will get your toes tapping and head nodding (from Andrew Lloyd Webber to Beatles and classic movie themes).

The Wind Orchestra is a community concert band of around 80 members from Canberra and elsewhere. It performs regularly at community events around Canberra, including Floriade, Celebrate Gungahlin and the Australian National Eisteddfod. Debbie Masling is the Wind Orchestra's Musical Director. A jazz band formed from the group, Twilight Jazz Band, will also perform in the afternoon concert.


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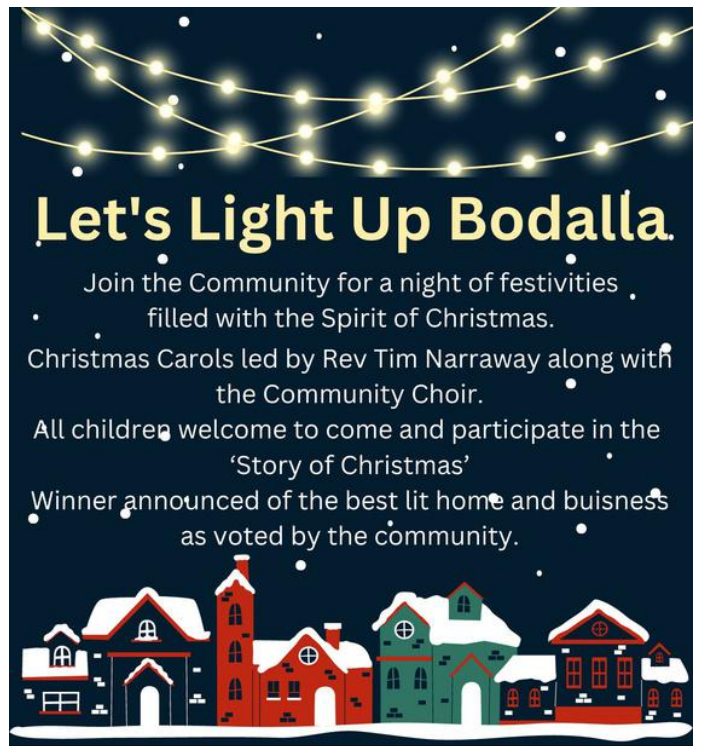



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TROLLS BAND TOGETHER G, 1H 31M, ANIMATED ADVENTURE			11am	11am			
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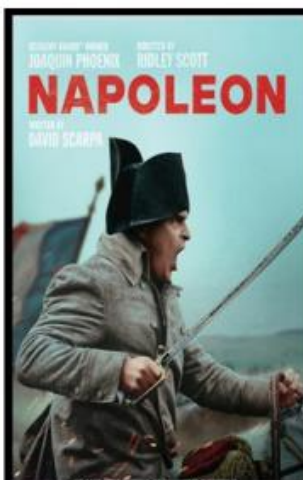


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M | 2hrs 37min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~  
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# GoodSAM set to improve cardiac arrest survival rates

Members of the community are being encouraged to sign up for the free GoodSAM app which could potentially save lives. Minister for Health Ryan Park said NSW Ambulance bringing the GoodSAM program to the community will give people who are in cardiac arrest a better chance of survival by alerting nearby registered community members who are willing to perform chest compression - also called cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) - until paramedics arrive.

"This is an internationally recognised program which has improved survival rates for people who have a cardiac arrest outside of hospital," Mr Park said. "As we all know, every minute counts when someone is in cardiac arrest. By integrating with the Triple Zero (000) dispatch system, the GoodSAM app alerts registered volunteers that someone nearby needs CPR. The NSW Ambulance Emergency Medical Call Taker will step the volunteer through providing CPR, while paramedics are on the way. "I am really impressed to hear that since the six-week pilot began involving 1,600 NSW Ambulance clinical and corporate staff four lives have been saved."

NSW Ambulance Acting Commissioner David Dutton said research shows the first minutes after someone suffers a cardiac arrest are the most crucial to survival, and everyone can help.

"When someone goes into cardiac arrest outside of hospital, they only have an 11 per cent chance of surviving, but the survival rate improves significantly if chest compressions begin in the first few minutes," Mr Dutton said.

