

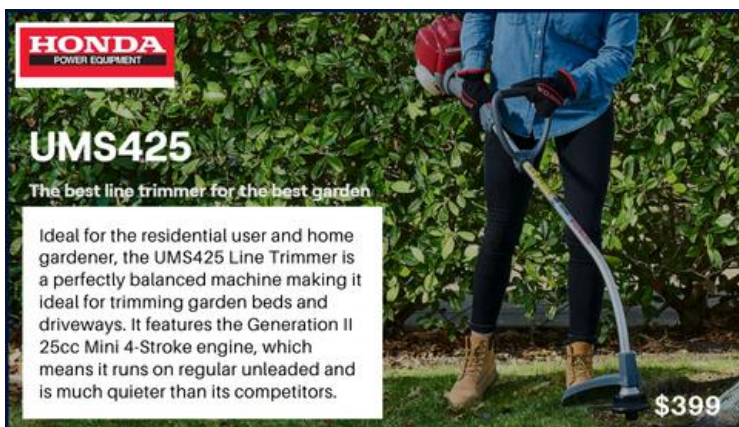
The Carnival Premieres at sold out Yuin Theatre



It was a full house last night for the Batemans Bay Premier of The Carnival – a documentary 7 years in the making, about the Bell Family Carnival. Pictured are Elwyn Bell Snr, elwyn Bell Jnr, Selina Bell, Mayor Mathew Hatcher and Roy Bell. More page 7

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Must Council comply with its own rules?

Water restrictions in the Eurobodalla shire came into effect on Saturday 2nd December.

Council's website advises that for residents and visitors, sprinklers and unattended hoses are banned.

To water lawns and gardens one hand held hose may be used between 5pm and 10am.

For commercial, industrial and public services there are some variations.

- Sporting grounds, schools/day care centres, market gardens/nurseries, bowling clubs/turf wickets and golf club greens are permitted to use sprinkler systems between 5 pm and 10 am.

So, what are the rules for council controlled land?

On Monday 4th Dec I dropped off some recycling at the Moruya Transfer Station at 12.03 pm. At this time, all the sprinklers on the lower level lawn, adjacent to solar panel drop off area, were operating.

Is this a council 'stuff up' or are they immune from their own regulations?

Patricia Gardiner
Deua River Valley

Man dies after being pulled from swimming pool

A man has died, after being pulled from a swimming pool on the State's South Coast.

About 8pm Monday 4 December 2023, emergency services were called to a holiday resort on George Bass Drive, Tomakin, about 15km South of Batemans Bay, after reports a man was found unresponsive in a pool.

NSW Ambulance paramedics responded and attempted to resuscitate the man, but he died at the scene.

Officers attached to South Coast Police District attended and commenced inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The man, believed to be aged in his 20's, is yet to be formally identified. The death is not being treated as suspicious.

A report is being prepared for the coroner.

Need a Haven from the Heat on Saturday

With 34 degrees forecast and hot winds, the Red Door Hall will be open as a Heat Wave Haven 10am - 7pm. Air conditions comfort, tea, coffee snack and activities available.

Another \$100,000 donation from The Rally



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We rang the bell 28 times for COP28 - Our Health Depends On It!



350 Eurobodalla

Fifty people turned out in Moruya on Saturday to Ring the Bell for Climate Action during the international climate conference COP28.

Representing 350 Eurobodalla, emergency department nurse Niall O'Donnell said he is very concerned about the health impact of climate emergencies.

"The future is going to be dependent on what local groups like this can do," O'Donnell said. "All these folks who are working day in and day out to try and make a difference are getting some results."

O'Donnell praised the Newcastle blockade and the local people who searched for greater gliders and got two logging coupes shut down just north of us. "Locally SHASA have created this heat haven for the community," he said, pointing to the church's Red Door Hall.

"You're here showing up and that makes a big difference as well," he told the crowd.

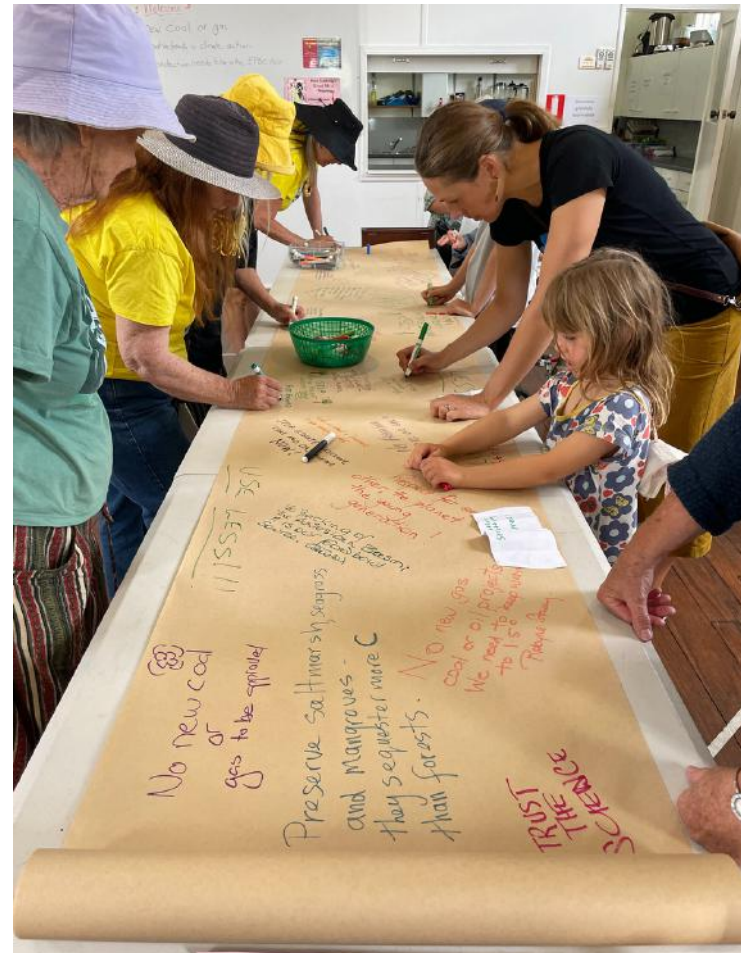
St John's Church rector Reverend Linda Chapman said, "the climate crisis is affecting our emotional and mental health and it's affecting our physical health."

Rev Chapman quoted a Lancet study which reported a shocking increase in heat related deaths due to climate change and warned of an increase in life threatening diseases and food insecurity.

Rev Chapman said, "people might feel grief, anger and might even feel despair, but we need hope. Hope is active, it is muscular and it is fostered by communities like this, it is fostered by collective action, by coming together."

"We ring the bell 28 times to signify our call to action by the Australian government and our hopeful expectation of this climate conference," Rev Chapman said.

After ringing the St John's bell, people wrote their asks of the Australian government on a large scroll that will be delivered to our local MP Fiona Phillips.



SAGE Farmers Market

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growing the community

Medicare Urgent Care Clinic opens in Batemans Bay



Prudence Buist (CEO Coordinare), Simon Taylor-Cross (Director NSW & ACT ForHealth), Fiona Phillips MP, Dr Michael Holland MP, Margaret Bennett (Chief Executive, SNSWLHD) at the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic.

The Federal Government is delivering on its commitment to people on the South Coast, with the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (Medicare UCC) opening from 4 December 2023. The Batemans Bay Medicare UCC is located at 7 Pacific Street.

This Medicare UCC delivers on the Australian Government’s commitment to make it easier for people on the South Coast to get the urgent treatment they need – from highly qualified doctors and nurses – while taking pressure off local hospitals.

The Medicare UCC will be open for extended hours, 7 days a week, and offer walk-in care that is fully bulk billed. More than 55 per cent of presentations to the Batemans Bay Hospital are for non-urgent or semi-urgent care. This clinic will join 11 clinics that are already operational in Albury, Cessnock, Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Maroubra, Peninsula, Penrith, Rooty Hill, Tamworth, Westmead, and Wollongong. The final two Medicare UCCs in New South Wales, located in Campbelltown and Lake Haven, will also open before the end of the year.

The Australian Government will continue to work closely with Primary Health Networks and the New South Wales Government to deliver the remaining Medicare UCCs, all of which will open this year.

Minister Mark Butler said “The Batemans Bay Medicare UCC will mean people in this community who need urgent but not acute care, can get it quickly even if it’s outside standard hours – and all they’ll need is their Medicare card.

“This clinic will ease pressure on the Batemans Bay Hospital, allowing them to concentrate on higher priority emergencies.

“The Albanese Government is committed to strengthening Medicare and making it easier and cheaper to get quality healthcare, by tripling the bulk billing incentive and making medicines cheaper.”

Fiona Phillips MP said “The Batemans Bay Medicare UCC is going to make a big difference to local patients across the South Coast. “We know how hard it is to see a GP, we know that local hospitals are under pressure and people are having to wait too long, pay too much, or travel too far to get the care they need, particularly in urgent but not life-threatening instances.

“This sees far too many people end up in our overstretched local hospitals unnecessarily.

“I’m delighted that the Batemans Bay Medicare UCC will provide the close to home urgent care that local people need, and be bulk billed under Medicare.

“This is particularly true during school holiday periods when our population doubles in size, putting even more pressure on our local services – this walk in clinic will make a real difference to the local community, and I am so pleased it is now open in time for the Christmas rush.”

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It Just Rained. Why Have Water Restrictions?

By Phil Herrick

Level 1 water restrictions came into force on 2 December, right at the end of rainfalls that exceeded records in some areas. That has prompted questions from some local residents to the Moruya Mail as to why restrictions were still needed. To find out, the Mail's Phil Herrick spoke to Graham Attenborough, the boss of council's division that runs the water system. "Yes, the rivers are running and Deep Creek Dam is full at 100 per cent capacity," Graham acknowledged. "But with the coming holiday season set to triple our population and the forecast for a dry summer we are taking a precautionary approach."

But there is another reason for the restrictions - it's the limited capacity of the water treatment plants to put out enough water to consumers.

"Our current water consumption is under 10 megalitres a day," said Graham. "That's fine, because our treatment plant at Deep Creek can produce 20 megalitres a day, and our plant at the Tuross River can produce four megalitres a day."

"But if no substantial follow up rain means the river levels fall quickly, we might lose the feed from the Tuross River and face problems with the supply of treated water when the holiday population triples."

So, rather than have a chop and change approach coming into the holiday season the council is sticking with the Level 1 restrictions.

His approach was backed by Mayor Matt Hatcher.

"The BOM outlook is for a dry summer and we'd rather be proactive than reactive in the management of the water supply," he said.

Graham Attenborough said to ease the supply limits in the future a feasibility study was underway on the expansion of the water treatment plant on the Tuross River, as part of the new southern storage dam project now being built.



