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They're back: The Moruya CWA is back up and running. Story page 2. Photo: Trish, Trish, Sue, Lucille and June at the tea rooms yesterday.

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NAB to Leave Moruya **By Phil Herrick**

The NAB bank branch in Moruya will close permanently on 12 June. All banking services will be withdrawn, including the ATM, and customers will need to use the Batemans Bay branch for any face to face

NAB customers will be able to use the ATMs at the Commonwealth Bank and the IMB Bank, without incurring any fees. Many banking activities can also be done at the post office.

Like the other big banks, NAB have reduced the number of branches across the country, generally offering the explanation that it is a business decision as people move to online services.

The two staff at the NAB Moruya branch have been guaranteed they will have continued employment with NAB if they

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CWA Moruya elects a new Committee



CWA Shop and Tea Rooms at 64 Queen Street are now back open.

At the February meeting the Executive committee resigned, so the Branch went into recess. At a meeting on 6th March there was an election and new committee was formed.

New President Dinah Lightfoot said "Recently the Moruya Branch of the Country Women's Association has been revitalized with an influx of new members. The enthusiasm of the now 80 members has allowed the branch to continue to operate. Thank you everyone.

We will move forward together in kindness."

Kay Anderson from the Monaro group will be a mentor for 12 months if any guidance is needed.

The new office bearers are: Dinah Lightfoot-President, Sarah Stage - Secretary, Lisa Berry - Minute Secretary, and Alison Stage - Treasurer. The next AGM is in October. Moruya CWA Shop is again open on Thursdays from 9.30 to 2 pm and on Saturdays from 9 am to 1pm.

Moruya CWA Tea Rooms will be open from Thursday 14th March 9.30-2 pm (no orders after 1.30)

CWA Moruya Branch meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30 am. Moruya CWA is the biggest branch in far south coast group with around 80 members. New members welcome.

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Connecting Communities - Day of Healing

The Connecting Communities gathering on Walbunja and Brindja-Yuin Country, Moruya on Saturday 23rd March will bring people together for a day of solidarity, unity and acknowledgment of the shared struggles of First Peoples locally and around the globe.

Meet at 9:30am on the north side of the Moruya Bridge, for a 10:00 Unity Walk.

This procession of song and dance will take us across the bridge, through beautiful Riverside Park, ending at the Rotunda at Russ Martin Park (between the bridge and the swimming pool).

Aunty Trisha Ellis (OAM) will welcome us all on Country, followed by a program of music, arts, stories, food and guest speakers sharing culture from Yuin Country, Palestine and Aotearoa. Uncle Ron Callaghan, Val Moogz and Sam Miers will be sharing their music on the day.

We will paint and dance and eat and share, or just sit under a tree and yarn, until 2:00pm. Co-creator for the day of activism, Eliza Cannon, explained that the event arose in response to the challenge of holding our grief and hope for peace in Palestine while living on unceded Aboriginal lands in a society attempting to come to terms with our own First People's struggle and survival through colonisation.

The group behind the day is completely volunteer led which shows how local grassroots action can be something we all place hope in through these turbulent times.

Walbunja man Jordan Nye, who will lead the Unity Walk, said "These challenges require us to unite with our sisters and brothers here and across the globe. The universal languages of art, music and food bring allies together to share space, to learn and to unlearn, and to work together for peace. We can come together to share our grief and helplessness about the war on Palestinian people, but also to celebrate

the survival and strength of Australian and Aotearoan First Peoples."

If you are feeling dismayed or disempowered by current events in Palestine, you are not alone. The ongoing impacts of colonisation are felt here and around the world. The Connecting Communities Unity Walk is an opportunity to gather in solidarity to overcome the violence that divides and disconnects the world. ~ Eliza Cannon



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What's on at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya

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Known to many as the Spindrift Saga's Charismatic Frontman, Chris' budding solo career is always a big hit! His high-energy, happy sound, makes him one of the best performers from the South Coast at the moment. Head down to Moruya Waterfront Hotel Motel on the 16th of March for the Chris McGrath - 'One Out' show from 7:30 pm.

- 16th of March
- Live Music from 7:30 pm to Late
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ESC AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL to be held in the Council Chambers, Moruya On **Tuesday 19 March 2024** commencing at

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(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

- 1. WELCOME
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 3. APOLOGIES Nil
- 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 20 February 2024 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)

- 6. PUBLIC FORUM
- 7. MAYORAL REPORTS NII
- 8. NOTICES OF MOTION NOM24/001 Virtual Fence Program
- 9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil 10. PETITIONS PET 24/001 Vehicular Access to Maloneys Beach
- 11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS NII
- 12. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS Nil 13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS FCS24/005 Investments made as at 29 February 2024
- 14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS
- ·IR24/002 Update Collocated Emergency Services Precincts - Moruya and Surf Beach
- ·IR24/003 Request for Tender No. 10063561 Tuross Head Sewer Augmention Works Pumping Station TU04, TU06 and TU07
- ·IR24/004 Request for Tender No. 10062991 -Batemans Bay Coastal Erosion Protection Works -Design Services
- ·IR24/006 Local Traffic Committee No. 7 for 2023-24 15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS ·CAR24/001 Dissolution of the Broulee Tennis S355 Management Committee
- ·CAR24/002 Domestic Violence Activism Update 16. URGENT BUSINESS 17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
- 18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Slow Progress on \$25M Emergency Services Site **By Phil Herrick**

Slow progress on Moruya's new emergency services precinct is causing concern at the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Infrastructure Services Director Graham Attenborough will give an update on the development of the precinct to the council meeting next Tuesday. The precinct will see the RFS, SES, Fire and Rescue, Marine Rescue and the Forestry Corporation located together at the site near the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital at the southern entrance to Moruya. Over \$25 million has been allocated to the project by the state and federal governments. Up to 100 jobs will be created when the centre is finished. Mr Attenborough says much of the hold-up is caused by the unwillingness of the RFS to start any project planning or design work until the land is purchased. Buying the land is council's responsibility. Mr Attenborough says contracts for the purchase will be exchanged "imminently". Despite the RFS not starting any preparationwork, council intends to move ahead planning the development of the building for the SES and start site works for the Fire and Rescue building when it owns the land. Another essential component is the completion of a new roundabout on the highway that will provide access to the emergency services precinct.

Mr Attenborough acknowledges the piecemeal approach is not the best

way to deliver the project but promises to work collaboratively with the RFS





CWA Far South Coast Group Cookery & Craft Day in Bermagui



Sharron Perry, CWA FSCG Handicraft Officer



Mariona Cullen of Narooma CWA branch with her beautifully crafted Champion Piece Liz Tough, CWA FSCG Land Cookery Officer & trophy for Remembrance Biscuits





Debbie Fisher of Bodalla CWA branch, of with her Champion Exhibit trophy

By Annette Kennewell

A happy social day at the Bernagui Country Club for Far South Coast Group CWA members at our Land Cookery and Handicraft competition. Excellent organisation by Sharron Perry for Handicraft and Liz Tough for Land Cookery. Congratulations to Marion Cullen of Narooma branch for her beautifully crafted Champion Piece and Debbie Fisher of Cobargo branch for her Champion Exhibit, Remembrance Biscuits.

There was also a third competition for Agriculture & Environment, the Recycled Article competition. It was judged by Council Waste Services Managers, Alan Gundrill of Bega Valley & Nathan Ladmore of Eurobodalla. First place with her recycled fabric tote bag was Heather Dennison of Batemans Bay branch. Alan & Nathan selected recycled fabric that was converted into a bag because they wanted to emphasise the importance of fabrics & textiles not going into landfill, quality sewing, & the bag was useful repurposing. First place Heather Dennison's tote bag which will now travel to Coffs Harbour in May for judging at CWA of NSW State Conference. Second place was Meg Sawtell, also of Batemans Bay branch with her colourful knee/lap rug/blanket.



Judges Alan Gundrill of Bega Valley (L) & Nathan Ladmore of





Historic aged care wage rise delivers justice and dignity Health Services Union

Large swathes of the aged care workforce will receive wage rises of between seven and 28 per cent delivering justice and dignity to them and the elderly residents they devote themselves to. "This is an historic improvement that will usher in a new era of decency and dignity in our aged care homes," HSU National President, Gerard Hayes said. "For the last decade aged care has been held together by the goodwill and commitment of a severely underpaid, insecurely employed workforce. Today those workers have won wage justice." The aged care work value case was lodged by the Health Services Union in the Fair Work Commission in November 2020. It sought a 25 per cent increase to wages for all employees arguing that work had been undervalued because of its increasing complexity and its overwhelmingly feminised workforce.

At the end of 2022, the Fair Work Commission awarded an interim 15 per cent pay rise to approximately 240,000 direct care employees. Today it has updated that decision. The improvement to pay will have a stark, material impact. The hourly wage for direct care workers will increase between 18 and 28 per cent (inclusive of the previous 15 per cent). Support services workers such as laundry hands, cleaners and food services assistants will increase by 6.8 per cent through a combination of increased wages and reclassification. Work remains to lift the wages of support workers in areas such as admin and maintenance.

