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ARE YOU FEELING 30?

For a while now, Moruya's Ford -, Church- and Queen street have a speed limit of 30km/hour. Although, when you sit, for example, at the health food Café on Church Street and watch cars race by towards Vulcan street, in a bid to beat the traffic lights, 60km/ hour seems the norm.

And between those target locked drivers in a hurry and those lights, there is a pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians are well advised to only walk across when cars actually stop, and drivers acknowledge their presence and their right of way. The pedestrian crossing on Ford Street is probably the most risky of them all. Mainly because drivers entering Ford Street from the roundabout at Queen Street are not met by a 30 sign on the side of the road or markings on the road.

Queen street doesn't fare much better. Too many people still use Ford, Church and Queen Street as their route to try and beat traffic on Vulcan street. Both for travelling North and South.

Throw into that mix the drivers for whom the "NO ENTRY" signs on Church Street, marking the exit of the parking lot between Church- and Queen Street, are either not big enough or mean nothing, and we are just waiting for an accident to happen. People using the parking lot as a short cut reach irresponsible speeds. As there is no speed signage in the parking lot, people may actually think that 50kmh is okay.

One issue that needs addressing is the signage on all those roads. For example, people turning onto Church Street from Vulcan Street can almost be forgiven for failing to notice the 30 signs at the beginning of Church Street. There ought to be repeat signs after every entry point on Church Street, Ford Street and Queen Street, reminding and advising drivers of the speed limit.

As a matter of pedestrian safety, Give Way signs, plus 30 signs should be placed at the different pedestrian crossings. And as a matter of safety, 30 signs should be placed at the entry of all parking lots in Moruya.

Finally, speed enforcement by police would be a veery welcome and useful tool in shaping driver behaviour.

For the safety and wellbeing of both local and visitor alike, the execution of the changed zones to 30 kmph should be welcomed and embraced by all. After all, if you think you are that busy that you do not have the extra few seconds in your day it takes to traverse these streets at the reduced speed, well what can one say.

Let us enjoy our lovely town and CBD in safety.

Concerned (and annoyed) long term local business owner.

Lisa McInally
Moruya

Mitigate climate change to avoid damage bills from future natural disasters

With the release of the State Mitigation Disaster Plan (SMDP) today by the NSW Reconstruction Authority, Climate Action Monaro (CAM) has called for strong measures to mitigate climate change and thereby avoid the high damage bills from future natural disasters.

The SMDP says that the cost of disasters will hit \$9.1 billion per year by 2060 in damages to homes and infrastructure if action is not taken.

CAM President Ross Martin says that, historically, around 97% of disaster funding has been spent on response and recovery with only 3% spent on reducing risk.

"Proportionally, we have to spend far more on reducing risk," says Mr Martin. "That means we have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as we can. We have to shift our whole economy away from dependence on fossil fuels for energy, to renewables."

The SMDP notes that there are nine hazards: floods, storms and cyclones, coastal hazards (erosion and inundation), bush fires, heatwaves, earthquakes, landslides, tornadoes and tsunamis.

"Historically, heatwaves and bushfires have presented the greatest risk to life, while storms and floods present the highest risk to homes, businesses and infrastructure," says Mr Martin.

"By 2060, the greatest hazards will be experienced along the coast, affecting such Local Government Areas (LGAs) as Eurobodalla. It will have an estimated annual damage bill of \$290 million to the built environment, most of it from storms, erosion and inundation.

"Climate change is increasing the severity and frequency of natural hazards and increased development in these areas means more people are exposed.

"It is not just coastal LGAs that will be affected. All LGAs must take action to reduce risk such as assessing building codes to consider how to improve design and construction standards for greater resilience to natural hazards; provide early warning systems so that communities are better prepared when disaster strikes; and working with the insurance industry to reflect risk reduction in the cost of insurance and advocate for greater affordability.

"The most important risk reduction measure, however, is to mitigate climate change that will reduce the severity and frequency of natural hazards".

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Bolstering traditional practices to ramp up bushfire resilience



South Coast pilot Project near Batemans Bay

A new program to boost the bushfire resilience of critical transport corridors by supporting Aboriginal cultural landscape management has been launched at four sites across regional New South Wales.

The \$4.5 million **Transport for NSW** (TfNSW) Aboriginal Cultural Landscapes Project is a land management pilot created in response to recommendations from the NSW Bushfire Inquiry which followed the Black Summer disaster. The outcome-driven project supports local Aboriginal communities to use traditional land management methods, including cultural burning, to reduce the risk of bushfires impacting key NSW roads.

Pilot sites are located:

- near the Bruxner Highway northwest of Grafton on Bundjalung Country
- near the Oxley and Newell Highways at Coonabarabran on Gomeroi Country
- along the Princes Highway at Bega and Batemans Bay on the South Coast on Yuin Country.

A joint TfNSW and La Trobe University research project will accompany the pilots and explore how traditional and cultural land and water management can be used to build resilience to natural disasters into the transport network.

The Department of Regional NSW Regional Aboriginal Partnerships Program will support Aboriginal groups within a culturally safe environment to ensure their business models can deliver landscape management services to landowners and Government once the pilots conclude in mid-2025.

The pilot is part of the NSW Government's \$28 million Network Resilience Program being delivered by TfNSW over four years to improve the State Road network's resilience to bushfires.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said "Having travelled extensively through Bega during the 2019/20 bushfires, I know the first-hand trauma and devastation they caused.

"It's a win-win situation that could pave the way for this important work to expand after the pilot. It will contribute to a model of closer working with Aboriginal people to build the framework for future land management partnerships with Transport for NSW, other Government agencies, and private landholders.

"This won't just help reduce the risk of catastrophic fires impacting our transport links, it will also help the Aboriginal communities strengthen their cultural connection with Country."

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty David Harris said: "Aboriginal people have been caring for Country as custodians and knowledge holders for tens of thousands of years.

"It makes sense for Aboriginal people to manage the landscape at these sites now and into the future. Through this initiative, we are Closing the Gap by creating jobs and empowering Aboriginal people and communities to be decision-makers.

"The project will strengthen Aboriginal communities and build knowledge and cultural heritage across the generations."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "The long-term tragedy and trauma that catastrophic fires bring is fresh in the memory of people who live, work and visit the South Coast. Connectivity is key during times of natural disaster, and I welcome any initiative that will help build the resilience of our key road network.

"The great thing about the pilot is that it has the potential to build future business and employment opportunities for local communities, while uplifting our collective ability to care for Country.

"This will help encourage knowledge of the land to be passed on by Elders, and benefit local communities as well as everyone who relies on the road network."

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Convention puts the brakes on 800 lot development proposal at Broulee

By Alex Rea

Convention puts the brakes on 800 lot proposal at Broulee

A local government convention, that a casting vote should support the status quo, saw Eurobodalla Council resolve not to support the Planning Proposal for the 800 Lot 'Agrihood' at Broulee proceeding to Gateway Determination.

The proposal was not supported by Council staff, nor an independent consultant.

A variety of people and groups presented to Council. The developer, Mr Ed Fernon, gave a description of all aspects of the development called The Farm on Broulee Road, adjoining Carroll College and The Bower. Two other speakers spoke for the proposal citing the need for affordable housing.

An amendment to the motion was carried to reflect that the three community groups (Sustainable Agriculture and Gardening Eurobodalla - SAGE, Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance - SHASA and Broulee Mossy Point Community Association - BMPCA), which were shown in the documentation to have supported the project, did not in fact support it.