"For every minute that a patient is in cardiac arrest and does not receive CPR, their chance of survival drops by seven to ten per cent.

"Anyone who feels able to provide chest compressions can join, and the more people who register to be a GoodSAM responder the better because it increases the odds that someone nearby can provide immediate CPR and save a life if someone is in cardiac arrest.

"I'd like to thank the NSW Ambulance workforce for getting behind this program and extend my appreciation to community members, staff and volunteers from our various partners, including other emergency services, NSW Government departments, volunteer organisations and NSW Health stakeholders, who have signed up in the lead up to today."

In 2022, the NSW Government announced a \$2.5 million partnership between NSW Ambulance and the GoodSAM responder app.

The GoodSAM app works by alerting registered responders when someone near them goes into cardiac arrest and a Triple Zero (000) call has been received. Responders can opt whether or not to accept the alert and respond, while at the same time, an ambulance is dispatched.

You can register as a GoodSAM responder if you're 18 years old or over, and able and willing to perform CPR. Chest compressions are easy and safe to do. You don't need to have formal first aid or CPR training to sign up. A video is available on the NSW Ambulance website.

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## Get Involved this Coastcare Week December 4-10 Dec!

### Landcare Australia

Coastcare Week is an annual celebration of Coastcare that acknowledges the Australians who are actively restoring, enhancing and protecting the coastline, waterways, habitat and biodiversity in their community. Calling on all groups, environmental organisations and volunteers! You can get involved by: Visiting our website to see the resources that can be used to promote the week and the Junior Landcare activities and tips available for during the week. Visit [www.coastcare.org.au](http://www.coastcare.org.au) Contacting your local group to find out what events they have on during the week. You can find a group here: <https://bit.ly/3MpHhfl> Sending us your Coastcare story along with some photos to [enquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au) and we will share these during Coastcare Week.

## SNSWLHD Annual Public Meeting

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is inviting members of the community to its Annual Public Meeting (APM) from **5.00 to 6.30pm on Monday 27 November**. The APM will include presentations from SNSWLHD Board Chair Elizabeth Hoskins and Chief Executive Margaret Bennett, as well as updates from the Executive leadership team. Guest speaker Dr Shamaruh Mirza, a medical scientist and 2023 ACT Local Hero award recipient, will talk about equity in health and the impact of Artificial Intelligence. Community members are encouraged to send in questions ahead of the event. "The APM is an opportunity for us to share Southern's recent achievements, future plans and community updates," Ms Bennett said. "The Board and Executive teams are looking forward to hearing from our community and connecting with attendees." Anyone wishing to attend the event at Cooma Multifunction Centre, 10 Boundary Street Cooma, should register for a free ticket via Eventbrite. **The event will be livestreamed** on the SNSWLHD Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SNSWLHD/> Questions should be sent in advance to [SNSWLHD-YourFeedBack@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SNSWLHD-YourFeedBack@health.nsw.gov.au) Copies of the SNSWLHD 2023 Year in Review will be available. A digital version can be viewed on the SNSWLHD website.

## Art on the Path

Broulee, Saturday 17th December from 8am-1pm!

## Volunteer mentors needed

CareSouth needs volunteer mentors for local kids in the Moruya / Batemans Bay / Narooma areas, as part of CareSouth's Aunties and Uncles program. Including male mentors! If you'd like to know more please contact us on 1300 554 260, email [info@caresouth.org.au](mailto:info@caresouth.org.au) or visit [HERE](#)

## Friends of the RSL BBQ

There is a barbecue being held at the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St. Moruya at 5pm on Thursday 14th December.

For catering purposes RSVP by Monday 11th December to 0428 639 500. It is to say thank you to our current Friends of the RSL and to welcome new volunteers and meet members.

Find out what our Friends of the RSL do by reading the article on the 22nd March 2023 on the Moruya RSL Sub Branch Facebook. The Moruya RSL also welcomes any veterans or serving Defence Force personnel who would like to join the Moruya Sub Branch.