"These are life changing improvements," Hayes said. "They will allow the industry to retain workers which, as the Royal Commission noted, is absolutely essential to delivering continuity of care. When someone is dealing with a condition such as dementia, it is deeply reassuring for them and their family to see the same carer.

"We acknowledge that people in administration and maintenance have not received the wage increase we pushed for. We will keep pushing and fighting to lift their wages. "Most of the aged care workforce itself can now imagine and plan for fully fledged careers, where people can plan a life around their work and really commit to it. Many workers have subjected themselves to the edges of poverty and homelessness to work in this industry. Now they can care for the elderly and also provide for themselves and their family."



Man charged following public place shooting – Denhams Beach

A man has been charged over a shooting on the State's South Coast, earlier this year.

Strike Force Implant was established to investigate the circumstances surrounding a public place shooting at Denhams Beach.

About 3.30pm, on Friday 12 January 2024, police were called following reports of shots fired near Beach Road, Denhams Beach, approximately, 6km south-east of Batemans Bay.

Officers attached to South Coast Police District attended and established a crime scene.

A sawn-off firearm was seized and taken for forensic examination

Following inquiries, about 8.30am yesterday (Thursday 14 March 2024), officers attached to South Coast Regional Enforcement Squad executed a search warrant at a home in Bruce Street, St Georges Basin.

A 41-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Nowra Police Station.

Police seized a gel blaster rifle, shotgun ammunition, cannabis plant and mobile phone for forensic examination. He was charged with fire firearm manner likely injure persons, possess loaded firearm in public place, possess shortened firearm without authority, use, supply etc stolen firearm or firearm, possess ammunition w/o holding licence/permit/authority and unlicensed driving. He was refused bail to appear before Batemans Bay Local Court on (Monday 25 March 2024).

Police are searching for a second man, believed to be involved.

Anyone with information is urged to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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What's your best idea for the Sustainable Choices Festival?



Eurobodalla's sustainability officers Allana Haines, Mimosa Henderson and Alex King want to showcase people with products or services that save people resources, energy and money at Septembers Sustainability Festival.

"It's a day of workshops, presentations, panel discussions and stalls relevant to the whole community, to business, in fact to anyone and everyone looking to save resources, energy and money," says Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher of September's Sustainable Choices Festival.

"We know there's a lot of knowledgeable people out there with great products and services, and it's time to showcase them. We're taking expressions of interest now; already people are signing up."

Sustainability education officer Alex King said the Sustainable Choices Festival supports the Eurobodalla Climate Action Plan goal of a 50 percent reduction in community emissions by 2030.

"It's a logical way to promote options for sustainable energy, housing, transport, food, water and waste. All the while growing community and business connections to build climate resilience," she said.

Ms King said the festival format remains flexible as "we didn't want to tie-down the look and feel of the event until we know what we have to put on the table. Give us your best ideas!" To that end, Ms King is encouraging expressions of interest across the gamut of sustainability offerings.

"We're casting the net wide; from eco-friendly products to growyour-own veg demonstrations, energy solutions to rainwater harvesting, sustainable transportation to green building practices, and community gardening and urban farming to DIY workshops. If you have a sustainable product or service, particularly something outside the standard offerings, we'd love to hear from you," she

"We'll also have a number of smaller events in the lead-up to the festival, kicking off with our sustainable-houses tour and online panel discussion on the weekend of 20 and 21 April, as well as smaller ventures like sourdough making and pickling workshops." Mayor Hatcher has high hopes for the festival.

"This has been a long time in the planning, we want people to be inspired for change," he said.

"Whether that's putting a worm farm by the veggie patch or retrofitting your home by passive solar principles. Big or small, they're all steps to a sustainable future."

The Sustainable Choices Festival will be held in Moruya on Saturday 14 September. Keep an eye on Council's media channels in coming months or contact sustainability education officer Alex King on 4474 1083 for more information. Expressions of interest to present or have a stall at the festival close on Friday 28 June 2024.



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Don't disconnect the bush

Farmers have called for the Federal Government to take urgent action to ensure phone companies don't leave thousands of farmers without mobile coverage as the 3G shutdown looms.

At present, large parts of NSW have limited or no mobile phone reception, and many regions rely on 3G networks to communicate, especially during emergency situations.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Chair Deb Charlton said the shutdown of Telstra's 3G service on 30 June – as well as Optus' 3G closure in September – would spell disaster for many farmers who often work alone and a long way from help.

"As providers push ahead with this 3G network shutdown, there's no doubt there will be farmers who run into trouble or have an accident, and will be unable to call for help," Mrs Charlton said.

"Even with the 3G network in place, there are hundreds of horror stories of accidents occurring on farms or on isolated country roads, where people have not had the mobile coverage they need to contact emergency services and get lifesaving help.

"We have absolutely no confidence that 4G coverage will be available when the 3G network is switched off, and we will only see more of these tragic situations as a result."

Mrs Charlton urged the Federal Government to urgently work with telecommunications providers to resolve the connectivity challenges faced by farmers and rural communities, and set out a clear plan to secure reliable connectivity moving forward.

"Unless there is a real and concerted focus on local infrastructure upgrades and broader regional telecommunications networks, large tracts of the state with poor mobile coverage will see connectivity get even worse," Mrs Charlton said.

"The farmers who grow the nation's food and fibre should not be forced into using expensive satellite phones or have to resort back to prewar radio connections as their only link to the outside world.

"Connectivity is a critical tool, and in many cases, it's been the difference between life and death when an accident has occurred in these rural communities."

EPA FINES FORESTRY CORPORATION \$45K

The **NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)** has fined Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) \$45,000 after two separate incidents in Nadgee State Forest on the far south coast and Bagawa State Forest near Coffs Harbour.

Trees were allegedly removed in an Environmentally Significant Area and from a steep slope when seasonal restrictions on harvesting were in place.

The EPA found fifteen trees and vegetation were allegedly removed from within an Environmentally Significant Area in Nadgee State Forest, in 2023 and has now issued a \$15,000 fine.

The area was part of a designated tree retention clump, prohibited from forestry operations to protect hollow bearing trees under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA).

In February 2023, an alleged illegal tree removal in Bagawa State Forest occurred on a slope greater than 25 degrees, breaching obligations to prevent soil erosion and resulting in two penalty infringement notices totalling \$30,000.

The clearing contravened specific seasonal requirements, but FCNSW also failed to identify the area subject to the protocol on a map.

EPA Director of Operations, Jason Gordon said both incidents could have been avoided had FCNSW complied with the CIFOA.

"We have rules in place to protectwater quality, vegetation and important habitats during forestry operations.

"Ignoring these rules is a blatant disregard for our environment and their duty to protect hollow bearing trees for crucial fauna.

"In no circumstances, should 15 trees have been removed from an Environmentally Significant Area.

"FCNSW claimed the Nadgee State Forest issue arose due to a mapping software failure, however our investigations found the software problem was known prior.

"At Bagawa, the seasonal requirements are important to prevent soil erosion during high rainfall and on this occasion further damage was only minimised due to rainfall being lower than expected.

"We are disappointed by these incidents, which occurred prior to the recent changes in the CIFOA.

"FCNSW is now required to undertake nocturnal surveys and retain extra trees as part of the increased protections for greater gliders."



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Narooma Oyster Festival a finalist in the Sydney Fish Market Seafood Awards!



Australia's Biggest Oyster contenders 2023

Narooma Rocks and the Narooma Oyster Festival have been named a finalist in the prestigious Sydney Fish Market Seafood Excellence Awards 2024 for its unwavering commitment to showcasing New South Wales native food, the Rock Oyster. The Seafood Excellence Awards showcase the seafood industry's top players across 11 categories for their contribution to the economy, professionalism and commitment to supplying high quality seafood to local, national and international markets.

Narooma Rocks Chair Cath Peachey said the nomination in the Promotion Award category recognised the enormous efforts of the committee and the community to deliver the iconic festival, which is now regarded as the biggest food and wine event in southern New South Wales and a 'must-do' for an increasing number of national and international foodies and sommeliers.

"The event attracts approximately 10,000 festival goers and serves around 70,000 oysters to adoring foodies, along with showcasing the rock oyster industry and other celebrated local and regional seafoods like lobster, sea urchin, tuna, kingfish and kelp," she said. "We are really proud that our story and the festival's diverse range of experiences are resonating with the public and helping to raise the profile of the rock oyster and its growers," she said. "Last year's media reach of 4 billion is testament to the fascination and desire people have for the oyster and we were delighted to be able to convert that into a \$3.4 million injection into the regional economy." Festival drawcards include the Ultimate Oyster Experience masterclasses, Oyster Farmers Alley, Australia's Oyster Shucking Championships and Australia's Biggest Oyster. Producers, winemakers, brewers and distillers also flock to the festival with almost 100 lining-up to be part of the 2024 event on May 3 & 4.

