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Mogo Trails and the South Coast will be showcased internationally when Sea Otter Australia, the World's Largest Cycling Festival brand hosts cycling racing and riding events, a tradeshow and business summit in October 2025. Photo: Next Level/KiPhotomedia. Story P 2.

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COUNCIL AGENDA

- ORDINARY MEETING OF Eurobodalla Council
to be held in the Council Chambers, Moruya
on **Tuesday 20 February 2024**
commencing at 12.30pm
(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per
Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)
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 - 3 APOLOGIES Nil
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World-renowned Cycling Celebration coming to Mogo Trails

Rocky Trail Entertainment will bring the World's Largest Cycling Festival brand to life: **Sea Otter Australia** will be racing, riding, tradeshow, summit and entertainment all in one in and around the Mogo Trails on the NSW South Coast in October 2025. Sea Otter Australia will be hosting cycling racing and riding events, a big tradeshow and business summit.

With a history of over 30 years, the original Sea Otter Classic event draws a massive 80,000 participants in California in April each year. With Sea Otter Australia, Rocky Trail Entertainment will establish first and only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. It is now one of only two licensed Sea Otter events in the World outside of the US alongside Sea Otter Europe in Girona, Spain. Rocky Trail Entertainment joins the global Sea Otter network to promote the Mogo Trails on an international scale.

Sea Otter Classic Founder and Director Frank Yohannan said that he was pleased that Rocky Trail Entertainment is taking the helm to bring the excitement of Sea Otter Classic to Australia. "The team is a terrific fit with our brand. They are great organisers who bring the 'entertainment' vibe front and centre. You know, making Sea Otter on the Mogo Trails a place where the fun never stops." He added that the global Sea Otter network can't wait to see the Sea Otter spirit Down Under.

Sea Otter Australia is more than just a festival; it's a celebration of cycling in all its forms. With a diverse range of racing and riding events, including gravity enduro, downhill, cross-country, and free ride, the event caters to racers of all levels and riding styles.

Attendees can also expect a bustling tradeshow showcasing the latest bikes, gear, and industry trends. The event extends beyond the tracks with the Australian Sea Otter Summit, fostering crucial dialogues about trail-based tourism and industry growth.

Martin Wisata, COO of Sea Otter Australia and Managing Director of Rocky Trail Entertainment said that the event was only possible on the Mogo Trails because of the Eurobodalla Shire Council's commitment to restoring the region after the fires. With sister company Rocky Trail Destination, the team is establishing a world-class trail network in the Eurobodalla region, built with our key construction partner Next Level MTB. The first opening of Stage 1 is expected for mid-year 2024 and the full network will be live by early 2025 – right in time for Sea Otter Australia in October next year."

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800 lot Broulee 'Agrihood' proposes rezoning

By Alex Rea

A planning proposal for an 800 Lot Subdivision at 207 Broulee Road is on the Agenda for Tuesday's Council Meeting.

The proponent refers to the proposal as an 'Agrihood' called 'The Farm'.

Council first received the proposal on 10 August 2023 to rezone the 126.7 hectare site from RU1 Primary production to C4 Environmental Living to facilitate an estimated 800 dwellings.

An 'Agrihood' is described by the proponent in the planning proposal and supporting documentation as: "a unique community that integrates agriculture into a residential neighbourhood."

"Australia's leading wellness community with the implementation of 'agri-hoods', a clustered housing model and the world's leading technology to drive sustainability.

"While this is exemplified in the construction of homes and landscape infrastructure, the desire to embody a lifestyle of sustainability and connection cannot be separated from food production and consumption and interactions with nature and others. Food and farming are often the reasons that we come to community gardening, however, the connections that are developed between the individual, their community, and their environment are some of the most powerful benefits."

One of the community groups which was cited as showing support for the proposal was the South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance. President Kathryn Maxwell said "I did not provide any written or oral endorsement of this proposed development. In my role as President of SHASA, I said this proposed development was unsuitable, due to biodiversity values of the site and excess development of Broulee. This proposal makes a mockery of the Eurobodalla Local Environment Plan."

Council staff recommend in the report: THAT Council

Resolves not to support the Planning Proposal proceeding to Gateway Determination, for the following reasons:

- Inconsistency with regional and local strategies, State Environmental Planning Policies and Ministerial Directions.
- The feasibility of significant infrastructure required to achieve the proposed future development is not demonstrated from a financial and environmental perspective.



The 126 Ha block of land on Broulee Road backing onto Carroll College and The Bower, is home to Mount Oldrey Homestead.

- Mitigation of potential adverse effects on the biodiversity and conservation of threatened species, ecological communities and their habitats and the surrounding Illawong Nature Reserve is not demonstrated.
- Preliminary work on the Eurobodalla Housing Strategy has identified housing supply and land zoned for future residential development exceeds the projected population needs past 2041.
- The proposal will divert the necessary critical infrastructure, funding, staging, sequencing, and delivery of housing away from the existing nominated growth areas and is therefore not in the public interest.

Notifies the proponent of Council's determination in accordance with section 9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

The independent planning consultant report states that while the philosophy and the principles that support the characteristics of 'Agrihoods' are commendable, the location of the proposed site for this new type of development is inappropriate and the characteristics of the proposal in this instance are uncertain.

The report to Council concluded that:

"The values and concepts presented in the planning proposal are commendable, however there is not enough information provided for any certainty that a sustainable residential community would be achieved. All development is required to promote sustainable living and all subdivisions must provide for a liveable, sustainable and climate adapted public realm. The planning proposal does not demonstrate strategic or site-specific merit and therefore it is recommended that Council does not support it."



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Share Land Value Increases with Community, says Businessman

By Phil Herrick

With council struggling to provide the services demanded by our growing community, a local businessman has put forward a plan for the council to grow revenues by taking a share of increased commercial land values.

Robert McCuaig is co-founder of Colliers International, a professional services and investment management company that now has around 18,000 employees in 65 countries and annual revenues exceeding US\$4 billion. He is now retired. In 1988 Mr McCuaig and his family bought a farm at Bodalla and have since developed the Bodalla Dairy Shed, the Bodalla Hotel and other properties in the village.

He contacted the Moruya Mail after seeing the grim financial situation of the Bay Pavilions that is on track to lose over \$5 million this financial year.

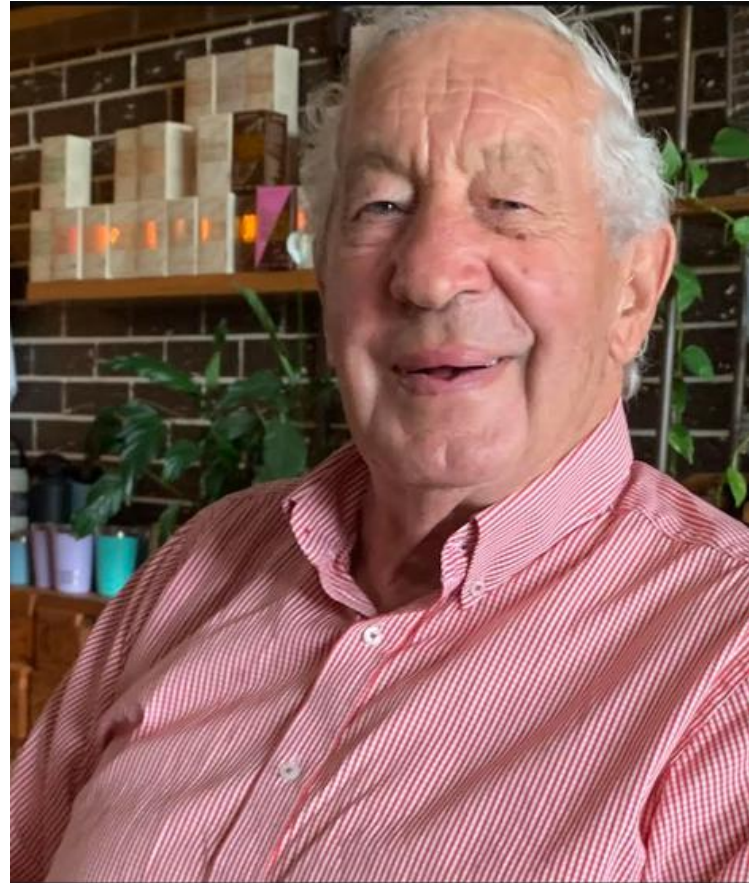
Mr McCuaig says windfall increases in commercial land values delivered by a rezoning should be split 50-50 between the landholder and council. The funds can then be directed by the council to improved community facilities.

