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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COUNCIL RESPONDS

ESC has doused concerns regarding their use of a sprinkler system operating at the Moruya Transfer Station, during restricted hours.

Council advises, "The Moruya Transfer Station is not connected to the Eurobodalla main water supply and is run independently from the main water and sewer infrastructure..... The site has water catchment and storage tanks for general purpose usage and staff utilise sustainable practices to minimise water usage all through the year."

Both of the above are responsible water saving practices.

Patricia Gardiner

Deua River Valley

Water restrictions lifted

Eurobodalla Council's director of infrastructure Graham Attenborough says current Level 1 water restrictions will be lifted this Saturday 16 December.

"We've been monitoring water levels in the Tuross and Deua Rivers since last month's heavy rain," Mr Attenborough said. "While the summer forecast remains drier than average, we're now confident there will be sufficient flow to meet demand over the busy summer holiday period. Our water storage at Deep Creek Dam is operationally full."

Even so, Mr Attenborough urged residents to follow the shire's permanent water conservation measures.

"Council's website has lots of information on how residents, visitors and businesses can all help preserve this vital resource, which includes a range of rebates for water-saving devices."

Find out more at www.esc.nsw.gov.au/water

Animal Welfare League Santa Photos

You are invited to the **Moruya Markets** this coming Saturday, 16 December, to have their pets' photos taken with Santa!

A gold coin to Eurobodalla Welfare League is all that's needed, and a phone or camera to create a lovely memory.

Also, our Return and Earn campaign continues. With lots of friends and family visiting over the holiday period, this is a great chance to help animals by donating container refunds to AWL Eurobodalla's campaign Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home.

Just download the Return and Earn app on your phone, take eligible containers to one of the Return and Earn reverse vending machines in the shire (they're at Bridge Plaza in Batemans Bay, Woolworths Moruya, Shell Coila and Narooma Plaza), and follow the app instructions to donate.

COUNCIL AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF **EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL**

to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA

ON TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023 commencing at 12.30pm (Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 21 November 2023
 - 4.2 Extraordinary Meeting held on 5 December 2023
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM Page No.
7. MAYORAL REPORTS Nil
8. NOTICES OF MOTION NOM23/006 Taking action on Domestic and Family Violence through the 16 Days of Activism campaign.
- QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil
10. PETITIONS Nil
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS
 - GMR23/033 Sculpture for Clyde - Event Funding Request
 - GMR23/034 2024 Council Meeting Dates
12. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS
 - PSR23/045 Eurobodalla Destination Action Plan
 - PSR23/046 Licences for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - various locations
 - PSR23/047 Land Acquisition for Road Widening, Wagonga Scenic Drive, Narooma
13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS FCS23/046 Finance Strategy 2024-28
 - FCS23/047 Investments made as at 30 November 2023
 - FCS23/048 Code of Conduct complaints statistics report
14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS IR23/026 Request for Tender No. 10061561 - Tuross Head Sewage Pumping Station TU01 Augmentation
- IR23/027 Local Traffic Committee No. 5 for 2023-24
15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS CAR23/022 Camping at the Moruya Showground
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS WARWICK WINN GENERAL MANAGER CON23/002 Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement - 54 Hawdon Street, Moruya and 34 Murray Street, Moruya
Item CON23/002 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(e) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to

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Photo of the week: South Head sunrise rainbow captured by Kat Patton.



Tourism Round Table in Batemans Bay

The Hon. John Graham MLC, NSW Minister for the Arts, was in Batemans Bay on Wednesday to announce Creative Communities, the new arts, culture and creative industries policy: and to attend a Tourism Roundtable at the Bay Pavilions with Dr Michael Holland MP.

Tourism representatives and stakeholders from Bega Valley Shire Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council and Shoalhaven City Council together with Mathew Hatcher - Mayor Eurobodalla Shire and Steve Cox, CEO Destination NSW were in attendance. See more about the Creative Arts Policy on pages 17 and 18.

Changed traffic conditions on the Kings Highway at Clyde Mountain

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions from tomorrow on the Kings Highway while safety improvement work is carried out near Pooh Bears Corner on Clyde Mountain.

Stop/slow traffic control will be in place for the eastbound lane while repair work is completed on the safety ramp to provide vehicles with an emergency exit point on the mountain.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 2pm on Friday 15 December and Monday 18 December, weather permitting.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists. Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

Transport for NSW thanks motorists for their patience during this time.

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Authorised by Fiona Phillips MP, Nowra.

Rotary Club of Moruya Christmas Party at the Moruya Golf Club



Immediate Past President (IPP) Shirley Cornish and Derek Anderson.



Ava Weymans; Rotarian Rhonnie South; Charlie Fletcher; Tara Whitaker; Bailey Brady and myself, Club President Derek Anderson,



Alan Shephard and Derek Anderson.

On Tuesday 12th December, the Rotary Club of Moruya had their end of year Christmas Party at the Moruya Golf Club. M.C.'s for the night were Rotarians Rhonnie South and Steve Picton. Rhonnie is the Youth Director for the Club, and introduced Ava Weymans, a recipient of the Club's Tertiary Education Scholarship Grant at the commencement of 2023. Ava spoke of her first year at U.N.U. where she is studying medicine. Rhonnie then introduced three recipients of the Club's Scholarship grants who are commencing their studies in 2024. Charlie Fletcher will be doing a double degree in Creative Arts and Media at the U.O.W., and spoke of his passion for telling stories; Tara Whittaker will be doing a double degree in Psychology and History at the A.N.U., and she spoke of her passion of history; and Bailey Brady who will be studying a Batchelor of Education in Maths and P.E. at U.O.C. Past President Alan Shephard was presented with a ShelterBox Plaque of Distinguished Service in recognition of his support of ShelterBox. Since 2007, Alan has organised members to raise funds at the local markets in Moruya on Saturday mornings. During his stewardship, Moruya Rotary has sponsored more than 40 ShelterBoxes.

Immediate Past President Shirley Cornish was made a Paul Harris Fellow recognising her service through R.A.W.C.S. with a program she designed as Sexual and Health Education in Pictures (S.H.E.P.) in poorer communities overseas. Shirley will be the R.A.W.C.S. Committee chair for Rotary District 9705 for the 2024/25 Rotary year.



Michel Nader and his birthday cake.

Another highlight of the evening was the celebration of our last Charter member Michel Nader who turns 96 next week. Moruya Rotary was Chartered in May 1956, and Michel has been a stalwart of the club.

The evening was completed with dancing to the accompaniment of a local LPDuo Peter & Libby Evans. Moruya Rotary meets at the Gold Club Tuesday nights, 6:30 for 7:00pm

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Vandalism : Trees dying to improve a view



Trees obstructing lake views illegally poisoned this year.



Trees vandalised along Dalmeny Drive, Kianga.

Eurobodalla Council is investigating a spate of tree vandalism. People poisoning or removing trees for a better view is becoming an ongoing issue, says Council's environmental services manager Deb Lenson. Vandalised trees have been identified in Sunshine Bay, Denhams Beach, Tuross Head and Dalmeny areas. "Council's role is to investigate and if we can identify an offender they may face court, be fined and required to rehabilitate the area," Ms Lenson said.

"Illegal vegetation removal is vandalism of our environment. It costs our ratepayers, our community and our environment." Council's compliance team is investigating dying trees along Dalmeny Drive, Kianga, which hold a special significance to the community. The trees were planted in 1971 and are formally recognised as part of Dalmeny-Kianga's Anzac Memorial Avenue.

"They form a two-kilometre pathway as a memorial to the men and women who served in the First World War," Ms Lenson said.

"We're seeing an increase in tree vandalism taking place on community reserves right across the shire, and it is not okay.

Ms Lenson said there has been evidence of tree poisoning and the use of electric chainsaws.

"The vandalism is often driven by a homeowner's desire to enhance water views or gain easier access to beaches and waterways.

"The illegal removal of trees, grasses or shrubs damages the environment and affects native flora and fauna. Vegetation plays an important role in stabilising soils, reducing erosion and protecting the ecosystem."

During rehabilitation of affected areas, Council may install tree screens and signage, with offenders wearing the expense. Ms Lenson urges witnesses to report acts of tree vandalism.