"It presents a unique opportunity for both festival goers and growers to come together, over a sophisticated deep dive into merroir and rock oyster estuaries in those masterclasses to tasting oysters directly from the farmers in Oyster Farmer's Alley as well as elevated dining experiences and produce markets."

"The wild excitement of the shucking championships is particularly effective at celebrating the rock oyster as we sponsor the winner to attend the World Oyster Opening Championships in Ireland which takes our messaging into the heart of the United Kingdom's oyster industry and through that to Europe too."

"Whether we come away with a win or simply celebrate being a finalist on April 23, we are delighted to represent our unique blend of agritourism with a great cohort of passionate champions of Australian seafood. It's a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of the NSW South Coast and the rock oyster in yet another way."

Sydney Fish Market CEO Greg Dyer said the biennial Awards is something he always looks forward to as it offers a great opportunity to recognise the contributions of those in the industry.

"The Seafood Excellence Awards pay tribute to every facet of the seafood industry, from ocean to plate," he said. "We're proud of the individuals and organisations that work hard to ensure Australia's global reputation as a producer of premium seafood is maintained, and welcome this opportunity to recognise their efforts.

Winners will be announced on April 23.



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Biggest boost to environmental regulation in three decades

Penalties for many environmental crimes will double under the biggest amendment to environmental protection laws since the Environment Protection Authority was created in 1001

The NSW Government will today introduce changes to the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) and other environmental laws, to strengthen penalties and the EPA's powers to deter repeat offenders and make polluters pay.

Most NSW environmental penalties have not increased since 2005, including those for serious offences.

The current criminal investigation into asbestoscontaminated mulch, the biggest in the EPA's history, has highlighted the need to address loopholes and enhance investigative capabilities.

The Environment Protection Legislation Amendment (Stronger Regulation and Penalties) Bill 2024 includes:

- Doubling maximum penalties for Tier 1 serious offences to \$10 million for companies and \$2 million for individuals.
- Doubling maximum penalties for Tier 2 asbestos-related offences to \$4 million for companies and \$1 million for individuals.
- More than doubling on-the-spot fine amounts for certain Tier 3 offences to \$30,000 for companies for a first offence and \$45,000 for a second offence. For individuals this will be \$15,000 for a first offence and \$22,500 for a second offence.
- Doubling on-the-spot fines for general littering of small items to \$160 for individuals and corporations in public places.
- Cracking down on small-scale illegal dumping with maximum penalties of \$50,000 for companies and \$25,000 for individuals. On-the-spot fines of \$5,000 for companies and \$1,000 for individuals will be able to be issued by public land managers, including councils, NSW Police and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Implementing a specific, higher penalty for small scale illegal dumping on sensitive land such as childcare centres, hospitals, schools, national parks and beaches.
- Increasing maximum penalties for breaching resource recovery orders and exemptions from \$44,000 to \$2 million, or \$4 million for offences by corporations involving asbestos waste.
- Introducing new product recall powers for materials that may be contaminated with harmful substances across an entire supply chain, to quickly safeguard human health and the environment and warn the public.

- Establishing a public 'name and shame' process to issue public warnings about poor environmental performers and substandard practices.
- Strengthening investigation powers, introducing investigation notices, and improving and expanding clean-up notice controls.
- Allowing the Land and Environment Court to ban serial and serious offenders from applying for an environment protection licence.
- Providing a framework to establish a new waste accreditation scheme to ensure accurate assessment, classification and disposal of waste. This will protect the integrity of recycling streams by targeting the source of contamination. Regulatory effort will be focused upstream towards the waste generator, providing greater visibility and control over supply chains.

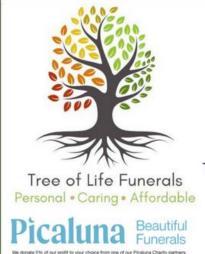
These state-wide reforms are designed to overcome emerging issues and urgent regulatory challenges. This is the first step the NSW Government is taking to ensure environmental frameworks are preventing contamination entering the community and recycling streams and enforcing deterrents to environmental crimes.

The NSW Government will consider further changes in response to the ongoing investigation into contaminated mulch or recommendations of the Asbestos Taskforce and Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer.

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Penny Sharpe: "These sweeping reforms will directly improve the protection of human health, the environment, and the community.

Offence tiers:

- **Tier 1 offences** wilful
- o Wilful harm to environment from disposal of waste, or causing any substance to leak, spill or otherwise escape
- Tier 1 offences negligent
- o Negligent harm to environment from disposal of waste, or causing any substance to leak, spill or otherwise escape
- **Tier 2 offences** with higher penalties asbestos waste and other serious offences
- o For example, pollution of land where offence involves asbestos waste
- Other Tier 2 offences
- o For example, failure to comply with licence condition or a cleanup notice
- Tier 3 offences
- o Environmental offences which are dealt with via penalty notices (on-the-spot fines)



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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Father McCormack with group of children

15/03/1924

Stated that **Mr. Hales**, who was surveying different rivers and obtaining data in connection with the several hydro-electric schemes proposed on Monaro and Far South Coast, has a distinctive preference for the Tuross River. He considers it superior to the Snowy River.

Mr. J. A. Perkins, M.L.A., is in receipt of the following from the Chief Secretary's Dept.:-"In continuation of my letter of 20th December last concerning the application made by Mr. R. G. Duncan, of Eurobodalla, and others, for the removal of protection for wallabies for certain parishes in the surrounding districts, I now desire to intimate that an open season from 1st March to 31st July, 1924, both days inclusive, has been declared in respect of swamp wallabies and scrub wallabies for the parishes of Nerrigundah, Cadgee, Urobodalla, Bodalla, Narooma, Gulph and Bumbo, in the County of Dampier, within the Pastures Protection District of Braidwood-Broulee. The requisite notification will be published in the Government Gazette of 20th inst."

The **Progress Association** has paid for the installation of the electric light at the Court House Corner, and has a few pounds still in hand. **Four hotels in Moruya** have been cited to appear on 26th inst. to show cause why their licenses should not be cancelled, viz.- The Royal, Club House, Commercial and Criterion.

A meeting of the **Convent Building Committee** took place at the Convent school-room on 9th inst. Present – Father MacCormack (chair), Messrs. T. Flood, S. Ryan, R. B. Heffernan, P. Ryan, C. Johnson, P. Flynn, P. Connors, P. Mylott, P. Poole, A. W. Constable and Sec. C. Carter. The Committee considered the tenders for the erection of a new Convent too high and decided not to accept any, the lowest being about £5000 and the highest about £8000. A sub-committee was appointed to go into details of the plans and specifications and to suggest alterations.

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A meeting of the **Progress Association** took place in the Shire Hall on Tuesday night last. ... An account from Mr. Godfrey Hanscom for £10 5s for fitting, etc., for electric light was passed for payment; The Secretary was instructed to use his best efforts to help the Shire Council to try and get the necessary information re the property at the Heads in order to get the necessary permission to have a road put through; The matters of having the sign at the bridge painted, and having the trough at the windmill fixed up was left to Mr. Flood to do his best to have these matters attended to; The offer of Mr. Flood of £9 towards the cost of renovating weather and bathing sheds at the Heads was accepted.

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



New reports show NSW emergency departments are busier than ever but most patients remain positive about their care

The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) has released two reports showing NSW emergency departments (EDs) continue to see record numbers of patients needing the most urgent care and revealing what patients told us about the care they received.

The latest results of the Emergency Department Patient Survey reflect the experiences of more than 21,000 people who attended one of 77 large EDs in NSW from July 2022 to June 2023.

BHI Chief Executive Dr Diane Watson said the majority of patients were positive about their ED care in 2022–23. Almost nine in 10 patients (87%) said, overall, their care was 'very good' (60%) or 'good' (27%). "Despite EDs being busy, patients' ratings for most survey questions were similar to the previous year," said Dr Watson. "However, there was significant variation in results for individual hospitals."

Detailed results for Healthcare Quarterly and the Emergency Department Patient Survey 2022–23 are available at <a href="https://doi.org/10.2007/jhb/10.2007/

Southern NSW Local Health District top performer in latest healthcare quarterly report

Southern NSW Local Health District's planned surgery, transfer of care time and emergency department performance was one of the best in NSW, according to the latest Bureau of Health Information Healthcare Quarterly report (October to December 2023).

SNSWLHD Chief Executive, Margaret Bennett, said the District performed 1,234 planned surgeries during the fourth quarter of 2023, despite high demand for emergency care. "Almost all planned surgery in Southern was performed on time during the reporting period, a remarkable effort by staff and a great outcome for our patients," Ms Bennett said. "Southern NSW LHD had one of the best results in the state for the percentage of planned surgeries performed on time, with 99.7 per cent of patients receiving their planned surgery on time, a 5.9 percentage points increase compared with the same quarter in 2022.

SNSWLHD was also among the state's top performers for ED key indicators including the time to start treatment (79.9 per cent), the percentage of patients leaving the EDs within four hours (75.5 per cent), and the time to transfer of care from ambulance to hospital staff (95.8 per cent) which is the highest result in the state.

