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Unearthing answers about zombie developments

Inquiry into historical development consents in NSW has been announced

A new inquiry by the Legislative Assembly Committee on Environment and Planning will be looking into historical development consents in New South Wales. Also known as “zombie developments”, historical development consents are development projects which were approved years or sometimes decades ago but remain unfinished with minimal work completed. Sometimes, work on these developments may restart after years or decades of no activity.

‘Zombie developments reflect the law at time the development consent was initially granted. Planning and environmental standards have changed since some of these older consents were issued and the community’s expectations have shifted too,’ said Chair, Clayton Barr MP.

‘We are calling for submissions on the impact of these development consents on the NSW planning system, development industry and property ownership. We would also like to consider policy and legal solutions to address the issue, including what other jurisdictions have done to address similar issues.’

‘The Committee would really like to hear from members of the community, businesses and local councils who live near or are affected by historical development consents.’ As part of the inquiry, the Committee will also consider any barriers in using the current planning framework to address the issue and the benefits and costs to taxpayers if action is taken on the issue.

Inquiry into historical development consents in NSW Terms of reference That the Committee on Environment and Planning inquire into and report on historical development consents in New South Wales, including:

- (a) The current legal framework for development consents, including the physical commencement test.
- (b) Impacts to the planning system, development industry and property ownership as a result of the uncertain status of lawfully commenced development consents.
- (c) Any barriers to addressing historical development consents using current legal provisions, and the benefits and costs to taxpayers of taking action on historical development concerns.
- (d) Possible policy and legal options to address concerns regarding historical development consents, particularly the non-completion of consents that cannot lapse, and options for further regulatory support, including from other jurisdictions.
- (e) Any other matters.

Further information on the inquiry and how to make a submission is available on the Committee’s [webpage](#).

Submission close on Monday, 3 June 2024.

Government welcomes Parliamentary Inquiry into local government sustainability

The long overdue parliamentary inquiry into local government sustainability is good news for the sector, its workers and the communities who rely on this critical level of government.

The Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport has accepted the Government’s referral, which comes more than two decades after the last such Parliamentary Inquiry into the sector’s financial capacity.

It will provide an opportunity for all perspectives on issues including worker security, financial sustainability and cost shifting to be heard.

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King said “I thank the Committee for accepting my referral and starting the important task of working with stakeholders to understand the pressing issues facing local government.

“Local councils deliver the essential services our communities rely on. That’s why the Australian Government is committed to partnering with local government through programs like Financial Assistance Grants, Roads to Recovery, the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program and the Black Spot Program.”

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain said: “From day one we’ve brought local government back to the table as a trusted delivery partner of the services our communities rely on, which is why it’s important that future funding arrangements and program delivery meet the unique needs of the sector.

“I welcome this inquiry, which will build on the extensive feedback we’ve received from the local government sector over the last 18 months, and help inform how we can strengthen their capacity to deliver better outcomes in our communities.”

The Albanese Government encourages all interested groups to have their say on these issues by providing a written submission by 3 May 2024.

The Committee will also be travelling around Australia to understand the unique issues faced by urban, regional and remote local governments.

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Police saturate Batemans Bay in four-day deployment



Op SURGE, Batemans Bay.



Male arrested, Surfbeach



Drugs Seized

NSW Police have charged 34 people, seized eight firearms, and executed 17 Firearm Prohibition Order compliance checks during a four-day deployment to the South Coast aimed at targeting regional crime. State Crime Command's Bateman's Bay 'surge' deployment was a multifaceted operation, led by the Raptor Squad, in a bid to target and prevent crime in the Batemans Bay area and surrounds.

The operation ran between Monday 18 March 2024 and Thursday 21 March 2024 and involved the deployment of over 60 officers attached to State Crime Command, who travelled to Bateman's Bay to work in collaboration with South Coast Police District and specialised resources, including Pol Air, Traffic & Highway Patrol and the NSW Crime Commission. During the four-day operation, officers completed over 360 random breath and drug tests, issued 64 infringement notices, seized \$14,240 cash, eight firearms, and \$246,547 worth of drugs.

Incidents of note include:

- About 7am on Tuesday 19 March 2024, police executed a search warrant at an address in Surf Beach where they arrested a 60-year-old woman and 36-year-old man. During a search of the property detectives located and seized cannabis and \$10,000 cash. The pair were taken to Batemans Bay Police Station where the woman was charged with four counts of supply prohibited drug <=small quantity. The man was charged with supply cannabis >indictable & < commercial quantity, recklessly deal with proceeds of crime >\$5000 and possess prohibited drug. Both were refused bail and appeared before Batemans Bay Local Court the same day.
- - About 6.30am on Tuesday 19 March 2024, police executed a search warrant at an address in Surf Beach where they arrested a 34-year-old man. The man was taken to hospital for assessment, before being taken to Batemans Bay Police Station where he was charged with seven counts of supply prohibited drug >small & <=indictable quantity, supply prohibited drugs on an ongoing basis and hinder or resist police officer in the execution of duty. He was refused bail and appeared in Batemans Bay Local Court on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

- About 7.50am on Tuesday 19 March 2024, police executed a search warrant at an address in Benandarah where they arrested a 42-year-old woman. She was taken to Batemans Bay Police Station where she was charged with supply firearm to person unauthorised to possess it, supply, give ammunition to person not authorised etc, possess ammunition with out holding licence/permit/authority and cultivate prohibited plant <= small quantity. The woman was refused bail and appeared before Batemans Bay Local Court on Wednesday 20 March 2024.
- - About 8.45am on Tuesday 19 March 2024, police executed a search warrant in Batemans Bay where they arrested a 33-year-old man. The man was taken to Batemans Bay Police Station where he was charged with supply prohibited drug >indictable & <commercial quantity. He was refused bail and appeared before Batemans Bay Local Court the same day.
- - About 9am on Tuesday 19 March 2024 police executed a search warrant in Surf Beach where they arrested a 20-year-old man. He was taken to Batemans Bay Police Station where he was charged with take part supply prohibited drug <=small quantity. He was refused bail and appeared in Batemans Bay Local Court the same day.