Graham Attenborough

He added that council doesn't take a hard approach on fining people on breaches of the restrictions.

"If we get a report on someone not obeying the restrictions we'd rather talk and educate them than fine them," he said.

What are the water restrictions?

Level 1 restrictions ban washing down hard surfaces like driveways. Gardens can only be watered between 5pm and 10am using a hand-held hose or drip-irrigation system. Cars can only be washed between 5pm and 10am using a bucket with a rinse by trigger-nozzle hose. Washing watercraft and trailers at boat ramps is banned and boat motors must be flushed on grass.



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The most Extraordinary Meeting that wasn't

By Alex Rea

An Extraordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Shire Council was called for last Tuesday, as three Councillors had signed a rescission motion on a decision from the previous meeting to grant Sculpture for Clyde an extra \$20,000 for marketing purposes. At that meeting on 21 November, it was interesting from the start as Mayor Hatcher, Cr Schutz and Cr Grace and Cr Dannooh declared a conflict of interest as the President of Sculpture for Clyde and Chair of the Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce David Maclachlan had provided funds for their election campaign.

The Mayor left the chair for the Motion and Cr Amber Schutz conducted the meeting. The Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington was attending the meeting by Zoom. By protocol, Cr Worthington should have chaired the meeting. Neither the General Manager or Governance Officer corrected this situation. When it came to the vote, it was drawn 4 – 4, so Cr Schutz used her casting vote to carry the motion.

When it came to the Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday, after declarations of conflicts of interest, the Mayor declared that there would be no voting that day due to a procedural matter.

Cr Worthington then took the Chair. There were over 90 minutes of presentations from members of the public about the Sculpture Award. All but one was outlining the enormous benefits, financially and culturally, to the Eurobodalla of the event.

The one voice against was Jim Bright from Narooma who pointed out the motion was not lawful as Council's own code of meeting practice and the relevant legislation had not been complied with in how the vote on the motion was conducted.

Mr Bright said he was "motivated by view of seriously procedural flaws, led to an outcome which would not have occurred if correct procedure had been followed."

Cr Schutz asked Mr Bright, if with all his experience "would you have expected a Point of Order at the time?"

Mr Bright replied that he was "staggered that there was not intervention from the staff." Speakers in favour of the funding, did not mention that it was the second \$20,000 in the same financial year to be funded by Council. Several spoke of the reputational damage to the event if council rescinded the motion and questioned its viability without the funding.

Three Chambers of Commerce (Batemans Bay, Mogo and Narooma) all spoke of the massive flow on for business from the 16,000 visitors to the event.

Maggie Brennan said "rescinding funding undermines the professionalism of the event."

Trish Hellier asked "Is it all about process or is it about politics?"

David McLachlan said "It's turning into a fiasco. We have complied with everything requested."

"The event's survival needs to be reconsidered. How can we approach sponsors when you have turned it into a political hot potato?"

He asked; "Did anyone think of the effect the motion would have on our event?"

Cr Schutz asked to bring a new Motion to the meeting but Cr Worthington said "We are not in a position to take a Motion from the Floor as we are not in a meeting."

Cr Mayne remarked "Dragging this out will affect the event's future and there is some reputational damage to Council about its governance."

The question is, why Sculpture for Clyde had in prior weeks announced the new higher \$100,000 prize (to match Sydney's Sculpture by the Sea), when they didn't yet have the funds to properly promote the event. Also no mention was made by Mr Maclachlan in his presentation to Council on 21 November that there was any threat to the event taking place should Council not agree to the funding request of \$20000 for promotion. It is expected that the Motion will be resubmitted to the next Council Meeting on 19th December.

2023 Named Hottest Year on Record as scorching temps sweep Australia

Climate Council

2023 will be the hottest year on record, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service, with the official declaration made weeks before the year's end. The broken record comes as a heatwave scorches large swathes of the country, threatening to push temperatures into the 40°Cs in Sydney. Rising pollution from burning coal, oil and gas is overheating our planet and worsening extreme weather events like bushfires, heatwaves and droughts. Today and over the weekend, extreme temperatures will put Australian lives at greater risk. More Australians die as a result of heatwaves than from bushfires, cyclones, floods, and severe storms combined.

Dr Simon Bradshaw, Director of Research at the Climate Council said: "The stark reality of the climate crisis is that it threatens the health of the people and places we love. It worsens extreme weather events like heatwaves and makes fires more likely, and more severe. "Heatwaves are silent killers. The human body can only cope with so much and it's critical that today and over the weekend, Australians heed the advice of their local health authorities, stay vigilant and look after each other.

"This ferocious heat, and the confirmation that this year is the hottest on record is consistent with what science has warned us to expect. That same science tells us that if we do not act swiftly, things will only get much worse.

"If we continue to recklessly burn more coal, oil, and gas, heatwaves will become so extreme that some parts of the country will become effectively uninhabitable. We can't keep stoking the fire if we want the room to cool down."



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The Carnival Premieres at the Bay Pavillions



Film maker Isobel Darling with Producer Tom Zubrycki.



Elwyn Bell Jr with clowns.

It was a full house last night for the Batemans Bay Premier of The Carnival – a documentary 7 years in the making, about the Bell Family Carnival. Local film maker Isobel Darling of Torchlight Media followed the family around Australia from Melbourne to Darwin and many places in-between. The fly on the wall behind the scenes filming brings to life the struggles and triumphs of life on the road, with a convoy of trucks and ride showcasing the individual family members and crew. The film also describes the generous help the team provided to people evacuated to Corrigans Beach during the 2019/20 bushfires, and their struggles to keep the show afloat through the Covid lockdowns. The Bell's are celebrating 100 years in the business and four generations of the family were in the house for the show. They are also celebrating 50 years of carnivals in Batemans Bay each summer.

The sheer energy and know how of setting up and packing down for 44 carnival locations a year, is like camping on steroids.

After the film there was an opportunity for questions.

The Bay Pavillions turned on a great night with roving performers, clowns, popcorn, mini dagwood dogs and the odd Carnival Cocktail. The family were also on hand to sign merchandise.

Bells Family Carnival is back in the Bay from December 26 - January 27.



Performing Dodgem cars complete with overbearing ride operator.



Social Media critics hit out at Moruya's Christmas Lights



Volunteers from Moruya Business Chamber and Rotary erecting the Christmas lights last year with the old aluminium ladder.

By Phil Herrick

The tradition of lighting up Vulcan Street with Christmas decorations has been strongly defended by Moruya Business Chamber members after critics on social media called it a waste of money. Volunteers from the chamber and Moruya Rotary put up the lights each year. New safety regulations meant that \$12,000 had to be found to buy a special fibreglass platform. A Facebook post from the chamber on Thursday this week explained there was a delay in getting the lights up as the platform had not arrived yet from Sydney. This prompted Facebook user Taklyn Cor to post "Should we postpone Christmas cause we didn't know it was coming, or maybe spend \$12000 on supplying food to families in need? Yeah nah!! Cause we prioritise glitz and glamour over people's needs! This makes me laugh. How to get things so wrong." She was supported by Neil Ey who wrote "Christmas is just a tradition invented by capitalism to make us spend more money. Not a lot to do with the birthday of a radical hippie 2024 years ago who brought us a message of peace and love that most of the world pretty much ignored anyway. \$12000 dollars for a ladder fits in with that mindset perfectly." One of the lead volunteers who put up the lights is Rob Pollock from the Moruya Newsagency and Moruya Electrical Supply Co. He told Taklyn Cor there were reasons why \$12,000 had to be spent. "For over 50 years Christmas lights have been strung diagonally down the Main Street," he said. "Then a dedicated group of citizens and the chamber of commerce, after the towns power poles were removed ... worked to install brackets to hold Christmas lights and flags to promote upcoming events. "So after this occurred for many years the Authorities stepped in and deemed the high Aluminium ladder previously being used for 15 years plus and sitting on rubber mats too dangerous. "Now the volunteers had to secure funding to buy a fibreglass ladder fit for purpose for \$12,000 to help maintain a Christmas tradition in Moruya. "These volunteers do this for the community every year maintaining the light displays and transformers to add Christmas cheer to our town." It's expected the Christmas light decorations along Vulcan Street will be going up on 14 December.

Entire Medical Training for future doctors in Nowra

Up to an extra 30 medical students each year will begin end-to-end rural medical training at the University of Wollongong Shoalhaven's rural training site in Nowra, as part of a \$90 million investment from the Albanese Government.

The investment will extend existing medical classrooms, equipment and facilities, as well as provide up to 15 new medical Commonwealth Supported Places that will be matched by the University of Wollongong, to teach in the rural campuses in the Shoalhaven and on placement across rural NSW.

Evidence shows that doctors who train in rural and regional Australia are more likely to stay and practise in rural and regional Australia after they graduate. The University of Wollongong is a leader in the provision of medical training in rural areas with over 40% of graduates going on to live and work in regional centres and rurally.

Development of the new program will begin from 2024, bringing economic and social benefits for the Nowra community, with an influx of staff and students living and working locally.

The University of Wollongong is one of six universities with existing medical schools that have been selected through a competitive grants process to receive capital, establishment and recurrent costs to support the new facilities and programs.

Supporting high quality rural health training is one way the Albanese Government is making a measurable impact on the uneven distribution of the health workforce.

Ms Phillips, Member for Gilmore said "When we came to government, nine years of cuts and neglect to Medicare meant it had never been harder or more expensive to see a doctor, particularly for people in rural and regional NSW. "We are facing an absolute GP crisis here on the South Coast that has been spiralling out of control for far too long.

"I've been hearing from local GPs for years that one of the biggest issues for them is recruiting and retaining local doctors – they have been calling out for improved incentives for doctors to work in regional areas like ours, and I am delighted to be part of a government that is finally delivering this. This announcement of additional rural medical training places comes on top of our promise to halve the HECS debt of doctors and nurse practitioners who live and work in regional areas for long enough, another initiative that was really welcomed by local doctors. "The largest investment in bulk billing in the history of Medicare is making it cheaper to see a doctor and this local investment will make it easier to get in to see one.

"The Albanese Government is tapping into the talent already here on the South Coast. I am so thrilled that through this investment we will unearth more great doctors, eager to train and work in our community." Professor Zsuzsoka Kecskes (Dean of Medicine, UOW) said "UOW is committed to a strong rural focus in our medical training program. Each year we know that our alumni will choose to live, work and contribute to rural communities which we are very proud of."

"This investment by government allows UOW to continue to invest in rural communities to ensure high quality medical training for our students, which is a strong pathway to addressing the medical workforce shortages in rural areas. UOW commends the government on initiatives like this where universities can work with rural communities to embed medical training and ensure that students continue to learn from and work with communities to address workforce needs".