From October to December 2023, there were 30,893 attendances to EDs across SNSWLHD, which is a 1.3 per cent increase compared with the same period last year. More than half of the 30,270 presentations to the EDs were in the semi-urgent (triage 4) and non-urgent (triage 5) categories. Almost 8 in 10 patients started treatment on time (79.9 per cent), which is better than the NSW average (68.3 per cent). The majority of patients also left the ED within four hours of arriving (75.5 percent), better than the NSW average (58.1 per cent).

Almost all patients (95.8 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark time, a 6.5 per cent improvement compared with the same quarter in 2022, and better than the NSW average (79.9 per cent).

"Our staff have implemented a range of improvement strategies over the past 12-18 months to achieve these impressive results," Ms Bennett said.

"Strategies include daily huddles across all facilities, ongoing ED education programs to strengthen nursing triage protocols, regular reviews of clerical processes and systems, as well as management of discharges and delays.

"The most important outcome of this work is that patients in Southern NSW are given the very best care, as quickly as possible." All patients are seen and triaged on arrival at the ED and, as always, the most seriously unwell patients are treated first.

During busy times, those with less urgent conditions will experience longer wait times when there are large numbers of seriously unwell patients being prioritised for emergency care. SNSWLHD continues to remind everyone to support us by saving emergency departments and ambulances for saving lives. If an illness or injury is not serious or life-threatening, we encourage people to call Healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222, for a 24-hour telephone health advice.

INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL RESULTS

At **Batemans Bay District Hospital** there were 3,534 ED attendances between October and December 2023. The majority of patients (80.3 per cent) started treatment on time, which is better than the average of 79.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. Pleasingly, nearly all patients (95.9 per cent) were transferred from paramedics to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark. Batemans Bay District Hospital performed 134 planned surgery procedures during the quarter. All planned surgeries were performed on time.

At **Moruya District Hospital** there were 3,453 ED attendances during the October to December 2023 quarter, which is a 3.3 per cent increase compared with the same time quarter in 2022. More than eight in 10 patients (83.5 per cent) started treatment on time, which is better than the average of 79.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. Almost all patients (98.7 per cent) were transferred from paramedics to the ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark. Moruya District Hospital performed 144 planned surgeries during the quarter and all were performed on time. At **Goulburn Base Hospital** there were 5,863 ED attendances during the quarter, which is a 10.2 per cent increase compared with the same quarter in 2022. More than nine in 10 patients (91 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark time, which is better than the average of 89.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. During the October to December 2023 quarter, 398 planned

surgeries were performed, with 99.7% performed on time. At **Cooma Hospital** there were 2,894 ED attendances during the quarter. Almost nine in 10 patients (88.4 per cent) started treatment on time, which is better than the average of 79.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. Nearly all patients (99.2 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark, which is also better than the average of 94.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. The majority of patients (82.4 per cent) left the ED within four hours, which is slightly above the average of 79.3% for comparable hospitals in NSW. There were 45 planned surgery procedures performed during the October to December 2023 quarter and all were performed on time.

At **Queanbeyan Hospital** there were 6,797 ED attendances during the October to December 2023 quarter. More than eight in 10 patients (84.1 per cent) started treatment on time, which is better than the average of 79.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. More than eight in 10 patients (84 per cent) left the ED within four hours – also better than the average of 79.3% for comparable hospitals in NSW. Nearly all patients (97.6 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark, also above the average of 94.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. The hospital performed 198 planned surgery procedures during the quarter, with all urgent surgeries, and 98.9 per cent of semi-urgent surgeries, performed on time.

At **South East Regional Hospita**l (SERH) there were 5,723 ED attendances during the October to December 2023 quarter. Almost eight in 10 patients started treatment on time (77.4 per cent), which is better than the average of 70.7% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. More than nine in 10 patients (95.4 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark, which is also better than the average of 89.6% for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. More than seven in 10 patients (72.9 per cent) left the ED within four hours of arriving – also better than the average of 63.2%

for hospitals of a similar size in NSW. There were 315 planned surgeries performed during the quarter, with all procedures performed on time.



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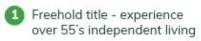
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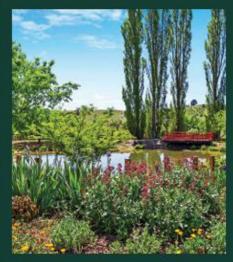
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Asbestos Awareness and Safety Short Course

SafeWork NSW, Building Commission NSW, and TAFE NSW have partnered to provide an online 'Asbestos Awareness and Safety' course free to the public to increase awareness of the safety risks relating to asbestos.

This short self-directed online course, called a microskill, is aimed at anyone likely to encounter asbestos in their workplace. It is hosted on the Construct NSW digital learning platform, part of a wider suite of courses built in collaboration with the Department of Customer Service and Building Commission NSW.

The NSW Government priority is to ensure the safety of workers and the community when managing asbestos. Recent reports of asbestos in mulching products has highlighted the need for readily available asbestos awareness training.

The 'Asbestos Awareness and Safety' microskill will be free to anyone in Australia for a period of three months, with the potential for extension pending public demand.

The two-and-a-half-hour course covers: Recognising the risk and serious long-

- term impacts of asbestos exposure
- Recognising the roles, responsibilities, and legislation for asbestos related work
- How to determine if asbestos containing material may be present
- Identifying asbestos containing materials and hazardous activities that lead to asbestos exposure
- Identifying suitable control measures for asbestos and asbestos containing materials (ACM)
- How to safely handle asbestos and ACM
- Inspecting worksites and communicating asbestos risks and asbestos controls with an informed perspective

Completion of the course provides asbestos awareness training. Further training is required to conduct licensed asbestos removal work.

Members of the public can register for the course at

https://store.training.tafensw.edu.au/pro duct/asbestos-awareness-and-safety.

Farmers urged to sign up for new vehicle initiative to help fight fires

NSW landowners have less than a month to register for a trial scheme designed to enhance rural firefighting capabilities. A collaboration between **Transport for NSW** and the NSW Rural Fire Service, the trial enables the use of private Farm Fire Fighting Vehicles (FFFVs) without registration, provided they meet specific eligibility criteria.

Also known as Farm Fire Units (FFU), the nominated FFFVs must comply with stringent guidelines, including the permanent attachment of fire-fighting equipment, operation within a 100km radius of the storage address, and be maintained in a safe operating condition.

These measures ensure that while not registered, these vehicles are adequately equipped to assist in emergency situations and contribute effectively to firefighting

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib urged farmers across NSW to make the most of the trial before nominations close on March 31.

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

"By allowing farmers to collaborate more seamlessly with the RFS in safeguarding their properties and those of their neighbours, this arrangement could enhance the state's bush fire capabilities." Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers acknowledged the valuable contribution of these units in rural firefighting efforts, particularly with landholders often serving as initial responders.

"Allowing eligible farm fire vehicles to operate without registration ensures a more swift and coordinated response during emergency bush fire incidents,"

Commissioner Rogers said.

"With high grass fuel loads across the state, getting on top of fires as soon as we can is crucial to minimise loss and damage.

"The Bush Fire Danger Period is still in place for most of NSW, so it is timely that those who can take advantage of this opportunity do so."

To nominate a vehicle for the trial, visit Transport NSW, complete the trial nomination form and provide two photographs of the nominated vehicle. For further information, contact Service NSW on 13 77 88 or visit your nearest Service NSW centre.

Driving a cleaner future:

Vehicle Emissions Star Ratings

The **NSW Government** has launched a new Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website to help drivers consider sustainability when making their next vehicle purchase. A simple six-star rating system will allow consumers to compare the carbon dioxide emissions of new and second-hand cars. utes and vans. The more stars a vehicle has, the lower the vehicle's CO2 emissions. The rating applies to vehicles across Australia and was developed in collaboration with Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

The Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website has launched with ratings for light vehicles dating back to 2004. Consumers can compare more than 16,000 different models and variants.

The website has fully customisable calculators that allow consumers to input the actual price they pay for fuel or electricity, and consider annual costs based on the distances they drive, rather than just being offered information based on averages that can vary widely. The information on emissions and efficiency is provided in a simple, visual format to help consumers make choices. It is supported by useful articles and information on vehicle emissions, how different vehicles are powered, and how driving style and maintenance may reduce emissions.

The Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website also provides information on electric vehicles, including locations of charging infrastructure, battery recycling and the differences between electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and internal combustion engine vehicles.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Penny Sharpe said "The Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website offers information on emissions and efficiency in a simple format so consumers can choose a new or used car which reduces their emissions.

"This is both good for their hip pocket, and good for the environment.

"Battery EVs are the cleanest light vehicles, receiving a six-star rating because they do not produce any tailpipe emissions. The NSW Government is supporting their uptake by growing the network of EV chargers across the state."