Six speakers spoke against the proposal that would require a rezoning of the land from rural land.

One speaker questioned why they had spent so much time on the LEP and Rural Land Strategy when those decisions could be overridden.

Others questioned what guarantees there were to the aims of Agrihood living, and if the homes would be affordable.

One speaker said "To believe the marketing is naïve at best."

Questions were asked about the infrastructure (roads, traffic, water and sewer) needed to support such a large development and the capacity for planning staff to deal with the workload when there are already many developments in play in Eurobodalla. Andrew Bain, President of the BMPCA urged councillors, "Don't be fooled! It will take away from the village and it will not bring lower prices."

Mr Bain said that there had been no consultation and that the proposal would be a "wellness negative for Broulee."

Presenting on behalf of A Better Eurobodalla (ABE), a community forum dedicated to having open, accountable and responsive government, Dr Deb Stevenson said "There are multiple inconsistencies in this half-baked proposal, which fails to demonstrate how many of the so-called benefits will be achieved in practice. So much so, that the independent planning consultant concludes by saying 'the proposal represents a large urban expansion that seeks to present itself as a low density environmental living development in a currently un-serviced and isolated rural area requiring significant infrastructure development'.

Dr Stevenson continued "The Planning Proposal does not follow accepted planning practice, is inconsistent with existing planning strategies, has not provided sufficient supporting documentation and has not engaged openly and honestly with the affected community."

While Cr Harrison said, "we need to look into this further", and Cr Schutz said it "deserves a chance", Cr Mayne objected to the precedent that could be set.

"What precedent does it set given that we went through an onerous process with the LEP."

"If I'm a developer in Sydney seeing this, I'll come and down and roll the dice!" he said.

The Mayor repeatedly said that there was a process, and that it was a proposal and not a DA they were voting on. With Councillor Grace absent (citing a conflict of interest as a neighbour), the eight councillors voted 4 – 4 for the Motion in the negative. For (For Worthington, Mayne, Pollock, Diskon. Against Hatcher, Harrison, Schutz and Dannock.)

This left the Mayor with a casting vote in which he went against his previous vote, to maintain the status quo.

The Motion Carried was :

THAT Council:

1. 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.
- 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.

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

3. That Council notes the receipt of correspondence from SAGE NSW Inc, Broulee Mossy Point Community Association and Southcoast Health & Sustainability Alliance refuting claims of support in the planning proposal and in the staff report.

View the full council meeting [here](#)

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CWA Narooma better prepared for climate emergency



The Narooma CWA, with help from SHASA, is now better able to look after its most vulnerable members in the event of future climate emergencies.

This latest of seven heatwave and bushfire havens in the Eurobodalla was opened on Tuesday 20 February by the CWA's President, Far South Coast Group at the CWA Hall on the Highway near the Kinema in Narooma.

The upgrade of the hall to a heatwave and bushfire smoke haven has been funded by a grant from the NSW Government. The upgrade includes a Solar power system with battery and standby generator, Air Conditioning with a fresh air system incorporating HEPA filters, insulating window shutters and a renovated kitchen. These upgrades enable the rooms to be used safely during climate and power emergencies.

"This haven is the seventh of eleven havens currently planned in the Eurobodalla from Batemans Bay to Narooma", said Tony Lowe from SHASA, who managed the upgrade project. "The CWA Narooma haven will be open to the CWA's members and their families in the event of climate emergencies, like power failures or heat waves".

The CWA has been in Narooma for over 90 years, reflecting nearly a century of support for rural and regional women and families. They generally meet monthly and have handicraft, cookery, Mahjong, music and drama groups to meet the various interests of their members. The hall can also be hired by the community for other functions.

The South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) has been supporting community organisations since 2014. The support takes a practical approach, using solar energy and battery storage to reduce the organisations' costs and improve their buildings so that they can in turn support their community and membership better during difficult times. The program has so far helped 6 other local organisations, including CWA Moruya, to prepare for emergency use as heatwave and bushfire smoke havens.




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Southern NSW Local Health District welcomes new nurses

Communities across **Southern NSW Local Health District** (SNSWLHD) are to benefit from the addition of 12 nurses over the next month who will take up roles at Moruya Hospital, Batemans Bay Hospital and South East Regional Hospital. Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park said the new nurses were recruited from the UK as part of the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme (RHWIS) which offered incentive packages of up to \$20,000 to attract health workers to regional NSW.

“Communities across NSW are welcoming skilled health workers in a range of disciplines, from interstate and overseas. It is wonderful to see the impact our investment is making to the NSW Health workforce,” Mr Park said.

Dr. Michael Holland, Member for Bega, offered a warm welcome to the nurses from the UK to the beautiful South Coast and Sapphire Coast and thanked them for their most valued contribution to our healthcare workforce.

“You have moved to the other side of the world, left your families, friends and communities behind to embrace new experiences and communities here in Southern NSW and we are grateful for that.”

“Congratulations to the NSW Government for their initiative to attract international healthcare workers to the regions with the Health Workforce Incentive Scheme to address the acute healthcare workforce shortages left by the previous government.”

The new nurses were recruited as part of an overseas recruitment drive that will result in more than 80 nurses moving to Southern NSW from the United Kingdom (UK) in 2024.

Elizabeth Vinu, a child and family nurse who commenced in Moruya on 8 January, travelled from London in the UK to start a new life on the south coast of NSW. Originally from India, Elizabeth says she has felt more welcomed on her arrival in Moruya than anywhere else in her career – which has seen her work across three countries over 14 years.



Susan Thomas and Libin Baby and their young family have travelled from South Africa via the UK to start their new lives in the Bega Valley. Both Intensive Care Nurses, they have two primary school-aged children at Bega Valley Public School and say they are all enjoying the big move to the Sapphire Coast.

“The team at Moruya Hospital and the Local Health District are really supportive and I’ve felt welcomed by the community of Moruya as well. I feel this is the place I’m meant to be,” Elizabeth said.

Elizabeth is an experienced registered nurse and has a passion for helping mothers and families through the journey of pregnancy, childbirth and after the birth supporting mothers with breast feeding as a lactation consultant.

SNSWLHD Chief Executive Margaret Bennett said workforce shortages had been a significant challenge for health services across Australia over the past few years.

“The response to our overseas recruitment drive has been overwhelmingly positive,” Ms Bennett said.

“Our staff and local communities are rolling out the red carpet for our wonderful new UK nurses.”

“I am sure our new recruits will love living and working in regional NSW, especially in our beautiful coastal towns from Batemans Bay to Eden.”

Dr. Michael Holland MP
Member for Bega
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Removal Of Unhealthy Trees Kingston Place and Reid Streets Tomakin



Tomakin Community Association reports:

"The ESC has recently discovered that borer insects have infested the street trees surrounding the Kingston Place and Reid Street intersection. They've found 13 trees that are in poor condition and, unfortunately, unlikely to recover and are making plans to remove these trees.

An accredited contractor will cut down the trees and grind the stumps from the nature strip as soon as possible. The work will take a couple of days with large vehicles and equipment in use in the streets, so please use caution when you're nearby.

The image shows the location of the trees to be removed.

The removal of the trees will impact on the streetscape, so the ESC is exploring options for replanting taking into consideration the local environment, pedestrian access, underground services, and overhead powerlines. These factors will help to work out the most suitable locations and species for replanting.