Both Canberra and Hong Kong are examples where commercial land rezoning windfalls are shared with the local government. With council currently reviewing the town plan for Batemans Bay, Mr McCuaig says the time is right to explore the concept.

“We should seize the opportunity now, before there are increases to building height limits and floor space ratios that will deliver immediate windfall gains to land owners,” he said.

He acknowledged the difficulty of getting the proposal adopted as it would meet stiff opposition from developers and would need support from the NSW government.

But Mr McCuaig said that was no reason to not try. “It’s logical, it’s fair and there are precedents for it,” he said.



“Logical and fair”: community should get a share of windfall land value increases says Robert McCuaig.

Longer Council Delays on DA Approvals

By Phil Herrick

The housing crisis facing the community is partly caused by the time it takes for development applications to be processed by council and a report to next Tuesday’s Eurobodalla Shire Council meeting reveals local performance is getting worse – not better. The six-month performance update on council’s operational plan reveals the average processing time for development and section 4.55 applications (previously section 96) was an average of 62 days compared to 50 days for the same period in the previous financial year.

This is despite the number of DAs being down 8.2% compared to the same period last year.

Council received 432 development or modification applications with 379 determined, down 15.1% on the same period last year.

In explaining the worsening performance council staff blamed complexities and delays experienced with the NSW planning portal and a lack of staff.







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NSW Planning wants AI product solutions to make faster development applications

The NSW Government is investing \$5.6 million in artificial intelligence (AI) to help reduce development application (DA) timeframes and deliver more housing.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) is calling on industry to submit innovative existing and mature AI technology solutions to help reduce manual workloads for councils and to streamline the pre-lodgement phase.

Industry is invited to submit proposals from today until 6 March 2024.

Applications will be evaluated on how they address one or more priority focus areas, demonstrate low impact implementation, and align with the NSW AI Assurance Framework and AI Ethics Policy.

Successful suppliers will be asked to showcase products and share ideas with councils following the evaluation of applications.

DPHI will then confirm a list of suitable AI products and provide guidance for councils on how to engage with suppliers and select the best AI tools for the task.

Applicants have four weeks to prepare their responses, focusing on four priority areas to assist councils during the pre-lodgement DA phase.

These include:

- A pathways and requirements finder: To help prospective applicants identify site-specific development requirements to speed up their development process.
- Document self-assessment health check: To help applicants self-assess before lodging their DA. This aims to address any potential barriers or gaps in their documentation before they lodge.
- Risk-based triage: To help council staff quickly identify non-compliant elements within a submission so that the triage process is efficient and improves council's productivity.
- Document assurance: To help council staff verify an applicant's documentation to provide increased confidence in the quality of the material submitted.

The project is guided by six overarching principles including trust, transparency, customer benefit, fairness, privacy, and accountability.

DPHI has already worked with NSW councils to define the key challenges experienced during the pre-DA lodgement process.

More than 30 metro and regional councils have participated in workshops to date, with a focus on identifying existing AI products that can be easily implemented and used in the NSW planning system to reduce DA timeframes and deliver on the government's priority of more housing faster.

Councils noted applicants need a simple and streamlined application process to access important information and what documentation is required for their site-specific DA.

Port Stephens Council and Wagga Wagga City Council are among the first group of enthusiastic councils to investigate how AI technologies could help enhance council DA processes.

Wagga Wagga Council Manager for Development Assessment & Building Certification Paul O'Brien said the introduction of AI will help get applications in the correct format so council isn't going back and forth trying to clarify critical project information.

"For most of the regular clients they understand what needs to happen, however for occasional developers who might do it once or twice in their lifetime it's very confusing and having an AI presence can help step them through it," Mr O'Brien said.

Port Stephens Council Manager for Development and Compliance Evert Grobbelaar echoed the AI optimism, saying Council sees potential benefits to using AI in the pre-DA lodgement process, for improved application quality, reduced DA processing timeframes, and education opportunities for the community and landowners on the lodgement process.

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The Bay Pavilions losses get worse



After the excitement of the opening of the Bay Pavilions, the financial reality is starting to bite.

By Phil Herrick

The financial losses at the new Bay Pavilions Arts and Aquatic Centre are getting worse according to the latest report that will be tabled at the Eurobodalla Shire Council’s monthly meeting next Tuesday.

On current trends this one facility in Batemans Bay will consume 10% of the General Rates raised in the year. General Rates are used to fund essential community infrastructure like roads, footpaths, parks, halls, pools, libraries and a myriad of other services across the shire.

A number of identified community needs worth \$2.6 million have already been chopped from this year’s budget as council struggles to deal with the situation. If the financial state at the Pavilions worsens, further cuts may be needed or rates increased to cover the shortfall – both risky moves in an election year.

The council hopes to see revenues of \$3.95 million for the full year to June 30 at the Pavilions. For the first half year \$1.7 million was received, \$308,000 below what would be expected. If that trend continues, the revenue shortfall for the year will be over \$600,000.

At the same time council staff expenses have blown out to \$89,750 for the first six months. If the trend also continues it will see staff expenses 50% over budget by year’s end. Council is already budgeting an operating loss at the Pavilions of \$5.1 million for the full year.

That includes depreciation of \$2.5 million. The budgeted cash loss is \$2.6 million. The cash losses will be paid by General Fund ratepayers.

If the shortfall reaches the \$600,000 indicated by current trends, the cash loss will surge to \$3.2 million for the year – 10% of the \$32 million General Fund income projected in council’s Operating Plan.

Last year council received advice from consultants on how to stem the losses. Steps included renegotiating the contract with the Pavilions operator, improved marketing and finding other business partners to locate at the Pavilions to generate revenues.

Consultants told council last October an acceptable operating loss level should be determined for this community facility. Losses over this number would be unacceptable and be the target for savings and new revenues.

In other words, council was advised to clearly define a target, implement a strong business plan to achieve it and move the Bay Pavilions onto a sustainable footing.

To date, council has not provided the community with an acceptable loss figure or business plan, telling the Moruya Mail last year the cost to operate the Bay Pavilions is part of the wider budget and they will reduce costs where possible.

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“Don’t hesitate to give 10 minutes of your busy day to get free basic health screening”, says the Registered Nurse who travels around NSW. Literally, “It could save your life”.

The “mherv” project is organized by Rotary and over the past five years it is estimated that over 450 lives have been saved because of these free basic health checks.

The Registered Nurse is happy to take your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar levels; and have a general quick chat about your health.

“mherv” sees around 3,500 patients each year and it is no surprise how many males have undetected symptoms.

Around 40% require following up with a GP.

Project leader Adrian Payne says, “While men are our key target as we don’t want them dropping dead in the paddock, ladies are also welcome.”

Rotary kindly acknowledges the support of the NSW Department of Health and Electrodry in making this free service possible.

“mherv” is in town as follows:

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New multidisciplinary healthcare trial in Batemans Bay and Cooma

A new multidisciplinary health service model of care will deliver culturally appropriate primary health care services in Cooma and Batemans Bay, thanks to support from the Australian Government.

Grand Pacific Health has received \$873,412 to deliver the new model under the Albanese Government’s Innovative Models of Care Program, which trials new ways of delivering multidisciplinary primary care in rural and remote communities.

