



Graduation Day for Regenerate Eurobodalla leaders



Today 21 new leaders graduated from the Regenerate Eurobodalla Program, at the Oaks Ranch Mossy Point. Story page 3

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Letters to the Editor

Preserving history at a cost

I can only support the views put by Wendy Simes in her recent letter to the Moruya Mail. It is a sad fact that the interests of this community are not a priority for any level of government, but it is especially disturbing that at the local level the role of some small community based organisations is not acknowledged.

The Moruya and District Historical Society (MDHS) operates a museum and local history library that welcomes locals and visitors who are interested in the fascinating history of this area.

Our enthusiastic volunteers help them discover personal and social histories since the late 1970s. But how does our Council respond?

In 2022-23 total annual funding for the three historical societies in the shire (Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma) declined from a total of \$4500 in the preceding years to \$3000 per annum, or only \$1000 for each society.

In the case of Moruya, we pay around \$2500 in rates each year. So the MDHS is paying the Council \$1500 per annum so that we can provide this valuable community resource.

This is an embarrassing lack of support for the preservation of this community's local history.

Susan Murphy
President, MDHS

Batemans Bay residence fight to keep their Emergency Department open

Recent government announcement of a new Batemans Bay Community Health service & Medicare Centre has alerted locals that this will assist in the closing of Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department. Planning is now in place by concerned locals and doctors to provide an information forum & keep local residents protected by an ongoing Batemans Bay Emergency Department 24/7.

Although the current Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week with by far the greater number of presentations in the Shire the new Medicare clinic will only operate daily 8am – 6pm and will only handle minor and non urgent or non life threatening presentations.

A new committee "Don't close Batemans Bay Emergency Department" support the new Eurobodalla Level 4 Hospital to be built at Moruya but are opposed strongly to losing an Emergency Department 24/7 at Batemans Bay. Statistical information confirms lives will be lost without the current facility continuing.

Approaches to local member Dr Michael Holland has failed to gain any answers or support. He is unwilling to answer questions himself in relation to Batemans Bay ED and simply referred it to Minister Parks – NSW Minister for Health.

Currently Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department service residents in postcode 2536 while Moruya looks after Postcode 2537 & 2546. Statistics from Bureau of Health Information site for the past 10 years confirms Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency presentations far exceed that of the current Moruya Hospital ED despite Ambulances being diverted to Moruya since 2021.

"It appears residents of Batemans Bay are not aware they are about to lose the current Emergency Department & it is clear lives will be lost with the additional travel time by Ambulance if one is available. We simply want to retain a 24/7 ED at the current site. The current ED is modern, well positioned & equipped with dedicated staff".

The Public, Doctors & Ministers are invited to an information forum to save Batemans Bay Emergency Department from CLOSING – actual facts will be presented plus planning for further action. The meeting is planned for Monday 27th November 2023 at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club commencing 5.00pm

"This will be our last chance to Save Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department from closing permanently"

Peter Ryan
Batemans Bay



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Remembrance Day

On Saturday 11.11 at 11am the 222 Army Cadet Unit - South Coast - Eurobodalla supported the Batemans Bay RSL at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Batemans Bay Cenotaph. Lest We Forget.



Photo: 222 Army Cadet Unit - South Coast - Eurobodalla

Graduation Day for Regenerate Eurobodalla leaders

From Page 1. Twenty one participants from Eurobodalla communities have forged a leadership network to boost their capacity, to support the region in bushfire recovery and response to future challenges and opportunities. It's part of the Regenerate Eurobodalla leadership development program which concluded with a graduation ceremony held today at The Oaks Ranch, Mossy Point. The program was delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation in partnership with Global Learning and the South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) and involved community, business, land, emergency, government and other key stakeholders to ensure its success. The Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's Chief Executive Matt Linnegar said networked leadership requires knowledge and skills for a group of leaders to work collectively, despite their differences, on a shared purpose for the greater good. "Regenerate Eurobodalla is essentially getting community leaders together to build a strong leadership network that has a shared understanding and can collaborate to solve complex problems," he said. "When future fire emergencies, or opportunities occur, this network will be invaluable. They won't be just names to each other, they'll know and trust each other and be able to work through the challenges in front of them." The Regenerate Eurobodalla program received grant funding from the Australian Government. It is part of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery program that aims to support and build resilience in bushfire impacted communities in NSW and the ACT.



REMEMBRANCE DAY in Moruya

Around 50 people attended the Remembrance Day service in Moruya. Pictured are Cr Anthony Mayne with Cat and Mike Sheely representing Fiona Phillips MP and Bugler Peter Poole.

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ABOUT TOWN

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The Moruya Sharks are laying a solid foundation for the 2024 season with a string of signings for the senior team announced over the last few weeks and coaching positions filled. Sponsor relationships are also being cemented and with the new lights installed at Ack Weyman Oval, training will be able to run all night if the energy holds up. Should be a great year!

Formal Season is done

So nice to see all the glamorous and handsome Year 12s at their formal. It's a real milestone, to reach the end of school education and launch into life as young adults, heading out into that exciting world from little ol' Moruya. They really are a credit to their families and teachers.

St Peter's set to grow

Big changes are in the horizon for St Peter's at Broulee with over \$23 million expected to be spent on new facilities in coming years.

Three new buildings are planned, an Admin Building, a Sport and Recreation Centre and a new Junior School. There's also going to be an extension to culture and performing centre and a new staff car park near the gym.

SES old-timers recognised

It was nice to see Jeff Ganderton and Trevor Bennett get recognition of their 50 years of service with Moruya SES at an awards ceremony held at the Catalina Club in the Bay this week.

That's a huge contribution in anyone's language and it's reassuring to know the SES is there should we need help.

A Zombie Pothole

Some potholes never die and one that lives with the undead is at the corner where North Head Drive meets the highway at the Moruya bridge.

It's been filled, patched, filled again and covered over the years, yet eternally it sits, ready to greet the weary traveller with a bump as they head onto the bridge and into town. What could possibly be under there? A secret tunnel under the river? A hidden chamber full of gold?

Maybe it should get a reward for 50 years of service to the community as well!

Ratepayers' Billion Dollar State Tax: Report LGNSW

Local Government ratepayers are funding more than a billion dollars of State Government obligations, according to a new report released today.

The 2021-22 Cost Shifting Survey, conducted by the respected consulting firm Morrison Low, has revealed that cost shifting totalled \$1.36 billion in 2021-22, far exceeding historical records and representing an increase of \$540 million since the Cost Shifting Survey was last carried out in 2017-18. The President of Local Government NSW, Cr Darriea Turley AM, said the findings of the report are alarming and should shock every ratepayer.

"It's just not acceptable for the State Government to use local councils as a piggy bank for State programs and services," Cr Turley said.

"This is effectively a \$1.36 billion dollar tax on every ratepayer in NSW.

"At a time when councils are still rebuilding after the natural disasters of the past few years, the last thing they need to be doing is paying for State Government obligations too."

The increase in cost shifting has been accelerated by various State Government policies, with the most significant examples of cost shifting in 2021-22 being:

- The waste levy, which remains the largest single contributor to cost shifting in NSW, totalling \$292.9 million.
- The Emergency Services Levy and associated emergency service contributions, which totalled \$165.4 million and represented the largest direct cost shift to local councils.
- The NSW Government's failure to fully reimburse local councils for mandatory pensioner rate rebates, resulting in councils losing \$55.2 million.
- The NSW Government's failure to cover the originally committed 50 per cent of the cost of libraries, resulting in an additional \$156.7 million in costs to councils.

Cr Turley said the cost shift amounted to a rate burden of \$460.67 on every ratepayer in NSW which is up to 50 percent of their total rates bill in some local government areas.

Councils hardest hit include Berrigan Shire Council in the Southern Riverina, Clarence Valley in the state's north, and Inner West, Lane Cove and Woollahra councils, all in Sydney.



What's on at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya

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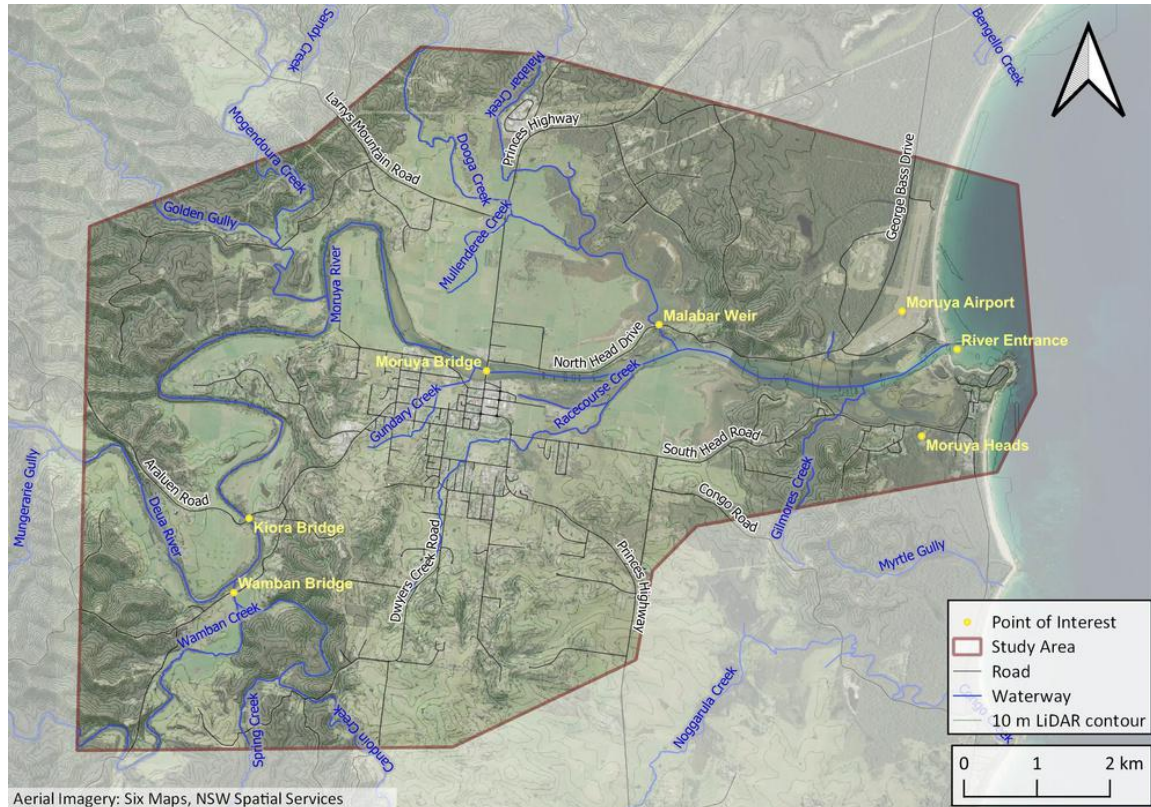
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- **29th November** Fundraiser Night with Phoenix 5
- **NYE party** with party band EKLYPSE along with our favourites 19 TWENTY! Tix on sale now!
- **January 13th** - Book now for Never Ending 80s v 90s Party.
- **January 18th** THE RUBENS!



New risk management planning for Moruya flood plain

Updated flood studies and a new risk management plan are being developed for Moruya, with residents invited to share their knowledge and experience, and their preferences for different ways to limit flood damage. Eurobodalla Council's resilience and risk reduction officer Sabrina Mallard said the studies and plan will use up-to-date data with current modelling technology. "This expert modelling is essential, but on-the-ground experience is also crucial to creating workable strategies that reduce or prevent flood damage. We need to hear from residents," Ms Mallard said.