If you believe borer insects could be affecting trees on your property, you are encouraged to talk to a local tree services provider. By addressing a potential borer infestation, you can help prevent the spread of borers to other trees.

This information has been sent to affected property owners and occupiers and a public notice has been put in the area to alert the wider community.

Please note that whilst TCA are providing information to Tomakin residents, we were not the instigators of the action by Council."

Grab your gloves and join the clean up

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and tackle litter - Clean Up Australia Day is on again to tidy up Eurobodalla.

The nation-wide clean up rolls around on the first Sunday of March each year. Eurobodalla Council has supported Clean Up Australia Day for the past 22 years and is aiming to increase participation numbers.

Council's clean-up project officer Maree Cadman is expecting about 50 sites to register and encouraged more.

"We're hoping everyone will register again this year, put their gloves on, pick up a bag and take a bit of time to clean up their patch," Ms Cadman said.

"If more sites register, more ground will be covered and hopefully we'll see more people join in.

"It's such an impactful event; last year 290 volunteers removed 43 cubic metres of rubbish from our waterways, parklands and beaches."

Register to run a clean-up site or join one via the [Clean Up Australia Day website](#). Local businesses are also jumping on board to support the day by registering their own sites and donating prizes for clean-up efforts.

"It's a great way to spend time outside with friends or family, and you get such a rewarding feeling tidying up the beautiful place we live in," Ms Cadman said.

"This year, we want to make an extra fuss and celebrate everyone's efforts on the day. If your group shares a photo with us, we'll feature you in a gallery on Council's Facebook page.

Tag 'Eurobodalla Council' on your Clean Up Australia Day posts on social media or email photos to council@esc.nsw.gov.au

This year's clean-up will be held on Friday 1 March for schools and Sunday 3 March for the local community.



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Surfside stormwater pipes low asbestos risk

Stormwater pipes exposed around 18 months ago at the northern end of Surfside beach have been deemed low risk by an asbestos specialist.

Long-term coastal erosion and more recent storm swells exposed the pipes and concrete slabs, with Eurobodalla Council committing to fix the problem following a community meeting in January.

Tests revealed the pipes contain asbestos, prompting Council to temporarily cordon off the northern end of the beach as a safety measure.

Council's infrastructure director Graham Attenborough said it was not unusual for pipes to contain asbestos, however, given the pipes are uncovered on a local beach, Council engaged an asbestos specialist to conduct a risk assessment.

"The findings indicated a low risk, and the recommendations were to restrict public access and remove the exposed pipes in the medium term," he said.

"Low risk indicates the material is in good and stable condition, which presents a negligible health risk in its current condition.

"However, the pipes and slabs are an eyesore on a lovely beach and as soon as we have the required permit from Marine Parks and endorsement from Crown Lands, we'll have a licenced asbestos removal contractor safely remove and dispose of the old pipes.

"The permits will take at least a few more weeks, with the actual clean-up taking up to a week. That 100-metre or so section of the beach will then be reopened."

Stormwater pipes still in use further north on the beach will be encapsulated in concrete to mitigate risk, with Mr Attenborough noting that work will take longer due to additional permit requirements.

Mr Attenborough said large equipment will be needed on the beach for the work to take place.

"Ahead of the contractors coming in, Council will improve access to the site, taking the opportunity to remove and mulch some of the trees and branches littering the beach after recent storms.

"We'll strategically place the tree root balls to help stabilise the bank and tidy up a few of the fallen trees to improve access for beach users at high tide. Some trees, however, will be left in place, as they play a role in mitigating further erosion."

Looking ahead, Council's Coastal Management Program has identified beach nourishment as the most effective solution to address erosion at the northern end of Surfside Beach. This involves replenishing the beach with sand from another location.

Mr Attenborough said Council is liaising with NSW Government agencies to examine the possibility of using sand from the Clyde River dredging.



Exposed pipes at Surfside. Photo C Lyttle Facebook

A promotional poster for a 'R U OK? Conversation Convoy' BBQ lunch event. The poster features a yellow bus icon and text: 'R U OK? CONVERSATION CONVOY IS COMING TO MORUYA', 'FREE COMMUNITY BBQ LUNCH EVENT', '20 March 2024 12:15pm', 'TAFE NSW Moruya Campus Outside B Block 2857 Princes Hwy, Moruya'. Logos for R U OK?, Conversation Convoy, NSW, and TAFE NSW are at the bottom.



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Extension granted to healthcare funding Inquiry

The **Special Commission of Inquiry into Healthcare Funding** has been granted an extension to deliver its report, which will now be provided to the Governor and Premier on or before 26 March 2025. The Inquiry opened for submissions in September 2023 and has received around 250 submissions from government agencies, unions, healthcare organisations, individuals and professionals. The first block of public hearings commenced in November 2023, calling forward a number of representatives from NSW Health, including Dr Kerry Chant AO PSM. A second block of public hearings is currently underway. The submissions and public hearings provided evidence about a range of issues, including:

- The current funding arrangements for health services in NSW
- How funding arrangements relate to quality and accessibility of healthcare
- Different models of service delivery
- The experiences of patients, healthcare workers, and other stakeholders.

Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said “I commend the Inquiry team for the excellent work they have done to date, reviewing a substantial number of submissions, managing the public hearing process and bringing together leading academics and healthcare professionals in an expert panel to advise on the state of healthcare in NSW.

“This is important work that we hope will set our healthcare system up for success for generations to come. The people of NSW deserve high-quality, equitable and patient-centred care and we are committed to determining what steps we need to take to deliver that care.”

More information about the Inquiry can be found at: <https://healthcarefunding.specialcommission.nsw.gov.au/>

Nurses and midwives achieve historic ratios reform

The **NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association** (NSWNMA) has secured the first phase of significant workforce reforms in the state's public health system, after negotiating with the government-appointed Safe Staffing Levels Taskforce. For the first time, NSW will have minimum and enforceable shift by shift nurse-to-patient ratios implemented in specific clinical areas of public hospitals, which is a major milestone in the NSWNMA's longstanding fight for staffing reforms. NSWNMA General Secretary, Shaye Candish, welcomed the first ratios rollout which will start in the Liverpool and Royal North Shore Hospital's emergency departments (EDs) during March, with other EDs and wards to follow.

“Several EDs will see a substantial boost to their staffing numbers as these reforms are phased in, which will improve workloads for our members and improve safe emergency care for patients. In EDs, there will be one nurse allocated to every three treatment spaces,” said Ms Candish.

“This healthcare reform is momentous for our state.”

“Nurses and midwives must not be forced to choose between safe workloads and fair pay for the work they do. This is a great first step, but there is more to do.”

NSWNMA Assistant General Secretary, Michael Whaites, said the first phase of ratios represented a foundation from which to build on and brings us closer to, or exceeds, what is in place in other states.

“We're confident these reforms will finally help to end years of chronic staff shortages, fatigue and burnout in our nursing and midwifery workforce. These workforce reforms are a crucial step forward, but there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure the staffing enhancements are introduced in every hospital and every ward across the state.”



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11 billion drink containers recycled through Return and Earn

Return and Earn has reached a staggering new milestone, celebrating 11 billion bottles, cans and cartons returned through the return point network for recycling in NSW since the scheme began in 2017.