This local model will utilise local First Nation stories to create health prevention and chronic condition management programs, fostering prevention, early detection and mitigation of chronic conditions.

The Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain MP and Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP welcomed the announcement as another step in the Albanese Government’s plan to improve health services across the South Coast.

The program will be implemented in Cooma and Batemans Bay by June 2024.

The innovative health care trials across rural and remote Australia involve health care professionals working together across disciplines to ensure Australians – no matter where they live – get the right care, at the right time, by the right team.

Fiona Phillips MP said “Business as usual health care in our regions is experiencing significant challenges, so I am simply delighted to see this investment in a new multidisciplinary model targeted towards our First Nations communities.

“We must prioritise access to primary care in new and innovative ways so that local people can access the health services they need, before health issues escalate and place even more pressure on our struggling hospital systems.

“We have listened to feedback from regional doctors about what they need, and we have targeted our regional and rural healthcare package to where it is needed most.

“I’ve been delighted to deliver the new Urgent Care Clinic in Batemans Bay which has seen almost 2000 patients since it opened two months ago, supporting local people and taking pressure of the local hospital.

“On top of this, we are supporting practices to train, recruit and importantly retain more regional doctors, as well as improving access to bulk billing, and supporting GPs with targeted financial assistance.

“You can’t undo a decade of neglect in general practice overnight, but we will keep working every day to address the unique challenges regional communities like ours on the South Coast are facing.

The grants are part of a \$24.7 million, four-year Government investment, with further information available at <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/imoc-program>.



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New EPA announcement on Greater Gliders

This afternoon the **NSW Environment Protection Authority** has announced that : Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) will be required to undertake nocturnal surveys for endangered southern greater glider dens as part of new measures issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to better protect the endangered species.

The EPA recently announced a change to the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) protocol, introducing a site-specific biodiversity condition for greater gliders that requires the retention of additional hollow bearing trees.

EPA Chief Executive Officer, Tony Chappel said the revised conditions would apply in state forests where there are records of southern greater gliders.

“We know protection of this species across the landscape, including in state forests is critical to assist the southern greater gliders now, and into the future,” Mr Chappel said.

“The requirement for nocturnal surveys will play a complementary role along with the tree retention changes. “We have engaged with glider experts on the need for nocturnal surveys to achieve long-term protection whilst giving industry certainty.

“Work will continue to determine if these new rules are working as intended and we may consider further improvements if required.”

The new requirements include:

- Undertaking nocturnal surveys for southern greater gliders and their dens.
- The results of the survey are required to be made available to the NSW EPA within seven days of completion.
- Extra tree retention requirements (previously announced):
 - 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:
- 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.
- 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.
- The retention of additional hollows and future hollow-bearing trees in areas where greater gliders are less likely to occur.

The changes will come into effect on Friday 16 February.



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EPA fails to protect Greater Gliders, again

South East Forest Rescue reacted to the EPA’s announcement saying:

“For the second time in 2 weeks the EPA has announced changes to the rules for Greater Glider den tree surveys and which will again fail to protect these amazing, endangered creatures, sending them hurtling towards extinction.

The new rules will require Forestry to walk or drive a few kilometres of road over 2 nights using spotlights to identify den trees, the area to be searched would equate to at best 10% of the logging area. This method will find only a fraction of the den trees that are needed for the species survival.

This survey method has already been shown to fail gliders. Following South East Forest Rescue (SEFR) finding a Greater Glider den tree in Styx River State Forest in early December, Forestry voluntarily suspended operations and trialed this survey method and found 1 suspected den tree. During this time SEFR also conducted another 2 surveys and found 10 more den trees. If these results are indicative of the future then the species will not survive.

“Unfortunately the EPA seems to think that Gliders all live next to a road. Maybe they can send some urban planners out in the forest and convince the Gliders they need to adopt higher densities along transport corridors” said Scott Daines of South East Forest Rescue.

“It appears the EPA is going to capitulate to Forestry again, at the expense of the endangered species they are meant to be protecting. We are extremely disappointed with this decision and shows they have not learnt from the debacle of 2 weeks ago.” said Scott Daines. “Chris Minns and Penny Sharpe need to step up and get tough with Forestry and allow the EPA to actually protect gliders or risk being remembered as species killers.”



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Short Term Rental Discussion Paper

Member for Monaro Steve Whan has welcomed the release of a discussion paper on options for changing regulation or tax around Short-Term Rental accommodation to provide some relief to the shortage of long-term rental and housing. Steve Whan said “the housing crisis has hit every part of Monaro, but the issues around lack of long-term accommodation are particularly critical in the Snowy Mountains.

“7% of private dwellings in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council (771 homes) are non-hosted short term rental accommodation. That’s the second highest ratio in the State and when you consider that is mostly concentrated around Jindabyne it indicates a much bigger proportion of that community.

“Short term rental does play an important role in providing tourism accommodation, but it is very clear from the problems we are seeing in the community that the balance just isn’t right. “I have lost count of the number of times I have been told of essential workers like teachers and paramedics not being able to find rental accommodation in Jindabyne, the same goes for those critical seasonal tourism workers.

“Jindabyne and the region around it have more than 700 houses being used for Short Term Rental, on top of that there are many holiday houses that are vacant for large portions of the year.

“This discussion paper is asking for comments on what policy responses we should make – if any. There are a number of regulatory or tax options that are available, all have positives and negatives, but it is important to hear from people about which should be investigated further.

“The Government and I recognise that in the medium to longer term the real solution is to increase housing supply and provide better options for key worker accommodation. We are moving to do that, but it takes a bit of time.

“As one of the most affected regions in the State, I encourage people to look at this paper and comment” Steve Whan concluded.

The Australian Short Term Rental Association (ASTRA)

welcomes the NSW Government’s consultation process into Short Term rental accommodation in NSW with the release of a discussion paper and questionnaire.

ASTRA represents Mum and Dad owner/investors in the short-term rental accommodation market across Australia. For the vast majority of ASTRA’s members their properties are their sole livelihood, they employ their family members, the properties are heavily mortgaged and in time their properties will fund their retirement in lieu of superannuation.

“Over the next four weeks we will consult extensively with our NSW members on the Government’s discussion paper,” said ASTRA Chief Executive Officer, Mitch Price. “Our members appreciate the opportunity to have their say in this review as they know better than anyone the crucial role Short Term Rental has in the visitor economy.

“The vast majority of our members are Mum and Dad owner/investors who are regularly told by their guests that they wouldn’t have been able to come to a local event, support their child at sporting carnival, visit a sick relative, come to concert or festival or visit another part of Australia if they’d had to stay in a hotel.”

“Our owners are each employing many locals to help run and maintain their properties.” Industry research, by AirBNB, released last week, shows that nationally Short-Term Rental Accommodation represents less than 3% of housing stock*.

“ASTRA notes the NSW government’s emphasis, for the review, on the adequacy of the STRA planning and regulatory framework. We are very supportive of this and hope it leads to a uniform application of local government regulation, particularly in the case of Byron Bay Shire Council and its approach to fines for alleged breaches.” Mitch said.

The discussion paper can be found at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/discussion-paper-short-and-long-term-rental-accommodation>

SAFEWORK CRACKS DOWN ON FALLS FROM HEIGHTS THREATS

SafeWork NSW

Almost \$1 million in fines have been issued at the halfway point of SafeWork NSW’s 12-month blitz on falls from heights.

The ‘Working at Heights in Construction’ campaign followed a concerning rise in the number of serious injuries and deaths attributed to falls from heights, resulting in 17 people killed between 2018 and 2022.

Since May 2023, SafeWork Inspectors have visited 1,218 worksites resulting in 1,499 Improvement Notices, 727 Prohibition Notices and 352 Penalty Notices amounting to \$972,000.

The blitz has seen Inspectors visit several commercial and residential sites across the state, as well as conducting high visibility checks in manufacturing and warehouse industries in addition to inspections in the transport industry leading up to a busy Christmas period.