Live music a tough gig for Tukka



Locals and visitors enjoying the music at an open mic night in the courtyard at Tukka Cafe.

By Phil Herrick

The challenges facing a business wanting to provide live music in Moruya were highlighted at council's public access session last Tuesday, when the owners of Tukka Café on Vulcan Street related their recent experiences with a noise complaint.

Brad and Janet Alvey have developed Tukka (previously the Vulcan Café and before that, the Old Bank) as a venue for live music, including a Thursday evening open mic session hosted by Moruya's legendary Texas Dave McGarry.

They were at the meeting as a result of a complaint to council about their music from one nearby resident that resulted in them getting a notice from council's regulatory department.

Brad Alvey told councillors they had tried to adapt the sound levels to allay the complaint, which they understood was focussed more on the penetrating bass levels than overall loudness.

"Only one person has made a noise complaint and we're not just ignoring it," he said, "but we are in a grey area because of the changes underway to NSW laws aiming to bring vibrancy back to licensed venues."

He explained the transition was about to get underway, but council staff had not been made aware of the changes yet by the government.

The changes mean that from mid 2024, the council will no longer be responsible for sound complaints about licensed venues. Instead it will be Liquor and Gaming NSW. All the noise-related conditions of a development consent previously given by council to a licensed venue will no longer apply.

"We had a three-way meeting between ourselves, council staff and the liquor licensing people," he said. "Licensing could not see any issues with what we are doing."

In future, complaints about noise to Liquor and Gaming must come from at least 5 different households to be considered – and the complainants must show they have tried to resolve the issues with the venue. The length of time a complainant has been living in the household will become a central consideration. This will prevent newcomers to a neighbourhood working to shut down the entertainment at established venues.

For the Alveys, it means exploring all options to find ways to continue bringing music to Moruya until the changes come into full effect.

NSW Government prepared for marine heatwaves

CSIRO has declared a marine heatwave for the NSW south coast and further Marine heatwaves are expected along the NSW coast, with sea temperatures forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology to be up to 2.5°C warmer than normal this summer.

The NSW Government in collaboration with key agencies and stakeholders has developed a response plan that includes:

- Early Warning System - monitoring to detect physical and biological impacts and the onset of heatwaves;
- Incident Response - establishing a structure to implement a response and coordinate the processes;
- Management Actions - activities that could be used to boost resilience and promote recovery; and,
- Communication Strategy - early and regular communication to ensure consistent, credible and accurate information is communicated about events, responses and recovery.

Recent community wellbeing surveys of coastal residents, visitors and youth conducted under the Marine Estate Management Strategy show that passing on a healthy coast to future generations is perceived as the most important aspect for managing the marine estate, while loss of natural habitats and climate change were identified as key threats to community values derived from marine estates.

Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty said "Understanding, monitoring and managing the impacts of marine heatwaves will be a priority for the NSW Government over the coming months and years. We know our oceans are warming, but it's not just an increase in mean ocean temperatures that we need to be concerned about, we also need to plan and prepare for more frequent temperature extremes.

Marine heatwaves can negatively impact a range of species and key habitats that can't escape the warmer temperatures. In addition to increased long-term monitoring programs outlined in the response plan, NSW DPI are also undertaking pioneering research to increase resilience to changing ocean climate conditions.

This plan will ensure we have the right measures in place to prepare and respond to these extreme weather events over the coming years.

Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast Ryan Park said "Marine heatwaves have been expected across the south-eastern coast of Australia this 2023/24 summer as warming oceans are making marine heatwaves hotter, longer and more frequent. The NSW Government in collaboration with key agencies and stakeholders has developed a response plan to increase marine monitoring to better understand the impact of such events. Early detection is vital to managing our marine environments and ensure a healthy coast line is passed on to future generations."

A range of research programs as well as climate vulnerability assessments and adaptation strategies are currently underway through initiative 3 of the Marine Estate Management Strategy.

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On 26 September Premier Chris Minns said: "Individuals and businesses that have purchased or placed a deposit on an eligible EV (passenger vehicle, value less than \$68,750) prior to 1 January 2024, and are awaiting delivery of the vehicle, will still be eligible to receive the stamp duty exemption and rebate, regardless of whether the vehicle has been delivered by that date.

This will ensure that purchasers who are unable to register their vehicle by 31 December 2023, are not disadvantaged for delays in delivery.

"This EV subsidy was good policy and contributed to a 121 percent increase in the number of EVs sold in this state in the twelve months to July 2023. 14,164 EV had been sold in NSW by July 2023.

Around 8.1 percent of the State's personal vehicle market is now EVs, and this will contribute to balancing our CO2 emissions from transport" said Kathryn Maxwell, President of SHASA.

"I would urge people who are thinking about buying an Electric Vehicle to make their purchase before the end of the year, and fast charge their savings."

SHASA has worked since 2014 to raise awareness of the true cost of fossil fuel – costs to our health and our future. SHASA welcomes good government policy that will support this essential transformation.

FIRE STATION CHALKS UP 50 YEARS

Moruya Fire Brigade and Station will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday 10th December.

The building was opened on 10th December 1973

Happy birthday Fire and Rescue NSW Station 384 Moruya



Photo from Museum of Fire Collection.

Christmas shoppers warned about surging battery fires

Christmas shoppers have been warned about the dangers of charging Lithium-ion products and to beware of sub-standard Lithium-ion battery-powered devices as fires surge across the state.

Consumers are advised to shop safely as well as for value, to ensure the gifts under the tree do not ruin the festive season.

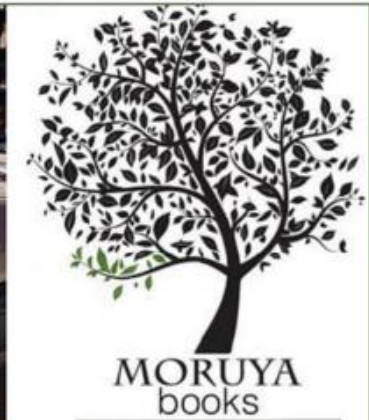
The latest Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) statistics show an increase of nine per cent in Lithium-ion battery fires to date, compared with the entire year of 2022. There have been 180 battery related fires so far this year, already outnumbering the 165 Lithium-ion battery-related fires to which FRNSW responded to last year.

The Minns Government is raising awareness of how to prevent these potentially deadly fires and save lives. Households are urged to use, store and dispose of batteries safely to combat the surge in house, garbage truck and waste facility fires.

To help ensure batteries are used safely, FRNSW also advises to:

- not over-charge Lithium-ion batteries or leave them charging overnight unattended
- not charge Lithium-ion batteries on beds, sofas or around highly flammable and insulating materials
- always use compliant and approved charging equipment for Lithium-ion batteries, don't mix and match components and voltage
- avoid dropping, crushing or piercing the Lithium-ion battery cells
- store Lithium-ion batteries in a cool, dry area away from combustible materials, and larger devices like e-bikes and gardening tools should be stored outside of bedrooms and living spaces
- not charge or use Lithium-ion batteries that show signs of damage

To find out more about battery and charging safety, visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au/batteries



ABA Eurobodalla Hosts Heartwarming Christmas Celebration for Local Families



Families in the Eurobodalla had a delightful time at the Batemans Bay Botanic Gardens this past Friday during the festive celebration organised by the Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Eurobodalla. Despite the initial threat of heavy rains, the weather held up, providing a perfect setting for a heartwarming community gathering.

Attendees were treated to an array of activities such as Christmas art and crafts, alongside a morning tea.

The event featured the delightful botanical gardens and playground for children to explore. The highlight of the day was the presence of local mum and talented photographer, Tara Regent from Regent Images, who captured the joyous moments, encouraging everyone to don their best Christmas colours for the occasion.

The ABA Eurobodalla, founded by a two local mothers -10 years ago - is dedicated to supporting other mothers in the region. Led by volunteers Michelle, Liz and Kim, with support of Anita from Campbell Page the group offers a nurturing space for parents to connect, exchange tips, and seek guidance from trained breastfeeding counsellors.

The ABA Eurobodalla extends its open arms to all parents, grandparents and caregivers, advocating for increased societal support for every families journey. The Christmas gathering at Batemans Bay Botanic Gardens was a testament to the warmth and inclusivity fostered by ABA Eurobodalla, marking a memorable celebration that embraced the spirit of community and support for all parents on their unique parenting journeys.

Shortly after the party, ABA Eurobodalla received the exciting news that the group was successful in the second round of Fire to Flourish grants. This grant which will help to fund an inter-generational art project commencing in 2024. Any members of the community wishing to be involved in this exciting project are invited to email: abaeurobodalla@gmail.com or come along to the planning meeting at Mossy Cafe on the 14th of December from 10am-11.30am.



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- **January 18th** THE RUBENS!



Bega Electorate Infrastructure Projects benefit from Clubgrants Program

Member for Bega, Dr. Michael Holland has announced that three organisations in the Bega Electorate will be benefitting from a cash boost thanks to the NSW Government's Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants Program.

The Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants Program is operated under the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001 and administered by the Office of Responsible Gambling. The fund reinvests 0.4 per cent of gaming machine profits over \$1 million from registered clubs back into community infrastructure projects.

The three organisations that are part of the thirty-five across NSW that will share in the \$6.1 million in essential funding under the latest round of the grants program are :

- \$134,075 for the Tathra United Football Club for the replacement of the Tathra electrical transformer under the Sport & Recreation category.
- \$130,000 for the FLING Physical Theatre, Bega, for the upgrade of the FLING Studio infrastructure finalising redevelopment under the Arts & Culture grants category.
- \$83,982 for the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, for the upgrade of the Uniting Church Catalina under the Community Infrastructure category.

Dr. Holland, said the funding would help the Tathra Football Club, Fling Physical Theatre and the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance with upgrading significant infrastructure.

"These are significant grants from ClubGrants and the benefits of these projects will be enjoyed in each community for years to come."

"The next round of ClubGrants has just opened and depending on the category, grants from \$50,000 to \$300,000 are available and community groups across the Bega Electorate are encouraged to apply."

Minister for Gaming and Racing David Harris said the funding will ensure grass roots organisations across NSW receive a much-needed boost to cover the costs of construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fit-out of buildings and infrastructure to deliver outcomes for disadvantaged NSW communities.

"I am thrilled to see such a diverse mix of recipients in this round of the Infrastructure Grants Program, including a focus on Aboriginal community support and a great variety of rural and regional projects," Mr Harris said.

"While we review the wider program, the NSW Government is proud to deliver this support to enable critical projects that will boost local economies and foster community spirit across the state." Infrastructure Grants are open to not-for-profit community organisations and local councils and delivered across four categories: arts and culture, community infrastructure, sport and recreation and disaster readiness.