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



Op SURGE, Batemans Bay.



Police transport: Photo Wet & Windy Photos

ANU med students get a taste of the coast with rural immersion week



ANU Medical Students get a taste for the coast with a kayaking adventure at Mossy Point with RegionX. Photos: Region X

Attracting doctors to the bush has been a long running issue, but last week a group of ANU medical students got a taste of the south coast in a rural immersion week.

Dr Michelle Hamrosi from Broulee was one of a team to hosts the first year students.

“What a whirlwind few days with a bus load of first year medical students coming for a week of rural immersion” said Michelle. “We did kayaking, followed by weed management with Eurobodalla Council invasive species specialists Paul Martin and Emma Patyus.

Aunt Trisha Ellis then took us on a walk on country at Bingi Bingi point. We learnt so many incredible stories of the animals & birds, the flora and the indigenous peoples who for generations have been living in synchronicity with the land.”

Michelle said “Local rotary clubs are very supportive of the rural clinic school – helping feed and also give out scholarships to 3rd years and high school students who attend ANU.

Rotary members hosted the students for a dinner and they got to practice blood pressures and glucose monitoring on very willing subjects.” “I mean, who wouldn’t want to work here right?” said Michelle.



ANU Medical Student check out the Rescue Helicopter service at Moruya Airport.

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9:30am
Gather at the north side of Moruya Bridge.

10:00am
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10:30am
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10:40am
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Maree O'Rourke
Lou Glover
Aroub Lahham
Deb Long

11:00am
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Muladha Gamara
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Dancing

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Music
Val Moogz
Uncle Ron Callaghan
Sam Miers

11:35am - 1:50pm
Activities
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'Our Shared Histories' Installation
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2:00pm
Closing Ceremony
Muladha Gamara

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Eurobodalla to lead way with Virtual Fencing

With the potential to save human and lives, drive down insurance costs and save wildlife volunteers the effort and heartache of dealing with injured animals, Eurobodalla Council has supported a motion to promote the successful trial of virtual fencing at Long Beach.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday (19 March), Cr Anthony Mayne successfully moved a **MOTION THAT Council:**

1. Thank Council staff, Eurobodalla Coastwatchers and WIRES for the virtual fence trial at Long Beach. The success of this trial over an 8-month period resulted in a reduction of roadkill by 90%.
2. Submit a motion to the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra on 2-4 July 2024 as follows: The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to research virtual fences and to provide grants to local councils to undertake trials to enhance road safety.
3. That Councillor Anthony Mayne attend the Transport for NSW 'Vehicle Strike Emerging Technologies' symposium in May 2024 in Sydney, where the virtual fence project will be presented.

Report - "A virtual fence is an active electronic protection system that alerts animals when a vehicle approaches, before they cross a road. The system is most effective between dusk and dawn. The purpose of the program is to reduce wildlife being struck by travelling vehicles. As Council manages 1,100kms of roads in the Eurobodalla, the consequences of wildlife strikes are significant.

Before installation of the virtual fence at Long Beach, Council and WIRES volunteers attended up to five wildlife strikes a week. Since the virtual fence, there were just five wildlife strikes in eight months.

A series of posts are spaced every 25m on alternating sides of the road. At the top of each post is a small device that emits an audible alarm and blue and yellow flashing strobe-type LED lights when struck by vehicle headlights at night. As the vehicle passes, the devices are triggered in sequence by the vehicle headlights which forms a virtual fence. This deters animals like kangaroos, wallabies and wombats from crossing the road in search of food and shelter. The virtual fence is most effective when the speed limit is 80kms or less.

The success of the trial at Long Beach attracted interest around the country, and Shoalhaven Council has recently installed their first trial fence.



Rachel McInnes from Wires and Cr Anthony Mayne after the meeting

Sharing the success of the virtual fence at the National Congress and the Transport for NSW symposium will support further research and funding for this technology.

Transport advocacy organisation SEATS supports the project and has asked the NSW Minister for Environment to sponsor continuation of the virtual fencing trial and offer a suitable contribution to be matched by the Minister as seed capital to proceed.

SEATS will also call on other research/implementation agencies like NSW Centre for Road Safety or the Insurance Council to partner with agencies to improve and develop a strategy for a widespread rollout of the project."

The General Manager commented on the motion that: "The successful virtual fence trial at Long Beach cost \$11,531, for which Council received funding support from The Great Eastern Ranges and World Wild Fund for Nature Australia. Council is again working with The Coastwatchers Association and WIRES to install a second virtual fence along Dunns Creek Road between Mogo and Tomakin, another local road with a high wildlife strike rate.

Great Eastern Ranges and World Wide Fund for Nature has again contributed \$10,000 to this program, and Council will contribute \$10,000.

I am of the view that Council should continue to champion this project, including consideration of a budget to enable a few kilometres per year of virtual fence to be installed on prioritised local roads. Council will also make representations to the Insurance Council of Australia to explain the success of the virtual fence, the subsequent reduction in insurance claims, and the potential for reduced premiums for councils where virtual fences are installed on local roads, and/or provision of funds for installation."

