



Eurobodalla welcomes new Australian citizens



Photo: ESC

In a ceremony at the Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens on Thursday evening, Mayor Matthew Hatcher, Fiona Phillips MP and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland welcomed Eurobodalla's newest Australian Citizens, along with a smoking ceremony and emu dance.

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Letter to the Editor

Community Health Planning Meeting

I attended the community health planning meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and was astonished that SNSWLHD organised the meeting when Dr Holland, a strong advocate over many years for level 4 services that the Eurobodalla community needs and deserves could not attend. Astonished again, the meeting was organised as a community planning health update but after initial introductions and brief comments from Health Infrastructure, NSW Ambulance and the Emergency Department GP, Peter Ryan from the group Don't close Batemans Bay Emergency Department was given the stage to dominate the meeting about the closure of the Batemans Bay Emergency Department when SNSWLHD knows 1. this is not a new decision and was made by the previous NSW government 2. the Batemans Bay Emergency Department cannot operate in isolation from the Batemans Bay hospital.

Speakers from the Batemans Bay Emergency Department and NSW Ambulance had to correct Peter Ryan's claims that paramedics won't be able to keep people alive when the new level 4 Accident and Emergency opens at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and the Batemans Bay level 2 Emergency Department closes.

The retired nurse who spoke at the end of the meeting summed it up by saying, she had worked in both hospitals and there had been a lot of negative talk during the meeting but the new hospital was something to look forward to and be excited about [paraphrased].

Maureen Searson
Catalina

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Misty Mountain Road eastbound overtaking lane open



A new eastbound overtaking lane at Misty Mountain now open to traffic. The \$6.9 million project was begun in August 2023 and has been delivered as part of the \$20 million Kings Highway upgrade program, which was designed to improve safety and efficiency on the highway. The project included curve realignment, road shoulder widening, audio tactile line-marking (ATLM) and the installation of safety barrier. The right turn into Mist Mountain Road from the new eastbound overtaking lane will be permanently removed for the safety of transport customers.



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Photo of the week : Fishing on the Moruya River by Wet & Windy Photos.

Changes to Stage 3 Tax cuts to help with the cost of living

Media release: The Federal Government is delivering a tax cut for every Australian taxpayer commencing on July 1. These new tax cuts are designed to provide bigger tax cuts for middle Australia to help with cost-of-living, while making our tax system fairer.

The Albanese Government recognises the economic realities of 2024: Australians are under pressure right now and deserve a tax cut. Building on the first budget surplus delivered in 15 years, Labor's tax cuts deliver more relief to more people in a way that is fiscally responsible and doesn't add to inflationary pressures. We have found a more responsible way to ensure more people get a bigger tax cut to help ease the pressure they are under. The tax cuts will deliver a bigger benefit for more Australians.

Our plan means every Australian taxpayer will receive a tax cut this year. From 1 July 2024, the Albanese Labor Government will:


- Reduce the 19 per cent tax rate to 16 per cent (for incomes between \$18,200 and \$45,000).
- Reduce the 32.5 per cent tax rate to 30 per cent (for incomes between \$45,000 and the new \$135,000 threshold).
- Increase the threshold at which the 37 per cent tax rate applies from \$120,000 to \$135,000.
- Increase the threshold at which the 45 per cent tax rate applies from \$180,000 to \$190,000.

- As a result of these changes, on July 1:
- All 13.6 million taxpayers will receive a tax cut – and 2.9 million more taxpayers will receive a tax cut compared to Morrison's plan.
 - 11.5 million taxpayers (84 per cent of taxpayers) will now receive a bigger tax cut compared to Morrison's plan.
 - 5.8 million women (90 per cent of women taxpayers) will now receive a bigger tax cut compared to Morrison's plan.
 - A person on an average income of around \$73,000 will get a tax cut of \$1,504 – that's \$804 more than they were going to receive under Morrison's plan.
 - A person earning \$40,000 will get a tax cut of \$654 – compared to nothing under Morrison's plan.
 - A person earning \$100,000 will get a tax cut of \$2,179 – \$804 more than they would receive under Morrison's plan.
 - A person earning \$200,000 will still get a tax cut, which will be \$4,529.
- In addition, the Government will increase the Medicare levy low-income thresholds for 2023-24.

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OAM recognition for service for Eurobodalla residents



Mr Michael Bernard FAY OAM

A Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division has been awarded to Mr Michael Fay of Moruya for service to international relations, and to education.

Mr Fay has been a Director of ASEAN Focus Group since 2009 which he founded in 1994.,

Head of Educational Services, since 2001, Convenor, ASEAN Education Dialogue, 2018. The Australia Centre Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

He has also been a Board Member of the Australia Indonesia Business Council 2015-2019, Chair, New South Wales Branch, 2019.

At the University of Technology Sydney, My Fay was a Co-Founder and Managing Director, Insearch Language Centre, 1987-2000 and was made an Honorary Fellow in 2000.



Mr Richard Shane Adams OAM

Richard Adams from Jeremadra was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division for service to the community of Mogo.

Mr Adams was the Inaugural President, Mogo Village Business Chamber, since 2016.

He has been a Volunteer Supporter, BizRebuild community rebuilding initiative, Business Council of Australia, 2020.

Mr Adams is a Director, Smadar Enterprises, since 2009, and owner, Hidden Treasures Mogo, since 2012.

In 2019 Mr Adam wreceived the Outstanding Business Leader Award, from Eurobodalla Shire Council.

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Weyman graduates from UOW to follow her passion



Alison and Michael Weyman and children at the UOW graduation ceremony at the Bay Pavillions on Wednesday.

Alison Weyman has just graduated from a Bachelor of Nursing at UOW Eurobodalla.

Based in Moruya with her family, Alison has been an outstanding student, graduating with distinction while also a mother of three children, and will now be working in the palliative care unit at Moruya Hospital.

Alison started studying at the UOW Batemans Bay campus in 2020, after the fires and start of Covid.

"It's a small campus and we are lucky to have it here," said Alison. "There are lots of mature age students, many of whom still have family commitments, but it's a very supportive environment."

A long time Moruya and Dalmeny resident, Alison finished school at Carrol College 2003. After an exchange year, she lived in Canberra, Wollongong and UK.

Nursing wasn't always Alison's passion, however when her father-in-law Ack was unwell, Alison was on maternity leave and took time to help the family looking after him.

"It sparked my interest in nursing" said Alison. "To give someone dignity at that time of life is special."

Alison did her clinical placement in Oncology at Moruya Hospital. "It is a privileged position to go on the journey with the patients" she said.

After having a little break till July Alison will start work at Moruya or Batemans Bay Hospital.

Alison said "of the 15 students who graduated with her, two thirds are staying local, which is great for the community."

More than 125 students from Shoalhaven in the north to Bega Valley in the south, and stretching west to the Southern Highlands, will mark the completion of their studies at UOW. UOW Bega Valley will celebrated 30 graduates on 23 January at Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre. On Wednesday 24 January, UOW Eurobodalla held its ceremony, with 24 graduates, at Bay Pavillions in Batemans Bay.

Mother and daughter Holli and Nicole Pritchard also each graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from UOW Eurobodalla. Nicole, who had begun the degree a few years earlier and withdrew due to family responsibilities, decided to study alongside Holli once she had completed high school.

UOW Chancellor Michael Still, who was the Presiding Officer of the academic procession during all three ceremonies, said regional graduations were a wonderful way to begin the new year.

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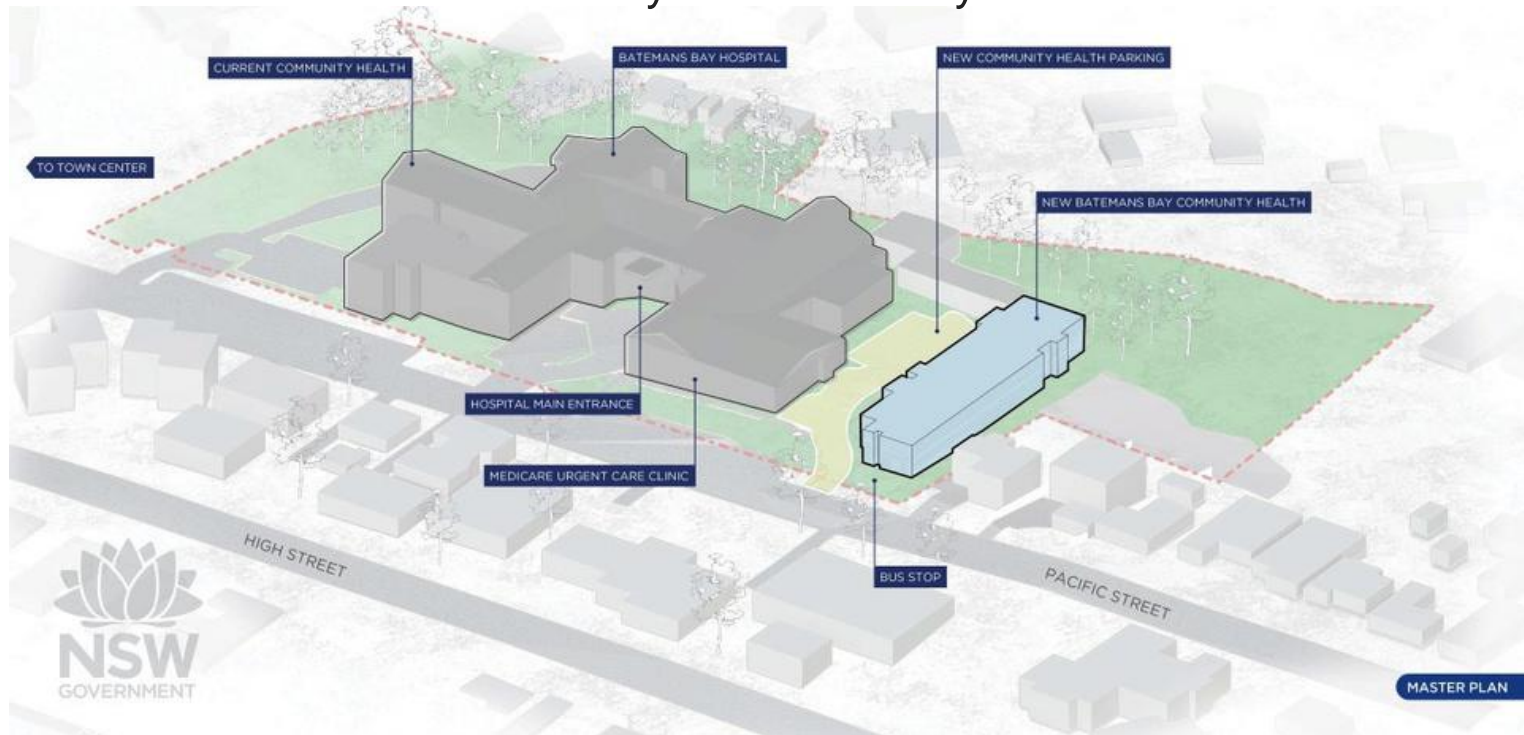