An online survey is the first step in collecting community perceptions around flooding and attitudes to different flood-reduction measures. Ms Mallard said this would be followed with two drop-in information sessions. "We'll have flood experts Rhelm, Council staff and NSW Government representatives available so residents can ask questions, share knowledge and provide opinions on their preferred flood mitigation; things like levies, road and house raising, or additional building requirements," she said.



The Moruya flood plain includes the residential areas of Moruya, Mynora, Garlandtown, Moruya Heads and scattered rural communities at Yarragee, Kiora and Wamban.

"We'll then model different options to see if they are effective and what any flow-on effects might be. The results will be used to prepare Moruya's draft Flood Risk Management Study and Plan."

The drop-in sessions will run from 3.30–6.30pm on Monday 20 November and 10am–1pm on Tuesday 21 November at the Mechanics Institute, Page Street, Moruya. The Moruya Flood Study and the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan are funded under the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund. For more information visit the [Moruya Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan project page](#). The survey is available online at Council's [Our Eurobodalla](#) community-engagement platform.

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What's on the Agenda - Eurobodalla Shire Council

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA

ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023

COMMENCING AT 12.30PM

AGENDA

(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 October 2023
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM Page No.
7. MAYORAL REPORTS Nil
8. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil
10. PETITIONS Nil
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS
 - GMR23/032 Sculpture for Clyde - Event Funding Request
12. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS
 - PSR23/041 Planning proposal to reclassify community land to operational land amendment 19
 - PSR23/042 Congo Road North.
 - PSR23/043 Mogo Artisans Community Facility
 - PSR23/044 Draft Onsite Sewage Management System code of practice - on exhibition
13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS
 - FCS23/035 Annual Report 2022-23
 - FCS23/036 Presentation of Annual Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2023
 - FCS23/037 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for period ending 30 September 2023
 - FCS23/044 Investments made as at 31 October 2023
14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS
 - IR23/023 Request for Tender No. 2324-040 Bridge Upgrade - Design and Construction
 - IR23/024 Request for Tender No. 10051201 - Nelligen Water Reticulation and Pressure Sewerage Systems
 - IR23/025 Local Traffic Committee No. 4 for 2023-24
15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS
 - CAR23/017 Heat Havens
 - CAR23/018 Eurobodalla Youth Employment Strategy.
 - CAR23/019 Strong Resilient Community Funding
 - CAR23/020 Council's Community Grants Program 2024
16. URGENT BUSINESS 17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Bay Pavilions Loss Increases

The cost to ratepayers to operate the Bay Pavilions this financial year has blown out to over \$5 million. Council's Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Stephanie Speedy will tell next Tuesday's council meeting the original 2023-24 budget had forecast a \$4.91 million operating deficit for The Bay Pavilions. However, extra costs in the September quarter, including adjustments for depreciation will see the operating deficit increase to \$5.06 million. The loss being incurred at the Bay Pavilions has placed real strains on the council's General Fund with a deficit this year expected to be around \$11 million.

Congo Road edges closer to reopening

The next steps to reopening Congo Road are expected to be taken at next Tuesday's council meeting. The road, which crossed a section of privately-owned land, was closed in 2021 when the landowner raised concerns about liability and other issues. Since then, Congo residents have had to travel to Moruya via Bergalia, adding considerable distance to the trip. In May, council decided to reopen Congo Road using a section of undefined public road, sometimes called a "paper road" because it existed only on maps, never in reality. The undefined road has since been surveyed and public consultation conducted. There were 83 submissions made, 72 in support and 2 objecting with another 9 neither for or against. Director of Planning and Sustainability Services, Lindsay Usher will be recommending council approve the survey of the road and send it to the Registrar General for registration, opening the way for construction to commence and the road to eventually reopen.

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The team has supported residents living with disability for more than 30 years, providing services such as direct supports, NDIS plan management, support coordination, and accommodation.

Council's disability plan manager Jess Thomas is on a mission to help residents understand NDIS plans and processes. She works with participants collaboratively, providing advice on how to manage the financial aspect of their plan.

"It can be a lot for some people to manage budgets, make claims and pay invoices – I want to help people understand the NDIS portal and payment system to make the finance and reporting side of things less stressful," Ms Thomas said.

"Some people would prefer someone else manage their plan, others want to learn how to do it themselves. No matter what their preference, I am here to help."

NDIS plan management is a service included in a participant's NDIS package and funding for a plan manager is provided separately from other core services and supports.

"As a local government service, we make sure rules and regulations are followed," Ms Thomas said.

"I love that we provide a face-to-face service at the community centre, where anyone can pop in and get help from the team."

If you're thinking about changing plan managers or want to know more about Council's Community Care services, meet the team at Dr Mackay Community Centre, 9 Page Street, Moruya or call 4474 1300, or visit [Council's website](#).



Eurobodalla Council's financial plan manager Jess Thomas welcomes new clients.

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Broulee Beach Pharmacy reports:

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Why Participate?

By joining our Pharmacycle program, you're not just recycling – you're actively contributing to the reduction of waste in our beautiful coastal community.

Together, we can make a significant difference and set an example for sustainable living.

Let's work hand in hand to create a healthier planet and community. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the Pharmacycle Free In-Store Foil Blister Pack Recycle Program!



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growing the community

NSW SES Eurobodalla Cluster awards night



NSW SES Moruya Unit reports:

On Wednesday evening, the NSW SES Eurobodalla Cluster awards night was held, with a number of special guests present to recognise the significant service and dedication of our local volunteers.

Special guests included, SES Assistant Commissioner Colin Malone, Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher and a number of representatives from NSW SES South Eastern Zone. Our volunteers were on hand to receive a swag of awards.

With a cohort of NSW SES Batemans Bay volunteers recognised for their exemplary service in the face of adversity during the Black Summer Fires of 19/20, receiving a Commissioners Unit Citation. Long service awards across both NSW SES Batemans Bay and NSW SES Moruya units were awarded, with an amassed total of 255 years in long service awards - which is a monumental effort.

A special shout out goes to Jeff Ganderton and Trevor Bennett from NSW SES Moruya unit in recognition of their 50 years of service with SES. It's safe to say the Eurobodalla is in good hands with our SES volunteers at the ready during times of need.

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MHS Senior students cultivate knowledge at Old Mill Farm



Senior students cultivate knowledge at Old Mill Farm Moruya High School reports:
 The 2024 HSC Agriculture class recently visited the farm, 'Old Mill Road,' to better understand methods for improving degraded soils. Twenty years ago, the farmland was severely degraded and showed minimal growing potential. Fraser Bailey, one of the farmers at Old Mill Road, guided us through the methods he adopted to enhance the soil, sharing insights into both his successes and failures over the years. After two decades of dedicated care and hard work, Fraser now oversees a farm with deep, exceptionally healthy soil. This land is managed sustainably and farmed intensively to produce a variety of commercial market garden crops annually.



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If you missed the Moruya EV Expo this is your chance to learn about the:

- financial benefits of ordering an EV before 31 December 2023
- \$10 million Round 2 of the NSW Government EV destination charger funding for businesses and local government
- \$10 million in NSW government funding to retrofit apartments in NSW with electric vehicle chargers.

The stall will include a Tesla 3 and a BYD Atto owned by locals.
 You will also have an opportunity to book a test drive in an electric vehicle.

And the winner is... Anita Brunhuber!



TAFE NSW - Moruya reports:
 Our very own Aboriginal Student Support Officer, Anita, won an award last month for her contribution to the community!
 Anita was recognised for her work of leading and engaging with other departments and the Aboriginal community to discuss the need to strengthen Dhurga language and culture in Moruya and surrounds.
 Anita approached Elders, community organisations, schools, and teaching staff to increase opportunities for Aboriginal people to learn language in an inclusive and welcoming environment.
 Due to her determination and encouragement, the first Certificate I in Aboriginal Language at Moruya Campus had over 30 students with high levels of completions.
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NSW Government's review of the Emergency Services Levy must go further PSA / FBEU

The NSW Government's decision to review the Emergency Services Levy and make the system fairer and more resilient is a good start, but it must embrace far greater reform of emergency services, according to the unions representing emergency services workers.

The unions say the Premier and his Emergency Services Minister, Jihad Dib, need to expand their review from simply the funding of emergency services to their entire operations, and that a more comprehensive review is needed due to the double threat of global warming bringing more bushfires, storms and floods and the dwindling number of volunteers in NSW.

Stewart Little, General Secretary of the Public Service Association, and Leighton Drury, Secretary of the Fire Brigade Employees Union are calling for the Premier and Emergency Services Minister to expand the review.

"Our members working in the Rural Fire Service tell me they need more fire trucks, equipment and staff to fight the increasingly ferocious fires we are seeing due to global warming," said Mr Little.

"They say the Black Summer bushfire season of 2019-20 was just the beginning.

"We saw what happened in Lismore in the 2022 floods when the State Emergency Service was pushed to the limit, our members in the SES say they need more inflatable boats, trucks and most of all paid staff to ensure people in NSW are safe.

"The PSA welcomes the review of funding for emergency services but it must be expanded to look at the entire operations of the RFS and SES to take into account the double threat of global warming bringing more bushfires, storms and floods and the dwindling number of volunteers.

"NSW is the only jurisdiction not to have conducted a thorough review into its emergency service and combat agencies in the last decade.

"There are structural inefficiencies across the agencies that have been evident during the natural disasters in Lismore in 2022 and the Black Summer Fires of 2019-20.

"The recent People Matter Employee Survey 2023, the NSW public sector's annual employee survey, showed staff want strong leadership, an employer who listens to their staff, who have the experience and know how.

"They want leadership that takes seriously staff talking about burnout and sees the desperate need for more boots on the ground," says Stewart Little, General Secretary of the Public Service Association.

Leighton Drury, Secretary of the Fire Brigade Employees Union, also wants to see a more comprehensive review of emergency services in NSW.

"Global warming will bring more frequent and devastating fires so while the Premier's review is commendable, it must be expanded to include not only the funding of emergency services but to all aspects of their operations," said Mr Drury.

New Upgrade Funding for South Coast Government Schools



Minister Jason Clare and Fiona Phillips MP with students at Terara Public School.

South Coast government schools can now apply for funding of at least \$250,000 to build or upgrade vital infrastructure.

Round 2 of the Albanese Government's Schools Upgrade Fund will provide \$215.8 million in funding and be targeted at schools with the greatest need.

This delivers on another election commitment from the Government. The grants can be used for large scale capital works projects such as:

- building or upgrading facilities, such as art facilities, music rooms, technical and applied studies facilities, sporting facilities.
- upgrading playground and outdoor learning facilities; and
- replacing ageing demountable buildings with permanent structures or modern modular teaching spaces.

This builds on the \$53.6 million in School Upgrade Funding the Albanese Government has already announced earlier this year, which included over \$1 million for 13 schools across the Gilmore electorate.

Government schools on the South Coast with the greatest need will be prioritised – including schools with high numbers of students from a low-socio economic background, First Nations Students, and students with disability and schools which haven't received significant capital funding in the last two years.

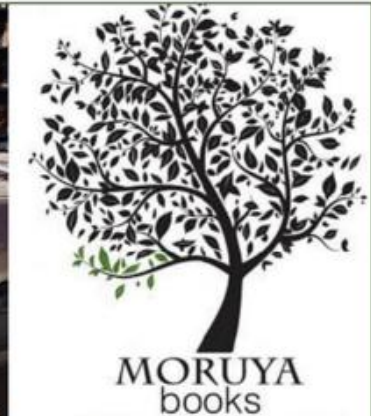
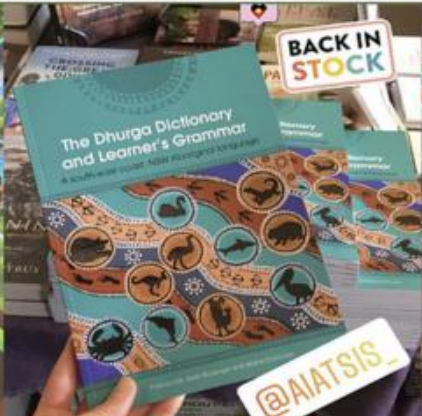
Fiona Phillips MP, Member for Gilmore said "I was delighted to support 13 local schools under this fantastic program, and I know there are schools across the South Coast in real need of continued investment.