Thanks to the incredible support of communities across the state, Return and Earn has become a way of life in NSW. People's enthusiasm for the scheme has resulted in \$1.1 billion in container refunds back in people's pockets and \$54 million raised for charities and community groups via donated refunds and return point hosting fees.

Over the past six years, the 10-cent container refunds have helped families and individuals with cost-of-living pressures, to reach their saving goals and, importantly, have given back to hundreds of charities and community groups.

Charities such as Little Wings have benefited from fundraising through the scheme which supports their work providing free flight and ground transport services for seriously ill children in regional areas. Donating just 20 eligible bottles, cartons or cans funds one litre of fuel for their vital community service.

There are hundreds of charities across NSW who, like Little Wings, have made Return and Earn a key part of their fundraising activities, either as an official donation partner on the Return and Earn app, by partnering with a Return and Earn depot or running 'bottle drives' to redeem at their local return point.

Charities are also benefitting from hosting return points across the state – receiving income as either the landlord of a Return and Earn machine or operating a depot in partnership with network operator TOMRA Cleanaway.

With all plastic and glass drink containers collected through the network being recycled in Australia, Return and Earn has become a leading contributor to our growing domestic circular economy.

Return and Earn is delivered in partnership between the NSW Government, scheme coordinator Exchange for Change and network operator TOMRA Cleanaway, and is funded by the beverage industry.

Hold supermarkets to account say farmers

Fresh allegations of price gouging behaviour by supermarket giants should be a wake-up call to fix Australia's unfair supermarket duopoly, **NSW Farmers** President Xavier Martin says.

The claims detailed by Four Corners on Monday night came amid mounting scrutiny of the supermarket sector, which was welcomed by both consumers and farmers.

Mr Martin said the market power abuses reported by the ABC in the "Super Powers" episode of Four Corners would further enrage farmers and families who had been grappling with unfair prices at the farm gate and the checkout for too long.

"These reports that suppliers are having to pay for price increases on their own products are not isolated, and nor are they the only example of anti-competitive behaviour we are seeing from these mega players in our supermarket sector," Mr Martin said.

"For years, we have heard reports of farmers copping abuses of market power at the hands of the supermarkets, and this behaviour has ranged from offering contracts on a 'take it or leave it' basis all the way through to paying farmers prices that are well below the cost of production.

"Giant middlemen are making super profits while farmers and families on either end of the supply chain struggle, and we need meaningful competition reform to fix this obviously broken system."

Amidst growing media and government attention, Mr Martin said a total transformation of the nation's competition environment was necessary if fair food prices were ever to be achieved.

"Make no mistake, the many enquiries into this matter are welcome news for farmers and consumers who have been battling these retail giants for too long," Mr Martin said.

"However, this extra attention won't solve anything unless there is real action to implement the outcomes of governmental inquiries, and effect true, meaningful competition reform.

"There is far too much profit being sucked out between the paddock and the plate, and Australians deserve better than what they've been getting at the farm gate and at the supermarket checkout.

"The next time you're at the checkout, ask yourself if you're getting a fair deal. That's how farmers feel."

CSIRO study shows marine heatwaves have significant impact on microorganisms

A new study led by Australia's national science agency, **CSIRO**, shows that marine heatwaves (MHWs) are altering the microorganism communities that form the base of the marine food chain, disrupting coastal ecosystems.

Australia has recently experienced a number of marine heatwaves off the East Coast and Tasmania.

They are prolonged oceanic warm water events that can have significant impacts on marine life, including fish, coral reefs and kelp forests.

MHWs can be caused by a range of factors, and large climate drivers such as El Niño are known to impact their frequency, intensity and duration.

Lead author Dr Mark Brown said the researchers analysed a MHW off Tasmania in 2015/16, an extreme warming event, finding it had significant impacts on microorganisms.

"The marine heatwave transformed the microbial community in the water column to resemble those found more than 1000 km north, and supported the presence of many organisms that are uncommon at this latitude," Dr Brown said.

"This reshaping leads to the occurrence of unusual species, the development of unique combinations of organisms, and can cause cascading effects throughout the ecosystem, including changes in the fate of carbon sequestered from the atmosphere.

"For instance, we observed a shift away from the normal phytoplankton species at this site towards smaller cells that are not easily consumed by larger animals, potentially leading to profound changes all the way up the food chain."

The study is the result of a long-term effort to observe marine microbiota for over 12 years.

CSIRO principal research scientist Dr Lev Bodrossy said researchers used a new approach to simplify the way they observed tens of thousands of marine microbes.

"This will enable us to evaluate the health of the marine ecosystem and predict how it will change with predicted global warming," Dr Bodrossy said.

"We'll be able to better predict the future of fish stocks and marine carbon sequestration in different regions of the global ocean.

"Observations like these, especially those done in the open ocean, are difficult to sustain but are crucial for understanding and forecasting the future status of the marine ecosystem," he said.

The article 'A marine heatwave drives significant shifts in pelagic microbiology' was published in *Nature's Communications Biology*.

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A Beer with Bazz #147

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“Tay...Tay, Bazza.... It’s all about Tay Tay, Bazza.”
Mick landed the schooners as Bazza raised both eyebrows.

“Taylor Smith, Bazza. Three sellout concerts of 96,000 fans in Melbourne and now onto Sydney. Her boyfriend’s arrival in Sydney even warrants front page news.”

Bazza took a long sip. “

Ahhh.....yeah, Mick, it is hard to miss..... I am a bit disappointed in it all though.”
Mick’s eyes widened and Bazza ran a hand across his mouth to conceal a smile.

“All this gooey good girl stuff, Mick. What’s happened to the traditional rockstar tour? Where is the scandal? In years gone by, a touring rockstar’s antics would way surpass an NRL Mad Monday or, way back whenever, a second rower’s night out at the Bourbon and Beefsteak at Kings Cross.”

Mick scratched his head.

“And groupies, Mick..... where are the groupies trying to climb through hotel windows and police.... lots of police, with over zealous crowd control? It is all too tame for me.”

Mick shook his head and took a sip.

“Not to mention drug fuelled sex parties with conservative commentators screeching ‘Danger Danger, Danger’.
Nah... Tay Tay falls short on all the key performance indicators of being a rockstar. My goodness... she is till sober at the end of her concerts. There is no smashing of guitars or wrecking of hotel rooms. She should be locked up for too much good behaviour. Now... Whitney Houston or Jim Morrison from the Doors would be rolling in their early graves at this faux rockstar’s Errors Tour. In fact, she is a good chance of making it to middle age.”

Mick eyeballed Bazza.

“What are you on about, Bazza? Are you saying they should be sharing a joint rather than a friendship bracelet at a Taylor Swift concert? You are an ageing hippie.”

Bazza smiled, looked skywards and took a considered sip.

“In the old days, Mick... good rock stars would attract the young to the edge of society, to the consternation of parents. They would throw up lyrics and, indeed behaviours, that were very challenging and even confronting to the mainstream. I am not ticking off on all those behaviours but Tay Tay is doing a good job of attracting the young to the centre of society, so it is all very safe and reinforces the status quo. In fact, I reckon if my Mum was alive she would even like her.”

Mick leaned in.

“I think you should lower your voice if you are saying you are not in the Tay Tay friendship group, Bazza.”

Bazza’s eyes widened and they both took a long sip. A pause.

“Hey Bazza... do you ever wonder why I am the only person who shares a drink with you in this pub?”

