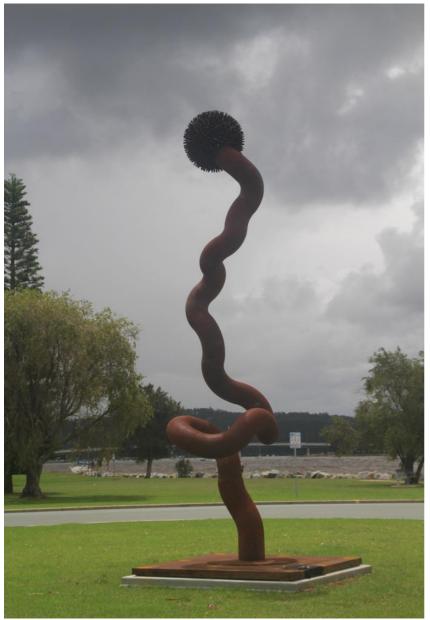
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Winner of the last Sculpture for Clyde, 'Weed' by Richard Moffatt was unveiled at the Bay yesterday. More page 15

# Council split on sculpture

Council will hold an Extraordinary Meeting next Tuesday to deal with a rescission motion brought by three Councillors to not further fund the Sculpture for Clyde event with \$20,000, as was carried at the 21 November meeting, on the casting vote of the Chair.

The Motion comes just after the newest sculpture on the Batemans Bay Sculpture walk was unveiled on the corner of Bavarde Ave and Beach Road, Batehaven.

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### **Upcoming music at the Addie**

- DOGHOUSE 7pm Sat 2nd Dec
  - SASH 8pm Sat 9th Dec
- The Loop Duo Sat 18th Nov 7pm
- Chris McGrath 7pm 23rd Dec
- NYE Party Dust n Echoes

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# Moruya Mail

### Council split on Sculpture Recission motion on funding for Sculpture on Clyde

An Extraordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Council will be held on Tuesday prior to the Public Access Session.

The Notice of Motion of Rescission has been signed by Crs Rob Pollock, Peter Diskon, Alison Worthington.

The Motion reads: We the undersigned give notice that we intend to move a motion to rescind the following resolution (Minute Number 23/166) regarding GMR23/032 Sculpture for Clyde – Event Funding Request as resolved at the Council Meeting on 21 November 2023: 23/166 MOTION THAT Council approve the funding request of \$20,000 for the 2024 Sculpture for Clyde event and waive venue hire fees associated with the event for 2024. MOTION THAT Council rescinds motion 23/166 Sculpture for Clyde – Event Funding Request."

At the 21 November monthly Council Meeting, Council had voted to further fund the Sculpture on Clyde event an extra \$20,000. Crs Hatcher, Dannock and Schutz had all declared a non pecuniary Conflict of Interest in the matter, as the proponent, David McLachlan from Sculpture on Clyde and the Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce, had contributed to their election campaign. Mayor Hatcher left the Chair for the motion. Cr Schutz then took the Chair, rather than as per protocol Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington, who was attending the meeting on Zoom.

When the vote was split 4 – 4, Cr Schutz gave the casting vote in favour of the funding. Voting in favour were Crs Harrison, Grace, Dannock and Schutz. Against were Crs Mayne, Pollock, Diskon and Worthington.

Addressing the Council earlier, Bernie O'Neil from "A Better Eurobodalla" argued against the cash support, saying there was no transparent, competitive process being followed to let other events bid for the money.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Mathew Hatcher - Mayor Eurobodalla Shire and councillors welcome community members to the next Public Access session on Tuesday 5 December, 10am.

The rules:

Each speaker gets seven minutes and can present on any Council-related topic, provided it hasn't already been before Council.

Each speaker is required to register with Council's executive services team by midday on Monday 4 December.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Public Access as well as Council Meetings and Public Forum are now held monthly. Council meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 12.30pm. Public Access is usually the first Tuesday of the month from 10am-11am.

Monthly meetings include the Public Forum session - where community members can address Council about agenda items - within the meeting itself.

Anyone is welcome to attend meetings at the Council Chamber or watch the meeting live online.

For less-formal opportunities to speak with your councillors – their regular Councillor Catch Ups take place at locations around the shire. Councillor Catch Ups have finished for the year but will resume again in February 2024, with the first at Tuross.

For more info on how to get involved visit > www.esc.nsw.gov.au/meetings

# ESC Wet Weather Update Friday 1st December

ROADS AND BRIDGES CLOSED

 Sunnyside Road, Central Tilba closed at the causeway.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES RE-OPENED

- Nelligen Creek Road, Nelligen.
- Wallaga Lake Bridge, Bermagui Road.
- Gulph Creek causeways on Eurobodalla Road, Nerrigundah.
- Murphys Bridge on Eurobodalla Road, Cadgee.
- Eurobodalla Road, Eurobodalla.
- Bumbo Road, Bodalla.
- Church Street, Mogo.
- Silo Farm Bridge, Comerang Forest Road, Bodalla.
- Nerrigundah Mountain Road.
- Veitch Street, Mogo temporary crossing now in place.
- Kiora Bridge on Araluen Road, west of Moruya.
- Tyrone Bridge on Nerrigundah Mountain Road.
- The River Road, Currowan.
- Cors Parade, North Batemans Bav.
- Wamban II bridge, Wamban Road, west of Moruya.

#### **SPORTSGROUNDS**

All Eurobodalla sportsgrounds are still closed.

#### **SWIMMING**

Council advises against swimming in the ocean or rivers during or directly after heavy rain until the water clears. Hidden debris can be dangerous, and sewer overflows are not uncommon.

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# Full house at Eurobodalla Diversity Night 2023



#### By John Longhurst

Over 300 people braved inclement weather to enjoy the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group Diversity Night 2023 at Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church Hall, Batemans Bay, last Saturday. Multicultural music was organised by Graeme Osborne to greet guests followed by a warm welcome by Masters of Ceremony, Ethyl Ceniza and Nina Shatifan.

Timeka Slockee performed a powerful 'Welcome to Country'. Speeches by Mathew Hatcher, Mayor for Eurobodalla Shire Council, Fiona Phillips, Federal Member for Gilmore and Dr Michael Holland, NSW Member for Bega, followed.

The Hon. Stephen Kamper MP, NSW Minister for Multiculturism, fulfilled a commitment to Dr Michael Holland MP to travel to Batemans Bay to attend the evening and received a warm welcome. Ms Jan Frikken of the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group thanked all speakers and guests and highlighted the event has been going from strength to strength over the past six years.

Jan Frikken said "The aim of the group is to promote integration and provide settlement support for recent arrivals to the Eurobodalla Shire. We are now working towards having a permanent multicultural hub to facilitate the ongoing needs of our fast growing community." Dishes and tastes from across the world were a highlight of the evening with guests even treated to a roasted pig on a spit. A number of guests commented on the authenticity of the various dishes provided by the best cooks and chefs of the region. Singing and dancing by the Eurobodalla Multicultural Kids Group in a range of national costumes with accompanying candles set a tone of diversity celebration for the rest of the evening.

Performance dances from Fiji Geeta Maharaj and team, Filipino Cultural Dancers, Thai Dance by Noochanok Sukthuayat and even some Rock and Roll by Lydia and Herbie Snell entertained the crowd. The dance floor was then thrown open to everyone with 'Zorba Greek Dance' and Loas Dance.



DR Michael Holland MP, Fiona Phillips MP, Jan Frikken and Mayor Mathew Hatcher .

Jan Frikken said "It was a wonderful celebration where people from all walks of life, colours, cultures and people with all abilities gathered in one place. The Eurobodalla Multicultural Group facilitates this event and would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a success. The group thanks people who participate in their own ways for example donating food, financial contributions, venue, food preparation, performances, setting up and tidying up."

Deputy Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire Council, Allison Worthington summed up the evening;

"The super power of the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group is their ongoing warm invitations to come together in cultural celebrations of food and dance unites all of us. It is only when we know each other we can truly celebrate unity in diversity."



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Moruya's famous Christmas light decorations along Vulcan Street will be going up on 14 December. The lights are an annual project of Moruya Rotary and the Moruya Business Chamber with Rohan Gleeson as the long-time leader. Shop fronts around town will also share the Christmas spirt with a competition getting underway led by the business chamber, with Sport First's Tim Dalrymple encouraging businesses to join the fun.

"There's a Perpetual Cup for the winner, but it's more tongue in cheek, just to get more people involved," he said. It's understood the judges can be easily bribed, although they do prefer \$100 notes in discreet brown paper bags.

# Ringing the Bell for Climate Action

The bell at St John's Anglican church will be heard 28 times across Moruya this coming Saturday morning at 11am to mark the beginning of COP 28.

'350 Eurobodalla traditionally rings the bell to sound the alarm to the annual meeting of COP, the International Climate Change Conference of Parties', said 350 Eurobodalla spokesperson, Niall O'Donnell.

'We've had 28 years of COPs but sadly the climate situation is worsening. By ringing the bell we're calling on delegates to COP to listen to the thousands of concerned communities around the world who want urgent and meaningful climate action', he said.

This year's meeting, to commence in Dubai on 30 November, comes at the end of what is predicted to be the hottest year on record. Along with soaring global average temperatures, the year has brought devastating fire seasons.

The latest science makes clear that we are falling far short of the change necessary to prevent catastrophic climate breakdown. 'The window for decisive action is fast narrowing', said Mr O'Donnell who holds particular concerns about the health impacts of climate change. As an Emergency Department nurse, he is on the front line to see health impacts to our community.

'It is like the whole planet is now in emergency room mode', his social work colleague Marie Jamieson said. She worries about the mental health impacts. 'Many young people are in despair, and anxiety is rising more broadly in the community, particularly now as we approach another risky bushfire season'.

'We are relying on the delegates at COP to act for the safety of us all. We want to see Australia bring greater resolve for more ambitious agreements to turn down the climate heat. Our health and wellbeing depends on it,' Ms Jamieson said.