"Schools like Bomaderry High School, Mogo Public School, Jamberoo Public School and more have seen investments in their outdoor spaces, improved ICT equipment, and safer classrooms and playgrounds because of this fund, which is simply fantastic.

"Major upgrades in our schools will make a world of difference for students, improving not only their school environment but how they learn, leading to better outcomes for our kids, as well as supporting teachers and all staff working in our amazing local schools.

"I am so proud of our local schools and look forward to celebrating the completion of these projects, and many more to come."

South Coast schools can apply for funding at www.education.gov.au/schools-upgrade-fund. Applications close 29 February 2024.



SafeWork inspectors targeting safety standards at oyster farms

SafeWork NSW

SafeWork NSW inspectors are visiting oyster farms in coastal area of NSW to ensure farmers are meeting their work healthy and safety obligations as they enter a busy time of the year.

In 2023, SafeWork has increased work health and safety compliance to support itinerant workers, particularly in the agricultural, forestry and fishing sectors to ensure they are operating in safe working environments.

Workers involved in the aquaculture industry are faced with a unique set of circumstances in their day-to-day activities, resulting in a broad range of hazards coming to the forefront including electrocution, crush related injuries, chemical exposure, lacerations, drowning and skin cancer. Machinery and plant involved in oyster farming is susceptible to serious wear and tear due to the harsh UV conditions and saltwater these machines are exposed to. Inspectors will be ensuring machinery and equipment are in good working order, have attachments fitted correctly and have a seat belt to protect operators. Eligible farmers are encouraged to access the [SafeWork small business rebate](#) or request a free advisory visit or workshop for practical support to help with farm safety.

Director WHS Services Regional Tony Williams said “Farmers continue to be overly represented in serious workplace injuries and fatalities and SafeWork will always be committed to ensuring we do all we can to see these numbers fall.

“When we think of farming, we often only mention land-based farming such as livestock or grain, however those involved in the aquaculture industry continue to be faced with unique challenges every day and must not be forgotten.

“Oyster farms employ a large number of itinerant workers and SafeWork inspectors will be ensuring these workers are properly trained, supervised and are operating in a safe environment.”

Further advice on staying safe in the aquacultural industry is available on the [SafeWork website](#).

Rebates available to trim business waste-lines

NSW Environment Protection Authority

New incentives are on offer in NSW workplaces to reduce waste, increase recycling, and improve the bottom line thanks to a \$6 million rebate initiative over the next three years.

NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Executive Director of Programs and Innovation, Kathy Giunta, said businesses, organisations, and councils are invited to apply for up to \$50,000 to purchase on-site recycling equipment and technology under the Bin Trim Equipment Rebates Program.

“Rebates of up to \$50,000 are available to cover up to half the cost of eligible products, including smart scales, source separation bins, shredders, commercial worm farms, glass crushers and trolleys to transport waste,” Ms Giunta said. “Under the Bin Trim Rebates Program, \$6.2 million across 417 rebates has been awarded to businesses, councils, and organisations to invest \$14.8 million in recycling equipment and technology since 2014.

“This has resulted in the removal of more than 70,000 tonnes of commercial and industrial waste from landfill.”

The funding is open to all NSW businesses, councils and organisations that meet the following criteria:

- Use a commercial and industrial waste service at a site;
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN);
- Employ one or more full-time employees; and
- Send commercial and industrial waste to landfill.

This includes charities, not-for-profits, public entities such as schools and hospitals, and government organisations.

Ms Giunta said the initiative is transforming waste management practices across NSW, providing an excellent opportunity to empower workplaces to enhance their recycling efforts.

“It’s more than just a rebates program; it’s a step towards a greener, more sustainable future for NSW. It’s a win for the environment and a win for your hip pocket,” she said.

“Small to medium sized businesses play a vital role in driving our circular economy and can help create a more sustainable future for our community.

“I encourage anyone who wants to ramp up their on-site recycling practices to make the most of this incentive and apply for a rebate.”

For details on how to apply, including the rebate guidelines and previous success stories, visit:

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/bintrim-rebates>



Moruya Head to Health Community Consultation

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Redleaf

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Little Lord Fauntleroy at the Amusu to-night, Saturday. 10,000 feet of the most fascinating picture.

The annual-general meeting of the **Moruya Pony Race Club** was held in the Shire Hall on Monday night. ... The following committee were elected: - Messrs. G. Constable, A. Cooper, A. Louttit, W. Ryan, J. Lynch, R. Spinks, P. Donnelly, E. Hay, R. Whittaker, R. B. Heffernan and J. Hansen. The office bearers appointed for the ensuing year were: - Mr. G. Constable, President; Messrs. A. Louttit, A. Cooper and W. Ryan, Vice-Presidents; Mr. A. Louttit, Treasurer; Mr. J. Hansen, Secretary. It was decided to hold a day's races on 31st. Dec., £50 being allotted as prize money. The proceeds to be divided between the Moruya Hospital and Progress association.

At the residence of her son, Mr. W. J. Stephens, "Redleaf," Gundary, the death occurred on Thursday morning of **Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, one of Moruya's oldest** and most highly esteemed identities. The late Mrs. Stephens, who was a native of St. Kevin, Cornwall, England, came to Australia in the sailing ship *Malvena Vido*, with her husband, the late Mr. James Stephens, 70 years ago. Taking up land they made their home at Kiara, where Mr. Stephens successfully followed farming pursuits, being greatly assisted by his wife through her splendid capabilities as a housekeeper. ... Despite her advanced age of 90 years, she had wonderful energy and was fully possessed of her faculties to the moment of her demise. She is survived by one son, Mr. W. J. Stephens, and two daughters, Mesdames Anderson (Cassilis) and Beatty (Drummoine).

Expeditious postal service! A letter posted at Bateman's Bay on Tuesday afternoon was delivered in Moruya on Thursday at 10.30 a.m., 40 ½ hours to travel 18 miles.

What is seldom is worth recording. So few buildings in our town are ever renovated with a coat of fresh paint that when one is it is a most conspicuous object. Mr. T. Cooper is having his shop occupied by Mrs. G. Waters re-dressed in red and grey.

The Hon. Austin Chapman has been advised by the Secretary for Works and Railways that the additions and alterations proposed to the Post Office at Moruya are estimated to cost £1170. Arrangements are being made for an expenditure for this financial year of at least £500, and the work will be put in hand forthwith.

As a warning to others, a country resident was fined 10/- at the Moruya Police Court on Wednesday for using part of an unregistered brand, and at the instigation of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a local resident was fined £2 for causing pain to a calf through branding too deeply.

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc. If you are interested in history why not join us and become a volunteer at the Museum or our library. Check us out at <https://www.mdhs.org.au>



Little Lord Fontleroy

\$25 million in new fleet and equipment for flood emergencies

Delivery of almost 200 new vehicles and vessels for the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) has commenced as part of a \$25 million upgrade to its flood rescue fleet.

The investment comes following record flooding last year, which impacted several communities across the state and resulted in more than 80,000 calls for help to the NSW SES.

More than \$14.7 million will go towards 142 additional boats, rafts, trucks, cars, trailers in response to recommendations from the independent flood inquiry.

These new assets include 40 inflatable rescue vessels, 50 ark angel inflatable rescue rafts, 10 high clearance trucks that can drive through floodwaters, eight light flood rescue vehicles, 30 command vehicles, two heavy rescue vehicles and two car trailers.

All new vehicles are being equipped with 'vehicle as a node' technology, allowing crews to communicate using 4G and satellite networks while deployed, in addition to regular radio networks. This helps ensure crews can stay connected during emergencies and overcome any dangerous communications blackspots.

A further \$10.9 million under the NSW Government's Fleet Replacement Program will fund more than 50 new vessels, storm and rescue vehicles, command vehicles and trailers to replace existing assets for SES units across NSW.

Parts of the state most at risk of flooding are being prioritised during these rollouts, with delivery of the assets well underway and set to be completed by the end of this financial year.

SES units in the Northern Rivers, Central West and Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley have already received equipment, delivering on recommendations from the Independent Flood Inquiry to improve disaster response capabilities.

Work is underway at Britton Marine in Kurnell on the inflatable rescue boats and ark angel rafts, while other vessels are being built at Yamba Welding and Engineering.

Findings from the inquiry highlighted the need for SES volunteers to have upgraded equipment and resources to meet the growing challenges posed by extreme weather events.

In 2022, the NSW SES had its busiest year on record, with volunteers conducting more than 3,800 flood rescues, 30 vertical rescues, more than 67,000 animal rescues, 575 road crash rescues, 2,800 resupply missions and 628 medical resupply missions. Volunteers logged more than 1 million volunteer hours.

Nearly 3,000 volunteers joined over the past year, and the SES is encouraging more people to join their local unit to further strengthen the state's defences to severe storms and floods.

Premier of New South Wales Chris Minns said: "The SES plays a vital role in safeguarding our communities in times of crisis. This investment will further equip our volunteers to respond to flooding and other emergencies."

"These new boats and vehicles will help save lives and minimise the impact of disasters on communities. The bravery and selflessness of SES volunteers over recent years has been remarkable. The NSW Government is proud to be helping the SES to help people across our state."

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said: "This funding recognises the valuable contribution SES volunteers make to the state, particularly when they are on the frontline during floods and storms."

"These resources will enhance our response capabilities across the state and will particularly benefit flood-impacted communities in the Central West and the Northern Rivers."

"This investment also supports the boat building sector in our state, demonstrating the capability of local industry to deliver high quality vessels for emergency service use."

NSW SES Commissioner Carlene York APM said:

"These new assets ensure we can provide swift and effective assistance to those who need it most during times of crisis."

"The additional vessels and equipment will help volunteers save lives and respond to floods as well as many other incidents such as road crashes and land rescues, searches and other emergencies."

Moruya HEAD TO HEALTH

Grand Pacific Health, Directions Health, Katungul Aboriginal Corporation and The Family Place are partnering together to deliver the Moruya Head to Health Service from January 2024.

We are seeking input from people with lived experience (and those who support them), local services and community members on the new Moruya Head to Health Service.

To do this we are holding an in-person focus group and we invite you to join us.

We're coming to your area and we want to meet you.

When
Wednesday 22nd November
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where
Moruya Golf Club, Evans St, Moruya

Questions
Grand Pacific Health - Moruya
[02 4474 8500](tel:0244748500)



Scan to Register

People with lived experience who attend this session and are not financially supported by their workplace to attend, will be reimbursed for workshop attendance

Stop Work Order issued for forestry operations in Flat Rock State Forest



Dr Lisa Searle suspended in a tree at Flat Rock State Forest.

Logging of Greater Glider habitat halted in Flat Rock State Forest

On Monday activists from **South East Forest Rescue, Brooman State Forest Conservation Group, Forest Defence NSW, Friends of the Forest Mogo and the Bob Brown Foundation** halted logging in Flat Rock State Forest compartment 34A.

Activist Dr Lisa Searle, was suspended 25m in a platform that is attached to 5 logging machines to prevent the destruction of habitat for the Endangered Greater Glider after a den tree was identified. Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) failed to find any den trees during pre-logging surveying.