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First look at Batemans Bay Community Health Master Plan



The Batemans Bay community is being given its first look at the new \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health Service, with the master plan unveiled today for the enhanced health service.

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said existing land on the Batemans Bay Hospital on Pacific Street will be redeveloped, providing the optimal location for the new facility which will deliver a modern, integrated, and convenient healthcare service for the local community.

“Everyone should be able to access quality healthcare, no matter where they live,” Minister Park said.

“Enhancing the accessibility and delivery of healthcare across regional NSW is a core ministerial priority.

“The Batemans Bay Community Health master plan is an exciting step forward in our commitment to strengthen health services across the NSW south coast, which will provide the community with access to tailored healthcare in the right setting.

“The new community health service will be located close to the recently opened Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, providing easy access between the two services.”

Batemans Bay Community Health Service is being designed to meet the region’s unique healthcare needs and provide improved local access to a range of services, including:

- Allied health services
- Child, youth and family services
- Women’s health and sexual health services
- Primary health care services such as community nursing, wound management and palliative care
- Aboriginal Health
- Community mental health and drug and alcohol services.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health Dr Michael Holland said Batemans Bay Health Service staff, clinicians, and the Southern NSW Local Health District have provided valuable input to help inform the planning of the new service.

“We are now encouraging the Batemans Bay community to view the latest plans and provide their feedback via our online survey, or attend a drop-in session to help shape the new facility as planning and design continues in 2024,” Dr Holland said.

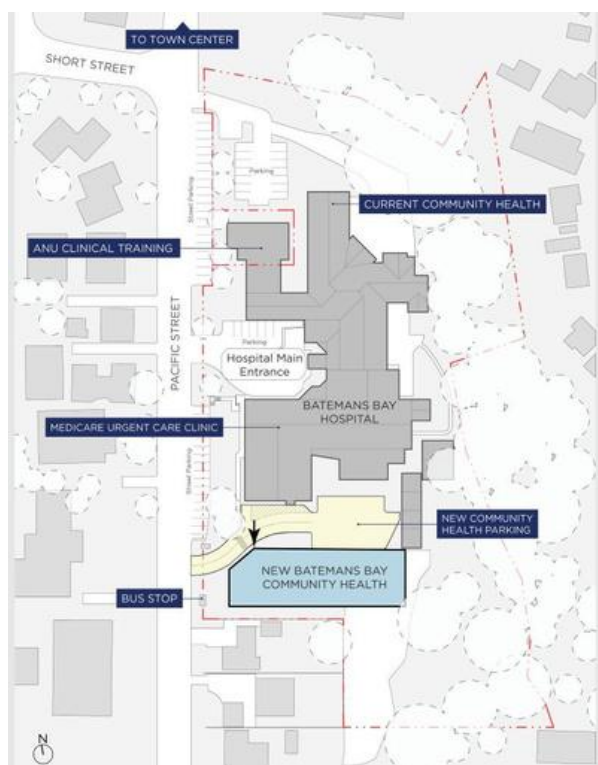
Community information sessions will be held at:

- Tuesday 30 January, 5pm to 7pm, Long Beach Foreshore
- Thursday 1 February, 4pm to 6pm, Village Centre, Batemans Bay
- Friday 2 February 9am to 12pm, corner Beach Road and Edward Road, Batehaven

Mr Park said the Batemans Bay Hospital will continue to operate and provide healthcare services for the community, while Batemans Bay Community Health and the \$260 million new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is being built.

“Batemans Bay Community Health is being planned and designed to integrate and support the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, to provide the community with greater access to care, closer to home,” Mr Park said.

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will mean more patients can be treated closer to home at a higher level of service, reducing the need to travel out of the area for care.



10,000 signatures in support of Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department

Committee to present petition to NSW Parliament

By Peter Ryan

In a resounding demonstration of community solidarity, the 'Don't Close Batemans Bay Emergency Department' committee has proudly secured more than 10,000 signatures in support of preserving the Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department. This milestone comes as a testament to the overwhelming concern and united effort of the Eurobodalla Shire residents who stand against the proposed closure.

Since the committee's inception in November 2023, the campaign has quickly gained momentum, drawing attention to the potential risks associated with closing the Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department when the new Eurobodalla Level 4 Hospital opens in Moruya in 2026. The community has rallied together, expressing their collective voice to protect a vital health service that caters to the majority of the Eurobodalla Shire population.

With 10,000 signatures secured, the committee plans to present its petition to the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly in March with the hope common sense will prevail and residents of Batemans Bay will keep an Emergency Department 24/7.

Peter Ryan, leader of the 'Don't Close Batemans Bay Emergency Department' committee, expresses gratitude for the overwhelming support: "The community has spoken loud and clear. The outpouring of signatures, now exceeding 10,000, sends a powerful message to NSW Health & government officials that we will not accept the closure of our Emergency Department without a fight."

The concern revolves around the fact that 57 percent of the Eurobodalla Shire population resides north of the Moruya River, where the Batemans Bay Hospital is situated. The committee argues that closing the Emergency Department in Batemans Bay poses a significant risk to lives, given the increased travel time to the new hospital in Moruya.

"The statistics are clear – current Emergency Department presentations in Batemans Bay are significantly higher and transport times to the new proposed Eurobodalla Hospital are excessive. The 'Golden Hour,' crucial for emergencies, would be impossible for most residents north of Batemans Bay bridge," said Mr. Ryan. "A closure of our Emergency Department would strain medical services, impact patient outcomes, and jeopardise the health and safety of our community," he added.

As the campaign gains traction, the committee remains committed to fostering open dialogue with our local State member & NSW Health, urging transparency and meaningful consultation. The community asserts that the decision to close the Emergency Department appears to have been made without sufficient public awareness or input.

The committee is steadfast in its efforts to preserve the Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department and will continue to engage with the community, stakeholders, and NSW Health to ensure the voices of the people are heard.

"Population projections indicate Batemans Bay is on track to become a City by 2030. Ignoring the healthcare needs of a growing population contradicts common sense and community well-being. "Furthermore, comparing the proximity of regional hospitals supported by NSW Health, it's evident that Batemans Bay and the new Eurobodalla Hospital are well within a reasonable distance for simultaneous operation. The decision to close the Batemans Bay Emergency Department appears arbitrary. We urge NSW Health to reconsider the decision," said Mr. Ryan.

Bat warning - leave rescue to the experts

Residents in the Southern NSW regions are being reminded to avoid handling or touching an injured or distressed bat as they may carry the fatal disease, lyssavirus.

This summer in Southern NSW Local Health District a greater number of people than usual have required vaccination and post-exposure treatment for lyssavirus, after exposure to bats.

Director of Public Health, Southern NSW Local Health District, Ms Alison Nikitas says if you find an injured bat, do not attempt to handle it yourself.

"Lyssavirus can be transmitted from bats to humans through infected saliva from a bite or scratch and can easily be contracted through breaks in the skin," says Ms Nikitas.

A close relative to the rabies virus, lyssavirus has been found in species of flying foxes/fruit bats and insect-eating microbats. It is assumed that any bat in Australia could potentially carry lyssavirus.

Ms Nikitas warns that a bat can be infectious without showing visible signs of sickness.

"The best way to protect yourself from infection is to leave the handling of the animal to the trained experts. Call your local wildlife rescue group or local veterinarian who can help care for the animal," says Ms Nikitas.

Bats are more active in the summer period and large numbers of bats sometimes die following prolonged exposure to heat, or when they are unable to find enough food.

If you or someone you know has been bitten or scratched by a bat immediately wash the wound with soap and water for at least fifteen minutes.