The bell ringing event will commence at 11am on Saturday 2 December and anyone concerned about climate change is invited to attend.





#### EV Boom leaves Moruya in the dust

#### By Phil Herrick

Moruya is being left behind as ownership of electric vehicles builds in the community because there are no fast chargers in town. according to the Moruya Business Chamber. At the moment there are just two public charging locations, at the Moruya Golf Club that has four units and the Adelaide Hotel with two units. All are slow trickle chargers that can take many hours to top up a battery. Batemans Bay and Narooma both have public fast charging stations that can fully charge a car in 10 to 30 minutes. EV owners use apps that show the location and capacity of charging stations and plan their trips around them.

The last meeting of the Business Chamber heard ownership of electric vehicles in the ACT, our main tourism market, is heading to 10 per cent and will continue to grow. Chamber President Josh Prowse told the meeting the NSW government subsidy currently on offer to install public chargers was not working, as businesses were out of pocket for over \$6,000, more than half the cost of installation of a unit, plus the electricity that could be \$2 per charge. It was difficult to see how they could recoup that outlay.

He called on the NSW government to install fast chargers as a general community asset. "At Christmas you'll see EV drivers head to Batemans Bay and Narooma to the reach the fast chargers where they will stop at the charging stations, then have coffee and wander around the shops," he said. "They will pass straight through Moruya."

### New Town Clock Will Need Community Support



Needs a new ticker. The Business Chamber wants to community to support a new town clock.

#### **By Phil Herrick**

Moruya's town clock on Vulcan Street outside the NAB has not ticked for many a year. Some locals quip that it's right twice a day - you just have to be there at the same minute the clock hands are stopped to see it.

All that could change if the community get behind an effort being led by the Moruya Business Chamber to replace the clock.

A new outdoor clock, the same 90 cm diameter as the old one and illuminated at night has been costed at \$15,860. The clock's stand will need some adjustment and along with installation the final cost is expected to be around \$18,000. The chamber proposes to launch a crowd funding campaign in the new year on a platform like Go Fund Me and ask the Moruya community to throw their support behind the effort.

While the idea of a town clock may seem unnecessary in an age where we all have smart phones that tell the time, the clock is retained in many towns because they are seen as more than a timepiece - they are also a symbol of community pride.

And will that still be the case in Moruya? Time will tell.



# What's on at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya

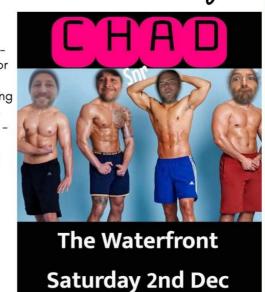


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This Saturday folks we are mixing it up a little! As there may not be a nice Sunset we have postponed Sunset sounds DJs for this week - instead we are throwing a welcome to Summer Beach Party featuring the only and only CHAD Band! Awesome local party musos, you will know them all get your beach party vibe on - put this welcome rain behind us - some amazing drinks happy hour specials to get you warmed up to dance the night away!

- 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!



### Concerns Raised on \$5.4M Broulee Development



An artist's impression of the development proposed for the corner of Smith and Clarke Streets in Broulee.

#### By Phil Herrick

A revised proposal for a \$5.4 million multi-unit development proposed at Broulee is causing community concern.

The development application from Elizabeth Slapp for nine units at the corner of Smith and Clarke Streets will be discussed at the Broulee-Mossy Point Community Association meeting at the Broulee Public School next Thursday evening.

The latest proposal for the site has set off a firestorm of Facebook comments, mostly critical of the design for being out of character for a

"Sad to see such an out of place development.... They could have at least tried to design something that maintained the "village" character," said one person.

"Looks like public service offices in Canberra," said another.

Not everyone is opposed, with some commenting "Change is inevitable, and society needs change to progress, whether I like or dislike the look is pointless. But it does look better than many of the run down properties in the area and it will provide more housing."

The documentation provided by the developer to council defends the design, saying "The proposed development (as revised) seeks to increase housing density and diversity in the village without the loss of the coastal village feel enjoyed by both the local community and visitors alike.

"This is proposed to be achieved with a design that adopts an interpretation of the coastal boatshed - an architectural typology that can be found lining the banks of most estuaries on the Eurobodalla coast." Full details of the development application can be found on the applications on exhibition page of council's website. Submissions close on 18 December.

#### **Batemans Bay Fire and Rescue** Team talk for U3A

The University of the Third Age Batemans Bay will be hosting an informative talk by the Batemans Bay Fire and Rescue Team this Saturday 2nd December 10.30am to 12.30 pm @ the Malua Bay Community Hall.

The presentation will include:

- · A Capability Overview this will help to provide a clearer understanding of the multiple services the Batemans Bay Fire and rescue team can deliver. They will also discuss local incidences, how they were handled and how they could have been prevented as well as a reminder as to what fire and rescue limitations are.
- Fire and Safety Within The Home the discussion will involve an offer of a free Home Fire and Safety Visit. A home visit entails a check of your existing fire alarms and a chance to discuss any other concerns you may have. Information on how to book on-line will be provided or if this is not possible they can take your contact details.
- Bushfire Preparedness is a run through of the best ways to keep your home and family safe. The Fire and Rescue representatives will discuss what details and aspects of your life and home you should have in place in preparation, response and following a bushfire emergency.
- Questions and distribution of information leaflets
- · There is limited seating available but if you would like to attend.

Could you please register your interest via email with your full name and number of seats required to Coordinator3.u3a.bbay@gmail.com and you will receive a reply to confirm your booking or advise there is no further seating available. Gold coin on entrance please.

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### Moruya Playground could be visitor magnet



Can we do this in Moruya? The new adventure playground in Bungendore. Picture by the construction contractor, Moduplay.

By Phil Herrick

A push is about to commence to upgrade the children's playground at Riverside Park in Moruya, with the plan for it to become a magnet drawing travellers to spend time in town, as well as being an asset for the children of the Moruya district.

The current playground is relatively simple, with a flying fox being the main attraction.

The push will be led by Project Moruya, a committee of the Moruya Business Chamber with the idea being to build a playground at least equal to the popular playground recently completed in Bungendore that is suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities at a cost of \$1,146,670.

The large adventure playground features a climbing and slide area, sand play area, water play area, multi-rocker, a flying fox, climbing nets and swings, mini-bike track, wheelchair accessible spinners, music and nature play. The space also includes barbecues, shelters and paths, and solar lighting

It was completed by Queanbeyan-Palerang Council with most money coming from grant support from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, Planning NSW, Everyone Can Play, Bendigo Bank, Veolia Mulwaree Trust, and Infogen.

Comments in the media from the Bungendore community spoke of the excitement of the new playground and the realisation that Bungendore now had an attraction for travellers to stop and for the town to be more than a pit stop on the way to the coast for Canberra residents. Project Moruya also see a dog park in the Riverside precinct as a potential drawcard as a safe place for visitors to stop and exercise their animals and meet our friendly local dog owners.

#### SHASA welcomes announcement of Labor's renewable energy capacity program

On Thursday 23 November, Commonwealth minister for Energy, Chris Bowen, announced a concrete plan of action to transform Australia's energy grid. Clean power generation and storage is to be expanded by 32 gigawatts of new electricity generated only by solar, wind and hydro. The Commonwealth are going to use the best practice method used by the ACT to rapidly expand renewables at the lowest cost.

SHASA welcomes the announcement. "Uncertainty about the costs and returns from renewable generation meant that investment slowed down during 2023, at a time when increasing global temperatures show us it's time to stop burning coal, oil and gas. It's good to see the Commonwealth has responded with a program that will make renewables much more appealing for private and public investors. They are using reverse auctions, a method used successfully by the ACT Government to achieve a very cost effective transition to renewable energy said Kathryn Maxwell, President of SHASA.

SHASA has worked since 2014 to raise awareness of the true cost of fossil fuel - costs to our health and our future. SHASA welcomes a national policy that will support the essential transformation of Australia's Energy supply and achieve the target of 82% of electricity from renewables by 2030.

# Bushfire Survivors welcome new improved NSW Climate Bill

**Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action** 

Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action welcomes news that the NSW Government's Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Bill will include an interim target of 70% emission reduction by 2035. Commenting on the developments, CEO, Serena Joyner said: "We are relieved and encouraged to see that the NSW Coalition, along with crossbench colleagues, has been able to negotiate with the Labor Government to ensure their original 2035 target of 70% will be included in the Bill. This is a standout example of how bipartisan support on climate action leads to better outcomes.

"While more needs to be done to protect our communities and environment from worsening climate change driven events like the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires, these sorts of commitments, that have support from all parties, are important.

"Now, as we head into another potentially devastating summer and fires already destroying homes and lives, it is vital that we see greater climate action through investment in emissions-reducing renewable energy, strong regulation of industry emissions and planning decisions on new projects that adequately account for the social cost of climate impacts."





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# SAGE Farmers Market offers pop-up creative dance fun for children



Get ready for swirling, colourful scarves and dreamy afternoon smiles as the SAGE Farmers Market stages its first summer pop up event featuring a free children's sensory and dance experience with happy hour teas and tonics.

The mini creative dance session will be facilitated by Ash Neale from Fiddlehead Creative Arts and Education, a new South Coast business in Moruya that combines her love of dance and its healing elements as well as Steiner Education, and community connection.

Ash said the SAGE Farmers Market in Moruya, with its focus on connecting customers with the growers and producers of locally sourced fresh food, is an ideal venue for the pop-up event.

"The markets are a wonderful place for our kids to connect to their food and to their local community," she said.

"I also really enjoy the family atmosphere with the kids running between stalls and enjoying the park and the river."

"This creative sensory dance session will support parents and young children to connect with their inner rhythm. I like to create a supportive, non-judgmental space, with no dancing skills required to come along and join in. Children and parents can express themselves freely whilst experimenting with a range of movement styles and modalities."