Similar to the situation in Tallaganda SF where FCNSW have been issued 3 x Stop Work Orders, FCNSW has failed to identify any den trees for Greater Gliders despite observing 3 Gliders in March this year before logging started. This failure is due to FCNSW looking for a nocturnal animal during the day, which a spokesperson for FCNSW admitted several weeks ago.

"The Greater Glider is listed as endangered, and the possibility of extinction is real if FCNSW continue their archaic and destructive practices of logging native forest that this endangered Glider, as well as many other species, relies on for habitat. Federal environment minister Tanya Plibersek and the NSW government should be ashamed of themselves for allowing this devastation to continue unchecked. I am here risking arrest today to stand up for the Greater Glider and to send a strong message to FCNSW and our leaders that this logging has to stop. There is no time left for these precious creatures," said Dr Searle. Citizen scientists located the den after only looking for half an hour on dusk. Also observed was a Masked Owl and a juvenile was heard suggesting that a nest was also located in the compartment. Yellow-bellied Gliders were heard as well which also require a 50m exclusion around their den trees. The failure to conduct adequate surveys highlights the contempt that FCNSW has for the survival of our endangered species.

The Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) Condition 76.1, the rules that govern logging, requires that all den trees be identified, and a 50m radius exclusion zone be placed around them. Condition 18.1(b) also requires forestry operations to be carried out in a competent manner. FCNSW are in breach of these 2 conditions.

Takesa Frank, a young local Aboriginal forest campaigner from Brooman State Forest Conservation Group said, 'Protecting the habitats of endangered and threatened species is crucial for maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance. The greater gliders serve as a perfect example of this. Given the ongoing climate and biodiversity crisis, it is imperative that we take action, such as putting an end to public native forest logging. By doing so, we can ensure a sustainable and liveable planet for future generations.'

"One would have thought FCNSW would have learnt from the debacle in Tallaganda and stopped all logging in areas where Greater Gliders reside but obviously, they only care about the timber" said Scott Daines, spokesperson for South East Forest rescue. "Den trees are meant to have a 50m exclusion zone around them which means less timber, so of course FCNSW does not want to find any".

"We call on the EPA to issue an immediate Stop Work Order in Flat Rock for Forestry's failure to identify all Glider den trees, consistent with their action in Tallaganda SF" said Scott Daines.

"Anything less than this is not acceptable to the community."



NSW Environment Protection Authority

Tuesday 14th Nov

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has issued an immediate Stop Work Order to Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) to cease harvesting in parts of the Flat Rock State Forest, near Ulladulla on the south coast.

Following a community complaint, EPA officers inspected several active logging compartments yesterday and identified what appeared to be an endangered Southern Greater Glider den tree within 30 metres of active logging. The EPA understands that no den trees were identified by FCNSW prior to logging commencing. Under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval, FCNSW is required to plan, implement and conduct forestry operations in a competent manner. Once identified, FCNSW is required to protect den trees and implement 50 metre exclusion zones around them. The Stop Work Order requires FCNSW to cease all harvesting, haulage operations, and any road and track construction and maintenance work in the areas of concern in Flat Rock State Forest. EPA Executive Director Operations Jason Gordon said the protection of the Southern Greater Glider and the vulnerable Yellow-Bellied Glider was especially important given the impacts of the 2019/20 bushfires.

"These glider species rely heavily on unburnt areas of forest after much of their habitat was impacted by the fires. The EPA alleges that FCNSW has not conducted detailed and thorough searches necessary to identify all Greater Glider and Yellow-Bellied Glider den trees within the Flat Rock State Forest compartment.

"FCNSW have advised pre-harvest surveys indicated the presence of 137 glider sap feed trees. The EPA considers that this makes it likely that a family group of yellow-bellied gliders are active in the vicinity and would require a number of den trees, yet no den trees were identified.

"Den trees and their surrounding habitat are critical for the gliders' feeding and movement and removal of habitat removes shelter and food, making the gliders vulnerable to harm. This Stop Work Order is necessary to ensure required measures are in place to protect glider den trees.

"The EPA expects FCNSW to meet the requirements in the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) to protect Southern Greater Gliders," Mr Gordon said.

Separately, the EPA has also commenced discussions with FCNSW to strengthen the survey requirements in the CIFOA to ensure the future protection of critical habitat for threatened species such as the Southern Greater Glider and yellow-bellied glider.

Report estimates Forestry Corp breached regulations 1215 times in Tallaganda

Monday 13th November : A [new report](#) estimates Forestry Corporation NSW breached regulations 1215 times in recent logging operations in Tallaganda State Forest, one of the last strongholds of the endangered greater glider.

Forestry Corp is required to search for greater gliders entering or leaving tree hollows and then to protect each occupied "den tree" with a 50-metre exclusion zone where logging is not permitted. Forestry Corp only identified one den tree across 1,800 hectares of Tallaganda State Forest.

But surveys by Wilderness Australia, the World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia and South East Forest Rescue found 27 greater glider den trees in just eight hectares. Twenty of those den trees had logging within 50 metres – a clear breach of regulations.

Moruya Community Film Group

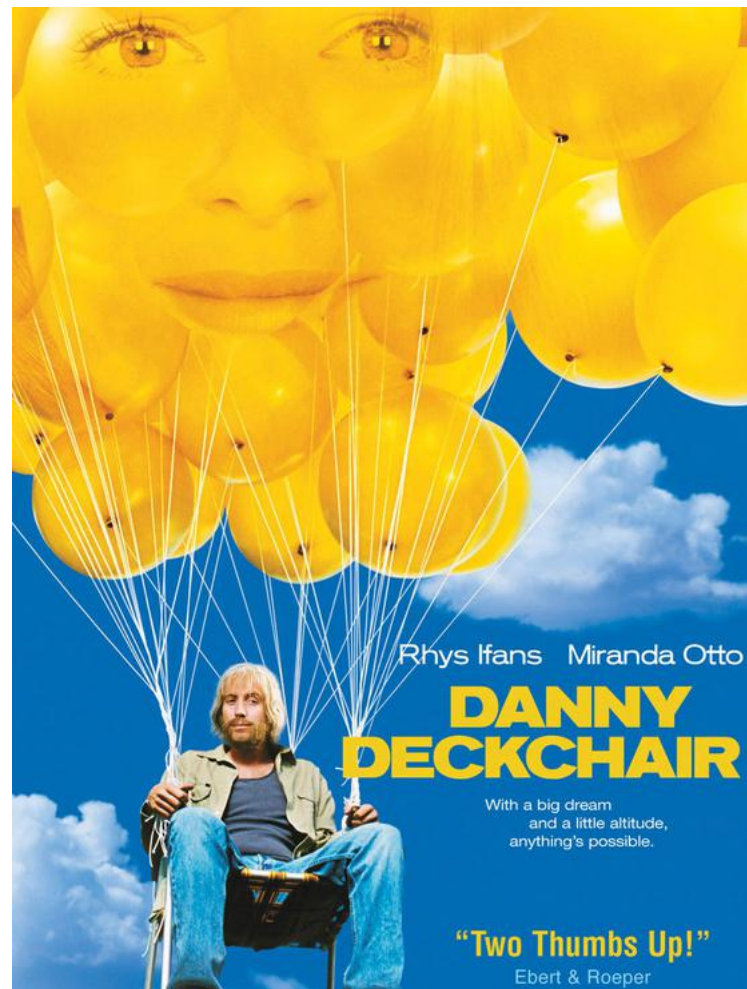
Screening of **DANNY DECKCHAIR**

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.



Calling all artists!

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Mark your calendars: Dec 13 - Mar 13, 2024, with a fantastic closing party on Friday, March 8th!

Felt and Stone opens in Vulcan Street



Jessi and Myia at the opening. Photo:

Last weekend a new retail space in Moruya owned and operated by Jessi, a jeweller and Myia a hat maker. The retail space will not only sell their own handmade hats and jewellery but be a space for the community and other local artists. Myia says “We plan to have artists spotlight events so other local artists are able to showcase their work and mingle with the community. We want our shop to not only be a shop but a place to chill, have a chai and have a chat. We will have our workshops in the space as well so you are able to see how much work goes into the handmade process of our hats and jewellery. We strive on creating sustainability in our pieces and creating items that speak to you and will last you a lifetime.” she added.



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SECCA, cultural hub of the South East, opens to the public

BVC

Contemporary art is being reimagined in the Bega Valley, with the newly expanded South East Centre for Contemporary Art (SECCA) officially opened today by Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, and Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain MP, and Bega Valley Shire Mayor, Russell Fitzpatrick.

Funded as part of the Bega Valley Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure Project – which received around \$2.47 million in funding from the Australian Government – the transformed art space has nearly doubled the size of the former Bega Valley Regional Gallery, creating a new cultural hub for the South East region.

The redevelopment is one component of the Bega Valley Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure Project, which also includes construction of the Pambula Squash Courts, completed in June 2022, and upgrade of the Eden Skate Park, expected to commence construction in November 2023.

This is supporting around 33 jobs during construction, and another 7 ongoing jobs on completion of all components. The centre will open daily from 10am to 5pm, closing on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

It will also play host to the Archibald Prize 2023 exhibition, which runs from 18 November 2023 to 7 January 2024.

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain MP said “It’s fantastic to officially open this exciting new artistic and cultural space for the Bega Valley and surrounding region – because it will have such a positive impact in our community.

“From driving economic growth in the Bega Valley through increased tourism – to bringing people together like never before, this purpose-built space will really transform how we showcase local, regional and touring art.

“That’s why we’ve injected \$2.47 million to the Bega Valley Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure Project – as part of our commitment to activating diverse community infrastructure outside of our big cities.

“I encourage members of the community to come and experience SECCA and all of the exhibition and cultural activities this long-awaited enhanced facility has to offer.”

Bega Valley Shire Mayor, Cr Russell Fitzpatrick said “SECCA is more than just a physical space; it is a platform for artistic expression in all its forms. Through historical exhibitions, it provides a window to our past, while contemporary programs and major talent exploration pave the way for the future.

“SECCA is already making its mark on the national art scene, having been selected as one of just six galleries in NSW and Victoria to exhibit the world-renowned Archibald Prize.

“Opening the gallery to a prestigious exhibition of this calibre is a fantastic first chapter to SECCA, and I look forward to many thought-provoking and visually stunning programs in the years to come.”



Gallery Director Iain Dawson, Deputy Mayor Cathy Griff and Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick with the 2023 Archibald Prize winning artwork by Julia Gutman

SECCA Director, Iain Dawson: “The gallery has earned a place on Australia’s cultural calendar through its dynamic setting and a long history of engaging exhibitions as the Bega Valley Regional Gallery. “This is a testament to the quality of our new space and our commitment to supporting contemporary art.

“We are simultaneously keeping our vision broad and ambitious while also maintaining a focus on community through working with local groups such as Tulgeen Disability Services on their wonderful Art in the Garage program.

“This is an important part of what SECCA stands for by providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in the arts.

“SECCA is a place where everyone is welcome. Our aim was to create a space where people can come to experience art and free expression, to learn about different cultures, and above all, be inspired.

“The cultural and art space was made possible through generous financial assistance from the Australian Government.

“Together with a co-contribution from Council and a \$250,000 grant from Create NSW for a new workshop and project space, and a state-of-the-art collection and storage system, we have turned our vision of building a cultural hub for the South East into a reality. “As well as the launch and exhibition, we’ll be holding a community weekend on 9 and 10 December so the whole community can check out the new gallery. There’ll be events and programs on the Saturday and free entry to the exhibition all weekend.”

For ticket prices and to book – which is essential – visit:

<https://secca.com.au/tickets/>

Classic flicks at Batemans Bay Library

Grab some popcorn and join us at Batemans Bay Library for a classic flick! This month we bring you a backstage story revolving around aspiring actress Eve Harrington. Smart, sophisticated, and devastatingly funny, this movie is a Hollywood classic that only improves with age.