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Rare find on Illawarra Coast

ORRCA reports: At 9:30am on Thursday 21st of March, we received a call to the ORRCA 24/7 Rescue Hotline from members of the public who witnessed a live whale calf stranded near Windang, on the Illawarra Coast in NSW. Specialist ORRCA Rescue Team Members arrived within 30mins to find the whale calf had sadly passed away. The whale was identified as a sperm whale calf, a deep water species of toothed whale. Sheets were placed over the young whale as to preserve it for necropsy through [Taronga Zoo Sydney](#) and [NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service](#), to help gain an understanding as to how it came about to be on the shores at Windang. The young whale was removed from the beach this afternoon with consultation with [Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council](#), [Windang Surf Club](#) and [City of Wollongong](#).

We thank everyone involved in trying to help this young whale, including those who knowingly stayed away to allow emergency personnel and authorised marine mammal rescue experts to do all they could.

HOW CAN I HELP? With an increased number of whale strandings over the last year, we urge anyone interested in helping in the future to go to the ORRCA website to learn how you can become part of our Rescue and Research teams.

If you witness a whale, dolphin, seal or dugong in distress please don't hesitate to phone the ORRCA 24/7 Rescue Hotline on (02) 9415 3333.

Marine mammals are protected in Australia. Strict protection zones and approach distances exist. For the safety of all and to avoid penalty, please do not approach without authority.

Photo credit: Lyndell (Dell) Roberts, ORRCA Rescue Coordinator.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers safely return almost 1,000 people to shore in February

Volunteers from Marine Rescue NSW's 46 units across the state safely returned 918 people to shore in February, completing 440 search and rescue missions including 141 emergency responses. Five Marine Rescue NSW units based in the Greater Sydney region (Sydney - State Communications Centre, Botany Port Hacking, Port Jackson, Middle Harbour and Cottage Point) were among the 10 busiest in the state while the Hunter/Central Coast's Lake Macquarie unit completed the most search and rescue missions last month with 73 responses.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Alex Barrell said just over 60% of incidents in February were for mechanical, fuel or battery issues while volunteers responded to 21 capsized vessels including two rollovers on the Ballina Bar and an overturned catamaran at Port Stephens.

"If your vessel capsizes, it becomes a life-threatening situation very quickly. It is important that you have your lifejacket on, that you stay with your vessel and if you do become separated that you stay together.

"If you can, get out a distress call. You can do this over VHF radio if you still have access to it and it is still working or you can try your mobile phone.

"It is important that you have Logged On with Marine Rescue NSW because if you don't return as planned and you go over your Log Off time, Marine Rescue will start looking for you," he said.

In February, Marine Rescue NSW volunteers kept watch over 6,152 vessels that Logged On with the Service either via the free Marine Rescue NSW app or VHF Channel 16 while radio operators managed 19,618 calls including 14 MAYDAYS and 6 PAN PANs.

Commissioner Barrell said a few simple steps by boaters could go a long way to ensuring a safe and enjoyable day on the state's waterways.

"It is important if you're heading out on the water that you have the right safety equipment for your voyage, you've got enough fuel for your trip, you've Logged On with your local Marine Rescue NSW base and importantly you've checked the local weather conditions.

"It has been an extremely busy last few months for our volunteers and I want to thank each of them for their continued dedication to making sure that we are saving lives on the water," he said.

In February search & rescue missions by Marine Rescue NSW in the Monaro – 38 search & rescue missions including 25 emergency responses with 90 people safely returned to shore across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama. Number of search and rescue missions in locations of highest demand:

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THE HEALTH SYSTEM FROM A COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

By Dr Arn Sprogis

Welcome to the first in a series of articles on the ‘health system.’

So, why write about the Health System, looking at it from a community perspective?

Access to quality healthcare is important to every member of the community and nearly everything published about the health system by governments and various health services is almost exclusively from their perspective combined with a big dose of spin. My aim is to put the patient view on what it all really means and to decode the spin so everyone who uses the health system has a better view of how it really works.

(Disclaimer: I won't be writing about individuals healthcare, those days are gone and I stand in the queue like everyone else)

Where I am coming from and what makes me qualified to write about the Health System....

Despite all my early life and education being city based my partner and I decided to do a number of extra years of additional training for rural general practice and started a practice just over 40 years ago in a small town on the mid north coast of NSW.

From my first week as a rural GP it became clear that for rural communities, access to health care was significantly more difficult to access and not the same as for city communities and that an unfair distribution of funding was the major contributor.

From that beginning as I continued in general practice I also started a second life working towards getting better access to quality healthcare for the community. This rapidly developed into a 30+ year work history as a GP, in policy development and implementation in regional (Hunter), state and national levels with a focus on delivering equity of access to GP and primary health care in rural/regional communities.

During that period I have dealt with every Labor and Lib/Nat Commonwealth Minister and Shadow Minister for Health from Brian Howe (Hawke government) to Peter Dutton (Abbot Government), including two who became Prime Ministers and a final brief encounter with one who is now Leader of the Opposition. I was also encouraged and supported by the Hunters 9 state and 5 Federal local members.

Amongst my other roles I was the first and longest serving CEO of the Hunter Division of General Practice serving a population of around 450,000 (Commonwealth Government initiative), Board member of the Hunter Medicare Local, Chairman of the Australian Medicare Local Alliance and was the NSW Health Ministers (previous NSW Labor Government) appointee to the Health Ministers Clinical Council.

My partner and I have now completed the circle and having been retired from General Practice for 6 years and back living in a city, just before the fires over 4 years ago we decided to move back to our favourite environment, a small town surrounded by water, trees, wildlife and the straightforward interactions between people which come with living on the far south coast.

