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Generations of the Yuin Nation gathered at Tilba for healing Birriga Bunaan on Saturday. More page 4. Photos :David Rogers Photography.

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It is with great excitement that we call for Expressions of Interest to the 2024 South East Local Leaders Program. Did you know that in 2024 it will be 10 years since the program was first run and that the program has successfully graduated over 140 leaders working across agriculture, Landcare, the environment, recovery and resilience in South East NSW?

The South East Local Leaders Program is a rural leadership development program building community, industry and government leadership capacity for resilience and sustainability. We are looking for people working for, or with community on projects delivering sustainable agriculture, climate-smart, environment, or biodiversity outcomes.

The target area for the program is South East Local Land Services region in NSW:
<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/south-east>

This program, now in its 10th year, brings together Global Learning's extensive experience in crafting and delivering leadership programs with a community and participant centred approach to learning. 10 years of adjusting the program with new tools and experiences has helped meet the needs of the diverse participants who have completed the program. The blend of learning methodologies aims to be inclusive and generative, acknowledging the wisdom in the room and the value of all participants' voices.

You will be hosted in beautiful locations for the three residential workshops, where the natural landscapes will become a key part of your learning journey. The first and third workshop will be held at the ANU Coastal Campus at Kioloa, close to the beach and with access to bush walks. The second workshop will be held at the Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre, perched on the escarpment with local bush walks to breathtaking views over Morton National Park.

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What is on offer? Nine days of workshops and online learning between 19 February and 23rd May 2024.

Residential workshops:

1. Deep dive: 26-29 February
2. Co-create: 7-10 April
3. Consolidate / transition: 20-23 May

Attending these three workshops is required to complete the program.

Applications due COB Friday 2nd February 2024.

Check out the attached flyer and the link to the expression of interest form for more information.

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<https://forms.gle/XcheyN2TNkkNVtJ68>



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Calls for Bay ED hijacks Hospital Meeting



By Phil Herrick

The auditorium in the Soldiers Club at Batemans Bay looked like it was hosting a Boomers Convention on Tuesday evening (16 January). As the room filled for the information session on the new Eurobodalla Hospital it became a sea of white and grey hair with over 400 people glad to have a comfortable seat for the event. But the vast majority weren't there to hear about the glittering new hospital that will soon be built on the southern side of Moruya. They were there to talk about the closure of the Batemans Bay hospital and its emergency department (ED).

This contradiction meant the information given by the state government people on the facilities and timeline for construction of the hospital were just bullet points that could easily have been picked up from a media release. The crowd were there to cheer those advocating for Batemans Bay to retain an ED and show their displeasure on any views that didn't lead to that outcome.

The CEO Tries to Get Them Excited

Margaret Bennett, the chair of the Southern NSW Local Health District opened the meeting, saying "this is where the project gets to the exciting part." She acknowledged staffing the new hospital would be an issue as well as finding accommodation for all the new staff who will be needed for the new hospital.

She tried to head off some concerns about the loss of the Bay hospital, saying the new urgent care clinic in the Bay was a great success and outlining the positives on the new community health centre that will be built on the site of the Bay hospital.

The Project Manager Explains the Delays

Matt Malone, the project director from Health Infrastructure who manage building the new \$260 million hospital, went through the dot points on the facilities. He said it would not be completed until 2026, a year later than first planned, with the current delay being the planning approval needed from state agencies. Construction of the new \$20 million Batemans Bay health centre starts this year, while the current hospital is still operating.

The ED Specialist Gets Clinical

Dr Stuart Stapleton, an emergency department specialist working in the Bay ED was next, making the argument it was a better outcome for the community to have one large emergency department in the shire with all the bells and whistles inside a Level 4 hospital, than two small EDs that were compared by people speaking at the meeting to "working out of a cupboard"

"At the moment, Moruya or Batemans Bay hospitals are not large enough to attract the specialists and staff needed," he said. "The new service, systems and facilities will attract people."

He also addressed concerns people have about the increased travel time to reach an emergency department an extra 30 minutes away. Dr Stapleton gave his personal experience as a specialist in Sydney when the rules changed from taking accident victims to the nearest hospital, to instead travelling further to the best equipped hospital for better treatment. "Nothing bad happened," he said.

The Community Leader is Unconvinced

Peter Ryan, leader of the community group calling for an emergency department to be retained in Batemans Bay was then given the floor to make his argument, saying "the community is outraged we will lose our ED and also about the travel involved."

"With no sign of the Moruya Bypass it's clear to us that lives will be lost.

"We support the new hospital, we just need to keep an ED in Batemans Bay."

To loud applause he told the health service people "It's not over – it's just beginning."

Health Service CEO Margaret Bennett responded the project is about better services.

"You can have two small EDs or one enhanced unit, linked to intensive care," she said.

The Ambo Explains Procedures

During question time the representative from the Ambulance service told the meeting extended travel times were not necessarily a recipe for bad outcomes. He said improvements over the years, including skilled paramedics and better equipment, meant emergency treatment started from first contact and continued during transportation. He was backed up by emergency specialist Dr Stapleton who said experience and data showed the idea of people dying in the back of ambulances was "just nonsense".

And on to Questions from The Floor

Once the meeting opened to question time it was dominated by questions and statements from the audience about the Batemans Bay ED. Every time the retention of the ED was supported, it was met with claps and cheers. Perceived dodging of questions was met with catcalls and jeers.

There were some left of field queries, including on how the new hospital would cope if one of the navy's nuclear submarines had an accident off our shores. The health people let them one pass through to the keeper.

Not everyone was against the plans. The final statement from the floor was from a lady who told the room she was a retired nurse. "You can't have an emergency department in the Bay on its own without all the other services around it," she said. "We need to look to the future."

When the meeting closed, health service CEO Margaret Bennett tried to finish on a positive note.

"We understand the anxiety," she said, "but please don't lose the excitement about the new level of service delivery and what will be available to the community."

Yuin Nation Birriga Bunaan heals people and country



People of the Yuin Nation came together on Saturday 13th January to stomp their connection to country in a powerful intergenerational cultural event at the Tilba sports ground underneath Gulaga. The bunaan was organised by Warren Ngarrae Foster and Mandy Foster, with people coming from far afield to participate in the cultural gathering.

From the Elders to very young, the dance and song was a healing for people and country.

The Yuin bunaan was re-established in 2019 for Yuin people from Nowra to Victorian border. That was the first in 150 years. The event is now to be held annually.

This event was supported by funding received from Monash Sustainable Development Institute Fire to Flourish – Eurobodalla Community Team.

Photos thanks to David Rogers Photography

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Biggest planning reforms in a generation to deliver a pipeline of housing supply

Today the reality of the challenge facing the **NSW Government** in tackling the housing crisis has been laid bare, further highlighting the significant need for the once in a generation planning reforms that the government introduced in December last year.

While these reforms will take time to effect significant housing uplift, these changes will deliver hundreds of thousands of well-located, well-designed and well-built homes close to transport, jobs, services and amenity over the coming years. All advice and industry feedback is that these reforms will have the major impact on housing uplift that our city and state so desperately needs.

Following 12 years of inaction by the former government, annual building completions were behind Victoria's for three straight years, and building approvals trailed Victoria's for five years in a row.

The NSW Labor Government has been clear that while building 75,000 new homes off a base of only 48,000 completions in 2022 will be a big challenge, the goal is to meet the states 377,000 housing goal over the 5 years of the accord.

The NSW Government is determined to meet the state's housing goals under the 5 year housing accord, and it's the major announcements that the government made only weeks ago that will help get us there.

These reforms include:

- Changes to low to mid rise housing – with the aim to increase capacity for an additional 110,000 homes in well-serviced areas by the end of 2029. A policy Planning Minister Stokes tried to introduce in 2018 that was not supported by his own party.

- Infrastructure contributions reforms – a program designed to ensure supporting infrastructure is aligned to housing delivery, so we don't end up with suburbs having no schools or sewage systems to support growing communities.

- The Transport Oriented Development (TOD) program, the first of which will deliver state-led rezonings within 1,200 metres of 8 priority transport hubs. The second will deliver a new SEPP to increase the capacity for more mid-rise housing and mixed-use development within 400 metres of 31 other well-located transport hubs and town centres.

- More affordable housing – the introduction of a new bonus Floor Space Ratio (FSR) of up to 30 per cent and a height bonus of up to 30 per cent where a proposal includes a minimum of 15 per cent of the gross floor area (GFA) as affordable housing.

- Transparency – we've committed to publishing performance tables to identify best performing councils and to show the performance of government approval processes as well.

NSW is the best state, in the best country in the world but it's getting harder for people to move here, to start a family, or start a business. Every step the NSW Government is taking is to help tackle this issue.

Minister for Planning Paul Scully said:

"We are reforming planning rules to support the delivery of thousands of new homes and a pipeline of housing supply into the future, and are determined to meet our housing goals.

"If there's no supply, there's no homes for the next generation.

The NSW Government is not going to turn their back on housing, it's a basic need.

"We've inherited a confused and confusing planning system from the previous Liberal Government that has delivered the housing crisis that NSW residents are experiencing today.

"I think most fair-minded people will recognise that our reforms are significant and need time to take effect. I think they also recognise that there are many factors that influence housing like interest rates, and access to finance and materials.

"The NSW Government is starting from a long way back but has taken immediate action to turn around housing completions of the incredibly low base of only 48,000 homes delivered in 2022."



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Solid fuel fire bans lifted on the South Coast

Campfires and barbecues that use wood, charcoal or other solid fuels will again be permitted in state forests on the South Coast. Forestry Corporation has lifted Solid Fuel Fire Bans in the Batemans Bay and Eden areas effective from Monday, January 15, 2024. Peter Carstairs, Team Leader Fire and Operations Batemans Bay Management Area said the decision to lift fire bans on the South Coast comes after favourable summer weather conditions.