An antiseptic solution with anti-virus action should be applied after washing, and a doctor consulted for further treatment and advice as soon as possible.

NSW Public Health Units will work with your doctor to assess your risk and where indicated, will arrange for rabies post-exposure treatment to be delivered to your GP or hospital. The post exposure treatment is crucial for people bitten or scratched by bats because there is no effective treatment once the symptoms of Australian bat lyssavirus commence.

You should never attempt to assist or handle bats unless vaccinated against rabies, trained, and wearing protective equipment. In the event of an extreme heat stress or starvation event affecting bat populations, people should follow the directions given by wildlife rescue coordinators. Contact details for local wildlife care groups can be found at the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's wildlife rehabilitation website (search for "Licensed wildlife rehabilitation provider in NSW") or download the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) wildlife rescue app.

For more information about lyssavirus refer to the Rabies and Australian bat lyssavirus infection fact sheet.

For more information on protecting yourself around wildlife, visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/be-careful-around-wildlife.aspx>

Fungi Feastival Launches Photo Competition

Have you taken a great photo of fungi somewhere within the Eurobodalla or Bega Valley? Enter in the Fungi Feastival's photography competition which runs from now until early June. Great prizes.

Fungi photography is growing in popularity. The reasons so many people are passionate about it are varied. As Andrew Larkin (facilitator of Fungi Photography Workshops for the 2023 Fungi Feastival) explained: "With an estimated three million fungi species and only around 150,000 of those identified, fungi photography is an unmatched opportunity to find and photograph something absolutely new to science. Even if a mushroom isn't new to science, it is very often new to me. It is the ultimate citizen-science version of Pokemon Go."

For others, it is the excitement and rush of getting the perfect shot. Josh Whitworth described walking the Kianga rainforest trail after recent rains. At the bottom of a gully he found a caterpillar crawling towards a wood-eating mushroom on a rotting log. He was able to get his camera lens set up just in time to take about twenty quick shots and capture "the shot".

Then there is the detail you see in nature.

For Fiona Kotvojs, "Once you start looking for fungi, you see them everywhere. They come in all shapes and sizes. My favourite are the tiny ones, almost hidden till you see them. Then you wonder how you missed their loud red, luminescent green, or perfect brown. When you start looking for fungi, then you see all the other amazing things around us. It makes me pause, really look, and enjoy my surroundings as I get the perfect photo." This photo competition is part of the lead up to the Fungi Feastival celebrating the science, food and art of fungi. It will run from 21st June to 21st July. The Fungi Feastival's photo competition has two rounds, each with a youth and open section. Entries for the first round close on 30th March and the second round on 10th June 2024. Prizes include fungi books, mushroom growing kits and truffle hunts. For details on how to enter fungi photo competition visit <http://www.fungifeastival.com.au/photo-competition>



Photo by Andrew Larkin, Towamba pine forest, taken with Samsung S22 series smartphone. Aleuria aurantia (orange peel fungus)

Why are big brands really distancing themselves from January 26?

RMIT University

More brands are distancing themselves from contentious dates like January 26, but marketing experts from RMIT say these brands remain quiet on their social alliances to avoid backlash.

Dr Daniel Rayne's research specialises in topics such as digital business and marketing, corporate social responsibility and consumer behaviour.

Dr Rayne says "The debate as to whether brands should be social beacons or not, has again come to light as Woolworths, K-Mart and Aldi have decided against stocking Australia Day merchandise. Brands are increasingly using contemporary sociopolitical issues as a marketing tool to stand out from the crowd.

"Normally, when brands adopt an activism strategy, they put their social support front and centre, however, perhaps driven by fear of isolating the market, big retailers have adopted a business decision focus first.

"Woolworths have adopted this "activism without activism" approach, which signals how the ways brands engage in activism are constantly expanding and evolving.

"Putting business interests ahead of a firm social position, makes their activism approach more palatable for shareholders."

Dr Amanda Spry's research investigates the critical role that brands play for consumers, companies, markets, and society. She studies the capacity and versatility of brands to drive a company's bottom line, to engage in sociopolitical activism, and to contribute to societal transformation.

Dr Spry says "By their own admission, Woolworths position on not stocking Australia Day merchandise has a social component to it, why is this secondary? As consumers become more familiar with brand initiatives that have a social edge, they are able to reconcile both profit-making and social motives.

"By Woolworths publicly stating this, they are perhaps making it easier for consumers to interpret their strategy. The timing of such comments by Woolworths is unlikely a coincidence as pressure concerning their price gouging heats up.

"This move away from stocking Australia Day merchandise, even if temporarily, changes the discourse around the brand.

"The negativity surrounding previous attempts to show brand support to First Nations People have perhaps resulted in Woolworths adopting a new approach to their support. Brands will often call on social initiatives as a deflection mechanism for current and future malpractice."



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Moruya Business Chamber

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Name: Deborah Fulton
Business: Empowered Collective Australia Pty Ltd

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What do you like to do for fun? I enjoy walking my dog along the beach, catching up with friends, as well as good food and wine.

Do you play any sports? If yes, what? I started playing tennis this year and I love it - I joined the Broulee Tennis & Social Club. I also enjoy my Stand Up Paddleboard, snow skiing and golf (when I can find the time to play).

What is your favourite sporting team and why? I don't have one ... I like to watch a variety of sports.

What is your favourite place to visit in the Eurobodalla and why? I love exploring Narooma, there is so much to see.

Favourite place to visit outside of the Eurobodalla and why? I love the snowy mountains in winter or summer. It's beautiful country and there are lots of activities to do there.

How long have you been a member of the Chamber? I joined the Chamber in 2023 when I moved permanently to live in the area. I am also a member of the Committee.

Why did you join the Chamber? I joined the Chamber to meet other small business owners and network.

What are you looking forward to in 2024? I'm really looking forward to growing the business, as well as a holiday to Western Australia.



Deborah Fulton from Empowered Collective Australia Pty Ltd.



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

Gadfly

Though I've lived in the National Capital for almost half a century, it was not until last year that I became a real Canberran. And what a joy the 2023 process has been.

I first arrived from Queensland via The Age newspaper and after a stint in the team covering the Parliamentary sessions moved to its Canberra Bureau. From there I met the lovely Wendy Webster at a journo's party and we've been together ever since, with Canberra as our base and Turoos as our little hideaway.

In the 1990s we both wrote for the Canberra Times while I steadily added to the books recording my fascination with Australian history and politics. And after John B. Fairfax in 2003 saw the talented Crispin Hull and myself made redundant, I was privileged to accept the 'Gadfly' role with Ian Meikle's splendid CityNews.

But until this past year I had lived on – but not within – the Canberra that began its life in the early days of the 20th century. I simply relished its convenience, its magnificent research sources at the NLA, the AWM, the AIATSIS treasure trove, and the generous professorial expertise at the ANU.

That changed dramatically when early this year two blokes appeared from the blue – Trevor Lipscombe and Tony Maple of the Canberra and Region Heritage Researchers – and asked if I was interested to write a biography of the horticulturist Charles Weston.

By then we were living in the suburb of that surname, though I quickly learned it was unconnected to the great man celebrated in Yarralumla's 'Weston Park'. That was the first of literally thousands of facts, figures and fabulous stories that would come my way in the months ahead.

The research has astonished me as week by week I have been guided by a multitude of enthusiasts to an exploration of the real, untold story of Canberra's beginnings. They range from Weston's descendants, John Gray's meticulous doctoral thesis, Max Bourke's broad expertise, the NCA's Sally Barnes, the ACT Heritage Library's Antoinette Buchanan and the dedication – and generosity – of Canberra's various horticultural and arboreal volunteer groups.

It is a saga as exciting and surprising as any of the stories of my twenty-eight earlier books. Here are just a few of the highlights that transformed my perception to that of a true Canberran – some positive, some not so much:

-The anger towards the settlers' racist ravaging – through their occupation, ringbarking and rabbits – of the wonderful meeting place of coastal, mountainous and neighbouring Aboriginal people;

-The misplaced pride we attribute to Mt Ainslie, after a man who should be expunged from our favourite Outlook and replaced with the daughter he abandoned.

-The sad fate of the brilliant town planner, Walter Griffin whose fragile personality threatened to turn the execution of his grand, if imperfect, vision into a tragic farce.

-The chaotic political imbroglio in the first two decades of Federation – with Billy Hughes at his most mercurial.

-The calamitous role of the American parliamentary imposter King O'Malley.

-The amazing 'rescue team' of John Sulman, Littleton Groom and John Butters.

-And most of all the global journey of Charles Weston, from his humble British upbringing, an amazing rise through that country's massive gardening industry, and his embrace of Australia's biggest and most progressive 'garden city' project. Until now, Weston has been the unsung hero of the Canberra we love like no other city in the Commonwealth for its amenities, its convenience and the unique mantle of arboreal protection from the worst effects of climate change. It had been a yawning gap in our published heritage.

Canberra is a great work in progress, but the magnificent foresight of Weston – and later Lindsay Pryor who built brilliantly on his foundations – have been appreciated by a cohort of enthusiasts. In seeking my lifelong training to tell that story, they have done me the greatest favour and privilege.

It has inspired me, through indifferent health, to embrace the project seven days of every week to compress it into 60,000 words and a photographic outlay over two continents.