After the dance session, children will be offered free natural icy poles featuring edible flowers from local vegetable growers Tanya Senior and Shani Keane from Left Field Farm. Andy from The Nourished Sovereign will be offering a happy hour, with discounted drinks for parents and market patrons during the event.

The Nourished Sovereign has been a popular addition to the markets this year with a fine selection of local coffee, chai, medicinal teas and tonics from around the world, as well as healthy, organic and wholefood-based treats.

"It's the start of summer and we'd love to see more families attend our beautiful market in the park," said Ms Senior, who also manages the weekly market. "In recent weeks we've had free local sausage, cheese, and Mystery Bay Kelp product tastings.

This time we're offering free children's dance, Left Field Farm ice blocks and The Nourished Sovereign happy hour. If customers haven't been to the markets for a while, they may be pleasantly surprised to see how much produce and stallholder variety there is.

The SAGE Farmers Market is on every Tuesday at 3pm. The creative dance session will be on Tuesday December 5th and starts at 4pm. There is no cost for parents and children under 10. You can view Ash Neale's creative dance work on Instagram

@fiddlehead\_artsandeducation and see the Nourished Sovereign plant tonic bar's menu @thenourishedsovereign.



Ash Neale from Fiddlehead Creative Arts and Education,



SAGE FARMERS MARKET MORUYA

# Monthly Community Picnic unites Batemans Bay



By John Longhurst

meals every month.

A free monthly picnic is uniting the Batemans Bay Community and providing a range of social and lifestyle benefits.

The picnic has been running on the last Sunday of each month under the Clyde River Bridge since February 2023 and is the brainchild of local woman, Ms Sofia Keady.

Sofia is a local Nutritionist working at Go Vita, Batemans Bay and also sees clients privately.

Sofia said "I have made wonderful connections with local people who share their life stories with me. Everyone I meet is fighting a battle most people know nothing about. Without doubt, the Covid lockdowns mentally affected most people and there seemed to be a real need for a community initiative to not only help the disadvantaged, but for anyone who is lonely or doing it tough." Inspired by her time working as a volunteer at the Moruya Street and South Coast Community Kitchen in 2019, Sofia consulted with the founder, Sarah O'Reilly, to talk through our plans and was given advice on how to start the project and what would be expected in running the event.

Sofia said "I approached several local businesses and community groups who supported my idea of strengthening social connections through meal sharing and the Batemans Bay Community Picnic was created."

Up to ninety people from all walks of life now attend the monthly picnic. The project is designed to forge a strong relationship between locals, businesses, and organisations. Many businesses in Batemans Bay offered their full support for the initiative to help reduce loneliness, enhance one's sense of contentedness and build social capital to make the community a better place to live.



Volunteers Trish Evans (left) from Batemans Bay and Stacey Davidson from Tuross Heads take a break last Sunday.



Every last Saturday and Sunday of each month, several cafés and restaurants provide food for the community to share, and some members of their staff attend the event to engage with the participants and help with serving meals and drinks. Other local businesses such as Go Vita Batemans Bay donated

chairs and tables to be used for the picnic. Supermarket giants Coles and Woolworths Batemans Bay have been supporting the initiative since its inception by providing gift vouchers and grocery items required for the provision of

Local organisations such as the Salvation Army collaborated with Batemans Bay Community Picnic last July 2023 and provided hamburgers and drinks. Their chaplains and volunteers sat down for a meal and chatted with the attendees. Their positive experience made Salvation Army volunteers turn up regularly to help at the community picnic. In addition, the Batemans Bay Filipino community has been very supportive of the cause and twice hosted free Filipino meals for everyone to enjoy and experience a multicultural feast.

Sofia also approached Rotary Batemans Bay asking for donations to support the project as the number of participants increases each month. They have donated \$500 worth of chairs, tables, and storage boxes as their way of supporting the

South Coast Community Kitchen a local food relief group donated 500 paper cups before the start of the program and the Eurobodalla Family Network donated sauces for the picnic. Sofia also collaborated with local media and radio stations such as 2EC and 2EAR FM to create awareness and reach a wider audience.

Sofia said "At the end of the day it is a simple concept. People share food and conversation without judgment. It is all about community engagement and people from all walks of life are welcome."

Paul Lombo, from Moruya, has been a volunteer helping Sofia since February 2023.

Paul said "I am a general helper and help run the barbecue from about 11am onwards. It's a great initiative to help people meet others. The smiles on people's faces is reward enough." Trish Evans has also been a volunteer since February 2023. Trish said "People were so lonely coming out of Covid and there was a real need to overcome the sense of isolation. Its great to see friendships flourish as a consequence of the monthly picnic.

With strong community support the Batemans Bay Community Picnic is achieving its core outcomes;

- 1. To build a connection where individuals are welcomed and connected with the community.
- 2. Gaining support from local businesses and organisations.
- 3. Promoting a healthier community.

# South Coast NFPs get funding boost from FRRR and partners

Not-for-profit organisations (NFPs) across the South Coast are sharing more than \$360,000 across 27 projects that will strengthen their capacity to support their local communities. Roadmap workshop participants in Ulladulla gathering to codesign the community priorities prior to the 2023 grant round. The funding comes through FRRR's Investing in Rural Community Futures (IRCF) program, in partnership with The Snow Foundation and Community Enterprise Foundation, which has been operating across the South Coast since 2020. Carolyn Ardler, FRRR's Program Manager for the IRCF South Coast program, said that the premise of the IRCF program is to encourage local groups to engage in greater collaboration, skillbuilding and, where possible, share resources and learnings for the benefit of the whole community.

"The IRCF program is all about helping local groups to be better able to support the communities and causes they were set up to assist. It involves a mix of grants directly to individual NFPs and workshops and training (usually led by a local group on behalf of other NFPs), all supported by a facilitator in each community who works alongside the groups. The program is entirely community driven, starting with a co-designed community roadmap that's updated regularly, which helps FRRR and our partners prioritise where to direct investment in each community.

"Over the last three years, there's been significant investment in strategy and planning, and now we're seeing more projects around efficiencies, systems and processes, alongside continued investment in people and their capacity. As we head toward the culmination phase of the program, we're also seeing communities establishing the systems and processes to sustain the networks, connections and collaborative ways of working they've established in recent years, so that's exciting," Ms Ardler

The Snow Foundation was the first donor partner to support the program on the South Coast and local resident and Chairman of the Foundation, Terry Snow, said that it's so rewarding to see the long-term changes that have come about.

"While there's still a few months until the program formally concludes, it's been wonderful to see how well the local not-forprofit and community groups have embraced the chance to come together, agree where they could all benefit from upskilling and sharing their experiences, and to then put it into action. There are several organisations that are now much stronger and they are better able to support not only their chosen beneficiaries, but also other not-for-profit organisations. We're delighted to have been part of this and look forward to seeing these projects that are being announced today also make an impact," Mr Snow said.

David Impey, CEO of the Community Enterprise Foundation, said it's really pleasing to be able to support more projects that will strengthen the future of these local organisations and the region.

"It's exciting to see a diverse range of projects continuing to come forward from local NFPs. This round, we are pleased to see several that focus on engaging young people, which is great to see as they are critical to ensuring a strong future in these regions. But there are also a number of projects that will enhance the capacity of these organisations, such as better systems and processes, upskilling staff or volunteers and creating assets and resources that can be shared across NFPs. This goes right to the heart of ensuring strong communities and we are delighted to be part of it."

#### Local Projects to be funded are:

#### Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn Parish of Moruya

Moruya Commons Community Hub - Fostering Participatory Culture

Foster collaboration, reducing duplication and strengthening networks across the not-for-profit sector by providing IT equipment and governance for a shared office space.

Moruya. \$20,546

#### Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc

SASI - Shared Administrative Systems Implementation Ease volunteer working conditions through employing a coordinator to develop procedures and policy manuals for three organisations - Arts Council, River of Art Festival and Sustainable Agriculture Eurobodalla (SAGE). Moruya. \$30,000

#### Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance

Governance In Action - Enhancing Sustainability and Collaboration for NFPs

Support organisation to proactively tackle climate change, with training for volunteer committee in financial management, governance and administrative systems. Batemans Bay. \$14,400

#### Sustainable Agriculture and Gardening Eurobodalla

Policies, Procedures and Capacity Building for SAGE Volunteers

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# New home for Sailability on the Moruya River for 20th year





Funding from a benefactor has enabled Sailability Batemans Bay to establish a new home by the Moruya boat ramp. The shed was built on an existing slab and makes access to the ramp much easier and they no longer have to spend as much time in set up and pack down.

Mayor Mathew Hatcher was there to cut the 20th Year Birthday Cake on Monday. Council had also helped out with a base plate on the pontoon to secure a stainless steel hoist for wheel chair users to access the boats. NEXT SAILING DAY SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 10.30 a.m. at the shed - Ford St Moruya ALL WELCOME







### Repurposing for Resilience is now able to provide registered voluntary work opportunities for eligible job seekers!

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**Solar Panel Reuse for Southeast Regional NSW** 

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



Tilba Cheese Factory - from Corkhill Collection

#### 1st December 1923

In connection with the London College of Music an examination will be conducted at the Amusu Theater on Monday next, at which ten of Mrs. A. H. Preddey's pupils will sit as candidates.

At a well-attended meeting of suppliers to **Tilba Tilba cheese factory** last week, it was decided to build a new factory on up-to-date lines and equipped with most modern appliances. The initial cost of the enterprise will be greatly minimized owing to the fact that such an abundant supply of the very best water is laid on within easy reach. Mr. Edward Brown, another old resident of the district, has passed to "that home from which no traveller returns." He died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Claude Smith, of Gundary, on Saturday last, after a very short illness. He was born at Sydney 87 years ago, and lived at Bodalla and Narooma for a long time being engaged at the former place as a boundary rider. He was a man with a strong and healthy constitution, even up to a few months ago he tilled his farm and attended his dairy. Through failing health his wife came to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, about a month ago, the deceased accompanying her. Besides a widow, he leaves two daughters. Mesdames C. Smith (Gundary), Lawler (Brisbane) and two sons James (Brisbane) and Daniel (Lismore). ...