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An industry in a small way is being carried on in Nelligen. Bunches of the young burrawang shoots and maiden-hair are being gathered and dried, and then chemically treated in Sydney, after which they are exported, chiefly to America and Japan. These are used for decorative purposes.

Parents who receive and eat fruit and vegetables which have been stolen by their children are not worthy of the name father and mother. Townspeople are complaining of the depredations made by our "promising" youngsters on orchards and gardens. The police have been informed and the first offender caught stealing fruit, vegetables, corn, etc., will be placed under lock and key without respect to person or parentage.

Green's Sawmill at Ryan's Creek near Nelligen, which was erected two years ago, has commenced working.

The public are warned to be on the alert for sharpers and other undesirables next week. An expert gang of light-fingered gentry has been exploiting all along the coastal shows.

We have been presented with some splendid samples of peaches, two of which weighed one pound were grown by Mrs. H. Bown at Bergalia and were of excellent flavor. The others were lovely specimens of the "Gold Dust" variety and were grown by Mrs. W. J. Colefax of Gundry. Two of the latter fruit were for preserving and turned the scales at 1½ lbs.

Moruya District Hospital. At the special committee meeting the following office bearers were elected for the ensuring year: - President, Mr. T. Flood; Vice-President, Mr. R. J. Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. W. Jermyn; Secretary, Mr. C. Carter; Matron, Mrs. A. Constable; Medical Officer, Dr. J. Quilter; Visiting Committee, Messrs. W. Jermyn, C. Johnson and O. J. Armstrong. ... Matron's Report - Fees received and handed to the treasurer 15s. Donations in kind received as follow: Mrs. Stephens, fruit, vegetables and eggs; Mrs. E. Hawdon, eggs, fowls, vegetables, fruit and old linen; Miss M. Boot, vegetables, fruit and eggs; Mrs. L. Hawdon, eggs and fruit; Mr. Davis (Bateman's Bay) fowls; Mrs. J. Burke, vegetables and flowers; Mr. A. Constable (jnr.), fish; Mrs. Flood, flowers; Mrs. Donovan, vegetables and fruit; Mrs. Armstrong, flowers; Mr. P. Lavis (Eurobodalla) fruit; Mr. W. Brierley, fish.

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Shoalhaven Council trials virtual fence to save wildlife



Shoalhaven Council has installed virtual fencing in Bawley Point to reduce animal and vehicle collisions in the area as part of a 12-month trial.

The trial is located along Murramarang Road, just south of Voyager Crescent. It is 1km long and has fence posts positioned at 25-metre intervals along the roadside, emitting light and sound when a vehicle approaches to deter native wildlife from the road.

Mayor Amanda Findley is optimistic about the trial, anticipating favourable outcomes particularly between dusk and dawn.

“The trial represents a proactive step towards enhancing road safety and safeguarding wildlife at Bawley Point,” Cr Findley said.

“This area is known to have a lot of wildlife fatalities, which puts our motorists at risk of injury,” she said.

“Eurobodalla has already reported astounding results from their trial with a significant reduction in the amount of wildlife strikes.”

Eurobodalla’s trial yielded impressive results, reducing wildlife strikes from five incidents per week to five incidents in eight months. Therefore, we anticipate a substantial decline in roadkill numbers throughout the trial period.

The trial was endorsed by council in 2023/24 as a means to enhance the safety of our road users and protect our valuable local wildlife.

To support the trial’s data collection and identify future hotspots, community members are encouraged to use the iNaturalist App and website to document roadkill incidents, along with contacting Council on 1300 293 111 to remove deceased animals.

Eurobodalla Shire, has worked with Wires and Eurobodalla Coastwatchers on virtual fencing. Coastwatchers suggested the first NSW pilot that was installed at Cullendulla Road Long Beach, resulting in a 90% reduction in road kill in the trial.

Coastwatchers said “The trail was only 1km so will be great if all the 80 km roads than run off the Princes Hwy to the beaches have virtual fencing next to natural areas to protect wildlife. Looking forward to seeing the Bawley Point results.”

Cr Anthony Mayne, speaking to the Roads and Traffic committee Motion in Council on Tuesday, flagged a forthcoming motion on the matter.

Cr Mayne has also briefed SEATS (South East Australian Transport Strategy) meeting and foreshadowed a motion for ALGA gathering of all Councils later this year.

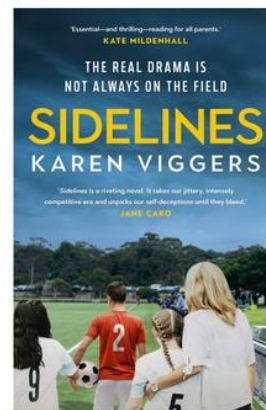
Dr Michael Holland MP also recently presented on this matter in the NSW Parliament.

Cr Mayne called the virtual fences a ‘game changer.’

Moruya Books

invites you to a Literary Morning Tea with
Karen Viggers

in conversation with Inga Simpson



Karen Viggers is a writer, veterinarian, podcaster and literary critic who loves nature, bushwalking and animals. She is the author of four novels: *The Stranding*, *The Lightkeeper’s Wife*, *The Grass Castle*, *The Orchardist’s Daughter*. Her work is set in Australian landscapes and explores dying with dignity, displacement of First Peoples, wildlife conservation, clear-felling of native forests, and now, junior sport.

Sidelines, her fifth novel is a fast-paced story about a teenage soccer game descending into a brawl after a controversial line call.

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Kevin Borich Express will perform at the Tilba Winery on 19th April, supported by Mark Easton and Marji Curran.

In the 60's, Kevin was the founding member of New Zealand's hit band the La De Da's and did the ditch jump here to OZ charting with his "Gonna See My Baby Tonight".

Kevin was a founding member of Australia's legendary band The Party Boys and has recorded his own music releasing over 20 albums with major labels, and independently under his own publishing plus performing countless thousands of live shows during his 56 year career.

Kevin's release in September 2022 called "Legacy", a 3 CD set of remastered material drawn from 1973 to 1981, held number one spot for 3 months on the Australian Blues and Roots Charts (ABARAC), which again has cemented his presence in the Australian Music Scene.

His latest album is called "Duets" currently just released has 12 new songs produced by Nick O'Donnell, each featuring a well-known guest artist, will intrigue and astonish all with its diversity and musical flavours. He is now out spreading the word with a promotional tour in full swing.

Kevin has played/ recorded or jammed with Carlos Santana, AC/DC, Taj Mahal, Status Quo, Renee Geyer, Living Colour, Joe Walsh, Elton John, Peter Frampton, Buddy Guy, Jeff Beck, Bo Diddley, John Mayall and Ritchie Blackmore.

"KB" as he is known to friends and fans, holds his own to this day still delivering high impact live performances with his KB Express featuring Jon Carson on Drums and Chris Gilbert on Bass Guitar, both amazing musicians and singers.

