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Moruya Rotary's Australia Day Awards were announced at the official opening of the Eurobodalla Agricultural Show on Saturday 27th January. Congratulations to the recipients. The following citations were read by Dr Michael Holland at the award ceremony.

## Helen KOP – 2024 Moruya Citizen of the Year

For the past fifteen years, Helen KOP has performed the role of 'Advocate' for returned servicemen and women. This is a voluntary role and Helen donates countless hours of her time into supporting veterans .... helping them to attain their entitlements and benefits. Helen's work as an 'Advocate' for veterans largely goes unnoticed. It is a role which the 'civilian' community is likely very unfamiliar ..... and the work of an Advocate is rarely, if ever, placed in the public eye. Relentlessly, Helen KOP donates her time and knowledge as a proud volunteer, to improve the health and lifestyle of Veterans from the Shoalhaven in the north, through to the Victorian border. In fact, she is the only person who is performing this demanding role and as such, Helen is currently juggling around 130 + cases. This quantity is far in excess of her quota. Further to this, we have been made aware that Helen has offered support to some Veterans located Interstate who have nobody else to turn to for help. Only the veterans themselves, and perhaps their immediate family will truly know the amount of work that Helen has quietly performed in the background of our community. If that is not enough, Helen also volunteers her time in support of local, not for profit organisations who cry out for help. Helen even stepped in at very short notice last month to assist the Lion's Club when they desperately needed assistance at the Moruya Carols By Candlelight. Helen, your community recognises and acknowledges your exhaustive work.



## Mackenzie BARNETT-HAYES – 2024 Moruya Junior Citizen of the Year

Mackenzie BARNETT-HAYES is a recent school leaver and has entered the local work force. Whilst most of you will not know her name, you may recognise her face if you have attended any of the commemorative ANZAC Day services within the Eurobodalla over the past three years. Mackenzie was nominated by the Tuross Memorial Gardens Committee, based on her commitment shown in support of the RSL movement since 2021. 'Macca' as she is known, is one of the fine young people who has performed the role of Catafalque Party at our many services each ANZAC DAY.

To give you an idea of her commitment, Macca starts her day at 3.30am and performs catafalque duty at the Tuross Dawn Service. She then travels as fast as the legal speed limit will allow, to be in time for the Tomakin morning service. Macca would then attend the Moruya main service, finally finishing her day at the Moruya Dusk Service at the World War 2 bunkers near Moruya airport. A record four services every ANZAC Day. Further to this, young Macca was a supporter and active participant in the 2022 and 2023 Moruya Mardi Gras Street parades, when young people were desperately needed. She is always the first to step forward and volunteer for community events, bringing other youngsters with her. The Tuross Garden Committee states that Macca possesses the rare traits of Reliability and Dependability and consider her a shining example of Australian Youth ..... and future leader in our community. Macca will be there again this coming ANZAC Day and has volunteered to train up any future youth who wish to step up to the challenge.

## Margaret CROESE – Recognition of Community Spirit & Achievement Award

If you do not know the name of Margaret CROESE in the town of Moruya, then perhaps you have been living on another planet. Marg's teaching career spans nearly five decades with many of those years spent at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Moruya. Generations of Moruya residents, have been taught and influenced by Mrs C. Her compassion and care of her students has always been on open display and it's the reason why Marg has a cult following among past and present students.

At lunch or recess time, if Marg is not out in the playground with the children, she can be found in a classroom teaching guitar to a group of future musicians. This routine has been followed throughout her teaching career.

Marg's love of music and her beautiful singing voice are also the backbone of the Moruya Sacred Heart choir where she can be found and heard at each service over the weekend. She also is a supporter of youthful musicians each year, leading the St. Mary's School Choir at the Moruya Carol's by Candlelight. In addition to this, Marg has been a committee member of Carols By Candlelight and she has also performed to our elderly citizens at the local IRT Village.

Faith and Humanity are key to Marg's life, and this is clearly evident in all that she does for the Moruya Community. Marg has been a contributing member of the Catholic Church Parish Council and has been influential in shaping the response to social justice and pastoral care issues in our local community. When not at school, Marg can be found either visiting patients at Moruya Hospital or the Moruya IRT facility, and if she is not there, then she is out dropping a care package or some home cooking to someone in need. Marg certainly lives her faith and her strong sense of humanity caring for others makes one believe there really are angels walking amongst us.

Marg's service to the Moruya Community over such a long and sustained period is certainly worthy of recognition and it is my absolute pleasure to announce her, the Moruya Lions Club & Rotary 'Community Spirit & Achievement Award' recipient for 2024.



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# 146th Annual Eurobodalla Agricultural Show

It was perfect weather for the 146th Eurobodalla Agricultural Show last weekend. Over 3000 people attended the show with excellent displays in the pavillions of local produce, flowers, handicrafts, art and photography, as well as poultry. There were Belly dancers and games including the pie eating contest, in which the Mayor took part, and a host of displays and carnival rides. Full results are coming and will be published on the MM website.



The Pavillion Volunteers



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## Opinion

### Happy 40th Birthday, Dear Medicare

**By Dr Michael Holland MP, Member for Bega**

I turned 18 in 1975, the year your older sibling, Medibank, was delivered by the Whitlam Labor government after a long and bitter ideological struggle against the coalition opposition.

The concept of providing the basic right of protection against the financial impact of health care on the most disadvantaged of our society introduced me to a life-long career in medicine.

Its principles of universality, equity, and choice, which apply to our other social determinants of health including the foundations of education, shelter, transport, and a protected environment formed my political perspective.

By my intern year in 1981, and after 5 major policy changes, the liberal national government had finally killed Medibank off.

I was a Postgraduate year 4 doctor when you were born on 1st February 1984, and the same founding principles determined my future career in women's health. In the words of Bob Hawke, "with this historic initiative, all Australians now have a new, simpler, and fairer health insurance system."

You have given us a system of medical benefits which provides our out-of-hospital medical services, our diagnostic blood tests and imaging, as well as selected dental and allied health care. You guarantee free treatment for public patients in public hospitals and support the cost of medical services for private patients in public and private hospitals. You are complemented by the wonderful pharmaceutical benefits scheme which subsidises a wide range of pharmaceuticals.

Our lives change over forty years. and society changes.

Our population is ageing.

It is more diverse in demographics of ethnicity.

Women have won great change in the fight for their reproductive rights but still have not fully achieved universality, equity, and choice.

Others continue to fight for equity of healthcare in sexuality and gender.

We have the options of palliative care and voluntary assisted dying.

Our health problems are more complex and the difficulty of getting timely and affordable primary care leads to increased demands on our emergency departments and hospital wards and surgical services. Demands, costs, and expectations increase.

There is a maldistribution of healthcare services in remote, rural, and regional areas compared to our metropolitan compatriots.

So, what can you get for your birthday? It is not time for a mid-life crisis.

Primary health services are being supported by the Federal Labor government by increasing the incentives for bulk billing particularly in rural and remote areas.

The indexation of Medicare rebates have been increased by a historically large amount.

Improvements to primary health care include improved networking of individualised, comprehensive, multidisciplinary care as well as telehealth services.

Our local state health services need a strong, supported primary health care system.

Local emergency departments and hospital wards face the increased numbers of people whose medical problems have become more complex through the lack of access to general practitioners.

Apart from increasing rebates, governments need to examine new models of care which can work beside the transactional fee for service system.

This includes block funding for general practices and the successful model of bulk billed urgent care clinics which provide health services to the 55 per cent of individuals who do not need to be in an emergency department waiting room.

This has already started locally with federal-state cooperation at the Batemans Bay urgent care clinic. The Bega electorate is fortunate to have excellent services at the South-East Regional Hospital, Bega. The combined clinical services of the former Bega and Pambula district hospitals now gives the Bega valley residents a higher level of clinical care and reduces the outflow to Canberra and beyond.

The Eurobodalla community will be served by an increase in the number, breadth, and quality of clinical services provided locally when the single level 4 Eurobodalla hospital is completed. With more than 26,000 emergency department presentations, nearly 1,500 surgical cases, over 11,000 admissions, and nearly 320 births per year, the combined clinical activity of Batemans Bay and Moruya district hospitals will exceed that of south-east regional and Goulburn district hospitals.

It will reduce the 44 per cent insufficiency in current local health services.

A single level 4 Eurobodalla regional hospital will provide an emergency department with onsite specialty assessment, onsite intensive care, access to acute surgery and a full range of emergency procedures and an emergency short stay unit.

These services will be provided by emergency medicine specialists available 24/7, as well as advanced skills clinical nurses.

The achievement of and commitment to these excellent local health services are the result of the establishment and support of Medicare by former and current Australian Labor governments. As the member for Bega, I am proud to be able to work with the Minns NSW Labor government and my federal colleagues in the electorates of Eden-Monaro and Gilmore and provide these essential primary and hospital service to our community.



## What's on at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya

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# Woolworths or IGA: Which is Moruya's Cheapest Supermarket?

By Phil Herrick

When it seems to cost more each week to fill the shopping trolley it's worth asking which supermarket in Moruya is cheapest? Is it Woolworths or IGA?