"We have decided to lift the Solid Fuel Fire bans due to recent large rain events and a decrease in fire risk," Mr Carstairs said "The recent rain has increased the soil moisture and fuel moisture content, which decreases the flammability of available fuels in the forests under normal conditions.

"The Solid Fuel Fire Ban has been in place since September 19, 2023, due to the drier than normal winter we experienced and the outbreak of wildfires in spring," he said.

Brendan Grimson, Visitor Experience Manager, said the lifting of fire bans in state forests across the region will come as welcomed news to campers with the summer school holiday period and the Australia Day long-weekend always proving popular with visitors to the forests. "We do ask that people visiting state forests keep their fires in existing small fireplaces and refrain from lighting fires outside of those designated fireplaces, as we are still very much in the fire season," Mr Grimson said.

Campers planning trips to state forests should check the Forestry Corporation website for the latest updated information prior to arrival. Forestry Corporation manages 2-million hectares of state forests across NSW, maintaining campgrounds allowing for free, dog-friendly camping.

Find out more about Forestry Corporation at www.forestrycorporation.com.au

Unprecedented Legal Action Launched Against Forestry Corporation NSW For Failing to Protect Endangered Species SEFR

Conservation group South East Forest Rescue (SEFR) has filed in the Land and Environment Court of NSW seeking an injunction that the state-run logging agency Forestry Corporation NSW be restrained from conducting any forestry activities in certain state forests on the north and south coasts of NSW until adequate surveys for Greater Gliders, Yellow-bellied Gliders, or Squirrel Gliders have been performed.

SEFR is seeking an injunction that the Forestry Corporation be permanently restrained from logging anywhere in the North East or South East forests unless they conduct effective surveys for gliders.

SEFR is also seeking orders to immediately suspend logging in Bulga, Clouds Creek, Moonpar, and Styx River State Forest on the north coast and Currowan, Shallow Crossing and Timbillica State Forests on the south coast to prevent irreparable damage being done in the interim.

SEFR's position is that the Forestry Corporation is breaking the law by not performing adequate surveys for den trees, and necessary exclusion zones around den trees are not being implemented. SEFR say the impacts of logging on glider habitat are all the more critical for consideration in the wake of the 2019/20 fires.

This is the first time in 25 years that the Forestry Corporation has been brought to court by citizens for failure to comply with the law, called Coastal Integrated Forestry Operation Approvals, in particular failure to conduct adequate surveys for gliders.

"For too long this rogue Corporation have produced real harm to the environment and ecosystems. Much of the Glider habitat was impacted by the fires, this is why it is so important to protect any remaining habitat before the Forestry Corporation destroys all of our national treasures," said Mr Scott Daines, spokesperson for South East Forest Rescue.

"The Corporation has previously admitted that it conducts its surveys for the dens of these nocturnal animals during the day," said Mr Daines. "This incompetence needs to be stopped."

SEFR would like to thank our lawyers XD Law, and counsel for taking on this important public interest case on a pro bono basis.

"The people of New South Wales and the Parliament expect that Forestry Corporation will obey and abide by the laws of this state," said Ms Natalija Nikolic, from XD Law. "We will be vigorously prosecuting this action and look forward to having this landmark legal challenge heard by the Court."

SEFR have sought confirmation from the Forestry Corporation that they will discontinue logging of the compartments until the decision of the Court is handed down.



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Sustainability officer Mim, with diving friend, showcased Rig Recycle Bins at What's Under The Wharf in Narooma last weekend.



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"We want to give young people valuable career experiences they don't have to leave home to get.

"It's hard to know what to do when you finish school. We've designed our youth traineeship program to help you figure out. Our program is about giving young people exposure to different career options while building some valuable core skills. We pay you for two years while you complete two qualifications, and we pay for them too."

This year Council is offering three youth traineeships; rotating through three different areas of Council - recreation services, libraries and creative arts - every eight months while studying for both Cert III and Cert IV in Business at TAFE.

"It's about building a wide range of skills that will serve anyone well through their working life - customer service, data input and analysis, events and project management, and file and record maintenance," Ms Brierley said.

"The rotations provide a good mix of community work, creative arts activities and programming and administration. Take home something between \$1,200 and \$1,700 each fortnight, enjoy an excellent work-life balance, and remember a Cert IV in business is an ATAR equivalent of around 73 should you wish to go on to further study."

Applications for Council's youth traineeships close on Wednesday 31 January, with an early March start. For more information or to apply visit Council's [vacancies webpage](#).



Eurobodalla Council's current crop of youth trainees, Ryles Walters, John Lalor and Stella Dennis.

To assist potential applicants, The Job Shop will hold two information sessions - one in-person, the other online - with information about what it is like to work for Council, what the job involves, navigating Council's application process, tips for resumes, and how to respond to selection criteria and interview questions:

- In-person - Monday 22 January from 3-4pm at The Job Shop, 53 Queen Street, Moruya
- Online - Wednesday 24 January from 5.30-6.30pm.

Bookings essential, contact Amy from The Job Shop on 4474 7380 or amy.kovacs@esc.nsw.gov.au

Driving tomorrow: Committee launches inquiry into the transition to electric vehicles

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water has commenced an inquiry into the transition to electric vehicles (EVs).

Chair of the Committee, Mr Tony Zappia MP, said 'Australian motorists are increasingly choosing EVs when purchasing a new car. The percentage of EVs sold is growing every year, moving to 7.2 per cent of all new cars sold in 2023 up from less than 3 per cent in 2022. The inquiry will consider the necessary resources, systems and infrastructure for this transition and the impacts of moving away from traditional vehicles.'

'The Committee will also explore opportunities such as fuel savings and affordability for residents in outer regions to make this shift beneficial for everyone. Our focus will also be on the future of EV battery manufacturing, and we will consider challenges on electricity consumption and demand and our limited EV supply compared to other countries,' Mr Zappia said.

The Committee is seeking written submissions providing recommendations relating to any or all of the below inquiry terms of reference by Friday, 22 March 2024.

The Committee will examine:

- the establishment of resources, systems and infrastructure required to support transition to EVs
- the impact of moving from internal combustion engine vehicles, including fuel excise loss, existing auto industry component manufacturers and the environment
- the opportunities for fuel savings, such as by combining EVs with other consumer energy technologies and savings for outer suburban and regional motorists
- the impact on electricity consumption and demand
- the opportunities for expanding EV battery manufacturing, recycling, disposal and safety, and other opportunities for Australia in the automotive value chain to support the ongoing maintenance of EVs
- the impact of Australia's limited EV supply compared to peer countries, and any other relevant matters.



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

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I was wrong.

In a recent column I declared that sport was humanity's best invention, and listed the virtues inherent in its practice, from inclusivity to fairness, team spirit, fitness, community bonding and recreation. All true and in a troubled world, it's riding high.

But recently I stumbled on a far more consequential invention – one that holds the key to our capacity to survive the crisis of climate change and the rising tide of populist nationalism at the hands of the Putins, the Trumps, the Netanyahus, and their mates. It's called 'peer review' and it's the necessary fulcrum of all scientific endeavour.

And it's in deep trouble.

Its problems leapt to the fore in the wild outburst surrounding the Presidents of Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania and M.I.T. who, according to their critics, were insufficiently robust in condemning Anti-semitism.

The most controversial was Harvard's Claudine Gay, a Black woman who was also charged by a longtime critic with 'plagiarism'. This in turn focused attention on the practice of peer review which, he alleged, should have picked it up. Next came revelations that peer review itself was being undermined, calling into question the whole process of scientific endeavour.

That is an existential disaster in the making.

The system has a very long and fascinating history. It began in medicine in the Middle East in about 900 AD when physicians were required to make notes of their treatment of patients, who were cured or who died. If the latter, a group of senior practitioners examined the notes and decided whether the family had grounds for legal action.

Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in about 1440 revolutionised the practice. Authorities in a range of written observations and conclusions could examine and decide what was fit to print. Unfortunately, their obsession with religion brought unfathomable clashes between fables and facts, a tragedy for Galileo whose telescopic observations of the solar system led to his imprisonment for a decade.

In the Middle Ages, the rival Oxford and Cambridge universities became killing fields for one side or other of various Christian doctrines, brilliantly detailed in a soon-to-be-published work by Australia author Peter Thompson, in London Two Shades of Blue.

However, the great Francis Bacon in 1620 established the broad peer review rules in his *Novum Organum* and by century's end the Royal Society took charge and gradually established hard and fast procedures for expert review prior to official publication.

These were gradually tightened as technology advanced and by 2002, a review of the process by Ray Spier in *Trends in Biotechnology*, declared, 'Peer-review has come a long way in defence of its turf. In a world where knowledge is being made available at a rate of millions of pages per day, it is comforting to know that some subset of knowledge or science has been critically examined so that were we to use it in our work we would be less likely to have wasted our time.'

Ah, if only...

Since then, according to reportage surrounding the Claudine Gay case, the authorities in a vast array of specialties are so overburdened with review requests – without due payment – that they pass them down the line to post doc students or return them after a superficial glance. On other occasions, there is official intervention that prevents international review for 'possible' security reasons, and in others there are accusations of commercial theft.

These are mostly American complaints, but chances are that the same infection is taking hold here. It would be timely for someone like retiring ANU V-C Brian Schmidt to head a distinguished taskforce of Professors Emeritus to peer into the Australian reality.

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Has The Rental Market Peaked?