"We maintain confidentiality and encourage the community to report any suspicious activity to Council," Ms Lenson said.

Report any acts of tree vandalism to Council rangers on 4474 1019. For concerns over trees on public land or information on tree removal and permits, visit [Council's website](#) or email council@esc.nsw.gov.au.



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Bowen gets Australia out of the climate naughty corner

Climate Action Monaro (CAM) has welcomed the comments made by Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen at COP28 in Dubai that "our future is in clean energy and the age of fossil fuels will end".

Australia, once the recipient of regular "fossil of the day" awards at COP conferences, has had its reputation restored thanks to Bowen's clear commitment to phase-out fossil fuels, according to CAM.

CAM president Ross Martin says that when Bowen spoke on behalf of the Umbrella Group to the COP28 conference, he demanded a stronger agreement at the COP28 summit to address the climate crisis. This was in response to the draft document from which the Saudis and other petro-states had excluded reference to fossils fuels.

The Umbrella Group is a group of countries including Australia, the US, the UK, Canada and Japan. They said they would "not be a co-signatory" to "death certificates" for small island states, those most likely to be adversely affected by climate change.

"In the end, the Saudis and other petro-states lost and the words 'fossil fuels' were put back into the final document, albeit slightly watered down from the original draft to talk of a 'transition away' rather than 'phase-out'.

"We commend Bowen for declaring that the agreement had to keep the goal of limiting global heating to 1.5C within reach, saying it was 'not up for compromise.'

CAM says, on balance, the final document from COP28 was a good thing but could have been stronger.

"The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) expressed their concerns only after the gavel came down on the final document. Its representative from Samoa said that the conference had made only incremental advancement over business as usual 'when what we really needed is an exponential step-change in our actions and support.'"

Mr Martin says that CAM appreciates that, while Bowen has to win over his Cabinet colleagues on strong climate action, he needs to put his money where his mouth is and start phasing out Australian coal and gas exports.

"And, as important, is the need to end all new fossil fuel developments," he says.



SAGE Farmers Market

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growing the community

95 Lot Subdivision for Moruya

By Phil Herrick

Moruya could get a lot bigger if plans for a 95 lot subdivision at the corner of Maluka Avenue and Francis Street get the go ahead from council. The developer, Vantage Pacific Developments Maluka Pty Ltd, first submitted plans for the \$11 million subdivision on 11.6 hectares back in October 2022. They have now presented revised plans and council has them on exhibition on its website. Submissions from the public will be accepted up to 20 January.

When it was previously advertised three objections were made and the revised plans address the issues raised.

Image > : REVISED 26 Francis Street & 27 Maluka Avenue, Moruya - Updated Plan of Subdivision_AI-747157



Dolls House raffle won

Eurobodalla Woodies

The Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild raffled a Georgian Dolls House built by woodies member Eric Simes. The raffle was drawn at their Christmas Party at the Gardens today and was won by Julie Giuffetelli of Lilli Pilli.

The attached photo is of Eric and Julie with the dolls house with the front opened. There are 6 major rooms, all with fireplaces, connected by a grand staircase leading from a tiled entry foyer. The lower rooms feature a dining room and library complete with some miniature books which can be read. Some extra furniture came with the dolls house which is not seen in the photograph.

The raffle was conducted by the Woodies to raise much needed funds for their new shed which hopefully will some day get through the Council approval processes. As many of your readers would know the Woodies lost their shed and equipment in the fires that destroyed the Original Gold Rush Colony and are currently in temporary accommodation.



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Council talks textile waste



Council sustainability officer Allana Haines shows a community member they can give five items and take five items of clothing at the swap event.



Council's environment calendar features creative artwork and educational messaging by year four students.



Council's first Give a Sheet for the Planet event diverted 949kg of textiles from landfill.

Textile waste has been a hot topic in the context of waste diversion and environmental sustainability.

This year, Eurobodalla Council ran multiple initiatives to educate the community on textile waste and promote sustainable fashion.

Council's waste manager Nathan Ladmore said textile waste is a big deal.

"The demand for new clothes and manchester is rising and our buying habits impact the planet by pollution, using up resources and filling up landfills unnecessarily," Mr Ladmore said.

Council's waste and sustainability teams worked together to get the community involved.

"It has been a great year educationally, having school kids on board with this year's environment calendar centred around the theme of textile waste," Mr Ladmore said.

"The kids helped us communicate the message of textile waste in the community.

"The clothes swap events have also been popular. Often our unwanted clothes have plenty of wear left - by extending their lifespan, we divert them from landfills and lower the demand for new production.

"It also helps to choose quality over quantity - making sure clothes last longer."

Most recently, Council trialled its first Give a Sheet for the Planet event - a textile collection day at Moruya Transfer station.

"We teamed up with an Australian-first textile recycling company, Blocktexp, who breaks down textiles into new recycled materials" Mr Ladmore said.

Mr Ladmore said the trial event was successful with almost a tonne of waste diverted in six hours.

"Give a Sheet for the Planet event volunteers were surprised by how much linen was received, considering we are a small council and the wild weather on the day," he said.

"We appreciate the community giving a sheet and will look towards holding events annually at multiple locations across our shire."

Throughout the event, 63 cars dropped off boot-fulls of sheets, pillowcases and towels.

"We were happy the word got out and everyone understood what could and couldn't be recycled," Mr Ladmore said.

For every kilogram of unwanted textile waste, Mr Ladmore said 30kg of carbon dioxide pollution can be prevented.

"An average of 15 kilograms of linen was dropped-off per household," he said.

"In total, we collected 949 kilograms of textile waste - which is fantastic for our first event.

"It may not seem a lot in scale of such a big global issue, but every small act of recycling adds up and collectively we can make a significant impact.

"Council will continue to source new ways to divert textiles from landfill and keep an eye out for the next clothes swap event."

To find out what's on, visit [Council's events calendar](#).

Long Beach Community Christmas Fair



Despite the damp weather the Long Beach Community Christmas Fair attracted a good crowd, including Santa and an Elf. Pictured at right are Neil Gow, Fiona Phillips MP and Peter Coyle.

Can we afford the Bay Pavilions?



By Phil Herrick

The award-winning, \$65 million Bay Pavilions is a great community asset, with pools, a theatre and cultural centre. The only trouble is, since opening in June 2022 the running cost has proved crippling for the council. Current projections are for a \$5 million loss this year. To be fair, the burden has fallen on the shoulders of a new general manager who had nothing to do with the flawed decision making that led to the overreach of a medium sized country council lured by grant money into building the state-of-the-art centre. The problems were spelt out in detail in a KPMG report to council in late June. They detailed poor business case planning and overly optimistic projections of usage. After looking at the first nine months of operation they told council that on average, and after all revenues were accounted, every time a user walked in the door it cost council \$6.10.

A Money Pit

Running the Pav has turned out to be a money pit for council. Council's September report says the cash spent by on the Pav by council in the last quarter was \$804,282 or \$61,867 a week. Left unchecked, ratepayers will pump over \$3 million in cash into the Pav for the full year. Depreciation is extra – add that and it pushes the annual loss above \$5 million. What else could \$3 million in cash buy? Well, it could cover the total urban roads resealing program for the year and still leave \$1 million in change.

Turning It Around

The new GM and council are fully aware of the problem in front of them. They know it's not sustainable and have already cut items from the budget that were going to be delivered to the community to cover the costs of the Pav. The consultants, KPMG and InConsult, who have looked at the performance have been clear in their advice – you can't afford to continue like this. They made specific recommendations to move towards sustainability, so the Moruya Mail followed up with council this week to see how things are progressing.

Renegotiating the Contract

Aligned Leisure, a business of the Richmond Football Club, have a \$250,000 contract to operate the centre in 2023-24. The consultants were critical of the contract terms, saying Aligned Leisure have no 'skin in the game', no penalties for poor performance and no rewards for improving performance.

Aligned Leisure manage a range of contracts and services on behalf of Council like the cleaning contract and staff. Council has other contracts for electricity and plant maintenance.

"All contracts and costs are under review, including service scope for key deliverables, with the aim of reducing overall operating costs," said a council spokesperson.