During their field work, Inspectors gauged that 65 per cent of industry is using the highest form of safety measures as their first choice including the use of fall prevention devices, such as roof guardrails and scaffolding, rather than fall arrest systems such as harnesses.

SafeWork will continue to prioritise the safety of workers at heights in 2024 with continuing inspections, starting off with a blitz on the safe installation of rooftop solar panels this month. Contractors and builders are obligated to protect workers by identifying height risks and taking steps to control these hazards as far as reasonably practical by implementing higher order controls.

Workers who have concerns about workplace health and safety can anonymously contact SafeWork on 13 10 50 or through the ‘Speak Up Save Lives’ app.



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Uniting communities across the Eurobodalla with “Colours of March”



By Jan Frikken

The Eurobodalla International Women’s Day (IWD) and Harmony Day Committee has recently been formed with the aim of uniting communities across the Eurobodalla to celebrate the vibrant “Colours of March”.

We invite you to join hands with friends and families across our schools, workplaces, communities, and sporting groups to celebrate International Women’s Day and Harmony Week. International Women’s Day is on the 8th March and Harmony Day is on the 21st March. We encourage people to organize various activities and events throughout March such as arts, crafts, dances, cooking, picnics, choirs, family fun days, luncheons and dinners.

Please incorporate “IWD & Harmony Day Celebration” into your event titles, share details of your event with us at efscmg@gmail.com so we can feature it on our “Colours of March” calendar!

The deadline for inclusion in our calendar is February 25, 2024. Looking ahead, we also plan to acknowledge individuals, both women and men, who contribute positively to our community through nominations, without formal awards.

Together, let’s foster “Women’s Empowerment + Strength in Diversity = Stronger Communities”

8 March is the International Women’s Day (IWD)

IWD stemmed from the struggles of working-class women for better pay and conditions, and has been observed since the early 1900’s. By then, the English Suffragists had already adopted Green, White and Violet – Give Women the Vote – as the colours for their flag. The banner of IWD helped launch new campaigns for suffrage and equal rights. In Australia, women were given the right to vote in 1902.

However, it was only in 1962 that First Nations people were offered the option to vote, becoming compulsory in 1984. The Women’s Liberation Movement of the early 1970’s rallied behind IWD and raised its profile. They expanded the list of demands to include issues like childcare, domestic violence and sexual assault. They brought the colours green, white and violet back into play. The spirit of this history contains an acceptance that women recognise their differences – class, race/ethnicity, ability, language, sexuality – and united in a call for change, celebrating acts of courage and determination by women.

Source: International Women’s Day Shoalhaven

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is celebrated during from Monday to Sunday and that includes 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Week is the celebration of Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic, united by a set of core Australian value.

Theme of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs” Orange is Harmony Day colour, it signified social communication and meaningful conversations, relating to freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Source: <https://www.harmonyweek.gov.au>



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Major work to kick off on Princes Highway Corridor Project



A significant milestone for the New South Wales south coast road corridor will soon be reached as major construction begins in coming weeks on the Jervis Bay Road Intersection Project at the Princes Highway intersection with Jervis Bay Road at Falls Creek.

The Australian Government has committed \$100 million toward the project, with the remaining \$64 million to be provided by the NSW Government.

The project is being delivered as part of a \$2.55 billion program of jointly funded investments in the Princes Highway including Milton Ulladulla Bypass corridor.

This project is the second within the corridor to reach construction following the new Nowra Bridge project. This project will deliver a grade-separated flyover-style intersection, providing an overpass across the Princes Highway, with a roundabout on each side of Jervis Bay Road to deliver safer and smoother connections.

When complete, this upgrade will include expanding the Princes Highway to two lanes in each direction on the approaches to the intersection, longer entry and exit lanes, and free-flowing access to the highway when travelling north and south.

The intersection has the highest volume of vehicle movements on the Princes Highway between Nowra and the Victorian border. It has been the location of 15 crashes over the past five years, resulting in six serious injuries.

The upgrade will deliver around 110 jobs during construction, followed by safety and efficiency benefits for the community, when complete.

The construction schedule has been refined to reduce the impacts of out of hours work on residents.

The project will be delivered by contractor SRG Global Civil Pty Ltd and is expected to take up to four years to complete, weather permitting.

Federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King:

“This marks the start of major work on the second project for the Princes Highway corridor, which is a total joint investment of \$2.55 billion in the south coast.

“The Australian Government's commitment to jointly fund this upgrade with the NSW Government ensures that the south coast region can benefit from safer roads for locals, tourists and freight industries.”

Premier of New South Wales Chris Minns said

“I want to pay credit to those who have fought for this vital upgrade, including the Vincentia Matters group. This milestone reflects all your hard work and advocacy.

“Residents and motorists on the south coast will benefit for years to come from this work funded by the NSW and Australian Governments.”

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said “As the key gateway to beautiful Jervis Bay, local people know how dangerous and inappropriate this intersection is for the volume of traffic that passes through it. I have fought alongside the community for years to ensure this important road receives the upgrade it deserves.”

Dr. Michael Holland MP
Member for Bega
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Authorised by Dr Michael Holland MP funded using Parliamentary Entitlements February 2024

100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Mr Ross's house Gunyah

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A shark, estimated to be 12ft long, has been seen cruising about the Moruya River, between the bridge and the wharf.

Our Shire Councillors are to be commended for their action in petitioning the Fisheries Department to have **Moruya River closed against net fishing for three years.**

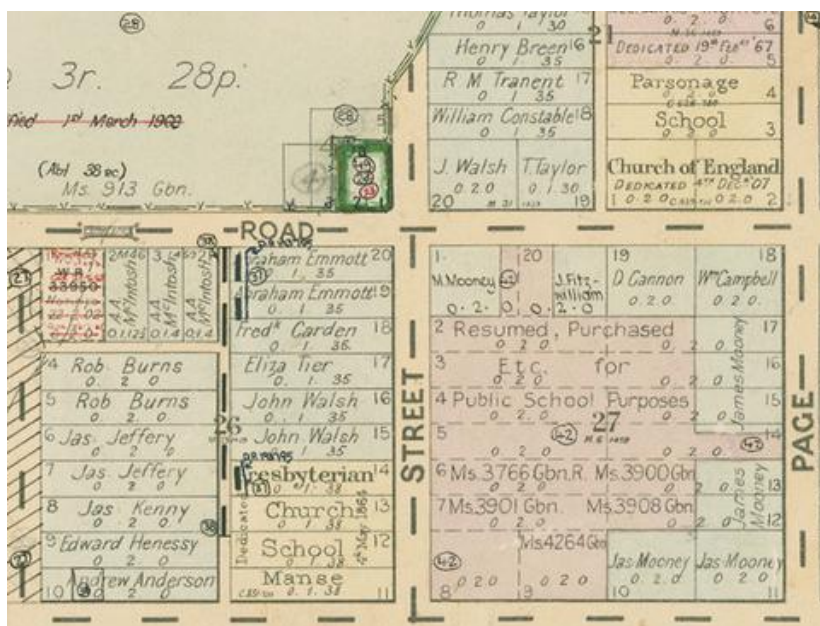
The annual bazaar in aid of the Methodist Church at Central Tilba realised £105 nett. A ballot for the most popular man in the district was won by **Mr. W. A. Corkhill.**

Mr. Austin Chapman, M.H.R., was in Moruya on Wednesday last and was met by deputations from the Progress Assn. (1) To remodel the local post office. (2) A grant for the laying out of the proposed small park in front of the Hotel Adelaide. (3) To increase road grant for bettering the conditions of the roads about the locality. (4) To have a public telephone installed at the Heads.