To find out I went comparison shopping this week and got a surprising result.

To put together a shopping list I turned to the consumer advocacy group Choice, who do regular surveys and have a standard shopping basket for comparison surveys.

"We put a lot of due diligence into choosing our basket items across the national and supermarket brands to ensure we're making fair comparisons," say Choice.

"Where possible we stick to more commoditised – or basic – items with limited differences across brands, to make sure we compare like with like."

With the Choice shopping list of 23 items in hand it was off to the supermarket on Wednesday morning (31 January). Beef mince was dropped from the Choice list because the quality looked very different between the stores. Clingwrap and laundry liquid were also dropped because the items were too different between stores.

In line with the Choice rules only the same national brand item on the shelves of both stores were priced. The cheapest home brand item in the category was not priced because it was not available in both stores, preventing a fair comparison. If an item was on special the special price was used.

And the end result? IGA was cheaper by 26 cents with a basket that cost \$129.74. Woolworths cost \$130 for the same basket.

So, does that near identical result show cutthroat competition or a cosy co-existence between our two supermarkets? There's no way of really knowing, but the inquiry established by the federal government into supermarket behaviour may shed some light. We just have to wait a year until they release their report.

In the meantime, enjoy shopping in Moruya where the parking is easy, the staff are friendly and you don't need to stress about choosing the cheapest supermarket because they are pretty much the same.

Item	Details	IGA	Woolworths
Apples, Granny Smith	1kg	5.99	4.90
Bananas, Cavendish	1kg	2.50	4.00
Bread, white, sliced	TipTop One 750gm	5.81	4.40
Breakfast cereal	Kellogs Corn Flakes	6.00	7.50
Broccoli, loose	1kg	8.99	7.90
Butter, salted	Western Star 250gm	5.70	5.20
Chips, crinkle cut	Smiths 170gm	2.40	4.80
Chocolate, block	Cadbury 180gm	4.00	6.00
Coffee, instant	Nescafe 250gm	19.70	18.00
Crackers	Jatz	3.65	4.00
Eggs	Free range, 12-pack	6.55	7.20
Flour, white, plain	White Wings 1kg	3.95	3.40
Hand wash, antibacterial	Palmolive 250ml	3.30	3.00
Jam, strawberry	Cottees 375ml	4.20	2.80
Juice, orange	Golden Circle 2L	5.50	4.80
Milk, full fat, fresh	Dairy Farmers 2L	4.99	4.30
Oil, olive	Cobram 750ml	16.99	20.00
Pasta, penne, dried	San Remo 500gm	2.95	2.95
Peas, frozen	McCain 500gm	3.65	3.30
Sauce, tomato	Master Food 475ml	3.55	3.80
Sugar, white	CSR 1kg	2.75	1.70
Tissues, facial	Kleenex	2.30	2.60
Tomatoes, diced, canned	SPC or Ardmona	1.62	2.10
Tuna, canned	John West small can	2.70	1.35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>129.74</b>	<b>130.00</b>

The table is a comparison of prices at the Moruya stores of Woolworths and IGA on the morning of 31 January 2024.

For details on the methods used by Choice go to <https://www.choice.com.au/shopping/everyday-shopping/supermarkets/articles/how-we-surveyed-the-supermarkets>

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## Aboriginal Community Invited to Local Community Consultation to Discuss Government Accountability for Closing the Gap

The **NSW Coalition of Peak Organisations (CAPO)** is calling on the local Aboriginal community in Mogo to join them on 14 February to design a mechanism that will hold the NSW Government accountable for the promises made under the Closing the Gap agreement.

These consultations are a crucial step in ensuring the voices of Aboriginal communities are heard and respected in shaping the future of government services.

The Closing the Gap agreement, signed by all Australian Governments in 2020, represents a historic commitment to working in partnership with Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to address disparities between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians across various sectors such as health, education, justice, families, housing, culture, digital inclusion, land and water.

NSW CAPO is a collective of NSW peak bodies for ACCOs working to provide a strong, independent and united voice to address issues affecting Aboriginal people living in NSW.

“As part of our ongoing efforts to fulfill this commitment, NSW CAPO is spearheading the design of an organisation that will enable Aboriginal people in NSW to hold the government accountable for the promises made in the Closing the Gap agreement,” explained Mas Banu, Senior Engagement Officer for NSW CAPO.

“This organisation could take various forms, such as the reform and/or expansion of an existing body, the establishment of a new organisation, or the appointment or election of a leader(s) like a Commissioner,” he continued. NSW CAPO is committed to engaging with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and the engagement process will be targeted and meaningful, ensuring that Aboriginal voices are central to the design.

“In 2023, we visited communities to start designing an accountability organisation, now we want to yarn with Aboriginal people to ask for feedback on the draft functions and features of the organisation we’ve designed.

“Key questions for community input will include, are the draft functions accurate, which are most important, what should they look like in practice, and are any crucial elements missing?” added Mr Banu.

NSW CAPO encourages all interested individuals and organisations to participate in this consultation to ensure that the accountability organisation reflects the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal communities in NSW.

“Together, we can work towards a future where Aboriginal voices are heard, respected and empowered in shaping government policies and services,” he concluded.

For more information and to participate in the consultations, please visit at [alc.org.au/nsw-capo](http://alc.org.au/nsw-capo) or call 9689 4467.

**The Mogo NSW Capo Consultation will be held on 14 February at 10.30am at 2 Church Street, Mogo.**

## Come on, come on, let’s get together!

The next meeting of the **Euro Community Support Network (ECSN)** will be held on the morning of Tuesday 13 February.

Held every 2 months, the aim of the ECSN is to provide regular opportunities for all the varied wonderful people working in different ways to support the local community to get together.

During the brief meeting participants can briefly update others about what they are currently working on, and together we can identify opportunities for improving coordination and cooperation, both around our individual activities, as well as identifying and progressing issues of common concern.

Any individual/organisations working in the community sector in the Eurobodalla are strongly encouraged to come along – not for profits, private sector, representatives from local and state government bodies.

The Community Development and Youth Division of the ESC has kindly offered space in their office to run the meetings (free of charge).

Details for your diaries:

**Date – Tuesday 13 February**

Time – 10 – 12 noon (if possible please arrive a bit beforehand so can start at 10am)

Location – The Job Shop, 53 Queen St, Moruya

For further information on the next meeting contact please don’t hesitate to contact Jules -

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# Truck and trailer destroyed by fire on the Clyde



Early Tuesday morning a truck and trailer caught fire on the Clyde near the Western Distributor. The driver escaped unharmed. NSW RFS - Batemans Bay Brigade said “our Heavy and Medium Tanker responded to reports of a truck and trailer alight on the Kings Highway west of Nelligen. On arrival our crew worked alongside Nelligen Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 217 Batemans Bay, Braidwood Rural Fire Service, South Coast Police District, NSW Ambulance and Eurobodalla Shire Council to control the incident.

Our crew utilised breathing apparatus assisted by heavy machinery to extinguish the deep seated fire in the almost fully loaded semi. A great display of teamwork from all services allowed the incident to be rapidly contained meaning the Kings Highway only had to be closed briefly.” Firefighters decanted the diesel from the tanks and prevented run off into the waterways. After working long into the morning the fire was eventually contained.

## Feedback sought on scope of NSW council financial model review

**The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)** is seeking community feedback on a draft Terms of Reference for a review of the financial model for councils in New South Wales.

IPART Chair Carmel Donnelly said the NSW Premier requested the review, which was recommended by IPART late last year and supported by the Minister for Local Government.

“Last year, as part of our review of the local council rate peg methodology, stakeholders raised concerns about the affordability of council rates in the current cost of living climate, as well as community consultation, financial management and financial sustainability of councils in NSW”, Ms Donnelly said. “IPART noted many of the issues raised cannot be fixed by the rate peg or the special variation process and we therefore recommended the NSW Government commission an independent review of the financial model for councils to identify improvements.”

“We have received the draft Terms of Reference for this review and we’re seeking feedback on them from the community, ratepayers, councils, former and current councillors and council staff.”

The draft Terms of Reference asks IPART to investigate and report on the financial model for NSW local councils.

This includes reviewing the councillor and community visibility over the financial and operational performance of their councils, whether current budget and financial processes deliver value for money and whether the current funding model will sustainably support the needs of communities.

The draft Terms of Reference also include reviewing the capacity and capability of councils and how better planning and reporting systems can improve long term budget performance, transparency and accountability to the community.

“You can provide feedback by completing our short ‘Have Your Say’ survey or making a submission via our website until 15 March 2024,” Ms Donnelly said. “IPART will consider all feedback and may recommend the Premier make changes to the Terms of Reference for the review as a result of submissions we receive.”

“There will also be further opportunities this year to participate in the review itself.” The draft Terms of Reference is available at [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au)

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# New exemption makes it easier for farmers to fight fires

**Transport for NSW and the NSW Rural Fire Service** have partnered to launch a trial registration exemption for farmers to help rural firefighting efforts this bushfire season.

Farmers can play a key role in protecting their own or neighbouring properties in the event of a bush or a grass fire, particularly before emergency response personnel are able to attend the fire.