"We are not only reviewing the main Aligned Leisure management contract. We are pursuing reductions and improvements across a range of cost areas and contracts, assessing cost reductions against performance indicators, risk and quality service provision."

Better Marketing May Help

The consultants also targeted the Marketing and Business Plan drafted by Aligned Leisure and suggested it be adapted to establish realistic marketing and financial targets. "Aligned Leisure has recently provided an updated Marketing Plan," said council.

"They have been proactive in responding to Council's request for additional information regarding the operating budget and the provision of marketing and business promotions.

"However, Council is still awaiting an updated business plan. We anticipate receipt of this early in the new year."

Finding More Business Partners

Finding other businesses to locate at the Pav to increase revenues was suggested by the consultants. We asked if any action been taken. Council said their immediate focus is on reducing operating costs, so nothing has been done yet on this more difficult task.

What's an Acceptable Loss?

The risk assessment from InConsult considered at the October council meeting said "In the absence of Bay Pavilions being able to achieve a positive cashflow and net surplus, Council must set a loss tolerance level and manage the asset accordingly."

This level is important because the remaining "unacceptable loss" is the target for savings and new revenues.

Most community facilities make a loss, that's why we pay rates. The old Bay Swimming Pool made a loss, as do community facilities like libraries and sports grounds.

Council did not provide an acceptable loss figure to the Moruya Mail, only saying they will consider the total cost for the Bay Pavilions in relation to the wider budget, reducing costs where possible.

Ratepayers should be told the acceptable loss for the Pav and how the unacceptable loss will be reduced.

So, Can We Afford the Pav?

Council wrestles with this question each time they review the budget. While they are working to cut operating losses, the savings are more likely to be in the hundreds of thousands a year, not the millions we need to cover the losses.

We've shown we can afford the Pav as long as other items that have already been identified as community needs are chopped from the council budget. Already this year the council has cut items worth \$2.6 million from the budget.

The question really is, now we know the situation, let's settle in and have the conversation with council about how much the broader community is willing to pay to have the Bay Pavilions. And if we cannot, or don't want to, give up everything that's required to pay for it, how will that problem be solved?

Mounted Police visit Eurobodalla for Community Engagement



Mounted Unit - NSW Police Force 's Monarch and Canobi enjoyed meeting many of the locals at Moruya Markets on Saturday, They also enjoyed a splash at Corrigans Beach to cool down at the end of their shift . On Sunday they patrolled the beaches from Malua Bay to Batemans Bay, making sure everyone was swimming in between the flags.

New memorial wall to honour Troop Horses

The NSW Police Force will hold a blessing and dedication of the new Mounted Unit Memorial Wall and commemoration garden in Redfern on Tuesday.

The NSW Police Mounted Unit is recognised as the oldest continuous mounted law enforcement unit in the world. The new Memorial Wall is part of a \$1 million funding package to conduct renovations of buildings and stables within the Mounted Unit site at Redfern.

The Mounted Unit has been housed at Redfern since 1907 and was last upgraded 27 years ago.

The Wall will recognise the service of the Troop Horses who have died on duty while being operational at the Redfern complex.

Deputy Commissioner Lanyon said the Mounted Unit's Troop Horses are rightly respected and honoured by both the Force and the community of NSW.

"We are justifiably proud to honour our Troop Horses: they've been serving and protecting the people of NSW for 198 years," Deputy Commissioner Lanyon said.

"This Memorial Wall will eventually record those Troop Horses which have died on duty since the unit moved here 116 years ago," he said.

At the time of its dedication, the Memorial Wall will feature the names of the 15 Troop Horses since 1975 who have died in service; some of the horses had been in service for up to 15 years. Commander of the Dog and Mounted Units, Superintendent Julian Griffiths, said the new Wall will be a visible, physical reminder of these special horses.

"Not only does this demonstrate to visitors here how we respect and honour our Troop Horses, but it stands as a physical acknowledgement of their importance to the sworn and unsworn officers of the Mounted Unit who work closely with the Troop Horses on a daily basis.

A memorial wall at the Police Academy in Goulburn recognises all the horses and dogs who have died on duty.

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Carroll College Dux a Top Achiever



Bailey Brady.

Carroll College, Broulee reports:

Our Year 12 cohort of 2023 achieved some excellent HSC results with the Dux of the College, Bailey Brady, achieving an ATAR score of 97.15.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the six students in the Class of 2023 who were listed on the NSW Education Standards Authority's Distinguished Achievers List for achieving a Band 6 or E4 result (over 90%) in one or more courses, and special mention to Baily Brady who ranked 4th overall in the state for Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education. These students demonstrated excellence and outstanding application in one or more subject areas, displaying skills of an expert learner. They recognised the value of consistency in both application and attendance, and I believe these students will be able to look back on their HSC and appreciate that it reflects the very best they had to offer.

In total 10 Band 6s were achieved and Bailey Brady was recognised as a "Top Achiever" in Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate and announce the Distinguished Achievers of 2023.

Bailey Brady - Top Achiever (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) – 4th in NSW, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Advanced and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Raphaella Herford - Music 1

Jessica Maher - Community and Family Studies, Music 1 and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Claire Mass - Mathematics Standard 2

Lucas McMath - Mathematics Standard 2

Madeleine Talbot - Community and Family Studies

Soldier of the Year 2023

Moruya High School reports:

Congratulations to one our teachers Mrs Bos, who has been awarded Soldier of the Year by her posted reserve army unit. Demonstrating excellence in line with Defence Values and competence in technical skills.



Indigenous Rangers Program

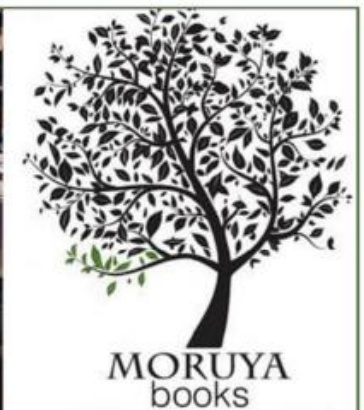
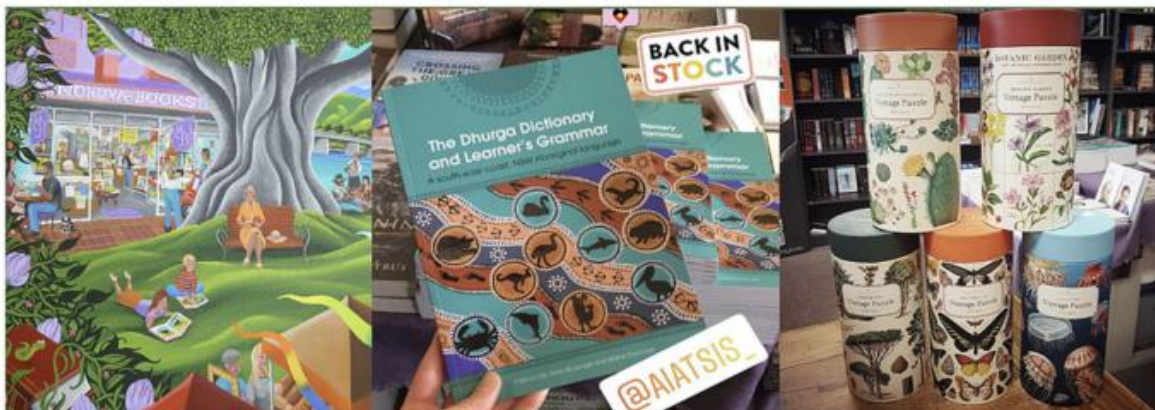
The Indigenous Rangers Program grant opportunity is now open – applications close 26 February 2024.

Priority will be given to:

- Women rangers.
- Regions currently without First Nations rangers.
- Rangers on dedicated Indigenous Protected Areas.

To find out what you need to do to prepare, watch the information video, 'How to prepare for the upcoming grant opportunity,' now at: <http://spr.ly/6180RMfsu>

Apply now at GrantConnect: <http://spr.ly/6182RMfsr>



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SHASA end of year gathering and review of year's achievements

Volunteers at South Coast Health and Sustainability (SHASA) gathered in Congo last Friday to celebrate the end of the year.