In a recent article from Realestatebusiness.com.au, it is reported that rents stabilised in December for the first time in 3 years which has been the longest ever streak of rises since Australia started recording. Domain's chief of research and economics, Dr Nicola Powell, is hopeful that the rental market "may" have turned a corner. The main reasons given for the change appear to be more renters opting to house shares and looking to buy into the property market using the first home buyers' incentive and the federal governments new "Help to Buy" shared equity scheme. The prospect of a potential interest rate cut later in the year is also an incentive for renters to look at buying a home of their own. This of course may put extra pressure on the property market and continue to push up prices and further support this latest recovery. Dr Powell said that increasing the nation's housing supply is the only way to ease rental affordability and Australia now needs between 30,000 – 60,000 additional homes.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS





A Beer with Bazz #143

With
John
Longhurst

Mick landed the schooners and immediately clicked glasses.

“Well here’s to Dutts, Bazza.... He has opened the batting for Australia and smashed Woolworths over the fence for six, for not stocking Australia Day-themed merchandise. You cannot even buy thongs emblazoned with the Australian Flag this year. A bloody disgrace. He is calling for a consumer boycott of Woolies. It is great to see someone take a stand against companies shoving their woke agenda down our throats.”

Bazza took a decent sip, sighed and half smiled.

“No doubt about it, Mick. A strong start to the year by Dutts to knock us out of our Christmas and New Year stupor. I reckon he could go a bit further though. Why stop at a boycott?”

Mick’s eyes widened.

“Well...you surprise me, Bazza. What have you got in mind?”

Bazza ran a hand across his grin before leaning in.

“Well... I reckon he should instruct Woolies to allocate a whole aisle for Australian themed merchandise in their stores. They would be required to put up a big sign; Oi ... AUSTRALIAN STUFF DOWN ‘ERE. Now...everything in the aisle must have an Australian Flag on it...sheets, towels, socks... even bras and undies. A whole section should also be allocated to lamb with recipes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Some Slim Dusty playing in the background only to be interrupted every few minutes with ‘Aussie Aussie Aussie, Oi Oi Oi’ at full volume.”

Mick took a sip.

“I never realised you were this patriotic, Bazza.”

Bazza waved his forefinger.

On top of all that, Mick...Woolies staff need to be dressed in Australian Flag uniforms leading up to Australia Day topped off with a strip of white zinc cream across the nose. You know... a bit like how the colour pink raises awareness and funds for breast cancer at the Pink Test held at the Sydney Cricket Ground every January.”

Mick bit his bottom lip.

“You might be going a bit far with some of these ideas, Bazza. How can Dutts possibly make it all happen?”

Bazza leaned back.

“Let’s get fair dinkum, here, Mick. We obviously need a Minister for Australia Day and legislation...lots of legislation with plenty of words like ‘mandatory’, ‘compulsory’ and ‘penalties’ to deal with all this woke stuff. Crikey....let’s legislate for Australia Day to be celebrated 365 days per year. I mean why raise the flag only on the 26th January?”

Mick raised both eyebrows.

“Minister for Australia Day eh? I reckon Michaelia Cash is made for that job. She will pull these companies into line.”

Bazza lifted his schooner and clicked his tongue.

“Ahhh... yes it has to be Michaelia Cash. It would be even better if she changed her name to ‘Karen’.”

Bazza paused, smiled and winked.

“Just for the alliteration, Mick.”

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Over 130,000 Medicare Urgent Care Clinic presentations

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Since the first Medicare UCC started operations in June 2023, there have been over 130,000 visits to clinics across the country.

Medicare UCCs are providing urgent care to people who need it, especially after hours when patients would otherwise have no choice but go to the emergency department for urgent care.

Medicare UCCs are open seven days a week, extended hours and offer walk-in care that is fully bulk billed. Across all Medicare UCCs, the largest proportion of patients have been children, with approximately 1 in 3 visits from someone under 15 years old.

One in three visits have taken place on the weekend.

Of visits taking place during weekdays, almost 1 in 5 have taken place at 6pm or later.

Delivering on the Albanese Government's election commitment to establish a network of clinics to give patients better access to high quality and convenient health care, all 58 Medicare UCCs are open. This includes 14 in New South Wales, 10 in Victoria, 11 in Queensland, 7 in Western Australia, 5 in South Australia, 4 in the Tasmania, 5 in the ACT, and 2 in the NT.

Medicare UCCs are equipped to treat a range of conditions and injuries, from dog bites, lacerations, and foot and hand injuries to falls, sporting accidents, and viral infections.

New sexual health campaign to combat rising rates of STIs

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1 in 6 Australians will get an STI in their lifetime.

The campaign, called 'Beforeplay', launches today in response to the rising prevalence of preventable STI like syphilis, gonorrhoea and chlamydia.

Cases of infectious syphilis in Australia more than doubled between 2015 and 2020, with more than 6,000 cases in the last 12 months.

Syphilis may not show symptoms but can have serious health implications if not detected and treated, particularly for pregnant women and their babies.

'Beforeplay' reminds young people aged 20 to 34 – the age range where most STI notifications occur – that regular check-ups are a key part of sexual health and safe sex behaviours.

Most STI are treatable, but early detection is essential. Regular testing is the only way to check if you have an STI, as you could have an STI and not know it.

Tests can often be as simple as a urine or blood test and can be done at your GP, local sexual health clinic, or community health centre.

The national campaign begins on Sunday 14 January 2024 and will run for nine weeks, appearing on social media and online, on dating apps like Tinder and Grindr, and around universities, bars and clubs. Materials will also be adapted and translated for multicultural and First Nations audiences.

NSW community urged to stay COVID-safe this summer

NSW Health is reminding the community to keep practising COVID-safe behaviours, as COVID-19 remains at high levels across NSW.

The latest NSW Health [Respiratory Surveillance Report](#) for the fortnight ending 6 January 2024 indicates that COVID-19 transmission in NSW is currently at a higher level than during last year's winter peak, while in the greater Sydney area it is approaching levels not seen since December 2022.

Emergency department presentations for COVID-19 remain high although the proportion of presentations requiring admission to hospital has been declining, suggesting while there has been an increase in cases there has been no increase in the severity of disease.

Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant urged people in the community to keep practising COVID-safe behaviours to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

"Currently, the Omicron variants EG.5 and JN.1 appear to be driving the majority of transmission in the community, with JN.1 increasing in prevalence, in line what we have seen in other countries," Dr Chant said. "While there is no evidence to suggest these variants cause more severe disease the overall increase in case numbers puts more people, especially vulnerable people, at risk from COVID-19.

"No-one wants to see high levels of transmission in the community, but we do know what works to limit transmission in these circumstances and I am calling on the community to do those simple things that will make a big difference.

"If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please stay at home. If you are experiencing symptoms and you do need to go out, please wear a mask.

"Don't visit high risk settings like hospitals, aged and disability care facilities or people who are at higher risk of severe illness until your symptoms resolve.

"To receive the best protection against serious illness or death from COVID-19, it is important to stay up to date with your recommended COVID-19 vaccinations."

Dr Chant urged people to have a plan with their doctor if they are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. This plan may include recommending a PCR test if you get sick or use of antiviral medication, if eligible. More information on staying COVID-safe is available on the [NSW Government website](#).

100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



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Our sport-loving community should note that the sports in aid of Coila's proposed new church will be held on Monday 28th. An enjoyable day's outing is anticipated. There will be fun for old and young, with a dance in the Turlinjah Hall at night. Cars and lorries from Moruya and Bodalla will ply.

Saturday, 26th Jan. (Anniversary Day) has been gazetted a public holiday throughout the State, and not the 28th as anticipated. The holiday will be observed at the Post Office as usual, the office being open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. No money order business will be transacted. All mails close at 10 a.m.

Mr. Jack Buckley, jnr., had an exciting experience recently with a black snake. He was out inspecting his stock in Congo Paddock when he espied a large black snake in the grass. Jumping off his horse, Mr. Buckley strode towards the reptile to kill it, when it suddenly turned to attack him. Jack did not wait to argue the point with his opponent but made a bee line for his steed, mounting it just as the snake made a vicious dart at him. Later on, Jack found his Wargod mare and also a cow dead, having apparently being bitten by a serpent, which according to reports from all parts of the State, are very venomous this season.

G. Chewying, who is disposing of his storekeeping business, is holding a big discount sale.

Bateman's Bay. (From our Correspondent.) – Now that the Christmas holidays are over the various mills are commencing operations again. The spoke factory recommenced the first week in the New Year. They anticipate enlarging their plant in the near future, and will undertake other classes of wheelwright work.

With Kirton and Earnshaw's mill and the **Nelligen Timber Company's** mills commencing operations, there will be plenty of work offering from now on. Mr. Eric Davis, the manager, has advertised for teamsters.

The dangerous piece of road between here and Moruya, known as "Droulette's," was again responsible for another motor mishap. Mr. Geo. Patrech, who had a car load of picnickers aboard drew into the bank to allow another car to pass, but owing to the narrowness of the road one wheel of his car went over the culvert and sustained a broken axle. However, word was despatched to the Bay and assistance readily came to hand.

Eurobodalla. A team of tennis players from Narooma paid a visit to Eurobodalla on Wednesday, 9th inst., and played a match on Mr. Lavis' court at "Thistlewood."

The visitors were defeated by 8 sets to 5. Luncheon and afternoon tea were served on the ground and a very enjoyable day was spent. ...

Over 50? Retired or Semi Retired? Learn, Laugh, and Live with U3A

U3A Batemans Bay has been providing Eurobodalla residents with intellectually stimulating activities and courses in the arts, sciences, history, languages, recreational activities and a variety of physical activities for more than 25 years.

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As an organisation we are unique in that every person involved, including the committee and the tutors, are volunteers.

This Semester we are offering a program over 50 courses of various lengths.

New courses on offer this term include Beginners Italian, Japan's Ancient Pathways, The Mavens: Female Thinkers, Dark Times, The Healthful Roles played by Colour and Humour, and A Smorgasbord of Faiths.

These courses join our continuing and returning courses which cover a wide range of interests. Details of all courses can be found by clicking the Courses tab on our website, <http://u3abatemansbay.org.au> and scrolling down to 'Courses and Activities Currently Available'.

