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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Wet & Windy Photos zoomed into the cruise ship tender coming ashore at Batemans Bay from the Seabourn Odyssey. Seabourn Odyssey has 229 suites and is just under 200m long.

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Congo Road Reopening Stalled After Supreme Court Hearing

By Phil Herrick

Work to reopen Congo Road remains on hold indefinitely following a Supreme Court hearing last week. Roy Shepherd, the landholder who closed the road, took council to court in an attempt to block plans to reopen the road.

The Shepherds, who operate a sand mine on the land, closed the section of the road that crossed their property in 2021 when concerns were raised about liability and other issues.

At a council meeting last November the decision was made to approve a survey of the proposed path to reopen the road and send it to the Registrar General. Once registered, the way will be clear for construction to commence. In the Public Forum at that meeting Norm Shepherd, representing the owners, was critical of the proposed route, saying they preferred a northern alignment that had previously been discussed with council. He said the proposed route meant more trees would have to be removed. He also criticised the lack of consultation by council and questioned why the landowner would have to pay for fencing along a road that was being built by council. Immediately after the council decision Roy Shepherd commenced legal proceedings challenging the council decision. The matter was heard in the Supreme Court in Sydney last Thursday and Friday with Justice Rothman presiding.

Evidence was filed in advance of the hearing and barristers for each party presented submissions over two days. Judgment has been reserved by the court and council has promised to advise the Congo community as soon as the outcome is known. This may take a number of months. Registration of the road survey plan and work on reopening the road is on hold until the legal proceedings have been resolved.

A council spokesperson said council looks forward to the court providing clarity on the matter, especially considering this is the first time these provisions of the Roads Act have been tested in Court.

“We appreciate the patience and goodwill of the Congo community while council attempts to resolve this long-standing matter,” she said.

EPA’s Forestry Protocol postponed



TSF Southern greater glider. Credit Pavel German

NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has announced today “The commencement of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) protocol and the site-specific biodiversity condition for greater gliders will be postponed by a week.

Last week, we announced changes to the protocol which will have an important role in protecting hollow bearing trees.

We have been consulting with stakeholders and considering their feedback to ensure we find the most appropriate way to address concerns while achieving long-term protections for this endangered species.

Existing requirements remain in force during this period and we will not hesitate to take regulatory action, including stop work orders, where we think there will be non-compliance.

Until the protocol and site-specific biodiversity conditions are finalised, we will treat all glider habitat forests as high risk.

We want to thank all stakeholders for working with us as we refine these changes.”

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Time to help shape the Shire's future



Council staff get to know some locals at the first Eurobodalla Community Strategic Plan pop-up session at the agriculture show in Moruya.

Mayor Mathew Hatcher is asking Eurobodalla residents to help shape the shire's future.

"People will shortly start to see and hear our 'Towards 2042' advertising around the place, asking the Eurobodalla community to provide input to our Community Strategic Plan. We want everyone to have their say before March 15," he said.

Community strategic plans are reviewed and updated before each new term of Council, and Mayor Hatcher said it's important to check in and make sure the plan is on track with the community's priorities and aspirations.

"Council has a custodial role to initiate and prepare a Community Strategic Plan - making sure it's an accurate representation of our future, so the whole community is working towards a shared vision," Mayor Hatcher said

"It's a long-term plan and we're asking everyone to envision the next 10 years - what makes Eurobodalla a great place to live and what challenges are there?"

"Answers to these questions will highlight what our community wants to see Council achieve in the next 10 years and beyond."

"That plan then feeds the Council's four-year delivery program and annual operational plans."

Over the next six weeks, Council staff will collect feedback from residents, businesses and community groups through an [online survey](#) and [pop-up sessions](#).

"It takes about six minutes to complete the online survey, but if you're not up for that, Council staff will be at pop-up sessions across the shire to write down your thoughts for our future," Mayor Hatcher said.

"They'll also send a discussion guide to community groups and give out drawing sheets to kids for their big ideas too." Feedback from engagement efforts will be used to draft a revised plan in time for the next elected Council to set their agenda.

Mayor Hatcher said the review of the Community Strategic Plan was "a little different" this time.

"We are using the same engagement tools and questions as other councils in the region," Mayor Hatcher said.

"This means we will be able to update our own Community Strategic Plan while also contributing to a regional plan with our neighbouring shires on common matters."

To get involved and complete the survey, visit www.oureurobodalla.esc.nsw.gov.au/towards2042

Eurobodalla 'Towards 2042' Community Strategic Plan pop-ups

- **Moruya Country Market** - Riverside Park Moruya, 10 February, 8am-12pm
- **Batemans Bay Village Centre** - Perry Street Batemans Bay, 16 February, 9am-4pm
- **South Broulee Beach**, 18 February, 9.30am-12.30pm
- **Narooma Rotary Markets** - NATA Oval Narooma, 25 February, 8.30am-1pm
- **Bodalla Dairy Shed** - Princes Highway Bodalla, 1 March, 10am-1pm

ADELAIDE HOTEL MORUYA

Upcoming music at the Addie

• February 17th Jamie Agius

During our busy summer period - Bookings are essential. Our Addie Eats summer bistro hours are 12pm-2pm (lunch) & 6pm - 8:30pm (dinner). To make a booking please ring prior to service periods as these are our most busiest times of the year. Thanks in advance looking forward to seeing you at the Addie!

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New youth van rolls into action at Narooma pool party



Council's Rhonnie South and Michaela Burtenshaw cheer as local teen named Oliver and Mayor Mathew Hatcher cut the ribbon to the new youth van.

Council's youth van made its debut at a pool party in Narooma and is ready to pop-up in a space near you. The van is bright and colourful just like the team driving it, says Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher. "I am loving Council's initiative to go mobile and pop-up at different locations across the shire," he said. "We all know kids are looking for things to do, so this is one way for them to break up routine and have some fun after school with our awesome youth team – Ashley, Michaela and Rhonnie." To find out where the van will be throughout the year, follow 'Eurobodalla Youth' on Instagram. The van is stocked with snacks and activities and could turn any open space into a fun scene for youth. The initiative was officially announced at a youth pool party event at Narooma pool on Friday 2 February. The van was set up alongside other youth services, lawn games, arts and crafts tables and free tacos. However, the hot afternoon meant splashing about and cooling off in the pool was the favourite activity. "It was a great afternoon at Narooma, with kids clearly loving the inflatables and water pistols in the pool," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Everyone joined into Muladha Gamara's welcome to country. It felt right to invite a young person up to cut the ribbon, so Oliver won the lucky draw to do the honours with me before everyone bolted back to the pool." Council's youth and community development coordinator Rhonnie South said the team looked forward to their first few pop-ups. "We're keen to build relationships with more teens and hear what they want to do," she said. "If we hear they want to learn things like bicycle maintenance or maybe a dance routine for example, we could bring in some local talent to meet us at the pop-up and run a workshop." "There are loads of possibilities; we can't wait to see what the year brings now we have a set of wheels to reach young people in all corners of our shire." Council funded the van with support from Coordinare and St Vincent de Paul for the fit out. Council's youth team will continue to work with the Eurobodalla youth committee and local services to bring activities and after-school programs. "Being mobile also means our qualified youth workers can increase social supports and provide young people with more opportunities to build social connections and positive relationships," Ms South said.



What's on at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya

1 - 5 Princes Hwy, Moruya (02) 4474 4399

We are back on as usual for our **SUMMER SUNSET SOUNDS** again Saturday 10th February with the lovely DJ STEPH! 430-730pm - chilled vibe - think "BALI BEACH CLUB"!

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- \$5 Canadian Club and Dry Cans

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Services Australia Visits



Services Australia's Mobile Service Centre Golden Wattle is visiting towns in the Eurobodalla region in the coming weeks, offering locals easy access to Medicare, Centrelink, National Disability Insurance Scheme, and Department of Veterans' Affairs services.

Golden Wattle will visit:

- **Tuross Head** on Monday 19 February One Tree Point car park, Tuross Boulevard (9:30 am to 4:00 pm)
- **Moruya** on Tuesday 20 February car park opposite Riverside Park, Shore Street (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- **Tomakin** on Wednesday 21 February Melville Point Reserve car park, Red Hill Parade (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- **Mogo** on Thursday 22 February Charles Street car park, Charles Street (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)

Mobile Service Centres are 20 tonne trucks operated by staff from Services Australia, providing regional and rural Australians with friendly face-to-face service and tailored support. Staff on board this trip can help with:

- Centrelink claims,
- Medicare registrations, and
- accessing online services.

Information about National Disability Insurance Scheme and Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available.

For more information, including stopping times, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

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Productivity Commission releases report on Closing the Gap

The NSW Government has welcomed the Productivity Commission's review on federal and state government progress towards improved life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities across the country.

The report notes that, in order to see change, business-as-usual must be a thing of the past.

The NSW Government couldn't agree more, which is why we, together with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations – or NSW CAPO – are partnering with Aboriginal communities to design new policies and programs that will make a difference.

But this is a long game. The gap that we seek to close has been created over many decades, and the solutions will take time.