The MS is currently with Melbourne University Press, Hardie Grant and the NLA's publishing arm so depending on them (and other potential publishers who might wish to be part of the great adventure) it will appear in 2024. When it does, I promise, it will add a new and fascinating dimension to the city that all of us should proudly call home.

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South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1178

When Can You Access the "Help to Buy" Scheme?

Sometimes you do have to wonder about the "efficiencies" of our multiple layers of government as the Federal Government's "Help to Buy" scheme waits for the State Governments to "do their thing". Last year we reported that the Federal Government scheme will provide an equity contribution to eligible people of up to 40% for new homes and 30% for existing homes. But the scheme is to be implemented by the states and territories and this is where it gets tricky. The Minister for Housing, Julie Collins said "All of the states and territories agreed at national cabinet that they would introduce legislation to allow Help to Buy to work in their jurisdictions, it will not be able to work in states until they pass that legislation."

Hopefully 2024 will see the new scheme jump into life and give more assistance to those trying to get into the property market.

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A Beer with Bazz #144

With
John
Longhurst

Bazza thought steam was coming out of Mick's ears as he elbowed his way through the clientele and landed the schooners with a thud.

The overflow of beer had Bazza leaning back.

"Beginning of the end, Bazza. Beginning of the end for your mate Albo. What a backflip on the stage—three tax cuts. Labor supported ScoMo's legislation back in 2019, he went to the last election supporting the cuts and repeatedly said he would support them since the election. A bloody disgrace."

Mick growled and took a decent sip of his schooner, as Bazza motioned to speak.

"No, no, no... Bazza. You won't talk your way out of this one. I mean this backflip is bigger than Julia Gillard's 'no carbon tax' promise in 2010... only to be followed by a carbon tax from July 1, 2012 under her Prime Ministership. Let's face it, Bazza she never recovered from that broken promise and was elbowed out of the job by our first bike riding, onion eating Prime Minister. As I said Bazza... it is the beginning of the end for Albo."

Mick's tirade attracted a small audience and was followed by a chorus of 'hear, hear' and 'good on you, Mick.'

An emboldened Mick sucked in a deep breath, took another decent sip, 'tut tutted' and shook his head.

"It's a slippery slope from here on for Albo. He is going to punish us for voting 'NO' to the Voice Referendum. He will slip in a new tax here and there to rein in excessive government spending, more tinkering with superannuation to pay for promises to their union mates and at the same time put the slipper into the business community. Same old story. I knew it would all end in tears."

A long silence.

Bazza took a sip of his schooner and rubbed his earlobe for a moment before cupping his chin and resting his elbow on the bar table. He scanned Mick's small audience.

"I don't know why you blokes are drinking beer and are not dressed with a little more flash."

Raised eyebrows all round as Bazza rubbed his chin.

"I mean... you should all be wearing Italian suits and drinking champagne since you all earn more than \$160,000 a year."

Mick eyeballed Bazza.

"What are you on about, Bazza?"
Bazza took a long sip.

"Anyone earning less than \$160,000 per year is better off under these changes to the stage-three tax cuts. At some income points the tax cuts are now more than double. There is no doubt people earning more than \$160,000 will be getting less of a tax cut and those earning up to \$250,000 will get about half of what was originally legislated. I just did not realise in this humble pub on the South Coast of NSW I would be having a beer with so many people earning over \$160,000 a year... and given your reaction, Mick, you must be earning closer to \$250,000 per annum. So for you blokes it is a massive broken promise by Albo... and I feel your pain."

*https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-01-25/stage-three-tax-cut-calculator/103387580?utm_source=abc_news_app&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_campaign=abc_news_app&utm_content=other

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SS Bodalla wrecked at Narooma, January 1924

26th January 1924

Miss Egan, of Nerrigundah, has been appointed to the teaching staff of the local Public School.

A six-year-old boy of **Mr. and Mrs. M. Honan, of Moggendoura**, died on Saturday last from blood poisoning.

SS Bodalla wrecked at Narooma, January 1924

The wreck of the Illawarra and South Coast S. N.

Company's steamer Bodalla at Narooma on Saturday night created some excitement in Moruya on Sunday morning, and in a short time car after car of sightseers were seen bowling along the road to the scene. ...

The *Bodalla* had about 20 or 30 tons of general cargo, chiefly groceries for Narooma, and had also shipped cargo at Nowra, Jervis Bay and Moruya. When entering the port at Narooma at 7.45 p.m., the vessel struck the bar and was carried by the southerly current and north-east wind on to the rocks, where her keel was broken and the hold quickly filled with water. The engine room fires were soon out and the steamer helpless. By the aid of ropes Captain Jackson and his crew clambered onto the rocks in safety.

On Monday, after inspection from Capt. Stobo [*surveyor of the Sydney Marine Underwriters and Salvage Association*] reported that the vessel's back was broken in two places and that salvage was hopeless. The vessel was then abandoned and the crew arrived in Moruya on Tuesday en route to Sydney. The police were then placed in charge of the wreck which was sold by public auction in Sydney on Wednesday morning for £50.

The cargo from Moruya consisted of 11 tons of cheese (some of which was salvaged), 33 bundles rabbits, 31 bundles hides, 2 bundles sheep skins, 4 bags oysters, 10 logs, cask tallow, 80 boxes fish, 135 bags concentrates and sundries.

The latest reports from the scene of the wreck is that the vessel is breaking up and the cargo is being washed ashore.

Souvenir hunters who visited the wrecked steamer got a shock a few days later when the police called on them and ordered that all silver, glassware, etc., taken, be returned to the owners.

Amongst the cargo on the Bodalla when she was wrecked were three trunks of wearing apparel, jewellery and school outfit shipped by Mrs. Fox, of the Bank of N.S. Wales. Much sympathy is expressed for the loss sustained by this lady, as the contents were the result of many months work and were uninsured. Mrs. Fox had contemplated travelling overland to Sydney, and, after placing her son in college, remain with her daughter in the Metropolis for a three months' holiday. When the *Bodalla* was wrecked on Saturday night the skipper, Captain Jackson, had two of his children and a little friend on board with him.

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

Eurobodalla Water and Sewer Projects take shape

A major upgrade that will take 160 Nelligen residents off rainwater and septic tanks is making great progress, with the completion of two new 880 kilolitre reservoirs and the contract now awarded to build a high-quality water reticulation and pressure sewerage system.

The Nelligen Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme will connect properties in the South Coast village to modern water supply and sewerage services for the first time, with funding from Eurobodalla Shire Council and the support of \$3.5 million from the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program.

Experienced company Ledonne Constructions Pty Ltd will undertake the construction of the local water and sewerage reticulation network, after winning a competitive tendering process. Up to 30 full-time and part-time equivalent jobs are being created thanks to the project, which is due to be completed by December 2024.

It follows on from the Akolele Sewerage Scheme switching on in time for Christmas to connect 57 properties to the Bermagui Sewage Treatment Plant thanks to \$762,000 from the NSW Government and \$2.3 million from Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Akolele is also the last village around Wallaga Lake to be linked to the Bermagui sewerage system, bringing first-rate sewerage services to the entire area.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said, "The South Coast is one of the fastest growing regions in our state and the NSW Government wants to ensure smaller communities such as Nelligen and Akolele are equipped with the best possible infrastructure to encourage people to live there and stay longer."

"Collecting and storing enough rainwater can be hard, especially with another El Niño upon us and in a changing climate. We also know many properties in this area don't have suitable space or proper soil for their own on-site sewage disposal."

"Now that Akolele has a modern sewerage system in place we're getting on with the job of getting the same outcome for Nelligen as well as delivering high quality, potable water straight to the taps of residents and businesses. Investing in these services and utilities not only builds thriving communities but it provides a much-needed boost to the local economy thanks to the jobs created and flow on effects throughout the region."

Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Mathew Hatcher said, "Water is our most precious resource so delivering a more secure and reliable supply to Nelligen households that helps reduce dependence on rainwater tanks and water carting during dry times, as well as boosting firefighting capability makes sense on all fronts.

"The sewerage upgrades for both towns will also assist in protecting the beautiful local environment from the risk of contamination because having fewer septic tanks reduces the likelihood of system failures, which is good news for everyone."

27 million milestone no cause for celebration Sustainable Population Australia

Australia's passing the 27 million population milestone is a matter of deep concern and not a cause for celebration, according to Sustainable Population Australia (SPA).

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' population clock, the milestone was passed at 3.45pm on Wednesday 24 January. It was helped along by a record 624,100 population increase in the past year.

SPA national president Ms Jenny Goldie says the annual national growth was even more than the current population of Tasmania (572,800).

"Imagine having to add the infrastructure of Tasmania – housing, roads, hospitals, schools, energy supplies, farms – to the country every year," says Ms Goldie. "It all costs: economically, socially and environmentally.

"Australia does not need a big population to be successful economically. Indeed, many Western European countries including Ireland, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Iceland, Austria and Sweden all have smaller populations than Australia but higher GDP per capita, or wealth per person. "The critical issue, however, is not wealth but the health of the environment. The latest State of the Environment – Australia report in 2021 was quite specific about population growth being damaging to biodiversity, largely because of loss of habitat.

"When the human population grows, other species lose habitat to urban development or farms to feed the ever-growing number of people.