Very few deaths have called such widespread regret as that of **Mr. John Leslie Ross**, of "Gunyah," Gundry, whose demise took place at Lewisham Private Hospital on the 8th inst. ... Mr. Ross was born in Scotland 62 years ago, and came to this country nearly 40 years ago, residing for a time in Queensland, after which he came to the district. For some time he was engaged at the Glenduart sawmills, subsequently setting up business as a carpenter and undertaker. Marrying Miss Lizzie Couter, niece of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, of "The Grove," Moruya. Mr. Ross built a home at Gundry, where he has since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Ross suffered intense grief on the death of their promising and clever elder son, Flight Lieutenant John Stuart Leslie Ross, navigator, wireless operator, and assistant, who was killed when the Alliance Endeavor crashed to earth after leaving Hounslow Aerodrome, England, on 13th November, 1919, on its flight to Australia. This great loss greatly undermined the health of both parents. A widow, one son and one daughter are left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and affectionate father.

Advertisement: Important Sale of HOUSE PROPERTY on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT THOMSON'S BUTCHER SHOP. - H. THOMSON has received instruction from Mr. Walters, Agent, for the Estate of Mrs. Hitch (deceased), to sell by public auction the property: Lot 20, Section 21, Campbell Street, now occupied by Mr. Leo Walters, dwelling house have an area of 2 rods. Lots 15 and 16, Section 26, Campbell St., West side of Evan's Street, containing cottage now vacant, having an area of 3 rods, 30 perches. Lot 20, of Section 48, of Moruya, situated on the west side of Evans Street, containing an area of 10 acres, 2 rods.

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



Moruya Town Parish map showing Lt. 20 section 2 and Lots 15,6 section 26 which were advertised for sale.

Forestry restoring access on weather damaged roads

Road, bridge, culvert and causeway repairs are continuing at a fast pace across weather-impacted coastal state forests across New South Wales.

Under the Forest Infrastructure Repair Program (FIRP), **Forestry Corporation** has this year completed several key road and bridge building projects.

Forestry Corporation maintains a network of forest roads and trails spanning 60,000 kilometres, which complements the public road network and provides access for community use, forest management and fire protection.

More than half of the state forest road network is located within areas that were impacted by flooding.

Weather events damaged between 10,000 and 50,000 kilometres of forest roads prior to the NSW Government providing \$60 million in funding spread over three years in 2022 to fix flood-damaged roads, bridges and culverts and restore vehicle access for the broader community.

Forestry Corporation's Project Supervisor – Forest Infrastructure Peter Walsh said the funding specifically targets repairs to roads and infrastructure in flood-affected Local Government Areas (LGAs) and priorities are major access routes and bridges where significant damage has occurred. "Restoring and improving vehicle access to the forest estate has been a major focus for Forestry Corporation and a considered approach has been taken to the planning and construction of road, bridge, culvert and causeway repairs with these major works creating employment and adding significantly to regional economies," Mr Walsh said.

"Under the FIRP project, Forestry Corporation has worked to plan and complete a long list of projects in state forests and has now completed 125 projects under FIRP.

"To date 20 major bridges have been replaced, 14 major bridge replacements have been tendered, 25 landslips have been repaired, more than 1200-kilometres of road has been maintained or reopened,

12 quarries have been expanded, a further four quarry expansions are planned and 102 crossings have been repaired "A total of 115 projects are now under construction or in the planning or implementation stage across New South Wales," he said.

Projects that have been completed or progressed in 2024 include:

South Coast

- A bridge replacement on Native Dog Creek on Clyde Ridge Road in Flat Rock State Forest near Batemans Bay has been completed– Shoalhaven LGA.
- A tender package for the replacement of two bridges on Goanna Road in East Boyd State Forest near Eden has been released – Bega Valley LGA.
- Construction of three bridges on Mountain Road and Ireland Timms Road in Nadgee State Forest near Eden has commenced – Bega Valley LGA.
- A tender package for the replacement of the Western Distributor and Lyons Road bridges in Currowan State Forest near Batemans Bay was released – Shoalhaven LGA.

In 2022, the NSW Government provided \$60 million in funding spread over three years towards the Forest Infrastructure Repair Program to fix flood-damaged roads, bridges and culverts and restore access for forest management and the broader community.

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Help the Bas reach big dreams

Eurobodalla's beloved Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre is on a mission to become the best creative venue on the South Coast of NSW. You may ask, 'isn't it already?'

Council's community development manager Kim Bush said the Bas can offer so much more to the community – but needs further financial support.

Since 2019, the Bas has held its legacy as an exhibition centre fostering Eurobodalla's connection and involvement in art. The Bas is fully funded by Council with a contribution from Mr Basil Sellers AM each year for the biennial art prize. Ms Bush said Council is looking at creative ways to develop capacity without putting further pressure on the public purse.

"There is so much potential to expand our creative program and bring even more incredible opportunities to schools, local artists and the wider community," she said.

Ms Bush said the dream for the Bas was to support artists in schools who can build creative skills, provide professional development for local artists and to enhance awareness and community outreach.

"We need support from the community to make it happen," Ms Bush said.

"We're calling on all art enthusiasts, passionate individuals and community champions to rally behind us and donate to the Bas."

The Bas now has a deductible gift recipient status and the option to [donate online](http://www.thebas.com.au). Visit www.thebas.com.au.

"The Bas can provide tax benefits to our community with all donations going to support arts programs, artists and more activities," Ms Bush said.

Soon, doors to the Bas will reopen after four weeks of painting, maintenance and an exhibition install.

"What a special exhibition it is reopening for!" Ms Bush said.

"Four local artists have come together to showcase light, shadow, form and space in an intriguing exhibition."

Light Shadow Form Space features the work of Diane Appleby, Margaret Ainscow, Jo Victoria and Stephanie Simko.

The group exhibition runs from 17 February to 28 March.

[RSVP for the opening night](#) on Friday 16 February, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Visit www.thebas.com.au for more information.



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At Smokey Dan's

Alex Lloyd at Smokey Dan's Saturday 17th February. Alex Lloyd is known for his distinctive voice, heartfelt lyrics and captivating melodies that have captured the hearts of music lovers around the globe. On his 'some old ..some new' tour he will be performing his new single 'Forever' as well as hits 'Amazing', 'Beautiful' and more. A great opportunity to see this 4 x ARIA winning artist in an intimate setting. Limited tickets available.

Australian country music icon **Catherine Britt** will be coming to Smokey Dan's on Saturday 16th March. With special guests Corey Legge and Dust & Echos. Catherine possesses a voice that will instantly get your attention and boasts a worthy story that is sure to keep you enthralled. She has won no less than five Golden Guitars and been nominated for ARIA Country Album of the Year six times in addition to many other accolades. Her captivating songs have charted both in Australia and the US Billboard Top 40. A long list of collaborations includes Sir Elton John, Dolly Parton, Keith Urban and many more. "She's The Real Deal" Sir Elton John. This will be an amazing show, come along and experience Catherine Britt with her full band and support provided by Tamworth People's Choice winner Corey Legge and one of the most talented duos on the coast Dust & Echos.



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South East Arts Micro Grants Program - NOW OPEN!

South East Arts is offering Quick Response Micro Grants of up to \$1,000 for independent practicing artists working across all art forms to support public outcomes and build audiences. Designed to support our creative community of artists, this funding aims to be as flexible as possible and help support opportunities in 2024. Closes Monday 19 February 2024.

Oyster Industry

The Batemans Bay Museum is planning an Exhibition on the Clyde River Oyster industry. From the first aboriginals connection to the rivers oyster up to today. Looking for photos and perhaps old relics from the Clyde oyster farms. Also stories of the past. If you can help you can message Admin of this group or contact the museum Wed/Thur/Fri and Sat morning phone 4472 1635.