Now, during a trial period that ends on 31 March, the NSW Government is allowing farmers to drive vehicles they use for firefighting purposes unregistered within a 100km radius of their home.

Farm Fire Fighting Vehicles (FFFVs) tend to be vehicles used to move around farm properties and not on public roads, and therefore may not be registered.

The legal use of these vehicles on public roads to attend nearby fires is an important change during the final few months of the bushfire season, and is something many farmers and rural advocates have been calling for.

The RFS has recognised the value of these vehicles and the important role farmers play in firefighting efforts in rural areas.

As well as staying within a 100km radius of the storage address, the vehicle must be maintained in a safe operating condition and have fire-fighting equipment permanently attached to be eligible for the exemption.

The trial will run until 31 March 2024 and will inform future options for FFFVs.

Minister for Roads John Graham said, "The Labor Government is committed to exploring innovative solutions to help out with rural firefighting efforts and this trial will do just that.

"For the duration of the trial, farmers will see the removal of red tape that will allow them to ready vehicles for protecting land, property, stocks and crops.

"The mosquito fleet as it's affectionately known, has been an incredible asset for regional, rural and remote areas and I am glad the Labor Government is supporting the farmers to continue their vital, life saving work."

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said, "Landholders in rural areas can play a key firefighting role and this trial allows us to test an arrangement that rural advocates have been calling for.

"February and March could be challenging months for bush and grass fires, and it is expected this exemption will make it easier for landholders to fight fires on or near their properties.

"This trial reflects our commitment to strengthening community safety and resilience, particularly in rural bush and grass-fire-prone regions."

Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers said:

"Landowners with these vehicles and equipment play a critical role as initial responders to grass fires.

"This will lead to an even more integrated relationship between farmers and the RFS, leveraging all available resources and the expertise and dedication of farmers in safeguarding our communities."

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs committee member Garry Grant said: "Stopping fires as soon as we can to minimise damage and loss is the ultimate goal. The opportunity to take part in this trial will see the important relationship between the RFS and farmers develop even further."

[Find further information and nominate a vehicle for the trial.](#)

Farmers can also contact [Service NSW](#) on [13 77 88](tel:137788) or visit their nearest Service NSW centre.

## Get your chef on!

### Library Members cooking competition

Eurobodalla Libraries' are celebrating the database.

"We are running a cooking competition using the recipes from the Food History: Printed and Manuscript Recipe Books, 1669-1990 database. This database has records of historic ingredients, food preparation techniques, and published and unpublished recipes as well as medicinal remedies and household recipes.

Head over to [our website](#) click on the home, cooking and gardening link, then click on the food history link. Your membership number is your sign in.

Our library staff entered the competition last year. We had a lot of fun with the recipes, and we won access to the Gale database for 12 months. Now it's your turn. All you need to do is select a recipe from the database and submit the following to the library:

- a photo of what you created and the name of the recipe you used
- your name and library membership number
- the name of the manuscript or monograph that the recipe came from
- a brief description of your creation
- a review of how it tasted, be honest!

Entries can be submitted via email to

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The competition closes 4pm on the 29 February 2024.

For further information please contact our friendly staff at your nearest library."



# SAGE Farmers Market

## Tuesday 3pm Moruya

[sagefarmersmarket.org.au](http://sagefarmersmarket.org.au)

growing the community



## Fire-Proof Power for South Durras

The South Durras community is now benefiting from disaster-resilient power-poles thanks to funding from the Australian Government and the tenacity of local campaigners. Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP joined with representatives from Essential Energy and Durras Community Association Vice President Trevor Daly this week to celebrate the completion of the last component of the resilient power and telecommunications upgrades in South Durras.

A key commitment for Fiona Phillips before the last election, the Albanese Government has provided \$221,000 to replace thirty timber power poles between South Durras and the Princes Highway with composite fire-proof poles and relocate power cables to the local NBN fixed-wireless tower underground. In the wake of the 2019-20 bushfires, members of the South Durras community sounded the alarm about how close the bushfire came to destroying their key power and communications infrastructure. Fiona Phillips worked with the community to ensure the key local infrastructure was protected for any future incidents.

Fiona Phillips MP said "It is no secret that our community is still recovering from those terrible bushfires. I have worked tirelessly to help ensure local villages right across the South Coast are better protected should the worst happen again, with a key focus on resilience in power and telecommunications.

"We know that one of the most terrifying things about the bushfires was that we lost power – impacting on water supply, food safety, health, and of course communications. No one wants to see that repeated.

"With the final piece of the puzzle now complete, I am simply delighted to see South Durras' power and telecommunications become more resilient thanks to this funding support.

"I'd like to sincerely thank Essential Energy for their work upgrading these power poles – and of course Trevor Daly and the Durras community for their ongoing advocacy on this.

"I will always do what I can to support sensible local projects which boost our resilience and prepare us better for the future."

According to Luke Jenner, Essential Energy's Chief Operating Officer, composite poles are an important addition to the electricity distribution network because they improve its resilience to the climate events that are becoming more and more frequent.

"The main benefit for a community to have composite power poles installed is electricity reliability. Unlike traditional timber poles, composite poles are immune to termite damage, they don't rot, and they are much more resistant to the effects of fire, which means the power is more likely to stay on.

"In the 2019 and 2020 bushfires, the fire totally destroyed the timber poles but the composite poles that had been installed were still standing.



Fiona Phillips MP with Trevor Daly (Durras Community Association), Penny Green and Darren Basterfield (Essential Energy.)

"Composite poles are made of fiberglass, similar to the mast of some yachts. They are much lighter than timber poles making them easier and safer for Essential Energy crews to install.

"It also means that we can transport more of them at one time, allowing us to restore power to communities quicker in the aftermath of an extreme weather event."

Dr Trevor Daly, Vice President, Durras Community Association said "The Durras community has campaigned long and hard since the end of the 2019-20 bushfires for these power pole replacements and several other critical infrastructure upgrades that will better protect our community during future bushfires and other emergencies. "We are delighted to see these pole replacement works completed and delivered as promised. We thank our local Federal MP Fiona Phillips and Essential Energy for their constant and strong support and for listening to our community.

"Upgrades of key infrastructure for improved emergency resilience are vitally important for at-risk coastal communities like Durras and are essential to protect our lives and homes.

"Maintaining the electricity supply during bushfires is critical for small communities like South Durras which rely on rainwater tanks for water supply. Without power you can't access tank water to protect your house during bushfires unless you have a generator or fuel fire-fighting pump.

"Electricity supply is also needed to maintain mobile phone and internet access so we are able to receive emergency warnings, keep track of nearby bushfire fronts and maintain communications during fires, storms and all types of emergencies."

Relocation of the NBN cable was completed in August 2023, with the final Essential Energy power poles replaced in December.

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

## Gadfly

To me, it's a simple choice – the tram or the hospital?

Regular readers will recall those unhappy nine hours I reported in July when advised by my GP to attend the Canberra Hospital's Emergency Department for a possible clot in the heart. I suspect they'll know which hand I'll raise.

For the uninitiated, having arrived at 5pm, I waited the usual four hours among the chaos before admission to the ED ward. And there I languished among the plastic cubicles, half-dressed and half-gowned, while the machines that go "ping!" played their torturous chimes, and the neglected woman in the next cubicle gradually dissolved into heart-rending tears.

Time adopts a new identity in an ED ward, especially when the "pings" are out of tune. It staggers forward then stops, reverses, and tries again, this time slipping sideways and spinning till the "pings" unite, then starts the fandango all over again.

By 1am she had reached the end of her tether and escaped untreated. I followed an hour and fifteen minutes later when the 'bed manager' had still not found a cot for my admission to a treatment ward. And there, I hoped, I could put the experience behind me.

Alas, it has proved impossible. It turns out that while my heart was clot-free the ordeal to my then weakened state – physical and mental – produced a 'setback' in my underlying COPD condition. The term describes the progressive descent of the symptoms – breathlessness, exhaustion, depression – toward the almost inevitable heart attack that finally extinguishes our brief candle.

One of the indicators became immediately apparent – a swelling of the ankles that signals heart failure, for which the best treatment is exercise and the occasional diuretic. That's partly why we bought a Unit with its own pool; but it's not designed for the seemingly endless winter of 2023!

Almost as frustrating was the mental cloud that formed around what had previously been my concept of the caring sanctuary of a hospital. This – in a nicer location – was the source of our greatest joy: the birth of our two sons, Robbie and Ben. And like most Canberrans we mourned its tragic passing when Chief Minister Kate Carnell made her one great mistake.

But that terrible implosion is long passed. The Barr-Rattenbury Government's mismanagement of its horrible successor was now a clear and present danger in my mind, even though I knew deep down that its staffers were kindly and conscientious. The compulsory post-operative visits there loomed like advancing nightmares. The breathlessness, I suspect, was as much mental as physical. But that didn't make it easier to bear, especially for a loving wife-cum-carer with her own natural concerns in the aging process.