Alternatively, our newsletter, which contains details of all courses, can be found in hard copy in the Shire's libraries.

Our 2024 annual fee is \$50, with a one off \$10 joining fee.

Membership entitles you to participate in as many different courses as you wish for the calendar year.

Want to learn more? Come along and meet our tutors at our annual Registration Day on

Wednesday 24 January from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

Like what you see? You can join on the spot and have one of our friendly team enrol you in the classes of your choice. A word of warning - some of the very popular classes fill early so don't leave it too late in the morning.

Don't want to wait until Registration Day?

You can either join through the website, (details above), or come along to our Shopfront in the Meeting Room at the Batemans Bay Library from 2.00 - 4.00 pm on Thursday 18 January. Although you can join U3A then you can not enrol in classes until 10.30 am on 24 January. However joining early means that you do not have to wait on Registration Day.

Have any questions - call our Membership Coordinator Joe, on 0411 327 700 and if he can't answer the question he will direct you to somebody who can.

U3A Batemans Bay Semester 2 classes will begin on Monday 4 February at various venues throughout the shire. We look forward to welcoming you.



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US?

Come along to our Registration Day on Wednesday 24th of January at The Soldiers Club from 10:30 to 12:30

Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au

Or Phone us on 0474 483 678.

SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:

For those people who are unable to attend The Soldiers Club on Wednesday, Joe, Allan and Lyn will be coming to the Moruya Library on the day after, that is Thursday 25th of January.

We'll be there to:

- tell you about U3A
- discuss our courses
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South Coast a beautiful backdrop to mystery trilogy



Much respected local author releases third book

Hot on the heels of her first two highly acclaimed novels in the Lily O'Hara Mystery series local author Tracey Lee will step out in Moruya this weekend in a candid conversation to coincide with the Shooting Star Press launch of book three in the series, Welter.

Tracey's writing style and subject matter which focuses strongly on the Eurobodalla region is already widely recognised as addictive and well-crafted.

Her writing was described as 'well-crafted and ingeniously plotted' by Blue Ink Review and the Sydney Morning Herald call her first novel 'impressive'. Lee's writing has only got better since the first foray into Lily O'Hara's life.

Welter feature Lily O'Hara, an introspective, inquisitive and determined protagonist who, once embroiled in the secrets people keep and the lies they tell, doesn't let go until she finds the truth.

Tracey and a copy of Welter are available to the media by request all this week. The Red Door Hall in Moruya will host a conversation with Tracey by theatre producer/actor and local Councillor, Anthony Mayne, this Saturday from 3pm. Following a Q&A session, Tracey will be available for a signing session.

ELM Concert

Whatever you do, don't miss this fantastic concert at the Moruya Golf Club at 1pm on Sunday 21st January.

Eurobodalla Live Music [ELM] has been able to arrange for the CASEY GREENE QUARTET to play exclusively on this date.

The quartet comprises four of the top musicians in Australia – Casey Greene on reeds, Peter Locke on piano, our very own Mike Walsh on bass and Mark Sutton on drums.

Although this band play frequently in Sydney, the guys are kind of local to this area. Their music is classic jazz – you know, the kind that doesn't hurt your eardrums. The stuff from Benny Goodman, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and similar. Anyone who enjoys a good beat and a glorious melody will love it. We are expecting a good crowd, so make sure you are among them. You won't be sorry.

ELM members pay \$15, non-members \$20, children free.

Is it time to become a member?

See you there. Kay Killick [president]

Moruya Community Film Group

Screening of THE SALESMAN

SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY 2024 at 7pm

St. John's Anglican Church, Page St Moruya. Join us for our next film screening - The Salesman - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 27th of January @The Red Door, Moruya.

Synopsis: 2016 Iranian-French drama film written and directed by Asghar Farhadi. While Ranaa and Emad, a married couple, are participating in a production of "Death of a Salesman," she is assaulted in their new home, which leaves him determined to find the perpetrator over his wife's traumatized objections.

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



SAGE Farmers Market

Tuesday 3pm Moruya

sagefarmersmarket.org.au

growing the community

Light Shadow Form Space 4 conversations at The Bas



Di Appleby. Rockpool Reflections 1. Formed and enamelled copper, 12x12x3cm, 2023

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre reports: Save the Date! A symphony of light, shadow, form, and space is about to unfold at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre in Moruya. We never cease to be amazed at the extraordinary breadth of creative practice in Eurobodalla.

Our next show demonstrates just how remarkable our arts community is. The Bas has teamed up with four local artists creating work specifically for our exhibition space. A unique blend of installation, drawing, ceramics, textiles, and painting—we welcome artists Diane Appleby, Margaret Ainscow, Jo Victoria, and Stephanie Simko into our space with their show Light Shadow Form Space.

RSVP to the opening event on Friday 16 February and catch the exhibition during it run between 17 February and 28 March 2024. The Bas is open daily between 10am and 4pm.

<https://thebas.com.au/.../art-exhibition-light-shadow...>

HOME : works from the collection Bega Valley Regional Gallery

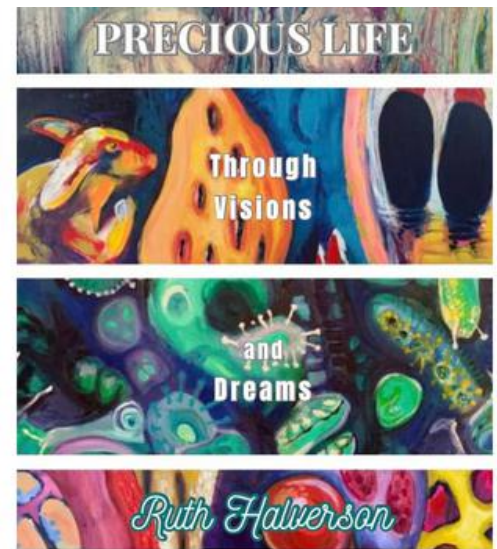
The collection held on behalf of the community by SECCA has been built over decades. Historically, the collection was pioneered by the Bega Valley Arts and Crafts Society in the 1960's. Additions to the contemporary collection have grown over recent years through gifts from artists, collectors and members of the community. The SECCA collection focus is on Australian living artists and any emerging artists who exhibit potential and explore themes relevant to contemporary visual culture. The priority area is focused on First Nations practice, contemporary portraiture and landscape.

SECCA collects, promotes, preserves, researches and interprets its collection through exhibition and documentation. SECCA develops its collection holdings in accordance with current museum standards.

SECCA receives no government funding to add to the collection. The imminent SECCA Foundation has been formed to support the collections maintenance and fundraises to purchase works.

HOME : works from the collection includes historic, newly donated and potential future donations and purchases. Featuring Hilda Rix Nicholas, Lorna Ward Napanangka, Tamara Dean, Susan Chancellor and more.

The exhibition runs to 9 February.. IMAGE - Tamara Dean, Endangered 7 (detail) 2018 pigment print 2/8 + 2AP Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program



ART EXHIBITION

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OPPORTUNITY ALERT

South East Arts reports: Applications for the Arts and Cultural Funding Program 23/24 Round 2 are now open!

Funding is available for all artforms in 4 categories:

- Creative Koori - for individuals/groups and organisations - up to \$60,000
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Learn more <https://www.nsw.gov.au/.../arts-and-cultural-funding-program>

@creatensw funding opportunities for professional artists, arts and cultural workers and organisations across a wide range of artforms and disciplines.

WHAT'S ON

Closing soon: Biophilia at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre!

Don't miss Petrina Hicks' expertly choreographed photographic images, exploring the intersection of humanity and the natural world. Catch the show before it goes to Perth on a nationwide tour. The show is open daily between 10am and 4pm closing Sunday 21 January, 2024

Moruya Museum presents....

A WOMAN'S LOT - EXHIBITION

Moruya Museum, 85 Campbell St, Moruya until end April 2024

Open: January: Wed/Fri/Sat. February - April: Wed/Fri 10 am - 12 noon Cost: \$5 adults, \$15 families, kids under 12 free.

<https://blog.mdhs.org.au/a-womans-lot/>

Batemans Bay Heritage Museum presents...

Steaming the South Coast

New maritime exhibit - "Steaming the South Coast" now open.

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New opening hours: Wednesdays -Thursdays - Fridays 10am-3pm and Saturdays 10am -2pm

KLEZMER WORKSHOP - MORUYA

Klezmer workshop with guest leader Ilana Cravitz

Friday 8 March, 6.45 - 10pm at Red Door hall.

Organiser - Sandy Wilder

Fiddler Ilana Cravitz is an experienced Klezmer educator. The playdate will provide an opportunity to dive deeper into Klezmer music.



Open to all instruments* and suitable for both newcomers to the genre as well as more seasoned players, the programme will include:

- Learning Klezmer music by ear, including melody, inner parts, rhythm, and bass lines
- Understanding about Klezmer modes and dances
- Practising ornamentation
- Arranging material

*Minimum standard: Grade 4 or equivalent. No ability to read music or prior Klezmer experience required.

Cost - Instrumentalists \$20, Interested observers \$10

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Register if you want to come as 20 is our maximum no. Provide your name, instrument you will bring, email and mobile no. And whether you are coming as player or observer/dancer.

Queries Ilana ilanacravitz@gmail.com

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Explore and extend your creative self.

Vince Jones and band @ Bingie Pottery



Photo: Jacquie Reid

Vince Jones and band had a wonderful gig on Saturday 13th Jan at the Bingie Pottery. Vince said "John Mackey and Matt McMahon came to town to play with us. Also on the bill was Lucinda Peters singing and playing her guitar and playing double Bass. We will try and put on a show regularly at the pottery, the other members of the band are Casey Greene flute and saxes, Mike Walsh double bass and Mark Sutton drums."