I have gone from being a GP back to being a patient. The circle was complete.

All perfect I thought, so imagine my surprise when I found that in Health Systems terms, the continuing lack of funding and support by governments in my new community felt like I had stepped back 30 years in time with lack of access to healthcare compared to the major cities being the major issue.

When I moved here, I promised myself I wouldn't get involved in any health systems activity, it was time for others to take up the struggle for fairness in access to healthcare but the unequal struggle over getting the right level of New Hospital in Moruya and the Radiotherapy unit when we first arrived meant doing nothing was not an option, so I joined the Tuross Head Progress Association and we formed a “Better Access to Healthcare Committee” and work has begun on working towards fair health funding for the Eurobodalla community.

NEXT WEEK: The Ongoing Funding Disaster for Rural Healthcare

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Work to start on repairs to largest landslip site on Brown Mountain



Landslip damage on Brown Mountain

Work will soon begin to repair the largest of nine landslip sites on the Snowy Mountains Highway at Brown Mountain. Work will be carried out from Monday, 8 April 2024 about 800 metres west of the Brown Mountain Power Station, to repair significant damage caused by severe weather events in 2022. The Albanese and Minns Governments are funding this \$2.6 million project through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Transport for NSW has appointed specialist ground engineering contractors, Piling & Concreting Australia (PCA), to repair the landslip damage and fully restore the road at this location. PCA will drill and install more than three kilometres of seven-metre-long steel rods, known as soil nails, to anchor the section of failed slope before applying a layer of spray-on concrete to prevent further erosion. The work, which will take about 20 weeks to complete, has been planned to keep traffic moving as an important link between the ACT and South Coast while also ensuring the safety of motorists and workers. The repair work will be carried out with large machinery and workers operating in an area about as wide as a standard single car garage to repair a site about the size of a suburban house block, which creates some unique challenges and risks. For this reason, a 200-metre section of the highway will be reduced to a single lane, with temporary barriers and traffic lights in place 24 hours for the duration of the work. In addition to this latest work, contracts are expected to be finalised soon for more repairs to be carried out this year at another three landslips on Brown Mountain. Tenders are also being assessed for a site about one-and-a-half kilometres east of the Fred Piper Memorial Lookout that has been limited to a single lane due to the extensive damage on the road. Transport for NSW has made significant progress on its natural disaster recovery work, with repairs completed on more than half of the 100 landslip sites it is managing on several key state roads across the Illawarra and South Coast. During the repair work, motorists are advised to allow an extra five minutes to travel times and drive to conditions and Transport for NSW thanks the community for their patience while these important repairs are carried out. NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Regional Health and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland: "It's great to see work progressing on Brown Mountain. "The Australian and NSW Governments are making steady progress in our natural disaster recovery efforts along several key state roads. "The completion of repairs on over half of the 100 landslip sites managed by Transport for NSW in the Illawarra and South Coast regions is a testament to their dedication to restoring connectivity and resilience in our communities."



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New crime figures for regional NSW fuel CWA of NSW’s push for state inquiry into worsening crisis

With new figures released this week emphasising the growing gap between crime rates in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas in NSW, the **Country Women’s Association (CWA) of NSW** has renewed its call for a state parliamentary inquiry into rural and regional crime.

Since late last year, the CWA of NSW, along with the NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA), Police Association of New South Wales (PANSW) and NSW Farmers have been calling for an inquiry, citing the deteriorating state of crime, law and order in NSW’s regions. New statistics announced yesterday support that call, the CWA of NSW says, with the analysis from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) highlighting the growing discrepancies between crime rates in regional NSW and those in Sydney. BOSCAR said in 2023, the rate of property crime was about 60 per cent higher in the regions compared to Sydney, while for violent crime it was 57 per cent higher. In some of the western areas of NSW, the rates for those same offences were at least double the state average.

“If this doesn’t underline the urgent need for our policy-makers to launch an inquiry into this deepening crisis, then I don’t know what does,” said CWA of NSW President Joy Beames. “The figures from BOSCAR are truly alarming and show with great clarity the anxiety and fear in many regional communities, right across our state.” Joy said the announcement by the State Government earlier this week of a \$26 million package to support community safety in regional areas, with a focus on youth crime, was welcomed by the association, but didn’t go far enough in trying to turn the situation around.

“It’s a start, and we see it as an acknowledgement finally by the NSW Government that there is a real crime problem in our regions, but we now want them to take the next logical step and launch an inquiry to hear from these communities, and the issues they’re facing, and start to determine strategies and measures to turn these terrible statistics around,” she said. “We’ve reached out to the relevant government ministers to support an inquiry, and we’ll continue to do all we can to make it a reality because this is something our members are passionate about, seeing the awful toll this crime epidemic is taking on their communities.”

A look at local crime data

Redsuburbs.com.au is a website that compiles Police data to draw a picture of crime across the country and ranks suburbs. These figures appear to be 2021-22. Moruya suburb is ranked 40/100 in Australia by number and severity of crimes proportionate to population, where 0 means no crime. (ie 40% of suburbs have less crime) and Batemans Bay is ranked 98/100. Chances of becoming a victim of a Violent crime in Moruya are **1 in 48**. Chances of becoming a victim of a Property crime in Moruya are **1 in 13**. Crime in Moruya has increased by 47.1% from 2021 to 2022.



Top crime types:



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Eurobodalla Sustainable House Day Showcase and Panel Discussion

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This sustainable showcase will give you a chance to:

- share information on the products, technologies and knowledge available to make homes more sustainable
- learn how to reduce the carbon intensity of homes
- learn about the many benefits of sustainable homes, including saving our community money and creating homes that are healthier and more comfortable.