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2EAR FM LIVE MUSIC GIG GUIDE

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 DRIVING SIDWAYS... ..SOLDIERS CLUB (7.30PM)
 HOWLIN MITCH.....LYNCHS HOTEL *****

SATURDAY, 24 FEB:

VINYL RAINCLUB NAROOMA (5.30PM)
 TOTUM CLUB TUROSS (7PM)
 TONY WADE.....TOMAKIN CLUB (7.30PM)
 PEARLERZ.....TATHRA BEACH CLUB (7.30PM)
 DRIVING SIDWAYS ..SOLDIERS CLUB (8PM)
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SUNDAY, 25 FEB:

FELICITY DOWD..... CAMEL ROCK BREWERY (12.30PM)
 EMAD YOUNAN.....OYSTER FARMERS DAUGHTER
 KEVIN McLEAN.....BROULEE BREWHOUSE
 ABBY MAY.....TILBA VALLEY WINERY *****

For a listing in this guide email tj@tonyjaggers.com by Tuesday 5pm

Community Radio Membership Drive

2EAR FM will be having a membership drive at the Moruya Country Markets on 16th March

So if you are interested in becoming a member of this great little Community Radio Station or would like to find out more information on this subject, then drop by and say hello between 8.30 am and 12.30 pm. Memberships are approved later at Management Committee Meetings at the end of each month, so it is a good idea to fill out your Application Form on the day. Program guides will also be available along with other information about your community radio station.

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

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Dorothy Ward pastel (detail)

Six Shades of Difference

Exhibition at The Pavilion Clyde Gallery, Batemans Bay
March 1st – April 2nd.

The Pavilion Clyde Gallery, is once again exhibiting “Six Shades of Difference”, a group exhibition by six art friends who share a passion for creativity and diversity. This exhibition showcases the unique styles and perspectives of each artist, who explore various themes through different mediums and techniques in painting, sculpture, and collage. Discover the works of these talented artists, who are not only friends, but also collaborators, and mentors, who inspire each other in their enjoyment of art. “Six Shades of Difference” celebrates the beauty and richness of our area, from nature and our forest to the coastal realms.

The six artists are: Margaret Allen, Pam Edwards, Kristen Arrayet, Sheryl Miller, Susann Barr and Dorothy Ward.

The body of work ranges from abstract and semi abstract representations to contemporary and realistic art as well as quirky sculptures.

The exhibition is free and is open from 9am to 5pm, seven days per week during March and up until 2nd April.



Pam Edwards painting.

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Wilde opening at Bodalla



An exhibition of works by Gillian Wilde, "hung between heaven and life on earth" opened at Bodalla Gallery last Saturday to an enthusiastic gathering. Gillian (left) is pictured here with gallery owner Valerie Faber. Exhibition runs through to Sunday 17 March 2024.

Quantum Brewery
Saturday
24th February 2024
4 – 7 pm
Richard Lawson

A composer of over 200 works ranging from Rock to classical and is interested in the amalgamation of rock music elements, electronic composition, and organic traditional ensemble work.
 Richard is self-taught but with over 2000 performances and 16 solo LPS and EPS has a massive amount of experience in music performance and studio productions and is a multi-instrumentalist playing Percussion, Guitars, Mandolin, Keyboards and is also an accomplished tenor, baritone and counter tenor.




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National Regional Housing Summit

Last week several hundred people gathered at Old Parliament House for a national regional housing summit. Unfortunately, it is never clear what tangible outcomes will come out of such events, but I suppose it does give people an opportunity to get on the same page about the shortage of housing in areas such as ours. The Regional Australia Institute presented research that 1 in 5 city dwellers wanted to move to the regions for a more affordable lifestyle. However, Corelogic research indicates that the median house prices in regional Australia have increased 54.2% since March 2020. Governments typically focus on major centres but there is push by Independent Helen Haines to have 30% of the funding for the housing crisis to be allocated specifically for regional areas. Given that that is where 30% of the population lives that sounds pretty fair really.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



Citizen scientists hop to it with rabbit virus tracking project



Feral rabbits compete with native animals, cause plant biodiversity loss, reduce crop yields and cost the agricultural industry around \$239 million per year.

Australia's national science agency, **CSIRO**, is calling on rural and regional Australians to join in the longest-running citizen science survey of rabbit diseases in the world, to help keep the invasive pest in check.

Feral rabbits are one of the most destructive invasive pest species in Australia.

They compete with native animals, cause plant biodiversity loss, reduce crop yields and cost the agricultural industry around \$239 million per year.

Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV), also known as Rabbit Calicivirus or Lagovirus, is used as a biocontrol agent to manage rabbit populations at the landscape scale in Australia.

It only affects rabbits and hares, and vaccination is available for domestic (pet) rabbits.

New research shows the success of the nine-year disease monitoring program, which relies on members of the public taking tissue samples from dead rabbits found in their area using free sample kits provided by CSIRO.

Samples can be taken from deceased wild or domestic rabbits. CSIRO scientist Dr Maria Jenckel said the samples provided since 2015 have helped paint a better picture of the viruses circulating in wild rabbit populations.

"We encourage community members from across Australia, particularly in rural and regional areas, to contribute samples for testing so we can get the widest possible coverage across Australia," Dr Jenckel said.

"Citizen science has expanded rabbit virus tracking from fewer than 30 samples tested annually to an average of 345 samples tested annually from 2015.

"The program allows researchers to track the prevalence of rabbit virus RHDV, with samples arriving every week."

CSIRO virologist Dr Nias Peng said the huge increase in citizen collected samples has allowed scientists to work on a much wider geographic spread as researchers don't need to collect the specimens directly.

"A citizen science project such as this contributes directly to research on rabbit biocontrol, which has long term benefits for Australia's biosecurity, native species conservation and ecosystem health," Dr Peng said.


"It is therefore critical to sustain such programs for the long term to monitor for emergence of new RHDV incursions and/or recombinant variants which may affect wild and domestic rabbit populations."

Funding for this program was originally provided by the Australian Government through the Invasive Animals CRC, the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions and CSIRO.

Funding to continue the program is currently being provided by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

To request a free test kit, email the research team at rabbitcalicivirus@csiro.au with your postal address.

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
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The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers, hybrid vehicle drivers and those interested in purchasing an EV 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
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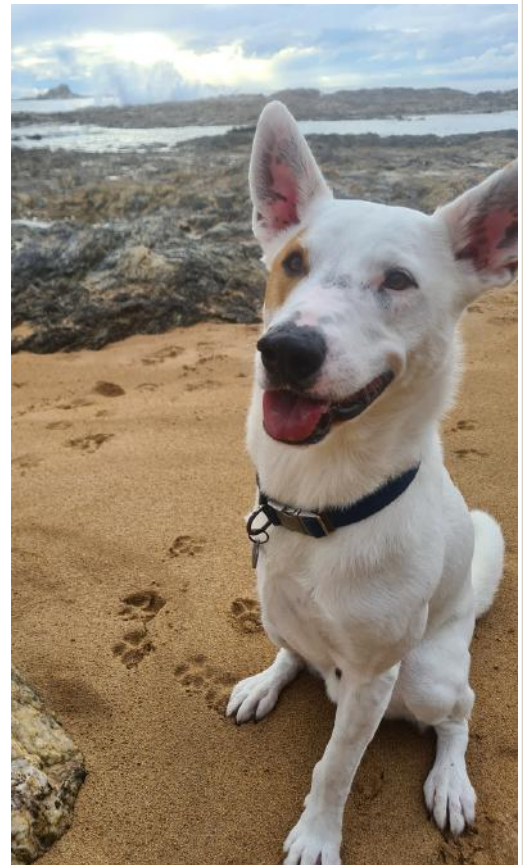


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BATEMANS BAY POLICE STATION OPEN DAY

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:
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International Women's Day Guest Speaker:

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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



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Eurobodalla Multicultural Group

Family Fun Day

Celebrating Colours of March
International Women's Day
Seniors Week
Harmony Day

SUNDAY, 24 March 2024, 12 P.M.
At St. John Greek Church Hall
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- 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!