We are deeply committed to that long game and take heart in the fact that the Commission highlights the progress NSW has made in some key areas, such as NSW's unique commitment to transformational reform under Closing the Gap Priority Reform 4.

The report also notes that NSW is one of the few jurisdictions nationwide to have amended our Cabinet and Budget processes to reflect the requirements of the National Agreement.

Over the next 12 months we will continue to deliver the NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2022-2024, which includes 142 initiatives supported by \$221 million over 4 years from the NSW Government. This includes \$24 million to support NSW CAPO and its important work.

Our next Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2024-25 and subsequent plans, which will be developed in partnership with NSW CAPO, will provide an opportunity for us to consider the recommendations of the Productivity Commission review and how they can be applied in NSW.

The report states that the Closing the Gap Agreement requires government decision-makers to accept that they do not know what is best for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We understand that Aboriginal people and communities in NSW are best placed to make decisions for themselves.

This is a key feature of our work under Priority Reform 1, which speaks to formal partnerships and shared decision-making.

Our commitment to Closing the Gap and Priority Reform 1 includes our plans to undertake a 12-month consultation process with Aboriginal communities to determine how to best move forward on Treaty and agreement making and what it might look like. This process will commence this year.

It also includes regular meetings with NSW CAPO to discuss how we are jointly progressing against the Closing the Gap priority reforms. The next meeting will take place next week.

We will also shortly announce a new NSW Partnership Agreement with NSW CAPO and Local Government NSW.

This new agreement demonstrates our commitment to working in true partnership to share responsibility with Aboriginal organisations to Close the Gap.

We are committed to implementing meaningful and holistic changes to best serve Aboriginal people and communities in this state.

Permanent roles for Aboriginal staff supports cultural safety in classrooms

NSW Department of Education

Aboriginal students will benefit from stability and connection in their schools thanks to a NSW Government initiative that has increased the number of permanent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teaching and support staff.

NSW Department of Education Secretary Murat Dizdar said 182 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff have accepted permanent employment under the plan to move temporary staff into permanent roles.

This includes 90 Aboriginal Education Officers, 33 teachers, two Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers and 57 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in other support roles.

Mr Dizdar said the Department was committed to ensuring every student can learn, grow and belong at school through its NSW Plan for Public Education.

"A permanent position provides our Aboriginal educators and support staff with financial security and allows them to remain in their school as strong cultural support for our students," he said. "This stability and connection will help drive improved outcomes for our Aboriginal students."

There are 2843 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff employed in NSW public schools.

Schools with an eligible Aboriginal Education Officer and all Connected Communities schools were included in the first round of the temporary to permanent scheme, highlighting the importance that the NSW Government places on supporting Aboriginal students in the public education system.

"Our students cannot be what they cannot see. For our Aboriginal students, having Aboriginal leaders in their school as role models opens their eyes to the vast world of post-school opportunities," Mr Dizdar said.

"We want all our schools to be safe and inclusive environments that celebrate the strength of our vibrant, diverse and multicultural communities."

Research shows Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander educators and support staff play a key role ensuring Aboriginal students feel culturally safe in their schools.

As well as supporting their students in the key areas of learning, culture and community, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander teachers and support staff are role models

NAIDOC Week activity grants open

Eurobodalla Council is offering grants of up to \$500 for NAIDOC Week projects celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievement.

The funding is for community groups, schools and not-for-profits looking to run activities and events that make a positive contribution to the community with creativity, vision and originality during the July celebration.

Grants have previously been awarded for Aboriginal flag-raising ceremonies, story-telling activities, sports and games, cultural artefact displays, language programs, art and craft demonstrations, bush tucker gardens, and murals.

Applications close 17 March and successful applicants will be notified in May.

For more information visit Council's [NAIDOC Week activity grants webpage](#).

Fels' review confirms corporate practices as key drivers of inflation

The Australia Institute | Centre for Future Work

The Australia Institute welcomes the report of the Inquiry Into Price Gouging and Unfair Pricing Practices, chaired by Prof Allan Fels, and delivered today to the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Key points:

- The Australia Institute and its Centre for Future Work, which were among the first to identify the role of record-high corporate profits in driving the acceleration of inflation after the COVID lockdowns, made a major submission to the Fels inquiry and appeared before its public hearing in Melbourne in September 2023
- A 2023 Centre for Future Work report showed that over two-thirds of excess economy-wide inflation (above the RBA's 2.5% target) from end-2019 through the September quarter of 2022 was attributable to higher unit corporate profits.
- Australia Institute reports documented that the rise in profits was strongest in industries with concentrated or strategic power in the broader economy: including mining and energy, manufacturing, construction and wholesale trade.

"Prof Fels' careful review confirms that price-setting strategies by corporations, including many obviously unfair and exploitative practices, have contributed significantly to the cost-of-living crisis afflicting Australian households," said Greg Jericho, Chief Economist for the Australia Institute.

"Since the current inflationary cycle began after COVID lockdowns, there has been too much attention on wages, labour costs, and consumer spending as the supposed drivers of higher prices. The RBA and other policy-makers have been too slow to acknowledge the role of profit and greed in pushing up prices.

"This inquiry marshals abundant evidence from official statistical agencies, international economic organisations, think tanks and academic research to show that corporations have taken advantage of the pandemic and its aftermath to exploit consumers and drive up inflation.

"Prof Fels' report contributes to a more accurate understanding of what is causing the cost-of-living crisis, and a more balanced and fair strategy for solving it.

"Australian corporate profits have moderated in the last year, as supply chains were repaired and energy prices retreated. This has been crucial to the partial slowdown in inflation experienced in the same time.

"But further reductions in prices for many essential goods and services are required to fully repair living standards, and Prof Fels' recommendations for more exposure of excess prices and stronger competition measures to reduce them would help a lot."

More choice of cars to save on fuel

The Federal Government is delivering more cars that are cheaper to run, giving motorists choice by introducing a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard for Australia.

The United States has had a similar policy in place for fifty years. But because of a decade of delay and denial, Australia still stands alongside Russia as one of the only advanced economies without the Standard. This is costing families and businesses thousands of dollars at the petrol pump.

The Albanese Government's New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will push car makers to give Australian motorists more choices of new cars, utes and vans that use less fuel and that have until now only been available to buyers in overseas markets.

The preferred model for the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, made available today on cleanercars.gov.au, has been under development since the Government committed to the Standard last year - to ensure it strikes the right balance in giving Australians more choice while using less petrol.

If Australia catches up with the Standard in the U.S. by around 2028, Australians stand to save about \$1000 per vehicle per year.

The Standard will only apply to new passenger and light commercial vehicles, not used or existing vehicles. They work by providing car companies with targets for average emissions per kilometre from new vehicles sold.

The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will deliver more vehicles to Australia with the latest engine and design technologies to ensure lower fuel bills, meaning bigger savings at the petrol pump.

The Albanese Government will consult on the preferred model for a month and introduce the legislation as soon as possible, with the new cost saving rules to come into effect by 1 January 2025.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen said "Because of a lack of action on an Efficiency Standard, Australian families are paying around \$1000 a year more than they need to be for their annual fuel bill - the Albanese Government is delivering long-term cost-of-living relief to fix that for new vehicles and put money back in people's pockets."

"We're giving Australians more choice to spend less on petrol, by catching up with the U.S- this will save Australian motorists \$100bn in fuel costs to 2050."

"This is about ensuring Australian families and businesses can choose the latest and most efficient cars and utes, whether they're petrol and diesel engines, or hybrid, or electric."

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What Fungi Festival Achieved in 2023

The 2023 Fungi Festival was held over one-month last winter and planning for the 2024 Festival is well underway. The evaluation for the 2023 Festival is now complete and found that the Festival was highly successful. The diverse range of over 30 quality events across Bega Valley and Eurobodalla were enjoyed by locals and attracted visitors to the region in the off-peak tourist season.

In total, over 625 people participated in booked Fungi Festival events. This is in addition to those that participated in non-booked events and the 25 participating private businesses and three community-based organisations. It is estimated that the total number of participants was between 800 and 1,000.

The Fungi Festival supported local businesses. Almost 10% of visitors came from outside the area and spent up to \$29,000 in the region over the month. This represents a 4.8 multiplier on the initial investment. Many visitors to Fungi Festival noted their intent to return at other times of the year. In addition, the Festival's extensive media coverage also raised the profile of the region we had over 4,000 distinct visitors to the website in a three-month period.

Most of the Fungi Festival events were fully booked, and most participating businesses considered that the Fungi Festival met or exceeded their expectations. Overall, they experienced an increase in business during the Festival, and within two months of the Festival, almost half had a follow-on increase in business as a result of the Festival. This was also reflected by survey respondents of whom over 5% had already purchased books on fungi from participating businesses, a further 5 – 10% had purchased materials to grow mushrooms and 12% had purchased a meal (in addition to the booked dinners) within two months of the Festival. Significantly, over 20% planned to buy more books and materials to grow mushrooms and 50% to purchase meals from participating venues.