The year 1923 has seen the hand of death claim many of the oldest pioneers of the district and the passing of Mrs. Robert Little at her home at Dwyer's Creek on Saturday removes one who has been associated with the early history of Moruya. Born at Windham, Norfolk, England, the late Mrs. Little came to this country when a child with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Constable, in the sailing ship Tantivy. After marrying Mr. Robert Little they took up house at Dwyer's Creek, where the deceased had resided for 61 years. The subject of this notice had reached the 79th milestone on life's roadway, and will be remembered as a generous and open-hearted woman. ... Deceased leaves a widower, two sons, Messrs. Herbert and Johnston Little, one sister Mrs. C. Colefax (Sydney), and one brother, Mr. W. Constable (Gundary).

Bateman's Bay. (From our Correspondent). Extreme heat was experienced here in the early part of the week, and on Tuesday afternoon a "southerly" came up to relieve the situation. Rain is badly needed. Mr. Percy Bill has harvested some very fine samples of lucerne and oats. Some of the lucerne especially was very good and equal to Hunter River crops. Mr. Tom Connell and family are now installed in their new home on the hillside, and last week gave a house warming party, which was very much enjoyed by all

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.

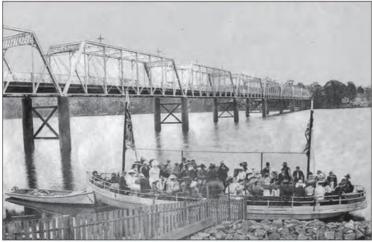


# Moruya Mail

#### December 2023 issue of 'Recollections'

Out Now around town





#### The South Coast's **Magical History Tours**

Summer is when Australians go travelling. And there's no more interesting area to explore than the NSW South Coast!

So, join us now on a couple of 'magical history tours' and enjoy the experience of visiting many fascinating areas where history actually

#### Tour 1: The South Coast's **Maritime History**

or at least a century and a half (from 1770 to the mid-20th century) the history of the NSW South Coast was inextricably linked to the sea. The earliest European

'discovery' of the area was from the sea. The earliest settlers arrived by sea. Shipping then provided the essential links between the South Coast and the 'outside world', enabling the South Coast to be developed and, ultimately, to prosper. The South Coast's maritime heritage is colourful. It's extremely interesting. Some still-accessible highlights

#### THE SOUTH COAST'S ORIGINAL (EUROPEAN-NAMED)

As Captain Cook sailed up the NSW South Coast in 1770 the first place he named was Cape Howe – now the easterly

This issue of Recollections is dedicated to the memory of Lei Parker who was the Editor of The Beagle, the Eurobodalla's on-line newspaper. Lei was an extraord supporter of the South Coast History Society. dinarily community-minded man and an enthusiastic

Fantastic Reads

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#### Rocking The Surround Sound Competition 2



#### Moruya High School reports:

"Congratulations to MHS band Joint Custody, who was one of the eight bands competing at the Surround Sound Regional Band Competition 2023 held in Sydney on Friday 24 – Saturday 25 November at the Schools Spectacular

Our band made it to the diamond final, being in the top four and competed again on Saturday against some very strong and close competition.

Although our band did not win overall they all performed extremely well singing original songs plus a few covers. At the end of the competition they enjoyed taking part in a jam session with other bands from schools across regional, rural and remote NSW as well as making new friends. Students in our band received backpacks, microphones and a \$300 gift card to use for school music equipment. Well done to all our students in the band Joint Custody. What a tremendous experience for you all. We are all very proud of your achievement."

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# Moruya Mail

# Doubling indigenous rangers to help close gap on jobs

The highly successful Indigenous Ranger Program (IRP) will receive a \$359 million boost to double the number of Indigenous rangers by 2030, ahead of the Joint Council on Closing the Gap in Melbourne today.

The \$359 million investment will prioritise applicants committed to gender equality and new Indigenous Rangers Groups, particularly on Indigenous Protected Areas where a ranger program isn't yet established.

Indigenous Rangers offer First Nations communities social, cultural and economic benefits, while protecting the environment and boosting Australia's regional economy. First Nations women represent 33 per cent of the total Indigenous Rangers Program workforce (2021-2022), with their unique and vital roles ensuring women's sites, knowledge, language and culture are maintained and protected.

The Commonwealth is investing a total of \$1.3 billion to support the Indigenous Ranger Program from 2021 to 2028 and aims to increase the workforce from 1,900 to 3,800 by 2030.

Nationally, 55.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25-64 were employed in 2021, with the Closing the Gap target aiming to lift to this to 62% by 2031. For 65,000 years, First Nations people have been caretakers of Australia's flora and fauna, land, rivers and sea, with Indigenous Rangers now combining traditional knowledge with conservation training to deliver important cultural, social and economic development outcomes. For more information about the Indigenous Rangers Program Extension grant round, including the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and application details, visit GrantConnect Help and Information (grants.gov.au). Guiding the implementation of the Rangers strategy will be a newly appointed Indigenous Ranger Reference Group. A team of Indigenous experts with land and sea management experience that will provide advice on how to strengthen the program's outcomes and support our Indigenous Rangers.

Quotes attributable to Minister Burney:

"The Albanese Government's \$359 million expansion of the Indigenous Ranger Program demonstrates our commitment to empowering First Nations people, supporting self-determination and boosting social, environmental and economic outcomes.

"The Indigenous Rangers program is good for jobs and good for the environment.

"It will mean more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will have the opportunity to do things like protect precious endangered species and control weeds and feral animals.

"With more than 65,000 years of experience caring for Country, Indigenous Rangers hold unique and valuable skills in managing Australia's natural environment combining traditional skills passed down from their ancestors, with modern day science and technology. "First Nations women and girls are vital in protecting sacred and cultural sites, and offer a range of unique skills and lore; it's important they have the opportunity to continue the work of their mothers, grandmothers and all their women ancestors and pass this knowledge onto the next generation. Because there are no text books, no manuals. "The \$1.3 billion Indigenous Rangers Program ensures the wisdom, skills and cultural practices continue to be shared with future generations, while supporting employment and training opportunities and these are vital in Closing the Gap."

# ACCPA welcomes fully funded pay rise for aged care workers

The Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) has welcomed the government's decision to fully fund the 5.75% award increase for all aged care workers, announced by the Fair Work Commission in June.

The increase represents a \$2.194 billion dollar boost for the aged care sector, as it struggles with a workforce crisis, while also trying to meet higher staffing requirements as a result of the Royal Commission. The fully funded 5.75% pay rise is on top of the 15% boost for direct care workers from 30 June 2023. "We are delighted the government agrees with ACCPA that increased funding is required now and welcome Minister Anika Wells' commitment to ensuring providers can continue to operate, for the benefit of older Australians, in these very challenging times. It's very clear from the Government's own data, that the sector's financial sustainability is at risk. Without support to fund the 5.75% increase, which providers passed on in full to their hard working staff members back in July, many providers would struggle to make ends meet."

"We are pleased the government joins ACCPA in the belief that improving the pay a

nd standing of our workforce will be a key driver of successful aged care reform."

"We will continue to work with the Government to ensure that the once-in-a-generation aged care reform results in better lives for older people," Mr Symondson says.

The increase not only funds the pay rises from 1 December, but includes back pay for the 1 July to 30 November period, which is extremely welcome, as those amounts have already been paid to staff. This ensures residential aged care providers are funded for the increased award wages being paid to registered nurses, enrolled nurses, assistants in nursing, personal care workers and recreational activities officers (lifestyle workers).

As part of this uplift to support the award wage rise, an additional \$21.5 million has been committed for 24/7 RN supplement funding, also commencing 1 December 2023.

From 2024, the annual price for AN-ACC will be announced in August and come into effect on 1 October.

"This decision is vital to residential aged care providers, because it offers greater certainty in the government funding they will receive each year, and will resolve the current issue where budgets are set before wage increases are announced, meaning they often do not match," Mr Symondson says.

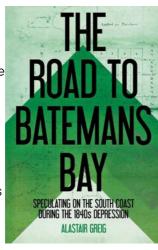
A recent report by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) found there would be a shortfall of at least 110, 000 direct-care workers in aged care by 2030.



#### New release from ANU Press The Road to Batemans Bay Speculating on the South Coast **During the 1840s Depression**

Authored by: Alastair <u>Greig</u> The Road to Batemans Bay is the story of competing ventures to create 'the Great Southern Township' on the South Coast of New South Wales in the early 1840s. The idea of developing the furthest reaches of settlement was linked to the hopes of southern woolgrowers for a road from their properties to the coast, over the Great

Dividing Range.



The township proponents dreamed that having a quicker and cheaper connection to Sydney would allow them to open a port second only to Port Jackson.

The scene begins with the proposed coastal township of St Vincent, in an age of optimism: settlement is expanding, exports are growing and land prices are soaring, generating Australia's first land boom. Before long, however, the colony experiences a catastrophic economic depression whose 'pestilential breath' infects those with a stake in the coastal townships. Alastair Greig follows the fate of these individuals, while also speculating on the broader fate of South Coast development during the mid-nineteenth century.

Greig gives a unique insight into many aspects of colonial life—including the worlds of Sydney's merchants, auctioneers, land speculators, surveyors, map-makers and lawyers—as well as its maritime challenges. The Road to Batemans Bay is a chronicle of how Australia first developed its landgambling habit and how land speculation led to the road to ruin.

The book can be downloaded here DOI: http://doi.org/10.22459/RBB.2023





Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher officially opened the latest sculpture acquired for the Batemans Bay Sculpture Walk on Thursday 20 November. 'Weed' by Bega sculptor <u>Richard Moffatt</u> was installed near the corner of Bavarde Avenue and Beach Road. There are now 15 sculptures along the foreshore walk that stretches from the Batemans Bay bridge to Batehaven. It is the sixth sculpture gifted to Eurobodalla Council by the Sculpture for Clyde event committee.