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STREET STALL

Saturday 9th March 2024

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Fishing report from Tackle World Moruya Moruya River.

With another week under our belt, we are closer to the end of February, where are the months going??

The fishing this week continues to provide anglers with lots of options throughout the the entire system. The lower weed beds have yet again been holding some nice bream, with hard body lures and soft plastics working a treat to tempt some good sized fish out of cover. The sand edges that butt up to these weed beds, traditionally are a good place to hunt flathead, as they lurk on the sand/weed bed edges waiting for unsuspecting prey to venture onto the sandy areas.

The whiting have also been an option over the nipper beds on a rising tide, so after pumping some nippers for bait, wait for the tide to push over the areas you have just pumped, and put a live nipper back in over those areas. Whiting, bream, luderick and flathead will all have a look at these disturbed areas chasing a free feed.

The deeper holes around the quarry wharf, have been holding the usual suspects of bream, trevally, flathead, estuary perch and the odd chance at a mulloway. Don't go too heavy with your lead, as the bottom is very snaggy!

Under the town bridge, there have been good captures of flathead, bream and whiting when you can find a time that the resident seal isn't hanging around.

Tuross river.

The system here continues to get better and better every day. Flathead are still the king in this system, and some good sized fish have been taken and lost this last week. A good 10-15lb fluorocarbon leader material is best used when targeting big flathead, as the very sharp fine teeth they have will make quick work of lighter leaders once they start to shake their heads during the fight.

Look for the drop offs, weed bed edges and shallow drains throughout the system to find where the flatty are laying in an ambush position. Generally flathead will lay with their noses into the current waiting for food to swim past them. So bring you lures or baits along with the current to hopefully find on the systems big crocs.

For those chasing bream, estuary perch and Luderick, try the huge amount of snags that line the river banks throughout the entire system. The lower sections around the boat shed are holding quantities of white bait at the moment, so you can guarantee that the chance of there being a good flathead or mulloway will be higher than usual.

Rock and beach.

The bream, flathead and whiting in the close in gutters have taken over in the reports I've had this week, with the salmon activity slowing up on previous weeks. They are still there, just not as prevalent as weeks gone by.

With the water temps the way they are, bonito have been reported along the rock ledges, with first light being the best time to target them. Metals cast and retrieved are a great way to try and fool one of these hard pulling guns species into biting. Remember to bleed them out straight away if you are going to take some for a feed.

Offshore.

The snapper seemed to moved into deeper water where the water temps are more to their liking, so start looking in 50m+. The flathead have been plentiful over the sand adjacent to the local reefs in water depths from 15m through to 40m. For the game crews, there have been marlin of the black variety around the 180kg mark off the Tuross canyons. Apparently there are some fish traps also off the canyons just inside the shelf that have been holding some Mahi Mahi for those wanting to troll past them. The usual suspects of whitebait, Hawksbury prawns, mullet fillet and also block pilchards have been unobtainable from tweed bait this week along with beach worms. Our alternate supply of whole and filleted baits has a been selling well this week, and their bait freezer is well stocked and ready to go.

I have had a resupply from Rapala with some more Crush City soft plastics finding place on the wall, with more to arrive early March.

With the water temps up, and water clarity nice and clear, now is a great time to get into the water for a dive. We have a great range of snorkelling gear in store for you to get into the water.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

From 1 March 2024 Eastern Blue Groper will be a no-take species in NSW

Following recent spearfishing incidents involving Eastern Blue Groper in Sydney and Jervis Bay, the NSW Government is moving forward with making our state fish a 'no take' species in NSW.

The new 12-month trial to prohibit fishing of Eastern Blue Groper (otherwise known as blue, brown or red Groper) by any method, including line fishing, will ensure greater protection of this iconic species in NSW.

Under the new rules, a recreational fisher caught contravening the closure or possession limit order and taking Blue Groper in NSW by any method may face a \$500 penalty infringement notice and/or a maximum court-imposed fine of \$22,000 or imprisonment for 6 months (or both) for a first offence and \$44,000 or imprisonment for 12 months (or both) for a second or subsequent offence.

While most fishers abided by the previous rules for fishing Eastern Blue Groper, prohibiting line fishing for a 12-month period means the same rules apply for all fishers.

During the 12-month trial, DPI Fisheries will consult with stakeholders and the broader community on longer term management of Eastern Blue Groper. These new rules will bring NSW in line with the no-take policy for Eastern Blue Groper in Victoria and Tasmania.

Inhabiting rocky headlands and coastal reefs, Eastern Blue Groper is one of the largest inshore fish species in NSW, growing to over a metre in length and a weight of 25 kg. They are a long-lived, slow growing species that tend to live in small social groups or 'harems' comprised of one blue male, some mature females (brown or red in colour) and several juveniles (brown or green in colour) that do not travel large distances and often live in one site.

New Groper
(blue, brown or red)
fishing rule changes
from 1 March 2024






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Sailing report Feb 16th and 17th

Batemans Bay Sailing Club report from last weekend, including the keelboat racing on Saturday and the off the beach racing on Sunday. I have attached some photos I took on Sunday.

"Last weekend was a great weekend for sailing. Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the finale of the Lady Skippers' keelboat racing series and the eighth Bay Cup race of the season on Saturday, then the off the beach dinghies and multihulls raced at Coila Lake near Tuross Head on Sunday.

The Lady Skippers races are held with a handicap start based on each boat's previous performances such that all the boats should finish at the same time. "Horizon" (Michelle Grybaitis) was scheduled to start first but the crew were not ready on time. "Wishful Thinking" (Julie Phelps) started next on a one lap course running from Caseys Beach to Chain Bay, Wimbie Beach and back to Caseys. Julie did a great job holding off the always competitive Celia Davey skippering "Moonmist" which started one minute later. "Accolade" didn't have a lady skipper available so regular crew member David Holt took the helm, making up some ground on "Moonmist" but finishing third. Celia Davey took out the three race series.

The Bay Cup race started in a 10 knot sea breeze which faded away to a drifter during the afternoon. Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain set the familiar boat end favoured start line. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) grabbed the boat end position and led on the work up to the windward mark at Yellow Rock. "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) was next around closely followed by "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop). The boats all carried spinnakers to the gybe mark at Toll Gates. On the second broad reach to Caseys Beach the wind dropped out first for "Accolade". "Moonmist" and "Wishful" halved the gap to "Accolade" before getting becalmed themselves. Race officer Paton showed mercy and shortened the course to one lap. "Accolade" found a southerly zephyr which carried her the last 500m to the finish line. "Wishful" drifted past "Moonmist" on the last leg to finish second. "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) did not finish.

On Sundays after the keelboat races, BBSC holds off the beach racing on the protected waters of Coila Lake. Terry Paton backs up to run the off the beach races with his customary precision. Last Sunday Bob Richards did on the water safety from the rigid inflatable boat "Jay Bee" which Tish Ennis has loaned to BBSC. There was a fleet of two Laser (ILCA) dinghies, one Hansa 303 dinghy, three Maricats, on Taipan 4.9 and a Weta trimaran. The club's Spiral dinghy "Twysta" is available to any sailors interested in joining the off the beach fleet at Coila.