As a result of the Fungi Festival, people learnt how to grow mushrooms and have now started to grow them at home. Others learnt about the contribution of fungi to healthy natural environments, gardens and food production. "I learnt so much about fungi that I previously had no knowledge of! How interconnected plants and trees are underground with fungi ... connecting them, ... how essential and intrinsic fungi are to the environment" Impressively, 75% of those who had learnt something new, had already applied this knowledge across a wide range of areas; from growing or cooking mushrooms to fungi photography. Others were now managing their garden or property to promote growth of beneficial fungi. For example, one person has "left an area under one tree to experiment with different fallen leaves, sticks, bark to see what diversity I can encourage".



The mushroom and truffle meals were well enjoyed. People tried food and restaurants that they may not normally eat. Jenny said "the dinners were amazing. I normally don't eat mushrooms and now I do – they are really good". The Fungi Festival is helping develop strong communities. This was through attending events with family or friends which built on or created common interests and improved relationships. Other attendees found the opportunity to meet people with a common interest and establish new networks extremely positive. Some participants noted that they had continued to develop these interrelationships since the Festival.

The Committee noted how instrumental the initial grant received from Mumbulla Community Foundation was for the success of the Festival. Their funding enabled the Festival to secure a nationally recognised keynote speaker – critical in the success of the Festival. The funding from local Chamber of Commerce (Tilba and Narooma) and businesses (the Whale Real Estate in Narooma and Mushgrow Wood Pellets in Eden) was also critical for the Festival's success.



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

Gadfly

There is a gaping hole at the centre of our democracy that is distorting – if not corrupting – our elections. It sucks in the big money to political parties which repay in kind, whatever the cost to those of us who vote on the issues at play.

It makes a mockery of the true test of governance – one vote, one value. The parties use Socratic arguments to muddy the waters, but it is not only a blot on our system, it is fixable. And here's the rub – it would be greatly to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's advantage to fix it...and I suspect he will. The ideal of course, is public financing of elections with a fair distribution of funds to candidates.

The most obvious example of the problem has been the big consulting firms – Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PwC – who collectively raked in more than \$4 billion in Federal Government contracts over the past decade after an outlay of a mere fraction of their investment to the major parties.

This revealed a conflict of interest which resulted in a PwC partner being booted off the Tax Practitioners Board. And they quickly broke off the tentacle of their operation that dealt directly with government and expected us to believe that gaping hole was closed, for them at least. Truth is, the damage was done;

according to the Centre for Public Integrity,

'A peculiar feature of the Big Four's donations is that they are largely party indiscriminate. Between 2012-13 and 2020-22, some 47.8 per cent were to the Labour Party, whereas 52.19 per cent were to the Coalition. [This] shows that their donations are unrelated to any ideological goal or end sought but are rather focused on currying favour with whoever may be in power. 'This trend in bipartisan donations has been observed among other large industries in Australia and characterised as a form of "state capture".'

The Albanese government, through Katy Gallagher as Finance Minister, is embarked on the long, tedious task of returning some of the expensive expertise provided by the big four to the APS. Such is the speed of IT research, there will always be a gap between the multiple private frontiers and the public application. But at least that gaping hole can be minimised.

Traditionally, business big and small has backed the Coalition while the Trade Unions have been the mainstay of Labor. While private funding by certain businesses and connected individuals (such as developers) may be simply banned outright, Labor has claimed – correctly, if historically – that its members are simply the parliamentary expression of the unions' ambitions.

That is no longer true, as the Big Four funding illustrated. More importantly, selective funding is now employed piecemeal by affiliated unions to particular factions of Labor, thereby giving them extra power within the party, often to the detriment of good policy, and always to the cost of unity within Labor leadership.

Albanese, on the Left of the Party suffers from the threat of the well-funded right wing, the bailiwick of his long-term opponent Bill Shorten whose eager leadership ambitions are still unrequited. This provides Albanese with the chance to adopt a statesmanlike position that cuts those Union ties as a quid pro quo while cracking down on the chief coalition source to distorting – not to say corrupting – our electoral system.

Does he have the courage and the political finesse to pull it off? Well, if the neat way he dealt with Peter Dutton on the Stage 3 tax issue is any guide, I suspect that gaping hole at the centre of our democracy has an appointment with a political 'shrink'.

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South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1181

Check Your Spam or Junk Email Folder

Email has certainly replaced many other forms of communication that we use to regularly use. Our office use to fax quite a lot of information to solicitors and reports to vendors were printed and posted. Now, most of this is done by email. One person in our office now subscribes to a greeting card service to email animated birthday and other cards to family and friends. BUT, how often have you missed an important email because it ended up in your spam or junk folder and sometimes for no apparent reason. Sometimes technologies like antispam can work "for-you-or-agin-you". So, how often do you check your spam/junk folder? Most email systems will show you a number next to the folder to indicate new emails are in there. Our advice is to check that regularly and if sending something important it pays to ring and double check they have received it into their INBOX.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS





A Beer with Bazz #146

With
John
Longhurst

Bazza rubbed his chin as he flicked through news on his iPad. He paused for a chuckle and looked up as Mick approached with two schooners.

“There you go, Bazza. What’s amusing?”

“Thanks Mick. Well.... the French farmers’ unions don’t muck around when they protest. They block traffic and dump manure and rotting produce in front of government buildings. They are fighting for a better deal. They certainly make the French government take notice and bring about some action*.”

Mick furrowed his brow.

“All a bit militant, Bazza...no wonder you support those tactics.”

Bazza grinned and took a long sip.

“Ahh Mick...what I like is the farmers are fighting for something in France. In Australia the organisations representing farmers seem to spend all their effort opposing something.”

Bazza paused.

“Now, Mick compare the French farmers to the Rally Against Reckless Renewables in Canberra last week where your mate Barnaby Joyce was leading the charge**. The French farmers are for something, whereas the National Party, who claim to represent farmers in Australia, run negative campaigns... from anti vaccinations to opposing climate change policies.”

Mick rubbed his chin and took a sip.

“They are standing up for their membership, Bazza.”

Bazza rubbed his forehead. “I wonder to what extent they reflect farmers’ views. In fact, I reckon a lot of farmers would not support some of these ‘causes’. I get the impression Barnaby trawls through the internet to find something to oppose and then goes after it... in Trump like fashion.”

Mick leaned in.

“That’s a bit harsh, Bazza. What do you expect them to do?”

Bazza took another sip.

“Campaign for something that farmers care about, like the unfair bargaining position they are in when it comes to supermarkets. Coles and Woolworths dominate the setting farm of gate prices. They have too much bargaining power. It is little wonder their profit margins are considerably higher than countries with greater supermarket competition**. I just wonder what the French farmers would do in light of this unfairness.”

Mick bit his bottom lip.

“I actually agree with you for once, Bazza. What’s your suggestion?”

Bazza chuckled.

“Make more noise for a start, identify all the impediments to increasing competition amongst supermarkets and maybe think about ways farmers can bargain collectively or set some minimums.”

Mick’s eyes widened.

‘Ahh come on, Mick.... The government has just passed legislation to improve the livelihood of workers in the ‘gig’ economy...you know Uber drivers and the like... I reckon farmers could benefit from something similar.”

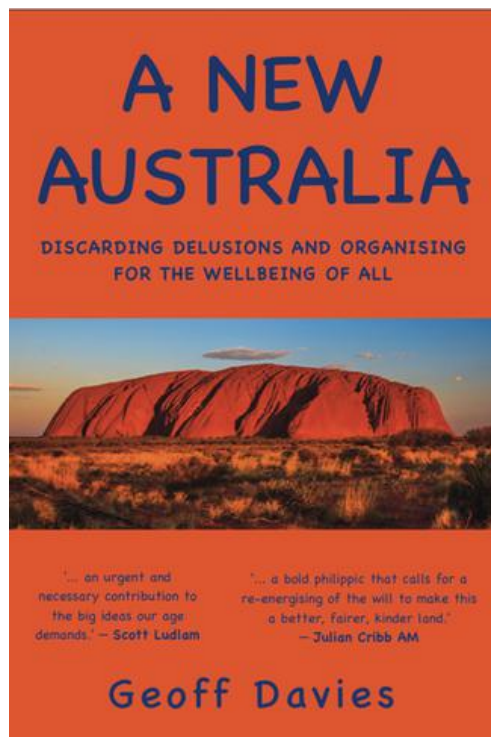
Mick shook his head.

“The National Party opposed that change, Bazza. They are against it.”

Bazza laughed out loud.