Batemans Bay Library: Saturday 18 November, 1pm to 3pm
 Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../classic-flicks-at...>
 Free event, booking essential, limited spots available.
 Check out our regular film screenings:
www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on

Reminder: St Cecilia Youth Scholarships Final Concert this Sunday

The winners of the 2023 St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarships will be announced this Sunday, November 19 at the Finalists Concert to be held at the St Bernard's Church at 2pm. Outstanding young musicians from the south coast will gather to perform their audition pieces before the announcement of this year's winners who, between them, will take home \$5,900 in scholarships.

The concert is open to anyone wanting to hear fine classical and contemporary music performed by local young people who need support and encouragement. Entry is \$10 at the door. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Information available at www.stcecilia.org.au
 For further information please contact Frances Harmey 0405 150 496 or Zoe Gallagher at z.gallagher@live.com.au

Zoom Digital Mentoring: Helping your community Be Connected - Part 2.

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Part 2 of a two-part course NOTE: Please also register for Part 1 to complete this course.

'Digital Mentoring: Helping your community Be Connected' is an interactive, free training and support program for digital mentors working in the Be Connected Program.

Digital mentors participating in this program will receive two and a half days of training plus two hours of follow-up support, building their confidence in delivering digital skills support to people aged over 50 in their community. SoS Digital Support Inc. is delivering this training that the Good Things Foundation developed to people in our community who would like to be digital mentors or are keen to upskill. The purpose of this program is to provide you with the tools you need to feel more comfortable engaging older people to develop their digital skills.

Digital mentors who take part will have a deeper understanding of guiding principles for digital mentoring and how to adapt their delivery to the needs of these seniors.

The training and support program is being delivered by Digital Mentors from SoS Digital Support Inc., a Be Connected Capacity Builder, on behalf of the Good Things Foundation.

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Funding disparity disadvantages rural residents

La Trobe University

Rural health researchers at La Trobe University say the funding disparity between rural and metropolitan Australians is “inequitable and unfair” and are calling for greater investment in rural health research.

Professor Jane Mills, Dean of the La Trobe Rural Health School, co-authored an opinion piece with Dr Leesa Hooker and Dr Fiona Burgemeister.

They say the discrepancy is particularly concerning as rural residents already have poorer health than their urban counterparts.

Professor Mills said new models of health care are need in rural areas to address the inequities in outcomes.

“We already know that ‘what works’ in metropolitan areas does not automatically translate to rural and remote areas due to issues of setting and scale,” Professor Mills said.

“Funding research that goes beyond the remit of hospitals and enables the testing of novel place-based approaches, to rural health and health care in partnership with a wide range of industry partners, must be part of the solution to reducing the inequity gap.”

It is estimated that only 2.4 per cent of National Health and Medical Research Council funded projects are aimed specifically at improving the health of Australians living in rural and remote areas.

The La Trobe Rural Health School(LRHS) demonstrates the value of investment in rural health and its meaningful impact on communities.

The LRHS has used small grants to test new approaches on the delivery of healthcare with a range of industry partners.

In Mildura, La Trobe has partnered with Sunraysia Community Health to transform community health outcomes in various projects, such as extending the reach of place-based research.

La Trobe is working with McMaster University in Canada as part of a worldwide trial to introduce community paramedicine. In just a short amount of time, the trial has expanded to five different locations and engaged with more than 100 clients.

Dr Hooker, a rural nurse and midwife and LRHS Dean of Research Engagement, said available data from various projects has shown improved patient satisfaction, health outcomes and reduced hospital admissions.

“While these projects have often been funded by small grants, evidence shows they are having a significant, meaningful and lasting impact on communities,” Dr Hooker said.

“The research partnerships have led to ongoing trusted relationships with industry providers.”

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First Nations communities to have their say on the energy transformation

The Federal Government has released a consultation paper to inform the development of Australia's First Nations Clean Energy Strategy.

This paper builds on a series of six roundtables held with First Nations communities over past eight months as well as input from the First Nations Clean Energy and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee.

The Strategy, developed in conjunction with Indigenous Australians, is formulated to drive investment, cooperation and lasting benefits for Indigenous communities across the country. Remote Indigenous communities are among the most energy insecure in the world.

Through the first stage of engagement, the following priorities were highlighted:

- making sure First Nations Australians have access to reliable and affordable energy, wherever they live across the country,
- prioritising access to skills and workforce development to foster meaningful economic participation and First Nations' business opportunities,
- providing practical support so First Nations people can be equal partners in the transformation

The strategy will target fairer access to cleaner, cheaper energy for Indigenous households – along with reduced diesel usage, cheaper finance and more skilled employment in remote areas. Responses to the consultation paper can be made through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's Consultation Hub: <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/first-nations-clean-energy-strategy-consu...>

More information on the First Nations Clean Energy and Emissions Advisory Committee and its members: [First Nations Clean Energy and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee - DCCEEW](#)

We are already partnering with First Nations Australians to improve access to cheaper, cleaner energy and ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are an active part of the energy transformation.

The Government is investing \$83.8 million in the First Nations Community Microgrids program to support deployment of microgrids in First Nations communities to improve energy affordability and reliability and reduce emissions.

We've also committed \$2 million to help First Nations communities engage with hydrogen project developers for our Hydrogen Headstart program.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said "Indigenous Australians are important partners in the clean energy transformation, and they deserve access to cleaner cheaper energy – and energy security.

"By providing the opportunities for First Nations communities to share their perspectives, government and industry are better equipped to ensure the First Nations Clean Energy Strategy delivers for Indigenous Australians".

Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney said "The Australian Government is ensuring First Nations people have a real say in Australia's energy future and are not locked out of the clean energy transformation.

"First Nations people have strong local and cultural knowledge, including management of Country, and this can and should inform how Australia transforms its energy systems to achieve net zero by 2050."

Quotes attributable to Dr Kate George, Member and co-lead of the First Nations Clean Energy and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee:

"The creation of a genuine First Nations Clean Energy Strategy and improving collaboration with government and industry sectors will be fundamental to securing support for Australia's once in a lifetime clean energy transformation".

Mr Travis Thomas, Member and co-lead of the First Nations Clean Energy and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee.

"The strategy has the potential to support the four priority reforms at the centre of the Closing the Gap agreement with a focus on transforming government organisations to work better with and for First Nations people.

"It could also improve First Nations people's access to data and information to make informed decisions, and build the community-controlled sector."

"This can be looked upon as a moment, which do not come often, which if the involved industry, government, First Nations and the broader community approach in a reciprocal, considered manner, can truly change opportunities in involved First Nations communities".

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Beowa name change celebrated one year on

NSW Dept of Environment

Traditional Custodians and South Sea Islander Elders came together last week, marking one year since Beowa National Park was renamed to honour the continuing cultural significance of the area. Steven Holmes, Traditional Custodian of Thaua Country, spoke at the celebration saying to have the park named in Thaua Country language makes him very proud.

'I didn't believe such a big place that holds a very special spot in my heart should be named after a man who hurt so many people,' Mr Holmes said.

'Being a Traditional Custodian, it meant a lot to all the Thaua people to finally get rid of Ben Boyd's name.

'The ceremony on the weekend was very special. Everything that needed to be said was,' Mr Holmes said.

BJ Cruse, Chairperson of the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council, said last year's renaming process and new name for the park is a positive action towards reconciliation.

'It rectified wrongs of the past by taking the honour away from someone that didn't deserve it and acknowledges Aboriginal people,' Mr Cruse said.

Nearly 12 months since the 10,000 hectare park on the NSW far south coast was renamed, the community celebrated with dancing, music and an emotional Welcome to Country.

With representatives from Thaua Country Aboriginal Corporation, Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council, Bega Local Aboriginal Land Council, Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and the Australian South Sea Islander community attending, all reflected on the significant shift towards truth telling.

Ms (Waskam) Emelda Davis, founder of Australian South Sea Islanders – Port Jackson, said the celebration was particularly important for Aboriginal and South Sea Islander people because they are wan sol wara, meaning one saltwater people.

'Celebrating the renaming gives ownership, it decolonises what occurred, and it tells the truth,' Ms Davis said.

'It speaks truth to the First Nations people of this region, that have sustained for over 65,000 years, bringing light [to] the atrocities that occurred for Aboriginal and South Sea Islanders,' Ms Davis said.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) began a process to rename Ben Boyd National Park in 2021 after a historian's report confirmed Boyd's role in the practice of blackbirding. NPWS asked the community for suggestions, and the park was renamed Beowa National Park in November 2022.

In naming and dual-naming NSW national parks, NPWS is committed to recognising and acknowledging Aboriginal cultural connections to places.



Photos: NPWS Beowa NP Renaming Ceremony 2023, David Rogers Photography.



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

Gadfly

Every time a big scandal breaks my dear wife rejoices: 'It just goes to show how lucky we are to have a free press,' she says.

Well, maybe...

The recent revelation that PwC, one of the big four consulting firms, had leaked its insider knowledge of new tax arrangements to its private clients and shovelled the payoff into their back pockets, was a case in point.

She was only half right. The scam revealed by the Nine group's Financial Review was a coup for Australia's free press. And for a couple of weeks it became a *cause célèbre*. But then what? A formal *mea culpa* from some executive in a suit, the sale of part of the company, a toothless inquiry and a government assertion that the APS will do more specialist research and development currently outsourced.

However, not much has changed, and nor is it likely to. We had hoped that the return of a new government might wipe the slate clean. Instead, like governments and corporations I have known since those ancient days when I was John McEwen's Press Secretary, secrecy is the perennial watchword.

Admittedly, it reached a nadir under Scott Morrison and his five secret ministries. And the eponymous A-G Dreyfus did drop the persecution of Bernard Collaery. But the trial of David McBride is a damned disgrace.

So too is the shocking ordeal suffered by the journalists Nick McKenzie and Chis Masters that is still playing out after years of the defamation suit brought by the disgraced SAS operative Ben Roberts-Smith. Masters, whom I count as a friend, remains under enormous pressure by associates of Roberts-Smith whose case was backed by the VC fanatic, Kerry Stokes.

Masters has an unblemished reputation for the highest integrity. He was supportive of my own revelation – the secret trial and jailing of the man I designated 'Witness J' – after I breached a tangle of attempted secrecy and attended an obscure court hearing. That led to the publication of his fate in our own CityNews.

At the time, Masters and I had been entrusted by the Defence Department and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) to undertake Case Studies of major defence procurements. The plan was to develop a compendium of studies – without fear or favour – to show procurement newcomers the potholes to avoid. Nice idea...until the pothole participants objected.

But the most egregious tactics to kill the revelations of corporate wrongdoing have been recently revealed by investigative reporter Adele Ferguson. Her backgrounder made a single appearance on the ABC newsfeed in late 2023 before being removed to the 'archive' file.

It covers ten pages of utter bastardry by the Commonwealth Bank to kill their shocking secrets from the reporter via whistleblower Jeff Morris. 'Over 12 months the bank's PR machine was on a mission to deny, deflect and discredit the stories by constantly attacking the articles and me,' she says. One phone call, 'was from a PR officer for a big legal firm asking if I'd been ringing some of his clients. I hadn't. But somebody had and they'd been impersonating me.'

'Smear campaigns, intimidation, threats, fake identities and surveillance – this is not how you would expect blue chip companies to behave when their reputations are threatened. But all these tactics were employed by the Commonwealth Bank to shut down a scandal that exposed forgery, fraud and a cover up that culminated in a royal commission into the entire financial services industry.'