At the gathering there was a run down of the events and impressive achievements for 2023.

- Solar, battery and back up generator installs by MESA. Lisa and Steve Cornthwaite and the MESA boys.
- CWA Narooma Haven completed – Tony Lowe. CWA Moruya Haven completed – Thomas Schild, Andrea Everard. Uniting Church Stage 1 and 2 completed – Greg Thexton. Just secured \$84,000 for Uniting Church Stage 3 (air conditioners and Hepa filters for the main hall and hot water system upgrades). Haven Operational Plans – Thomas Schild
- Anglican Parish Batemans Bay solar and LED lighting – Kate Taylor
- 14.5 kW solar system installed on Batemans Bay Heritage Museum – Steve Cornthwaite and the MESA boys
- Solar and batteries installed on Tuross Head Marine Rescue – Rob Shorrock and Thomas Schild.
- SHASA's grants team of Kathryn Maxwell, Andrea Charlton, Tony Lowe and Kate Taylor labored away completing grant applications to enable SHASA to run a diversity of projects. This includes the recently completed Disaster Ready Fund EOI.
- Update of the SHASA Heatwave and Bushfire Smoke Haven Strategy for the Eurobodalla, Jo Maclean and Steve Colman
- Two EV Expos at Hanging Rock and Moruya 20+ local EV owners big effort from the EV Committee Andrew Everard, Stewart Needman, Peter Haughton, Matthew Thomas, Andrea Everard, Jo Maclean, Ann Bell. EV drivers Natalie Barnett, Thomas Schild and Andrew Everard.
- The SHASA Pubic Fund purchased stretchers, fridges, freezers, washing machines for a number of Heatwave and Bushfire Havens.
- SHASA provided \$1,500 in sponsorship for 2 EV chargers at the Moruya Golf Club.
- The team of Tony Lowe, Pete Phillips and Stephanie Chui continued to work on the complex and challenging upgrade of Central Tilba's Halls.
- Kat McCarthy, SHASA newsletter editor and Jo Maclean its proof reader continue to provide high quality Spark newsletters letting our 700 supporters know what SHASA is up to and other great information. The December/January issue includes articles for a number of SHASA members.
- Operated a fantastic, engaging and critically important information tool the SHASA Facebook page including her very popular tiles that were used for a range of communication purposes – Lyn Smith
- Ensured our website has lots of engaging and up to date information – Natalie Barnett
- SURF Project - Phil Shorten, continued the struggle to develop meaningful business cases for microgrids.
- Deb Stevenson, Repair Cafe Coordinator and the team of repairers have continued to run the weekly repair cafe.
- SHASA partnered with the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation and Global Learning to run a local leadership program called Regenerate Eurobodalla. SHASA is now managing 4 projects being run by these leaders.
- SHASA in partnership with the South Coast Community Kitchen has delivered food weekly to 29 families in Moruya. Ray Howell, Sarah O'Riley, Vic, Ted, Helen and Wendy and Kathryn Maxwell have been the key volunteers.



- The Governance team of Pete Phillips, Patrick Guinness, Tony Lowe, Kathryn Maxwell, Andrew Everard and Ann Bell have worked very hard to improve SHASA's governance. This includes a structured filing system on the Google Drive, a Risk Management Plan, improved financial management including Zero accounting package, more comprehensive insurance, first aid training for Repair Cafe volunteers, text and tag training for electrical volunteers, and position descriptions.
- Built relationships with the MP for Bega (NSW) Michael Holland and Federal MP for Gilmore Fiona Phillips.
- Looked after and organised use of the mobile generator by community organisations – Valerie Faber and Lisa Cornthwaite.
- Endured the Council's Climate Advisory Committee – Brett Stevenson.
- Interview on ABC PM, the County Hour, as well as local radio. Kathryn Maxwell
- Networked with the Eurobodalla Community Support Network, The Victorian Community Energy Network, the Community Power Agency, Zero SE. Kathryn Maxwell, Andrew Everard and Andrea Charlton
- Keeping the President in good shape. Libby Gardiner (mentor for 2023), Steve Colman, Brett Stevenson, Pete Phillips, Andrew Everard and so many more.
- SHASA committee members for guiding the SHASA operations.
- SHASA mascot. Luka
- There's lots more in store for 2024. Please let me know if you would like to join the EV Committee (Narooma EV Expo) the Grants Committee, the Govern

South Coast families and small businesses to benefit from full-fibre NBN upgrades

Eligible families and businesses in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Shire will be able to upgrade to a full-fibre broadband connection as part of the Australian Government’s plan for a better National Broadband Network. These premises are among the 400,000 announced in the latest tranche of eligible suburbs and towns across Australia and right here in Eden-Monaro, including:

- Bega
- Kianga
- Merimbula
- Narooma
- North Narooma
- Tathra

Newly eligible premises will be able to upgrade their NBN service from fibre to the node to fibre to premise, joining the 3 million Australian homes and businesses previously served by a slower, less reliable copper connection that can already access full-fibre upgrades.

The copper broadband network retained under the Coalition is slower, less reliable, more expensive to maintain and more likely to experience prolonged faults. In contrast, world-class fibre broadband means faster upload and download speeds, and a more reliable connection for residents and small businesses.

Access to full-fibre is driving productivity savings for households and businesses, with NBN users saving over 100 hours and \$2,580 per year by using higher speed broadband.

NBN research shows that the network has delivered \$122 billion worth of economic uplift to 2022, and has helped create approximately 169,000 additional jobs – the equivalent of a 1.3 per cent increase in Australia’s labour force.

By the end of December 2023, 75 per cent of premises in the NBN fixed line network will be able to access fibre all the way to their homes and benefit from download speeds of close to 1 Gbps through NBN’s fastest residential plan.

An upgrade will be available on-demand where an eligible household or business takes out a higher speed plan, with no upfront installation cost.

These upgrades have been made possible by the Albanese Government’s election commitment to invest \$2.4 billion to expand full-fibre access to an additional 1.5 million premises by the end of 2025.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said “Affordable, reliable and high-speed broadband is no longer a ‘nice to have’ - it is absolutely essential to work, learn, transact, engage with government services and telehealth.”

The full list of suburbs and towns with newly eligible premises can be found here:

www.nbnco.com.au/residential/upgrades/more-fibre

The full list of suburbs and towns with newly eligible premises can be found here:

www.nbnco.com.au/residential/upgrades/fttp-upgrade-with-higher-speed-tiers

Eligibility criteria and details on how to apply for NBN’s full fibre can be found here:

[Home | nbn \(nbnco.com.au\)](http://Home|nbn(nbnco.com.au))




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You need to know:

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



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Indigenous Rangers Program expansion grant opportunity

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Climate messages to MP on eight metre scroll

Eurobodalla 350

Eight metre scroll taken to government with climate messages

“The heat is on and it is real.”

“Reduce emissions Now, no more coal and gas.”

“Make less waste!! By a KID!”

Lucinda says “stop cutting trees.”

Just some of the hundred messages on the eight metre scroll, written after we Rang the Bell for Climate Action during the international climate conference COP28.

We rang the bell 28 times at St John’s Moruya to sound the climate alarm during COP28 on Saturday December 2.

Representing 350 Eurobodalla, Jack Egan and Allan Rees delivered the scroll to our local MP Fiona Phillips on Wednesday.

We asked that the scroll be delivered to the Australian Government and that they take heed of the messages from Eurobodalla people.



Jack Egan and Allan Rees with the scroll.

New Return and Earn Machine opens in Coila

South Coast locals have a new location to recycle their eligible bottles and cans with a new Return and Earn machine now open at the Shell Service Station in Coila.

This is the fourth return point in the Eurobodalla Shire, providing the community and holidaymakers with even more places to recycle their eligible bottles, cartons and cans.

Users of the new machine can print a voucher for the refund amount, redeemable for cash at Shell Coila, or they can use the Return and Earn app to get an e-voucher or payment directly into their bank or PayPal account.

Locals can also choose to donate their refund to one of the charity partners listed on the machine or one of the many charities listed on the Return and Earn app.

Yumaro is featured as the first local donation partner for the Coila machine, and funds raised will support their work providing employment, training, lifestyle, accommodation, and community support services to people with disability.