Each year the committee acquires the event's winning sculpture for installation along the sculpture walk, with Eurobodalla Council covering installation costs

Committee members and sponsors of Sculpture for Clyde sponsors, Batemans Bay Chamber and Council representatives watched as Mayor Mathew Hatcher revealed the plaque at the base of the sculpture.

"It's unfortunate artist Richard Moffatt is not here for the reveal; we can assure him this piece of striking art is a wonderful addition to the sculpture walk and the Bay's landscape," Mayor Hatcher said.
"The Sculpture for Clyde Committee have gifted our community another amazing sculpture and our sculpture walk is really starting to rival some of the best in the world."

best in the world.

The 2024 prize now stands at \$100,000, the equal largest acquisitive sculpture award in Australia.

Batemans Bay Sculpture Committee representative David McLachlan thanked all of the small business and the community who made this sculpture a reality. "We thank everyone who got behind this. No public money is used for the award, rather the sculptures are acquired using sponsorships and event-generated income," he said. "This new acquisitive award sculpture will be an impressive addition to the sculpture walk and will continue to bring more visitors to the area. We see the Batemans Bay sculptures all over social media

and that's really gratifying for us.
"The aesthetic appeal of 'Weed' adds to the visual and online appeal of the entire sculpture walk and will be a great addition to the cultural landscape of

Eurobodalla Shire.'



# Eclectica - works by the Deua Eclectic Union of Artists at Mechanics Hall



Michelle O'Neil with artists Kerry Divine, Al Dickinson, Bernie O'Neil, Patricia Boisgard.

There was a full house tonight for the opening of Eclectica at the Mechanics Institute Moruya.

Artists Kerry Divine, Al Dickinson, Bernie O'Neil and Patricia Boisgard have filled the hall with diverse works from subtle landscape, intricately rendered fish prints, colourful abstracts to skateboards covered in paperbark. The exhibition is open 10 am - 4pm until 8th December.

#### **Biophilia - Petrina Hicks Exhibition at** The Bas

Biophilia is the 'hypothetical human tendency to interact or be closely associated with other forms of life in nature.' (Merriam-Webster dictionary)

Throughout her career, Petrina Hicks has consistently drawn from mythology, fables, and historical art imagery to re-frame the contemporary female experience. Hicks' latest collection of photographs titled Biophilia.

debuted at Michael Reid Sydney in June 2023. The BAS is the exhibition's first stop in a nationwide tour

travelling to Perth and Melbourne. Where: The Bas, cnr Vulcan and Campbell streets,

Moruya

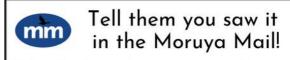
When: 9 December to 21 January Opening hours: daily, 10am to 4pm

Exhibition opening and artist talk:

Friday 8 December, 5.30 to 7.30pm



Artwork by Petrina Hicks titled Nautilus. Detail.



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Works by the Deua Eclectic Union of Artists Mechanics Institute, 13 Page St Moruya, 2-8 December 2023, 10am-4pm



DEUA: Patricia Boisgard, Kerry Devine Al Dickinson, Bernie O'Neil

Recent works with the unifying theme of beauty as solace and a way to stay connected to people, place and spirit

Join us for the opening at 5:30pm on 1 December by Michele O'Neil, President, Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU).

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#### Exhibition showcases 60 years of underwater pioneering by living national treasure

#### **Australian National Maritime Museum**

Valerie Taylor has recorded the marine environment and shared her knowledge with the public for over 60 years, staunchly advocating for better protection of the ocean, its animals, and their habitats.

Celebrated globally, Valerie has become one of the most iconic underwater storytellers, shark researchers and conservationists and paved the way for future generations of divers, filmmakers, and environmentalists.

Valerie has donated an extensive archive of her images and objects to the National Maritime Collection and it is from this collection that Valerie Taylor: An Underwater Life is based. It showcases the work of Valerie and her late husband Ron and their significant contributions to marine conservation, diving and underwater filming.

Highlights of the exhibition include Valerie and Ron Taylor's cameras and underwater housings, Valerie's iconic blue fins and dive suits, the stainless-steel chainmail suit she wore to get up close with sharks, movie posters from over four decades working in Hollywood, from Jaws to The Island of Dr Moreau, and over 500 images from the National Maritime Collection of animals, people, places and worlds now under threat.

Her experience with sharks is legendary. She said, 'I've been bitten four times, only once badly, and only once was my husband filming. And that was off Action Point in the Coral Sea, and I had on the mesh suit, and I was carrying a bait. The shark came up. There's only one bit of you out of the mesh suit. Grabbed my face. All the teeth went into the mesh except three went under my chin. 'I bashed the shark in the gills. It let go and went away. I dropped the fish. My mask was off. My air was gone. I did a free ascent to the surface. We always have someone on the surface, who dragged me into the dory. And well, here I am. You can still feel the scar.' Valerie has been a champion of our oceans for decades, she said, 'Marine conservation was a dirty word when I was young. Most of the creatures in the ocean were considered either dangerous or not necessary. I think my first big impact was having the grey nurse shark protected; the first shark in the world to be protected by law.' 'We think we're so unique. We're not. I think nature might've made a mistake with the human race. We don't embrace what she offers. We harvest it. We take it for granted, and we don't replace it. When you look at it that way, we're not a very nice animal. I'm one of them, so that's how it is. We are destroying the planet that supports us. We're killing the ocean. All life comes from the ocean. All life, everything. We're killing our mother, and we don't seem to care very much.'



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Daryl Karp, Director and CEO of the Australian National Maritime Museum said, 'The nation has much to thank Valerie and Ron for. A life devoted to understanding the seas that surround us and the life within them. She has been a passionate conservation advocate for decades and with her gift of her archive to the National Maritime Collection we hope to continue to tell her story for decades to come. This exhibition is the start of that work."

Regarding the exhibition Valerie said, 'I'm very flattered, very surprised. I never thought that I'd be worth bothering about. I've had a good life. I have no regrets except that I've never been powerful enough to do some of the things I felt should be done. I consider having this exhibition on my life at the Maritime Museum as an incredible privilege.'

Valerie Taylor: An Underwater Life is not just one woman's story, it is a call to action for all the potential ocean changemakers out there to inspire all of us to advocate for the oceans in our own way. The exhibition opens on November 30 until August 31.





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# New planning rules to fast track low and mid rise housing

The State Government is confronting the housing crisis with bold reforms to create tens of thousands of new, well-located, low-and mid-rise homes.

The Government is announcing changes that will fast-track a greater diversity of homes like residential flat buildings of 3-6 storeys, terraces, townhouses, duplexes and smaller 1-2 storey apartment blocks in suburbs where they are not currently allowed.

The reforms create capacity for industry to deliver up to an estimated 112,000 new homes across the Greater Sydney region, Hunter, Central Coast and Illawarra. This represents 30 per cent of the number of homes NSW needs to meet under its Housing Accord target of 377,000 new homes by 2029.

Currently, each local council has its own rules for what kind of homes can be built in their area. In many local government areas, these rules do not allow the types of homes that we need for the next generation, housing close to transport, infrastructure and social amenity.

In October the Government identified a significant gap in the approval of density, with terraces and 1-2 storey unit blocks allowed under R2 zoning in only two of 32 Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) – that's just six per cent of the LEPs across Sydney.

R2 is a zone for land which is made up of low-density housing.

This 'missing middle' has meant that low rise density has been ignored in the face of a growing housing crisis.

Additionally, sixty percent of R3 zones across Sydney (where multi dwelling housing is appropriate and should be encouraged) presently prohibit residential flat buildings of any scale.

Details of the proposed changes include allowing:

- dual occupancies (two separate homes on a single lot), such as duplexes, in all R2 low density residential zones across all of NSW.
- terraces, townhouses and two storey apartment blocks near transport hubs and town centres in R2 low density residential zones across the Greater Sydney region, Hunter, Central Coast and Illawarra (the Six Cities region).
- mid-rise apartment blocks near transport hubs and town centres in R3
  medium density zones and appropriate employment zones. This will mean
  more housing just a short 10-minute walk (800m) from transport hubs, shops
  and amenities.

The Government will amend a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to enact these changes while simultaneously encouraging councils to add these types of dwellings to their own planning rules.

If a local government's planning rules match – or go further than – this new NSW Government policy, the State Government changes will not apply.

The Government has previously written to councils, asking them to review local policy settings to allow for more housing in low and medium density zones across their local government area.

National Housing Accord targets were set at the National Cabinet with all three levels of Government represented.

The plans will go on public exhibition for public feedback from next week.

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#### Increase in tick on animals

Caseys Beach Veterinary Clinic reports: WARNING - We have seen a massive increase in ticks in the local area recently. On average we have treated

a case of tick paralysis every day for the past month. Some of the animals affected were only a few days overdue for their tick prevention. Please make sure your pet is kept up to date with a reliable tick protection product.

#### Important things to know:

- Your pet does not have to go into the bush to get a tick, only into the back yard.
- Though tick numbers increase in spring and summer, they are present in the local area year round.
- Even after you have removed a tick from your pet, the paralysis it causes can continue to develop for up to 3 days.
- Make sure you read the packaging for your pet's tick protection carefully to ensure you know exactly how long it lasts some products that can be used monthly for flea protection only kill ticks for 2 weeks.
- Double check that you are using the correct sized product for your pet's current weight. This is especially important to take note of in growing puppies and kittens as well as animals that may have recently gained or lost weight.
- Perform regular tick searches as no product is 100% effective.
- If you find a tick on your pet, the best thing to do is remove it immediately. If you are not confident doing this, contact a vet for advice.
- If your pet shows any signs of tick paralysis such as weakness in the hind legs, laboured breathing, gagging/retching or a change in their bark or meow, contact a vet immediately. The earlier they are treated, the better their chances of survival.



# Moruya Mail

#### Making history with Trove

Making it possible for local community collections to be part of Trove Australia's much loved digital library Trove is inviting community-led. volunteer-run and rural and regional collecting organisations across Australia to make their significant digital collections and data available and findable in Trove.