"So long as we continue to grow our population, our environment will remain in a permanent state of decline.

"But many people lose out as well. Housing supply has not kept up with demand, resulting in record housing unaffordability. Homelessness is on the rise with many reduced to sleeping in tents or their cars.

"Recent projections for immigration will ensure these challenges become more intractable, whatever effort is made to mitigate them."

SPA believes Australia's population must stop growing before it reaches 30 million.

"That's only three million people away. If we maintain the same annual growth in numbers, we will reach that in under five years," says Ms Goldie.

"Population growth, largely driven by immigration, is neither necessary nor desirable and is not supported by the majority of Australians.

"Indeed, Australians are fed up and are saying NO to a Big Australia."

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Final call for feedback to beat plastic pollution

Businesses, community groups and individuals in the Bega Electorate can help curb plastic pollution by having their say on the 'NSW Plastics: Next Steps' paper before public consultation closes in a couple of weeks.

Over the past 12 weeks, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) discussion paper has reached more than four million people across the state through mailouts and newsletters and thousands more online.

To date, more than 3,300 individuals have provided feedback through surveys and formal submissions.

The paper proposes further action to reduce problematic or unnecessary plastics, aiming to prevent 800,000 tonnes of plastic waste produced each year from causing harm to the environment and human health.

It identifies and addresses items and materials that:

- Are frequently littered or release microplastics into the environment;
- Contain harmful chemical additives; or
- Are regulated or proposed to be in other states and territories.

Plastic products like lollipop sticks, cigarette butt filters and highly littered takeaway food packaging are some of the items that could be redesigned or phased out. The EPA will prepare a consultation report to inform the public of the results.

Dr. Michael Holland: "In Bega, we want to see further protections put in place to safeguard the environment and human health for future generations.

"Your thoughts and ideas on what to do next are crucial to creating meaningful change, so I urge all community members, businesses and organisations to take a moment to share your insights for a cleaner and greener tomorrow."

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Penny Sharpe: "Plastic packaging and single-use plastic items make up 60 per cent of all litter in NSW. By 2050, there may be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans, and that's why we're seeking your views on further measures to tackle this crisis.

"Thank you to every individual, business and organisation who has given feedback to date, and I hope many more will have their say to make a lasting difference for our environment."



To comment on 'NSW Plastics: Next Steps' by Sunday, 4 February 2024, visit <https://yoursay.epa.nsw.gov.au>.

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During the weekend of February 10 and 11, Canberra comics will be in town to give you a gutful – of laughs that is. Canberra comedy crew, including Marky Worthington, Jasper Burfoot and Moruya’s own Lady Bla Bla will bringing the weekend to Moruya.

There will be a ‘just try it’ workshop at Moruya Heads on Saturday afternoon, followed by open mic with Marky as MC at the Red Door in Moruya Saturday 6 to 8.

A second open mic at the Red Door on Sunday afternoon is subject to numbers.

The Saturday afternoon workshop at Moruya Heads 1-4:30 offers a supportive, respectful and casual atmosphere for people interested in playful humour. Farm jokes, tradie stories and parenting woes all welcome.

A Fun Meister from Melbourne will do her best to incite hilarity and applaud courageous embarrassment. Along the way attendees will explore together what makes things funny and have a go at making comedy. A \$5 suggested donation covers coffee and tea at the workshop.

The bravest can get a slot at the open mic in the evening, and waive the Red Door donation. No experience is almost a pre-requisite! All backgrounds and cultures invited.

The Red Door is at St John’s Anglican Church 50 Campbell St. Moruya

To quote five-time Oscar nominee, actor Jennifer Jones- "If you could choose one characteristic that would get you through life, choose a sense of humour."

OPPORTUNITY ALERT

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

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

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Steaming the South Coast

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Digital Preservation for Small Museums – Workshop

Embarking on a digital preservation project represents a strategic and transformative undertaking for small museums. This workshop aims to familiarize participants with all the basics.

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- Digitisation 101, the basic glossary
- Files and file formats
- Storage, what & how much?
- Digital preservation & disaster planning
- Digitisation equipment
- Techniques for digitising different types of documents

Facilitator : Mick Newnham, former Manager of Conservation Services, National Film and Sound Archive of Australia, lecturer in digitisation of cultural collections at the University of Melbourne.

Venue : Moruya Golf Club : 28A Evans St Moruya

Time : Wednesday 31st January 9:30am for 10am start – 1pm

Tuesday 6th February 1:30pm for 2pm start – 5pm

Cost : \$20*

*Please note that tea and coffee will need to be additionally purchased from the Golf Club

Limit : 20 places

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South Coast iNaturalist Project surpasses 100,000 records



Rare Lizard Orchid photographed near Lake Conjola – Nicholas De Jong, September 2023”.

In early January, Budawang Coast Atlas of Life (BCAL) kicked over 100,000 observations on the NSW South Coast. This effort was the sum of many, with 4000+ contributors - ranging from everyday people interested in nature to amateur naturalists and professional scientists. BCAL is a citizen science community focused on biodiversity of the South Coast region, between Kiama and Moruya.

Now in its 5th year, the group shares information across a range of activities, hosts workshops, and oversees an iNaturalist project for the region. Citizen Science is gaining momentum globally - mainly through easy-to-use apps like iNaturalist, where anyone can load observations, get help with identification and contribute to science.

Observations are mostly photos, but can be videos or sound. The system uses AI to help with identification and to suggest what might be found in your area. And its starting to make a difference, proving invaluable for monitoring rare species, discovering new species, identifying habitat and diet preferences, studying post-fire recovery, and simply filling gaps in the photographic record.

“We’re starting to push the boundaries” says Dr Annie Lane, BCAL Chair and also Chair of the Australian Citizen Science Association.

“We’re finding plants and animals that have never been seen before on the South Coast, like the rare lizard orchid and several rare insects, some of which had never been photographed before.”

Last year we saw a ground-breaking study published on the diet of the endangered Gang-gang cockatoo, largely based on citizen science data. And we are gradually gaining a much better understanding of seasonal change and fire response. This is important information needed to manage our natural resources better. But there are major gaps especially in marine life - the ocean heatwave could have a far-reaching effect, and existing knowledge is scant.

This is an area that citizen science could really help.”



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Aussie Summer up the Deua



Social media went wild last week as photographers captures two brumbies fighting in the Snowy Mountains. This week, it was just a regular Aussie summer day in the Deua Valley for 'Farmedien' Hamish Hudson who turned to find two goannas sparring. Hamish said they only ever fight when they are evenly matched in size, and once fighting they are completely engrossed, enabling him to get up quite close without them noticing. Photos: Deua River Organics Instagram



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Make your voice heard in NSW Youth Parliament

2024 Youth Parliament NSW applications close soon

There are just three weeks remaining for local young people in Years 10, 11 and 12 (or equivalent age) to apply for this year's Youth Parliament run by the Y NSW.

The Y is seeking applicants who have a passion for creating change in their communities from all 93 NSW state electorates to express interest.

The Y (formerly YMCA) Youth Parliament provides a unique platform for individuals to actively participate in the democratic process and advocate for issues that they are passionate about. Participants will have the chance to draft, debate, and advocate for mock youth-focused legislation, gaining invaluable insights into the workings of government and policy development.

The Y is committed to making Youth Parliament accessible to all young people and welcomes people from diverse backgrounds and interests to apply, with eligible individuals able to apply under a scholarship.

"There is no specific experience required to be involved in Youth Parliament. We strive for diversity in the cohort and support individuals facing adversity, marginalisation or disadvantage where possible. This includes representation from rural and remote areas whose unique perspectives play a crucial role in shaping the discussions and policies at the Youth Parliament," explained interim CEO of the Y NSW Prue Warrilow.

Hamani Tanginoa is a proud Wiradjuri, Dharug, Dunghutti, Gooreng Gooreng and Tongan man, and past Youth Parliament participant who is now part of the Youth Parliament team as Youth Voice Coordinator.

A passionate trailblazer, unafraid to stand up for the rights of marginalised young people, Hamani Tanginoa began his Y journey as a Youth Parliament representative in 2018 at just 16. As a Y NSW and Camden Council Young Leader Hamani made history as the first Aboriginal Youth Premier for NSW.

"I entered Youth Parliament six years ago with a burning desire to effect change. As a young, gay, Aboriginal man, I have endured discrimination. I wanted to support others with similar experiences by introducing legislation that would empower and educate," said Hamani.

There are many benefits of being involved in Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament provides a unique platform for young people to actively learn about the democratic process and how to advocate for issues that they are passionate about.

Each committee is paired with an industry expert and mentored and supported by Y staff and the volunteer taskforce.

Throughout the six-month program, participants develop critical thinking and public speaking skills, build leadership skills, gain confidence, form lifelong friendships and more.

"As an Aboriginal Youth Parliament participant, this program became the catalyst for my journey in leadership. Today, as a proud coordinator of the Youth Parliament program, I'm passionate about providing the same transformative experience for young minds. This program not only amplifies voices but also nurtures future leaders who will drive positive change in our communities," he added.

This year the Y NSW established a sponsorship component to Youth Parliament for youth experiencing marginalisation and disadvantage. The Y has secured funding from the Department of Regional NSW... This will support 35 participants who may have otherwise been unable to partake in the program by covering or assisting with their entry fees into the 2024 Youth Parliament. The Minister for Youth Rose Jackson said it's a great opportunity for young people to be involved in driving change within their communities.