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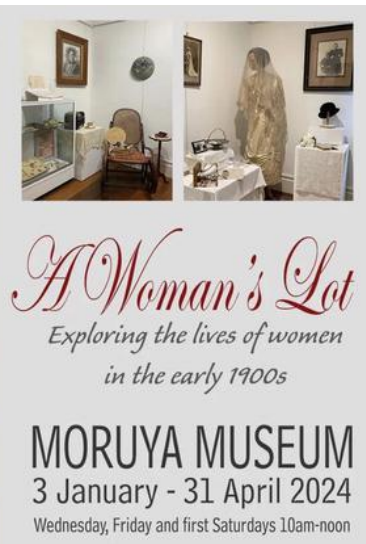
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Strata Living and New Technologies

It is interesting to see how where you live affects the way you can use or adopt new technologies. If you own your own house and you decide to put on solar panels, a battery, buy an EV or want to charge your electric bike or scooter you can pretty much do whatever you want. Things are a little different though when you live in a strata complex. Many new technologies require hardware or services to be installed in areas in a strata complex known as common property and as such it is not straightforward in getting the approval to do so. The most recent issue that has arisen is the charging of lithium batteries that seem to be in nearly everything these days. However, there have been a number of fires in strata buildings caused by charging these batteries for items such as electric bikes and scooters. Some strata complexes are now looking at implementing by-laws to govern the use of such charging devices. It is a salient warning to all of us though to always use the correct charger and don't leave the charging batteries unsupervised.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



Cuttagee bridge negotiations

Bega Valley Shire Council's CEO, Anthony McMahon has successfully negotiated a way forward for renewing the ageing Cuttagee bridge near Bermagui. "Given the time constraints of a generous \$15 million grant from the NSW Government, Councillors recently delegated the responsibility of negotiating final funding deed details to me following the most recent Council meeting," Mr McMahon said. "This week the Mayor and I met with representatives from Transport for NSW, the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Jenny Aitchison and Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland and I am happy to say we are now ready to move forward with the project.

"We reached an agreement to consult with the community on three design choices, including a two-lane concrete structure, a two-lane concrete and timber hybrid option and a single-lane hybrid design. "The two hybrid options would feature timber components with a connection to heritage design, with the detail to be worked through. "Our next step is to refine designs of all three options and consult with the community on the options. We will communicate when public consultation begins and offer everyone a chance to have their say. "Following the consultation period, the options will be further assessed incorporating community feedback and the final design solution to be progressed will be determined by Councillors at a later date.

"It's important to note that while generous, \$15 million is not enough to build a new bridge. However, with a way forward approved, we can use the funding to leverage further grants to ease any burden on ratepayers. "We thank the Member for Bega, Regional Transport and Roads Minister and Transport for NSW for their funding commitment and willingness to negotiate a great outcome for the community." For more information on the Cuttagee Bridge project, visit [Council's website](#).

Sea Survival and Fight Fires Training and Assessment Day at Tuross-Moruya Rescue Base.



Tuross-Moruya Marine Rescue reports: On Saturday 10 February 2024 ten candidates took part in Sea Survival and Fight Fires Training, with ten members qualifying. All members were from Marine Rescue NSW training together, from units on the South Coast; Tuross-Moruya - Nicole Andraos, John Sutton, Caleb Fitzgerald, Codie Hunt; Bermagui - Greg Brackenreg; Eden - David Pruckner; Batemans Bay - Robert Rovetto, Daniel Morris, Gary Boucher, Robert McArthur.

In support were many members of Marine Rescue Tuross-Moruya aboard Rescue Vessel TU12 and Jet Skis TU10 and TU11, as well as members manning handheld radios.

Unit Commander Blaise Madden was the course Trainer and Assessor and congratulates each marine rescue member and wishes them well for their future positions in their units - Saving Lives on the Water.



CHARITY GOLF DAY

TUROSS MORUYA UNIT

WHERE Moruya Golf Club

WHEN Friday 1st March 2024

TIME 1pm Shotgun Start
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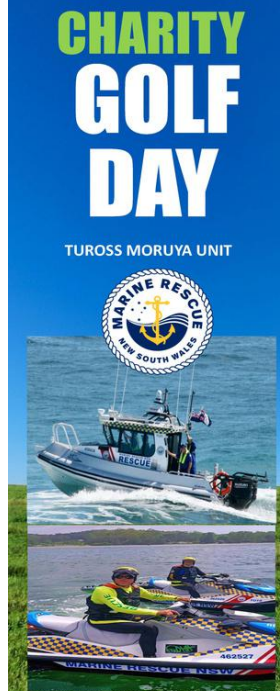
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ARGYLLE (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 19M, ACTION/THRILLER		4.15pm	4.15pm	4.30pm*			
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FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2
 M | 1hr 52min ~ *Drama* ~
Eric Bana & Richard Roxburgh
 Federal agents investigate when five women take part in a hiking retreat and only four come out.




BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE
 M | 1hr 47min ~ *Biography* ~ *Music* ~
Lashana Lynch, Tosin Cole & Kingsley Ben-Adira
 A Celebration of the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity.


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 M | 2hrs 19min ~ *Action* ~ *Comedy* ~
Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard & Dua Lipa
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 M | 1hr 56min ~ *Action* ~ *Drama* ~
Dakota Johnson, Emma Roberts & Adam Scott
 In a switch from the typical genre, Madame Web tells the standalone origin story of one of Marvel publishing's most enigmatic heroines.



THE HOLDOVERS
 M | 2hrs 13min ~ *Drama* ~ *Comedy* ~
Paul Giamatti & Da'Vine Joy Randolph
 Nobody likes teacher Paul Hunham (Giamatti) -- not his students, not his fellow faculty, not the headmaster, who all find his pomposity and rigidity exasperating.




ANYONE BUT YOU
 MA | 1hr 43min ~ *Comedy* ~ *Romance* ~
Sydney Sweeney & Glen Powell
 After an amazing first date, Bea and Ben's fiery attraction turns ice cold - until they find themselves unexpectedly reunited at a destination wedding in Australia.

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THE COLOR PURPLE
 M | 2hrs 21min ~ *Drama* ~ *Musical* ~
Taraji P. Henson & Danielle Brooks
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Moruya RSL Sub Branch

will be holding the first meetings for 2024 on Tuesday, 20th February (3rd Tuesday of the month) at 2p.m. at the Moruya RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page St Moruya. The Moruya Sub Branch would welcome the attendance of as many members as possible to give input as it is the Annual General Meeting & the general meeting. There are a number of important items for discussion especially arrangements for ANZAC Day."

IT'S COUNCILLOR CATCH UP TIME

Councillors have been back at it after the summer break. They're looking forward to connecting with residents face-to-face at Evans Road Playground (near the shops), **Tuross Head**.

It's nice and casual - drop by any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm on **Wednesday 21 February**.

Find out when the next catchup is in a town near you >

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/.../have.../councillor-catch-ups>

Next week's council meeting agenda and public forum info >

www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings

PCYC is offering some Safer Driver Courses

Book in now so you don't miss out!

<https://www.pcyedrivereducation.org.au/book-a-course>

> **Narooma** 16th Feb @ Club Narooma.

> **Batemans Bay** 23rd Feb @ Batemans Bay Library.

PCYC is one of the largest providers of Driver Education Programs across NSW! Don't miss out on an accredited 5-hour Safer Drivers course to get 20 hours off your logbook and learn the skills to become a proactive, safer driver.

To be eligible for the course you must hold a valid NSW learner licence, be under the age of 25 and have completed a minimum of 50 hours of on-road driving (T&Cs apply).

BATEMANS BAY POLICE STATION OPEN DAY

Batemans Bay Police Station will be having an Open Day on Saturday the 27th April 2024 from 10.00am to 3.00pm This will be a family friendly event showcasing various NSW Police Force Units including:

*Police Dog Unit. Police Aviation Command. Mounted Police. Police Marine Area Command. Traffic & Highway Patrol. Police Rescue & Bomb Disposal. Police Recruitment. Guided tours of the Police Station and Custody areas. Coffee Van and BBQ available on the day. Gold coin entry donation that will be donated to a chosen charity.