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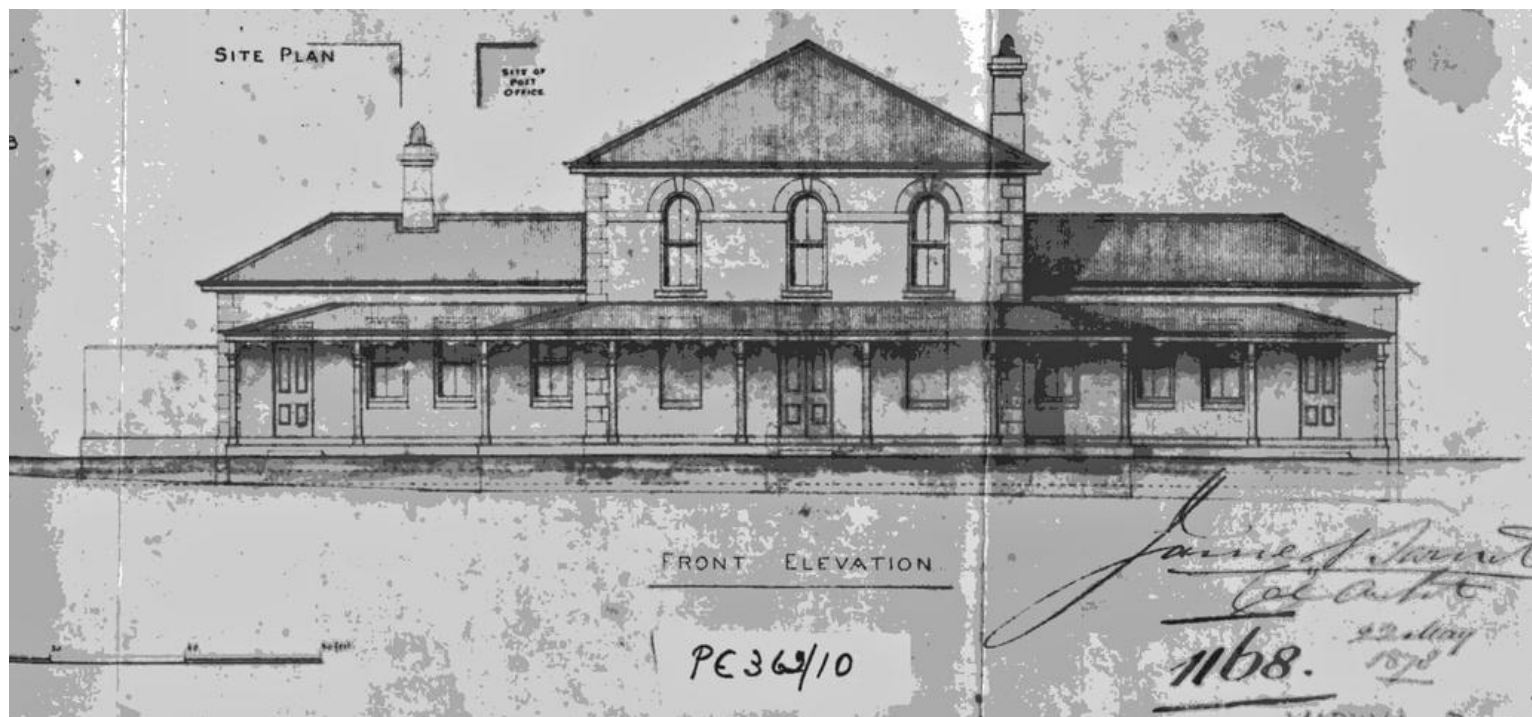
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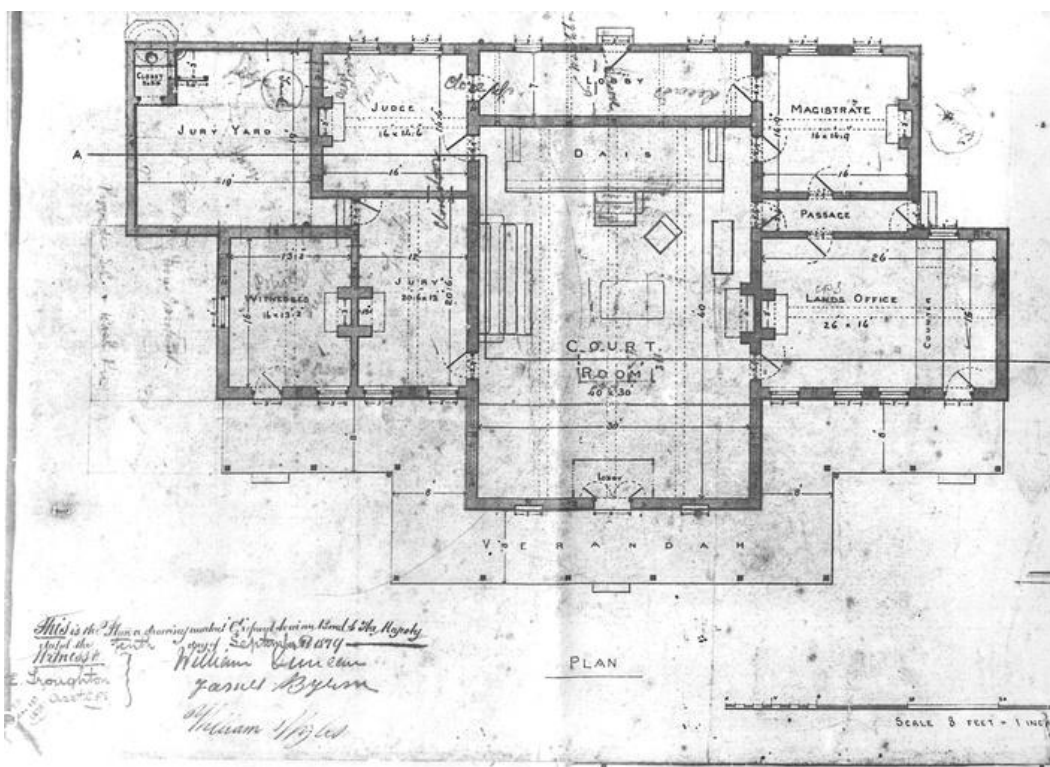
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Very deep sympathy is expressed for Messrs. J. A. and J. S. Greig, of Bingie, and Mrs. McTavish, (North Coast) on the death of their sister, Mrs. R. Vagg of Brogo, whose demise took place in the Bega Hospital last week. Deceased, who was a native of Moruya, was 58 years of age, and was taken seriously ill a few days before admission to hospital. A widower and a family of four are left to mourn their irreparable loss. There passed to his eternal reward on Friday, 31st ult., a nonagenarian in the person of **Mr. John Nunan, of Bergalia.** Born in Ireland 93 years ago, he came when a boy with his parents to Australia. He served his apprenticeship to his father as a carpenter in the Illawarra district. His marriage with Miss Elizabeth Donnelly, of Dapto, took place in 1861. Subsequently he came to this district, selecting land at Bergalia, where he has resided for over 40 years, and where he reared a highly respected family of 13, ten of whom survive him. In his early days he was an enthusiastic sportsman, being one of the district's noted bowlers, and was often carried shoulder high off the cricket field. He won distinction among the knights of the willow and secured many trophies of victory. ... Left to mourn him is a widow and a grown up family of ten.

On Monday night at a quarter to eight the electric light on the Court House corner pole was switched on by Mr. C. Johnson. There was a good concourse of people to witness and participate in the opening ceremony. Before pressing the button Mr. Johnson said it was a great honor for him to have the privilege of switching on the light, and he hoped that it would be an acquisition to the town and surrounding district. It was the thought of the Progress Association for nearly three years that an electric light, if possible, should be placed at the corner instead of the carbide one. ... Others who spoke in honor of the occasion were Messrs. C. Carter, C. Cheeseman, A. Louttit, and H. J. Thomson. All were of the opinion that the light would be of great benefit to the people in general, and that perhaps it may be the nucleus of a few more lights about town in the near future.

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Moruya Court House Plan

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The Climate Council's report 'Climate whiplash: wild swings between weather extremes' concludes that Australia's summer of dangerous downpours and scorching heat is consistent with six symptoms of a warming planet.

New South Wales' climate whiplash has already seen:

- Australia's driest three months on record, then intense rainfall across much of New South Wales.
- December temperatures well above average across northern New South Wales, despite wet conditions.

Weeks of high humidity, with Sydney hitting its highest dew point on record.

2023's announcement of an El Niño and an early start to fire seasons in New South Wales boded for a hot, dry summer. What NSW experienced instead was wild swings between extreme heat, dangerous rainfall and sweltering humidity.

The report reiterates that climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil, and gas, is supercharging Australia's weather systems, making them more unpredictable and dangerous than ever before. It also warns that the weather of the past may no longer be a reliable guide for the future. Hot on the heels of El Niño come concerns that La Niña, a climate driver associated with floods and storms, may return as early as mid this year.

Dr Simon Bradshaw, Director of Research at the Climate Council said "For too many communities, the great Australian summer is now something to be feared. Climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil and gas, means our weather is more extreme, dangerous and unpredictable.

"From intense heat and fierce fire conditions to flooding rains and back again, Australians are experiencing climate whiplash: hurtled from one extreme to another with little time to recover.

"The stifling humidity, intense storms, soaring temperatures and other extremes of recent months are all key signs of a fast-warming planet.

"We know what we need to do to better protect Australian communities. It starts with cutting Australia's climate pollution. We must urgently reform our national environment law so that we stop adding fuel to the fire by approving new coal and gas projects, and we must lock in the proposed fuel efficiency standard as soon as possible. At the same time, we must work much harder to prepare communities for the climate impacts of today and tomorrow."