Event details:

Eurobodalla Sustainable House Day Showcase

When: Saturday 20 April

Time: 9.30-4.30

Cost: FREE!

More info and to register [HERE](#)

Sustainable House Day Panel Discussion

When: Sunday 21 April

Time: 5-6.30pm

Cost: FREE!

More info and to register [HERE](#)

These events are part of the Sustainable Choices workshop series funded by the NSW Stronger Communities Grant.

Woman dies at South Coast beach - near Batemans Bay

A woman has died after getting into difficulty while swimming on the South Coast.

About 1.15pm Tuesday 19 March 2024, emergency services were called to Pebbly Beach, Durras North, around 29km north-east of Batemans Bay, and found the woman unconscious in the water.

Two surfers managed to drag the woman onto their boards and commenced CPR, before the Westpac helicopter winched her to the shore.

Paramedics continued CPR; however, the woman died at the scene. While she hasn't been formally identified, it's believed she is in her 40s. Officers from the South Coast Police District will prepare a report for the coroner.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program will boost support for communities across remote, rural and regional Australia to enhance liveability with digital solutions that harness the power of connection. The program will support community-led efforts that embrace new technology and improve digital literacy or digital capability. Grants up to \$10,000 are available for not-for-profit community organisations that are providing access to information, technology, education and facilities to support their communities to embrace new technologies and ways of working to build social capital and digital capability.

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School at Tilba 1905-06

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Mr. J. A. Perkins, M.L.A., has been informed by the Dept. that specifications for improvements to Tilba public school will be completed at an early date and tenders invited for the work.

The members of the Progress Association will meet next Wednesday, 26th inst., at the South Head, to repair and renovate the weather and bathing sheds. Any assistance will be gladly welcomed by the Association, who will be on the ground all day.

The postal authorities intimate that with a view to accelerating the delivery of correspondence to addresses by postmen, it has been approved that from the 1st July, 1924, delivery by such means be made only to such buildings and residences as are equipped with a receptacle in which correspondence can be deposited by the postman.

A very large flying fox measuring 3 feet 10 inches from tip to tip of its wings was recently shot at Mr. Dawson's orchard, Gundary.

According to Mr. Miller, manager of the Illawarra Steamship Co., the recently wrecked Bodalla will not be replaced, owing to the high cost of ship-building and the low returns obtainable on present trading operations.

Bodalla Estate Sale. – The second sale of farms on the Bodalla Estate took place on Wednesday. ... Following are the results of the sale:- **Old Bodalla or Greenwood Park**, of 685 acres, 150 acres of alluvial flat, the balance good points and timbered country, situated on the main Eurobodalla road, was started at £5000 and finally knocked down to Mr. Norman Bate of Tilba, for £9,750; **Silo Farm** of 395 acres, started at £4000 and passed at £5000; **Heffernan's Hill Farm**, 428 acres, of which about 125 acres are alluvial flat, the balance hill ground, with no buildings thereon started at £6000 and bought by Mr. H. J. Bate, of Tilba, for £7,600; **Home Farm**, of about 540 acres, 185 acres of alluvial flat, the balance hill land, fully equipped with buildings and cheese factory, started at £8000 and knocked down to Mr. A. F. Emmott for £10,500; **Lake Farm**, of 380 acres. No offer; **Widget Farm**, of 260 acres, 160 acres of flat, balance hill land, necessary building, started at £4000 and passed at £5,350; **Central Bails**, 195 acres, 90 acres alluvial flat, balance grazing hill land, started at £5000 and passed at £5500; **Pop's Paddock Farm**, 320 acres, 80 acres alluvial flat, balance hill land, started at £3000 and passed at £4000; **Greenway Farm**, 546 acres, about 120 acres alluvial flat. No offer; **Punt Farm**, 486 acres, about 140 acres alluvial flat, started at £1800 and passed at £4100; **Gannon Point Farm**, 736 acres, 140 acres alluvial flat, started at £2000 and passed at £2750; **Comerang Farm**, 260 acres, 45 alluvial flat. No offer.

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Survey shows housing crisis impacting regional health and industry

In new survey results from **Regional Capitals Australia** members, 100 percent reported that local health services are affected by the housing shortage, with a further 93 percent of member councils indicating that major local industries are also impacted.

Cr Kylie King, Chair of Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) said the increasing shortage of available and affordable housing was impacting the ability of regional cities to function as essential service centres for the broader regional population.

“Unfortunately, the housing crisis is now becoming a health and employment crisis,” Cr King said. “The critical shortage of housing in regional Australia is severely impacting local employment, essential services and the delivery of major national projects such as our transition to renewables,” Cr King explained. In-depth case studies of RCA member councils Albury, Ballarat, Geelong and Port Hedland reveal common challenges of high cost of delivering enabling infrastructure, skills shortages and under-utilisation of existing land/properties. Regional Capitals Australia acknowledged the commitment from all levels of government to address the ongoing shortage of suitable and affordable housing, however it urged further action on the issue.

Regional Capitals Australia recommends the following to address the housing crisis:

- Release of more crown land for social and affordable housing;
- Planning guidelines for social and affordable housing to include mandatory inclusionary zoning or pre-set ratios;
- Flexibility for infill development in established areas;
- Refurbishment or redevelopment of government owned derelict housing;
- Innovation housing solutions such as 3D printing, modular or prefabricated housing;
- Support to facilitate development of project partnerships with local housing providers; and
- Ongoing support for enabling infrastructure costs.

RCA member councils also noted that skills shortages is one of the major contributing factors, with 87 percent of RCA member councils identifying a shortage of builders and tradespeople as the most significant barrier to new housing.