Full results for all races are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au

Lachlan Brown



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Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 15th February 2024

A field of 43 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Daryl Kildey (12) with 37 points
- 2nd: Gail Page (24) with 37 points
- 3rd: Peter Coffey (23) with 36 points
- 4th: Peter Garn (22) with 36 points
- 5th: Steve Johnston (21) with 35 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Alan Langford 4.70
- 4B: Rob McDonnell 4.95
- 4C: Peter Coffey 2.68
- 6A: Daryl Kildey 1.51
- 6B: Jim Goodwin 4.30
- 6C: Des Jackson 3.36
- 7A: Ian McManus 6.07
- 7B: Chris Wratten 9.30
- 7C: Lyn McDonnell 5.75

Balls went to:

Mark Haberkorn 35, Teri Swanbury 34, Shane Gschwend 34, Graeme Sindel 33, Greg Maloney 33, Dorothy Madden 33, Bruce Harding 32, Nick Brice 32, Ron Rogers 32, Michael Coloe 32, Paul Israel 32, Stephen Swanbury 32, Jim Madden 32, Pam Alexander 31, Leonie Snodgrass 31, Kevin Reilly 31, Des Jackson 31, Ian Manton 30, Rob McDonnell 30 and Christine Wratten 30.

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 17th February 2024

A field of 53 players registered for a Stableford Medley combined event.

Winners were:

- 1st: Tim Watson (7) with 41 points
- 2nd: Herb Muriwai (26) with 37 points
- 3rd: Henry Bright (13) with 37 points
- 4th: Nick Mason (29) with 36 points
- 5th: Bruce Handley (13) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Bruce Handley 11.45
- 4B: Mark Haberkorn 2.29
- 4C: Danny Nickson 1.05
- 6A: Daryl Kildey 2.30
- 6B: Greg Booth 1.16
- 6C: Tony Brown 2.40
- 7A: Henry Bright 8.65
- 7B: John Phyland 4.26
- 7C: Nil

Eagles:

Tim Watson on the 1st hole.

Balls went to:

Ethan Wong 36, Graeme Sindel 35, Allan Langford 35, Greg Booth 34, Ian Manton 34, Grant Kiely 34, Derek Hoare 34, Simon French 33, Wayne Fullerton 33, David Schmid 33, Mark Jackson 32, Bruce Martin 31, Ron Rogers 31, Peter Coffey 31, Ian Lawson 31, Tony Brown 30, Steve Johnston 30, Jim Wade 30, David Gray 30 and Ruth Gschwend 30.



Winner Tim Watson (left) with committee member Bruce Harding.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 20th February 2024

A field of 22 players registered for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Beverley Theobald. The game was played in challenging conditions with several showers of rain falling but the sun came out and the ladies enjoyed the game.

The Winners were:

- A Grade 1st: Gail Page (24) with 39 points
- A Grade 2nd: Teri Swanbury (26) with 32 points
- B Grade 1st: Jennifer Gray (43) with 29 points
- B Grade 2nd: Shirley Quinlan (34) with 28 points
- C Grade 1st: Julie Barningham (45) with 36 points
- C Grade 2nd: Margaret Downey (45) with 31 points

Nearest to the Pins:

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

Balls went to:

Christine Wratten 30, Dorothy Madden 30, Pauline Nash 27, Jane Eglitis 27, Marilyn Bingham 27 and Judy Apps with 27.



Winners Jennifer Gray, Gail Page and Julie Barningham.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 21st February 2024.

A field of 47 players registered for a Stableford event today.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: John Cox 23
- 2nd: Chris Wratten 22 (countback)
- 3rd: Paul Pereira 22
- 4th: Ian Manton 21
- 5th: Teri Swanbury 20
- 6th: Ted Quinlan 19
- 7th: Frank Pomfret 19
- 8th: Margaret Downey 19
- 9th: Tony Crook 19
- 10th: Warren Hodder 19
- 11th: Steve Johnston 19

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Peter Coffey, Paul Pereira, Herb Muriwai (all in the hole)
- 6th: Ken Hush
- 7th: Ladies: Leonie Snodgrass
- Mens: Paul Coffey

Accuracy: Derek Hoare

Bradman's: Michael Muriwai



Winners John Cox

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Tuross Head Bowling Club – Round 2 Pennant Results

Tuross Head Bowling Club found the going challenging in the second round of the Open Gender State Pennant. The Grade 5 side hosted the very strong Malua Bay Grade 4 side while the Grade 7 side travelled to play the Tomakin Grade 6 side.

Rose Farrington, Sue Fahey, Peter Macdonald and Bruce Lidbury started slowly in their match and were down 10 – 0 after four ends in what proved to be a roller coaster of a game! By the 12th end Tuross had given themselves a chance when they cut the deficit to 14 – 11. Malua Bay eased further ahead to 18 – 12 after 16 ends. Two good ends from the Tuross players narrowed the score to 18 – 17. The 20th end proved to be crucial with Tuross picking up 5 shots to grab the lead for the first time in the game at 22 – 19. They restricted Malua Bay to one shot on the last end to secure a 22 – 20 victory.

Geoff Lee, Bruce Magilton, Marcel Kors and Denise Lidbury had a very close tussle on their rink. After 11 ends Malua Bay led 12 – 10 before Tuross took the lead – 14 to 13 – after scoring 4 shots on the 13th end. Malua Bay won the next three ends to regain the lead at 20 – 14. It was then Tuross's turn to dominate. They won three ends in a row to see them only 1 shot behind at 20 – 19 with two ends to play. Malua Bay won two very tightly contested ends to take the game 22 – 19.

Doreen Monks, Noel Downie, Irene Macdonald and John Monks started very well on their rink to lead 8 – 0 after 4 ends. Unfortunately, they only managed to win three more ends as the Malua Bay players dominated the game. They finished with an imposing victory 28 – 11.

Malua Bay won the contest 70 shots to 52. The one rink win to Tuross resulted in the final result being 9 – 1 in favour of the visitors.

The Grade 7 side had a close battle with Tomakin with the final result 53 shots to 48 to Tomakin. Peter Christie, John Wagstaff, Rob Payne and Allan Etheredge set up a 10 – 1 lead after 5 ends and, despite a mid-game fightback from Tomakin, managed to stay in front for the entire game. After 13 ends the game was very close at 11 – 10 in favour of Tuross. With Rob Payne leading the way the side won 6 of the last 8 ends to run out 21 – 13 winners.

Marg Downey, Dagmar Voges, Graham Garner and Ray Downey had the better of a very tight start to their game. After 10 ends Tuross had a 9 – 3 advantage. The game then changed when Tomakin altered their tactics and started to play longer ends. The conditions challenged the Tuross players and they conceded 10 shots over the next 4 ends to slip behind 13 – 9 after 14 ends. Tuross hit back to narrow the gap to 14 – 13 after 18 ends. However, Tomakin held their nerve to record a 17 – 15 win.

After a close start Des Jackson, Lorraine Wake, Alan McLeod and Lorraine Bird were behind 5 – 6 after 7 ends. Then, in a game dominated by the Tomakin Skip, the locals pushed on to a very good 23 – 12 win. This proved to be the difference between the two sides enabling Tomakin record the overall win 53 – 48. They scored a 9 points to 1 victory.

Next week the Grade 5 are away to Narooma's Grade 5 while the Grade 7 side has the trip 'up the hill' to play the Braidwood Grade 6 side.

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