Happily, a lifetime's devotion to authorship stepped in as two major projects demanded my total dedication – the biography of Charles Weston, the unheralded creator of Canberra's magnificent horticultural mantle; and the final scenes of my play, *The View from Golgotha*, set in the time and place of a great expectation.

But even they could not still the anger that rose whenever I looked back at the hospital starved for funds that could at least have provided treatment for my weeping neighbour in the plastic ED ward, and a bed for myself in the extremis of despair.

The outdated technology of a wildly expensive tramway seems a very poor substitute. Instead, I have a persistent vision of Mr Barr as Clark Gable in his famous final line of *Gone with the Wind*: 'Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.'

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## South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1179

### 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.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS







## A Beer with Bazz #145

With  
John  
Longhurst

Mick rubbed his chin and slid the schooner across to Bazza.

“Now... Bazza, I think it is appropriate we have a drink for ScoMo. He is quitting the parliament and taking up a couple of jobs. One as vice chair of security firm American Global Strategies and another as a member of the United States venture capital investor, DYNE Maritime’s, advisory board.”

Bazza rotated his schooner.

“Just the two jobs, Mick?” Crikey... he will have a day’s work finished by lunch time.”

Mick sighed.

“Be a bit gracious, Bazza. In fact, he will be working with a former Trump advisor with American Global Strategies and with the United States presidential election this year, he could be a man of influence.”

Bazza closed his eyes and rubbed his forehead.

“Well...I suppose he will end up throwing a bit of advice Donald Trump’s way. It reminds me of a quote from former New Zealand Prime Minister, Piggy Muldoon, who said ‘New Zealanders who leave for Australia raise the IQ of both countries.’”

A blank stare from Mick.

“You have completely lost me, Bazza. I am suggesting we just raise a glass to ScoMo and wish him the best, in these new roles.”

Bazza paused for a long moment, before reaching for his schooner.

“In fact...I will raise a glass. Given ScoMo is leaving the Australian Parliament and will probably end up throwing a bit of advice Donald Trump’s way. Well...I reckon he will single-handedly raise the honesty and integrity levels of both countries.”

Mick scratched his head.

Have a beer with Bazza at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)



## CARAVĀNA SUN With Benji and the Saltwater Sound System & Felicity Dowd

SATURDAY 9 MARCH

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Experience an afternoon of immersive sound under the early Autumn sun as Four Winds presents Caravāna Sun with some incredible special guests.

Celebrated by LOST Magazine as "the most explosive performance ever witnessed," Caravāna Sun guarantees an unforgettable showcase of 'genre' - with raw, electric energy transcending musical boundaries.

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Hailing from Southern Sydney, the quartet—Luke Carra, Ant Beard, Chris Smithson, and James Smithers— have globally captivated audiences with their dynamic live shows. The Sydney Morning Herald lauds their critically acclaimed album, Guerrilla Club, as a "sonic treat" with a remarkable 4/5 stars.

Performing in the expansive Sound Shell Outdoor Amphitheatre, with sensational food trucks, a bar and a family friendly atmosphere -

Four Winds will host Caravāna Sun alongside exceptional guest artists Benji and the Saltwater Sound System and Felicity Dowd.

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Workers on the Bodalla Estate

02-02-1924

**An old identity of the South Coast and southern districts – Mr. Anthony White** – died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Alfred Thompson, in Sydney, on Saturday, in his 85th year. He was a native of Batcomb, Somersetshire, England, and came to Australia when he was 16. Six years later he married and settled at Bodalla, where he took up land, eventually becoming one of the most successful farmers on the Far South Coast. He was for a long period associated with the Bodalla Estate in its earlier days, and gave much assistance in the development of that historic holding by the Mort family, being generally regarded as Mr. T. S. Mort’s “right-hand man” for a long time. He was one of many young settlers who joined in temporary depletion of the agricultural population of the Bodalla and Bega districts by the rushes to the Araluen, Major’s Creek, and the Gulph (Nerrigundah) goldfields in the ‘sixties and ‘seventies; but throughout the many and various changes that occurred as a result of the gold fever, he maintained his interests in agricultural occupation, and acquired several properties about Bodalla, chief of which was at Turlinjah. On his retirement a few years ago he came to reside in Sydney. He leaves seven sons, four daughters and 50 grandchildren. ...

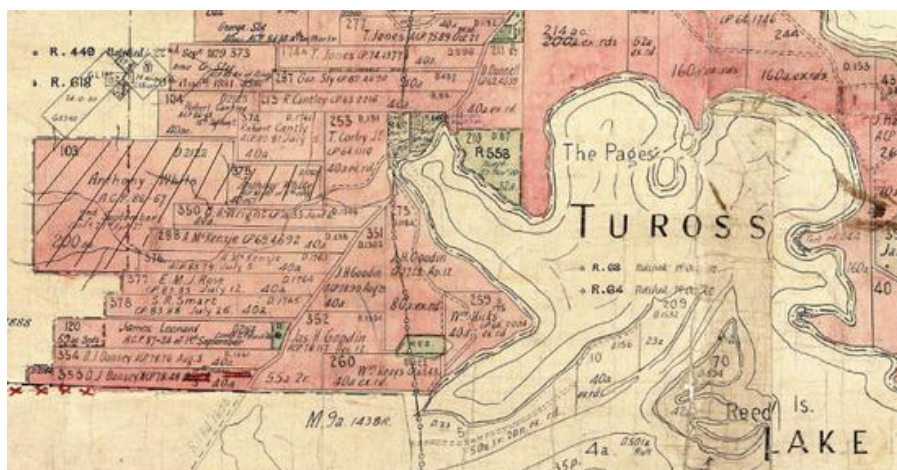
**Little Kevin Ryan**, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ryan, met with a painful accident on Thursday morning through a dog rushing at him when riding a bike down Campbell Street. Mr. Bull rendered first aid to the little fellow who was severely cut about the face and head through coming in violent contact with the road metal. Miss Bull afterwards drove the little sufferer to his home.

**The “Examiner” congratulates Dr. Cutler** on his up-to-dateness and enterprise in being the first in this district to install a wireless set at his residence.

The body of the late Mr. Anthony White is being brought by steamer from Sydney to Moruya and the funeral has been arranged to leave All Saints’ Church, Bodalla at 3 o’clock this (Saturday) afternoon for Bodalla cemetery.

**Sports at Coila.** There was good attendance at the sports arranged by the Coila C.E. parishioners in aid of their proposed new church. The sports took place on the Recreation Ground at Coila on Anniversary Day and was one of the most enjoyable carried out for many years. There was fun for old and young. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. Shumack, is entitled to much commendation for his excellent organisation throughout. Luncheon, afternoon tea, fruit and ice-creams were procurable on the ground, these being under the capable management of the Coila and Turlinjah ladies assisted by Mesdames Adams, G. Mercer, J. Burke and Siddall, of Moruya.

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



Anthony White Land holding Parish of Congo



## More Bulk Billing on the South Coast on Medicare's 40th Birthday

**Fiona Phillips MP**

1 February 2024 was Medicare's 40th Birthday, and residents on the South Coast are seeing the benefits of the Government's record investments to strengthen it. The Gilmore electorate has seen an increase of 4.3% in the rate of bulk billing in the first two months since the Albanese Government tripled the GP bulk billing incentive, amounting to an estimated 6,028 additional bulk billed trips to the GP. This has saved patients in Gilmore an estimated \$252,945 in gap fees in just the last two months, delivering cost of living relief when families on the South Coast need it most. The nationwide bulk billing rate has risen, with an estimated 360,000 additional trips to the GP being bulk billed. This has saved Australians more than \$15 million in GP gap fees in November and December.

This means that local children, pensioners, and healthcare card holders are finding it easier to see a bulk billing doctor than they have for decades. It also means that our local GPs who bulk bill are getting more Government support for their vital services.

Rural and regional Australians have benefited the most with an estimated additional 202,000 free visits to the GP in two months.

This landmark Budget initiative is a key part of the Government's Strengthening Medicare reforms and is the largest bulk billing investment in Medicare's 40-year history. These savings are in addition to the \$1,316,454 people in Gilmore have saved on 119,075 cheaper scripts as a result of Labor's cheaper medicines policies.

Labor introduced Medicare and now Labor is strengthening Medicare while delivering real cost of living relief to people on the South Coast.

Minister Butler said "Doctors' groups have called our tripling of the bulk billing incentive a game changer – and clearly it is.

"The Government committed to making it easier for people to see a bulk billing doctor – and the first two months of data show that is exactly what is happening right around the country, including here on the South Coast.

"This is a win all round – for patients, doctors and the health system – and will help to make Medicare stronger than it has ever been since Labor introduced it 40 years ago."

Fiona Phillips MP said "We know that we've seen an escalating GP crisis on the South Coast for far too long, with it getting harder and more expensive to see a doctor over a significant period of time.

"I am absolutely delighted to see real change to this, with local doctors and local patients telling me the positive difference our increased bulk billing rates and regional healthcare package are making for them.

"This is on top of the new Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic, significant savings from our cheaper medicines policy, and incentives to encourage more doctors to work in regional areas like ours.

"This data shows that local people on the South Coast are finding it easier to see a bulk billing doctor because of Labor's efforts to strengthen Medicare.