To apply to take part in the 2024 Youth Parliament, young people should visit ymcansw.org.au/community-services/youth/youth-parliament/ and submit their application before 9 February 2024. School teachers and Members of Parliament can also support a young person's application by writing a letter of recommendation.

Build more social housing to tackle homelessness

The NSW government must significantly boost investment in social housing after a report showed funding has slipped to historically low levels, says **Homelessness NSW**.

The Written Off report by Everybody's Home finds investment in social housing under Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements is less today than 40 years ago.

"The failure to invest in social housing by all levels of government in recent years is a massive contributor to our homelessness crisis," said Homelessness NSW CEO Dom Rowe.

"We desperately need more social housing so vulnerable people, including mothers and children fleeing domestic violence, can get out of homelessness and into a safe and secure home.

"Building more social homes will also take heat out of the private rental market and pay dividends by easing pressure on our schools, hospitals and community services over the long term." Last year 68,000 people used NSW homelessness services while 1 in 2 people needing help were turned away - and many more didn't ask for help at all.

The Written Off report finds:

- Investment in social housing under Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements was \$2.5 billion in 1982, compared with \$1.6 billion in 2022
- Adjusted for inflation, investment in 1982 was five times greater than 2022 levels
- The federal government spent \$164 per person on social housing in 1982 but just \$61 per person in 2022



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Cattle Australia urges 'balanced approach' to 2050 net zero ambition

Cattle Australia (CA) is urging the Federal Government to take a balanced approach when deciding how Australia will tackle climate change in the future.

In its submission to government on the proposed Agriculture and Land Sectoral Plan, CA highlighted the crucial role beef producers already play in this space, and welcomed the opportunity to provide strategic comment on the plan that will guide Australia's 2050 net zero ambition.

CA Chief Executive Officer, Dr Chris Parker, said as custodians of almost 80 per cent of Australia's agricultural land - representing over 50 per cent of Australia's total landmass - grass-fed beef producers are an integral part of the solution to the changes in climate.

"The Australian beef industry has made a leading contribution to combat further global warming and with the right support in coming years, will achieve the state of climate neutral, meaning no additional impact on global temperature rise (global warming)," Dr Parker said.

"To ensure a profitable and resilient future for the beef industry, CA supports an industry-driven pathway, with support from government to enable producers to access the advice, technology, innovations and incentives they need to minimise the negative and optimise the positive impacts of beef production on the climate, while maintaining healthy landscapes and profitable, resilient businesses.

"CA supports a balanced approach that acknowledges the role our producers play in global and regional food security in managing our Australian landscapes, the cyclical nature of biogenic methane, and consequences of future planning on the social and economic prosperity of the rural and remote communities in which our farmers and their families live and work."

In July 2023, the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) released an [international comparisons report](#) on sustainability and agricultural environmental indicators.

A key finding was that even with CO2e accounting methodology, Australia's emissions intensities are below average for cattle when compared to other major developed country producers and exporters. Additionally, Australia has reduced agricultural emissions more than most other developed countries in the past 30 years.

"More than any other sector, the beef industry has taken the lead and made significant investment in research, development and adoption to minimise the negative impacts on the climate," Dr Parker said.

"There is still so much potential and a real opportunity for government, in partnership with industry, to further drive the positive impact of Australian beef production on the climate, while considering the importance of food security, nutritional security and the societal role of meat."



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More support to encourage GPs to the South Coast

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP said the Albanese Government was continuing to address the local GP crisis, with new incentives introduced this week to encourage more doctors with advanced skills to work in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Mrs Phillips said she'd been listening to local doctors calling for more incentives and support for years, and she was delighted to see that continuing to rollout.

"It is no secret we have a shortage of doctors here on the South Coast. For years, local GP practices have struggled to attract and retain doctors, putting even more pressure on our regional healthcare system," Fiona Phillips said.

"We listened when doctors said there was more that needed to be done - and we've taken decisive and ongoing action to provide the solutions that will make a difference to local doctors," Fiona said.

Eligible rural generalists and general practitioners (GPs) with advanced skills can now apply for incentives of up to \$21,000 a year through a new payment known as the Workforce Incentives Program (WIP) - Rural Advanced Skills payment.

The new payments will see more doctors with qualifications in areas like mental health, obstetrics, surgery, anaesthetics and First Nations health, working in regions that have too often struggled to attract doctors with these skills.

Between \$4,000 and \$10,500 per year is available to doctors providing these advanced skills services, with a separate payment of \$4,000 to \$10,500 per year also available to eligible doctors providing emergency care.

Doctors may be eligible for both payments.

Fiona Phillips said that since the Albanese Government was elected, a number of significant changes have been made to incentivise and support doctors to come to - and importantly stay on - the South Coast.

This includes [reductions in HECS/HELP debt](#) for those who work and stay in regional areas for specified time, and investing in universities, including the University of Wollongong, to provide [end-to-end regional training](#) for doctors, among a range of other significant healthcare investments.

The government has also made it [easier and quicker for local practices to recruit doctors from overseas](#) by removing unnecessary regulatory barriers and reducing wait times and complexity for International Medical Graduates seeking an employer sponsored visa, another change welcomed by GPs.

"Healthcare remains a key focus of mine, I'm delighted to see these changes having an impact for local practices, and I'll continue doing what I can to ensure local people can access the health services we deserve," Fiona Phillips said.

The new incentives were an election commitment from the Albanese Government and were funded in the October 2022-23 Budget, to recognise and grow the services provided by country doctors.

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The Narooma Coastal Bar Cam is up and working

The Narooma Coastal Bar Cam is up and working again thanks to Service NSW. The new camera provides a much clearer image of the Narooma Bar to the north, from the Marine Rescue base, and swinging around to the east out to sea.

You can browse to the Narooma Coastal Bar Cam at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/using-waterways-boating-and-transport-information/conditions-weather-and-tides/webcams/narooma>

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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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**FORCE OF NATURE:
THE DRY 2** - Advanced screenings
 M | 1hr 52min ~ *Drama* ~
Eric Bana & Richard Roxburgh
 Federal agents investigate when five women take part in a hiking retreat and only four come out.



THE COLOR PURPLE
 M | 2hrs 21min ~ *Drama* ~ *Musical* ~
Taraji P. Henson & Danielle Brooks
 Warner Bros. Pictures invites you to experience the extraordinary sisterhood of three women who share one unbreakable bond in "The Color Purple."



AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM
 M | 2hrs 4min ~ *Action* ~ *Adventure* ~
Jason Momoa
 Aquaman balances his duties as king and the Justice League, while planning a wedding. Black Manta is on the hunt for Atlantean tech and Orm plots to escape his prison.




WONKA PG | 1hr 56min
 ~ *Family* ~ *Adventure* ~
Timothée Chalamet, Olivia Coleman & Hugh Grant
 "Wonka" tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.



MEAN GIRLS
 PG | 1hr 52min ~ *Comedy* ~ *Musical* ~
Angourie Rice, Renee Rapp & Tina Fey
 New student Cady Heron (Angourie Rice) is welcomed into the top of the social food chain by the elite group of popular girls called "The Plastics."



FERRARI
 MA | 2hrs 10min ~ *Action* ~ *Drama* ~
Adam Driver & Shailene Woodley
 The movie is set during the summer of 1957. Ex-racecar driver, Ferrari, is in crisis. Bankruptcy stalks the company he and his wife, Laura, built from nothing ten years earlier.




POOR THINGS
 MA | 2hrs 21min ~ *Sci-Fi* ~ *Romance* ~
Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo & William Dafoe
 The incredible tale and fantastical evolution of Bella Baxter, a young woman brought back to life by the brilliant and unorthodox scientist Dr. Godwin Baxter.



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SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, February 11th, 2024
 8.30 am to 12.30 pm

As part of the Pambula Rotary Market, Pambula Rec Grounds, Cnr Narregol and Toalla Sts, Pambula

Includes:
 Medieval sword fighting, re-enactments and outfits
 Music
 Spoon making
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 Kids activities - decorating shields and swords

Admission to the event as part of the Rotary market with the regular stalls of drinks, foods, the Rotary Kitchen and many other regular stall holders - **All Welcome**

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PROGRAM

Both days

9:00am - Show Opens

Rural Fire Service, Classic & Vintage Cars, Antique Tractors & Machinery, Trade & Food stalls, Showbags, Side Shows, Photo Booth, Irene Cartoons, Pavilions (Junior Art & Crafts, Alpaca Wool Display, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Flowers, Fruit & Veg, Cookery, Jams, Jellies & Preserves, Needlework, Woodwork & Metalwork)

Synthetic Ice-Skating Rink - \$15 entry per person

Kid's Zone - \$2 entry, includes Fairy La La, Kids Games, Jumping Castle, Face Painting

Comedy Duck Raing - times TBA

Horse Events

Bar Facilities - Broulee Brewhouse 12:00 - 10:00pm

Saturday 27th January 2024

Hacks/Stock Horse

Animal Nursery

Poultry Demonstration

10:00 - Baby Competition and Australian Breastfeeding Association Display

10:30 - Junior Showgirl Competition (Tiny Tots to Teenage)