The Moruya Red Door Theatre 2024 Committee



Congrats to the Theatre Committee members: Phillip Barr, Liz Fisher, Sigña Reddy, Nichola Creighton, Camilla Barr. And to our 2 new Committee members, Kersten Davis & Jack Spahr. Great to have Phillip Barr appointed as the Creative Director and the creatively inspiring Karen Vickery as Our Patron. A real delight to be back as President for the 8th year, following such a wonderful '23 Season, culminating in 6 CAT nominations. Terrific to be creating and celebrating the Creative Arts on the beautiful Eurobodalla - South Coast NSW

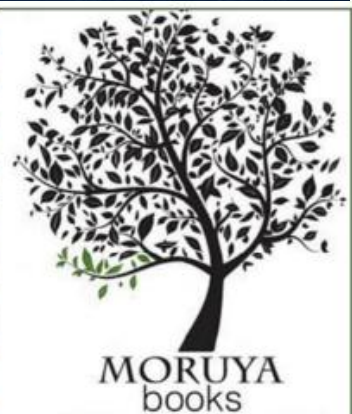
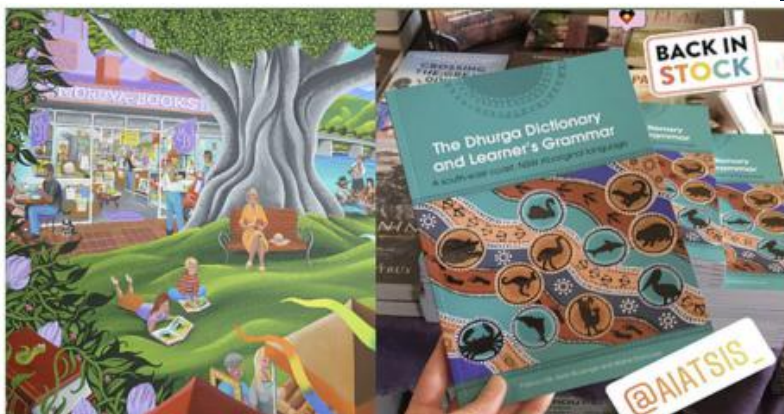
NAROOMA GALLERY COMING SOON

Sally Skinner, 'Look to Cobargo', detail



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Boost for local live music festivals

The Albanese Government is turning up the volume on local music festivals, with two local events on the South Coast receiving a share of \$2.5 million under the latest round of the Live Music Australia program.

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP today announced that NelliJam Music Festival and the Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival 2024 had both received much-needed support to keep the music jammin' for locals and visitors alike.

"The South Coast has so much to offer, and our ever-growing live music scene is just one way to soak up a bit of fun and frivolity in the country – what could be better," Fiona Phillips said.

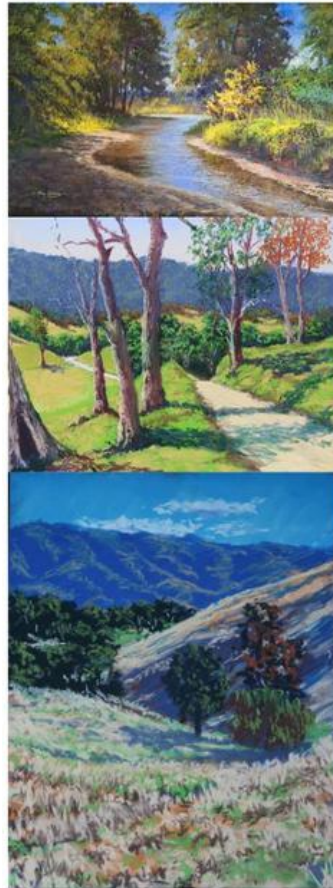
"Sharing Australian music, art and culture is what Aussies do best, and I am just so delighted to see the Albanese Government investing almost \$120,000 to support music festivals in our community," she said.

The ever-popular, volunteer run Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival 2024 received \$96,000, while the NelliJam Music Festival, now in its 14th year in iconic Nelligen, has received \$23,903.

Fiona Phillips said the South Coast region had been through so much over the last few years, with live music certainly taking a huge hit – locally and across Australia. "Helping this important industry get back on its feet, while also supporting local artists and events, and drawing visitors back to our region, has never been more important," she said.

The Live Music Australia program is a competitive grants opportunity for live music venues, festivals and organisations that support quality original Australian live music.

The next round of funding through the Live Music Australia program, opening in February 2024, will target small to medium live music venues.



ART EXHIBITION Window on Summer

20 to 28 January 2024

1pm to 4pm on 20 January
10am to 4pm from 21 to the 28rd

Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club,

George Bass Drive, Malua Bay
Presented by:



South Coast Pastel Society's summer art exhibition promises to deliver stunning landscapes, majestic seascapes, flora and fauna paintings and thought-provoking still-life works that will hang in pride of place on any wall. Whilst there will be lots of pastel works, the exhibition will also include acrylic, oil, watercolour and mixed media pieces as well as cards featuring the best works of exhibiting artists. All works will be for sale and range in prices to suit most budgets.

South Coast Pastel Society thanks the following sponsors for their continued support:



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Information Sessions for Courses on the day will be available in: Tourism and Hospitality, Commercial Cookery, Early Childhood Education and Care, Study and Career Pathways (Years 10, 11 and 12.) (English Language Courses), Metal Fabrication and Welding, and Business Services.

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Over \$200m in cost-of-living energy upgrades for over 30,000 NSW households

The Albanese and Minns Governments are delivering long-term cost-of-living savings to over 30,000 NSW households, with a \$206 million package for energy saving upgrades in social housing properties and access to solar for low-income renters and apartment residents.

Some social housing properties are among the least energy-efficient homes in the country, often lacking basic insulation and modern appliances.

Upgrading an average house from a 1-star rating to a 3-star rating can reduce energy consumption by 30 per cent and decrease power bills.

That's why the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments are providing matched funding of \$87.5 million (\$175 million total over four years) to help reduce energy bills for tenants and keep their homes cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

Over 24,000 homes will be eligible for upgrades including heat pump hot water systems, ceiling fans, reverse-cycle air conditioners, solar systems, insulation and draught proofing.

The social housing properties will be a mix of NSW Government-owned and managed homes, along with those overseen by community housing providers.

Priority will be given to the least energy-efficient properties – often older homes built prior to minimum construction standards – along with locations that experience extreme heat and cold.

The Commonwealth Government is also investing \$30 million to make sure low-income households and apartment residents can reap the saving of renewables by helping to fund rooftop solar installations on apartments, or accessing a portion of a 'solar garden' community energy plot.

- The 'Solar Banks' initiative will deliver rebates of up to 50 per cent of rooftop solar installation costs for multi-unit dwellings.
- Low-income households, apartment residents and renters who can't install or afford onsite rooftop solar will be eligible for a subsidy to purchase an offsite 'solar garden' portion of a large scale solar farm under the deal.

More than 10,000 households will be able to access the Solar Banks program, which could save households up to \$600 a year.

A further \$1 million will be invested in community renewable energy projects on the Far South Coast, delivering on the Australian Government's election commitment. The funding will go to local clean energy projects which will create local jobs, deliver cleaner, cheaper energy to local communities. These initiatives come as joint Commonwealth-NSW energy bill rebates continue to flow.

Up to 1.6 million eligible households are being supported with \$500 to help pay their electricity bills.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said "Critical energy upgrades in social housing properties and strong solar energy incentives for apartment block residents across NSW will deliver cleaner, cheaper energy to more Australians.

"The Albanese Government is helping those who can't currently access energy upgrades and solar power reap the rewards of the clean energy transformation.

"Today's announcement comes on top of our Energy Price Relief Plan, which is supporting 1.6 million eligible NSW households with \$500 off their bills."

Why are some kids reluctant to return to school?

According to [recent data from the OECD](#) has revealed that an increasing number of students are absent from school for long periods. 'Boredom' was cited as the third most common reason behind students' refusal to attend.

Attrition from school since COVID has been a significant problem in many countries, but why Australian students are opting to stay away from the classroom?

With teacher burnout at an all-time high, and students' sense of belonging at school diminishing, rebuilding the relationships that hold schooling together requires new focus.

"School absenteeism may have been normalised through the pandemic"

Professor Susanne Gannon is an expert in educational research across a range of domains and methodologies. Much of her research focuses on equity issues in educational policy and practices. She is well known for innovative qualitative research methodologies.

"School attrition and school refusal have been impacted by years of pandemic induced disruption" she said. "School absenteeism may have been normalised through the pandemic. Some parents became used to their children not being at school, and expectations increased for learning materials to be available online."

"After the isolation of school lockdowns in 2020, many young people were bored at home and desperate to return to their friends and the stability and stimulation of everyday life and learning at school. Yet continuing disruptions from rolling lockdowns and teacher shortages meant that their school was far from normal."

Prof Gannon said "Our research with students, teachers and parents on pandemic education impacts suggests that educating for wellbeing and resilience must be prioritised alongside academic outcomes."

"Learning is a collaborative, relational process that relies on trust, a sense of safety and the nurturing environment of school communities that focus on creating conditions within which every young person can flourish."

"Students report feeling disconnected with teachers and teachers' burnout rates are at an all-time high"

Dr Pamela Patrick, lecturer in the School of Educational Psychology and Counselling at Monash University, has worked as a school psychologist supporting adolescents and the school community with a range of mental health concerns, including school non-attendance. Her research involves issues relating to teacher burnout, compassion fatigue and school non-attendance.

Dr Patrick said "Emerging data from a parent-teen dyad study of teens with school non-attendance concerns has revealed that bullying and a disconnect between reality and curriculum taught in classrooms are two major reasons for the rise in school non-attendance rates."