Return and Earn has become a key fundraising channel for many charities and community groups across NSW. More than \$47 million has been raised from donations and fees from hosting return points since the scheme was launched.

More than 10.4 billion bottles, cans and cartons have been returned for recycling through the network of 617 return points across NSW since the scheme began in 2017, resulting in over \$1.4 billion in refunds back in people’s pockets.

Dr. Michael Holland: “It’s fantastic to see another Return and Earn machine available to South Coast residents and anyone passing through over the summer holidays at the Shell service station in Coila.

“Eurobodalla Shire residents are enthusiastic recyclers, having returned more than 73.2 million bottles, cans and cartons through local return points since the scheme began.



“I encourage everyone to try out the new Coila reverse vending machine and contribute to a more sustainable future, where materials stay in use and litter is kept from polluting our beautiful parks and beaches.”

The Shell Coila Return and Earn machine is located at the Shell Service Station at 3296 Princess Highway, Coila and is open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily. For more information on Return and Earn visit: www.returnandearn.org.au

Nearby Return & Earn Machines:

- [Bridge Plaza Batemans Bay - 1 Perry St](#)
- [Batemans Bay - 1/70 Cranbrook Road](#)
- [Woolworths Moruya - 61-63 Queen Street](#)

SAGE Summer Solstice

Sunday 17 December | SAGE Garden, Moruya | 4.30pm

Celebrate another season in our community’s amazing food sovereignty journey with delicious food, local community, and open mic performances in the SAGE Garden.

Locally sourced Martins Ridge Farm beef sausages, and vegetarian sausages will be sizzling on the BBQ beside a flavoursome array of summer salads and freshly baked pizza oven flatbread. Twin Gallows Distillery, a regular at the Tuesday Farmers Market, will have a bar set up to lift your summer spirits!

Bring along your old and new friends, your families and neighbours, and your musical instruments - everyone is welcome.

Gates open at 4.30pm for dinner at 5.30pm. Tickets available online only. \$25 per person | \$15 for children under 13 | \$70 for families of 4 | Children under 5 yrs free. Tickets available online to Friday 15 or until sold out, (our event volunteers appreciate early bookings). BYO drinks, chairs, picnic rugs, plates, and cutlery.

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

Gadfly

Sport! It really is our species' best invention. And it's getting better all the time. Indeed, in these dark days of climate change and the deepening threat of social collapse, it might well be the one pathway that sees us through the crisis.

'What about the legal system or parliamentary democracy itself,' I hear you cry. 'Surely, they outweigh mere recreation as our premier communal achievement.'

If that's what you think, then you haven't been paying attention. The competitive legal system is now a plaything of the wealthy; while governance across the Pacific and spreading over great swathes of Europe and Asia is fast being corrupted by extremists and warmongers. But in a year when nationalism then religion turned whole nations into horrific killing fields, sport provided the perfect antithesis.

Teams and individuals spent it meeting on green fields and in stadia of all shape and size, indoor and out. They gave of their best to the delight and disappointment of their fans. And when the contest was done, participants and spectators alike returned to their homes until they could again test their will and their skill against their opponents.

We like to say Australia is a sporting nation and maybe while the rest of the world was making iron to hammer out swords and spears, our Aboriginal forebears were sewing an animal skin full of dry grass to make the forerunner of a Sherrin footy. Today AFL is the most popular native team sport in the land. And fittingly, it was an Aboriginal cricket team that first toured England in 1868.

By then, of course, the Greeks had long since understood the social value of sport with their invention of the Olympic Games. In 776 BC one Koroibos, a professional cook, won a foot race over 600 feet (183 metres). The Greeks from city states as far away as Spain and Turkey thereafter would assemble every four years at Olympia to test their skills and celebrate their victories for at least the next twelve centuries.

However, sport's inherent power of respect and rapport was a long time reaching the fruition that beckons today. The modern Olympics from 1896 failed dismally to prevent the murderous chronicle of the 20th century. But with every passing decade since – particularly as television captured spectators in the multi-billions worldwide – the potency of the sporting contest has grown exponentially.

Its organisers have realised that its strength depends on the Australian concept of the 'fair go' so there's a ruthless policing of performance enhancing drugs, and a place for all comers, from across the sexes to the gradation of the disabled. The para-Olympics came first but it's the wholesale participation of women in every code of sporting endeavour that is revolutionising the appeal of the great invention.

Indeed, while women play the team sports of cricket and the footy codes under the same rules as the males, they bring to all sport a grace and a geniality that is still too often missing in the men's game. But it's catching on. The ritual male handshakes at the final siren or when the last ball is bowled, or the last three-pointer popped through the basket are more genuine these days.

The goodwill is spreading. When the Matilda's bowed out of the World Cup semis, we were all disappointed, but it wasn't the end of the earth. When we beat the Indians in the ODI final, we cheered Pat Cummins and the lads, but we knew that luck was on our side as well. And when we beat the Palestinians in the qualifying soccer match our lads donated part of their fees to their opponent's cause.

And no one died at the hands of another.

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Pets the Big Winner in Strata Reforms

New legislation in NSW called the Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 makes 31 reforms many of which are focussed on the rights of pet owners. The new rules prohibit an owner's corporation from charging a fee, bond, or insurance for keeping a pet. It is also now easier for people with assistance animals to prove to an owner's corporation their animal's "assistance" status. The state's strata and property services commissioner, John Minns, said "More than 1 million people live in strata communities in NSW. With 50 per cent of Greater Sydney residents expected to live in a strata complex by 2040, it is important we get these changes made now to provide residents with security for themselves and their furry friends." Other changes include: owners will have to disclose any interest they may have in a strata renewal proposal and Fair Trading now has the ability to ask the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal to appoint a compulsory strata managing agent to help manage dysfunctional strata schemes. The bill also tightens some controls on strata and association committee members, like lowering voting thresholds for removing members and restricting when removed members can re-serve.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Tilba Show 1921

15th December 1923

At Moruya Police Court before Mr. Cohen, P.M., charges against the licensee of the Royal Hotel & two persons for drinking after hours were dropped.

The death of Mrs. Edward Brown took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Claude Smith, Gundry. On Wednesday. Mrs. Brown, who has been an invalid for many months, was predeceased by her husband only three weeks ago. ...

Another old resident in the person of **Mr. Edward Foreman, aged 74 years**, after a short illness passed away on Tuesday at the home of his sister, Miss Jane Foreman, of Mantle Hill. Deceased had lived for many years at Dwyer's Creek, searching for precious metal. ...

At a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of **Tilba District Agricultural Society** last week Mr. Jas. Hapgood was elected President and Mr. Reg Hapgood was elected Secretary. The new President is one of the oldest members of the Society's committee. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £11 on last year's transactions. The date of the show was fixed to be held in February next.

The C.E. parishioners have decided to erect a new concrete church in place of the old wooden structure, on an allotment in the rifle range paddock, kindly given by Mr. F. H. Anderson, and for raising funds for that purpose a strong committee has been appointed to arrange a day's sports for Anniversary Day, 26th January, 1924. The sports will take place on Coila Flat, followed by a dance in the Turlinjah Hall at night.

Death of Mr. Roger Heffernan. On Sunday, 9th inst., at his residence, Yarragee. ... Deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr. Patrick Heffernan, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, his mother being a daughter of the late Thomas Riley, Secretary to the late Daniel O'Connor. Deceased's parent came to Australia in the early thirties, their marriage taking place at Goulburn in 1836. Born in Braidwood in 1845, Mr. Roger Heffernan with his parents came to this district in 1851, where they entered farming pursuits, having taken up land at Mullenderree and afterwards at Cooper's Island, Bodalla. After his marriage to Miss Maria, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Flanagan, of Wamban, Mr. Roger settled at Yarragee on the farm known as Campbell's Estate, which in later years he purchased and erected a new and comfortable residence thereon. He took a prominent part in the public life of the district, being one of the first aldermen elected to a seat on the Municipal Council. Besides a sorrowing widow, he is survived by four sons and four daughters – Messrs. Patrick J. ("Eric Grove," Candelo), John J. and Roger Bede (Yarragee), Thomas W. F. (Mullenderree), Sister Appolonia (Good Samaritan Order, Wollongong), Mesdames F. Bartlett (Kiora), F. Kuhn (Queensland), L. Hogan (Drummoyne).