Furthermore, 73 percent of RCA members reported a shortage of strategic and statutory planners and other essential positions necessary to plan and approve residential housing.

Regional Capitals Australia recommends the following to address skills shortages:

- Ensuring that skilled migration can meet regional needs;
- Scholarships and subsidies for degrees and training and in skills shortage areas – particularly planners;
- Greater investment in technical education and apprenticeships; and
- Investment in vocational education in more locations as travel costs are a major barrier to completion.

“Regional housing supply has not kept pace with demographic change, and we need the policy settings to be more responsive, innovative and dynamic to allow regional councils to deliver the best fit for their community,” Cr King concluded.

Expert panel meets to reform emergency services funding

A newly formed Stakeholder Reference Group held its first meeting today to advise the government on reforming the way emergency services are funded.

Chaired by Treasurer Daniel Mookhey, the expert panel discussed a broad range of perspectives on a new model to replace the existing Emergency Services Levy (ESL) which is paid through insurance premiums.

The Reference Group is made up of leaders from the insurance and property industries, business and council representatives and emergency service experts.

Today’s meeting follows the Treasurer’s initial rounds of stakeholder consultation.

Emergency services in NSW – including Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW State Emergency Service – are funded by the ESL.

NSW remains the only mainland state to fund its emergency services by taxing insurance.

This has led to NSW having the highest average insurance premiums in any state apart from cyclone-prone Queensland. The ESL has pushed premiums up by around 18 per cent for residential properties in NSW and 34 per cent for commercial properties across the state.

And it’s resulted in more people choosing not to be insured. In NSW 35 per cent of households do not have contents insurance and 5 per cent of homeowners go without building insurance.

People who do not insure their property do not pay the ESL and make no direct contribution to funding emergency services.

With natural disasters becoming more frequent and unpredictable, the need for emergency prevention and response is growing. Having a sustainable, broad and fair funding system is vital to ensuring the best emergency services to protect everyone.

The Stakeholder Reference Group will provide ongoing advice to the NSW Government.

Public input will also be sought through the release of a consultation paper in the coming weeks.

Treasurer Daniel Mookhey said “I’d like to thank every member of the Reference Group for sharing their insights, expertise and ideas in our first meeting. I look forward to their continued advice as we reform the way emergency services are funded in NSW.

“Broad consultation across the sector and wider community is crucial to ensure we have a funding system that’s fair and sustainable for everyone.

“The NSW Government is determined to get this right and deliver lasting reform that will fund our emergency services and remove the burden of this levy from insurance bills.”

Dr. Michael Holland MP
Member for Bega
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SES OPEN DAY



NSW SES Moruya Unit held an Open Day on Saturday 16th March, at Riverside Park for the community to see the volunteers in action. With interactive demonstrations, Free BBQ and information on how to keep your family, property and animals safe in emergencies, the Unit had their vehicles and equipment on display. For the younger ones there was a demonstration of Triple Zero Kids Challenge app - interactive games designed to teach kids safety messages across different emergency scenarios.

Paddy the Platypus got into the musical spirit at the Country Markets on Saturday.



Kids got a chance to have a go at the jaws of life and rope climbing at the SES Open Day.



All smiles at the SES Open day. Thank you to all the volunteers who are there when emergencies happen.

Indigenous cultural burning promotes soil health, ecosystem



NEW STUDY EXAMINED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CULTURAL BURNING AND AGENCY-LED PRESCRIBED BURNING ON NSW SOUTH COAST

New research has found that Indigenous-led cultural burning has a positive impact on the soil health and the overall ecosystem of a landscape, which could provide new insights into how to mitigate bushfire risk now and into the future.

The study, [published in the journal Fire](#), was a joint investigation by members of the Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council and academics from the University of Wollongong (UOW), who compared the effect of agency-led prescribed burning with that of cultural burning.

The researchers, encompassing Leanne Brook, Victor Chanell, and Shane Snelson from Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council, Jessica Davis, Professor Anthony Dosseto, Dr Katharine Haynes, Dr Jack Simmons and Associate Professor Nicholas Deutscher from the School of Earth, Atmosphere and Life Sciences at UOW, carried out their study in an area of Murramarang Country on the South Coast of New South Wales. The research was born from Ms Davis's Honours project, under the supervision of Professor Dosseto and Dr Haynes.

The ecologically and culturally significant site borders Narrawallee Creek, and includes a diverse landscape of suburban infrastructure, agricultural farmland, and a nature reserve.

Agency-led burns are burns carried out by the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, with the primary aim of reducing the risk to lives and homes. Cultural burns, however, are carried out for a variety of reasons, including to care for the environment, to grow food and medicine, and for ceremony and spiritual reasons. Bushfire risks can be reduced with a cultural burn, but it is never the primary aim.

Professor Anthony Dosseto, founder of the Wollongong Isotope Geochronology Laboratory at UOW, said there are differences between Indigenous-led cultural burning and agency-led prescribed burning, both in the intentions behind the fire and how they are carried out.

"The cultural burns by Indigenous custodians aim to promote ecological health, encourage plant regeneration, and maintain cultural connections to the land," Professor Dosseto said.

"The agency-led burns are managed by government agencies responsible for land and fire management. These burns are conducted with the objective of reducing fuel loads and mitigating the risk of severe bushfires. These burns follow a more systematic approach, with larger areas targeted for controlled burns. The aim is to create buffer zones and protect surrounding communities from the threat of fire." The research found both types of burns led to a decrease in soil bulk density, an important outcome for soil health, as well as an increase in organic matter content. However, the soils that underwent cultural burning showed greater amounts of carbon and nitrogen, compared to sections of the landscape that were unburnt or burnt by agency-led practice. This could potentially be attributed to the lower temperatures of the fire in cultural burning.