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla Community Granting Round for 2023/2024 provided an opportunity for individuals, community groups, networks and collectives to apply for a grant of up to \$20,000. We are excited to announce our successful grant recipients and look forward to seeing these projects provide tangible outcomes in strengthening community disaster resilience within Eurobodalla.



Batemans Bay Community Picnic

Monthly community picnic, promoting community networks, relationships and healthy choices.

> **Building Emotional Understanding Key Tools for** Communication in Families

An educational and training program to help young people and their families raise the next generation and a place for parents to socialise with other parents and access support.



Deadly Lads Men's Group

Providing a safe space for Men within the Eurobodalla - supporting Connection to Country, Community and Social Wellbeing.

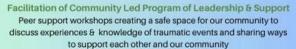


Community connectedness event promoting Cultural Healing, Reconciliation and Unity.



Eurobodalla Youth Mountain Bike Project

An educational and training program for young people: Providing a space to participate in a newly growing sport and promote the growth within our

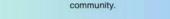




Intergenerational Art Project Intergenerational art project for all women in the Eurobodalla Shire to promote Social Connections and Wellbeing through Art.

South Coast Sirens Performance Collective A program that offers Social Connection and Wellbeing support to our over 50s





Tomakin Multisports structure Providing an upgrade and rebuild of the Jack Buckley park to create a modern multi-structure area to promote Health and Social connections.



Building a space for First Nations women to access support services, increase their Social Connection and Connection to Country.



Womxn Music Camp

Training and employment to build the skills and networks of female musicians in the Eurobodalla.

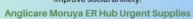


A project to assist low socioeconomic households to reduce fire fuel and further educate waste management and property preparedness.



Slightly Bent Choir

To create a safe space for the choir to support confidence building and improve social anxiety.



Emergency relief program providing support to those experiencing vunerability and homelessness.



Bodalla LALC Community Waste Management Project

A household waste management program to reduce residential fire risk and improve disaster preparedness.

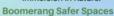


A community event educating and promoting climate change action, deepening Social and Community Connection.



Create2Flourish

A safe space to foster wellbeing and resilience among community members, allowing social connection and self-expression, practising mindfulness and immersion in nature.



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UOW Eurobodalla Art Prize 2024

UOW Eurobodalla extends an invitation to emerging school-age artists residing in the Eurobodalla region to participate in this art competition and exhibition. We are excited to showcase the talents of young local artists through this unique opportunity.

• APPLICATION FORM

With a total prize pool of \$1,000, the 2024 UOW Eurobodalla Art Prize has four entry categories. Students are encouraged to unleash their creativity by submitting a 2D artwork of their choice

The details and full terms and conditions of entry are outlined below. If you have further questions, please contact UOW Eurobodalla on bbay-enquiries@uow.edu.au or call 4472 2125.

- SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
- ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS
- TERMS AND CONDITIONS

There are four categories:

- Primary School (Open)
- High School (Open)
- Primary School (Indigenous student)
- High School (Indigenous student)

There is no entry fee to participate in this art award.

One winner will be chosen in each category

Each of the four winners will receive a cash prize of \$250 and their artwork will remain on display for 2024.

Winners will be announced at the opening on 6 May 2024. Judging

Entries to the 2024 competition will be judged by a panel, based on originality and creativity.

Key dates

30 January – 26 April 2024 - Entry forms available at Batemans Bay Library

2 April – 26 April 2024 - Artwork submission period

6 May 2024 - Exhibition opening ceremony

6 May - 30 May 2024 - Exhibition dates at Batemans Bay Library

Note: Artworks that are not collected will be returned to the student's school as per their entry form.



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Indigenous Storytellers Scholarship announces distinguished indigenous mentors

The Indigenous Storytellers Scholarship, an initiative by Façon Magazine and generously supported by Greater Bank, is thrilled to introduce the esteemed mentors for the 2024 program.

Now in its second year, the program empowers Indigenous storytellers from across New South Wales by providing resources and industry guidance to support their creative aspirations.

This year's mentors include a talented lineup featuring Mitch Tambo (World Musician), Samantha Harris (international supermodel), Sidney Saltner (Youth Program Director, Bangarra Dance), Professor Chelsea Watego (author of Another Day in the Colony), Kristy Dickinson (Founder of Haus of Dizzy), Stephen Page (Director of Spear), Nicole Chaffey (artist and Museum Gallery Director), Travis De Vries (digital artist and illustrator), and Milly Hooper (photographer and exhibitor at Head On Photo Festival).

These accomplished individuals will play a pivotal role in guiding and inspiring each of the nine finalists, with an aim of nurturing and amplifying Indigenous voices across diverse creative industries.

Mitch Tambo, the Scholarship's music mentor, is hailed as 'the new voice of our generation' and one of Australia's most electrifying First Nations entertainers. In support of the scholarship, Mr Tambo stated "It's so important to be able to create spaces that identify talent, and nurture that talent. "Storytelling is a massive part of our culture. It's one of the main ways Indigenous people have kept our culture alive and nurtured it to be the oldest living continual culture on the planet.

"Art, music and dance is at the forefront of this so to be a part of it in 2024 really excites me. I'm really excited to see what all the finalists are going to showcase for the scholarship. "I want to help the winners shape what they need to achieve, as well as shape our story."

The program will award one deserving recipient with \$10,000 to support their creative aspirations, provided by Greater Bank, while all nine finalists will have the unique opportunity to receive mentorship from a leader within their specific field, further enhancing their growth and impact in the creative landscape.

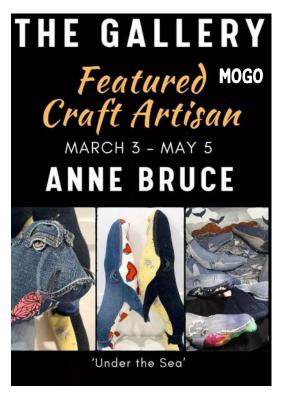


The Indigenous Storytellers Scholarship is dedicated to fostering creativity and providing a platform for Indigenous voices in various creative sectors including music, fashion design, dance, writing, accessory design, film, art painting, digital art and photography.

Indigenous individuals who reside in NSW are invited to submit their applications online until the deadline on 18 April 2024, with the scholarship recipient to be announced on 11 July during NAIDOC Week.

For more information about the Indigenous Storytellers Scholarship and its mentorship program, please visit Façon Magazine and Greater Bank at

https://www.faconaustralia.com/scholarship/andhttps://www.greater.com.au/respectively.









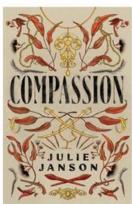
Moruya Books

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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin as a regular contributor to the Bugle. THE GADFLY PAPERS, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.

Gadfly

This, it seems, is the pivotal year. The moral war has been launched. By December 25 we will have learned whether George Orwell's 1984 was an accurate prediction of the future or just a scary tale of what might have been.

2024 has already been billed as the Year of the Democracies since there are so many nations going to the polls. But some are dark gestures – vile shadows of the process – Russia, for instance, where Vladimir Putin murdered or jailed his opponents yet still conducts a farcical poll and boasts of the result. Xi Jinping continues his act as pretend Emperor and the little dictators trail along.

The good guys are such as us, most of the Scandinavians and Europeans, the Kiwis and the Canadians. The top dog in that happy pack for many years has been the USA and this year their election is of enormous consequence. That is really where the future of humankind will be decided, and we won't know the answer until a certain Tuesday in November.

We got off to a pretty good start with the peaceful election of the 72-year-old former General Prabowo, supported by his predecessor, the popular Djoko Widodo. And after Joe Biden's State of the Union address he made a very good case for four more years. America's electoral college will make the final decision, but my money is on Joe. Trump is a clown, and enough American voters will see him as such.

What does worry me, however, is the decision of our own former PM Scott Morrison joining the Trump motorcade with his new boss, Michael Pompeo, Trump's former Secretary of State, now a weird believer in the 'Rapture' - a kind of Judgement Day where the 'elect' run the whole kit and caboodle.

You will recall Morrison's attendance at a Trump 'rally' during a Washington visit as PM and his boast that 'I believe in miracles; I have always believed in miracles.'

Well, so have the rest of us...until a better explanation came along. I believed in the miracle of the tooth fairy until I saw my mother swapping my little brother's baby tooth for a coin. I believed in Samta Claus until I only pretended to be asleep as the Mum and Dad put the pillowslip on the end of the bed. (Why they fool kids like this I'll never know.)

From Sunday School I believed in the Jesus fable till I decided to write a biography of him (Pan Macmillan, 1990). The reality is too complex for a Gadfly column but it's at the heart of the real battle in the US - belief versus scientific fact.

Science gave us civilization but there's still a long way to go in our adventure of discovery. Quantum mechanics, dark energy, Black Holes, gravity, astronomy, consciousness itself - all seem like miracles until we find out how they all work together. What a joy awaits!

Not so with Scomo.

An ambitious man, he's chosen the Rapture gang to be one of the elect.

Perhaps those five secret ministries in his own government will do the trick. Either way, the fabulists can have him.