Creative Communities: putting culture at the heart of NSW

On Tuesday the State Government unveiled details of 'Creative Communities', the new arts, culture and creative industries policy. Creative Communities is a 10-year vision, the state's first creative industries policy, supporting the traditional arts sector and cultural institutions, but encompassing industries informed by the state's unique and diverse cultural strengths, including:

- First Nations cultures
- galleries, libraries, archives and museums
- performing arts including theatre, dance, circus, comedy, cabaret
- music including classical and contemporary composition, performance, and recording
- screen and digital games
- visual arts and crafts
- literature, writing and publishing
- broadcasting and digital media
- design, architecture and fashion
- built and physical heritage
- creative and arts education
- creativity in the food and beverage sector
- creative innovation in the technology sector.

Creative Communities has the goal of sustainably growing the depth and breadth of creative industries throughout NSW, and over the next decade enabling creative individuals, organisations and communities throughout the state to reach their potential.

The NSW Government endorses Revive, the national cultural policy.

Through Creative Communities the government will focus on implementing Revive by supporting the NSW cultural ecosystem.

Creative Communities also supports the Revive goal of exporting more Australian stories to the world. Australia has one of the largest creative trade deficits per capita in the world. We consume global stories faster and tell local stories less than most places on the planet. The NSW Government will measure and establish goals to increase the state's creative exports.

Creative spaces

- The NSW Government will activate creative spaces by a combination of continued direct public investment, seeking new sources of investment for the sector and regulatory reform.
- Creative Communities envisages that NSW will become home to a First Nations cultural centre and enhanced cultural tourism. It will forge strong and enduring partnerships with Indigenous creative communities, to create new work, rebuild connection and healing.
- The NSW Government supports maintaining free public access to NSW state cultural institutions and collections. They have been built with public money over many decades and are the property of, and should be accessible by all, NSW citizens.
- A cultural space audit in 2024 will aim to identify underutilised assets that could be used for creative endeavours, including spaces held by NSW agencies, local councils and other landholders.
- The NSW Government will ensure that cultural infrastructure and good design are included in major public housing and transport infrastructure investments, including by expanding the Heritage Floor Space Scheme.
- The NSW Government will introduce further vibrancy reforms in 2024 – continuing to improve planning, liquor, outdoor and sound and noise regulations to encourage cultural activity across NSW.



NSW Minister for the Arts John Graham and Bega MP Dr Michael Holland at the Bay Pavillions on Wednesday talking about the Creative Communities policy.

Festivals

The NSW Government will support festivals across the state by:

- Strengthening the co-ordination of festival support in NSW to properly position and grow the festivals sector, leveraging the wide range of industries involved, including improving staging for festivals and concerts following the development of a business for outdoor cultural infrastructure across central Sydney, Parramatta, Western Sydney and Regional NSW.
- Reviewing the Entertainment Act to identify ways to strengthen support for festivals, venues, artists, managers and music workers.

Creative reform

- The NSW Government will establish a Cultural Front Door concierge, a simplified way for creative people to engage with government.
- The NSW Government will reform of the Arts and Culture Funding Program (ACFP) making it a fairer and more equitable process, including reducing paperwork for applicants and simplifying the acquittal process.
- The Minister will issue a formal direction to the state's tourism body, Destination NSW, to formalise the state's experience tourism policy focus. Such a direction will explicitly commit support for the arts, culture and creative experiences across NSW.
- Promoting NSW arts and culture venues and activities, including local festivals and events, alongside major international/national entertainment through refocussed Destination NSW marketing funding and state-wide calendar optimised to show local events and programs.

Music

The reshaping of the music sector will be driven by Sound NSW with leadership from its newly appointed advisory board and in collaboration with Music Australia, Creative Australia's new contemporary music office. The review of contemporary music has begun, and a 10-year music strategy and the 3-year implementation plan will be released in 2024.

Additionally, the NSW Government will:

- legislate a board for the state's contemporary music agency, Sound NSW, in 2024.
- develop a business case for a home for music in NSW, providing affordable spaces for music organisations, businesses, community radio, networking, rehearsal and events.

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Creative Communities: putting culture at the heart of NSW

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Screen

Screen NSW will be made more independent, and we will strengthen its capacity to serve the industry by shortening investment approval timeframes, contracting and payment times, and expanding the role of the board.

Additional support for the sector includes:

- developing a business case for a second major film studio in Sydney to ensure Sydney remains the leading location for Australian and international productions
- introducing a new digital games seed development fund and market travel program to expand our support for the sector to grow the digital games industry
- providing long-term funding certainty for screen investment programs
- making Callan Park available for filming on an ongoing basis.

Whole of government approach

Creative Communities will guide the NSW Government's efforts to enable, support and advocate for culture for the next decade.

Commitments to support this include:

- Creative Communities commits to a whole-of-government effort to advocate for, to enable and invest in the arts, culture and creative industries.
- To drive implementation of the policy across government, a role will be designated to lead and oversee this transformation, guided by a ministerial advisory committee, senior public servants, and industry advisors.
- Legislating the delivery of a Creative Statement to the Parliament every 3 years, detailing and tracking the status, health and progress of the arts, culture and creative industries in line with this policy.
- Establishing formal partnerships between Create NSW and the NSW Department of Education, TAFE NSW, the Ministry of Health, Transport for NSW, Placemaking NSW and other agencies to further develop priority streams of work.
- Recognising the importance of the state's universities, National Art School, NIDA and the Australian Film TV and Radio School to our cultural ecosystem and strengthening partnerships with them.

Creative people

Enabled by recent and ongoing improvements to creative infrastructure, the NSW Government will focus on investing in a wide variety of creative people and communities across the state.

Additionally, the NSW Government commits to:

- Safeguarding and modernising workplace conditions for artists, including requiring individuals and organisations receiving government funding to commit to safe workplace standards.

Regional NSW

The NSW Government will deliver a regional arts, culture and creative industries strategy in 2024 to grow and support sustainable participation in local activities. This includes:

- Working with local councils to reduce red tape for festivals and events to access local spaces.
- Working with regional communities, councils, creative organisations and venues to support a connected network of regional touring. This will involve working with local councils to connect and activate the network of regional halls and spaces to support local touring across music, performance and visual art/exhibitions.
- Supporting at least 4 new creative industries/artist workspaces in regional NSW in the next 4 years.

Minister for Arts John Graham said "Creative Communities' commitment is to the artists, makers and workers in the arts, culture, and creative industries. We acknowledge the critical role of artists, creatives, and makers, as well as those behind the scenes – the crews in production, making sets and costumes, booking shows, and managing talent. They are all important to the health of the ecosystem."

You can read the [full policy](#) on the nsw.gov.au website.

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Stronger Together!

Euro Community Support Network

The last meeting of the year for the recently established Euro Community Support Network (ECSN) was held last Wednesday at the lovely Botanical Gardens.

The ECSN was formed by concerned locals seeing a need to provide regular opportunities for the wonderful people supporting the local community to come and briefly update others about what they are currently working on and identify areas where there is a need for support and collaboration.

18 enthusiastic participants attended, representing a range of organisations across the Eurobodalla including community organisations, not for profits, government, and private sector. It was a great meeting, although only 2 hours it was well facilitated and so was able to cover a wide range of issues and identify several areas for collaboration.

In the brief session asking participants to share one area they are working on at the moment, it was clear the range of important issues that different groups are tackling - smoking/vaping, DV and coercive control, mapping of community owned assets, heatwave havens, school mentoring programs, community education (and the shout out for shipping containers!).

Time was allocated to identify, and in small groups discuss and outline possible plans to address some of the current issues of joint concern identified by participants. These included –

- Improving Public transport - improving connections to and within the Eurobodalla
- Improving Disaster Preparedness - havens, safe spaces, emergency accommodation
- Better communication and engagement with first nations people
- Sustaining collaboration - ongoing support to bring community projects together.

The meetings are held every 2 months, and individuals/organisations working in the community sector are strongly encouraged to come along.