11:00 - Lachie Cossor - The Outback Stockman

- Oyster Judging

11:30 - Belly Dancers

12:00 - Official Opening Ceremony, Sky Diving, Acknowledgement of Country, Flag Raising, National Anthem, President's Address, Official Show Opening - Dr Holland, Junior Showgirl Announcement and Winners of Oyster Judging Announced

12:00 - Bar Facilities - Broulee Brewhouse

1:00 - Stepz Dance Academy

1:00 to 3:00 - Novelty Events (Pie Eating Competition, Tug of War, Gumboot Throwing, Paper Planes, Wheelbarrows, Hay Bale Stacking)

2:00 - Lachie Cossor - The Outback Stockman

3:00 - Dog High Jump

4:00 - Six Bar Show Jumping

4:30 - Medieval Skill of Arms Display

5:00 - Wife Carrying

6:00 - Lachie Cossor - The Outback Stockman

6:30 - Rodeo

7:30 to 10:00pm - 'Poddy Dodgers' Live Music



PROGRAM

Sunday 28th January 2024

- Show Jumping
- Poultry Pavilion
- Bar Facilities - Broulee Brewhouse (12:00 to 5:00pm)
- 8:30 to 12:00 - Horse Sporting Events
- 9:30 - Ute Competition
- 10:00 - Lachie Cossor - The Outback Stockman
- 11:30 - Pony Fancy Dress
 - Stepz Dance Academy
- 12:00 - Grand Parade
- 12:30 - Lachie Cossor - The Outback Stockman
- 1:00 - Music (Mick McGrath)
 - Medieval Skill of Arms Display
- 1:00 to 3:00 - Novelty Events (Donut Eating Competition, Tug of War, Gumboot Throwing, Wheelbarrows)
- 2:00 - Pet Show
 - Lachie Cossor - The Outback Stockman
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South Coast Community Kitchen

Demand is high at the moment and hoping to source some items from our lovely community. As much as we appreciate all contributions, please only provide what is on the list. Non common items are not used amongst our clients. 1/2 price specials are a good way to help a lot with a little.

We are in need of the following: Children's lunch snacks ie: muesli bars/fruit cups/chips/shapes etc, Cereal ie: Weet-bix, corn flakes etc, UHT milk, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Pancake Mix, Vegemite/Jam/Peanut butter, Pasta, Pasta packets ie continental alfredo, Pasta Sauces, Canned Tuna, Sardines, Canned fruit, Canned soup, Soup sachets, Tuna bake sauce, - Baked beans, Canned spaghetti, Cordial, Fruit juice, Poppers, Any fruit/veggies you may have spare from your garden would be fantastic! If you live in the Bay, items can be dropped to [Beyond Bank](#) on Orient Street. If your in Moruya, please drop to 3 Jeffrey Place.

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NRL Roads to Regions program

will be here on the coast running from the 13th to the 15th February, where they will have players from both the Raiders and Dragons visit schools and clubs between Cobargo and Batemans Bay. There is a scheduled clinic at Batemans Bay for Wednesday 14th February at Mackay Park from 4pm - 5:30pm. The clinic is for all boys and girls from ages 6-16, they will split them into group of 6-12 and 13-16 on the day. Click link to register: <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/entity?data=eyJlbmRpdHIJZCl6NTA2Nzc5MzUslmVudGI0eVR5cGUlOiJwcm9ncmFtIn0%3D&source=rugby-league>

Junior Boars Rugby Fun Day

Registration Info | DATE CHANGE |
SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY 2024 FROM 10:00-14:00
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Registration Info | Rugby Fun | BBQ Lunch
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- ➔ live in Eurobodalla
- ➔ you can be enrolled, or not enrolled in school
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Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya Moruya River.

Happy Australia Day to you all. We are open today, and despite last nights rain, Moruya river is fishing really well this past week. We are getting reports of captures throughout the system. Down towards the airport flats there have been good flathead, trevally, whiting, bream and the odd salmon. The back of the hole in the wall has had the usual suspects of Luderick, bream flathead and whiting. While the rest of the river all the way up past the hospital up towards yarragee are also fishing well for all the usual estuary suspects. The upper fresh sections of the river, are fishing really well for bass this week. I managed 10 fish to 40+cm last Saturday, with one local fisho hitting the magic 50cm mark, this is a trophy fish for us bass fishos. Congrats Jack Keogh, pic will be below.

Tuross River.

While Moruya has cleared up nicely, Tuross is still holding a bit of dirtier water, and a lot more flood debris. The system itself is still fishing well despite the lingering fresh. Flathead have been the main stay in this system, with them being concentrated towards the lower to middle sections of the river.

The flats around potato point and up towards four ways are the better location at the moment, but I am starting to hear reports from all the way up as far as Bumbo of a few flathead as well.

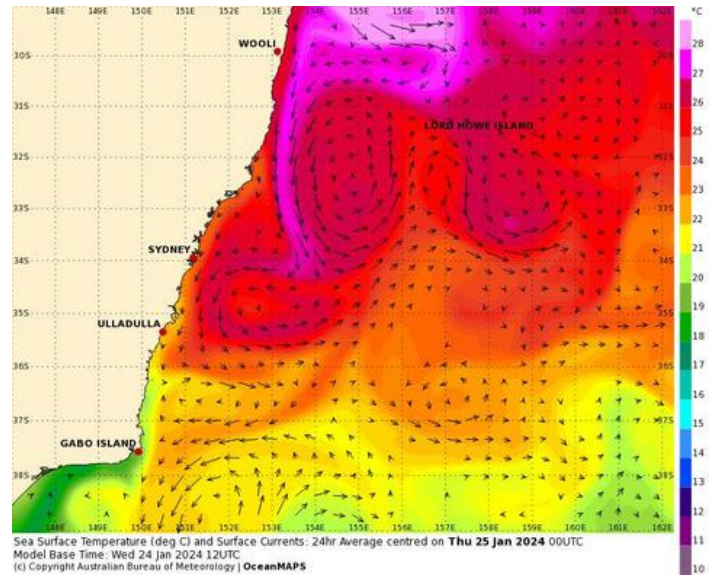
Rock and Beach.

XOS salmon have been the mainstay of beach and headland reports this last week, with fish averaging 60cm being the norm. These fish will be where you find them, as they do tend to travel along the coast looking for a feed. A bit of burley can attract and hold them to your location.

In the close gutters, bream, flathead and whiting are also being found, with live beach worms pipis and nippers all being favoured baits. 4" soft plastics on heavy Jigheads are also working for those wanting to target these fish in the suds.

Offshore.

Last weeks Tollgate Island classic saw multiple boats tag and release some good marlin. I believe over 40 fish were tagged and released for the weekends fishing, and no doubts this weekends comp down at Bermagui will be the same. Inshore, there have been good snapper and flathead to be found in most water depths. Start looking at mixed ground around the 15m mark the move out to 60m for the snapper. Flathead are plentiful over most sandy areas between reefs. The bait freezer is suffering from various baits currently being out of stock from Tweed Bait. Mullet fillet, hawksbury prawns, whitebait, pips and 1lb boxes of squid are still not available. I have ordered more of what I can get to try and cover the shortfall, so the bait freezer to full as of yesterday.



Have a great long weekend, celebrate Australia Day however you choose to, and stay safe. Remember, "every days a good day for fishing..."
Team Tackle World Moruya.

Hotondo Homes Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim

Sunday 10 March 2024 from 9am

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

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Tuross Head Stableford Medley Golf Results

Thursday 18th January 2024
A field of 45 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Jim Wade (12) with 39 points
- 2nd: Robert McDonnell (19) with 38 points
- 3rd: Bruce Harding (17) with 37 points
- 4th: Mark Haberkorn (17) with 37 points
- 5th: Stuart McKell (5) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins:

Distance		
4A:	Stuart McKell	0.95
4B:	Mark Haberkorn	6.30
4C:	Graeme Bell	4.98
6A:	Col Houghton	0.57
6B:	Paul Coffey	2.40
6C:	Nil	
7A:	Ray Bollard	1.20
7B:	Dorothy Madden	8.95
7C:	Peter Coffey	11.79

Balls went to: David Schmid 37, Michael Coloe 36, Ray Bollard 36, Ron Rogers 36, Jesse French 35, Peter Coffey 34, Jed French 34, Bruce Martin 34, Allan Langford 34, Lynette McDonnell 33, Dorothy Madden 33 and Robert Owen 33.

Tuross Head Stableford Medley Golf Results

Saturday 20th January 2024
A large field of 72 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Steve Johnston (25) with 47 points
- 2nd: Stephen Gardner (22) with 40 points
- 3rd: Bruce Handley (14) with 39 points
- 4th: Michael Coloe (15) with 39 points
- 5th: William Steenbergen (20) with 39 points

Nearest to the Pins:

Distance		
4A:	Bruce Handley	2.20
4B:	Ian Kingston	0.87
4C:	Paul Israel	4.19
6A:	Daryl Kildey	1.98
6B:	Bruce Martin	0.75
6C:	Ross Richardson	1.13
7A:	Mal Gilbertson	0.27
7B:	Paul Coffey	1.36
7C:	Steve Johnston	9.88

Balls went to:

Dorothy Madden 39, Nick Brice 38, Peter Garn 38, Brad Doolan 37, Ross Richardson 37, Paul Scholze 37, Ken Hush 37, Ian Manton 36, Jesse French 36, Ron Rogers 36, Paul Coffey 36, Simon French 36, Wayne Fullerton 35, Ethan Wong 35, Terry Milliken 35, Malcolm Gilbertson 34, Chris Cox 34, Paul Ferguson 34, David Schmid 34 and Graeme Bell 34.