## River of Art AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the River of Art Incorporated is just around the corner! We invite you to join us and have your voice heard as we continue to shape the future of the River of Art festival.

Date: **Tuesday 28 November** Time: 4:15 PM

Venue: Moruya Golf Club

## Edwards Road Market Place

Open Hours : Thursday, Friday, Monday 9am - 4pm Saturday & Sunday 9am - 3pm. The coffee van is open from 7.30 ish in the morning

## Community Christmas Lunch

The Combined Churches of Batemans Bay are again providing a Community Christmas lunch on Christmas Day 25 December. Young and old, singles, families, couples and kids are all invited. There will be two venues providing for the Christmas Day Lunch - the Salvation Army Hall and the Anglican Church Hall. If you are struggling with Christmas or worried about what to do on the day and would like to join us for lunch, we would love to hear from you.

Bookings are essential so that we can plan our catering. Please book by 18 December. Bookings for both venues can be made through the The Salvation Army, Batemans Bay Corps on 44729644.



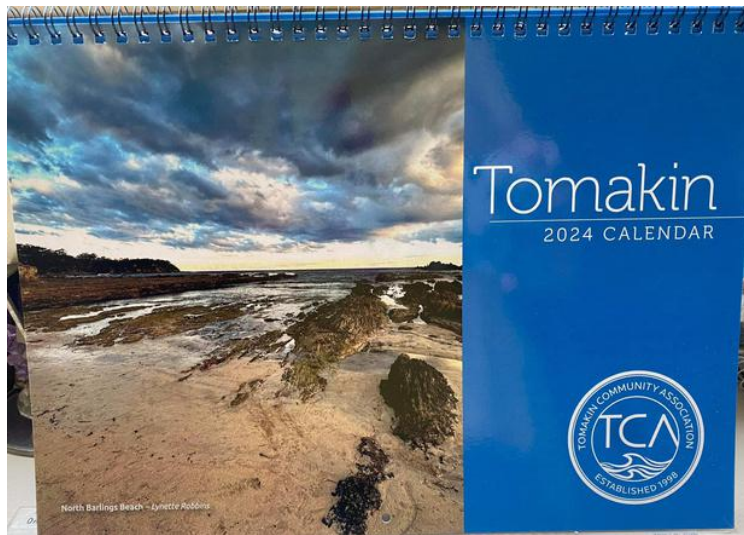
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## MORUYA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 23rd December 2023. 6.30pm to 9pm.  
 Brought to you by Moruya Lions Club and Moruya Country Markets  
**FIREWORKS!** (Proudly sponsored by Moruya Country Markets), Food, drinks and of course ...  
**SANTA!** (and his little helpers) transported by Moruya Bush Fire Brigade! Please bring a picnic rug and join the fun.



The **Tomakin Community Association 2024 Calendar** are now available for only \$12. Have you got yours yet? Sales this weekend are as follows:  
 Saturday 25th 11am to 1pm IGA The Moorings  
 Sunday 27th 10.30am to 12.30pm The Rivermouth Cafe  
 All subject to the weather of course. The production of our calendar was made possible by the support from our local businesses.

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# Christmas Day Lunch

A community event for those in need or are alone on Christmas day

**Enquire here**  
**or Ph (02) 4472 9644**

**Numbers are limited**  
**Bookings by 18 December are essential**

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**THE SALVATION ARMY**

## MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help to raise funds for your Hospital you would be most welcome.

Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2.pm  
 To find out more information...  
 Email: [mdha@y7mail.com](mailto:mdha@y7mail.com) or POBox 469 Moruya 2537

# 'Pirate power' at the Narooma Boats Afloat Wooden Boat Festival



You wouldn't know it from the Boats Afloat Facebook Page, but for the first time ever the Festival was attended by a game bunch of pirates from East Gippsland and Moruya crewing on the Wild Goose. This plucky crew rowed the '4 stroke' wooden skiff all the way from the boat ramp off Lake View Drive near the Southern Slipway to the Narooma Bridge and back against a strong incoming tide and a stiff northerly breeze. As the only person-powered wooden boat to complete this challenging circuit, they should be congratulated! Unfortunately there were no organisers from the Boats Afloat festival present back at the boat ramp to recognise their feat. However, hopefully this will encourage more pirates to be bold and enter future wooden boat festivals to add a bit of life and colour to what otherwise might seem like a rather exclusive affair.