For further information on the next meeting contact please contact either Von (von.hutcheson@anglicare.com.au) or Jules (Ircf.batemansbay@frrr.org.au)

Lend Me A Soprano



Only 2 shows to go of 'Lend Me A Soprano' by Ken Ludwig

Tonight & Sat 7.30pm Moruya RSL Hall.
 Review from Keith A. - "A near professional performance from excellent actors. Their timing of dialogue was brilliant."
 "Lend Me A Soprano" by Ken Ludwig
 Cheers for the reviews on Ticketor:
 And from Michael S. - "Simply Fantastic. The " Grow your own philosophy " really proves itself with this imaginative fully involved and hilarious play at the Moruya Red Door theatre troupe. After seeing many plays in both Sydney and Canberra, my wife summed it up by saying " Lend me a Soprano..was absolute best..." Might even book another night and once again be "transported" to another place within the 3 hours of mesmerising acting....loved it!"

Photo: Phillip Barr

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There will be a series of 3 workshops. You may then like to attend an audition during 2024 for an on stage role or to be involved in backstage, sound and lighting, wardrobe and props, set design and building or Front of House roles in a production.

This project aims to directly engage, educate and empower young women to unlock their creativity using drama games, voice exercises, physical movement and collaboration on character and scene development providing the opportunity to explore their performance skills and potential.

Workshops will run over 3 weeks
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WONKA PG, 1H 56M, 1H 56M	6.15pm for 6.45pm PREMIERE	2.45pm 6.55pm	12.40pm 7.55pm	12.40pm 7.55pm	12.40pm 7.55pm	12.40pm 7.55pm	12.40pm 7.55pm
THE EIGHT MOUNTAINS M, 2H 27M, ITALIAN DRAMA	5.50pm*	1.05pm*	11.15am* 7.10pm*	11.15am* 7.10pm*	11.15am* 7.10pm*	11.15am* 7.10pm*	11.15am* 7.10pm*
UPROAR M, 1H 50M, NEW ZEALAND DRAMA	3.40pm*	3.50pm*	5pm*	5pm*	5pm*	5pm*	5pm*
NAPOLEON MA15+, 2H 38M, BIO/ACTION	3.15pm	11.45am 6pm*	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm
THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES M, 2H 37M, ACTION/ADVENTURE			2pm*	2pm*	2pm*	2pm*	2pm*
TROLLS BAND TOGETHER G, 1H 31M, ANIMATED ADVENTURE	11.30am*	11.15am* 5pm	10.45am 6pm	10.45am 6pm	10.45am 6pm	10.45am 6pm	10.45am 6pm

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A SAVAGE CHRISTMAS M 93 MIN					4:05 PM		4:05 PM
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM PG 99 MIN	1:05 PM	1:05 PM	1:05 PM	11:30 AM		10:55 AM	
 NAPOLEON MA15+ 158 MIN	1:20 PM 4:10 PM	1:20 PM	1:20 PM	3:25 PM	1:20 PM	1:20 PM 3:45 PM	1:20 PM
 ONE LIFE (Advanced screenings) PG 109 MIN		12:45 PM 6:20 PM	12:45 PM 6:20 PM	12:45 PM 3:50 PM			
 ONE TRUE LOVES PG 100 MIN	11:20 AM 4:20 PM	11:20 AM 4:20 PM	11:20 AM 4:20 PM	1:25 PM	11:20 AM 4:20 PM	11:20 AM 4:20 PM	11:20 AM 4:20 PM
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WONKA
PG | 1hr 56min
~ Family ~ Adventure ~
Timothée Chalamet, Olivia Coleman & Hugh Grant
“Wonka” tells the wondrous story of how the world’s greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.



WISH - Advanced Screenings
PG | 1hr 35min ~ Animation ~ Comedy ~
Ariana DeBrose & Chris Pine
A young girl named Asha wishes on a star and gets a more direct answer than she bargained for when a trouble-making star comes down from the sky to join her.




ONE LIFE - Advanced Screenings
PG | 1hr 46min ~ Biography ~ Drama ~
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Follows British humanitarian Nicholas Winton, who helped save hundreds of Central European children from the Nazis on the eve of World War II.



THE HUNGER GAMES THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES
M | 2hrs 37min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~
Rachel Zeigler & Tom Blyth
Coriolanus Snow mentors and develops feelings for the female District 12 tribute during the 10th Hunger Games.




TROLLS BAND TOGETHER
G | 1hr 31min ~ Animation ~ Adventure ~
Troy Sivan, Ann Kendrick, & Camila Cabello
When Floyd is kidnapped, Branch and Poppy embark on a journey to reunite his two other brothers and rescue Floyd. ... Triple the Trolls, Triple the Music!



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
PG | 1hr 37min ~ Family ~ Adventure ~
Antonio Banderas, Milo Manheim & Geno Segers
This live-action Christmas musical weaves classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith, and new pop songs in a retelling of the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus.

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NEXT WEEK - MIGRATION Advanced screenings - BOXING DAY - AQUAMAN 2, ANYONE BUT YOU & MORE

Broulee Rock Ramble

Nature Coast Marine Group is hosting a Broulee Rock Ramble Education session this Saturday 16th from 3 - 5:30(ish) pm! Come along to the surf club to learn about the rock platform ecosystem and walk out to see the critters that call it home. Head to www.ncmg.org.au for more information and bookings!

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.

Art on the Path, Broulee

Broulee, Saturday 17th December from 8am-1pm!
It's a little bit different to most markets - the stalls are all about sustainability. They'll be set up along the southern end of Coronation Drive offering: Pottery, Upcycled clothing, sustainable fashion and recycled textiles, Beekeeping, Natural skin care, products and handmade soaps, Paintings, Photography, Recycled marine debris lighting, Coffee and Sausage sizzle. ESC's environment team will also be there alongside the botanic gardens team for a friendly chat.

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. 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.

Delicious local food, freshly baked bread, music, artisanal gin and excellent company! Get your tickets now. Only \$25 pp. Family tickets available.

Volunteer mentors needed

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

MORUYA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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

Community Christmas Lunch

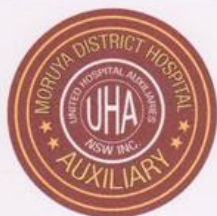
The Combined Churches of Batemans Bay are again providing a Community Christmas lunch on Christmas Day 25 December. Young and old, singles, families, couples and kids are all invited. There will be two venues providing for the Christmas Day Lunch - the Salvation Army Hall and the Anglican Church Hall. 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.

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL REGIONAL RENEWAL

Strengthening Rural Communities - Small and Vital Grants up to \$10,000 are available for a broad range of community-led initiatives that strengthen local people, places and climate solutions that directly benefit local communities. For more information, [click here](#) Applications Close 26 February 2024

Edwards Road Market Place

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



MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2.pm

To find out more information...

Email: mdha@y7mail.com or POBox 469 Moruya 2537



CHRISTMAS CAROLS MOGO OVAL

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 6:30 - 9:00PM

Please bring picnic blanket, chairs and a torch

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Christmas Closures

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre

The Bas team is gearing up for a festive break to recharge for an exciting 2024 ahead!
Doors close from Friday 22 December 2pm, and reopening on Tuesday 2 January 10am.

Moruya Rodeo TICKETS

Ticket prices

Adult (16 and over) \$30
Children (under 16) \$15
Children (under 10) FREE



Online tickets will be sold through Ticketebo only!

Tickets will be capped this year to ensure everyone has the best view and experience without over crowding. Tickets are available online only, and will only be available at the gate if not sold out before. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Buyer **BEWARE** of those attempting to sell/transfer tickets, as there are many fake accounts/scammers out. Moruya Rodeo recommends all transfers of tickets to be done through a trusted site such as 'tixel'.



27th & 28th of January 2024

MORUYA SHOWGROUND GATES OPEN 9AM

GATE FEES

1 DAY TICKET

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

2 DAY TICKET

ADULT (16yrs & over) \$20
CHILDREN (15yrs & under) \$10
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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, Poddy Dodgers
live music

SUNDAY

Poultry pavilion, ute competition, novelty events,
pet show, lawn mower racing, Gerry Bussa
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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
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15 DEC 2023 7 00 PM FREE ENTRY

Sausage sizzle and Christmas treats available
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BUS SERVICES TO MORUYA RACECOURSE

Cost \$10 Return

Club Narooma departing 11:30am, via Bodalla & Bodalla Pub for bookings please contact Club Narooma on (02) 44762135.