Following the budget announcement in April 2023, the National Library of Australia has announced that these organisations will not be asked to pay to showcase their digital content in Trove.

Assistant-Director General, Collaboration Branch, Alison Dellit said, 'The Budget announcement has allowed the National Library to reduce the financial barrier that prevented small organisations from adding their content to Trove. Sharing local community stories is part of the magic of Trove and we look forward to inviting them to be part of the Trove community."

Emma Crofts from the National Wool Museum in Geelong said, 'The power and reach of hosting our collections online and linked in Trove is extremely significant. By raising awareness of the Museum online we benefit from visitors sharing personal stories that helps us to further interpret, document and understand our collections.

Fiona Crossan, Museum Curator & Coordinator at the Town of Claremont Museum WA said, 'Having on-line accessibility allows us to share the stories of our collection to a wider audience in new and unique ways.' Interested collecting institutions can find out more information about how to become a part of Trove at

https://trove.nla.gov.au/partners/partner-services/contribute or contact Trove Partner Support at trove.nla.gov.au/partners/partner-support.

#### Funding for Catchments South East LLS

Exciting funding opportunities are now available for land managers in South East priority catchments! Dive into grants aimed at reducing sediment and nutrients entering coastal waterways to enhance water quality in our streams.

The program seeks to benefit marine habitats, wildlife, and our local communities in four key areas:

- riverbank vegetation improvements
- riverbank stabilisation
- improving public roads and tracks
- Clean Coastal Catchments (for primary producers)

#### Who's eligible?

·land managers within 2km of the upper tidal limit can apply for riverbank vegetation improvements, riverbank stabilization, and road/track grants

primary producers within 10km of the upper tidal limit are eligible for Ćlean Ćoastal Catchments grants.

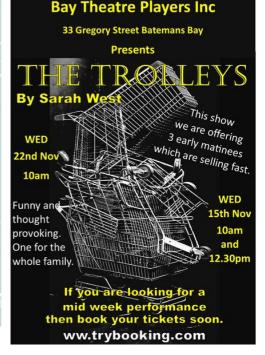
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#### NSW takes action: Labor's Climate Change Bill passes Parliament with broad support

The Minns Labor Government's landmark Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Bill has passed both Houses of Parliament with multi-party support, paving the way for serious action to secure a sustainable future for the people, economy and environment of

The Bill legislates ambitious emissions reduction targets and sets up a strong and independent Net Zero Commission to keep this government and future governments on track to Net Zero by 2050.

The effects of climate change are already apparent from the severity of extreme weather events which pose a risk to our health, environment and economy. This Bill is essential to NSW playing its part to minimise harm, while building resilience and maximising opportunities from new technologies and industries.

#### The Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act will:

- · Require NSW to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 50% by 2030 compared to 2005 levels.
- · Require NSW to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70% by 2035 compared to 2005 levels.
- · Require NSW to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050.
- · Establish an independent Net Zero Commission to monitor, review, report on and advise on progress towards these targets.
- · Establish guiding principles to address climate change.
- · Commit to NSW becoming more resilient to climate change. This legislation will act as the platform and driver for action across the whole of Government. It builds on progress which has already seen NSW achieve an 18 percent reduction on 2005 levels of greenhouse gas emissions, by going beyond aspirational targets and enshrining them in law.

It provides for the targets to be ratcheted up over time, in line with community expectations. It commits the Premier and Minister for Climate Change to meeting the net zero target, demonstrating the Government's commitment to serious action on climate change.

It will also provide business and industry with energy and investment certainty, and create new jobs while bolstering Australian manufacturing in the energy sector.

After passing both Houses of Parliament, the Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Bill will soon be signed into law by the NSW Governor.

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Minister for Climate Change, Energy and the Environment Penny Sharpe said "NSW Labor has followed through on its commitment to the people of NSW to take serious action on climate change and keep this government and future governments accountable for delivering on emissions reduction targets.

"This Bill provides the framework for NSW to embark on the essential journey to net zero emissions and better resilience to climate change.

"Climate change is an environmental challenge, but also poses an economic opportunity. This Bill provides certainty for industry, business, investors and all sectors of the NSW economy, and shows them they are not alone in responding to this challenge. "I welcome the discussion and multi-party support that has led to the passage of this Bill and look forward to accelerating the transition to renewable energy that will deliver cleaner and more affordable energy to households and businesses.

"The passage of this Bill shows Labor can build consensus on what is right for NSW and deliver on its key election promises, despite holding minority government."

# Singing the Story an evening of Christmas carolling



Join us for an evening of Christmas carols sung together with

#### **Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra**

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

# Gadfly

The one great godsend of climate change - perhaps the only one - is now firmly on humanity's radar. I speak, of course, of the final departure of the worldwide insurance industry. Climate change will sound its death knell.

I don't wish to be rude, but at last, after at least two centuries of exploiting our fears, we will at last escape its claws. A concept that began with all the high-minded and honourable motives of decency and fellowship was corrupted by the greed of its own malefactors.

Industry historians pretend that it had a royal beginning in 1750 b.c. when the Mesopotamian king Hammurabi proclaimed a set of laws governing the loss of ships and their cargoes around the Mediterranean. But that's as phony as most of the industry's claims. Shipping 'insurance' was very messy since vessels could be lost, sunk or captured by privateers; and court decisions were open to all sorts of bribery and corruption. Shakespeare exposed it beautifully in in The Merchant of Venice.

Today's industry really began in the Middle Ages when the craftsmen of Europe paid dues to their guilds, producing a substantial cash nest egg. So when their working premises burned down - a common occurrence in the wooden cities of the day – it could pay for a rebuild. The next step was to recompense guild members who were robbed. They would cover the member's pressing expenditures until he was back on his financial feet. It gradually extended its reach to the families of guild members killed or disabled by local crims. The watershed moment arrived in 1666 when the Great Fire of London roared through 13,000 houses leaving about 100,000 people homeless. By the end of the century 'fire insurance' companies proliferated, but there was a catch. They each had their own fire brigade devoted to those houses clearly marked as customers. And unless they saw the company mark, rival brigades simply ignored the conflagration and the victims therein.

From that historic moment, the moral foundation of the industry began its collapse into a world where profit became the overriding motive and devil take the hindmost. By the 1750s it had thrown up the first 'actuary' in James Dodson, master of Britain's Royal Mathematical School. He used death rate data to ensure that 'life insurance' was weighted so that payments (or 'premiums') would provide a profit to the insurer. After that, the industry made a fine art of the scandalous 'fine print' that has stopped claimants in their tracks ever since.

We had a delicious example of this from a backyard cricket match when son Ben clipped a rising 'bouncer' from a frustrated father right through the front window of our Pearce house. This was a fine print no-no. Payment would only be made if the ball hit a stone on the way and the stone broke the window! (Our response remains a closely guarded family secret)

However, not even the finest fine printer will save insurance from the worldwide ravages of climate change. Even as they insure themselves down the line, the plethora of rival insurers who clutter our TV screens with their deceptive commercials are doomed. The girly motorbike riders rushing passed some idiot whose car has self-destructed, or a great footballer growing a beard waiting for a rival insurer, are typical of their desperation as the world's weather takes its revenge on humanity's mindless greed.

Truth is, you can't insure the entire world and make a profit. The people's governments will be forced to assume the cost of their dilatory response to the emergency, or we'll all go down together. And of you doubt it, just ask an actuary.

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# South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1173

On the Up and Up

Most people would normally expect that with (comparatively) high interest rates and a weakening economy that the property market would be on a decline. Yet, as reported recently by Corelogic, 83% of house markets and 80.6% of unit markets saw values rise in the past three months. That means that nearly all capital and regional markets are seeing increases during the three months to October. How can this be? Don't high interest rates and a sluggish economy usually get reflected by a decline in house prices? Usually yes, but not when it is becoming evident that the interest rate rise is nearing its peak (if not already there), migration is so strong fuelling demand, and the rental market is so tight that investors can rent nearly any property for whatever price they choose. At this time of year, we also start looking forward to what the market is likely to do during 2024. Most predictions are that prices will continue to rise in the 5-10% range. This is also helping to fuel the current demand as people realise it is cheaper to buy now than wait until the new year. Certainly, positive signs for the year ahead.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS

# Alarming rates of sunburn in children and young people

Parents and carers are being urged to protect their children from the sun, with an alarming number of children and young people being treated in emergency departments for sunburn.

"Even mild exposure to the sun can lead to damage and I'm confident our latest Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy will help build on decades of skin cancer

Health Minister Ryan Park acknowledged more needs to be done to reduce the incidence of skin cancer joining NSW Chief Cancer Officer Professor Tracey O'Brien and Member for Coogee Dr Marjorie O'Neill to launch the NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy 2023-2030 at the Prince of Wales Hospital. "It is pretty shocking to hear more than 800 people presented last financial year to our state's EDs with sunburn, with the majority children and young people," Mr Park said.

"Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer, and by the end of the year, we anticipate close to 6,000 people in NSW will be diagnosed with this devastating cancer. Sun damage and skin cancers are highly preventable, and we're encouraging the community to do really simple things like seeking shade when outdoors, wearing sunscreen, putting on a hat, sunglasses and protective clothing to safeguard themselves.



Dying is a normal part of life, but many of us are unprepared for what happens and the practical steps to take after losing someone we care for.

#### Creating space to talk openly about dying

Last Days is a program to equip you with practical knowledge and tools to navigate the last days of someone you care for.

Last Days helps you understand what's ahead when someone is at the end of their life, creating space for open conversations about their wishes and preferences and giving you practical knowledge to help you plan and prepare.

Last Days is delivered as online or face-to-face workshops and includes Last Days Dementia, to support people living with dementia.