Deb Stevenson (Moruya) Brian Blakeman (boat builder from East Gippsland) and Brett Stevenson (Moruya).

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# Lighting upgrade at Ack Weyman oval at Moruya Showground



The new lights are officially on at Ack Weyman Oval, Moruya. Fiona Phillips MP congratulated the Moruya Tuross Junior Rugby League Club. “The junior club had over 13 teams in the 2023 season including 4 female teams. The senior club, Moruya Sharks RLFC will be returning in the 2024 season with the inclusion of the ladies league tag team. Helped with a grant from the NSW Government’s Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrade Program and Eurobodalla Shire Council - this will allow more teams to train at night and together. Well done to the Committees, members and players. The lighting upgrade will also support a number of community user groups at this important Moruya Showground site. Special thanks to Dr Michael Holland MP - Member for Bega.”

# Sharks Report



Moruya Sharks RLFC report: A big Sharks congratulations to Justin Zutt and Elisha Large who have been confirmed as 2024 Under 18s and Ladies League tag coaches respectively. Justin needs no introduction while Elisha comes to us from group 9 club Cootamundra Bulldogs. We can't wait to see both sides in action next season. If you're interested in having a run in either of these grades, reach out, all welcome!

## Hotondo Homes Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim

Sunday 10 March 2024 from 9am

An ocean swim from Broulee Island's Bay around the headland to Broulee Surf Beach. 1.4km for Open and Age divisions, an all age 1.4km flipper swim and a 500m swim for under 12, under 14s and Novice ocean swimmers.

*New in 2024 – Open "Dash for Cash" 200m surf swim*






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 Entry is \$55 for age divisions and \$25 for Juniors. Entries close 1 March.

## Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

A field of 42 players registered for a 2 person Stableford Multiplier event today despite overcast skies and some rain last night.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Annette and Ian Manton with 46 points.
- 2nd: Tony Crook and Bruce Harding with 42 points.
- 3rd: Leonie Snodgrass and Dorothy Madden with 37 points (count back).
- 4th: Paul Coffey and Maree Coffey with 37 points.
- 5th: Steve Collins and Frank Pomfret with 36 points.
- 6th: Bruce Martin and Steve Johnston with 28 points.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Warren Hodder
- 6th: Paul Coffey
- 7th: Ladies: Gail Rogers

Mens: Herb Muriwai

Accuracy: Steve Swanbury

Bradmans: Mike Birks and Herb Muriwai

## Come & Try Day

Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club are hosting a FREE Come and try day on Saturday 25 November 2023 at 8am

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Meet us at our shed next to the swimming pool in Moruya just near the markets from 8:00 onwards.

We will provide training and all equipment, no special clothing is required but you should wear shoes that can get wet To register your interest or for more information please email [naturecoastdbc@gmail.com](mailto:naturecoastdbc@gmail.com)

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## Tuross Head Stableford Medley Combined Golf Results Saturday 18th November 2023

A good field of 67 players registered for a Stableford Medley event and enjoyed the day with good results.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Peter Johnston (18) with 40 points
- 2nd: Paul Ferguson (11) with 39 points
- 3rd: Allan Langford (16) with 39 points
- 4th: Ian Lawson (18) with 38 points
- 5th: Callum Duncan (28) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins: Distance

- 4A: Lars Gaupset 1.00
- 4B: Frank Pomfret 2.07
- 4C: Chris Cox 1.43
- 6A: Jesse French 2.040
- 6B: Kane Duncan 2.27
- 6C: Peter Garn 3.04
- 7A: Tom Engelbrecht 1.36
- 7B: Shelley Pritchett 5.49
- 7C: Cathy Milliken 4.91

Eagles: John Eglitis on the 10th hole

Balls went to: Zac English 38, Jim Wade 38, Cathy Milliken 37, Troy Kingdom 37, Corey Spink 37, John Eglitis 36, Derek Hoare 36, Ruth Gschwend 36, Chris Cox 36, Ian Miller 35, Stephen Gardner 35, Ken Hush 35, Mark Jackson 35, Bruce Cleeve 34, Simon French 34, Paul Scholze 34, Paul Coffey 34, Martin Booth 33, Ian Kingston 33 and Herb Muriwai 33.

## Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results

On Tuesday 21st November 2023, 18 ladies competed in a Stableford event, which was the

5th Christmas Run and was sponsored by Jane Eglitis.

Results were:

A Grade Winner was Leonie Doolan (24) with a score of 34 points. A Grade Runner-up was Gail Rogers (32) with a score of 32 points.

B Grade Winner was Shirley Quinlan (34) with a score of 32 points. B Grade Runner-up was Beverley Theobald (36) with a score of 30 points.

C Grade Winner was Maree Coffey (45) with a score of 31 points. C Grade Runner-up was Wendy Schmid (44) with a score of 31 points. A ball went to Annette Manton with a score of 32.

Nearest the pin on the 6th was Chris Wratten.

Nearest the pin on the 15th was Jane Eglitis.

Nearest the pins on the 7th were Leonie Snodgrass and Jeanette Miller.



## Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya.

### Moruya River.

With the bit of rain we have had this last week, and what is forecast, the river is starting to show a little bit of colour to it. At this stage, that is not a bad thing, as it provides more cover for fish to feed without being seen. Once we get more substantial rain however, the added fresh will slow the fishing activity down.

There have been good flathead, bream, Luderick and the odd whiting around throughout the system this week. I had a small amount of success throwing soft plastics around behind the hole in the wall last weekend, with a few undersized flathead released to fight another day.

The lower sections of the river will provide the best chance of finding fish over the weekend and following week, as the water temp offshore is nice and warm, and the ocean waters will be cleaner than what is coming out of the mountains.

Live nippers, frozen baits, soft plastics and other lures will all account for a fish or two this weekend.

The town bridge continues to hold flathead, bream, estuary perch and the odd whiting. While up past the hospital, the flats have been holding some nice flathead, bream and the odd whiting as well.

### Tuross River.

Tuross is still producing very good fish this week. Flathead continue to be the main stay of the species caught this weekend. All flats that have a channel and drop off adjacent, are holding some good flathead. Add a weed bed to to the mix, and you have a source of food for the flathead also.

Luderick are still in very healthy numbers and size throughout the system, as are bream and the odd tailor and salmon.

The boat shed hole have still been holding a mullet or two, as have the other main holes in the system.

As with Moruya, Tuross is still running quite clear at the moment, but with the rain we have had, and are forecast to get, that will change. It will push the fish towards the front of the system, or into the deeper holes. Oily baits or lures that make a lot of noise will allow fish to find your offering. Metal or soft vibes, paddle tail soft plastics and good old mullet fillet are my go to options when the water dirties up.

### Rock and Beach.

Salmon, Bream and whiting have all be available from the beaches this week. The salmon have been a good size and in good numbers. Finding which gutters or beaches they are on is always a challenge. Moruya breakwall has been reasonably consistent in its fishing this last week, with bream, trevally, flathead, Luderick and salmon all been taken from the wall at various time. I like an early morning session that coincide with a rising tide personally, but fish can be funny sometimes, and don't always follow our rules.

### Offshore.

Snapper have been around in good numbers, with plenty of pan sized fish being found between 20 and 50m of water. The flathead have been a little slow this last week, with many saying they have been harder to find than usual.

With the very strong warm current pushing down the coast line, Marlin have to be on the radar for those that like to chase these game fish. Yellow fin tuna are also probably not too far away.

The bait freezer is fully stock with everything you will need, except king worms.

We currently are running our Black Friday sale, with 2 for 1 rods available on selected Shimano Sienna, Catana and Socorro models. We also have 30% off RRP on all Shimano Zodias and Daiwa TD Black rods, and 30% of old model Shimano Stradic and Sedona reels (very limited stock).

Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every days a good day for fishing..."

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

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