"Add to this, the fact that many found a new way of schooling that suited them fine during the pandemic, bringing into question: 'Why the need to change?'"

"Simultaneously, educators are faced with new and evolving demands – school refusal, vaping in schools, and Artificial Intelligence (Ai) to name a few have made teaching a more complex profession than previously known" she said.

"These added pressures, with little to no relief, have resulted in an increasing number of educators preferring to leave the profession altogether. Students report feeling disconnected with teachers and teachers' burnout rates are at an all-time high.

"At a time when the appeal of school is fast dwindling, it is time we started reimagining our schools" said Dr Patrick.

Farmers and families at mercy of retail giants

NSW Farmers is calling for an ACCC inquiry into the supermarket retail sector as fair prices for consumers and farmers remain nowhere in sight.

“With grocery costs surging, consumers and their families are struggling to put food on the table – yet farmers are still receiving the same dysfunctional prices for their produce as they did when input costs were far lower,” NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said.

“It has become increasingly clear that margins are not being passed through the supply chain in a fair and equitable manner, and it is farmers and families who are footing the bill.”

Mr Martin said farmers were bearing the brunt of the anti-competitive behavior by supply chain middlemen, with many NSW Farmers members reporting significant abuses of power by the major chains.

“Farmers are being offered increasingly lower prices that often don’t cover their cost of production, with little justification and a ‘take it or leave it’ attitude from supermarkets,” Mr Martin said.

“Many farmers have also faced the challenge of being locked into the one buyer due to their unique specifications and requirements, and some have even reported their produce has been rejected when a buyer has discovered they are also supplying other businesses.”

According to Mr Martin, consumers were also suffering under the current system, which had seen the average weekly cost of groceries skyrocket.

“Consumer research shows that the average weekly cost of groceries increased by \$37 between February 2022 and February 2023,” Mr Martin said.

“Not only are these price increases astonishing, but they are also increasingly unrealistic for consumers and their families in the current economic environment.”

However, a review of the food and grocery code of conduct by former competition minister Craig Emerson would likely do little to address the pressures farmers and families face as a result of supermarket power abuses, Mr Martin said.

“As the Food and Grocery Code only covers a small fragment of the supply chain, it will not delve into the core issues that need to be addressed, such as price transparency and the excessive profits gained through price gouging,” Mr Martin said.

“The Emerson review of the code will also rely solely on verbal testimony from stakeholders, rather than a rigorous ACCC analysis of the prices being charged to consumers, the prices being paid to suppliers and the costs supermarkets incur – which is what we desperately need.”

“Failure to properly review these issues via the ACCC will likely force more farmers to exit the industry and lead to a reduction in food and fibre supply, further magnifying the rising food costs we are seeing today.”



Pepper

Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla

Pepper is a young black cat who was in the pound with four tiny kittens. Pepper and her babies are on their journey to a new life, and Pepper herself, her motherly duties coming to an end, is ready for her forever home.

She is a confident and affectionate girl, who takes dogs and other cats in her stride. In her short life – around 12 months, Pepper has clearly endured a lot, and deserves the very best of homes. Any family that adopts her will be richly rewarded with her loving personality.

Anyone wishing to meet Pepper should call AWL on 0410016612.

Also, a reminder that AWL Eurobodalla has a special fundraising promotion running through the summer months, via the Return and Earn scheme for recycling containers. Donations can be made at any Return and Earn refund point in NSW, using the Return and Earn app, and selecting AWL's Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home charity to donate your refund. Every cent helps us help animals.

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Clyde calling all Sculptors Near and Far

Sculpture For Clyde is a ten-day art festival celebrating imagination in 3D. The festival is open to professional, emerging and novice artists with prize money to the value of almost \$120,000.

The event will once again transform the Clyde River foreshore, Batemans Bay from Saturday May 25, 2024, to Sunday June 2, 2024.

Sculpture For Clyde 2024 sees the introduction of separate application processes for the Acquisitive Award Category, and for the Major and Emerging Award Categories. Application forms, including information, terms and conditions are available at the following links:

Artist's Acquisitive Award Application – closed.

Acquisitive Award Applications close on 11:59pm Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Non-acquisitive Award Application

Major and Emerging Award Applications close 11:59pm Thursday, February 29, 2024.

This event features \$112,500 of prize money including the \$100,000 Acquisitive Award, chosen from only 5 successful finalists, and is noted as one of the largest annual acquisitive prizes in Australia. The winning sculpture will be on permanent display as part of the Batemans Bay Sculpture Walk.

Major Award – \$10,000 (Awarded at the judging panel's discretion)

Emerging Artist Award (Outdoor) – \$1,000 (Awarded at the judging panel's discretion)

Emerging Artist Award (Indoor) – \$1,000 (Awarded at the judging panel's discretion)

People's Choice Award – \$500 (Award based on attendee voting numbers)

This popular event has attracted buyers and collectors of both public and private art with many of the artworks selling during the event.

Entrants may be able to access funding to support costs through the Federal Government. Information is available at: <https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/regional-arts-fund>

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ONE LIFE (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 50M, BIO/DRAMA	1.45pm*	11.50am*	11.50am*	11.50am*	11.50am*	11.50am*	11.50am*
MIGRATION (LAST WEEK) PG, 1H 32M, ANIMATION/ACTION	9.35am	9.35am	9.35am	9.35am	9.35am	9.35am	9.35am
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PG | 1hr 52min ~ *Comedy ~ Musical* ~
Angourie Rice, Renee Rapp & Tina Fey
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~ *Family ~ Animation* ~
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AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM
M | 2hrs 4min ~ *Action ~ Adventure* ~
Jason Momoa
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WONKA PG | 1hr 56min
~ *Family ~ Adventure* ~
Timothée Chalamet, Olivia Coleman & Hugh Grant
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NEXT GOAL WINS
PG | 1hr 44min ~ *Drama ~ Comedy* ~
Michael Fassbender, Elisabeth Moss & Will Arnett
Directed by Academy Award Winner Taika Waititi, Next Goal Wins follows the American Samoa soccer team, infamous for their brutal 31-0 FIFA loss in 2001.



MIGRATION
G | 1hr 31min ~ *Animation ~ Adventure* ~
Elizabeth Banks & Danny DeVito
A family of ducks try to convince their overprotective father to go on the vacation of a lifetime.



THE CANTERVILLE GHOST
PG | 1hr 28min ~ *Animation ~ Family* ~
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Sunday 28th January 2024

9:30 Judging

@ the basketball pavilion car park

Prizes awarded for each category

Vehicles to be on site by 8:30am
Judging to take place at 9:30am

Entries taken on the day at the Show Office
However, if you could please contact Kerin
on 0410 410 895 in advance with your
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(Registration papers, or original invoice
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- Categories:**
- Work Ute
 - Farm Ute
 - Oldest Ute
 - Shiniest Ute



JUNIOR SECTION

Looking for something for the kids to do during the school holidays?

How about some arts & crafts to enter at the show on the 27th & 28th Jan.

We have a huge junior section with lots of categories. Some of these include, drawing, painted rocks, egg carton caterpillar, vegetable man, play dough sculpture, origami, original lego creations, story writing and poems, just to name a few. Get your kids involved, they will love seeing their own exhibits at the show.

For more info contact Kerrie - 0403 312 825



27th & 28th of January 2024

MORUYA SHOWGROUND GATES OPEN 9AM

GATE FEES

1 DAY TICKET

- ADULT (16yrs & over) \$12
- CHILDREN (15yrs & under) \$6
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- FAMILY (2 adults & up to 4 kids) \$55

Preschool children are FREE

BOTH DAYS

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

SATURDAY

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



SUNDAY

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

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



2024 program - 27th & 28th January

EUROBODALLA SHOW

JUMPING SECTION

Entries globalentriesonline.com.au
yard bookings -
<https://globalentriesonline.com.au/event/11070>
Jumpers aren't to arrive till Saturday time TBA



Saturday 4pm approx

Novice 6 Bar - Starting height 80cm

Rose Stewart Memorial cup \$1000 Six Bar - Starting height 110cm

Sunday 8.30am

All classes are immediate JO



- 90cm
- 1m
- 1.10m
- 1.20m
- 1.30m
- xrails (clear round)
- 55cm
- 70cm
- 80cm
- 90cm



Ribbons to 5th - Sweep stakes prize money (excluding Rose Stewart Cup) for first 5 classes (90-1.30) and novice 6 bar - Feed for 1st last 4 classes (55-90cm)
Sweep stakes - This will work by taking 90% of all entry money from classes 1-5 plus novice 6 bar & applying it from 1st to 5th in those listed classes so prize money is even not to cause higher classes to end up with low prize money. Proceeds from all other classes will be used for Running costs & feed purchase



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Eurobodalla Agricultural Show Schedule