"Health is a key focus of mine and I will continue working hard every day to deliver these tangible improvements for our community – improving cost of living, taking pressure off our hospital system and supporting local doctors."



*Fiona Phillips outside the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic*

## Tuross Head Women's Bowling Club - Easter Market

The Tuross Head Women's Bowling Club will be holding their annual Easter Market on Sunday 31st March, on the green, at the Tuross Head Country Club. It will run between 9.00am – 1.00pm, with a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter egg hunt at 10.30am.

The market has now been running for 8 years and has grown into a wonderful community event. So far this year we have over 30 stalls booked, including bric-a-brac and ladies second-hand clothing, woodwork, jams, plants, fresh produce, handcrafts, honey, hand-painted art work, and so much more.

Whilst meandering through the stalls, you will be entertained with music on the Green, supplied by our local popular guitarist and singer, Rick Bamford. For those looking for something to fill their empty stomachs, the barbecue will be sizzling with hamburgers and sausages or you can partake in a Devonshire tea with freshly baked scones.

Leading up to the day, a mega Easter Raffle, with at least 8 prize bundles, including an inflatable stand-up paddle board, complete with pump and paddle, will be displayed at Club Tuross. Tickets will be sold in the weeks prior to the market, at Club Tuross. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Market.

The market is always a fun day, and we would encourage everyone to come along and join in the day. Whatever the weather the market will still go ahead. We have a wet weather plan, and while we might have to compromise on some space, we will still have a fun day.

If anyone would like a stall it is not too late - please contact Irene Macdonald on [macs53@bigpond.com](mailto:macs53@bigpond.com) or 0411756554. (\$15.00 for a 3m x 3m site).

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# Opportunity for Aboriginal artists: call for EOI

Council is seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal artists and designers looking to have their work integrated into our buildings, print collateral and uniforms.

Artist brief: We seek artwork representing Dhurga culture and culturally significant stories of Eurobodalla, 'land of many waters'. Artwork should reflect Eurobodalla's landscape or local flora or fauna, with ties to local Aboriginal culture.

The Aboriginal artist/designer should be recognised from Yuin Country and currently living in the Eurobodalla or accepted as having strong connections with the Aboriginal community here. The final artwork(s) must reflect the Artist Brief outlined in this document.

- The final artwork designs will be rendered with Council's graphic designer to be used as graphics appropriate for final outputs, for example, inclusion in exterior graphic panels or for use on printed collateral (internal and external documents and presentations), uniforms, etc as part of Council's acknowledgement of Country.
- A signed licence agreement between the artist/designer and Council will detail the copyright parameters for the work.
- A once off payment of \$5000 to the successful applicant to create the unique artwork/design for use by as outlined by Council, with 30% paid when the licence agreement is signed and the remaining 70% at the completion of the final work. This amount is consistent with the best practice standard for artist fees and wages under the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) Code of Practice.
- The design/artwork is to be completed within an agreed timeframe: initial concept is developed by Friday 12 April 2024 and the final design/artwork by Friday 10 May 2024.

- The design/artwork will be finalised in collaboration with Council's graphic designer to meet end product applications. The artist will review and approve all final outputs of artwork.
- Please complete the EOI application form by:

- Downloading to your computer or device to complete and return via email to Council's coordinator for creative arts development, [Indira Carmichael](#):
  - [Opportunity for Aboriginal artists EOI form \(659.8 KB\)](#)
- or
- posting all of your documentation to:
  - The General Manager
  - Ref: S026-T00010 / 2324-137
  - Eurobodalla Shire Council
  - PO Box 99 Moruya NSW 2537
  - Attention: Indira Carmichael

**Expressions of Interest must be received by Friday 1 March 2024, 4pm.**

Your EOI application must include:

- the Opportunity for Aboriginal artists Expression of Interest Form
- a one-page CV
- at least three to five images of your previous artworks/designs (do not send originals) with image captions, title, date, media, and dimensions.

Design ideas and/or concept sketches for your artwork and themes will be highly regarded.

Please ensure the total file size is no larger than 10MB.

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## Dark Side of the Moon - A Tribute to Pink Floyd

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Seven-piece Pink Floyd tribute act Run Like Hell are set to wow audiences by celebrating Pink Floyd's masterpiece Dark Side Of The Moon.

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Run Like Hell found success in 2022 and 2023 recreating the Wish You Were Here album to raptured Canberra audiences. In November 2023 the band sold out their show at the Canberra Southern Cross Club performing the Dark Side of the Moon in celebration of its 50th anniversary year.

Capturing the attention of Floyd fans is one thing, but seeing audience goers visibly emotional with joy is another. This is testament to the quality of the band's musicianship, their connection with the music, but most of all their connection with uncompromising Floyd fans. Run Like Hell are a Floydian experience not to be missed.



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## KLEZMER WORKSHOP - MORUYA

Klezmer workshop with guest leader Ilana Cravitz  
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 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
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- Arranging material

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The Near Missus



The band was formed to tribute Renee Geyer, Queen of Soul and Blues music. Tracey Stewart is on vocals, Peter Everett on drums, Dewi Tolman on bass, Jeff Cook on guitar and Jimmy Rowe on keyboards.

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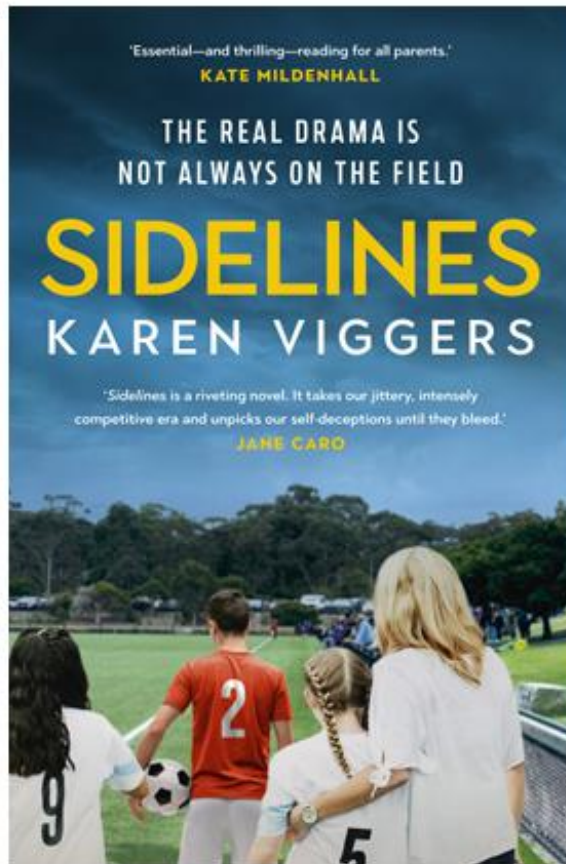
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Take your time exploring the endless possibilities of working with fabric and create unique, three-dimensional artworks. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, this workshop is perfect for anyone interested in textile sculpture. No previous machine embroidery skills required; Sue will guide you through all techniques. An understanding of your sewing machine functions is desirable but not necessary. For those who completed Sue's six-week freehand machinery embroidery program in 2023, this series is a natural progression. Note: Freehand embroidery foot is essential protective equipment for participation. Spaces are limited so secure your spot now for a creative journey in textile sculpture <https://thebas.com.au/.../sculpting-using-textiles-with...>

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## EPA announces new protections for endangered Southern Greater Gliders



### NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

Endangered Southern Greater Gliders across the east coast of NSW will be better protected under NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) amendments to forestry rules that will protect more hollow-bearing trees in operations where gliders are present.

From 9 February, changes to the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) protocols will come into effect, requiring Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) to meet new protection requirements for southern greater gliders.

EPA Chief Executive Officer, Tony Chappel said the change was a significant step-forward in the long-term protection of gliders as well as other native animals reliant on hollow-bearing trees such as possums, owls and parrots.

"This change means that instead of depending on unreliable point in time surveys to find the habitat of the gliders, we will assume the species is present and conserve their habitat," Mr Chappel said.

"This ensures the critical habitats of some of our most endangered and much-loved native animals are protected.

"We have reviewed extensive research, sought expert views and believe this change strikes the right balance, resulting in significant ecological and regulatory improvement to the current arrangements.

"We have also consulted FCNSW to ensure any potential timber supply impacts are known and managed.

"If non-compliances with these new conditions are found, the EPA will not hesitate to take appropriate regulatory action to ensure greater gliders are being protected in forestry operations."

The changes can be found on the EPA website [here](#)

The new CIFOA requirements include:

- A 50-metre exclusion zone around known recorded locations of greater glider dens.
- Protection of extra greater glider trees in addition to existing hollow bearing and giant tree requirements:
  1. Six trees per hectare greater than 80cm in diameter in high greater glider density areas, in addition to the eight hollow bearing trees currently required to be protected.
  2. Four trees per hectare greater than 50cm in diameter in lower density areas, in addition to the eight hollow bearing trees currently required to be protected.
  3. The retention of additional hollows and future hollow-bearing trees in areas where greater gliders are less likely to occur.
- Greater glider trees must prioritise hollows (especially ones with evidence of use) where they exist.
- Undertaking of a monitoring program to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of these new rules for greater gliders.
- A new map that shows where these different greater glider areas occur.