No doubt in 2024 the battle will continue, and we'll all celebrate when the occasional scandal hits the pages of our news outlets big and small. My dear wife might be right – we're certainly better than many countries. But for every felonious scheme exposed, you can bet there's half a dozen burrowing away beyond our sight – no matter who occupies the Treasury benches, the glittering boardrooms...or the stratospheric Defence budget.

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GET THE FACTS ON CHEAPER MEDICINES

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

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A Beer with Bazz #135

With
John
Longhurst

Bazza's weekly ritual of a walk with his Aunt Daisy had changed to a drive some months ago and as her health deteriorated a nurse accompanied them. After assisting his Aunt from the car and unpacking the walking frame, Bazza leaned against a tree and rubbed his chin.

Daisy dismissed the nurse with a weak wave, and shuffled the remaining steps in her walking frame to the rock...her rock on the headland. She unfolded a neatly ironed white handkerchief embroidered with a capital 'D' in a corner and laid it flat. Using the walking frame for balance, she gently lowered herself, closed her eyes and took a deep breath.

As the years rolled into decades, she always returned to this rock, and the sea before it.

Daisy sighed as she reached for her journal. She ran a shaking hand over its much-faded leather cover, before opening to her first print-scrawled pencil entry;

The ocean is really blu today.

A tiny smile as she thumbed pages of drawings; stick figures swimming in the ocean and one with a whale, floating impossibly on the horizon, all richly coloured with her treasured coloured pencils.

As the entries advanced from pencil print to cursive ink, she paused on a page decorated with red lips. Her heart jumped. Her first kiss with a blonde surfer, on this very rock. Daisy closed her eyes to the memory of clumsy tongues exploring first love and her nose crinkled at coconut oil on suntanned bodies. Trembling fingers instinctively explored her rock, but she knew the love heart scratched and traced multiple times each day for two blissful months, had long ago weathered.

Pages of unforgivable adolescent angst followed, fractured friendships and family tensions..... dark sentences and vows of revenge had Daisy tightening her mouth, touching her lined face and seeking out the darker blues of the ocean.

With the busyness of adulthood, the entries were shorter and factual; ambitions stated, career choices touched on and travel plans listed, all with a confident flow of the pen.

She paused, sometimes smiled and sometimes slightly shrugged her shoulders at her mental ledger.

Daisy raised her eyes to the ocean kaleidoscope; twisting and twirling greens, browns, whites and all shades of blue, frolicking and teasing her memory in the retiring afternoon sun.

She turned faded yellowed pages to a telegram, pasted in with the little plastic lid brush supplied with the tub of pinkish-purple paste, but resisted bringing it to her nose.

Congratulations on your wedding, Darling Daisy STOP I wish I could be there STOP Love Grandma xx STOP

Her long, tear-stained typed eulogy to her grandmother followed a week later and Daisy gently bit her finger as she read.

Thumbing through the many pages of her marriage, Daisy openly laughed at the fond memories and paused on the black and white photograph of them both dressed in Sunday best, beaming outside their first fibro home. She fondly touched their firstborn's lock of hair pressed between following pages.

A roller coaster of a partnership and he had long passed away. Her entries on his imperfections had her shaking her head..... and his indiscretions...biting her bottom lip. She rotated her wedding ring on her thin, frail finger.

The ocean was now choppy, as the afternoon breeze picked up, and the fading sun tossed more colours into the waves. Daisy tightened her shawl around her shoulders.

She turned to the phone contacts of her journal and smiled at the neat line through early entries of just four numerals repeatedly replaced with longer numbers, as their tiny coastal town expanded.

Tears welled as she traced fingers across the many names crossed out.

Tiredness weighed Daisy's head to her shoulder...Her eyes opened to the gentle touch of the nurse.

"It's time to go, Daisy."

She picked up her pencil and turned to the last page of the journal.

Daisy took a shallow breath and managed a weak line under the final entry, closed it, rested her elbows on the cover and cupped her shaking chin.

Her watery eyes a prism for more hues in the forever youthful sea. She openly sighed and for the first time, allowed the nurse to assist her to her walking frame.

"Yes, I know..... It is..... time to go."

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

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Vaping Roundtable the first step in combatting growing community-wide issue

School leaders and health experts convened today for the Minns Labor Government's roundtable on the growing issue of vaping in NSW schools. Delivering an election commitment to host the panel and discuss solutions, the Vaping Roundtable heard first-hand accounts from students, teachers, principals and evidence from health experts and researchers, about vaping behaviour and how it is affecting young people.

The Roundtable also heard about the impact vaping is having on schools, and the role the wider community plays in supporting young people.

Vaping is harmful, especially for non-smokers and young people, with direct health risks including nicotine addiction, nicotine poisoning, burns and injuries from devices exploding, and lung damage, according to a comprehensive systematic review from the Australian National University.

New data shows one third of children aged 14 to 17 have vaped or used an e-cigarette, and nine out of ten young people found it easy to access vapes, according to University of Sydney Associate Professor Becky Freeman, who presented to the Roundtable on behalf Generation Vape and Cancer Council NSW.

Representatives from NSW Health, Cancer Council NSW, the Advocate for Children and Young People as well as students and primary and high school principals addressed the panel, with members of the public, independent and Catholic school sectors also represented.

Vaping is a complex, community-wide issue which is having an acute impact on school-aged children. Where there are opportunities for the NSW Government to help, we are determined to have a positive impact.

The Minns Labor Government thanks all the contributors, and will now consider all it heard, including solutions that can be implemented in education settings.

As we chart a path forward, a number of actions have been proposed, including creating a vaping guide to assist teachers and help students trying to quit, updating the curriculum so it better addresses the dangers of vaping, creating an online support platform for students, and building better referral pathways between schools and community services.

This is part of other reforms introduced by the Minns Labor Government to protect children from the harms of illegal vapes, including \$6.8 million invested over three years to crack down on the sale of illegal vapes and to increase support for young people who are addicted to vaping.

Minister for Health Ryan Park said "Vapes can have harmful impacts, especially on young people's growing brains and bodies and we will continue to crack down on retailers who illegally sell nicotine vapes.

"Ask any parent, and they will tell you that these products are pervasive. We are determined to get in front of this growing public health crisis.

"In the intermediate term, we have ramped up our compliance capacity, while boosting our cessation support for young people. But where we can improve our efforts moving forward, we will, and this Roundtable is critical to bringing together the leading expert advice in tackling the prevalence of vaping."

Dr Kerry Chant, NSW Chief Health Officer said

"NSW Health is increasingly concerned about the harmful health effects of vaping, particularly for young people.

"Vapes can cause harm to the health and development of young people, including changes to brain development, impaired learning and memory, and may worsen stress, depression and anxiety.

"NSW Health is committed to increasing support to help young people quit vaping. We have developed the 'Do you know what you're vaping?' campaign and Vaping toolkit to increase awareness among young people and provide parents, schools, and health and community services with strategies to protect young people from the harms of vapes.

"NSW Health has also released a new guide to support health professionals and others who work with young people to assist young people to quit vaping.

Minns Government to fast-track top-quality building designs

The Minns Labor Government will help deliver more desperately needed homes for families by fast-tracking buildings that choose to use high-quality, pre-approved designs – speeding up the construction of homes for buyers and renters.

The Government is developing a pattern book of endorsed housing designs for both low-rise and mid-rise (up to six storeys) buildings.

The NSW Government Architect, Abbie Galvin, is leading a process of developing the pre-approved list of designs, alongside established private-sector architects, as well as the community, as part of a comprehensive consultation process.

As part of this process, the Government will launch an international competition, calling on Australian and international architects and architecture schools to design a best-practice Sydney terrace and mid-rise apartment for the 21st century. The winning designs will be included in the pattern book.

Details of the competition will be announced in early 2024.

Developers who choose to adopt the endorsed pattern book designs will have an accelerated approval pathway – meaning builders can get on site faster, and people can move into new homes sooner.

The Minns Government is working hard to change the trajectory on the long-term housing supply crisis it inherited.

NSW has been completing fewer new builds (on a per person basis) than Victoria or Queensland. NSW last year also recorded fewer overall completions than Victoria – despite NSW's higher population.

The housing supply shortfall is behind Sydney unit rents increasing by 24 per cent over the year to the end of September 2023, along with house rents lifting by 11 per cent.

The development of low-rise and mid-rise terraces and apartments will support density in well-located pockets of Sydney – close to transport, green space, amenities and jobs.

The pattern book will include both low-rise housing (terraces, semis, manor houses), along with apartment buildings of up to six storeys. This signals greater role for low-rise, such as a new generation of Sydney terraces.

These endorsed designs will be made specifically for Sydney and New South Wales and will include different styles of housing. The modern homes will be made for NSW's climate, allow for natural light, and look to include community spaces, allowing residents to still enjoy a barbeque and a makeshift game of cricket or footy, for example.

The Government Architect is leading the process and working with the best minds in the development and construction industry, the planning and architecture profession, and councils. While this pathway will be attractive for some developers, it will not be compulsory; builders and their architects can still design bespoke developments that will go through the regular approval pathway.

The Government wants the community involved in this process, with the public able to view draft designs and provide feedback. In addition to the pattern book and design competition for low-rise and medium-rise dwellings, the Government will also help developers of high-rise apartments to get building sooner.

Commencing with well-located places supported by transport infrastructure, the NSW Government will allow developers of high-rise to select a designer from a list pre-approved by the NSW Government Architect. This new process will allow developers to bypass the current requirement to run a design competition, slashing assessment times by between 6-12 months. This will ensure speed and design excellence, and the Government will later consider this approach for high-rise developments across the state.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said: "Despite being in the top 30 cities in the world by GDP, Sydney ranks 859th in the world when it comes to density. We want homes and buildings fit for 21st century Sydney. And we want them fast.

"This gives developers certainty and will make sure more homes are delivered. Increasing density in well-located and well-connected parts of Sydney is a key part of the NSW Government's housing plan. We want to ensure density is done well, and this package will ensure that happens."

2023 The year the world connected food systems with climate change

Food Frontier

Agriculture sectors are doing what they can, but it will not be enough to have the impact required to slow the rate of global warming. Increased support from government and industry for alternative proteins is vital. In 2023, governments started prioritising food system changes as a key strategy in addressing climate change.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), food systems account for one third of greenhouse gas emissions. About 14.5% of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are from livestock, 44% of livestock emissions are in the form of methane. Executive Director of alternative proteins think tank Food Frontier, Dr Simon Eassom, said addressing our systems of food production needs to be part of any attempt to develop climate change solutions. He said, "2023 has seen real steps in this direction with some countries acting on the connection between what we eat and climate change.

"South Korea, Denmark, Germany, and Canada have all introduced programs to encourage plant-based meats. In one particular German state, for example, incentives have been introduced to farmers to support the transition away from pig farming as the country seeks to diversify its agriculture sector and become more sustainable. Two Dutch municipalities have restricted meat and dairy advertising in public spaces as measures to try to shift behaviour, driven by concerns about the impact some of their more dominant agricultural industries are having on the local environment and climate change.

"Other countries are working to provide value-add opportunities, such as Canada, which has invested heavily in its pulse industries with the 2035 goal of becoming a US\$25bn plant-based powerhouse."

This growing awareness and commitment to sustainable practices finds resonance on a global stage as evidenced by COP28, the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, starting November 30, where two-thirds of the menu will be vegetarian or vegan—a landmark move reflecting the increasing recognition of the interconnectedness between food choices and climate change.

The conference is also dedicating sessions to sustainable food technology solutions which will include alternative proteins.

And more than 80 organisations and individuals worldwide, including IKEA and Unilever, have signed an open letter to COP28 organisers emphasising the need to integrate a food systems approach into the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at COP28. Dr Eassom said, "Looking forward to 2024, it's vital for Australia to step up and drive change as well. Our current systems of generating protein are not sustainable and we must look to diversify food supply and the requirement for protein in particular. As the demand for meat increases along with population growth, we must address the prospect of any negative impacts increasing along the same trajectory.