Since 2013, the program has provided more than \$130 million to support 750 local council and not-for-profit community projects.

Two grant rounds are offered each year under Category 3, with 2023-24 funding for this category committed prior to the decision to review the broader Clubgrants program.

Applications for the next round opened on 27 November 2023 and will close 18 December 2023.

To find out more or to apply visit

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/responsible-gambling-grants>



NSW ClubGrants will provide \$83,982 for the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, for the upgrade of the Uniting Church Catalina under the Community Infrastructure category.

Crossing the Clyde wins Award



Batemans Bay Heritage Museum reports:

'Highly Commended' Kudos for Crossing the Clyde Exhibit

The annual IMAGINE Awards presentation for the Museum and Gallery industry was held in Sydney on November 29th.

The Awards night 2023 moved from the Powerhouse to the sparkling new wing of the NSW Art Gallery in the Domain.

Nominated under Outstanding Achievement - Volunteer Sector, Myf Thompson was a recipient for her leading role in curating our permanent 'Crossing the Clyde' Exhibit.

Bawley Point and Kioloa Microgrid Launch

NSW Minister for Climate Change and Energy, The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, along with State Member, Liza Butler and Federal Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips and representatives from Shoalhaven City Council and local community as Endeavour Energy, today flicked the switch on the state's first community microgrid located on the NSW South Coast.

The \$8 million microgrid at Bawley Point and Kioloa, the first of its kind in the state, will ensure these communities have a more reliable, resilient, and renewable power supply while reducing the number of power outages.

These two towns, like many other rural and regional communities across Australia are vulnerable to catastrophic weather events. The grid independence provided by this microgrid becomes essential for safeguarding our regional communities. The microgrid will mean that shops such as the local supermarket can stay open, and life can continue rather than coming to a halt every time there's an outage.

The project was funded by Endeavour Energy and the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund, part of the \$4.5 billion bushfire support program co-funded by the Federal and NSW Governments.

The community microgrid will act as a self-contained energy system harnessing electricity from renewable sources that include around 100 subsidised home-based batteries and rooftop solar along with a 3MW grid-connected battery located between the two towns.

During an outage, the microgrid will be activated, drawing electricity stored in household batteries to keep the lights on across the communities while power is restored. By integrating solar panels and battery storage linked to a Community Battery, we have harnessed the region's natural resources to generate clean energy for local consumption.

This project is an example of what we can achieve when we work together. It will revolutionise our approach to energy generation and distribution, paving the way for a more sustainable and resilient future. NSW Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, commended Endeavour Energy for taking the lead in delivering the renewable energy roadmap and deploying the first community microgrid of its kind in NSW.

"The rollout of renewable energy initiatives, such as the Bawley Point and Kioloa microgrid, is a priority for NSW as we transition the state's electricity system to a more renewable and resilient future," she said.

"The NSW Government is committed to fast-tracking initiatives such as the Bawley Point and Kioloa microgrid for the benefit of all homes, businesses, and communities throughout the state.

"I want to thank the Australian Government for its funding contribution to this and other projects that are building our resilience to future bushfires."

Liza Butler said "The microgrid will significantly improve the lives of residents who endure frequent power outages due to weather events and being on the edge of the electricity network. We are not only investing in a cleaner and more secure energy future, but also setting a precedent for responsible development and environmental stewardship."



"As a resident of Bawley Point I lived through the 2019/2020 bushfires and know first-hand what it's like to be without power for days. When the power goes out, we can't carry out the basics such as boil water, flush the toilet, and in times of emergency, we also lose telecommunications and our water source. This microgrid will serve the community by providing a reliable, renewable independent energy resource that reduces our dependence on centralised grids and minimises the risk of power outages during extreme weather events and providing us with the resilience we need in times of emergency."

"I'm proud this region is paving the way for the rest of the NSW and Australia to help communities become more resilient and better prepared for future disasters while delivering significant environmental benefits, and I am looking forward to working with other communities along the South Coast to duplicate what we have done in Bawley Point and Kioloa."

"We are not only investing in a cleaner and more secure energy future, but also setting a precedent for responsible development and environmental stewardship."

"Let us lead by example to show that, even in the face of complex challenges, innovation and collaboration can pave the way to a brighter and more resilient tomorrow."

Guy Chalkley, Endeavour Energy's Chief Executive Officer, said the microgrid would allow the coastal communities to power themselves independently during bushfires, storms, and peak holiday periods.

"Today is an important milestone as we acknowledge the critical role that renewable energy will play in empowering communities to become more resilient in the face of increasing adverse weather events," he said.

"I'm incredibly proud of what we have achieved over the last two years designing this microgrid alongside local residents and businesses.

"This is a first for NSW, and once proven successful, will become a benchmark for similar towns right across the state."



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Saturday 23rd December:

- **Drop off gifts at the fire shed (Drake Street) between 2:00 and 6:00pm**
 - Securely wrapped, labelled with street and number plus name of recipient
 - \$2 donation per gift

Sunday 24th December:

- **Gifts will be delivered by Santa between 2:00 and 6:00pm**
- **Santa will come to your front gate. Please don't let children run across the road**



Big boost for NSW South Coast's Koala population

The Albanese Labor Government is investing \$200,000 to restore and improve habitat for koalas in the Eurobodalla region.

6000 trees will be planted at six locations across private properties, State Forests and National Parks connecting habitat to create safer passages for koalas to breed and forage, and removing weeds that are a fire risk and prevent koalas from moving freely.

The project will be delivered by The Coastwatchers Association Incorporated. It will also build community and First Nations capacity to care for their local koalas.

The Coastwatchers Association Incorporated has been working on monitoring and supporting the local koala population for years.

In addition to planting trees and removing weeds, this project will also support the use of drones equipped with thermal imaging capacity. Drones will be used to locate Koalas in trees so that their numbers and movements can be better monitored.

At one location in Cockwhy a drone will be operated from a private property that borders Murramarang National Park. The drone will be used to survey up to 100 hectares of the National Park, as part of 1500 hectares of drone surveys..

There have been sightings of Koalas in Murramarang National Park, but they are becoming increasingly rare.

Sadly, koalas are currently listed as endangered in Queensland, NSW and the ACT. This investment is part of the Government's more than \$76 million Saving Koalas Fund to better protect koalas and repair koala habitat.

Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek said "No-one wants to imagine an Australia without the koalas. The Albanese Labor Government is making sure our kids and grandkids will still be able to see koalas in the wild.

"Communities across Australia play a crucial role in protecting and conserving this beloved animal. This funding is about supporting local groups to do what they do best – getting communities involved in protecting this iconic species.

"Through our Saving Koalas Fund, we are investing in projects that will help Koalas not only survive – but thrive."

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP said "Taking care of our wildlife, such as the iconic koala, is an important part of protecting the environment for future generations. This project will work with local community groups to restore koala habitats.

"We want to see our local koalas not only survive but thrive, planting 6000 trees here in the Eurobodalla region will help us achieve that.

"With this investment, we'll improve conditions for our koalas, supporting local people and local organisations."

Coastwatchers Delegate, Keith Joliffe said "Since the fires there have only been a handful of reliable Koala sightings in this area, it's going to be really exciting to collect more information on their possible locations and movements."

"We're talking about trying to support, and possibly revive, a low-density Koala population– this is a very exciting local project."

"I'd like to thank Fiona [Phillips] for her support, this funding is a huge step for us, we're a small volunteer group who have been working for a decade to monitor and support the local Koala population."



Joslyn van der Moolen (Coastwatchers Association), Meg Clery (Forestry Corporation NSW), Keith Joliffe (Coastwatchers Association), Fiona Phillips MP, John McGrath (landowner, Higgins Creek Farm)



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Historic Moruya House For Sale



One for a keen renovator: Shannon View on Larrys Mountain Road.

By Phil Herrick

This story can start in two ways.

It could be “one of the earliest houses built by settlers in the Moruya district is for sale”, or, “a house is for sale with links to the last time local people of the Yuin Nation enjoyed possession of their country at Moruya”. History can be seen through different lenses, so take your pick, or take both.

Shannon View, on about 8 hectares of land at the corner of Larrys Mountain Road and the Princes Highway is listed for auction on 13 January.

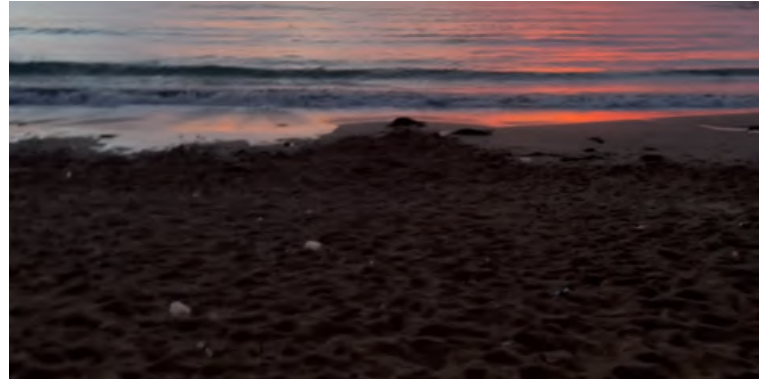
In 1829 the colonial governor gave an Irishman named Francis Flanagan the title to four square miles of land on the north bank of the Moruya River covering both sides of today's Princes Highway along the Mullenderee flats.

It's unlikely the English governor thought much about the Australians living there as he gave their land to an Irishman. Records tell us by 1838 Flanagan was running about 800 cattle, 12 horses and 200 pigs on the land and he may have had the money to build the solid building still standing today. Over a number of years he was also a local magistrate, census taker and distributor of government blankets to the Yuin people. It's believed Flanagan built the house in the mid 1800's with bricks that may have come from a brickworks in the area of today's industrial estate at North Moruya. Neighbouring farmer Cletus Heffernan says there are the remains of a number of timber framed buildings scattered around his property, part of Flanagan's original parcel. Picking which one might have been the first house built here is a guessing game.

Today, the heritage listed house on what was Flanagan's land at Shannon View can best be described as a renovator's delight. It's a simple design with the largest downstairs room warmed by a fireplace and a steep staircase leading up to two bedrooms under the roof.

The enthusiastic agents at LJ Hooker say “This land is ready to be part of the next chapter in the evolving story of Moruya”

Sunrise surprise



Still cut from a video by Josh Burkinshaw.

Mess at Mckenzie's after Schoolies Party

Photographer Josh Burkinshaw went down to Mckenzie's Beach for sunrise this morning and was shocked to see the rubbish left on the beach from a schoolies party last night. “Bottles, cans and plastic cups everywhere. One end of the beach to the other. If you attended please do the right thing and go down and clean it up” Josh said.