## EPA's capitulation to Forestry Corporation puts Greater Gliders on a fast track to extinction

### South East Forest Rescue

The NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has just amended the logging rules so that Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) no longer has to look for the dens of the Endangered Greater glider before it logs an area. This despite for months saying they were working on amendments to improve the survey requirements for gliders after FCNSW admitted they looked for the nocturnal species during the day.

Conservation group South East Forest Rescue (SEFR) has over the last few months been finding Greater Glider den trees that FCNSW has failed to find. One of these surveys resulted in a 40 day Stop work Order being issued to FCNSW in Flat Rock State Forest in November and being extended in December for another 40 days. On Monday SEFR sent a new report to the EPA after finding another 4 den trees with Greater Gliders and sighting a further 9. Rather than issue another Stop Work Order the EPA has instead said to Forestry don't bother looking for anymore.

"This is an outrageous outcome by the EPA who are meant to be looking after our Endangered species. They will now be complicit in the extinction of Greater Gliders" said Scott Daines from SEFR. "It's a complete regulatory failure and an abrogation of their duty to protect gliders."

"For months we have been showing FCNSW and the EPA that if you put the effort in you will find den trees. It is obvious now that FCNSW doesn't want to find den trees and now the EPA has capitulated to FCNSW" said Scott Daines "Leaving a few extra habitat trees per hectare will not protect gliders and claiming this is a good result is astonishing."

"Chris Minns and Penny Sharpe need to step in and fix this debacle that the EPA and Forestry have caused or be forever known as the Premier and Environment Minister that wiped out Greater Gliders." said Scott Daines

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# \$15 million grant to secure Cuttagee bridge future



**Bega Valley Shire** Councillors have endorsed a plan to secure a long-term future for Cuttagee bridge by formally accepting a \$15 million grant from the NSW Government. The grant intended to provide resilient, safe and high-quality road infrastructure was gratefully accepted by Council resolution with permission granted to Council's CEO to negotiate elements of the funding deed. Mayor, Russell Fitzpatrick said the funding from the NSW Government to renew the bridge and to ensure improved accessibility on this key regional road is greatly appreciated "We all like the appeal of a single lane timber bridge, but the fact remains that a two-lane concrete structure will outlast a timber bridge by several decades and considerably improve vital access to communities along the Tathra-Bermagui Road," Cr Fitzpatrick said. "I thank Councillors for a robust and respectful debate, and now we have a resolution to proceed." "Time is limited, with milestone conditions set as part of the funding deed so there is a need to move quickly. However, we are not in a position to start construction immediately with detailed design and costings to be undertaken. "Additionally, there are a number of activities to secure the relevant approvals including DAs for demolition and construction in this sensitive coastal area, and importantly the resolution of the heritage status of the bridge that is listed on our Local Environmental Plan. "We have granted permission for the CEO to negotiate elements of the agreement that will ultimately save time and money while delivering a resilient and low maintenance bridge that the community needs. "Chief among these is to request that the focus for design is only on two-lane concrete structures. These are stronger, safer, allow access for all vehicles including emergency services vehicles and can be built with less disruption to road users and local communities. "The condition of the current bridge means there isn't a feasible way to safely restore it without demolition and a full rebuild, so thoughtful planning for a 100-year lifespan with potentially greater traffic loads and usage into the future is essential.

"We understand some people in the community will be unhappy with this decision, however, recent engagement with local residents and business owners demonstrates a shift in favour towards a two-lane concrete bridge particularly following the recent Coolagolite/Bermagui Fires where this bridge was in critical danger and could easily have been destroyed had weather conditions not eased."

Cr Fitzpatrick said the generous grant from the NSW Government allows for the project to progress to the next stages of design scoping and approvals.

"The grant will allow us to determine the final cost of renewing Cuttagee bridge. Once determined we will be in a better place to leverage further funding to hopefully eliminate any impost on ratepayers.

"This is a highly valued and much-loved stretch of coast, and it is our role as Councillors to maintain access and a level of investment in the towns and villages from Bermagui to Tathra," Cr Fitzpatrick said. "Once an agreement has been signed with the funding body, Council staff will commence work immediately on the required milestone activities while informing and involving the community as the project commences."

## Funding for local street events

Councils across the state are being encouraged to hold more community events, with assistance from the NSW Government's Open Streets program.

At a time when cost of living pressures are being felt across the state, this program will offer much needed assistance for local communities to come together.

Under Open Streets, councils can apply for up to \$150,000 to facilitate the closure of streets to vehicles to host creative and cultural events that are free to access and safe to enjoy. Depending on the community and the location, this could include markets, live performances, outdoor dining, artistic installations or street parties.

Open Streets is part of the NSW Government's \$15 million Vibrant Streets package and complements the Vibrancy reforms that passed Parliament in December. The reforms introduced a streamlined process that involves no Development Application.

The reforms will substantially reduce the costs associated with street closures and traffic planning for events – in many cases by a fifth of the current cost. It can currently cost between \$48,000 – \$122,000, depending on the street and area, to close a local street for an event.

Applications open from Monday 29 January, with activities and events funded under the program to be held by January 2025. For more information visit [Vibrant Streets Package website](#).

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For more information about Chips, please call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410016612.



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**FORCE OF NATURE:**  
**THE DRY**

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TWO TICKETS TO GREECE M, 1H 50M, FRENCH COMEDY	11.25am 4.30pm	11.25am 4.30pm	10.30am 5.20pm			11.25am 4.30pm	11.25am 4.30pm
ARGYLLE M, 2H 19M, ACTION/THRILLER	2.25pm* 7.05pm*	2.25pm* 7.05pm*	3pm* 7.30pm*			2.25pm* 7.05pm*	2.25pm* 7.05pm*
MEAN GIRLS PG, 1H 52M, COMEDY/MUSICAL	5pm*		5.35pm*			5pm*	5pm*
POOR THINGS MA, 2H 21M, COMEDY/DRAMA	1.45pm 6.45pm	1.45pm 6.45pm	12.40pm 7.45pm*			1.45pm 6.45pm	1.45pm 6.45pm
THE COLOUR PURPLE M, 2H 21M, DRAMA/MUSICAL	11.45am*	11.45am*	12.25pm*			11.45am*	11.45am*
ANYONE BUT YOU (LAST CHANCE) MA 15+, 1H 43M, COMEDY/ROMANCE		5pm*	3.20pm				
WONKA (LAST CHANCE) PG, 1H 56M, ADVENTURE/COMEDY			10.15am*				



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ANYONE BUT YOU MA15+ 103 MIN	7:15 PM	4:50 PM	4:50 PM		CLOSED	7:15 PM	7:15 PM
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FERRARI MA15+ 130 MIN	1:20 PM	1:25 PM	1:25 PM			1:10 PM	1:20 PM
FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 M 112 MIN		12:40 PM 7:30 PM	12:40 PM 7:30 PM	11:00 AM 2:35pm			
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ONE LIFE PG 109 MIN				10:55 AM		12:00 PM	
POOR THINGS MA15+ 141 MIN	2:10 PM	2:50 PM	2:50 PM	1:05 PM		2:10 PM	2:10 PM
THE BEEKEEPER MA15+ 105 MIN	4:50 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	4:45 PM		4:50 PM	4:50 PM
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WISH PG 95 MIN		10:45 AM	10:45 AM				
WONKA PG 116 MIN	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM			10:30 AM	10:30 AM




**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.




**ARGYLLE**  
 M | 2hrs 19min ~ *Action* ~ *Comedy* ~  
*Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard & Dua Lipa*  
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**The Holdovers**  
 PAUL GIAMATTI



**THE IRON CLAW**  
 MA | 2hrs 12min ~ *Drama* ~ *Comedy* ~  
*Zac Efron, Jeremy Allen White & Harris Dickson*  
 The true story of the inseparable Von Erich brothers, who made history in the intensely competitive world of professional wrestling in the early 1980s.