Professor Lesley Hughes, Climate Councillor said "Wild swings from fires to floods are threatening the people we love and the places we call home. Climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil, and gas, has worsened Australia's weather from coast to coast, with almost every state breaking extreme weather records this summer.

"This report makes it clear that we can no longer rely on the past to predict the future when it comes to our weather. Climate change is causing erratic swings from sweltering heat to devastating downpours, and it is increasingly hard to predict what each season will bring.

"But we are not without hope or guidance - what we can rely on is the science. The same science that has been warning us for decades that days like these would come, also spells out the solutions we so desperately need. The science tells us that the only way out of this is to leave coal, oil and gas in the ground for good - not tomorrow or the next day, but now."

Greg Mullins AOFSM, Founder of Emergency Leaders for Climate Action said: "The start of the fire season was ferocious, and it came too soon. Climate change closed the window we once used to conduct critical hazard reduction burns; suddenly swinging from too wet, to too dry and dangerous. Catastrophic fire warnings were recorded around the country, and homes and lives were lost to deadly blazes all before December.

"Off the back of the driest three months ever recorded in our history came a deluge of floods and storms, once again pushing emergency services to capacity and forcing communities to fend for themselves. Communities must be given what they need to prepare for and respond to disasters.

"It is unfathomable to me that, while we face fires and floods, we continue contributing to the problem. Australia must leave coal, oil and gas behind for the sake of our future. The alternative is simply not an option."



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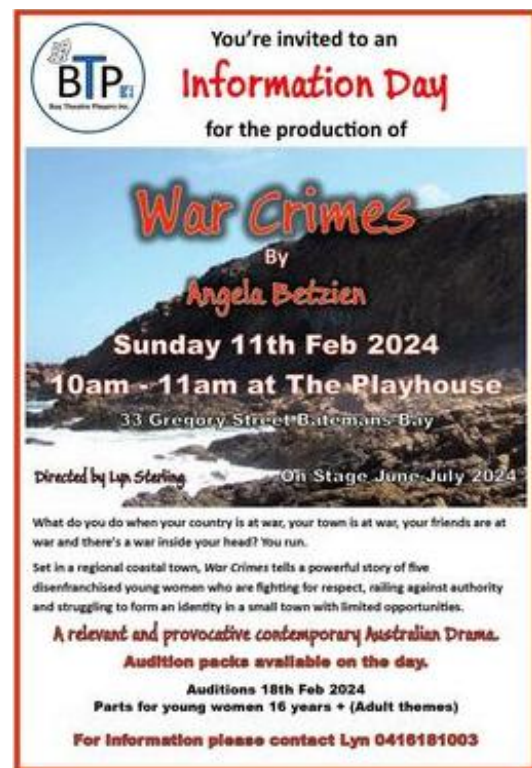
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Artwork by Jo Victoria, *Breath of wind*, 2023



Mixed media artwork by Margaret Ainscow titled *Red*, 2023.

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The range of artistic practices - installation, drawing, objects, ceramics, textiles, enamelling and painting reflects not only the versatility of the artists but the rich storehouse of subject matter.

The artists

Diane Appleby continues to develop her intimate, enamelled, hollow forms but the gestural marks on their surface have been expanded to create drawing as wall installations which form a dynamic backdrop to her objects.

Margaret Ainscow has enlarged her three-dimensional, intertwined fabric and wire ribbons to create a sombre, linear wall wreath.

Jo Victoria has moulded paper shapes to echo and contrast her porcelain forms and allow for greater expansion of her spatial installations.

Stephanie Simko has broadened her use of textiles to allow spontaneous mark-making on expansive silk canvasses contrasted with wire forms to throw fine shadows over the surface.

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 Tastiest Tomatoes – Philip Bentley
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Champion Exhibit – Jason Denaro

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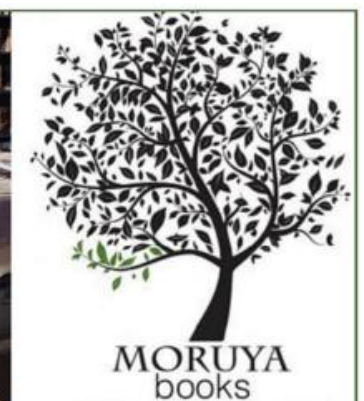
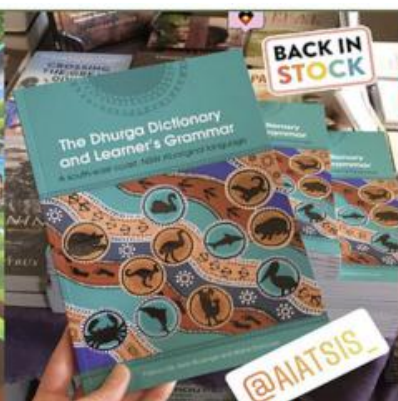
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Narooma Rotary celebrates local Youth



Narooma Rotary Tertiary Scholar 2023 Milaina Café, her Club counsellor David McInnes, the Club's 2024 Tertiary Scholar Nico Van Delft-Twyford and his Club counsellor Françoise Cleret at the Club's Youth Night.

Celebrating Narooma's youth and the many Rotary programmes to support them was a great start for Narooma Rotary's year last Thursday.

Youth Night Chair David McInnes' passion for the opportunities the Club provides for Narooma High students was evident throughout the evening.

A major Narooma Rotary programme is the three-year Tertiary Scholarship to a student from Narooma High each year valued at \$6,000 a year. "Selecting that student is such an uplifting experience," he said. The Club is trying to make contact with all Narooma Rotary scholarship winners from over more than 30 years.

The Club's 2024 Tertiary Scholar Nico Van Delft-Twyford of Bermagui said the scholarship will allow him to focus much more on his studies. His course through the University of Wollongong and TAFE will lead him to a career in cyber security.

Its 2023 Scholar Melaina Cafe is doing a double degree at Australian National University. Her favourite subjects last year were philosophy and ethics. A message from the other current Scholar Raichel Brodie (2022) was read out during the evening.

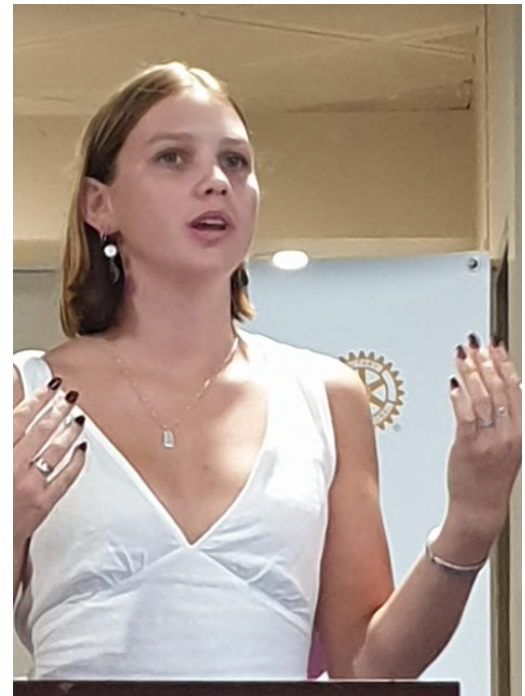
The Club's Rotary Exchange student Lachie Penglase has now started school in Japan and his father Tony shared Lachie's news to date.

Teacher Dion Cafe praised the "wonderful" Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme at Moruya for Year 11 students across the Shire. He has coordinated Narooma High students for 16 years; "students get so much from it", he would like attendance to be compulsory.

The Club also caught up with Ella Marshall, part of Narooma High's team to the Model United Nation Assembly in Canberra last year, and Harmony Canon from the school's Robotics team.

Youth Director Ange Ulrichsen read out a message from Narooma High Principal Fiona Jackson who could not attend. She said Narooma High's year had started "with great excitement after the fabulous 2023 HSC results, and... this has laid the foundation along with their sporting success to start an extremely exciting first term."

Interested in joining Narooma Rotary? Please see naroomarotary.org.au, or email president@naroomarotary.org.au.



Ella Marshall, part of the Narooma High team at the Model United Nation Assembly in Canberra last year, said she learned a lot about international relations and how the United Nations worked.

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SAVE CUTTAGEE BRIDGE GROUP

Far South Coast community disillusioned by what looks like complete disregard for due process.

Cuttagee Bridge is one of NSW South Coast’s iconic timber bridges.

In March, 2021, some 14,000 people signed a petition supporting repair and restoration work to this heritage-listed bridge, whilst expressing overwhelming opposition to its demolition and replacement with a concrete bridge.

In 2023, the NSW State Government, through local member Dr Michael Holland, committed \$15m towards “the restoration of Cuttagee Bridge”.

This funding commitment was widely celebrated as an example of government listening to the wishes of local people and others who love the Bega Valley.

Since then, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has been working with Bega Valley Shire Council to prepare a Deed of Agreement, including options for this work, whilst the community has waited patiently for the public consultation process to begin. We are utterly shocked, therefore, by what took place at the Council meeting held on 31 January.

Mayor Fitzpatrick moved a motion to accept the \$15 million funding but proposed that it should be dedicated only to the demolition and replacement of Cuttagee Bridge and the construction of a two-lane concrete bridge in its place.