Saturday 27 Jan		Area
<p>*</p> <p>Show opens 9.00 am</p> <p>All Day Events</p>	<p>Rural Fire Service, Classic and Vintage Cars, Antique Tractors and Machinery Trade & Food Stalls, Showbags, Side Shows, Photo Booth, Irene Cartoons – Caricatures Junior Art and Craft, Kid’s Craft Activity Alpaca Wool Displays, Arts and Crafts, Photography Flowers, Fruit and Veg, Cookery, Jams, Jellies & Preserves, Needlework, Woodwork and Metalwork Animal Nursery, Poultry Demonstration + ‘Photo with a Chicken’</p> <p>Synthetic Ice-Skating Rink - *\$15 entry per skater</p> <p>Kid’s Zone – *\$2 entry, includes Fairy La La, Kid’s Games, Jumping Castle, Face Painting</p> <p>Comedy Duck Racing – times TBA</p> <p>Hacks/Stock Horses</p> <p>Bar facilities – Broulee Brewhouse- 12:00 - 10:00 pm</p>	<p>Pavilions Eat Street</p> <p>Animal Shelter Poultry Pavilion</p> <p>Ack Weyman Oval</p> <p>Horse Ring</p> <p>Bar Area</p>
10.00	Baby Judging and Australian Breastfeeding Association Display	Beside Grandstand
10.30	Junior Showgirl Judging (Tiny Tots to Teenage)	Beside Grandstand
11.00	Lachie Cossor The Outback Stockman	Rodeo Ring
11.00	Oyster Judging	Pavilion
11.30	Belly Dancers	Near Truck Stage
12.00	<p>Official Opening Ceremony Sky Diving Acknowledgement of Country Flag Raising National Anthem President’s address Official Show Opening – <i>Dr Holland</i> Young Woman of the Year Announcement</p> <p>(Winners of Oyster Judging announced)</p>	Truck Stage
12.00	Bar facilities – run by Broulee Brewhouse	Bar Area
1.00	Stepz Dance Academy	Near Truck Stage
1.00-3.00	<p>Novelty Events Pie eating competition</p> <p>Tug of War Gumboot Throwing Paper Planes Wheelbarrows Hay Bale Stacking – teams of two</p>	<p>Truck Stage</p> <p>Various areas</p>
2.00	Lachie Cossor The Outback Stockman	Rodeo Ring
3.00	Dog High Jump	Front of Bar Area
4.00	Six Bar Show Jumping	Horse Ring
4.30	Medieval Skill at Arms Display	Showground/Horse Ring area
5.00	Wife Carrying	Rodeo Ring
6.00	Lachie Cossor The Outback Stockman	Rodeo Ring
6.30	Rodeo	Rodeo Ring
7:30 –	‘Poddy Dodgers’ – Music	Truck Stage
10:00	Bar Facilities – until 10 pm	Bar Area

*All times and events are subject to change.

Eurobodalla Agricultural Show Schedule

Sunday 22 Jan		Area
* Show opens 9.00 am	Rural Fire Service, Classic and Vintage Cars, Antique Tractors and Machinery Trade & Food Stalls, Showbags, Side Shows, Photo Booth, Irene Cartoons – Caricatures Junior Art and Craft, Kid’s Craft Activity Alpaca Wool Displays, Arts and Crafts, Photography Flowers, Fruit and Veg, Cookery, Jams, Jellies & Preserves, Needlework, Woodwork and Metalwork	Pavilions Eat Street
All Day Events	Synthetic Ice-Skating Rink - *\$15 entry per skater Kid’s Zone – *\$2 entry , includes Fairy La La, Kid’s Games, Jumping Castle, Face Painting Comedy Duck Racing – times TBA Poultry Show - Judging from 9.00 am Show jumping run by Mirrabooka Jump Club, Moruya Pony Club Sporting Events Bar facilities – Broulee Brewhouse- 12:00 - 5:00 pm	Ack Weyman Oval Poultry Pavilion Horse Ring Rodeo Ring Bar Area
9.30	Ute Competition	Basketball Pavilion Car Park
10.00	Lachie Cossor The Outback Stockman	Rodeo Ring
8.30 – 12.00 (11.30)	Sporting Events Moruya Pony Club Fancy Dress	Rodeo Ring/Horse Ring
11.30	Stepz Dance Academy	Near Truck Stage
12.00	Grand Parade	Showground/Horse Ring
12.30	Lachie Cossor The Outback Stockman	Rodeo Ring
1.00- 3.00	Music – Mick McGrath	Bar Area
1.00- 3.00	Novelty Events Donut Eating Gumboot Throwing Wheelbarrow racing Tug of War	Truck Stage Various Areas
1.30	Medieval Skill at Arms Display	Showground/Horse Ring Area
2.00	Pet Show	Shelter Next to Grandstand
2.30	Lachie Cossor The Outback Stockman	Rodeo Ring
3.00	Lawn Mower Races	Rodeo Ring
3.30	Garry Bussa Memorial Motorbike Obstacle Course	Rodeo Ring



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Long Beach Community Association AGM

Members of the LBCA are invited to attend the 2024 Annual General Meeting.
Time: 12:30pm Date: Saturday, 27 January
Location: The Long Beach Fire Shed
If you're not a member it's easy to join - find out more at <https://www.longbeach.org.au>, and get along to the AGM!

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](#)

REWARD OFFERED

These two electric bikes were stolen from Jeffery Place Moruya last week. A reward per bike is offered by the owners with no questions asked. Kathryn on 0467 558 645 for more details.

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.

Garage Sale

Batemans Bay Men's Shed are having a garage sale this Saturday 20-1-24 at 8-00am -12noon
2 David Av Batehaven behind the Catholic Church

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Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya

Moruya River.

Hey hey! Looks like we are in for a nice weekend, and a bit of that bright stuff, what was it called again? I vaguely remember it from my younger days .

The river is not fishing too bad at present, with only a slight greenish tinge that is indicative of fresh water still being in the system.

From the town bridge down towards the mouth, will be your most productive areas this weekend, which is great as it doesn't concentrate everyone fishing in the same spot.

Flathead have been the main species encountered in the river this week, with the odd trevally towards the mouth also being encountered.

Along the spur wall on the river side Luderick and bream can also be found, drifting lightly weighted fish flesh baits. Salted pilchard pieces or tuna fillet would be the pick of the baits, as whitebait is still very unavailable at present.

Preddy's wharf is ever popular this time of year, and seen a few nice flathead caught, but it also sees a lot of traffic.

Give those already fishing there space, and remember that boats wanting to use the wharf to tie up have right of way, and you are required to remove your lines from the water when someone is putting in or taking out if you are fishing from the wharf or in front of the boat ramp.

There have also been a few nice flathead taken around the airport flats and in the deeper channels towards the centre of the river for those fishing from boats or kayaks. Baits and lures have all been working, and I favour the run in tide which brings in warm salty water. Under the town bridge after dark on a high tide, there have been some nice estuary perch a bailable as well.

Tuross River.

Flathead continue to be the super stars of this premier system this week, with their range throughout the system surprising even me. There have been nice fish taken from all the way up Bumbo creek, to all the way down to the mouth this week. Good signs that the system is slowly starting to return to normal.

Estuary perch can be found back in the snags around fourways as well as a few bream. While the deeper holes in around fourways will hold mulloway as well as flathead.

The boat shed has been holding some nice flathead, bream, Luderick and the odd estuary perch.

With the system starting to normalise with the help of the last dark and big tidal movements, signs are starting to look up.

Coila lake has had reports of some big blue swimmer crabs that have no doubt been pushed down towards the mouth area this last week, they have been reported as females in berry and should be released to continue breeding.

I haven't heard of any more big tailor or flathead stacked up towards the mouth this week, but there should still be some nice fish hanging around in that area.

Prawns are a bust unfortunately, the fresh has really done a number of them, and until the lake opens or is opened by council, prawning will be not worth the effort.

Rock and beach.

The salmon have been plentiful and vey solid in size all along the coast. They can be taken from most beaches or rocky headlands with a preference to pilchards on gang hooks.

If you are going to explore the many headlands we have available to us, please do those who are already set up and fishing a ledge the common curiosity of not setting up right in their laps. Worse still is casting over another persons line and causing tangle and lost fish as a result. If you see a ledge already has more anglers than it will comfortably fish, then try another ledge or platform, there are a huge number to choose from.

The beaches are also fishing really well at the moment, with most gutters holding big salmon as well as bream, flathead and whiting. Pilchards on gang hooks for the salmon, while the bream and whiting have preference for worms pipis or live nippers.

Offshore.

There have been good reports of snapper in as little as 10m of water this week all the way out to 60m of depth, there are also good sand and tiger flathead available in the magic 30-40m mark.

Given the warm currents we are currently experiencing, there should be a few kingfish about, but to date there haven't been any reports of them.

The bait freezer is restocked again, while whitebait, mullet fillet, 1lb box squid and beach worms are all unavailable. The soft plastics wall has a top up of Diawa Bait Junkie plastics as well as Jigheads, and is ready for the weekend.

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

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Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 17th January 2024.

A field of 43 players registered for a Stableford event today. The weather was ominous but we managed to play before the rain commenced and the course was in great condition.

The Winners today were:	Points
1st: Greg Thornton	28
2nd: Tony Crook	26
3rd: Greg Smith	25 (countback)
4th: Steve Jones	25
5th: Neil Watson	23
6th: Paula Coffey	21
7th: Henry Anderson	21
8th: Richard Kelly	21
9th: Barry Hoban	21
10th: Rick Brake	21
11th: Terry Milliken	20
12th: Bruce Harding	20

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Pauline Nash (in the hole)
6th: Greg Smith
7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden
Mens: Paul Coffey
Accuracy: Richard Kelly
Bradmans: Jennifer Gray



Winner Greg Thornton

Tuross Head Stableford Medley Golf Results Saturday 13th January 2024

A large field of 72 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The 2023 Scotly Winner was Col Houghton and Terry Milliken was Runner-up. The 2023 Eclectic Winner was Jim Wade and John Eglitis was Runner-up.

The Winners on the day were:

1st: Michael Hogan (22) with 41 points
2nd: Tim Davidson (16) with 38 points
3rd: Anthony Mellick (32) with 38 points
4th: Zac English (11) with 38 points
5th: Jesse French (10) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins: Distance

4A: Col Houghton 2.19
4B: Mark Haberkorn 3.48
4C: Chris Cox 0.99
6A: Sid Smith 1.89
6B: Mark Haberkorn 2.11
6C: Mick Elfar 5.68
7A: Jim Wade 3.69
7B: Tim Davidson 10.6
7C: Cathy Milliken 2.75

Balls went to: Peter Hogan 37, Ian Manton 37, Ian Lawson 36, Wayne Fullerton 36, David Schmid 36, Mark Forrest 36, Jim Madden 36, Terry Milliken 36, Cathy Milliken 36, Denzel Bond 35, Bruce Harding 35, Chris Cox 35, Paul Coffey 35, David Gray 34, Jim Wade 34, Peter Johnston 34, Brad Doolan 34, Ian Kingston 34, Michael Coloe 34 and Reginald Apps 33.