Posting it to social media, Josh said before too long the rubbish had been cleaned up.

Josh said “thank you to everyone who came down and helped. Legends.”

Josh also noted that there had been a fire on the beach and some broken glass on the beach.



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Fly from Everest raises funds for global polio campaign



At the Fly from Everest screening last Thursday, Narooma VP David McInnes, former Australian Ambassador to Nepal Annmaree O'Keeffe, and paragliders Ken Hutt and Marcus Loane.

Fly from Everest raises funds for global polio campaign Narooma Rotary Club's film fundraiser at the Kinema last Thursday has resulted in a \$1,000 Narooma donation to the global campaign to eradicate the paralyzing disease polio from the world.

The film Fly from Everest featured south coast adventurer and Berry Rotarian Ken Hutt and his dream to paraglide from Everest and raise awareness and funds to continue the global fight to eliminate polio. Film director was Joe Carter.

Ken and fellow paraglider Marcus Loane attended Thursday's screening and answered many questions after the screening about their Everest adventures in 2022 and 2023.

Mr Hutt is immensely proud of his team members' efforts and that they also raised \$400,000 for the cause, with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

They received publicity and support from around the world.

"Our main aim was to get the polio message out there and we achieved that," he said.

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

"Since then, cases due to wild poliovirus have declined by more than 99.9%, with wild poliovirus remaining endemic today in only two countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan," she said.

"Disruptions to routine vaccination programmes around the world put this progress at risk. Rotary and its partners are trying to sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk."

She said Narooma Rotary rounded up the money raised on the night to \$1,000; that will ultimately be boosted to \$3,000, thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's donation of \$2 for every \$1 raised by Rotary.

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Flying fox

8th December 1923

The hot westerlies experienced during the past few months have had a disastrous effect on pastures.

Latest reports state that the condition of the Director of the Commonwealth Immigration Bureau, **Mr. Lionel J. Hurley**, formerly of Moruya, and son-in-law of Mr. S. W. Bate of Central Tilba, is improving. Mr. Hurley was accompanying Mr. Penleigh Boyd, the noted Australian artist in a motor car, which over-turned on Prince's Highway, near Warragul, Vic., Mr. Boyd being killed. [Lionel Hurley was the former owner/editor of the Moruya Tilba Times newspaper 1898-1911.]

Flying foxes are being put to good use. The fur is bringing high prices in some parts of the world.

On December 1 the Bodalla Company relinquished the distribution of its own cheese, it having transferred its marketing arrangements to the Coastal Farmers' Co-op. Society, Ltd.

The following team of riflemen will represent Bergalia in a friendly match against Narooma on the Bergalia range to-day (Saturday): - H. F. Hutchings (capt.), A. Clarke, Lance Sly, N. Sly, H. P. Jeffery, Geo. Sly, A. W. Greig, R. Greig, S. C. Shumack, F. Toose, J. S. Greig, and J. Donnelly.

At the London College of Music examination held in Moruya on Monday, eight pupils presented themselves for the examination, ... Following are the results: - Primary- Olga McIntosh 88, Ernest Bartlett 86, both being pupils of Miss Imelda Bartlett. Elementary - May Emmott 90. Senior - Marie Preddey 85, Florrie Bartlett 87, Leila Jenner 90. Advanced Senior - Thelma Cheesman 88, pupils of Mrs. Preddey, A.L.C.M: - Primary - violin, Marie Preddey 95 out of 100, pupil of St. Mary's Convent, Moruya. The teachers and pupils alike are deserving of the highest praise on the excellent results achieved.

The attention of the Shire Council is directed to the large quantity of loose metal lying on many parts of the Moruya-Bodalla road. Teamsters state that their horses hoofs are being injured through this cause. One animal had to be taken to the black-smith this week for attention.

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Art from Aboriginal Youth in Spotlight at Batemans Bay Service NSW Centre



Student artists from left to right – Isaac, Melody and Leah with Dr Holland. Photo Michael Lawrence-Taylor.

A group of six Aboriginal high school students have come together as part of a cultural resilience program to showcase the stories of Aboriginal people through art which is now on display at Batemans Bay Service NSW Centre.

The painting called 'Njindiwan', organised by the youths under the guidance of mentors from My Voice My Journey, acknowledges the Walbunja people with the black duck totem centre of the painting and was selected as part of the Service NSW Aboriginal Artwork Initiative.

The initiative, which was established following staff and customer feedback, aims to strengthen engagement with and acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as well as make local Service NSW Centres more welcoming and an inclusive environment for all people.

Other totems that feature in the painting represent the tribes that help make up the local community, representing members of the My Voice My Journey program who live on Walbunja Country.

The black circles are water holes. Dotting inside the black circles represent the meeting places where tribes would often come together on their journey while the brown between the black circles are rivers coming together to meet the ocean and the handprints around the painting represent the Aboriginal youth.

Batemans Bay Service Centre engaged the Local Aboriginal Land Council which selected My Voice My Journey to organise the painting. Formed in 2021, the culturally informed leadership and resilience program focuses on enhancing cultural awareness and identity among Aboriginal youth through cultural activities. Following a successful pilot program last year, Batemans Bay is the sixth of ten Service NSW Centres to participate in the Aboriginal Artwork Initiative and engage with their local Aboriginal community including Elders and community organisations to display a local Aboriginal artist or group's work.

Team members from Batemans Bay Service Centre work closely with local Aboriginal community groups and attend community events to increase awareness of government services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Service NSW also offers an Aboriginal Traineeship Program and partners with a group training organisation to provide an employment pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dr. Michael Holland, Member for Bega said "Learning about the Walbunja people, history and culture is a continuous journey for myself and all the community and I thank Todd from My Voice My Journey, the young artists and their mentors for taking that time and sharing their stories through this artwork. "Most people will find themselves needing to visit a Service NSW Centre at one point or another so it's important these are spaces are welcoming and reflect our community.

"The sharing of the artwork at the centre is another way we can maintain a sense of belonging for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and continue to strengthen our bonds with community leaders and members."

Founder of My Voice My Journey, Todd Chatfield: "Sometimes we find the Aboriginal youth going through our cultural program are initially embarrassed or may not know enough about their culture but we try and break down that shame factor, build strength and resilience and inspire the next generation through learning Aboriginal history, stories and connections.

"Participating in creating this artwork has given the teenagers a sense of ownership of something, greater connection to Country and feeling of pride and acknowledgement that when their community and family like their grandparents come into the Service Centre – people will stop and say that's what my grandchild or I know who was part of painting that artwork. "We want the youth to know how deadly they are and be proud to share their stories. "People need to remember that Aboriginal history is everyone's history, so this artwork represents the whole community and should be enjoyed by everyone."

Human impacts on the ocean – artists create an eye opening exhibition to raise awareness and spark positive change!

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

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

Bay Pavilions, Vesper Street Batemans Bay

1st – 22nd December, 2023

Opening night - Sunday the 3rd December, 4-7pm

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Private viewing of new works by Allan Rand

Allan Rand is having a showing of his works at his studio in Broulee this weekend at Studio Candlagan Creek, Saturday 9 Dec + Sunday 10 December 2024.

Allan Rand is a visual artist, born in Denmark. He makes figurative drawings, watercolors and paintings. He studied Fine Arts at the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf in Germany and at the Royal College of Art in London. He lives and works intercontinentally. Most recently in Paris where he was artist-in-residence at Poush.

Other work chapters have taken place in Mogendoura, Sydney, Brussels, Peru, Porto and California.

Recent solo exhibitions and two-person exhibitions include "27 eyes" (Poush, Paris), "Rand, Hartigan" (Haydens Gallery, Melbourne), "House of a Misanthrope" (Knulp, Sydney) and "Serendipitous Sojourns" (Galerie Nagel Draxler, Cologne).

a" (The Cerveira International Art Biennial Foundation, Portugal). He is based in Broulee (Studio Candlagan Creek) where he prepares for a solo exhibition in Britain for 2024.

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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.

Free community weekend at SECCA

Bega Valley Shire Council is pleased to announce free entry to SECCA (South East Centre for Contemporary Art) and the Archibald exhibition on the weekend of 9 and 10 December.

SECCA Director, Iain Dawson said shire residents and visitors are welcome to celebrate the opening of the renovated gallery and Australia's foremost portraiture exhibition at the SECCA Community Weekend.

"Since we opened SECCA two weeks ago, we've had more than 2,000 people through the gallery enjoying the Archibald Prize 2023 and the overall ambiance of this exceptional and impressive setting," Mr Dawson said. "To thank the community for being so patient and supportive during the major renovations, Saturday 9 December will feature free art workshops, roving performers, the screening of an acclaimed short film, music and food trucks.

"We will also announce the winners of the Young Archies, a portrait competition we held for budding young artists in the shire aged between 5 and 18 years."

Mr Dawson said the Archibald exhibition presents 57 portraits of public figures and cultural identities from all walks of life.

"Sam's Caravan will be on site with all sorts of music, there will be performances by FLING physical theatre artists, live art classes and a rolling screening of Del Kathryn Barton's short film, The Nightingale & the Rose.

"This short film is a collaboration between artist Del Kathryn Barton and celebrated director Brendan Fletcher which reimagines Oscar Wilde's timeless fairy-tale through a sophisticated artistic lens."

Go to the [SECCA website](#) for further details.

"SECCA is a place where everyone is welcome; a space where people can come to experience art and free expression, to learn about different cultures and above all, be inspired," Mr Dawson said.

This project has been assisted by the Reconnecting Regional NSW Grant program and the Bega Valley Shire Council Community Grants Program.

Time to turn up the heat on preparedness

Australian Red Cross

Australian Red Cross is urging New South Wales residents to take action and plan how they will manage forecasted heatwaves in the coming days.

With the Bureau of Meteorology issuing extreme heatwave warnings for large parts of New South Wales, now is the time to get prepared.

Australian Red Cross State Director for New South Wales, Kate Miranda said heatwaves are more than just another hot day.

"These weather events can be extremely dangerous, and it's vital that people have a plan to keep cool, especially those who are vulnerable, older or unwell." Ms Miranda said.

"When temperatures rise, simple steps like keeping hydrated, staying indoors and wearing light clothing can make a significant difference.

"The Australian Red Cross website has a number of useful resources on what to do in the lead up to and during a heatwave, so I encourage people to take a look and make a plan.

"You can also download the Australian Red Cross 'Get Prepared' app to complete your RediPlan online."

Australian Red Cross tips for coping with the heat include:

- Drink regularly, even if you don't feel thirsty. Water is the best option. Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and sugary or fizzy drinks as they make dehydration worse.

- Eat little and often, rather than large meals. Try to eat more cold food, particularly salads and fruit, which contain water.