In an extraordinary further development, the motion delegated the Chief Executive Officer, Anthony McMahon, to unilaterally re-negotiate the options within the Deed of Agreement with TfNSW. Mayor Fitzpatrick’s motion was presented to the meeting without notice to the community and to the obvious surprise of some of the councillors.

Nonetheless, five councillors, including David Porter and Liz Seckold, who have previously made public commitments to restoring the Bridge, voted in favour of this motion.

We applaud the three councillors who kept the faith with our community and voted against: Helen O’Neil, Cathy Griff and Karen Wright.

Councillor Joy Robin was absent.

Our community, and others who visit this region, can rightfully be very disillusioned by what looks like complete disregard for due process. It is now clear that the Council refuses to consider making Cuttagee Bridge safe and fit for purpose whilst preserving its heritage values, despite plentiful professional evidence that this can be achieved. Timber bridges have been recently constructed by NSW councils with great success, for example, the Runnyford Bridge in Eurobodalla and the South Arm Bridge in Byron Shire.

Council’s decision denies the community the opportunity to consider and comment on the other options, as included in this Deed of Agreement, and imposes only one possible outcome: a two-lane concrete replacement.

Throwing out the other options makes a mockery of community consultation and may imperil the \$15m funding – and what future then for Cuttagee Bridge?

The community and Save Cuttagee Bridge Group demand that options be reinstated and thoroughly and fairly assessed, and the community must be properly consulted if the Council is to keep faith with its community and demonstrate its commitment to good governance.

Load limits change for four Bega Valley shire bridges

Four council bridges now have new load limits in place following a resolution at December’s Council meeting.

Council’s Structure Engineer, Richard Cunningham said the new limits are due to declining asset conditions and their current limitations in carrying capacity.

“We know imposing new load limits may cause frustration for some users, however safety is Council’s first consideration,” Mr Cunningham said.

“The new load limits are unlikely to affect most existing road users.

“Existing users of Head of Cuttagee and Wapengo Lake Roads will remain largely unaffected, with heavier vehicles, such as most mobile cranes, excluded.”

Bridge and location	Limit imposed
Wapengo Creek bridge on Tathra Bermagui Road, Wapengo	Axle group limits: single axle 9t, twin-axle 16.5t, <u>tri-axle 20t</u>
Murrah River bridge on Tathra Bermagui Road, Murrah	Axle group limits; single axle 9t, twin-axle 16.5t, <u>tri-axle 20t</u>
The un-named bridge on Head of Cuttagee Road, Cuttagee	22.5t Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) limit
The un-named bridge on Wapengo Lake Road, Wapengo	22.5t GVM limit

The new limits will affect Over-Size and Over-Mass (OSOM) vehicles using the Tathra Bermagui Road, who require permits from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

A Variable Message Sign (VMS) is in place before Wapengo bridge, advising road users of restrictions at Wapengo and Murrah bridges. These signs will be in place for about two weeks.



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Deserves a Loving
Home

Donate through Return and Earn

From 1 December 2023-1 March 2024, take your eligible bottles and cans to any depositing container in NSW and opt to donate your refund to the **AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch** campaign "Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home" via the Return and Earn App on your phone



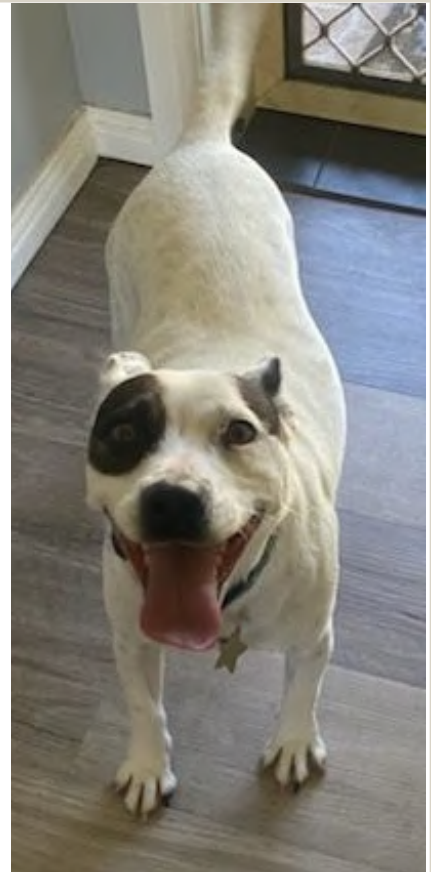
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Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla

We hope you will help us find the right home for Rain, a small to medium mixed breed dog who was left at the pound when pregnant. Rain went on to deliver eight puppies and proved to be a wonderful mum. Now her puppies are on their way to their new lives, and it's Rain's turn to find her forever home. She is around three years old, good with other dogs, and with chickens and livestock. Rain seems to prefer women to men and we feel she would do best in a quiet, calm household where she will get lots of attention and affection.

Anyone interested in meeting Rain should call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410016612.



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FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 M, 1H 52M, AUSTRALIAN MYSTERY/THRILLER	2.15pm 6.40pm	10.30am 2.50pm 7.10pm	10.30am 2.50pm 7.10pm	4.30pm		2.15pm 6.40pm	2.15pm 6.25pm*
TWO TICKETS TO GREECE M, 1H 50M, FRENCH COMEDY	4.30pm	12.40pm 5pm	12.40pm 5pm	4.10pm*		4.30pm	4.30pm
ARGYLLE M, 2H 19M, ACTION/THRILLER	6pm*	1.40pm*	4.20pm*	6.45pm		1.40pm* 6.25pm*	1.40pm*
MEAN GIRLS PG, 1H 52M, COMEDY/MUSICAL		6.55pm*	6.55pm*			4.15pm*	4.15pm*
POOR THINGS MA, 2H 21M, COMEDY/DRAMA	11.30am	4.15pm*	1.40pm*			11.30am	11.30am
THE COLOUR PURPLE M, 2H 21M, DRAMA/MUSICAL	3.20pm*	11am*		6.20pm*		11am*	11am*
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 M | 1hr 52min ~ *Drama* ~
Eric Bana & Richard Roxburgh
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BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE
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THE HOLDOVERS
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COMING SOON - DUNE Part 2 & MORE

Record funding to support Landcare and deliver on-ground Landcare projects

The **NSW Government** has reached a major milestone on an election commitment, allocating funding for 83 full-time equivalent local and regional Landcare coordinators and support staff through its \$59 million NSW Landcare Enabling Program 2023-2027.

Following a competitive grant and assessment process, 16 Landcare groups based across NSW were successful in receiving funding for coordinators and support staff.

The aim of the regional and local Landcare coordinators is to deliver and support on-ground projects specific to the needs of the local natural environmental and agricultural systems.

In addition to the delivery of on-ground projects, the local and regional coordinators will deliver on a number of other priorities, including:

- strengthening the capacity of Landcarers which will result in effective, efficient support to landcarer volunteers, farmers and the community
- ensuring effective collaboration and partnerships between Landcare groups, Local Land Services, other government agencies and Landcare NSW
- leveraging funding opportunities to maximise socio-economic and environmental outcomes.

As part of the funding, each local and regional coordinator can also access up to \$5,000 to undertake professional development over the course of the four year program.

For more information about the current funding opportunity and the NSW Landcare Enabling Program, visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/landcare-program

NSW Government commitment to tackle skills shortage

The **NSW Government** is continuing to reskill the State with applications now open for the NSW Public Sector Apprentices and Trainees Program, delivering on the Government's commitment to employ 1000 extra apprentices.

The \$93.5 million investment, committed during the state election, will provide an opportunity for up to 1,000 apprentices and trainees to join more than 30 government agencies and state-owned corporations.

Under the former government the NSW skills sector was undervalued and neglected, which led to a 33 per cent decline in apprenticeship and traineeship commencements since 2011. But the NSW Labor Government understands how important a strong vocational education system is for skills and training in NSW. With broad skills shortages across the State, apprentices and traineeships provide a unique mix of on-the-job training with formal study that makes them vital additions to the future NSW workforce. Under this program specific industries which have significant skills shortages, including in transport, electricity, water, IT, and cyber security will be targeted.

NSW Government introduces integrity reforms

The **NSW Government** is set to introduce reforms to help restore public trust and improve public integrity, transparency, and accountability. The reform package will include amendments to the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 to make it a legislative requirement for the Government to respond to recommendations of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) directed to the Government.

The NSW Government is also moving to address recommendations made by the ICAC in Operation Witney and Operation Keppel.

Operation Witney was an investigation into the former Member for Drummoyne and allegations concerning improper influence and breach of public trust.

In response to the investigation's findings, a draft regulation will be tabled in Parliament proposing to:

- expand the interests required to be disclosed by Members of Parliament
- require Members to disclose new matters including conflicts of interest
- require all Members to make disclosures on an ongoing basis instead of periodically, for publication on the NSW Parliament website.

The draft regulation, if made, will implement recommendations 1 and 4 of the Operation Witney report and bring NSW into line with the disclosure obligations in other Australian jurisdictions, including the Commonwealth. The Government intends to introduce the proposed changes on 1 July 2024 after consultation with relevant Parliamentary Committees.