I just wish he wasn't Australian.

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South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1183

"Fixer-Uppers" Not Quite so Attractive at the Moment

Most people will probably be well aware by now that the cost of building has increased quite substantially over recent years. The increases have been in both labour and material costs, plus there is also the issue of availability of labour, and it is starting to have an impact. In a very interesting article by realestatebusiness.com.au they went further by saying that "renovating is out and near-new is attracting a premium." The article went on to say: "A theme that will continue on from 2023 is that fully renovated houses or high-quality dwellings that are near new will still attract more interest than 'fixer-uppers'. There seems to be a large gap between dated houses needing money spent on them and 'neat as a pin' dwellings or new houses in good locations." It is getting to the point where rundown properties that require renovation or overdue maintenance may present good buying opportunities mainly for those who are handy on the tools.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



A Beer with Bazz #149
With
John
Longhurst

Bazza sipped his schooner and scrolled his iPad for news.

He was in earshot of various conversations and tuned into the debate about the over hyped NRL launch in the USA.

There was a pause as Know All Ron cleared his throat and pontificated about Sam Kerr being charged with 'racially aggravated assault' in Las Vegas.

Ron's audience shook their heads and his chest swelled before he concluded.

"Her actions have completely undermined the launch of the National Rugby League season."

Bazza tuned out before the corrections cut in.

To his right, a conversation about a ute tax raged but was cut short when the pub wag stated, "Fair enough if it is used for purpose... but in most cases, and particularly in the city, the biggest challenge these monstrous utes such as RAMS face is the speed humps at the supermarket car park. Anyhow, these emissions standards are not a ute tax and are the norm overseas. We are just dragging the chain, once again, on anything to do with climate change. But... rest assured I am pretty certain Peter Dutton will trounce it anyway, with a policy on nuclear powered Utes."

Bazza grinned and took a decent sip and looked up at the television news. Property prices, hospital waiting times, a minor earthquake in the Blue Mountains and the ongoing contest to take the USA to a November retirement home had the newsreader punctuating, and occasionally editing, each story with his eyebrows.

Bazza gritted his teeth and shook his head.

Above the din, Bazza could overhear a Mick lead discussion with a large group of patrons on the whereabouts of Catherine, Princess of Wales. The fact four international picture agencies had issued 'kill notices' of a family photo released by Kensington Palace for UK Mother's Day, prompted furious debate and much 'tut tutting'. Conspiracy theories from a possible kidnapping by Vladimir Putin to her being under lock and key in the Tower of London stoked the conversation to fever pitch.

Mick took a decent sip and raised his voice to restore order.

"Let's just keep an eye on things for the moment. Without doubt, it is the biggest news story doing the rounds at this time, but let's just hope and pray that things work out for the Royal Family. They are facing problems on a number of fronts with the King's recent cancer diagnosis and a wayward son off living in California."

Murmurs of agreement.

Bazza half smiled, took a generous sip of his schooner and searched the internet on his iPad for some time before landing on the fact 30,000 people killed in the war on Gaza now matched the 30,000 people killed in the war in the Ukraine.

He searched in vain for a corresponding news story.

Have a beer with Bazza at john.longhurst59@gmail.com



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NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL - VEGGIE GROWING WITH JOYCE



By Joyce Wilkie

Since Christmas I have been throwing around the idea of uploading gardening educational videos on YouTube. There is unlimited content because I'm interested in big back yards through to small scale market gardens. The emphasis in both cases is diversity and year round eating. However the learning curve has been steep to say the least. With the generous help of digital story teller Peter Dowson and film director Ben Strunin, who came to Stepping Stone to learn about market gardening, I have finally got over the whole tragedy of looking and listening to myself.

Their message was four pronged

- 1.get some good sound recording gear (much more important than picture quality)
- 2. have interesting content,
- 3. start filming everything I'm doing and
- 4. most people can't stand watching themselves in a video.

So it's happening, a minimum of one video posted every week with either seasonally appropriate content or techniques that can be used throughout the gardening year.

At this stage there are only two videos posted but it is a start. The long term goal is to amass a broad range of content and to catalogue it in a logical, informative and easy to access way on the Stepping Stone website – an ambitious and rather daunting goal. In the mean time here is the link.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9LPE4h0Y3sjVyBXR4_cFJA You know the routine - like and subscribe.

Every one of these helps build the momentum and you never know in a year or two SAGE will have a really great vegetable growing resource that everyone will be able to access on their phone and laptop. Thanks for reading, In partnership with Equine Spirit Healing, The Family Place bring you:

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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 vith 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 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 Deep Creek Dam Road, Batemans Bay on Saturday 23 March at 10am. For more information and to RSVP by Friday 15 March please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com **HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

New access to insurance data will drive emergency services funding reform

Legislation introduced yesterday will require insurers to provide specified data to the NSW Government to help reform the way emergency services are funded.

The amendment to the Emergency Services Levy Act 2017 will give Treasurer Daniel Mookhey authority to access anonymised data including the premiums paid on insurance policies and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) component of those premiums. Subject to privacy protections, this data will allow the Government to conduct detailed modelling and design of a new system to replace the current ESL.

NSW is the only mainland state to fund its emergency services by taxing insurance and has the highest average insurance premiums in any state apart from cyclone-prone Queensland. The ESL has caused premiums in NSW to be around 18 per cent higher for residential properties and around 34 per cent higher for commercial properties.

It's also contributed to NSW having the lowest rate of home and contents insurance in Australia. 35 per cent of NSW households are going without contents insurance and 5 per cent of homeowners do not have building insurance.

As fewer people take out insurance policies, the emergency services levy burden increases for those who do have cover. The Government announced the formation of a Stakeholder Reference Group last week, which will provide expert advice and perspectives to government as it moves ahead with this reform. A public consultation paper will be released in the coming weeks. Treasurer Daniel Mookhey said "It's imperative that the Government has access to the latest data held by insurers. This will help to redesign the way emergency services are funded in NSW in the most effective way.

"This is information that will help government to model a new system that can sustainably fund NSW emergency services. "With the cost of natural disasters only expected to rise with climate change, we're acting now to find a better way to fund our emergency services and ease the burden falling disproportionately on households and businesses that choose to get insured."

Moruya Community Workshed

The Moruya Community Workshed got off to a cracking start in the new year with a new committee full of great ideas for projects. We received a couple of grants that enabled us to create a passive recreation area away from the noise of the Workshed and an extension to this area may be possible in the future.

Another grant also enabled us to purchase a smaller lathe and bandsaw for those who might be a little nervous operating the larger machines. They are a great option on which to begin learning. Or you can bring your own project from home and receive expert help in completing it.

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week. For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.









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

Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au

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SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY

For those people who are unable to attend The Soldiers Club on Wednesday, Joe, <u>Allan</u> and Lyn will be coming to the Moruya Library on the day after, that is Thursday 25° of January.

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Arj Barker, Jonno Roberts & Medeleine West
A cryptocurrency trader from San Francisco
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MA | 1hr 44min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~ Kristen Stewart & Dave Franco
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DUNE PART TWO

M | 2hrs 44min ~ Action ~ Drama ~
Timothee Charlomete, Zendaya & Rebecca Fergusor
Paul Atreides unites with Chani and
the Fremen while seeking revenge
against the conspirators who
destroyed his family.



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.



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M | 1hr 36min ~ Drama ~ Michael Caine & Glenda Jackson Bernard Jordan escapes from his care home to attend the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in France.



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- 21 March Harmony Day
- **Daylight saving ends** Sunday, April 7 at 3am.
- 12 -14 April Moruya Blues and Roots Festival
- Batemans Bay Police Station Open Day on Saturday the 27th April 2024 from 10.00am to 3.00pm
- 3- 4 May Narooma Oyster Festival
- 11th May Rock On For Climate Action @ Smokey Dan's
- 12 May Mother's Day Classic Fun Run, Batemans Bay
- 25 May 2th June Sculpture For Clyde
- 14 September. Sustainable Choices Festival Moruya

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



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South Coast Community Kitchen

Demand is high at the moment and hoping to source some items from our lovely community. As much as we appreciate all contributions, please only provide what is on the list. Non common items are not used amongst our clients. 1/2 price specials are a good way to help a lot with a little. We are in need of the following: Children's lunch snacks ie: muesli bars/fruit cups/chips/shapes etc, Cereal ie: Weet-bix, corn flakes etc, UHT milk, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Pancake Mix, Vegemite/Jam/Peanut butter, Pasta, Pasta packets ie continental alfredo, Pasta Sauces, Canned Tuna, Sardines, Canned fruit, Canned soup, Soup sachets, Tuna bake sauce, -Baked beans, Canned spaghetti, Cordial, Fruit juice, Poppers, Any fruit/veggies you may have spare from your garden would be fantastic! If you live in the Bay, items can be dropped to Beyond Bank on Orient Street. If your in Moruya, please drop to 3 Jeffrey Place.