Club Tuross departing 11:30am, for bookings please contact Club Tuross on (02) 44738186.

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SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

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NAROOMA CUP

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

BOOKIES | BAR | TAB



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Gates open 12pm | Tickets \$15

Kids Jumping Castle, Kids Face Painting, Entertainment by Party Mode Dj's, Fashions On The Field Competition (Categories Include: Best Dressed Child (Under 12), Best Dressed Female, Best Dressed Male, Best Christmas theme outfit)



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UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

- Sunday 17th December - Narooma Cup
- Monday 8th January - Moruya Cup
- Friday 19th January - Afflick Race Day
- Sunday 3rd March - SERA CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIER
- Saturday 30th March - Rotary Easter Charity Raceday
- Friday 26th April
- Sunday 26th May
- Friday 28th June

Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya

Moruya River.

With a few warm days, and no rain the river is continuing to improve, and the fishing reports are reflecting this.

There have been good reports of flathead throughout the system this week. From the lower reaches around the spur wall up to around the bend at Yarragee, anglers have been finding some nice fish. All techniques have produced fish, so there are option available no matter what your preference is.

Personally I prefer a good 4" paddle tail soft plastic when chasing flathead, something like a Zman Diezel Minnow or the new Cast Prodigy soft plastics fit the bill nicely. The new Nomad 55mm and 65mm SquidTrex also fit the snack size presentation nicely, and you have a good chance of finding a bream or two with the smaller sizes also. Preddy's wharf has seen some nice fish landed this week, with flathead, Luderick, bream and tailor all gracing the boards at the wharf this week. The town bridge, or the flats under the bridge have been holding some nice flathead, while the deeper holes in the main channel have been holding some nice bream and Trevally. Live nippers have always worked well for me here, as have soft plastics or soft or metal vibe styles lures. The vibes fish well from off of the bridge in particular, as the vertical nature of the fishing environment lends it self nicely to this type of lure.

Tuross River.

Now that the weather has again stabilised this week the river is returning back to its previous state of very productive. Good numbers of fish have been reported throughout the system this week. While flathead have been the mainstay of reports, there have also been some good bream, Luderick, salmon, tailor and the odd mulloway reported. With kilometres of waterway to explore, Tuross is best fished from the river itself. Boats or kayaks are the preferred option, but SUP's are also starting to be seen as fishing platform options. Keeping you tackle to minimum, and using some sort of wearable system will increase the enjoyment of SUP fishing. A small backpack, waist belt or sling option with a few small trays and minimal lures or bait can see you out and about in now time. Just remember a life jacket when out on the water as well.

Rock and Beach.

This has been where most of the action has been this week, with really good numbers of flathead and whiting being taken from the gutters in close this week. No doubt, fish that were pushed out of the rivers with the rain last fortnight are still hanging around on the beaches, and as such have provided plenty of fun for those using light tackle, live nipper or worms or even soft plastics in close working really well. Along with the above mentioned species there have also been some very solid salmon taken in the same zones. These will put your angling skills to the test when fishing light tackle, but are a heap of fun.

For the guys fishing from the more well know rock ledges, there is a very warm current pushing down the coast, that has the potential to have kings, or maybe even tuna in it. Live baits or lures cast from the stones have the chance to get onto a fish of a life time. Unfortunately time spent chasing these. Fish is the only way to get connected, and only the most dedicated anglers will be willing to invest the time needed to get into a fish like this.

Offshore.

The snapper fishing has been firing out wide this week, with good numbers of fish coming from the 50-60m marks, while the flathead have been in closer in around the 30-40m mark. Given the water temps at the moment, Mahi Mahi could well be an option for those fishing the FAD. Small live baits or cast metals fished around the FAD can be the undoing of these hard fishing and tasty fish.

There haven't been any reports from the game crews that I have heard about, but the summer Marlin and tuna season can't be far off, if it hasn't already started.

With 4 pallets of stock arriving this week, the shop is full to the rafters, and we are ready for you.

The bait freezer is fully stocked, with the only missing items being King Worms and White bait. Please note, that there is only 1 supplier of bait for the entire coast, Tweed Bait, and they supply all outlets that sell bait. So if we are out of something because tweed are out, it stands to reason it will be unavailable every where.

You will see two new faces in store this holiday period, we would like to welcome both Bailey and Sam to the team, as our seasonal junior staff. They are young and keen, and are still learning the ins and out of the system. We look forward to working with them this silly season. Stay safe everyone and remember, "every days a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Looking for something a little bit different or a surprise gift then come and join us for a weekend of medieval fun. New skills to be learnt and new friendships to be made. Novice to advance riders welcome.

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Batemans Bay Sailing Report

"It was a great day for sailing on Saturday 9th December when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held two sprint races on Batemans Bay. Each race consisted of two laps around a windward leeward course. The fresh southerly gusting up to 25 knots led to some fast and furious action. The elapsed time for each race was around 50 minutes. The winning margin was less than 30 seconds in each race.

In the first race "Wishful Thinking" (John Tracey) got the perfect start at the heavily favoured boat end of the line but threw her lead away by overstanding the windward mark on the port tack layline.

"Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) led down the first run but allowed "Wishful" through again when nobody on board was able to spot the rather tiny leeward mark. "Moonmist" ambitiously carried their spinnaker down the very short running leg but it became completely tangled on the drop so that was the end of that ploy for the race.

"Accolade" had ground to make up and went for the kite on the second run, drawing level with "Wishful" and forcing her to gybe away from the leeward mark. The tack line detached itself from the spinnaker but the crew were able to get the kite down despite this. Then the jib halyard let go right at the mark which allowed "Wishful" to overtake and win the race narrowly. "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne) and "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) took a more cautious approach with reefed mains and small headsails the order of the day.



Wishful MS Photo Terry Paton.

The wind came up further between races leaving "Moonmist" completely overpowered under full main and #2 genoa. "Accolade" got the better of the start and led around the top mark. It turned out that the spinnaker was still tangled after the previous race so had to be taken down. Meanwhile "Wishful" (Simon Dunlop) sailed past under poled out headsail. The "Accolade" crew tried to pole the headsail out using the boat hook until it broke in two on the second run. "Wishful" kept a cover on "Accolade" and went on to cross the line 13 seconds ahead.

Thanks Terry Paton and Andrew Bain for doing the race management in testing conditions. Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au. The next BBSC keelboat racing will be the South Coaster Regatta on the weekend of January 6th and 7th."

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results

Wednesday 13th December 2023.

A field of 52 players registered for a 4 person Ambrose event today. The game was followed by a fabulous Christmas Party at the Tuross Head Country Club with delicious food, beautiful decorations, wonderful raffle prizes and entertainment and lots of fun had by all.

The Winning teams today were:

1st: Graham Moore, Allen Lee, Des Jackson and Ross Hendy with 28.87 points.

2nd: Dorothy Madden, Blaise Madden, Margaret Downey and Ray Downey with 29.75 points.

3rd: Ron and Sandra Hanlon, Paul Green and Rob Nash with 29.87 points.

4th: Frank Pomfret, Steve Collins, Mike Birks and Herb Muriwai with 30.75 points.

5th: Jennifer Gray, Leonie Snodgrass, Bruce Martin and Steve Johnston with 31.12 points.

6th: Ian and Jeanette Miller, Chris Wratten and Derek Hoare with 31.25 points.

7th: Peter McRae, Mark Maher, Jane Eglitis and Steve Gardner with 31.37 points.

8th: Cathy and Terry Milliken, Len and Gail Rogers with 31.75 points.

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Jane Eglitis (in the hole)

6th: Steve Collins

7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden

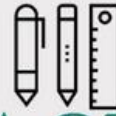
Mens: Graham Moore

Accuracy: Maree Coffey

Bradman's: Rick Brake, Richard Kelly and Ian and Annette Manton.



Winners Ross Hendy, Des Jackson, Graham Moore and Allen Lee



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