### Join a Last Days online workshop

When: Tues 12th Dec 2023
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
RSVP: Wed 6th Dec 2023

The workshops are facilitated by HammondCare and will be delivered by South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network under the Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care Measure funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

#### You will learn

- . What to expect and the role of palliative care.
- What a "good death" might look like for the individual/families and carers and the choices we have.
- How to have conversations about dying and plan for what's ahead.
- Practical information to assist with getting affairs in order.
- Possible care choices and support available as we near death.
- How grief and loss can impact individuals and support available.
- · Common rituals, rules and regulations around death.



This program is supported by





"Even mild exposure to the sun can lead to damage and I'm confident our latest Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy will help build on decades of skin cancer prevention work in NSW and save more lives." Two in three Australians will be treated for skin cancer during their lifetime, with 95 per cent of melanoma and 99 per cent of non-melanoma skin cancers caused by overexposure to UV radiation from the sun.

NSW Chief Cancer Officer and CEO of Cancer Institute NSW, Professor Tracey O'Brien, says high sun exposure in the first 10 years of life more than doubles a person's risk of developing melanoma skin cancer.

"Australia has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world and protecting our skin from the sun from a very young age, and into adulthood, is key to reducing our risk of skin cancer," Prof. O'Brien said. "When people think of skin cancer risk, they often think of a day at the beach, but in NSW, UV radiation levels are high 10 months of the year which is why its vital people protect their skin all year round, even on cool and cloudy days.

"This new strategy is about working across government and community to ensure people are empowered and supported to protect their skin when at school, work and enjoying the outdoors." As a child who spent most of her time outdoors enjoying nippers and netball, Kate Thomas received a devastating melanoma skin cancer diagnosis at the age of 27.

"When I was told I had skin cancer, I couldn't believe it and my mind automatically went to the worst possible scenario. It was incredibly frightening," Ms Thomas said. "I wish I could go back in time and tell my young self to do things differently, to listen to my mum when she kept reminding me to cover up. My diagnosis completely changed my outlook on sun safety and I hope to encourage young people to take skin cancer seriously, and not make the same mistakes I made."

The NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy 2023-2030 was developed by the Cancer Institute NSW in partnership with 20 organisations and experts across health, education, industry, sport and recreation, and 600 community members. The strategy focuses on the importance of embedding skin cancer prevention strategies across the public, private and community sector; improving access to quality shade at work, school, play and public spaces; and increasing the adoption of sun protection behaviours. To read the NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy 2023-2030 visit <a href="https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/nsw-skincancer-strategy">www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/nsw-skincancer-strategy</a>



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#### Half a million dollars for Life-Saving Equipment

Sporting clubs in some of the most disadvantaged parts of the State can apply for up to \$500,000 funding under a NSW Government program that installs life-saving defibrillators at sports facilities.

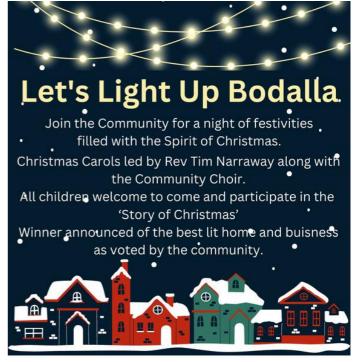
The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program provides grants up to \$3,000 to eligible sporting organisations for the purchase of automated external defibrillators.

The Program is available to sport and recreation clubs, associations and organisations as well as councils and service clubs in the State's lowest five socio-economic areas according to Australian Bureau of Statistics

Professor Jamie Vandenberg, Co-deputy Director of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, said "Sudden cardiac death is rare, but it can strike anyone at any time, and when it does every minute counts. "If you have a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital you only have a one in 10 chance of survival.

"Defibrillators save lives; we need more across NSW and in as many sporting clubs as possible. We also need to ensure that players across all sporting codes know how to use a defibrillator to give their teammates the best chance of survival."

Applications close 23 February 2024 or when funding is exhausted. For further information on the Local Sports Defibrillator Program, visit: https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grantprogram



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NAPOLEON MA15+, 2H 38M, BIO/ACTION	1.40pm	11am* 2.40pm 7.25pm	12.55pm 6pm	12.55pm 6pm		1.05pm 6pm	1.05pm
THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES M, 2H 37M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	6.15pm*	3.45pm*	1.40pm*	1.40pm*		3.45pm*	3.45pm*
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#### **New Peak Body Launched to Support Methane Reduction** and Expand Seaweed Aquaculture

The Australian Sustainable Seaweed Alliance (ASSA), has been launched - 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

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 biotechrelated 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.

#### Level 1 water restrictions confirmed, for now

Eurobodalla Council has confirmed that Level 1 water restrictions will still come into effect tomorrow, Saturday 2 December, despite heavy rain in recent days.

Council's director of infrastructure services Graham Attenborough said while we've received plenty of water across the shire over the last couple of days and might get more next week, flows in the Tuross River could still drop to the point that sufficient water cannot be pumped to respond to extra demand over summer.

"We'll review our position in the coming weeks," he said. "Whether we lift restrictions, remain at Level 1 or even move to Level 2, in the next fortnight we'll have a better idea if the river will have enough water over the high demand period to pump and supply in the south."

Mr Attenborough explained that although the water storage at Deep Creek Dam remains full, water in the Deua and Tuross Rivers is falling. "Water restrictions help ensure supply over our busy Christmas period," he said.

Eurobodalla's water supply is in two parts. Between February and November, the whole shire is supplied by the northern system, drawing water from the Deua River to store at Deep Creek Dam and feed the northern water treatment plant.

However, during the Christmas holiday period demand for water can exceed the 20 megalitres/day capacity the northern plant can supply; an extra 4 megalitres/day is added from the southern system by drawing water from the Tuross River to feed the southern water treatment plant.

Mr Attenborough said Council encouraged residents and visitors to conserve water at all times. "Level 1 water restrictions simply formalise the basic water-saving measures we should all be practicing," he said.

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

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

"The southern dam will go a long way to securing Eurobodalla's water supply into the future. We're on track for a late 2024 completion but significant rain to fill it will be required before it becomes fully operational and integrated," Mr Attenborough said. "In the meantime, we will continue to use water restrictions as needed to maintain supply capacity and ensure adequate storage. I encourage the community to stay up-to-date on current water restrictions by visiting Council's website or calling the water hotline on 1800 441 070."

#### Tens of thousands more Fee-Free TAFE places for NSW

The State and Federal Governments announced a further 147,400 Fee-Free TAFE places will be available in New South Wales over the next three years, giving more people the opportunity to study for future jobs in areas where the economy needs them

The places are made possible through Commonwealth Government funding of \$130 million, as the governments partner-up to address persistent skills shortages. The investment also builds on the success of Fee-Free TAFE in 2023, which attracted record enrolments in NSW. As at 30 June 2023, there were:

- Over 20,700 enrolments in the Care sector
- Over 6,400 enrolments in the Technology and Digital sector
- Over 5,800 enrolments in the Construction sector, and
- Over 5,200 enrolments in Agriculture.

Fee-Free TAFE has resulted in considerable savings for students in NSW. Students studying a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care or a Certificate III in School Based Education Support could save up to \$1,600, and those looking to build a career pathway through a Certificate III in Individual Support could save up to

\$1,450. The investment comes less than a month after a national agreement between the Albanese and Minns Governments was reached that will unlock billions of dollars to build the skills and prosperity of New South Wales.

The landmark five-year National Skills Agreement (NSA) – which will take effect from January next year - was developed under principles agreed by National Cabinet and will embed national cooperation and strategic investment in New South Wales vocational education and training sector.

The Albanese Government is prepared to invest \$3.8 billion, to support the Minns Government to expand and transform access to the VET sector, support quality training and implement reforms to address critical skills needs.

#### South Coast Community Kitchen

Demand is high at the moment and hoping to source some items from our lovely community.

As much as we appreciate all contributions, please only provide what is on the list. Non common items are not used amongst our clients. 1/2 price specials are a good way to help a lot with a little. 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.

#### **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

#### Christmas @ Gundary Bakers Rescheduled!

We look forward to seeing you all in full Christmas spirit on Wednesday 6th December from 4:30pm for Christmas at the Gundary! Lots of wonderful Christmas goodies, Gifts, Our blue dot sale and much

#### 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

#### Friends of the RSL BBQ

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

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

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

#### River of Art AGM

Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather and flood warnings around the Shire, the River of Art AGM has been postponed. New date: Friday 8 December, at 4:00 pm at the Moruya Golf Club. We will be making the AGM both virtual and face to face. If you wish to join virtually, please email secretary@riverofart.com.au.

#### 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.



#### **MORUYA CAROLS BY** CANDLELIGHT

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



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# 27th & 28th of January 2024

#### MORUYA SHOWGROUND GATES OPEN 9AM

#### GATE FEES

1 DAY TICKET

ADULT (16yrs & over) \$12 CHILDREN (15yrs & under) \$6 FAMILY (2 adults & up to 4 kids) \$35

**2 DAY TICKET** 

ADULT (16yrs & over) \$20 CHILDREN (15yrs & under) \$10 FAMILY (2 adults & up to 4 kids) \$55

Preschool children are FREE

#### **BOTH DAYS**

Lachie Cossor the Outback Stockman, Broulee Brewhouse, Coast to Coast Portable Synthetic Ice Rink Hire, arts & crafts pavilion, flowers & vegetable pavilion, photography, stall holders, food & drinks, showbags, duck racing, music, kids zone, face painting, horse ring events and much more!



#### SATURDAY

Animal nursery, Young Woman of the Year Competition (aka Miss Showgirl), Grand Opening, novelty events, Graham Brown Dog High Jump, wife carrying, rodeo in evening, Poddy Dodgers live music

#### SUNDAY

Poultry pavilion, ute competition, novelty events, pet show, lawn mower racing, Gerry Bussa Memorial Motorbike Obstacle Course

Main schedule can be found on our website https://eurobodallashow.org.au/ Facebook - Eurobodalla Agricultural Show



# SAVE THE DATE **Eurobodalla Agricultural Show** 27th & 28th of January 2024 Moruga Showground



# Tennis club fundraiser

You're Invited to Our Special Fundraiser!