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A SAFE DRIVING TIP from Teensafe to all drivers - kangaroos and wallabies are regular casualties on our regional roads, mainly between dusk and dawn. To avoid serious injury to you, we recommend that if a roo suddenly appears in front of your car, try to avoid the reflex impulse to quickly swerve as you may lose control of the car, hit a tree or oncoming vehicle or roll, not a good outcome.

Safer to brake steadily and hold your steering line, you will have more control of the car, especially at highway speeds. You cannot predict which way a roo will run if startled, sometimes at you, sometimes not. It's sad if you hit a roo but better than serious damage to you or your car if you lose control.

Rather than a potentially dangerous impulse swerve, by reading this, the memory will store in your brain and is likely to speed up your driver reaction a vital fraction of a second quicker when confronted suddenly with a roo on the road in front of you one dark night.

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Batemans Bay Broulee Rugby Union appoint new Coach & assistants for the season



Peter Ryan (President) Tinus Van Resburg (Coach) Matt Ryan (Director Coaching).

Rugby Union season 2024 update

By Peter Ryan

Batemans Bay Broulee "Boarphins" Rugby Union Club are pleased to confirm their coaching staff for season 2024. The Club has appointed Tinus Van Rensburg as 1st grade Coach for the season. Local Clubs Bay Boars & Broulee Dolphins combined 2023 to form a new group known as the "Boarphins" to play in the South Coast Monaro Rugby Union competition.

Plans are now well in place for an improved season and a chance to progress strongly in the competition with Coaching appointments confirmed. The Club has secured the service of Tinus Van Rensburg as 1st Grade Coach 2024. Tinus has arrived to Batemans Bay from South Africa with an impressive playing and coaching background. Tinus played and represented Western Province based at Cape Town in both U/19's & U/21's including trials with South Africa U/21's. He progressed into the Vodacom Shield and Currie Cup 1st Division as a senior player for a number of years.

Tinus then commenced as a professional player in France playing with 3 different Clubs over a 7 year period. Eventually he returned to South Africa and started Coaching.

For the past 9 years he has coached at Brackenfell Rugby Club, Cape Town in the Western Province. In his final season 2023 he was appointed Director of Rugby. Tinus is an accredited Level 2 Coach and working his way through to Level 3 Coach.

Batemans Bay & Broulee Rugby Clubs are both excited to have a Coach of Tinus experience join the Club. Tinus will have plenty of support with former premiership winning Coach Matthew Ryan appointed as Coaching Director plus last years Coach Max Harrison taking on the roll as assistant Coach.

Training is planned to commence Tuesday 30th January at Hanging Rock Oval Batemans Bay from 6.00pm. A number of new players will join the Club in addition to the core of last season players remaining. Any new players are most welcome to join in.

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Ducks ready to race Narooma Australia Day

Almost a thousand Narooma ducks will have a flying start in the Great Australia Day Rotary Duck Race when dropped off Narooma Bridge at approximately 1.30pm on Friday 26 January.

“It’s always a fun event,” said Narooma Rotary President Lynn Hastings.

“This year though we have slightly fewer entrants. In our pre-race count, we found 15 ducks have gone missing since the start of last year’s race. They’re almost impossible to replace so should anyone come across any of the errant ducks, we would greatly appreciate if they could be handed to one of the Rotarians at the finish of the race at the Apex Park boat ramp. That would then enable them to re-join the flock for next year’s race.”

Proceeds go towards the construction of Carers’ Accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (the Carers’ Accommodation is a Eurobodalla Rotary initiative) and other Rotary charities.

Ms Hastings is hoping for perfect weather on Australia Day, good crowds and a quick race downstream to the Apex Park boat ramp finish line. Nominated judges will determine the first and last across the line.

The first duck across the line wins \$1,000 for the person whose ticket corresponds to the number on the duck. The last duck across the line wins \$100.

The race is tide dependent and the most convenient outgoing tide that day is about 1.30pm at the bridge.

Tickets already sold for the missing ducks before their absence was noted have since been reallocated to other numbers. Only a few tickets are left.



Australia Day Rotary Duck Race start: The 2024 Great Australia Day Rotary Duck Race will start from Narooma Bridge at approximately 1.30pm on Friday 26 January.

Do you collect and eat marine invertebrates in NSW?

A Reminder for those collecting marine animals along the NSW coast this summer!

NSW DPI Fisheries Compliance would like to remind our recreational fishers that sea urchins, turban snails, cockles, oysters, abalone, and other invertebrates CANNOT be shucked (removing the shell, tail or meat) on, in or adjacent to NSW waters.

This means it is **ILLEGAL** to open the shells of these animals and eat them while you are in or near the water. If you wish to eat these animals, please take them home or away from NSW waters.

The collection of invertebrates IS permitted in NSW waters with a valid Recreational Fishing Fee Receipt, which can be purchased via the Service NSW website.

When collecting marine invertebrates strict bag limits, size limits and collection methods apply. There are also several closed waters, Aquatic Reserves and Intertidal Protected Areas that have restrictions on collecting activities. You can check the rules for collecting in NSW waters on the DPI website and here via the Fishsmart app - <https://bit.ly/3LTNfCn>

If you see illegal fishing activities please report it to the Fishers Watch Hotline on 1800 043 536 or online at <https://bit.ly/38IU40B>



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GEORGE BASS DR	CONTROLLED ACCESS - Between Train St & Broulee Rd	10am-3.30pm
GEORGE BASS DR	ROAD CLOSED - Between Broulee Rd & North Head Dr	10am-3.30pm
NORTH HEAD DR	ROAD CLOSED - Between George Bass Dr & Princes Hwy	10am-3.30pm

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Boat rescues up 18 per cent as more people flock to waterways

Marine Rescue NSW has completed its busiest year on record with 4,786 search and rescue missions across the state in 2023, as favourable weather lures boaters onto waterways. All six regions with Marine Rescue NSW units had a record number of rescues in 2023, including the Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Hunter/Central Coast, Greater Sydney, Illawarra and Monaro. Surpassing last year's record figure, the volunteer water rescue organisation safely returned 10,645 people to shore in an 18 per cent increase in rescue missions across the state's coastal and inland waterways.

Lake Macquarie was the busiest area for rescue missions across NSW, while a quarter of the Botany Port Hacking unit's 400 missions were emergency responses.

The Botany Port Hacking unit covers a challenging area including Botany Bay, Georges River, Port Hacking and 30 nautical miles offshore where a large volume of traffic and variable conditions can lead to boaters and paddlers needing assistance. In its first Budget, the Minns Labor Government made a record \$73 million commitment to support the vital work of Marine Rescue NSW and its 3,300 volunteers.

The significant four-year investment will bolster Marine Rescue NSW's fleet, including new multi-purpose and rescue vessels and the refurbishment of other rescue vessels, as well as fund new bases at Stockton and Middle Harbour.

More than 80,000 trips were logged with Marine Rescue NSW in 2023, almost 16,500 more than the previous year.

Marine Rescue NSW radio operators had a busy 2023, managing 258,742 radio calls – or a call every two minutes – with a large number managed by the 24/7 Marine Rescue NSW State Communications Centre at Belrose.

More than half the incidents in 2023 could potentially have been avoided with better boat maintenance, with 57 per cent of calls for mechanical, battery or fuel issues.

Boat users are urged to follow these steps to stay safe this boating season:

- Log On and Off with Marine Rescue via VHF Channel 16 or use the free Marine Rescue NSW app available for iOS and Android devices.
- Make sure everyone on board is wearing a lifejacket.
- Make sure your vessel's engine and battery are working.
- Make sure you have enough fuel and some in reserve.
- Always check conditions and safety equipment.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said "The dedicated volunteers across the 46 Marine Rescue units answer calls night and day to keep boaters safe on our waterways, and I commend them on everything they have done over the busiest year for Marine Rescue yet."

"After boating seasons have been impacted by wet weather brought on by La Nina, as well as Covid lockdowns, more people are now taking the opportunity to get out on our beautiful waterways and enjoy the warmer weather."

"I encourage people to enjoy our coastline and inland waterways safely, and by logging on and off with Marine Rescue our volunteers will be in a position to respond if things don't go to plan."

"It is pleasing to see that over the past 12 months there has been an increase of 16,500 boaters using Marine Rescue's free Log On service with more than 80,000 trips logged last year."

Marine Rescue NSW Deputy Commissioner Darren Schott said: "Almost a third of incidents last year were emergencies such as capsized boats, missing people, groundings and fires on vessels."

"Response times for these incidents is reduced dramatically if a boater is logged on with Marine Rescue NSW."

"We ask all boaters to ensure that they check their vessel's engine and battery every time they plan to head out on the water."

"Mechanical and fuel issues can quickly become life-threatening emergencies on the water, so make sure you have enough fuel and some in reserve."

Monaro 2023 stats – 277 search & rescue missions including 180 emergency responses with 566 people safely returned to shore (across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama)

Locations of highest demand:

- Batemans Bay: 133 missions including 84 emergencies with 256 people safely returned to shore.
- Eden: 35 missions including 17 emergencies with 94 people safely returned to shore.
- Narooma: 31 missions including 22 emergencies with 71 people safely returned to shore.

In 2023 two Monaro units set new search and rescue mission records while one was equalled.

Monaro coastal units:

Unit	2023 search & rescue missions	Calendar year record
Batemans Bay	133 including 84 emergencies	NEW RECORD (previous 106 in 2022)
Tuross Moruya	16 including 6 emergencies	NEW RECORD (previous 14 in 2017)



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