- Stay indoors in the coolest rooms of your house or in the shade during the hottest part of the day.

- Take cool showers and splash yourself with cold water several times a day, particularly your face and the back of your neck. A loose, cotton, damp cloth or scarf on the back of the neck can help you stay cool.

- Air flow: Make sure there is sufficient air circulation, either from an air conditioner or by leaving a secured window or door open.

- Find the shade: If you must go out, stay in the shade. Wear a hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes, preferably made of natural fibres.

- Wear sunglasses and apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 to exposed skin. If you will be outside for some time, take plenty of water with you.

- Look out for your family, friends and neighbours: If you know someone who might be susceptible to heat stress, stop by or give them a call and make sure they know what to do to stay cool.

For more information on how to get prepared for heatwaves and other emergencies visit redcross.org.au/prepare/ or download the Australian Red Cross 'Get Prepared' app.

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CWA Celebrates Christmas with South Coast Community



Stephanie Stanhope, President Far South Coast Group CWA, handing out Christmas chocolates to CWA members at a recent meeting in Cobargo. A very pleased Susanne Robertson of Tilba CWA in foreground



Bermagui CWA members Nieves Cridland and Heather Sobey are looking forward to their members Christmas lunch



Bodalla CWA branch baked and beautifully decorated a "Peace be with You" Christmas Cake for a raffle that will be drawn on 15th December at Bodalla Community Carols



Tilba CWA members, Zoe Bourke with her Tilba Rose potpourri, and Irene Bynon reading a CWA Cookbook, at recent A Very Tilba Christmas Market



Batemans Bay CWA members from L to R Meg Sawtell, Chris Ross Magus and Glen Tulip at a recent market stall in Bunnings



Lynne Jones of Cobargo CWA branch preparing for their Christmas stall to be held on Saturday 9th December in Cobargo

By Annette Kennewell

The Far South Coast Group of Country Women's Association has ten branches from Batemans Bay to Eden. Each branch loves to celebrate Christmas within their community in their own special way.

In Eurobodalla, Batemans Bay branch will have a Christmas stall at the Christmas Markets, located in the trade area at Bunning's Batemans Bay, on Thursday 7th December from 6pm to 8pm. CWA members will have delicious baked goods for sale. Moruya branch members are celebrating in a big way on Saturday 16th December from 9.30am to 2pm in their CWA Hall at 64 Queen Street Moruya. There will be a sausage sizzle, baked goods stall, a bric'a'brac stall, plus their Craft shop and Book Nook will be open. All welcome to attend.

Bodalla branch baked and beautifully decorated a Christmas cake with the words "Peace be with you". This cake is being raffled and will be drawn on 15th December at Bodalla Community Carols. With the incidence of domestic violence increasing over the Christmas period, Narooma branch members assembled and donated 16 'Bags for Dignity' filled with useful items for women experiencing domestic violence. Tilba CWA Christmas Carols will be celebrated in the Central Tilba Small Hall on Sunday 10th December for the children of Central Tilba Public School. Then Tilba CWA members cater a Christmas BBQ dinner for Tilba Rural Fire Service and a Christmas lunch for the children and families of Little Yuin Preschool at Wallaga Lake with a visit from Santa. In the Bega Valley, Bermagui branch has arranged a Mango fundraiser to support construction of additional independent living units for aged persons, the Sinclair Units, next door to Bermagui's Seaside Cottage & CWA Rooms in Corunna Street. The Mango fundraiser was arranged by Kath Renwick with over 200 trays of mangoes expected to arrive the second week in December. Many local families have ordered trays of mangoes for Christmas. The branch also held a cake stall of Christmas goodies at the November Sunday market. Bermagui CWA members are looking forward to their Christmas luncheon at the Beachside Cafe mid-December.

Cobargo CWA are also baking for their Christmas Stall on 9th December at the Cobargo Saturday morning market. The Bake Stall has proved a winner with the locals who look forward to sweet treats from their CWA. Bega branch has been baking Christmas cakes and puddings, shortbread and home-made jams for their Christmas stall which will be held Friday morning 15th December at Bega Produce Market, Littleton Gardens.

Pambula-Merimbula branch have collected, made and shipped toys for children in Ukraine, donated Christmas hampers to Bega Women's Resource Centre and are holding a stall with Christmas decorations, craft and home-baked goodies on Sunday 10th December at the Pambula Rotary Market. Eden branch will attend their local schools end of year Presentation Day to present the awards they support. Eden CWA will celebrate Christmas for their members with a luncheon in December.

All Far South Coast Group CWA branches would like to thank their community for help and support with fundraising this year and wish everyone a safe Christmas holiday season.



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 *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' 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 # 1174

CoreLogic Announce "V" Shaped Recovery

CoreLogic is a company that specialises in property statistics and data analysis. In their latest Home Value Index, the Australian home property reached a new high in November and they have published a very interesting "V" shaped chart showing the rapid bounce back in the market since its last peak in April 2022. In their report CoreLogic stated that "After reaching a peak in April 2022, national home values fell -7.5%, finding a floor on 29 January 2023. Since bottoming out, the national HVI has risen by 8.1%, taking the market to a new record high on Wednesday 22 November 2023."

The obvious question is, just how far will it go this time? As we have previously commented, you only know the highs and lows in hindsight. One thing that is for certain, buyers and sellers should be confident that the market is strong and there is no reason not to proceed with your plans.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS





A Beer with Bazz

With
John
Longhurst

Mick moved through the clientele of the front bar of the pub, pausing to wish friends, foes and even strangers a 'Merry Christmas' with a Bobby Dazzler smile and a warm handshake.

'Jingle Bells' punished the patrons' ears.

By the time Mick had reached the bar table his Santa cap tottered on his head and he wiped away beads of perspiration with the back of his hand.

He heaved himself onto the bar stool, let out a deep sigh and took a decent drink of the offered schooner.

"Well cheers, Bazza..... that's Christmas party number five out of the way."

Bazza shook his head and took a measured sip, as Mick pulled out his mobile phone and opened the diary app.

"Ok..... Bazza, four more parties to go, including a Fitmas party at the gym."

Bazza screwed his eyes.

"But.... but Mick..... you haven't been to the gym since January, following your much talked about New Year's resolution."

Mick raised an eyebrow.

"Well..... it has been a busy year, Bazza but it would be bloody rude to miss it."

Mick's eyes returned to his phone.

"Now Bazza, I am in three 'Secret Santas' and even a 'Sorry Santa' this year."

Bazza raised an eyebrow.

"A 'Sorry Santa' is when you give someone a gift you know they don't want and they do not have to pretend to like it. It is a good one for regifting."

Bazza shook his head as Mick scrolled his phone.

"I've also got four Christmas barbecues to attend, Bazza, including the annual one at the 'Alternate's' place. I hate that one..... as it is dead boring. I can list the topics that will be up for discussion; the first fifteen minutes on Bohemian Breeze's latest diet, twenty minutes of boasting about the achievements of their high flying granddaughter now saving the planet with some greenie organisation in New York, thirty minutes on the latest trends in yoga and the rest on climate change. To top it off..... they are vegetarians so it's not really a barbecue anyway. I am glad it is only once a year."

Bazza chuckled.

"Why bother, Mick?"

Mick leaned in and his Santa cap tipped towards his schooner.

"Because it is traditional, Bazza. It is important to see everyone before the 25th December to wish them all the best. Now if you don't do it..... well..... you will not be invited next year. I will end up like you with hardly any Christmas invitations."

Bazza leaned back.

"That's a bit rough, Mick. I just like to catch up with people I like or need to see. That might be daily, weekly or whenever. Setting a date seems a bit pointless. All this contrived bonhomie at Christmas time is disingenuous. It is a bit like me accepting an invitation to Mrs Weatherspoon-Jones Christmas Ball and raising a glass to King Charles."

Mick bristled and his Santa cap stood to attention.

"You are dreaming, Bazza. That is a black tie event and your idea of formal dress is an ironed singlet."

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Knitting nannas rally outside Forestry Corporation Batemans Bay as EPA Stop Work orders due to expire

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South Coast locals and Nannas Rally over Axe Hanging our South Coast Forests this Christmas - EPA Tallaganda and Flat Rock State Forests, Greater Glider Stop Work Orders expire Christmas Eve.

On Friday morning 8th December, Knitting Nannas for Native Forests - South Coast loop held their fourth 'Knit-In' with an alliance of south coast environmental groups. South Coast and Braidwood locals from Friends of the Forest (Mogo) and Brooman State Forest Conservation Group are rallying with Knitting Nannas as the two EPA Stop Work orders in Flat Rock and Tallaganda State Forests both expire by Christmas Eve.

The rally was 'carolling with purpose', singing forest protection words to favourites like Jingle Bells and Silent Night and All we want this Christmas is for our forests to be protected for wildlife and carbon storage.

Our loud and colourful Knit-In featured two Greater Glider costumed performers and an array of closeup photos of Greater Gliders from Tallaganda State Forest that led to the Stop Work Order. This Knit-In will also be a Friday's 4 Forests action that occurs weekly along the east coast of NSW.

The Flat Rock State Forest Stop Work Order was imposed by the EPA on Tuesday 14 November after the community reported a Greater Glider den tree within 30 metres of active logging. The mandatory exclusion zone around den trees is 50 metres. The Stop Work Order is due to expire on Christmas Eve, prompting widespread concern in community conservation groups that not enough is being done to protect the Greater Gliders over the holiday period. Unprotected Greater Glider den trees continue to be reported in active logging sites across the state.

The Tallaganda State Forest Stop Work Order was imposed on 30 August after only one Greater Glider den tree was marked for protection in over 1500 hectares of active logging. This has since been extended twice after community citizen scientists found numerous Greater Gliders. It is due to expire on 20 December.

Takesa Frank from local Brooman State Forest Conservation Group said "protecting the habitat of Shoalhaven threatened species is crucial for biodiversity. We must take proactive measures to turn around Australia's leading role in the twin climate crisis and extinction crisis, by ending logging of our NSW public native forests. This will ensure a sustainable and liveable planet for future generations". Takesa recently received the Bob Brown Foundation 2023 Young Environmentalist of the Year award for her local advocacy to protect lower Shoalhaven state forests and her 23,000 signature petition to end native forest logging presented to NSW parliament in 2022. South Coast local Joslyn van der Moolen who has lived in Braidwood at "Manar" said. "World Wildlife Australia and Wilderness Australia are calling for The Tallaganda State Forest Greater Glider hubs to be added to Tallaganda National Park. This is to protect one of the few remaining large populations of Greater Gliders unaffected by the Black Summer fires.