MORUYA COMMUNITY GARDEN HAS ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

Would you like a space to grow your own veggies, herbs or flowers?

The Moruya Community Garden has allotments available for the cost of \$20 per annum. This includes your own personal allotment, soil, mulch and water. Every two months the gardeners gather together for a working bee. If you would like more info contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com

Round 2 of the South East Marine Estate Grants Program is now OPEN!

Dive into grants aimed at reducing sediment and nutrients entering coastal waterways to enhance water quality in our streams! Who's eligible? land managers within 10km of the tidal limit can apply . and land managers within 2km of the upper tidal limit can apply for riverbank vegetation improvements and riverbank stabilisation.

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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

Eurobodalla Libraries

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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 !

A few 2024 Diary Dates

- 3 March Moruya Races - Country Championships
- 1-3 March - Cobargo Folk Festival
- 3 March - 2024 Country Championships Moruya
- 8 March - International Women's Day
- 10 March - Broulee Bay to Breakers Swim
- 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

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 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/

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

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!

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 Boulevarde (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.

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Each course runs for 1 day.

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Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.

For details, pics and rego forms go to

www.teensafemoruya.org

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Batemans Bay



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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!



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MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

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

To find out more information...

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



Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya

Moruya River.

We have a good week on the fish in Moruya this week, the system is warm and clean and firing on all cylinders. The weed beds throughout the system have been producing some nice sized bream this week, both on baits and lures. Shallow running hard bodies and small profile soft plastics on light jig heads have been producing well.

There have been some nice sized whiting on the sand flats and nipper beds this week. Live nippers are the go to bait when chasing these fish. For the lures guys a quickly worked, erratic retrieve on a surface lure will get the follow and response you are looking for. Further upstream around the town bridge, the flathead, bream, whiting and estuary perch can all be found on the flats in the middle of the river. Unfortunately there has been a seal take up residence under the bridge making fishing under the bridge a challenge.

Throughout the system, from the mouth to up past the hospital, the flathead have been abundant also. All manner of techniques have been working on these fish, so get out and enjoy the weekend.

Tuross River.

Big leaps forward in the condition of Tuross this week, and as a result the fishing has been on much better.

As usual the flathead have been the most prevalent and talked about species in the river, but there are whispers of good numbers of whitebait in the lower sections. Lots of species like to eat whitebait, flathead, bream, tailor, salmon and mulloway all enjoy these fish. So if you can find where they are holding, you should be able to find the fish.

There have been good reports of some nice sized whiting back on the sand flats this week. Try around the potato point side of the system, you can expect to find a few flathead lurking around where you find the whiting also.

The bream are not to be forgotten, with the systems vast system of oyster leases all holding good numbers of healthy well conditioned fish. Hard body and surface lures work well this time of year on the bream, as do soft plastics.

Rock and Beach.

There are the usual salmon hanging around in good numbers all along the coast this last week, but most noticeably, there are some really good sized dusky flathead holding in the gutters this season. I feel that a lot of the fish that left the rivers during the Xmas rains have just not left the beaches. Fish to 60cm are regular catches along the beaches and will quite happily take baits ment for salmon or tailor. Along with the flathead, the bream and whiting are still hanging around in good numbers. Pipis, worms or nippers will be your best bait options for chasing these fish.

Offshore.

With still very warm currents pushing down the coast, the offshore scene has had a few surprise captures this past week or two. We have had reports of sailfish being taken out from Ulladulla this week, a sure sign there are some northern visitors coming down to say hello.

On the inshore grounds, flathead, snapper, mowong, and gummy sharks have all been on the cards. With our new Bait supplier in store whole yakka, slimey and sauries are a good option if you are chasing bigger fish.

The bait freezer is missing a few items, most notably are the 2kg block pilchards, tweed are out, and are not sure when they will be available again. Hawksbury prawns, whitebait and mullet fillet are also out, but there are alternative baits still available.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

Golf NSW tournament coming to Batemans Bay

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher has welcomed a prestigious 36-hole tournament to Batemans Bay for the first time.

The NSW Open Golf Regional Qualifying Series will be held at Catalina Club this September. It is part of a six-tournament series that will see Australia's best professional and elite amateur golfers competing for a spot in the NSW Open Golf Championship and \$50,000 in prizemoney.

Other tournaments will be held at South West Rocks, Coffs Harbour, Teven, Wollongong and Queanbeyan throughout the year.

"This is such a prestigious event to hit our slice of paradise," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Council's events team is working on adding more high-profile events like this to Eurobodalla's calendar – stay tuned, because there's more to come."

Council's general manager Warwick Winn said the event will boost the shire's economy outside of the peak holiday season.

"This event will put Catalina Club and Eurobodalla on the map for travelling golfers. It will be televised and talked about across the state," Mr Winn said.

"Council will work with businesses in the area to prepare for the influx of visitors in September, normally a quiet time of year for tourism."

More than 100 golfers will visit Batemans Bay for at least four nights stay, says Golf NSW events manager Olivia Wilson.

"Three spots are up for grabs in the NSW Open Golf Championship – a tier one event on the Challenger PGA Tour of Australasia schedule," Ms Wilson said.

"It's a great opportunity for players along the South Coast and regional Canberra to compete at the Catalina event for a run in the top three.

"It's also a bonus to come to a beautiful place like Batemans Bay. Players love to bring their families and extras tend to tag along."

Ms Wilson thanked Golf NSW partners for their support.

"Being able to take these tournaments to regional areas is made possible thanks to the NSW Government and local support from Bega MP Dr Michael Holland and Eurobodalla Council who jumped at the concept."

Ms Wilson said Catalina Club had been flexible, shuffling their calendar to host the event. The club's assistant general manager Mitchel Judd said excitement was already building.

"We're very excited to host. It is arguably the biggest event the club has seen in 10-plus years," Mr Judd said.

"We are delighted our community gets the opportunity to see world class golf and the players and their families get to explore all that the Eurobodalla has to offer.

"We will make some exciting announcements closer to the date about local talent participating in the event."

4CYTETM Dressage by the Sea CDI 2024 Returns to Willinga Park

In its 8th year, the highly anticipated 4CYTETM Dressage by the Sea CDI 2024 event returns, offering four days of competitive competition from February 22nd to 25th amid the breathtaking scenery of Willinga Park. With a record-breaking 753 entries, this year's event promises to be the largest yet, highlighting the abilities of over 290 horses and 190 riders.

Dressage, often referred to "the highest expression of horse training" will showcase a variety of movements, and spectators can anticipate a show of harmony, precision and athleticism of both horse and rider. Official competitions across various skill levels, as defined by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), will take place in the world-class arenas from 8.00am to 6.00pm each day.

The program will showcase a comprehensive list of competitions. From the prestigious CDI 3* and CDI 1* events to categories specifically tailored for young riders, including CDI Children, CDI-Junior, and CDI Young Rider, there's something for everyone.

Additionally, the CDI Under 25 competition provides a platform for emerging talent to shine. The event will also feature Official Novice to National Grand Prix competitions, allowing riders to progress and compete at various levels as well as freestyle to music, ranging from Advanced to Grand Prix, offer a captivating display of skill and creativity.

As the excitement builds for the Paris 2024 Olympics, the stakes are high for a group of talented Australian dressage riders competing at this year's 4CYTETM Dressage by the Sea CDI 2024 event. Over the course of four days, riders including Jessica Dertell, Charlotte Phillips, Suzanne Hearn, David McKinnon, Caroline Wagner, and Mary Hanna will showcase their skills, vying for a coveted spot on the Australian Dressage team at the upcoming Olympics.