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VENUE: Batemans Bay Heritage Museum

DATE: Friday, March 22nd TIME: 10.30-11.30AM Morning Tea and Live entertainment. Limited room on the Dead Man's Chest so raid us early via https://www.trybooking.com/CPIEB





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8th Community Pharmacy Heads of Agreement reached with the Albanese Government

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Guild) has reached an historic Heads of Agreement with the Albanese Labor Government to secure Australia's 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA). News of the agreement was announced by Pharmacy Guild of Australia's National President Professor Trent Twomey at the 2024 Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP2024) at the Gold Coast now underway.

Professor Twomey told the conference, "Your Guild has always been fully committed to signing a CPA that delivers more affordable medicines to patients, while ensuring a vibrant and growing community pharmacy industry."

This morning Professor Twomey announced:

- 1. A Heads of Agreement for a new Community Pharmacy Agreement has been signed by the Commonwealth Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia;
- The Heads of Agreement reflects an intended Australian Government investment of up to an additional \$3 billion in community pharmacy, and in cheaper medicines;
- The full details of the measures contained in the Heads of Agreement remain to be finalised by the parties as soon as
- The parties will use their best endeavours to agree to an 8CPA commencing from 1 July 2024.

Professor Twomey says the Guild will now negotiate the finer details of the agreement over the coming weeks.

"We thank the Government, in particular the Prime Minister and Health Minister and the Department for the months of effort and work to reach this point.

"Once the details are settled, the Guild will be travelling around the country via our State of the Industry Roadshows," he said.

"The Guild will explain to our members and the industry what is included in the agreement, the benefits for patients and the bright future ahead for community pharmacy."









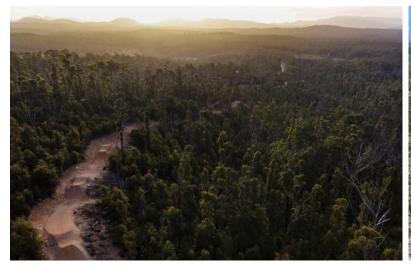
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Trail photo credits - Josh Firth and Next Level MTB

Mogo Trails update

Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club reports; The Next Level Mountain Bike crews backed up a big January tally with another 6.2km added in February taking the total to 61km. The total will be closing in on 70km in the next month or so. It remains important to stay off the new trails - they remain a construction site and need to go through several wet/dry cycles before they can take much traffic without sustaining damage. Our recent Clean Up Australia Day efforts included cleaning up a car parking area off Dog Trap Road 200m along from the existing trail head area for riders looking for a safer option than parking along Ridge Road.

Businesses that want to connect with other businesses and be a part of the Eurobodalla MTB experience you might like to join the new Facebook group 'Ride Ready Eurobodalla', jointly suported by the ESC and BBMTB. There is a major event planned for April to update businesses on Sea Otter Australia 2025 from Rocky Trail Destination. Join the Facebook group and look for the event to accept your invitation.

Weld Australia launches free online welder safety training courses

Weld Australia is excited to announce the launch of two free online welder safety training courses – one for welders, and the second for welding engineers and supervisors.

According to Geoff Crittenden (CEO, Weld Australia), "Welding is a potentially dangerous process, with many hazards and risks to people's health. These risks are compounded by the fact that welding is undertaken across a wide range of locations and situations, from workshops and field work, through to confined spaces, underground mine sites, and more."

"Hazards in each of these situations will be different, and require different controls to keep welders and others in close proximity safe. It is critical to manage these risks and hazards so that people working in the welding industry are kept safe and return home at the end of each day without injury."

"To this end, Weld Australia is pleased to announce the launch of two free online welder safety training courses. Our objective with these courses is to improve safety awareness, knowledge and outcomes right throughout Australia's welding industry," said Crittenden.

The courses cover a broad range of subject material across welding processes. They provide details of hazards that may be encountered and how to manage them in the workplace. The hierarchy of controls is discussed, with a particular focus on engineering controls and the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The courses also reinforce procedures that should be used, such as correct set up and use of equipment and the correct handling of gas cylinders and welding machines. Assessment and certification for course participants is also available.

"The courses can be used by companies to enhance their staff induction program to ensure all employees start with a solid foundation in safety practices. Or, the courses can be used as part of ongoing training to keep employees up-to-date with the latest safety techniques. Regular refreshers help maintain safety awareness, reducing risk of accidents, leading to lower workers' compensation claims and insurance costs," said Crittenden.

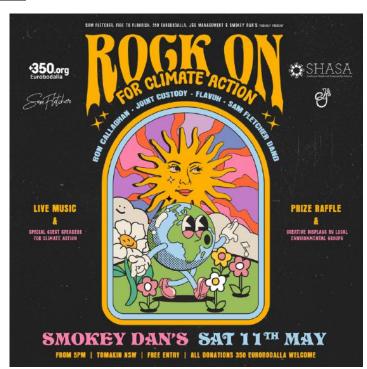
"For welders, undertaking these courses gives you essential knowledge on how to protect yourself from hazards like burns and harmful fumes. Learning about PPE and emergency procedures can be life-saving. By educating yourself, you can contribute to a culture of safety within the welding community. Sharing knowledge with peers, and practicing safe welding can influence others to prioritise safety, reducing welding-related accidents."

"If you're a hobbyist welder (or know someone who is), safety education is just as important. Our free courses can provide you with the knowledge to safely enjoy welding at home, protecting yourself, your family, and your property," said Crittenden.

HOW TO ACCESS THE COURSES

The courses can be accessed via: https://weldtraining.online. To start the courses, all you need is an account for Weld Australia's online training platform. If you don't already have an account, you can quickly and easily create one via the link in the top right-hand corner of the platform's homepage.

REGISTER FOR THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE COURSES Tuesday 9 April | 11am – 12 noon (AEST) | Online via Zoom Learn more about the courses, including how and why they were developed, the content they cover, and how and why you can use the free courses in your business or career. Register online now.



Some Joy For Pennant Bowlers

After a very tough season the Tuross Head Open Gender Pennant players have finally tasted some success. The Grade 5 side recorded their first win of the season when they had a convincing win playing away to Dalmeny in round 5. The Grade 7 side had a very close game with Moruya in Moruya that finished in a draw on the 'main board'.

The Grade 5 side had two very big wins that ensured they recorded a strong victory. Geoff Lee, Bruce Magilton, Sue Fahey and Marcel Kors dominated their clash. After 13 ends they had a match winning lead of 25 – 8. They won 14 of the 21 ends to win

After a slow start, Jim Macklan, Noel Downie, Peter Macdonald and Bruce Lidbury also dominated their game. They also won 14 ends to chalk up a 30 shots to 12 win. The third rink of Rita Downie, Vickie Wheelahan, Irene Macdonald and John Monks found themselves in a one-sided game, winning only 5 ends and going down 25 - 9.

Overall Tuross won 76 shots to 53 and picked up 9 points to Dalmeny's 1.

The Grade 7 side had a very Close game at Moruya. On the back of a very strong performance from Mick Challice, John Wagstaff, Graeme Garner and Allan Etheredge the master board favoured Tuross for much of the clash. After 33 of the 63 ends Tuross had a 44 to 25 lead. Moruya fought back strongly so that by the 51st end they had a narrow 53 - 52 advantage.

The last 12 ends were very exciting with both sides having a chance for victory. Moruya moved to a 60 to 54 lead after 57 ends. The Tuross sides struck back in the final 6 ends to see the final score 64 all! With two of the games completed Tuross held a 64 - 62 lead but Moruya were able to grab 2 shots on the final rink to draw the game.

Etheredge's team won their game 28 -14 but Moruya won the other two rinks 27 – 20 and 23 – 16 so that Moruya had a very narrow overall points win. Moruya finished with a 5.5 points to Tuross' 4.5 points.

In Round 3 The Grade 5 side was well beaten by Narooma 5 that saw them lose all rinks and go down 90 shots to 46 on the 'big board'. This loss virtually ended any hopes they had of taking out the Grade 5 title in the combined three, four and five competition. The Grade 7 side travelled to Braidwood and were pleased to see the greens playing very well. However, very strong, gusty winds made the conditions challenging. The team of Des Jackson, Dagmar Voges, Margaret Downey and Ray Downey played well on their rink and managed to have a 19 all draw. Unfortunately, both of the other rinks struggled and Braidwood won 65 shots to 44. In Round 4 the Grade 5 side played Bodalla 5 in the 'local derby' with Bodalla continuing their run of good wins and revenging the twin losses from the previous season. Rose Farrington, Noel Downie, Irene Macdonald and Bruce Lidbury were well in their match when they were 10 all after 12 ends. They then dropped 6 shots on the next end. They fought back from this disappointment to be just 2 shots behind – 17-19 – after 19 ends. The Bodalla side was able to hold on to win 21 - 17. Good wins on both of the other rinks gave Bodalla a strong victory 79 shots to 49. This gave them a 10 – 0 win. There was some joy for the local bowlers when the Grade 7 side recorded an excellent win against the strong Bermagui Grade 6 side. The win was built on an excellent match by Mick Challice. John Wagstaff, Graeme Garner and Allan Etheredge. They started well when they picked up 5 shots on the 4th end and followed it with a 7 shot haul on the next end. After 6 ends they led 16 – 1! Shots became harder to score from then on but a strong finish from the locals saw them chalk up a 31 - 11 win! Rita Downie, Dagmar Voges, Margaret Downey and Ray Downey had a scratchy start but by the 13th end had drawn level at 11 all. The lead then fluctuated in a game were Dagmar Voges played

extremely well. Going into the last end Bermagui led 19 – 17 but

19 all!