In response to Operation Keppel, which concerned the former Member for Wagga Wagga, the Government will amend the preamble to the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct to include principles and guiding values recommended by the ICAC. Further reforms include guidelines for the preparation and funding of business cases in respect of grant applications by non-government entities, and boosting education programs to ensure Ministers are aware of their integrity obligations.

The package of reforms reaffirms the Government's commitment to the highest standards of integrity. This builds upon recent announcements including a ban on political parties accepting donations from clubs which have gaming machines and the tightening of government grant regulations.



International Women's Day Guest Speaker:

Chrissy Guinery

Join local Author, Counsellor and Life Coach, Chrissy Guinery, and be empowered to shine as she shares about her three inspirational books, *Falling Up Stairs*, *When the Smoke Clears* and *Room to Breathe*.

Chrissy's motivational talks are renowned for her infectious passion for life and her ability to help others discover their power to rise to fill their purpose and potential.

Chrissy believes every person is born to shine. Come along and be inspired to excel in living your best life to celebrate International Women's Day.

Light refreshments will be available.

Free event.
Eventbrite bookings essential.

Batemans Bay Library

Tuesday 5 March, 2 to 3pm

Narooma Library

Wednesday 6 March, 10.30 to 11.30am

Moruya Library

Thursday 7 March, 2 to 3pm

For more information on our Library events please visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

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.

The next meeting of the

Euro Community Support Network (ECSN)

will be held on the morning of 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 –

lrcf_batemansbay@frrr.org.au

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
- 3 March - 2024 Country Championships Moruya
- 8 March - International Women's Day
- 21 March - Harmony Day
- 10th March - Hotondo Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim
- 12 -14 April - Moruya Blues and Roots Festival
- 3- 4 May - Narooma Oyster Festival
- 12 May - Mother's Day Classic Fun Run, Batemans Bay
- 25 May - 2th June - Sculpture For Clyde, Batemans Bay

Nswact Arc

Calling for **Volunteer Visitors in the Tuross Head area.**

Could you be a friendly visitor for someone in need?

Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme volunteers visit older people in the community on a regular basis to support their social connection and improve their wellbeing.

If you can spare an hour a week we would love to hear from you.

We are in search of a volunteer to visit:

- A chap who enjoys German music, playing the trumpet, walking and fishing.

To find out more about volunteering as a visitor please contact Belinda Rowe on 0472 973 690 or apply here:


<https://volunteering.redcross.org.au/.../aged-care...>

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. Until April 2024 you can donate your 10c return and earn refund to the RFS Benevolent Fund. The RFS Benevolent Fund is available for all RFS members and their families. You can find out more here: www.rfsbenevolentfund.org.au/

LGBTIQ+ Mardi Gras comes to Moruya Air Raid Hotel Saturday 2nd March

From 7pm onwards

Come down for a drink, lots of dancing under the mirror ball and watch the parade on the big screen. We will also have a food van providing yummy food for the night. Bring family, friends, work colleagues or come by yourself- we are a friendly bunch!




MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

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

To find out more information...
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For details, pics and rego forms go to www.teensafemoruya.org or email garys.home@bigpond.com

Batemans Bay U3A

Learn Laugh Live

WHO ARE WE?
The University of the Third Age is a volunteer organisation dedicated to keeping seniors healthy, active and stimulated in a supportive social setting. You'll be blown away by the number of courses that U3A Batemans Bay offers! All courses for the entire year are covered by our fee of \$50 (with a once-only \$10 joining fee).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US?
Come along to our Registration Day on Wednesday 24th of January at The Soldiers Club from 10:30 to 12:30
Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au
Or Phone us on 0474 483 678.

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

We'll be there to:

- tell you about U3A
- discuss our courses
- help you to join us or to renew your membership, and
- help you to enrol in classes

Where and When: In the Gubar Baran room from 11:30 to 12:30
So don't sit at home come and join us today!

Moruya Lets Dance Ballroom

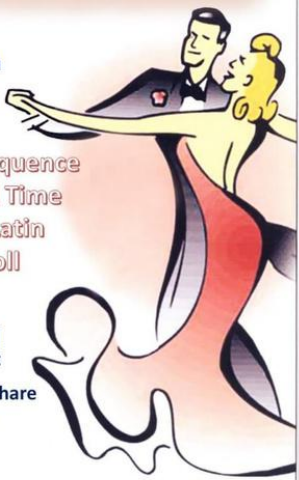
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HELLO EV OWNER AND WELCOME TO THE EUROBODALLA EV CLUB EEVC!



SHASA (South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance) are forming the Eurobodalla Electric Vehicle Club with a view to meet on a regular basis (bimonthly) at chosen venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire. The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers to share the love of driving our EV and exchange stories and valuable tips on owning an EV.

Our first gathering will be held at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Cafe Deep Creek Dam Road, Batemans Bay on Saturday 23 March at 10am.

For more information please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya Moruya River.

Warmer temps and clean water have really kicked Moruya in gear this past few weeks, and we are starting to see some life return back into the river.

There have been some nice sized whiting finally reported in the Moruya river this last week, with fish around the 40cm mark being reported from the airport flats to the back of the hole-in-the-wall all the way up to the bridge flats and up past the hospital! A great sign for the following weeks of summer. These fish have been taken on both live nippers, pipi's and strip squid baits as well as surface lures.

Whiting haven't been the only captures this week, with flathead, bream, Luderick and a few trevally all being reported throughout the system. Both baits and lures are working, so the choice of technique is yours to make.

Up the fresh water reaches of the river, the bass crews are still having good success as well. Spinnerbaits and hard body lures during the daylight hours and surface lures or frogs, cicadas and poppers during the low light periods have all been working. It really has been a great summer season on the bass this year, even despite the rains.

Tuross River.

Tuross is slowly starting to shed some of the turbidity that has been hanging around all summer, and the fishing is improving every day. The flathead are being taken throughout the system all the way up to the Bumbo area. The bream and estuary perch similarly are still readily available around the oyster racks and snags that line the many kilometres of banks that this system has to offer.

The lower sand flats around potato point and the boat ramp area, also have bream, whiting, flathead of offer as well.

With the weather looking good this weekend, all be it a bit windy, there will be good option all through the system.

Rock and Beach.

With plenty of flathead, bream and whiting still holding court on the beaches this past week, the action has been plentiful to say the least. Along with the usual salmon on the beaches, the beaches are really offering a good mixture of fishing for anyone that likes getting some sand between their toes.

For this that like to fish the stones, I have been hearing a few reports of some nice squid also being caught. I haven't had a good feed of squid in a few years, so I'm going to target a few of this weekend, I'll let you know how I go.

Offshore.

Snapper, flathead, mowong and a good mix of reef species have all been available this past week. The winds have kept a few anglers parked up, but hopefully this weekend allows you to get put and wet a line.

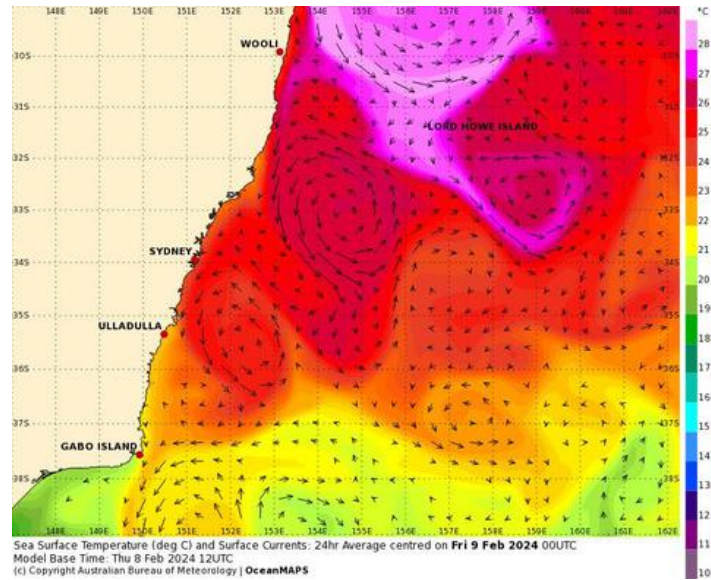
As we move into the feb/March period, the water temps will be at their warmest and will offer a good mixed bag of species. So get out and try for a few snapper and flathead till the water starts to drop as we move towards the winter season. We do still have several months of great fishing before the seasons change up.

We do have a new addition to the bait options this week. We are now stocking a range of whole and filleted mackerel and yakkas, as well as whiting and sauries. Theses will be prime baits options for all you land based fishos, boaties and game fishos as well. So come and have a look at the range, all are nicely cryo-vacced and good value. SouEast Seafood in Ulladulla are supplying the bait, and we are looking forward to long and successful partnership.