"A new development, is Forestry now responding to community surveying rather than waiting for the EPA to impose regulatory action. In Styx River State Forest, north east of Armidale, FCNSW suspended logging after a treesit drew attention to citizen scientists surveying that found twenty four Greater Gliders and three Greater Glider den trees that had not been allocated 50m exclusion zones".

"It's truly pathetic and appalling that a heavily subsidised Corporation is playing catchup with volunteer citizen scientists. This is despite the work of many regulatory bodies including the NSW EPA, the Natural Resources Commission and NSW and commonwealth departments responsible for forestry and the environment. Without leadership from the NSW and commonwealth governments, thousands of well meaning public servants are being brought to heel, by local heroes sacrificing their personal lives to protect wildlife in their local forests". "This failure to protect wildlife is amplified by the huge areas of public native forest in NSW, subject to logging. FCNSW arranges logging by private contractors within 780,000 hectares of public forest out of the 2 million hectares they manage. The logging industry must wake-up, and proactively get moving to focus 100% on the job-rich softwood plantation sector that already supplies the construction sector most Australian timber needs for housing" Joslyn said.

From grassroots to grid: new data reveals community raised \$87m for energy projects

COMMUNITY POWER AGENCY

Community groups around Australia are taking on the shift to renewable energy, delivering local energy projects with outstanding socioeconomic and environmental benefits, including raising up to \$87m to fund their own projects. These are the key findings of a report published today (Wednesday) by [Community Power Agency](#), in collaboration with researchers from the University of Technology Sydney and University of Melbourne.

The report makes eight recommendations, including calling on all state and territory governments to unlock 100MW of community energy projects by 2028.

55 groups, roughly half the Australian community energy sector, were surveyed about the largely volunteer-driven projects, which include solar, battery storage, energy efficiency, electric cars, microgrids and wind turbines.

The researchers asked groups about projects they'd been working on in the past 12 months and found:

- Groups had raised \$86.8 million in funding for community energy infrastructure;
- The projects had produced over 19,000 MWh of clean energy - enough for 2,800 homes for a year; and
- The projects had avoided 13,947 tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent, which is the equivalent of removing 7,748 cars from the road for a year.

Since 2015, there has been the establishment of at least 30 new community energy groups and the sector currently has a strong estimated supporter base of 38,000 people.

The report found people involved in energy projects were primarily motivated by action on climate change and emissions reductions. This was followed by a desire for local participation in the renewable energy transition and for increased energy reliability and self-sufficiency.

Kristy Walters, Director of Community Power Agency said: "It's remarkable that these energy groups have achieved so much - funding their projects through the community, with minimal government support.

"This is the low hanging fruit of decarbonising our grid. Communities want to be involved in their own energy generation and the projects we have highlighted demonstrate how important this is for community buy-in."

"Community energy projects are vital to democratising our energy system and in the process they are enabling many other benefits at the local level."

Co-author Dr Jonathan Marshall, a researcher from Climate, Society and Environment Research Centre (CSERC) at the University of Technology Sydney said: "These findings show the growth and interest in community renewable energy, not only as a source of energy, but as a source of local development and resilience. It also illustrates the difficulties that volunteer organisations face, especially when the regulations seem geared for large scale commercial developments."

Despite their achievements, community energy groups face challenges such as a lack of funding, navigating complex regulatory systems and volunteer burnout.

The report emphasises the need for targeted government support to overcome these obstacles including:

- Dedicated and ongoing grant funding for community energy projects and capacity building hubs;
- The establishment of a Community Energy Collaboration Network to support community energy groups to navigate challenges and share knowledge; and
- The establishment of community feed-in tariffs for mid-scale community energy projects of 6-7c premium above PPA/wholesale rate for 10 years.

CASE STUDIES

The South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) -

Location: Southern NSW, Moruya

SHASA is a community group based in the Eurobodalla, delivering a trifecta of social, environmental and economic benefits. After experiencing the devastating 2019-20 black summer bushfires, they developed Eurobodalla SHASA Heatwave and Bushfire Havens Strategic Plan. This plan included upgrading buildings to provide a refuge for more vulnerable members of the community, during extreme weather events. This included the provision of independent power systems (solar and batteries) so that refuges can continue to operate when the grid goes down. This project has so far installed a total of 58.2kW of solar panels and 60kW of battery storage across six community-owned facilities in the Eurobodalla, which are expected to reduce carbon emissions by 75 tonnes per year and slash electricity bills by over \$10,000 annually. The installation of solar and batteries also reduces the day to day operational costs of these facilities which are critical to the social fabric of the Eurobodalla.

Katherine Maxwell said: "SHASA congratulates the Community Power Agency for publishing a detailed report that outlines the amazing work of community energy groups and the positive impact that financial support from all tiers of government, and from private investment, can have. There is so much untapped potential to assist with the transition to renewables and to low cost energy for all. We encourage community organisations to plan for a brighter future together."

Geni Energy - Sally Hunter

Location: North West NSW, Narrabri

Geni Energy has installed battery and solar projects around Narrabri, helping locals save on power bills and keep the lights on during blackouts.

Sally Hunter said: "Our region has no REZ (NSW Renewable Energy Zone) and no transition plan for our coal workers, so this is left up to community energy groups such as Geni.Energy.

We are leading by example in the northwest of NSW, helping locals install solar and battery and developing our Narrabri Community Battery.

Our region has oodles of land, sun and a little too much drought that is perfect for maximising the renewable energy opportunities, especially when it can be driven locally. We need these benefits to stay local and developers need this too in order to secure social licence for projects."

Inner West Community Energy - Gavin Gilchrist

Location: Inner West Sydney,

Gavin Gilchrist said: "In six years we've built a group that's helped over 330 households install rooftop solar, we've helped with household batteries and delivered a number of community solar projects across Sydney's Inner West. Now we're helping households get off gas. It all proves the community is so far ahead of governments when it comes to understanding the need for rapid climate action."

Totally Renewable Yackandandah - Juliette Millbank

Location: Regional Victoria, Yackandandah

Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) is a volunteer group working towards the goal of powering their Victorian town with 100% renewable energy. Recent projects include installing the town's first electric vehicle charging station.

Juliette Millbank said: "Totally Renewable Yackandandah has grasped the opportunities to add value to our community with improved community facilities, reduced costs, and community resilience via backup power options. All the while reducing carbon emissions and bringing our community along. We've done this almost entirely using volunteers while facing the challenges of sourcing funding and technical expertise. "There is so much more we need to do and we wholeheartedly support the report recommendations. Our projects add enormous value to Yackandandah and give locals greater understanding about energy, the things they can do and the benefits that can be realised."

Australian farmers represented in global climate conversation at COP 28

Australian farmers will be represented at the world’s biggest conversation on climate change, with the National Farmers’ Federation announcing it will again be sending a delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 28 in Dubai.

President David Jochinke and CEO Tony Mahar will attend from 7-11 December to ensure the voice of Australian farmers is heard in this key multilateral forum.

The NFF will be joined by its members, Australian Forestry Products Association and Farmers for Climate Action, and key NFF partner Farming for the Future, to drive the discussions around a sustainable future for the production of food and fibre.

“Agriculture is one of the most vulnerable industries to the impacts of climate change but it is also uniquely positioned to provide opportunities for mitigation,” Mr Jochinke said.

“We need to be in the room for these conversations about our industry, so we can put forward Australian farmers’ views, share what we are doing in the face of a changing climate and make sure farmers are involved in making the decisions that affect them.

“We look forward to working closely with the Australian representatives as well as international counterparts to achieve positive outcomes for the farming community.

“The NFF plays an active leadership role across multiple international forums, including the World Farmers’ Organisation, and is looking forward to working with the WFO to promote best practice policies that ensure agriculture is at the centre of climate change negotiations.”

This week the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Farmers’ Constituency – of which NFF is a part of – [released its statement](#) for COP28, highlighting the important role farming has in the global effort to tackle climate change while ensuring food security.

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UPROAR M, 1H 50M, NEW ZEALAND DRAMA	6.35pm*	2.55pm* 7.50pm*	12.45pm* 7.40pm*	10.40am* 4.45pm*		2.05pm* 7pm*	1.30pm*
NAPOLEON MA15+, 2H 38M, BIO/ACTION	2pm	2.20pm 7.15pm	1.10pm 7pm	1.10pm 7pm		2.20pm 7.15pm	3pm 6pm
THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES M, 2H 37M, ACTION/ADVENTURE			2.55pm*	6.50pm*			
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South Head Cemetery Restoration

Moruya Rotary Club in conjunction with National Parks and Wildlife Service are planning to undertake some restoration work at the Cemetery at South Head. The graves in question are Peter Gaustad, Sarah Wyatt, Mary Jane and Sarah Ann Wyatt and Jacob Thomson.

We are asking any descendants of those people to contact Moruya Rotary Club through their Facebook page, website or this site. We are seeking their input before any work is done.

Animal Lib speaks out against Moruya Rodeo Again

By Phil Herrick

Moruya Rodeo came under attack again from the Animal Liberation movement at the Public Access session of Eurobodalla Council on Tuesday.

Lisa Ryan from Animal Liberation addressed the council in a Zoom call, asking councillors to overthrow a decision they took last March to continue the licence for the Rodeo Committee to use the Moruya Showgrounds for the event on New Year's Day. The Rodeo has been held for over 50 years and the committee's bulls regularly go to other rodeo events in the south east.

"Council has sanctioned legalised animal cruelty and does not take these matters seriously," said Ms Ryan.

She was critical of councillors for not challenging supporters of the rodeo when they voted last March.

"There was a peripheral review, there was no change, no making right of a damning situation.

"Council has an obligation to review the licence agreement and at a minimum require the attendance of a vet who would report on any incidents."

While Crs Mayne and Grace expressed support for the views of Ms Ryan, Cr Harrison objected strenuously to the criticism of council's process. In particular he questioned Ms Ryan on the submissions opposing the rodeo. A total of 1,818 submissions were received by council in March - 464 in support and 1,354 opposed.

"I read all the submissions and also looked at where the people who made them lived," he said.

"In fact, 27.7 per cent of the submissions opposing the rodeo came from people who live overseas and only 9 per cent from people living in regional NSW."

No action on the rodeo licence was proposed by council following the address by Ms Ryan.



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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.