While all burning is beneficial for soil health, and for the wellbeing of the ecosystem, Professor Dosseto said cultural burning shows added benefits, providing a valuable framework for how we support healthy ecosystems and reduce the risk of bushfires.

"Soil health is a fundamental indicator of the well-being of the whole ecosystem and crucial for all flora and fauna. Both agency-led prescribed burns and Indigenous cultural burns benefit soil health by increasing moisture, reducing soil density, and boosting organic matter. However, cultural burns stand out for their remarkable ability to improve soil quality by making it lighter, allowing more nutrients and microbes to thrive," Professor Dosseto said.

"Our research unveils the power of Indigenous cultural burning for actively increasing the health of soils across a number of important parameters. This isn't just about fires—it's about nurturing our lands for the future. From policymakers to everyday folks, everyone can learn from these insights to safeguard our environment."



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

My dear wife Wendy loves Agatha Christie. She has read Agatha's entire oeuvre at least twice and watched all the movies – especially the 'Miss Marple' ones – even though she already knows 'who dunnit'. Other writers of murder mysteries – P.D. James, Ruth Rendell, Ngaio Marsh and their detectives – are constantly tramping their bloodied boots through our bedroom.

This, you might think, would make an imperfect husband just a little nervous as the years wore on. Happily, not a bit of it. She loves crosswords with an equal passion. In fact, finding (or guessing) who the murderer might be is not very different from the buzz she gets when the crossword clues – and her formidable vocab – cough up the perfect answer to 21 Down. 'Got it!' she cries. And thank goodness for that; now we can both go to sleep.

Well, maybe.

All too often lately I've been left staring into the darkness and worrying about the real murders taking place in the Ukraine and the Gaza Strip. While Agatha and her villains have a reason to do away with the victim – usually some injustice over an inheritance – there's never a suggestion that it will turn into a war. Nor indeed is there an underlying religious theme that seeks to justify the killings by calling the victim a 'terrorist' or 'evil' or even sub-human.

However, one of the tricks Wendy (and her fellow murder mystery fans) use to figure out the murderer is to decide who gains most from the death of the victim.

In the case of Ukraine and Russia that's pretty obvious. Vladimir Putin was up for election, and like most dictators he likes a good round number of support in the polls...say 100 percent. Even with the forced departure of other contenders there's always a chance that someone might write 'Navalny' on the ballot paper and tell her friends about it. But with a war happening that could be a treasonable act, so to be on the safe side, as it were, he attacked Ukraine neighbour and made lots of noise about his nuclear capability.

Israel v Gaza is a bit more complicated, but the principle is the same. For example, let's assume someone has been found guilty of corruption and faces a jail sentence. The only way he can stay out of the slammer is by changing the law. But when he tries it on, his fellow Israelis smell a rat and demonstrate against him week after week. Even when he fills his government with right wing extremists, still the demos keep coming.

Then a political 'miracle' – the hated Hamas find a chink in the armour of Israeli security and on October 7 commit a disgraceful massacre of at least 1200 innocent civilians and take hostages.

What more could a corrupt leader ask for? Well, bombs from America would help. Oh, and there's an election on there as well with an American government trapped by decades of devotion to the Israeli cause. So President Joe Biden really can't say no.

The only problem is that the Hamas enemy is hard to identify among the two million folk in the Gaza Strip. And that means murdering 30,000 Gazans and counting. Along the way, our suspect has been riding high. In fact it took five months into the war before the senior Jewish legislator in the US Congress Chuck Schumer finally did his Agatha Christie denouement: .

'Bibi Netanyahu', he said.

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Aussies Are Very Positive About Real Estate - Again

Last week, Westpac research released a press announcement saying that Australians are feeling more confident about their home buying plans, with 44% of Australians planning to buy a new home in the next five years, and increase of 9% since July 2023.

Additionally, increases have also been recorded in those planning to buy an investment (+6%), those planning to upsize (+4%) and those planning to renovate (+4%). Of those looking to buy, 75% are willing to buy somewhere they weren't previously considering and 50% are considering 'rent-vesting' to achieve home ownership. However, that is where the good news ends as first home buyers recorded a 3% decrease in planning to achieve home ownership in the next five years with 86% admitting recent cost-of-living pressures have delayed their home buying plans.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS





A Beer with Bazza #150

With
John
Longhurst

“Bazza, Bazza.....Bazza. Here...get that into you!”

Mick landed Bazza’s schooner, took a healthy drink of his own and smiled widely.

“Now ...listen up Bazza. I reckon we should get into the podcast business. Every two bob expert is in on the game. There are podcasts on the footy, weather, history, diets...you name it. In fact, there is even one called ‘The WALKING Podcast’. It is audio of a man going on a walk. Can you believe it? He does not even speak.”

Bazza took a long sip.

“Do you reckon we should just stick a microphone between us whilst we are having a beer, Mick? Bloody hell we are flat out drawing a crowd in this pub to listen to our ravings, but I am always up for a challenge. I have listened to Annabel Crabb and Leigh Sales podcast ‘Chat 10 Looks 3’.

Mick raised both eyebrows and shook his head.

“No ... none of that ABC lefty crap, Bazza... we need something hard hitting for the punters. You know...to build up a following.”

Bazza rubbed the back of his head.

“Well...we could give a rundown on world events... wars, Putin, Biden versus Trump, Trump versus Rudd, climate change. There is a fair bit going on in the world, Mick.”

Mick’s eyes widened and he leaned back.