Tuross was able to snatch the second draw in two weeks finishing

Ray Brown, Lorraine Wake, Di Challice and Lorraine Bird staged a major fightback on their rink. Down 12 – 3 after 8 ends they gradually narrowed the gap. Consecutive ends with scores of 4 saw them take the lead at 17 – 13 after 16 ends.Bermagui won the next 3 ends to regain the lead at 20 – 17 with two ends to play. Tuross had another great end picking up 5 shots on the 20th end to go into the last end leading 22 – 20. Bermagui was able to score the 3 shots needed on the last end to take the game 23 – 22!

Overall, Tuross won the game by 72 shots to 53 and with the win, draw and loss on the rinks giving them 8.5 points to Bermagui's 1.5! It was a pleasing result for Tuross as in the Grade 7 competition last year – that Bermagui won overall – Tuross lost both times they played by a single shot!

Both teams have three weeks off due to State Championships and Easter. Pennant resumes on April 6 when both sides will be playing at home.



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 1 Clyde Road, North Batemans Bay





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Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 7th March 2024

A field of 46 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The Winners were:

1st. Richard Brake (35) with 39 points 2nd: Greg Maloney (16) with 39 points 3rd: Ian Miller (18) with 38 points 4th: Teri Swanbury (26) with 38 points 5th: Dianne Brown (45) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins:

4A:	lan McManus	3.13
4B:	lan Miller	1.06
4C:	Maree Coffey	2.88
6A:	Col Houghton	1.10
6B:	Bruce Harding	4.17
6C:	Peter Nicolic	9.25
7A:	Ruth Gschwend	4.06
7B:	lan Kingston	3.42
7C:	Dianne Brown	11.0

Eagles; Jim Wade on the 1st hole

Balls went to: Desmond Jackson 37, Leonie Doolan 37, Stephen Gardner 36, David Schmid 35, Colin Houghton 35, Peter Garn 35, Ray Bollard 34, Jim Wade 34, Ian Kingston 33, Stephen Swanbury 33, Samantha Dryden 32, Peter Engelbrecht 32, Allan Langford 32, Robert McDonell 32, Ron Rogers 32, Paul Medwin 32, Peter Nikolic 32, Ian Manton 32, Ross Davidson 32 and Grant Kiely 31.

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 9th March 2024

An excellent field of 72 players registered for a Stableford combined medley event. The event was sponsored by Ian McManus.

Winners were:

1st: Tony Brown (23) with 41 points
2nd: David Schmid (17) with 40 points
3rd: David Gray (16) with 40 points
4th: Anthony Mellick (32) with 38 points
5th: Bruce Handley (12) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins:

4A:	Stu McKell	1.35
4B:	Bruce Harding	3.54
4C:	Peter Coffey	2.21
6A:	Stu McKell	1.99
6B:	lan Kingston	3.89
6C:	Tony Mellick	8.94
7A:	Ruth Gschwend	2.87
7B:	John Phyland	2.13
7C:	Nil	

Balls went to:

Chris Mayne 36, Peter Hogan 36, Ian Kingston 36, Peter Coffey 36, Greg Booth 36, Tim Watson 35, Mark Haberkorn 35, Ray Bollard 34, Stuart McKell 34, Ken Hush 34, Richard Kelly 34, Peter Garn 34, Grant Kiely 34, Paul Ferguson 33, Reginald Apps 33, Michael Coloe 33, Stephen Swanbury 32, John Eglitis 32, Frank Pomfret 32 and Allan Langford 32.



Maree Coffey and Kerrie Sands.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results -Tuesday 12th March 2024

A field of 22 players registered for a Foursomes Stroke event today. The event was The Foursomes Championship Round 2. The Winning Teams were: Maree Coffey and Kerrie Sands (41) with a net score of 74. Judy Apps and Leonie Doolan (33) with a net score of 75. Dorothy Madden and

Leonie Snodgrass (18) with a net score of 80.

The Gross Winners were: Leonie Snodgrass and Dorothy Madden Teri Swanbury and Pam Alexander

The Net Winners were: Pauline Nash and Christine Wratten Kerrie Sands and Paula Coffey

Nearest to the Pins: 6th: Chris Wratten 15th: Maree Coffey

7th: Pam Alexander (HC 1-35) Wendy Schmid (HC 36-45)

Balls went to: Elsa Shearer 81, Margaret Downey 81, Wendy Schmid 81, Paula Coffey 81, Shirley Quinlan 81.50, Jennifer Gray 81.50, Pam Alexander 81.50 and Teri Swanbury 81.50.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 13th March 2024.

A field of 44 players registered for a Stableford event today. The weather was lovely and the course in great condition.

The Winners today were:

1st: Peter Coffey with 24 points 2nd: Bruce Martin with 23 points 3rd: Ray Downey with 22 points

4th: Richard Kelly with 21 points (countback)
5th: Derek Hoare with 21 points (countback)
6th: Greg Smith with 21 points (countback)

7th: Steve Swanbury with 20 points
8th: Bruce Ware with 20 points
9th: Richard Brake with 19 points
10th: Ron Hanlon with 19 points
11th: Barry Hoban with 19 points

12th: Ted Quinlan with 19 points

Nearest to the Pins:

4th: Steve Collins 6th: Ken Hush

7th: Ladies: Margaret Downey Mens: Paul Coffey

Accuracy: Herb Muriwai

Bradmans: Allen Lee



Peter Coffey





Winners of the Hotondo Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim were Rosie McPartland (Broulee) and Mitchell Green (Caringbah) Photos: Facebook



Hotondo Bay to Breakers Swim

Almost 500 competitors took part in the 13th Hotondo Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim last Sunday. Swimming the 1.4km from Shark Bay around the rocks to South Broulee (Bengello) Beach, the open winners were Mitchell Green (Caringbah) in 18.37minutes and Rosie McPartland (Broulee) 21.42 minutes.

There was also a 500mOcean Swim for Junior U12, U14 and Novices. Prizes in the Open division were first place male and female \$400, second \$150 and third \$100. Age categories first place male and female \$100 and the Dash for Cash male and female winners \$400. Billy Hughes-Tweedie from Hotondo Homes, the Ocean Swim Sponsor said "We have been the major sponsor of this event for over 10 years now and have enjoyed the association with the swim and watching it grow to the size it is today."

"Watching all the smiling faces entering and exiting the water and the good vibes that surround the event make the day a total success for us.

Year after year, numerous volunteers generously dedicate their time to ensure a fun and safe experience for all. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributes, and we also pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this beautiful region, whose land we are privileged to enjoy."

"For anyone who comes to us as either a participant of the swim or mentions the swim, we will upon commencement of your project donate \$3,000.00 back to Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club."

Full Name	Gender	Age Group	Time	Age Group Standings	
Chloe Palfreyman	F	Under 20	0:23:26	1	
Oliver Lonsdale	М	Under 20	0:21:52	1	
Tara Holmes	F	Under 16	0:22:51	1	
Harry Palfreyman	M	Under 16	0:25:21	1	
Vivienne Gaffey	F	Under 14	0:07:59	1	
Greg Leach	M	Under 14	0:07:58	1	
Alexis Carver	F	Under 12	0:08:21	1	
Lachlan Martin-Dye	M	Under 12	0:08:23	1	
Wendy Dunn	F	Over 80	0:55:24	1	
Tina Bain	F	Over 70	0:37:13	1	
Graeme Wolfenden	M	Over 70	0:28:02	1	
Jane McCallum	F	Over 60	0:25:45	1	
Mal Wilson	M	Over 60	0:24:12	1	
Caz Makin	F	Over 50	0:25:46	1	
Michael Harding	M	Over 50	0:22:59	1	
Lisa Haureliuk	F	Over 40	0:24:16	1	
Dylan van der Meulen	М	Over 40	0:22:12	1	
Emily Kempson	F	Over 30	0:24:39	1	
David Perez	М	Over 30	0:23:10	1	
Sabrina Moir	F	Over 20	0:24:05	1	
Angus Shaw	М	Over 20	0:22:30	1	
Rosie McPartland	F	Open	0:21:42	1	
Mitchell Green	М	Open	0:18:37	1	
Karen O'Connor	F	Novice	0:07:55	1	
Jack Bigmore	М	Novice	0:08:20	1	
Justine Diacomihalis	F	Flippers	0:26:04	1	
Michael Austin	М	Flippers	0:22:50	1	

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