To qualify to be considered for Paris 2024 and be recognized by the FEI, riders must achieve a Minimum Eligibility Score of 67% or above on two separate occasions in the Grand Prix at a CDI3* competition or above. With their eyes set on Olympic glory, these riders are prepared to deliver stellar performances and demonstrate their potential to represent Australia on the world stage. Australian Selectors will be looking at competitors who score an average of 69% or more under the eye of a Level 4 international foreign judge. Visitors to the event are invited to explore the enchanting gardens and sculptures that adorn Willinga Park's sprawling landscape. Spanning over 10 hectares, the gardens boast a stunning array of native Australian flora, complemented by over 30 large-scale sculptures crafted by renowned artists from Australia, New Zealand, China, and Japan. Sculptures by Phil Price, Jeff Thompson, Virginia King, and others create a captivating atmosphere that invites guests to wander and discover.

Whether you're a dedicated rider or an enthusiastic spectator, our trade stands offer a unique opportunity to explore leading brands and engage with knowledgeable vendors. From essential supplements to fine equestrian jewellery, top-quality saddlery, stylish apparel, and everything in between, there's something for everyone at the Trade Village.



Amidst the excitement of the event, the Bunker Cafe offers a tranquil retreat for visitors to recharge. As well as the Bunker Café, spectators can indulge in the culinary delights from food trucks starting at 8.00am. The Bunker Cafe will be open throughout the event from 11.00am, serving lunch and dinner, along with a selection of beverages from the bar.

Willinga Park Vet Hospital invites riders and spectators to explore their state-of-the-art facility, from advanced medical treatments to expert care, the hospital sets a new standard in equine health excellence. Tours of the facility will be offered on Saturday, February 24th at 11.00am and 2.00pm, as well as on Sunday, February 25th at 11.00am. Bookings not required for these tours. Whether you're a rider seeking top-tier veterinary services or a spectator curious about the latest advancements in equine healthcare, this is your chance to witness the future of equine medicine firsthand.

For those unable to attend in person, 4CYTETM Dressage by the Sea 2024 will be livestreamed on Willinga Park TV, ensuring that equestrian enthusiasts worldwide can be part of this extraordinary celebration.



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Starting Feb 18.

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Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 8th February 2024

A field of 60 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Troy Kingdom (10) with 44 points
- 2nd: Mark Haberkorn (16) with 39 points
- 3rd: Stephen Gardner (20) with 38 points
- 4th: Peter Garn (23) with 38 points
- 5th: Cate O'Brien (38) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Troy Kingdom 4.60
- 4B: Paul Medwin 2.66
- 4C: Mark Jackson 2.29
- 6A: Geoff Burke 2.94
- 6B: Mark Haberkorn 3.60
- 6C: Mick Elfar 6.42
- 7A: Shane Gschwend 1.95
- 7B: Sam Dryden 4.60
- 7C: Nil

Balls went to:

Colin Houghton 37, Geoff Burke 37, Ray Bollard 37, Brad Doolan 37, Rob Green 35, Michael Elfar 34, Robert McDonnell 34, Mark Jackson 34, Peter Coffey 34, Stephen Swanbury 34, Graeme Sindel 33, David Schmid 33, Leonie Snodgrass 32, Greg Maloney 31, Steve Johnston 31, Wayne Fullerton 31, Desmond Jackson 31, Kevin Reilly 31, Elsa Shearer 31 and Paul Medwin 31.



Winners Elsa Shearer, Dorothy Madden and Dianne Brown.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 13th February 2024

A field of 21 players registered for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Pauline Nash.

The Winners were:

- A Grade 1st: Dorothy Madden (20) with 34 points
- A Grade 2nd: Pauline Nash (27) with 33 points
- B Grade 1st: Elsa Shearer (36) with 27 points
- B Grade 2nd: Jeanette Miller (38) with 27 points
- C Grade 1st: Dianne Brown (45) with 36 points
- C Grade 2nd: Julie Barningham (45) with 26 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Dianne Brown
- 15th: Dianne Brown
- 7th: Gail Page (HC 1-35)
- Jane Eglitis (HC 36-45)

Balls went to:

Teri Swanbury 32, Pam Alexander 31, Gail Page 31 and Annette Manton 30.



Winner: Ross Hendy (left) with David Schmid (president)

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 10th February 2024

A field of 59 players registered for a Stableford Medley combined event.

Winners were:

- 1st: Ross Hendy (35) with 45 points
- 2nd: Peter Coffey (24) with 40 points
- 3rd: Ian Lawson (18) with 40 points
- 4th: Greg Booth (17) with 39 points
- 5th: Simon French (14) with 39 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Col Houghton 1.58
- 4B: Ron Rogers 3.33
- 4C: Mick Elfar 6.66
- 6A: Bruce Handley 1.37
- 6B: James Paton 0.95
- 6C: Tony Brown 3.27
- 7A: Simon French 1.10
- 7B: Nil
- 7C: Rodney Bowron 6.20

Balls went to:

Jenny Reilly 38, John Phyland 38, Frank Pomfret 38, Peter Garn 38, Malcolm Gilbertson 37, Danny Nickson 37, Tim Watson 36, James Paton 36, Shane Gschwend 35, Derek Hoare 35, Ian Miller 35, Ruth Gschwend 34, Steve Collins 34, Peter Johnston 34, David Schmid 34, Bruce Martin 34, Tony Brown 33, Jim Wade 33, Colin Houghton 33 and Graeme Sindel 33.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 14th February 2024.

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford event today. The weather was cool and the course in great condition.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Bruce Harding 23 (countback)
- 2nd: Ross Hendy 23
- 3rd: Terry Milliken 22 (countback)
- 4th: Paula Coffey 22 (countback)
- 5th: Ross Davidson 22
- 6th: Dorothy Madden 20
- 7th: Jeanette Miller 20
- 8th: Herb Muriwai 19
- 9th: Steve Jones 19
- 10th: Ray Downey 19
- 11th: Neal Watson 19
- 12th: Jane Eglitis 18 (countback)
- 13th: Mark Maher 18 (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Dorothy Madden
- 6th: Bruce Harding
- 7th: Ladies: Jennifer Gray
- Mens: Bruce Harding

Accuracy: Shirley Quinlan
Bradman: Ron Hanlon



Winner Bruce Harding

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Open Gender Pennant Underway

The 2023/24 Open Pennant season has started with **Tuross Head Bowling Club** having two sides in the state-wide competition that starts with local clubs playing against one another to determine who advances to Zone and State finals. Tuross has entered a Grade 5 and a Grade 7 side. Due to the fall in the number of teams nominated both Grades will be playing in combined grade competitions. The Grade 5 is playing in a combined 3/4/5 competition while the Grade 7 is in a combined 6/7 event.

In these combined competitions the teams in the higher grade must finish in front of the lower graded teams if they are to progress to the next level of the competition.

The competition started last Saturday, February 10, with the Grade 5 side travelling to Tomakin to do battle with their Grade 4 side. Unfortunately, the weather was unkind and the match was played in annoying drizzly rain. Despite this the full allotment of 63 ends were played with Tomakin recording a convincing 67 to 38 shot win!

The Tuross team of Doreen Monks, Noel Downie, Irene Macdonald and John Monks had a very close game. The Tuross team started well and in a very tight battle they held a 10 – 5 lead after 12 ends. Tomakin had a couple of very productive ends that saw them take the lead for the first time in the game at 16 – 13 after 18 ends. Tuross won the next two ends to see the sides at 16 all with one end to play. Tomakin was able to secure a 19 – 16 win by scoring 3 shots on the last end! The Tuross team had won 13 of the 21 ends but they allowed their opponents to record 2 ends of 4 shots and another 2 ends with 3 shots that proved the difference.

The other two games in the contest were dominated by the Tomakin teams. In both they established early leads and were able to hold off the attempts from the Tuross teams to make an impact in the games. By winning all three rinks Tomakin were awarded a ten points to nil victory! The next round is scheduled for Saturday February 24 with the Tuross Grade 5 side hosting Malua Bay 4. The Tuross Grade 7 side travel to Tomakin to play their first game of the year against their Grade 6 side. Tuross Grade 7 had a bye in round 1.

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