The tweed freezer is well stocked also, with Hawksbury prawns & whitebait being the notable absentee's. Block pilchards are also starting to get low, as they were unavailable this week also.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Tuross Head Bowls News



2023-24 Minor Singles Champion - Geoff Lee

The remaining three quarter-finals of the Mixed Pairs Championship were played on Saturday with players challenged by windy conditions and a very quick green. Defending Champions, Denise and Bruce Lidbury sounded an ominous warning for the remainder of the competition with a big win over Margaret and Ray Downey. From the very first end the Lidburys dominated the match with Denise in great form as she adapted to the tricky conditions very well. Her ability to play great draw bowls enabled her to control the head on most ends. Bruce played his part in the big win with well controlled bowls that shut the Downeys out of the game. On the odd occasions when the Downeys were able hold a shot, either Denise or Bruce were able to play a shot to grab the advantage.



2023-24 Minor Singles Runner Up Phil Welsh

The other two games were much closer. Doreen and John Monks had to work until the very last bowl to get the better of Stephanie Dennett and Chris Coddington. It was a tense battle between the very experienced Monks partnership and the relatively new bowlers in Dennett and Coddington. For the first 11 ends nothing separated the two teams with very close ends. Coddington held a 9 - 8 advantage at this stage. The 12th end was crucial. The Monks's turned the game upside down when they picked up 7 shots to move to 15 - 9 in front! However, Dennett and Coddington never gave up. They started their fightback on the next end picking up three shots and closed the gap to 17 - 15 after 16 ends. Doreen and John seemed to have secured the match when they picked up 4 shots on the 17th end and regained their 6 shot lead. However, once again Stephanie and Chris fought back. They won the next three ends to go into the last end down 21 - 18. On this end they had the better of play but they could only manage 2 shots with John Monks not needing to play his last bowl to secure the hard fought 21 - 20 win.

The third game was between Carol and Doug Williams and Rose Farrington and Marcel Kors. This game also went down to the last few bowls in a very tight affair. It was a great battle between the two leads - Carol Williams and Rose Farrington. Farrington and Kors had the better start and while they were able to hold the lead throughout the game they were never in control.

After 12 ends the scores were locked at 9 all. The battle then followed a pattern of where Farrington and Kors would set up a lead only to see the Williams's fight back. As the players moved into the last end Farrington and Kors were ahead 16 - 14. Farrington started the last end with two great bowls to give her team the advantage. They were able to maintain this advantage to score 2 shots and take the match 18 - 14.

In the semi-finals Denise and Bruce Lidbury play Sue and John Fahey while Doreen and John Monks will play Rose Farrington and Marcel Kors.



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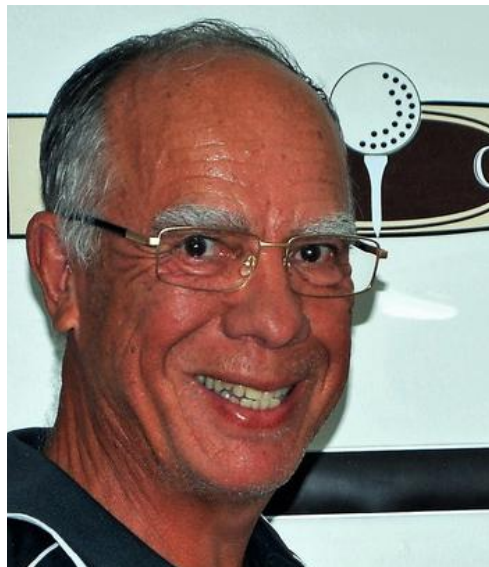
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Nearest to the Pins: Distance

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- 4B: Rob McDonnell 2.03
- 4C: Peter Coffey 3.07
- 6A: Brad Doolan 4.3
- 6B: Peter McRae 6.0
- 6C: Rex Wood 7.2
- 7A: Ray Bollard 3.74
- 7B: James Paton 4.15
- 7C: Peter Garn 5.95

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A Grade Winner Jason Nikolic (left) with Men's golf treasurer Ian Kingston

Tuross Head Country Club Monthly Medal Saturday 3rd February 2024

A field of 60 players registered for the Stroke and Putting event, the 1st Medal for 2024, known as the Peddle Medal, which is proudly sponsored by Barry Peddle.

Monthly Medal winner was Wayne Fullerton with a score of 66.

Lowest off the stick was Jason Nikolic with a score of 72.

Winners were:

- A Grade 1st: Jason Nikolic (3) with 69
- A Grade 2nd: Ian McManus (10) with 70
- B Grade 1st: Wayne Fullerton (19) with 66
- B Grade 2nd: Robert McDonell (19) with 68
- C Grade 1st: Peter Nikolic (27) with 68
- C Grade 2nd: Michael Elfar (27) with 68

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Simon French 9.96
- 4B: Pete Engelbrecht 3.75
- 4C: Mick Hogan 2.56
- 6A: Stu McKell 0.22
- 6B: Rob McDonell 0.72
- 6C: Nil
- 7A: Mick Walsh 7.69
- 7B: Pete Engelbrecht 5.59
- 7C: Nil

Balls went to:

William Steenbergen 69, Graeme Sindel 69, Ron Rogers 70, Reginald Apps 70, Stephen Gardner 70, Michael Walsh 70, Denzel Bond 70, John Phylard 71, David Gray 71, Ian Kingston 71, Bruce Harding 71, Ian Lawson 71, Colin Houghton 72, Greg Booth 72, Shane Gschwend 72, Peter Garn 72, Malcolm Gilbertson 73, Simon French 73, Martin Booth 73 and Derek Hoare 73.

Special Event:

Golden Shot 2/11 Sponsored by Moruya Jockey Club - Brad Doolan 0.89



Pauline Nash, Maree Coffey and Terrie Swanbury

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results Tuesday 6th February 2024

A field of 25 players registered for an Ambrose event today. The weather was overcast and drizzling but the course was in great condition. The Winning teams were:

1st: Terrie Swanbury, Maree Coffey and Pauline Nash with 69.33.

2nd: Jennifer Gray and Leonie Snodgrass with 70.25

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Leonie Doolan
- 15th: Gail Page
- 7th: Samantha Dryden (HC 1-35)
- Margaret Downey (HC 36-45)

Balls went to:

Jenny Reilly and Gail Page 74.25
Dianne Brown and Cate O'Brien 78.25

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 7th February 2024.

A field of 57 players registered for a Par event today. The weather was cool and warmed up as the day progressed.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Frank Pomfret +7
- 2nd: Henry Anderson +5
- 3rd: Paul Coffey +3
- 4th: Shirley Quinlan +2 (countback)
- 5th: Ross Hendy +2
- 6th: Jane Eglitis +1
- 7th: Greg Thornton +1
- 8th: Terry Milliken +1
- 9th: Ken Hush +1
- 10th: Ross Davidson +1
- 11th: John Cox +1
- 12th: Steve Swanbury +1
- 13th: Leonie Snodgrass +1
- 14th: Derek Hoare 0
- 15th: Annette Manton 0
- 16th: Blaise Madden 0
- 17th: Ian Miller 0

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Frank Pomfret
- 6th: Steve Gardner
- 7th: Ladies: Leonie Snodgrass
- Mens: A. Lutton (visitor)

Accuracy: Jennifer Gray

Bradman: Danielle Scott (visitor)

BBSC Sailing Report 3/2/24

By Lachlan Brown

"It was a great day for sailing on Saturday February 3rd when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the seventh Bay Cup race of the 2023/4 sailing season. It was a beautiful day with a fresh nor'easter blowing. Six boats went out. The drama started well before the start after a mayday call was picked up from a boat off Lilli Pilli. The committee boat crew of Terry Paton and Andrew Bain leapt into action and soon had the "Dave Magill" heading towards Lilli Pilli at 20 knots+, only to be stood down by Marine Rescue who had the situation under control.

The course was over a triangle with the windward mark in Chain Bay, Marine Park Middle Mark as the wing mark and the leeward mark at Caseys Beach.

Race Officer Paton set a boat end favoured line. At the start "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop) held "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) out at the boat end, so "Accolade" sailed around the front of the committee boat then bore away to dip behind the start line and get on with the race. It turned out that "Wishful Thinking" was over the line a fraction early so had to go back and restart. The rest of the fleet started more conservatively further down the start line. "Accolade" led around the top mark from "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton), pulling away on the second reach under spinnaker. When it came time to douse the spinnaker it dropped in the water, bringing forward progress to an abrupt halt. Luckily the spinnaker was soon retrieved along with a few prawns for the after race BBQ.

Further back "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne) had a full crew for a change and was making good progress. On the running legs the crew were seen sitting across the bench at the stern of the boat taking in the view while the skipper did the steering. The sea breeze strengthened throughout the afternoon, gusting up to 25 knots. The conditions became excessive for Peter Paterson who was sailing "Avior" single handed and for John Drummond's crew aboard "Sail La Vie" and they retired from the race.

At the finish "Accolade" was 6 minutes ahead of "Moonmist" with a further 21 minutes to "Cool Change". That was close enough for "Cool Change" to win on PHS while "Accolade" took the win on AMS. Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au. The next BBSC Bay Cup race will be on Saturday 17th February."

Photos taken on the day by Terry Paton.



Accolade



Avior



Cool Change



Sail La Vie

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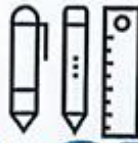
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