EXTRAORDINARY HISTORIES

South Coast History Soc. has been receiving numerous phone calls every day from those wanting to know where they can purchase 'Extraordinary Histories: Amazing stories from the NSW South Coast'. It's very clear that numerous people are going to receive a copy of this interesting, just-released 320-page softcover book as their Christmas present! To save you having to ring us, 'Extraordinary Histories' is currently available from:

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Art on the Path, Broulee

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

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17 December at 10.30am
In the British tradition, The **Batemans Bay Uniting Church** will unite once again with the U3A Singers to present this 2023 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Not that it will be very British; the church choir will sing Australian Carols, and the U3A Singers have carols from all over the world. We can't promise the fireworks we had last year when the Advent candles caught fire to the surrounding wreath and had to be hastily removed. People might dress up but it has not been organised. Herod et al are not attending, but we hope you will. Kay Killick will lead the service, Peter Poole will conduct the U3A Singers and Sue Wray will be the accompanist for the entire event. Unfortunately Lyn Brown is grappling with health issues, but has left the Singers' in Peter's capable hands. As ever all are most welcome to join us for a joyful time of song.

SAGE Summer Solstice.17th December.

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MORUYA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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Community Christmas Lunch

The Combined Churches of Batemans Bay are again providing a Community Christmas lunch on Christmas Day 25 December. Young and old, singles, families, couples and kids are all invited. There will be two venues providing for the Christmas Day Lunch - the Salvation Army Hall and the Anglican Church Hall. If you are struggling with Christmas or worried about what to do on the day and would like to join us for lunch, we would love to hear from you. Bookings are essential so that we can plan our catering. Please book by 18 December. Bookings for both venues can be made through the The Salvation Army, Batemans Bay Corps on 44729644.

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SATURDAY

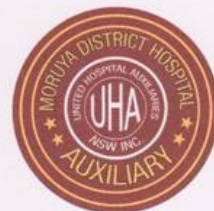
Animal nursery, Young Woman of the Year Competition (aka Miss Showgirl), Grand Opening, novelty events, Graham Brown Dog High Jump, wife carrying, rodeo in evening, Paddy Dodgers live music

SUNDAY

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



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Tuross Head Golf Club



Winner Richard Kelly

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results

Wednesday 6th December 2023.

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford event.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Richard Kelly with 23 points.
- 2nd: Paul Coffey with 22 points (count back).
- 3rd: Bruce Ware with 22 points (count back).
- 4th: Herb Muriwai with 22 points.
- 5th: Ray Downey with 21 points.
- 6th: Des Jackson with 20 points.
- 7th: Jane Eglitis with 19 points.
- 8th: Gail Rogers with 19 points.
- 9th: Annette Manton with 19 points.
- 10th: Steve Gardner with 18 points.
- 11th: Wendy Dickson with 18 points.
- 12th: John Cox with 18 points.
- 13th: Ian Miller with 18 points.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Peter McRae
- 6th: Des Jackson
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden

Mens: Peter Coffey, Accuracy: Greg Smith,
Bradman: Mark Maher.

Tuross Head Stableford Medley Golf Results

Thursday 7th December 2023

A field of 45 players registered for a Stableford Medley and enjoyed the day with good results.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Ian Manton (22) with 43 points
 - 2nd: Kevin Reilly (21) with 42 points
 - 3rd: Michael Hogan (24) with 42 points
 - 4th: Troy Kingdom (10) with 40 points
 - 5th: Jenny Reilly (44) with 39 points
- Eagle: John Eglitis on the 10th hole.

Nearest to the Pins: Distance

- 4A: Col Houghton 1.31
- 4B: John Phyland 0.35
- 4C: Kevin Reilly 1.10
- 6A: Ray Bollard 0.73
- 6B: Allan Langford 4.45
- 6C: Kevin Reilly 4.41
- 7A: Mark O'Connor 2.03
- 7B: Paul Coffey 2.17
- 7C: Nil

Balls went to: Paul Coffey 39, Allan Langford 38, Mark Forrest 38, Nick Brice 37, Jim Wade 37, Ray Bollard 37, Bruce Cleeve 37, Mark O'Connor 36, Gavan Wheelahan 36, Dorothy Madden 36, Colin Houghton 36 and Graeme Sindel 35.



Winners Maree Coffey, Leonie Snodgrass and Judy Apps.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results

On Tuesday 5th December 2023, 20 ladies competed in a Stableford event, which was the Final Christmas Run. The game was followed by a fun Christmas Party and delicious lunch at Tuross Head Country Club.

Results were: A Grade Winner was Leonie Snodgrass (16) with a score of 35 points. A Grade Runner-up was Annette Manton (25) with a score of 34 points. B Grade Winner was Judy Apps (40) with a score of 27 points. B Grade Runner-up was Elsa Shearer (36) with a score of 26 points. C Grade Winner was Maree Coffey (44) with a score of 40 points. C Grade Runner-up was Wendy Schmid (44) with a score of 33 points. Balls went to Gail Page 33, Dianne Brown 32, Jenny Reilly 31 and Gail Rogers 31. Nearest the pin on the 6th was Elsa Shearer. Nearest the pin on the 15th was Jeanette Miller. Nearest the pin on the 7th was Leonie Snodgrass.

Let's Light Up Bodalla.

Join the Community for a night of festivities filled with the Spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Carols led by Rev Tim Narraway along with the Community Choir.

All children welcome to come and participate in the 'Story of Christmas'

Winner announced of the best lit home and business as voted by the community.

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Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya Moruya River.

With no rain of any consequence this week, the river has had a reprieve from the deluge we experienced last week. While the water is still quite fresh and dirty on the run out tide, it has already, started to clear up. This is good news for the time being, provided we don't get more substantial follow up rain.

As per last weeks post, fish the incoming tide with clean warm water, fish deep, and fish noisy if using lures. If bait is your preferred option, try mullet or tuna fillet, both have high oil content and provide their own burley trail.

Areas around the spur wall at the airport campground, Preddy's wharf and the back of the hole in the wall, will all be areas that will be if it from clean warm water pushing in during the run in tide. Gives these areas a go first while the river conditions settle down and return to a normal state, hopefully before the influx of Xmas anglers we are expecting to see this year.

Up the fresh parts of the river, the bass will be starting to move around again, as the venture back into their usual holes after being pushed around with last weeks rain. I have heard that that some nice fish had taken up residence on the timber piles that get caught around the Kiera bridge pylons after big rains. I would expect these fish to be moving back upstream again by now though.

Tuross River.

Tuross seems to have copped a fair bit more dirty water than Moruya did last week, and as such, is a bit behind where Moruya is in water conditions this weekend. Fishing the deeper holes or the front part of the system on an incoming tide will be of a bigger importance if you plan on fishing here this weekend. Noisy lures, or those that create an easily found presence in the river will be the go to this weekend. Metal or soft Vibes, as well as paddle tail style soft plastics will help fish find your presentation, as will a liberal coating of scent.

For those that wish to soak a bait, mullet fillet or tuna fillet would be my picks, with mullet fillet staying on the hook a lot better and resisting the pickers longer.

I'm sure the bass are again moving up in the fresh as well, so if you are inclined to get up into the sweet water, now could be a good time to have a look around.

Rock and Beach.

This has been where most of the action has been occurring this week. Beaches that have a bit of distance away from the major outflows have had the better conditions and hence the better fish populations.

Salmon are a year round species that can be taken by any willing to get out no give it a go. There have also been some nice Bream and Whiting that have taken up residence on the beaches after being push out of the rivers last week. Look for areas of mixed ground, or those that are close to a good worm bed. Live worms and nippers are the prime bait for both bream and whiting, and a basic running sinker rig on a light rod is all you need to have some fun.

The Moruya break wall has been a bit mixed this week, with a lot of dirty water hanging around, this is starting to clear up moving into the weekend though. Fingers crossed we see some nice fish starting to hit the stones of the breakwall this weekend.

Offshore.

All the dirty water that pushed out this last week, has slowed things a little offshore, but that won't take long to change. With and express current pushing down the coast at the moment, and dirty water gets moved along very quickly.

The snapper will still be available in numbers once you find where they are hiding, I would be looking to their deeper water haunts in and around the 50-60m mark as they look to spawn over early summer.

The flathead may be a little quiet in close this weekend, as the fresh water dissipates.

I have heard any news on the game front, but give the temp charts, there should be good bait around and fingers crossed a few yellowfin tuna.

The bait freezer is well stoked apart from the unavailable king worms, we have 3pallets of stock turning up from Kings next week, and have started to see some new items from Gasmate arriving this week, with more to arrive early next week. Yes we will have a butane travel stove to sell you this Xmas along with the butane cartridges we have always sold.

We are pretty well stocked to the roof, with a few spots left to fill, and are ready for a warm sunny Xmas full of happy visitors to come and pay us a visit.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Pickleball: The fastest growing sport you never heard of



By John Longhurst

A cross between tennis, badminton, squash and table tennis is the fastest growing sport in Australia. Pickleball is a paddle sport that originated in the USA in 1965 and has upwards of 20,000 players Australia wide with an average age of 58 years.

Pickleball can be played as singles or doubles on a badminton sized court using a paddle and wiffle ball.

Batemans Bay joined the pickleball mania about 18 months ago through the Batemans Bay Tennis Club.

Club President, Garry McNally from Long Beach4 said "We have regular social games at the Basketball Stadium at Hanging Rock six times per week. It is very popular amongst retirees keen to remain active."

Karen Jones from Bawley Point is a regular Monday player.

Karen said "I was introduced to it in Phoenix, USA five years ago. Given three pickleball courts fit into one tennis court, there is not as much running and the surface is more forgiving. It's a great game for 'over the hill' tennis players."

Mario Kefalas from Long Beach and an active member of the Batemans Bay Tennis Club Committee is one of the organisers.

Mario said "We have about 24 people playing on a regular basis extending from Ulladulla to Narooma. We run an internal competition every now and then."

Local players Marianne Bandur from Malua Bay and Georgie Rowley from Lilli Pilli have tasted success at the national level, winning a bronze medal at the Australian Pickleball Masters in the 40-60 years age group in October in Adelaide.

For the curious, Pickleball is named after a spare boat crew in rowing, called a pickle boat in the USA. The name taps into the 'thrown together' nature of the sport.

It was invented by Joel Pritchard, congressman from Washington State and Bill Bell, a successful businessman.

One Saturday they returned to Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, WA (near Seattle) to find their families sitting around with nothing to do. The property had an old badminton court so Pritchard and Bell looked for some badminton equipment and could not find a full set of rackets. They improvised and started playing with ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. At first they placed the net at badminton height of 60 inches and volleyed the ball over the net. As the weekend progressed, the players found that the ball bounced well on the asphalt surface and soon the net was lowered to 36 inches.

The following weekend, Barney McCallum was introduced to the game at Pritchard's home. Soon, the three men created rules, relying heavily on badminton. They kept in mind the original purpose, which was to provide a game that the whole family could play together.**



Bronze Medal Winners in Australian Pickleball Masters 40-60 Years Age Bracket. Marianne Bandur in foreground and Georgie Rowley at the back.



*<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2023/oct/08/could-be-the-next-big-thing-how-pickleball-is-courting-a-new-generation-of-players>

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