2023 Billy Irwin Moruya Championships

In memory of Billy Irwin, we invite you to be part of this special occasion on

#### Saturday, 2nd December from 10am - 2pm.

Billy loved his tennis:

Fun Family Day Out: Enjoy tennis, BBQ, coffee van, jumping castle, face painting, live music, sky diving display, Fire & Rescue, and a raffle with amazing prizes. Moruya Championships Tennis Tournament: Watch the best players in the Eurobodalla.

Giant Speed Radar: Can you hit as hard as the Pro's?

Gala Dinner Saturday 02nd December - 6.30pm at the Moruya Bowling & Recreation Club. Tickets cost \$75 and include complimentary drinks / 2 course dinner / live music until late.

Join us for a day of tennis, community support, and thrilling competitions. All profits go to Gotcha 4 Life for local youth programs

For tickets / entries: 0414 753 941



# Batemans Bay Sailing Report



Wishful Thinking. Photo:Terry Paton.

"It was a great day for sailing on Saturday 25th November when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the annual Three Bays Race. The course was from Batemans Bay upwind to a turning mark off South Durras in Beagle Bay, then to the leeward mark placed off North Broulee and hence back to the finish line off Caseys Beach in Batemans Bay. It is the longest race of the BBSC season.

There was plenty happening even before the start. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) ran out of diesel in the Clyde River and had to be towed around to the marina by Batemans Bay Marine Rescue. Having refuelled, "Accolade" was then on hand to pull a visiting 37 foot yacht off the rocks at Snapper Island. Race Officer Terry Paton conducted the start from ashore at Caseys Beach. After an even start, "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop) led the fleet around the Marine Park middle mark in light conditions. The sea breeze soon built to 20 knots, forcing "Wishful" to change to a smaller headsail while "Accolade" took in a mainsail reef. "Accolade" led around the Durras mark but lost time when the spinnaker dropped into the water before it could be hoisted.

"Accolade" got another kite on deck and once that was set took off down the coast at speeds of up to 15 knots. "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) was able to run much deeper under her symmetrical spinnaker while "Wishful" didn't set a spinnaker at all as she was sailing short handed. "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne) fell well behind on the run down to Broulee and eventually retired from the race.

On the work back up to Black Rock the wind was up to 25 knots. "Moonmist" became very overpowered and lost ground. "Accolade" finished the race in 5 hours and 10 minutes which was 7 minutes ahead of her sister ship "Wishful" and 17 minutes ahead of "Moonmist". On PHS calculations "Wishful Thinking" won from "Moonmist" and "Accolade". Thanks must go to Geoff Perrem for setting the Durras mark and Andrew Bain and Terry Paton who put in the North Broulee mark. The BBSC keelboats will be back out on Batemans Bay for a Bay Cup race on December 9th".

> Wishful Thinking. Photo:Terry Paton.





### WINNERS are GRINNERS! That is a wrap for Eurobodalla Dressage Association 2023



Despite days of rain the sun came out on Sunday to witness club members compete in the Eurobodalla Dressage Club championships. All horses were turned out beautifully including lots of equine sparkling white socks. The champions were: Preparatory - Lee Mason, Preliminary - Fiona de Prue, Novice - Robyn Lyttle, Medium - Ann Behringer, Pony - Kelly Ralph.

# Maddy Wright wins Bong Bong Cup for Thorotek



Moruya Jockey Club reports:
"Huge Congratulations to local
Rider and Moruya Jockey Club
Social Media Guru Maddy
Wright as well as local trainers
Thorotek in winning the Bong
Bong Picnic Race Club Cup
with California August on Friday.
A Great achievement for all
involved with Thorotek
notching up their 150th winner
whilst this also encapsulates a
fantastic return to the saddle for
Maddy."

# Moruya Golf Club are offering junior girls' golf scholarships.

Moruya Golf Club has obtained funding from The Australian Golf Foundation (AGF) to support six lucky teenage girls to pursue their golf.

Scholarships are open to girls aged 9 to 16 and while the program's primary aim is to retain girls in golf by giving girls a shared golf experience, girls new to golf may also be engaged in this program should they demonstrate a commitment to learning the sport.

"This is a terrific opportunity", said Club President Kym Batt. "Not only will girls receive 24 coaching sessions with PGA Professional Andrew Booth, but also a one-year junior club membership that carries playing rights, to ensure girls can participate in club competitions and obtain a handicap".

The Scholarship program is part of a national campaign to get more girls playing golf. Along with over 160 other golf facilities across Australia, Moruya Golf Club will be working closely with golf's national body Golf Australia throughout 2024.

"All we ask is that applicants display a desire and willingness to improve their golf skills, obtain a handicap, play in club competitions (or at least social play) and engage in any extracurricular activity that fosters friendships between scholarship holders".

A total of six (6) scholarships will be available for 2024. For further information and to apply, please contact Andrew Booth, proshop@moruyagolfclub.com.au.



A team of Moruya Golf Club members have qualified for the National Scramble Championship finals which is to be held in Queensland at the Sanctuary Cove Golf and Country Club from the 4th to the 8th of December.

The Moruya team won the NSW/ACT Regional Final in October which was held at The Links Shell Cove Golf Club with a net score of 49.4 beating the second place team by .6.

Congratulations to the Moruya Golf Club Scramble qualifiers of; Ryan Wassell (Jnr), John Wassell, Geoff Reis, Andrew Ganderton and PGA Associate Professional Gavin Fitzgerald on winning the regional final and making to the national final in Queensland. The team are very excited, particularly the Wassell's being father and son, to play in the upcoming event together. This is a great achievement with only 26 teams Australia wide making the final. Make sure to keep an eye on the Moruya Golf Club socials for our next Scramble qualifying event.

#### Club Tuross Beer, Bubbles and Barefoot Bowls

A very successful 'Beer, Bubbles and Barefoot Bowls evening was held on Thursday the 23rd of November. With concern re the weather earlier in the day, it was great to see 32 bowlers on the green and the rain hold off. There was a lot of laughing and great camaraderie amongst the teams. Thank you to the members of both the Men's and Ladies' Clubs, who assisted on the night, it was a great team effort. This will run for the next 4 Thursdays (weather permitting) until the 21st December. It will recommence in mid-January.

Cost is only \$10.00 with nibbles and a complimentary drink of your choice (beer, wine or soft drink) provided beforehand. Meet in the downstairs Sports Bar between 5.15pm – 6.00pm for registration and to organize bowls if you need them. We plan to be on the green by 6.15pm for 10 ends of 2 bowl Fours.

Bring a team of four or join others to make a team on the night. Visitors are welcome and encouraged. If you have never bowled before assistance will be available. For all enquiries contact Club Tuross reception on 4473 8186.



#### **FASHIONS ON THE FIELD**

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# Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya.

#### Moruya River.

Well, wasn't that a good drop of rain! With areas of the Eurobodalla Shire receiving anywhere from 150-250mm of rain in a fairly short period of time, to say that things have been a little wet of late would be a massive understatement! This hasn't done much for the fishing short term however. Moruya river looks like a chocolate milkshake! New tactics will have to be taken if you wish to have any hope of finding a fish this weekend.

Fish deep, fish noisy, and fish towards the front of the system. The influx of fresh we are currently experiencing will push the salty water down deep as fresh water is less dense than salt water and sits above the saltier water. This will push the salt water into the deeper holes and hence the fish. Oily baits of tuna or mullet fillet will be your best bait option as they have natural scent. Noisy lures such as metal vibes, soft vibes or paddle tail style soft plastics will be the go to lure options until the water clears up. You are going to have to work hard for your fish this weekend.

#### **Tuross River.**

As with Moruya, Tuross is also suffering from the exceptionally high levels of rain we have seen this week. You will see some very cool aerial shots below, of both the Tuross River and the result of all that fresh flowing out to sea, credit to Maree Jackson for the images.

Fish deep, fish noisy, fish oily. Best of luck. Rock and Beach.

This will probably be your best option at finding a fish this weekend. Look towards the beaches that have some distance away from the three major rivers in the area, where the water is going to be both cleaner and warmer than what is flowing out of the river mouths.

Salmon, bream, flathead can all be expected to be found on the beaches this weekend, don't be surprised if the odd Luderick also turn up after leaving the safety of the rivers for the cleaner waters on the beaches. With the rivers emptying their contents onto the beaches, you can expect that the predators will be hanging around, mulloway and sharks will also have a higher chance than usual to be encountered on the beaches this weekend.

Oily baits of both mullet fillet and pilchards will be the better baits to try off the beaches this weekend.

Moruya breakwall, for the most part, will be a right off this weekend.

#### Offshore.

All this fresh leaving the rivers and pushing out to sea, will drive the snapper out deeper water this weekend. As can be seen from the images below, the fresh will push along way offshore this weekend. Maybe give the offshore fishing a miss this weekend, unless you are heading out beyond the reach of the floodwaters.

Keep an eye out for all that flood debris that has left the rivers this week, you don't want to hit something when offshore. The bait freezer is well stocked, with the only missing item being king worms again. The shop is looking full, with more orders for stock still being placed to get the final touches for Xmas underway.

Stay safe everyone, stay out of flood waters, and remember "everyday's a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya

Team Tackle World Moruya.





#### Sunday 10 March 2024 from 9am

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

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



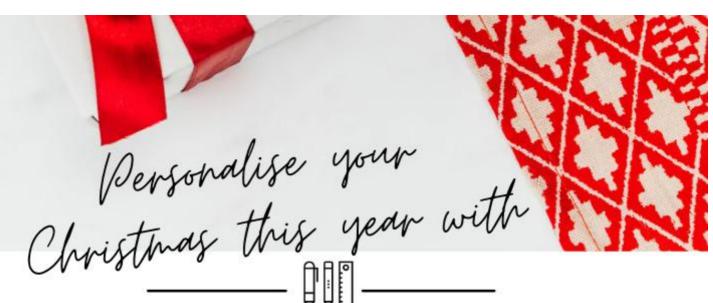
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