"All our agriculture sectors are doing what they can, but it will not be enough to have the impact required to slow the rate of global warming without increased support from government and industry for alternative proteins with strong backing for manufacturers."

Individuals also have a significant role to play. According to a recent Yougov survey two in five Australians are reducing their intake of conventional meat.

"Reducing our reliance on conventional meat for even a couple of meals a week makes a significant difference to the environment. However," Dr Eassom argues, "we are at an inflection point where this needs to move beyond the push for consumer acceptance and an internal food industry battle between competing manufacturing sectors and recognise that the way forward involves collaboration and support that, with collective responsibility and accountability, can provide the impetus for governments to do more and act faster."

About : Food Frontier is the independent think tank on alternative proteins in Australia and New Zealand. Funded by grants and donations, our work is growing our region's protein supply with new, sustainable and nutritious options that create value for businesses, farmers and consumers.

Celebrating National Ag Day with a nod to the past and a look to the future

NSW Farmers' Association is celebrating Aussie farmers this National AG Day by reflecting on the country's agricultural past and looking forward to its bright future.

President of NSW Farmers Xavier Martin will today address the media from a farm near Corowa, where the famous Tom Roberts painting "Shearing the Rams" was first sketched in 1888.

"Shearing the Rams" reflects the development of our modern national identity, which has largely come about not only off the sheep's back, but all animal, plant and aquaculture industries."

Australian agriculture accounts for 55% of Australian land use, with a gross value of approximately \$80 billion, with NSW pulling its weight, producing more than \$22 billion worth of food and fibre.

"When farms are strong, rural and regional communities are strong too.

"Our regional towns right across the country largely depend on agriculture for their prosperity," Mr Martin said.

This year's theme for National AG Day, set by the National Farmers' Federation, is "Grow you Good Thing." "This year, we're asking all Australians to keep farmers in mind when they're making their lunch or preparing their dinner, as there's no doubt what's on their plate has been grown by a farmer.

"As every Australian knows, farming doesn't come without its challenges. Whether it be droughts, bushfires, floods, or other natural disasters, or bad policy made by politicians disconnected to the land.

"At the moment we are seeing many of our commodities and rural communities under attack from the Albanese Government's proposed changes to the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

"We're also under immense competition pressures, largely thanks to the big supermarkets, and red tape contributing to a worker shortage."

But, as we've seen throughout the decades, agriculture fights back- whether in Tom Roberts' time or now—and farmers will do what they do best, grow our food and fibre- not just for Australians but for an increasing number of people around the world," Mr Martin said.

Coastcare Awards

The Coastcare Award acknowledges a community group or organisation that has contributed to the significant improvement of a coastal or marine environment. This may include estuaries, coastal and marine wetlands, river systems and salt marsh ecosystems.

The Coastcare activities may include sand dune restoration, protection of threatened species, removing invasive species that are impacting on native flora, plastics and waste removal, education and volunteer engagement, and mitigating urban impact on marine environments like storm water pollution or the control of access to sensitive and vulnerable areas.

Nominations are open to a community group or organisations, including Coastcare and Landcare groups/networks, Dunecare, Rivercare, Bushcare, 'Friends of' groups, youth groups and other community groups responding to local environmental issues.

Do you know a group that's making a splash for their local community? Nominate now for a 2023/2024 State and Territory Landcare Award

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New Peak Body Launched to Support Methane Reduction and Expand Seaweed aquaculture

Today marks the official launch of the Australian Sustainable Seaweed Alliance (ASSA), a pivotal initiative aimed at unlocking the potential of Australia’s expanding seaweed sector. The establishment of this peak body, coupled with the Developing Australia’s Seaweed Farming Program, has been made possible through an \$8 million investment from the Australian Government, supported by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC). The funding is dedicated to coordinating research and development efforts, ensuring biosecurity measures and establishing a national hatchery network.

The announcement also fast-tracks methane emission reducing Asparagopsis (red seaweed) production to help meet the Australian Government’s important emissions reduction targets.

Australia’s seaweed production is poised for significant expansion, with ASSA’s Australian Seaweed Industry Blueprint projecting a Gross Value of Production (GVP) of \$100 million and the creation of 1200 direct jobs in regional and coastal communities in the coming years. This growth sets the stage for a potential \$1.5 billion industry, expected to generate 9,000 jobs by 2040.

Commenting on the initiative, FRDC Managing Director Patrick Hone was enthusiastic about the program’s impact. “FRDC is proud to support this initiative, which contributes to environmental preservation, economic growth and the creation of new employment opportunities for Australians.”

“I want to congratulate ASSA on their determination and vision to make seaweed an integral part of our fishing and aquaculture sector.”

Seaweed aquaculture in Australia holds tremendous promise, serving a range of applications such as food, animal feed, biofuels and fertilisers. Its minimal environmental impact, combined with the versatility of being cultivated both on land and at sea, positions seaweed as a key player in sustainable industries.

Despite its historical use by Indigenous Australians, the country’s commercial seaweed production currently lags counterparts in Asia, Europe and America. Australia’s coastal waters harbor thousands of native seaweed species, many of which exhibit market potential. Notably, the native red seaweed genus Asparagopsis holds significance for its ability to reduce methane emissions when utilised as animal feed.

The Australian Sustainable Seaweed Alliance comprises ten corporate members across six states, focusing on advancing environmentally responsible farming and production, strategic research and development, as well as scientific and biotech-related commercialisation. The initiative is driven by the ASSA Australian Seaweed Industry Blueprint, funded by Agrifutures Australia, which was released in 2020. The blueprint looked at the long-term growth of the Australian seaweed sector, and aims to identify and prioritise critical research, development and extension gaps and opportunities for this highly valuable marine resource. FRDC and ASSA will continue to work together through their linkages with the seaweed industry, research bodies, investors and philanthropists to leverage and deliver this \$8 million research investment.

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Insurance leader urges climate solutions to combat rising costs

UNSW Sydney

As Australia faces the prospect of another dangerous bushfire season, the Chief Technical Officer at Allianz Australia, James Fitzpatrick, has called for increased investment in resilience and risk awareness, and said climate solutions hold the key to combating rising home insurance costs.

Speaking exclusively to The Business Of, a podcast from UNSW Business School, Mr Fitzpatrick said the pace of climate change is faster than the insurance industry had predicted, and warned extreme weather events such as fires, floods, and severe storms are “dramatically increasing”.

“The problems are getting worse. They’re going to cost us more than the solutions are going to cost. The quicker we act, the better we mitigate it, and the better off we’ll all be in the future,” he told The Business Of.

Mr Fitzpatrick told host Dr Juliet Bourke, a Professor of Practice in the School of Management and Governance at UNSW Business School, that it’s also important to embrace innovations in the design and construction process of building new homes – particularly those in high-risk areas.

“We’re working with a paint company that has a product that effectively fireproofs a home. Post-bushfire, instead of having significant losses it’s just a clean and a wash-off, and the house should be resilient to that,” he said.

Mr Fitzpatrick says the work already being done gives him optimism that Australia can be more resilient in a climate-challenged future.

“We are ahead of many other parts of the world. We’re seeing government interest in investing in resilience and trying to do that in a way that’s informed by what is the biggest risk and what is the biggest impact,” he said.

“We’ve got a lot already in terms of knowledge, but I think as we try these investments, as we try to do different things, and some of the relocations post the [Lismore] flooding are a good example, there will be lessons that we can share around the world.”

Mr Fitzpatrick added that insurers learn from each extreme weather event, and in some cases that leads to a reduction in premiums.

“We recalibrate, we learn from experience, that leads us to better risk assessment which ultimately works into pricing, some up, some down,” he told The Business Of, using the example of how a flood can change the course of a river, reducing the risk to homes previously in a high impact zone.

Mr Fitzpatrick said governments, businesses and homeowners need to consider future scenarios and build resilience into long-term assets like infrastructure and housing.

“It is very likely parts of the country [will be] classified as uninhabitable. We need to be planning for that today, and we’ve got a long way to go before we are doing that well.” His comments were made on the new series of The Business Of, a podcast from AGSM @ UNSW Business School exploring the role businesses and industry leaders play in the fight against climate change.

The Business Of host Dr Juliet Bourke, a leading consultant and academic at UNSW Business School, added: “As we head into another long Australian summer, James’ comments feel prescient as insurers wait to see if their risk modelling holds up through another season of extremes. His optimism that we can still insure for the future despite increasing unpredictability is a lesson in remaining hopeful and resilient in trying times.”

To hear this episode of The Business Of, visit: <https://pod.fo/e/202444>

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Saturday 25th November 2023



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We are in need of the following: Children's lunch snacks ie: muesli bars/fruit cups/chips/shapes etc, Cereal ie: Weet-bix, corn flakes etc, UHT milk, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Pancake Mix, Vegemite/Jam/Peanut butter, Pasta, Pasta packets ie continental alfredo, Pasta Sauces, Canned Tuna, Sardines, Canned fruit, Canned soup, Soup sachets, Tuna bake sauce, -Baked beans, Canned spaghetti, Cordial, Fruit juice, Poppers, Any fruit/veggies you may have spare from your garden would be fantastic!

If you live in the Bay, items can be dropped to Beyond Bank on Orient Street. If your in Moruya, please drop to 3 Jeffrey Place.

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 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 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 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 or visit HERE

Moruya Speedway

Season Opener 18th November 2023 Aussies vs Kiwis Street Stock Test Match for the Rapid Race Wear cup with a great line up of support races Production Sedans, Southern Fast 4s, Super Production, Vintage, Demolition Derby. Pit gate opens at 12pm. Spectator gates open at 3pm don't miss this will be a massive night. Racing starts at 5pm. Text nominations to Kay on 0423 836 851

Moruya RSL Sub Branch.

Thank you to all the local community for their wonderful support given to the Moruya RSL Sub Branch by buying the badges from members & Friends in Moruya. Also for the support given at the Moruya Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. The members, Friends of the RSL, veterans and serving Defence Force personnel are invited to the our meeting held on the third Tuesday of the month which is **Tuesday 21st November at 2pm** at the Moruya RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St., Moruya.

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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Date: Tuesday 19 December 2023

Time: 5.30 p.m.

Venue: Red Door Hall, Page Street, Moruya

Come and join us at the Red Door Hall, Page Street, Moruya.

For more information, please M:0490 805 389

The Rectory Garden - All Saints Bodalla

The Rectory Garden will be open from 11am until 4pm both Saturday and Sunday this weekend, then be closed until the 6th and 7th January.



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Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results

On Tuesday 14th November 2023, 24 ladies competed in a Stableford event, which was the 4th Christmas Run.

Results were:

A Grade Winner was Leonie Doolan (25) with a score of 35 points. A Grade Runner-up was Gail Page (24) with a score of 34 points.

B Grade Winner was Jeanette Miller (38) with a score of 32 points. B Grade Runner-up was Jane Eglitis (36) with a score of 26 points.

C Grade Winner was Dianne Brown (45) with a score of 32 points. C Grade Runner-up was Wendy Schmid (44) with a score of 32 points.

Balls went to Annette Manton 34, Pam Alexander 31, Gail Rogers 31 and Pauline Nash 30.

Nearest the pin on the 6th was Leonie Snodgrass.

Nearest the pin on the 15th was Maree Coffey.

Nearest the pins on the 7th were Gail Page and Jane Eglitis.



Dianne Brown, Jeanette Miller and Leonie Doolan.

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Tuross Head Vets Golf Results

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 15th November 2023.

A field of 43 players registered for a Special Par event today despite overcast skies and some rain last night.