**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."



**MADAME WEB**  
 DAKOTA JOHNSON



**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.

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**POOR THINGS**  
 MA | 2hrs 21min ~ *Sci-Fi* ~ *Romance* ~  
*Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo & William Dafoe*  
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 U8's Tackle- 21st March - Thursday 4:30pm  
 U8's tag- 21st March - Thursday 4:30pm  
 U9's Tackle- 21st March - Thursday 4:30pm  
 U10's Tag- 2nd April Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm  
 U10's Tackle- 29th Feb - Thursdays 4:30 pm  
 U11's Tackle- 5th March Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm  
 U12's Tag- 5th March Tuesday & Thursday 4pm  
 U12's Tackle- 29th Feb Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm  
 U13's Tackle- 5th March Tuesday & Thursday 4:30pm  
 U14's Tag- TBC  
 U14's Tackle- 13th Feb Tuesday & Thursday 4:30  
 U16's Tag- TBC  
 U16's Tackle- 6th Feb Tuesday & Thursday 5pm



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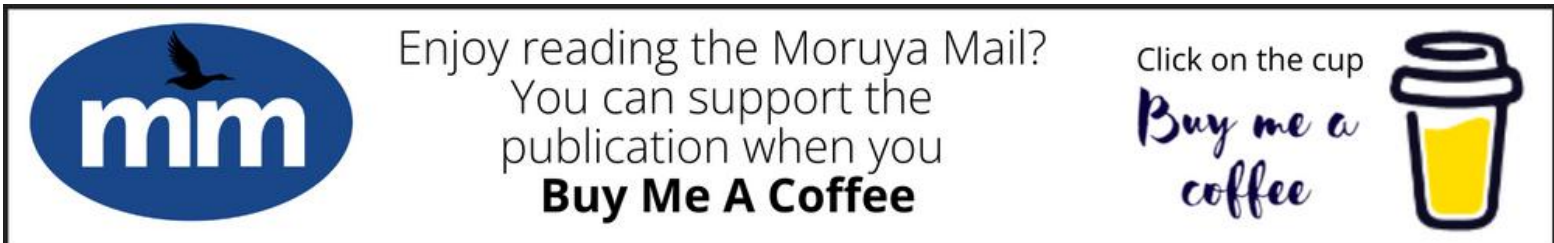
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## South Coast Community Kitchen

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.

## Have your say to help shape how TAFE NSW responds to your community's needs.

Every community is different, and TAFE NSW wants to better understand the needs and aspirations of the communities we serve. So, for the very first time, TAFE NSW is providing all residents of NSW with the opportunity to have their say about their local TAFE. By better understanding local needs, we can deliver more effective, meaningful services. Have your say by 5 pm Tuesday 6 February 2024 at [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/tafensw](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/tafensw)

## South Coast History Society at the Libraries

The release of 'Extraordinary Histories' has provided the Society with an excuse to talk South Coast history at:

- Moruya Library on Thursday 18th April at 10.30am.
- Batemans Bay Library on Tuesday 9th April at 2pm
- Nowra Library on Tuesday 6th February at 10.30am
- Ulladulla Library on Tuesday 6th February at 2pm
- Narooma Library on Friday 5th April at 10.30am

## A few 2024 Diary Dates

- 1-3 March - Cobargo Folk Festival
- 8 March - International Women's Day
- 21 March - Harmony Day
- 3- 4 May - Narooma Oyster Festival

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Eligibility:

- ➔ be over the age of 15 and live in Eurobodalla
- ➔ you can be enrolled, or not enrolled in school
- ➔ all ages are welcome!

For more details come along to our info session:

- ➔ Wednesday, 7 February 2024
- ➔ 10.30am - 11.30am, The Job Shop, 53 Queen Street Moruya.

To book contact Amy from the ESC Employment Team on 4474 7380 or email [amy.kovacs@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amy.kovacs@esc.nsw.gov.au)

## NSW Rural Fire Service

The RFS Benevolent Fund provides RFS members and their families with practical, tangible and compassionate relief from poverty, distress or other significant hardship, including the families of firefighters killed on duty and those injured on the fireground.

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## Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya Moruya River.

We have had vast improvements throughout the Moruya system this week, with signs that things are back to normal. Whiting have been reported from as low as the airport flats and back of the hole in the wall all the way up past the hospital. A sure sign the river conditions are back.

There continue to be good flathead captures up and down the system this week, along with some nice bream hanging around structure. The rock wall edges and oyster leases seem to be holding a few bream to date. The quarry wharf still holds a few tailor, bream flathead and the occasional small mulloway.

The town bridge has good numbers of flathead, bream, estuary perch and even whiting working the flats. Live nippers are my preferred bait when bait fishing this area, while soft plastics and hard body.urge will also work a treat.

We are moving into a few of the best months of the year to fish, so get out amongst it.

### Tuross River.

The still seems to large amounts of debris floating in Tuross, and an eye needs to kept out when boating this system. Graham was out there several trips this week, and has warned that there are still some motor destroying submerged logs in the system. Go easy, and keep a keen eye out.

There have been some good reports from the lower to middle sections of the river of a mulloway this last week, along with the usual flathead captures. Areas like the boat shed and fourways are good places to start looking.

The Bodalla bridge continues to hold flathead in the main channel, along with bream and estuary perch along the snags that line the river.

For the bass guys, there have been good reports of lots bass in the upper reaches. A bit of exploration with a kayak or canoe is the best way to find these hard fighting Aussie freshwater icon. Spinnerbaits, hard body lures and soft plastics during the day light hours and surface presentations during the low light dusk periods will see some big surface boots.

### Rock and beach.

Salmon, bream, whiting and flathead are the main objectives off of the beach this week, and the have been plentiful for those that have found where they are hiding. Pilchards are the go to bait for the salmon, while the bream whiting and flathead will take worms or pipis fished in the close gutters.

### Offshore.

Snapper, flathead and morwong have been reported around several reefs this week, while the game crews are taking advantage of the very warm currents pushing down the coast that are holding some good marlin.

The weekend looks to be a little windy at this stage, so if you are planning a trip offshore, keep an eye on the forecast.

The bait freezer is still missing a few items, but we do have limited stock of mullet fillet and a good supply of king worms along with pipis as of this week. Hawksbury prawns are still a no show, as is whitebait.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**



## MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

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Winner: Greg Smith

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 31st January 2024.

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford event today. The weather was overcast with a light shower falling and the course was in great condition.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Greg Smith with 23 points
- 2nd: Paul Pereira with 22 points
- 3rd: Steve Gardner with 21 points
- 4th: Don Russell with 20 points (countback)
- 5th: Leonie Snodgrass with 20 points (countback)
- 6th: Ian Miller with 20 points (countback)
- 7th: Derek Hoare with 20 points (countback)
- 8th: Ted Quinlan with 20 points (countback)
- 9th: Greg Bush with 20 points
- 10th: John Cox with 19 points
- 11th: Jane Eglitis with 19 points
- 12th: Steve Collins with 19 points
- 13th: Peter Coffey with 19 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Peter McRae and Rick Brake (in the hole)
- 6th: Ken Hush
- 7th: Ladies: Leonie Snodgrass
- Mens: Steve Collins

Accuracy: Derek Hoare

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### Tuross Head Stableford Medley Golf Results

Thursday 25th January 2024

A field of 42 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Simon French (15) with 42 points
  - 2nd: Ron Rogers (17) with 41 points
  - 3rd: Ian McManus (11) with 40 points
  - 4th: Brad Doolan (6) with 39 points
  - 5th: Ian Manton (19) with 38 points
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|----------------------|----------|
| Nearest to the Pins: | Distance |
| 4A: Ian McManus      | 0.98     |
| 4B: Mark Haberkorn   | 1.64     |
| 4C: Terry Milliken   | 10.14    |
| 6A: Alan Langford    | 2.60     |
| 6B: Paul Coffey      | 3.01     |
| 6C: Nil              |          |
| 7A: Brad Doolan      | 0.79     |
| 7B: Nil              |          |
| 7C: Nil              |          |

Balls went to: Graeme Sindel 37, Jim Wade 37, Colin Houghton 35, Steve Gardner 35, Darrell Kildey 34, Tony Brown 34, Anthony Mellick 33, Allan Langford 33, Bruce Harding 32, Troy Kingdom 32, Wayne Fullerton 32 and Nick Brice 32.



Winner: Simon French (left) with Club Captain Peter Engelbrecht



Winner Mark Haberkorn (right) and Men's Club treasurer Ian Kingston

### Tuross Head Stableford Medley Golf Results

Saturday 27th January 2024

A good field of 64 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Haberkorn (17) with 38 points
  - 2nd: Bruce Handley (13) with 38 points
  - 3rd: Robert McDonnell (20) with 37 points
  - 4th: William Steenbergen (19) with 37 points
  - 5th: Derek Hoare (31) with 36 points
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| Nearest to the Pins:  | Distance |
| 4A: Chris Rowe        | 4.10     |
| 4B: Grant Kiely       | 3.10     |
| 4C: Peter Garn        | 4.37     |
| 6A: Brad Doolan       | 3.11     |
| 6B: Grant Kiely       | 3.79     |
| 6C: Peter Coffey      | 1.15     |
| 7A: Lars Gaupset      | 7.62     |
| 7B: Shelley Pritchard | 3.63     |
| 7C: Nil               |          |

Balls went to:

Stephen Swanbury 36, Mark Jackson 36, Michael Coloe 36, Bruce Martin 35, John Phyland 35, David Gray 35, Martin Booth 35, Colin Houghton 35, Brad Doolan 34, Tony Brown 34, John Eglitis 33, Ian Kingston 33, Shelley Pritchett 33, Ian McManus 32, Anthony Mellick 32, Ross Hendy 32, Greg Maloney 32, James Paton 32, Lars Gaupset 32 and Steve Collins 32.