Winners Ted Quinlan and Blaise Madden

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results

Wednesday 24th January 2024.

A field of 50 players registered for an Aggregate Stroke - Secret partner event today. The weather was ominous with a light shower falling and the course was in great condition.

The Winning teams today were:

- 1st: Blaise Madden and Ted Quinlan with 67 (countback)
- 2nd: Chris Wratten and Terry Lunn with 67
- 3rd: Shirley Quinlan and Paul Coffey with 68
- 4th: Greg Bush and Derek Hoare with 69
- 5th: Richard Kelly and Mike Birks with 70
- 6th: Steve Jones and Rob McKirdy with 70
- 7th: Tony Crook and Greg Thornton with 72
- 8th: Rick Brake and Bruce Martin with 72
- 9th: Warren Hodder and Peter McCrae with 72

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Maree Coffey
- 6th: Paul Coffey
- 7th: Ladies: Julie Barningham
Mens: Paul Coffey (in the hole)

Accuracy: Julie Barningham

Bradman: Jennifer Gray and Barry Hoban



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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.

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- tell you about U3A
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Applications are currently open, inviting more young members to seize the opportunity and embark on their own sailing adventure in 2024! Applications close 31 January 2024.

No prior sailing experience is necessary, making this scholarship a remarkable chance for personal growth and unique experiences. It's open to RFSA members aged 18 to 23, who meet the Young Endeavour eligibility criteria:

<https://youngendeavour.gov.au/how-to-apply>. Additionally, members who are 17 years old may apply, with consideration for placement on a voyage commencing after they turn 18.

Interested members can download the application form by visiting: www.rfsa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Young-Endeavour-Application-Form-2024.pdf

If you are not a RFSA member you can still apply at [2024 Applications Now Open - Young Endeavour](#)

ACCC to examine prices and competition in supermarket sector

The ACCC welcomes the announcement by the Australian Government that it will direct the ACCC to conduct an inquiry into Australia's supermarket sector, including the pricing practices of the supermarkets and the relationship between wholesale, including farmgate, and retail prices.

The year-long inquiry will also examine competition in the supermarket sector and how it has changed since the ACCC's last inquiry in 2008.

"We know grocery prices have become a major concern for the millions of Australians experiencing cost of living pressures," ACCC Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb said.

"When it comes to fresh produce, we understand that many farmers are concerned about weak correlation between the price they receive for their produce and the price consumers pay at the checkout."

"We will use our full range of legal powers to conduct a detailed examination of the supermarket sector, and where we identify problems or opportunities for improvement, we will carefully consider what recommendations we can make to Government," Ms Cass-Gottlieb said.

Following the ACCC's 2008 inquiry, Coles and Woolworths provided enforceable undertakings to the ACCC to remove restrictive tenancy provisions that may have prevented shopping centres from leasing space to competing supermarkets. The ACCC's investigation identified more than 700 potentially restrictive leases.

"Competitive markets encourage more attractive combinations of price and quality for consumers, as well as greater choice," ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh said.

"Our inquiry will examine the nature of the current competitive environment between supermarkets, as well as the barriers to greater competition and new entry in the sector."

"We believe we are well placed to conduct this broad-ranging inquiry and will bring to bear our expertise in competition, consumer law, agriculture and the supermarket sector in particular," Mr Keogh said.

The inquiry will also look at any emerging issues related to more recent trends, including online shopping, changes in technology, and loyalty programs.

The ACCC expects to publish an issues paper in February seeking views on the key issues it will consider in this inquiry. An interim report will be provided to the Australian Government later this year, and the final report is due to be provided early next year.

The ACCC will publish the formal direction from the Australian Government, including the terms of reference, when it receives it.

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Nature Coast Dragons in Canberra



On Saturday 13/1,19 members of Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club competed successfully at Canberra's fourth regatta of the season. The competition was very strong with 7 Canberra clubs competing and teams from Sydney, Merimbula, Orange, Bathurst and Wagga.

Canberra runs open age dragon boat races and the Nature Coast team was made up of paddlers ranging in age from 16 to their 70's. There were 8 male paddlers and 11 female paddlers. We had 4 paddlers from one family, Sharon Gmur and her son's, Toby, Jordan and Josh. We were also joined by 3 paddlers from Jindabyne.

Nature Coast competed in a mixed 20's 2 kilometre race and performed creditably finishing fifth. They also raced in 10's events over 200 metres in Open, Women and Mixed categories. The Open team was very pleased to win the minor final and the other teams made finals.

Our competitive paddlers are now preparing to compete in Canberra again on 10 February - this time 500m racing in 10s events.

Dragon Boating racing is an exciting water sport catering for all ages and genders. At State, National and International level teams compete in age categories, so matter what your age you can compete at a high level against your own age group.

Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club welcomes new members over 11 years of age. You can try out at our open training sessions 8.15am Saturday or Tuesday 5.15pm. Bring a drink bottle and wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. Our facilities are located next to the Moruya Wharf.

See you on the water!

Therese Holgate
Nature Coast Regatta Coordinator

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Play safe at beaches and waterways in national parks this long weekend

With hot weather forecast to kick off the long weekend, beachgoers are urged to play safe while visiting NSW national park beaches, waterfalls and rivers. Most national parks beaches and swimming spots are unpatrolled and set in wild, remote areas.

Drowning risk more than doubles during public holidays and long weekends, according to Surf Life Saving NSW, with 11 people already drowning on the NSW coast this summer since 1 December 2023.

All drownings to date have either been at unpatrolled areas, or, if they were at patrolled beaches, they occurred outside patrol hours or outside the red-and-yellow flags.

The safest coastal place to swim is always on a patrolled beach, between the flags.

This summer the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Surf Life Saving NSW are asking beachgoers to learn how to spot a rip before entering the water by checking out beachsafe.org.au.

People visiting NSW national parks' spectacular waterfalls and waterways must please obey all safety signage and take particular care near steep cliffs, unstable surfaces and slippery rocks.

Learn more from Surf Life Saving Australia on surf safety and its "Give an F about the flags" campaign, see Surf Life Saving NSW Safety Resource Hub or NPWS website for advice on water safety advice in national parks.

Download the BeachSafe app to find your nearest patrolled location.



Marine Rescue South Coast units rescue ready for expected busy long weekend

More than 300 Marine Rescue NSW volunteers will be ready to respond to boaters and paddlers in need across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires this long weekend.

Marine Rescue NSW Inspector Glenn Sullivan said the Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula and Eden units are expecting a large number of people to hit the region's waterways.

"The Australia Day long weekend for Marine Rescue NSW is always very busy.

"We get a lot of vessels that are going offshore from Batemans Bay all the way down to Eden," he said.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers at the region's six coastal units responded to a variety of incidents on 26 January last year, safely returning almost a dozen people to shore.

Inspector Sullivan is urging those planning to hit the water this long weekend to make sure their engine and battery is in good working order before heading out.

"Ensure you have the correct safety equipment, carry enough fuel and don't forget to Log On and Log Off with Marine Rescue NSW. When boating on our local waters please remember to wear a lifejacket. It can't save you if you're not wearing it," he said.

Logging On via the free Marine Rescue app or VHF channel 16 ensures that the Service's volunteers keep watch for a boater's safe return.

Logging On can save vital time in the event of an emergency. Inspector Sullivan is also urging boaters and paddlers to resist hitting the water if conditions deteriorate.

"Keep an eye on conditions and always check them prior to going out on any waterways across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires.

"Remember, if there is any doubt, don't go out," he said.

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer based not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe on the water and supporting local communities.

Anglers reminded to follow the rules this summer

Recreational fishers are encouraged to avoid the heat from a fine or prosecution by following the rules fishing this summer.

A recreational fishing licence is required when fishing in NSW waters, both freshwater and saltwater, even if you only fish occasionally.

If you are fishing in NSW and aged 18 years and over, you need to be able to show your licence card or licence fee receipt to a Fisheries Officer upon request.

Exemptions do apply for Aboriginal persons, pensioners and when fishing on a charter boat.

The current rules and regulations can be found through the FishSmart app or by downloading the freshwater and saltwater fishing guides from the DPI website.

Responsible fishers can also assist DPI in reporting anyone not following the rules, by making a report to the Fishers Watch phonenumber.

Minister for Agriculture, Tara Moriarty said "By following the recreational fishing rules, anglers are doing their part to ensure the sustainability of NSW's world-class fisheries resources.

"As we enjoy fishing over summer, all recreational fishers must make themselves aware of the rules, including bag and size limits, fishing closures and the location of sanctuary zones in Marine Parks.

"Fisheries Officers will be continuing to conduct covert patrols and covert operations over the coming months to ensure fishers are following the rules, and anglers who break the rules may face a range of sanctions including fines and court action."

The public is encouraged to report illegal or suspect illegal fishing activity to the Fishers Watch Phonenumber on 1800 043 536 or alternatively report it online via the submission form at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au



TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS - SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

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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
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