The Winners today were:

1st: Greg Thornton with +5

2nd: Margaret Downey with +3

3rd: Rick Brake with +2

4th: Warren Hodder with +1 (countback)

Balls or chocolates went to:

Brett Micham +1, Rob McKirdy +1, Barry Hoban +1, Steve Gardner Square, Tony Crook Square, Don Russell -1 (countback), Maree Coffey -1 and Paul Pereira -1.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Bruce Harding (In the Hole)

6th: Rick Brake

7th: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan

Mens: Steve Gardner

Accuracy: Annette Manton

Bradman's: Teri Swanbury



Winner: Greg Thornton

Tuross Head Golf Results – 4 Person Ambrose Medley Event

Sunday 12th November 2023

A 4 person Ambrose Medley team event was held on Sunday 12th November. The event was hotly contested with 52 starters, lots of cheering and laughter heard across the course.

The Winning teams were:

1st: Langford-Brake-Harding-Kelly (11.75) 56.25
 2nd: Cox-French-Duncan-Ferguson (10.00) 57.00
 3rd: Engelbrecht-Willmouth-Scholze-Walsh (09.25) 57.75

Nearest to the Pins: Distance

4A: Paul Ferguson 3.06
 4B: Bruce Harding In the Hole
 4C: Bob Thomas 4.34
 6A: Mal Gilbertson 6.83
 6B: Peter Engelbrecht 4.05
 6C: Peter Garn 3.93
 7A: Mick Walsh 10.54
 7B: Al Langford 4.37
 7C: Beverley Theobald 7.67

Hole in One went to Bruce Harding on the 4th.

Balls went to: Anthony Mellick 58.75, Rodney Bowron 58.75, John Eglitis 58.75, Jane Eglitis 58.75, Beverley Theobald 58.50, Nigel Barling 58.50, Wendy Schmid 58.50, David Schmid 58.50, Brad Doolan 59.88, Leonie Doolan 59.88, Christine Wratten 59.88, Pauline Nash 59.88, Paul Coffey 59.38, Maree Coffey 59.38, Paula Coffey 59.38, Peter Coffey 59.38, Bob Thomas 60.00, Tony Brown 60.00, Reginald Apps 60.00 and Graeme Bell 60.00



Lakeside Triples Winners - Greg, Helena & Brett Megee

Lakeside Triples a Great Success for Tuross Head Bowling Club

The 2023 Lakeside Triples held at Tuross Head Bowling Club proved to be a great success with 26 teams competing for \$4,000 in prize money. Teams travelled from far and wide to take part in the event. There were sides from Wollongong, Parkes, Crookwell, Canberra, Queanbeyan, Merimbula, Ulladulla as well as most of the nearby clubs. The organisers would like to acknowledge the on-going sponsorship from Luxaflex/Platinum Blinds that makes it possible for events like this to be held. The whole Tuross Head community benefits from having the visitors in the village!

The teams played six games of 14 ends of two bowls triples over Saturday and Sunday. While the greens were in excellent condition, thanks to the great work of the Club's greens staff, players found the strong and gusty winds a real challenge. The winds were very difficult on Saturday but eased off considerably on Sunday.

After the six games only two sides managed to remain undefeated! Teams from Tomakin and Malua Bay were successful in winning all six games and were rewarded with the bulk of the prize money. The winners were a family team from Tomakin - Helena, Greg and Brett Megee. They had a very successful weekend chalking up 6 wins and a margin of 69 shots.

Darren White and Shane Quinlivan from Malua Bay teamed with Jason Hossack of Bodalla to be the only other six game winners. They had a margin of 53 shots and were rewarded with a handy sum for coming second.

Two teams won 5 games. The Ulladulla side of Mark Somerville, Mike Frame and Chris Godwin won the third place prize money with 5 wins and a 30 shot margin. Marshall Sanderson, Geoff May and Ben Hof from Merimbula came fourth with 5 wins and plus 17 shots.

Fifth place was very close with Merimbula's Chris and Charlie Grebert joining Queanbeyan's Rob Craven sneaking into the last prize winning place by a single shot! They won 4 games with a margin of 35 shots holding off a Canberra side who managed 4 wins and plus 34!!

The non-prize winners who had the best margin on the last game of each day also shared in the money. Malua Bay's Peter Harris, Peter Jeffs and Peter Keatly had the best last game on Saturday. On Sunday the prize was taken by Jack Boon, Don Angel and Boris Schneider.

Congratulations to all the prize winners!

A big thanks to all of the staff at Club Tuross for their hard work and assistance. Congratulations to the organisers led by Marcel Kors and Andrew Farrington who put in a lot of work over a few months to make sure everything ran smoothly.

New regional Aboriginal fishing businesses helping to Close the Gap

Three Aboriginal community-owned businesses have been selected to participate in the Aboriginal Fisheries Business Development Program, led by the NSW Government, which will support selected participants to build their new businesses in the commercial fisheries sector.

Selected participants and businesses include:

- a commercial fishing enterprise to be developed with the Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation on the North Coast,
- a Walbunja Aboriginal Fishing Cooperative to be developed with Joonga Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation on the South Coast, and
- a recirculated aquaculture and aquaponics enterprise to be developed with the Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation in the Upper Hunter region.

A state-wide Expression of Interest process saw 16 Aboriginal-community owned fisheries business proposals from across NSW apply for participation in the Aboriginal Fisheries Business Development Program.

The program is run by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Department of Regional NSW, together with key program partners including the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council, NSW Aboriginal Land Council, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation.

It aims to support the development of new, economically viable commercial fishing, aquaculture, seafood processing or tourism related businesses that are owned and managed by Aboriginal community organisations/entities or Aboriginal community owned and run businesses in NSW.

The three successful applicants will now join the program partners and be mentored and supported to progress through the program to build their feasibility assessments, business proposal and business case.

This collaborative program will also be used to develop case studies that could easily be replicated across the State and other jurisdictions to develop other successful Aboriginal community owned and operated fisheries businesses in other areas.

Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty, said "Once the three business plans and business cases are developed, the program partners will work to leverage investment in the three new businesses across both the public and private sector.

"The program is part of the NSW Government's response to the Closing the Gap national targets, aiming to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests in the sea. "Aboriginal communities maintain a distinctive cultural, spiritual, physical and economic relationship with their land and waters, and we continue to work towards increasing their participation in commercial fisheries businesses so that economic and social benefits flow back to their communities.

"Successful applicants needed to be an Aboriginal community-owned entity or business and were required to explain how the social and economic benefits of their proposed business would flow back to their communities."

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty said "Closing the Gap is a top priority for the NSW Government. We acknowledge that to close the gap, Aboriginal people must determine, drive, and own the desired outcomes, alongside government. More than ever, Aboriginal people are seeking to achieve economic independence through business creation.

"This great initiative will see a new wave of Aboriginal businesses springing up on our coastline."

For more information on the program, visit <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aboriginal-fishing/aboriginal-fisheries-business-development-program>

Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya.

Moruya River.

With ever increasing water temps, the fish are starting to hit their straps. There have been a few nice sized whiting reported in the river, being taken on surface poppers! Look around the airport flats or the back of the hole in the wall, as these areas are known haunts for a few 'ting on surface.

The flathead are not keen to miss out at the moment also, with many good fish being taken on both baits and lures. Live nippers sourced off the Garlandtown flats or a bit of mullet fillet, along with 2.5" grub or 3.5" paddle tail soft plastics have been working a treat. We all have our favourite go to colours, this time of year however, I don't feel colour will have too much affect of flathead bites, just get it in front of them to have them hit.

There have been some nice Luderick as well as bream in and around the weed beds and rocky wall sections of the river, live nippers are a great bait this time of year. But soft plastics will also tempt both species to bite.

Under the town bridge, there continue to be good numbers of flathead, bream, estuary perch and whiting all available. While further upstream, the hospital has a few nice holes that attract all the above mentioned species.

Up in the fresh, there are good numbers of bass to be had, the little bit of rain we had last night, will freshen the flows up and spark a bit more action. The cicadas are already around, so late arvo surface sessions can account for some good numbers of fish.

Tuross River.

Flathead and Luderick galore have been coming out of the Tuross system this last week. The flathead are not overly fussing with what they are hitting at the moment, Daiwa Double Clutch hard bodies or 3.5"+ paddle tail sort plastics are working very well. Again colour isn't really a concern, get it deep in front of them for a bite.

The racks are fishing well for bream at the moment, as are the flats for the surface lure fishos. Keep an ear out for the tell tail sound of "slurping" fish, as the bream suck prawns off of the surface. Put a cast in towards the sound, and keep prospecting that area for a surface bite. A pause will quite often get a bream to bite.

There have been a few reports of mulloway from the holes around the boat shed, in front of fourways and up in front of Bumbo creek. Soft plastics or good quality squid baits have accounted for some nice fish.

Up in the fresh, the bass have been readily available for those willing to put a bit of effort into finding them.

Rock and beach.

The winds have made fishing the exposed beaches a little harder this last week, but the water temps are up, and the fish are active. Salmon have been the mainstay on the beaches this week, while the bream and whiting are starting to become more easily found. Beach worms and pipis have been the go to baits for the bream and whiting, while the salmons are not overly fussy on what's for dinner! Pilchards, salted or not, on paternoster rigs and gang hooks or cast metals will account for some nice salmon.

The Moruya breakwall has had the odd kingfish visit this week, with several anglers reporting fish that were unstoppable. You really have to be lucky enough to be there when they come past, as they are not hanging around when they do.

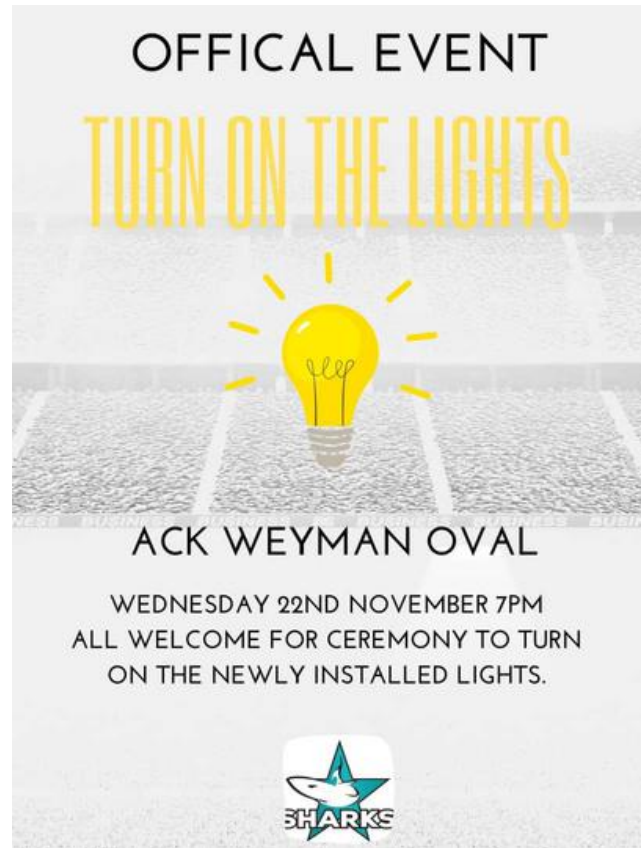
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Snapper and flathead have been the main species caught, but with the spike in water temps, kingfish and maybe even the odd Marlin may well be sitting off the reefs and inshore temperature breaks. Find the bait fish to find the predators.

The bait freezer has everything other than kings worms in stock at the moment. The walls are looking full and well stocked as more stock arrives weekly.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



OFFICIAL EVENT

TURN ON THE LIGHTS

ACK WEYMAN OVAL

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7PM

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