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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 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

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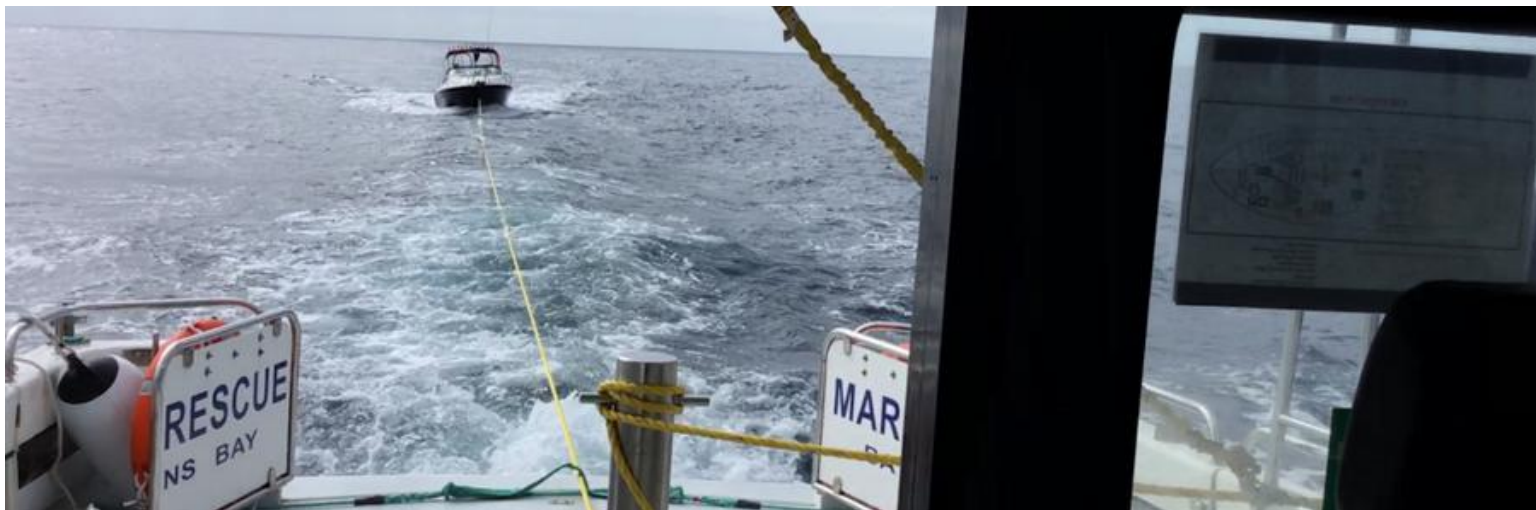
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**Marine Rescue Batemans Bay crew returns stranded fishers safely to shore**

Four fishers stranded 15 kilometres off Malua Bay after their boat suffered mechanical failure this morning (2 FEB) have been rescued by a volunteer crew from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay. Marine Rescue NSW Inspector Glenn Sullivan said a call for assistance was received from the stricken vessel just after 8:30am.

“A volunteer crew from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay was tasked and rescue vessel Batemans Bay 30 was on-water at 9am. “Initially we were told the vessel was around 28 kilometres off shore but once our crew was on route the distance was actually 15 kilometres. Thankfully the forecast conditions weren’t as challenging as expected and our crew reached the distressed vessel in just over 30 minutes. All on board the distressed vessel were safe and the disabled six to seven metre cabin runabout was towed back to Hanging Rock boat ramp.”

“Our crew responded swiftly and with the assistance of radio operators from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay completed the mission just after 11am. As the crew on board Batemans 30 were returning to base conditions were starting to deteriorate and the northeasterly has picked up. A hazardous surf warning is in place for the Batemans Coast so we ask all boaters to assess the conditions before heading out. For those further south, a gale warning is currently in place for the Eden Coast and it is not advisable to head out on the water,” Inspector Sullivan 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.

**Marine Rescue NSW commits large contingent to important cross-agency flood capability training exercise**

Around 50 Marine Rescue NSW volunteers from across the Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Hunter/Central Coast, Greater Sydney, Illawarra and Monaro regions will take part in the NSW State Emergency Service’s annual state-wide flood capability training exercise ‘Who Let the Boats Out’ this Saturday, 3 February.

Marine Rescue NSW General Manager Training and Capability Brad Whittaker said 21 Marine Rescue NSW vessels will be involved in Saturday’s exercise.

“It is a great opportunity for Marine Rescue NSW to work with other rescue agencies, specifically the SES in the flood rescue space and one of our targets is to improve our overall capability to support a state-wide uptake in flood rescue capability,” he said.

Mr Whittaker said it is vitally important for rescue agencies to work together and participate in coordinated training.

“That is the best way that we will be able to save lives during a real state-wide emergency.

“This is a great opportunity without the pressure of a real rescue situation to test ourselves out, to develop our skills and to most importantly find ways where we can work together smoothly and efficiently,” Mr Whittaker said.

Following the recommendations of the 2022 NSW Flood Inquiry and funding from the NSW Government, Marine Rescue NSW has been building capability and capacity to support the NSW SES and other agencies during significant emergencies.

Mr Whittaker said Marine Rescue NSW’s new custom designed multi-purpose vessels will be involved in this Saturday’s exercise.

“The Marine Rescue NSW multi-purpose vessels are shared across the state as rescue assets that will be deployed outside our normal area of operations.

“Whilst our members have been trained on the craft and inducted on them, it is important to put them into real training situations out of our normal operating areas.

“When we do these activities with agencies like the NSW SES it allows us to put our craft into a flood rescue context and to develop our skills with that in mind.

“The community can be assured that in the event of a real emergency on our waterways this Saturday, our rescue craft and volunteer crews at our 46 units across NSW will be ready to respond,” Mr Whittaker said.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers from the following units will be involved in this weekend’s NSW SES exercise: Point Danger, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Forster Tuncurry, Lemon Tree Passage, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Tuggerah Lakes, Central Coast, Hawkesbury, Cottage Point, Middle Harbour, Port Jackson, Sydney, Ulladulla, Batemans Bay and Tuross Moruya.

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Photo of the start :Terry Paton.

## Batemans Bay Sailing Club Report 26/1/24

By Lachlan Brown

"It was a great day for sailing on Australia Day when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the annual Bengello Property Services 2 Bays race. A fierce forecast deterred a couple of potential competitors and in the end only 3 yachts started the race. The course was an upwind leg from the start to the Marine Park Middle Mark, then down the coast to a mark off South Broulee, around Broulee Island to another mark off North Broulee before returning up the coast to the finish line at Caseys Beach.

All 3 yachts started the race with reefed mainsails and #3 or #4 headsails up. However instead of building to 20+ knots as forecast, the SSE breeze dropped down to about 12 knots. The yachts were seriously underpowered as a result and ended up shaking out the reefed mainsails and changing up to bigger headsails. After an even start, "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) was moving better on the work to the Middle Mark and hence Burrewarra Headland than the Adams designed sister ships "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) and "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop). At the South Broulee mark "Moonmist" was well ahead of "Wishful Thinking". "Accolade" trailed the field but made up considerable ground by carrying a spinnaker on the short leg around Broulee Island into North Broulee.

It was a spinnaker run home from Burrewarra Headland to the finish. "Moonmist" covered the moves from the other boats by gybing to stay between them and the finish.

"Accolade" got away from "Wishful" under spinnaker and closed in on "Moonmist" when she got a wineglass in the spinnaker on the last gybe before the finish line.

"Moonmist" was 38 seconds ahead at the finish line but won on PHS and AMS calculations by a wide margin. Full results are up on the BBSC website [www.bbsc.org.au](http://www.bbsc.org.au) . Thanks to our intrepid starters Terry Paton and Andrew Bain and to race sponsor Simon Lowth of Bengello Property Services. The next BBSC keelboat race will be a Bay Cup race on Feb 3rd."

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# This year's Narooma Duck Race winner was a clear winner



And they're racing! The start of the 2024 Great Australia Day Narooma Rotary Duck Race



The winner was Duck 144, held aloft by Rachel McInnes.



Duck 144 was held by Jeremy Westgarth of Hornsby, shown here with his mother Sharon who purchased the ticket. They never miss the Rotary Duck Race.




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By Laurelle Pacey

This year's Great Australia Day Narooma Rotary Duck Race was "quite fast with the tightest group of racing ducks I've ever seen," said Race Coordinator David McInnes.

"They quickly formed a tight bunch, with no milling around, and headed for the finishing line with only about a dozen succumbing to the southerly and heading for Mill Bay," he said.

"Duck 144 then shot ahead to be the clear winner."

The delighted ticket holder, Jeremy Westgarth of Hornsby, was watching the race with his family.

"We come every year when we're down visiting family," said his mother Sharon Schweisfurth.

"We never miss; it's such a fun event." Sharon bought seven tickets and divvied them up among the family.

Jeremy has been saving hard for a new guitar; now his \$1,000 prize means he can buy it.

Last was Duck 966, held by well-known Narooma local Edward Tierney who wins \$100.

Narooma Rotary President Lynn Hastings thanked everyone who helped launch the ducks and recover them, especially Narooma Surf Club and Marine Rescue members.

"We couldn't run this great event without their assistance," she said.

"We love how much our community has embraced this fun event attracting hundreds of people each year."

Proceeds this year will go towards Carers' Accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and other Rotary charities.



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