“Woo...woo up, Bazza. We don’t want the podcast to double as a cure for insomnia. It has got to be about stuff that is real.”

Bazza took a sip and rubbed his hand across his mouth to conceal a grin.

“We could devote a whole episode to lawn mowers or bin etiquette, Mick. Ahhh... we could have a regular segment with Know All Ron on the big issues that have stumped humankind.”

Mick leaned in and bit his bottom lip.

“Now that’s more like it, Bazza. I reckon we put the hard questions to Ron and he is not allowed to say anything along the lines ‘I don’t have an answer for that one’.”

Bazza smiled widely.

“I don’t think Ron would have a problem with that one, Mick. He is a natural with the hard questions.”

Mick had a generous sip, flicked open his iPad and began typing.

“All set, Bazza... fire away.”

“Ok Mick...an historical one first up. ‘Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?’”

Mick typed and grinned.

“Not bad, Bazza. I am going to go with something everyday along the lines ‘Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat? Also, why do we repeatedly push the elevator or traffic light button when it makes no difference?’”

Bazza had a decent drink and chuckled.

“I reckon it’s a winner idea, Mick. An opportunity to solve life’s big mysteries. Ever since I was a little kid I have wondered why the alphabet song and ‘Twinkle, twinkle Little Star’ have the same tune. I simply cannot wait for Ron’s answer.”

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

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River of Art Festival 2024

The River of Art Festival will be back in 2024 to celebrate our vibrant arts scene and stunning beauty of the NSW south coast. The Festival will extend from Friday 27 September to the October Long Weekend ending Monday 7th October.

“River of Art is enjoying its twentieth birthday this year and we salute and celebrate our talented creative arts community - as we always have.

“We are not the first people on this beautiful land to celebrate the talent of our local artists, nor will we be the last. We acknowledge the people of the Yuin Nation as the traditional custodians and tens of thousands of years of indigenous art and culture.

“This year the Festival will build on the renowned Arts Trail where locals and visitors can celebrate culture, meet local artists in their studios or galleries, or attend workshops to inspire new ideas.

“The Festival celebrates all forms of arts - from paintings, drawings, photography, textiles and prints, to music, performance, writing and poetry.

“The Arts Trail will be supplemented by special events across the major towns of the coast that will ignite the Festival and connect communities and businesses along with key tourism destinations.

“We call upon artists, the community and business to put forward ideas for this year’s festival program by producing creative works or providing a venue or gallery to host events. We will call for entries on 21 April and the deadline for proposals is mid-July. Information on the program and submitting an entry is at www.riverofart.com or email inquiries to festival@riverofart.com.au.”

The River of Art Prize will again be held to attract artists across the south coast and beyond to compete for prize-money. The winners will be announced on 27th September.

Ms Joyce added that funding for the Festival is more stretched than ever and that sponsorship or donations are key to presenting a bold and innovative arts program across the region.

“We are reaching out to governments, business and donors to support the Festival through donations or sponsorship. A donation is a meaningful way to support artists in the Eurobodalla and help bring creative arts events to our region. As we are a registered charity, contributions of \$2 or more can be claimed as a tax deduction.”

Last year the Festival drew an audience of over 12,500 people and we featured over 420 artists and 130 events over 10 days. It drew both locals as well as visitors and boosted the local economy.

“Our [review](#) of the 2023 Festival highlighted the importance of community and the vibrance and talent of the creative community.

“We look forward to delivering a program that inspires and celebrates our community,” said Leanne Joyce.

The River of Art Festival receives funding and support from the Eurobodalla Shire Council, Australian and NSW Governments, South East Arts and the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.



Julie Jansen and Judith Crispin

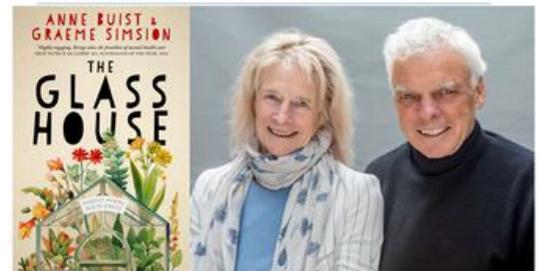
Compassion Booklaunch at Mogendoura Farm

Mogendoura Farm played host to yet another Moruya Books Book launch. Approximately 60 people, many from Braidwood celebrated local author Julie Janson’s new release, *Compassion*. In *Compassion*, Julie continues the emotional and intense literary exploration of the complex and dangerous lives of Aboriginal women during the 1800s in colonial NSW, which she began in *Benevolence*, as a counter narrative to colonial history in Australian literature. Julie conversed with Indigenous Poet, Judith Crispin. Question time and book signing followed as everyone enjoyed the outstanding grazing lunch table provided by Ambers cafe.

Moruya Books

Invites you to a Literary Lunch with

Anne Buist & Graeme Simsion



The Glass House—

Psychiatry registrar **Doctor Hannah Wright**, a country girl with a chaotic history, thought she had seen it all in the emergency room. But that was nothing compared to the psychiatric ward at Menzies Hospital.

Hannah must learn on the job in a strained medical system, as she and her fellow trainees deal with the common and the bizarre, the hilarious and the tragic, the treatable and the confronting. Every day brings new patients: **Chloe**, who has a life-threatening eating disorder; **Sian**, suffering postpartum psychosis and fighting to keep her baby; and **Xavier**, the MP whose suicide attempt has an explosive story behind it. All the while, Hannah is trying to figure out herself.

With intelligence, frankness and humour, eminent psychiatrist **Anne Buist** tells it like it is, while co-writer **Graeme Simsion** brings the light touch that made *The Rosie Project* an international bestseller and a respected contribution to the autism conversation.

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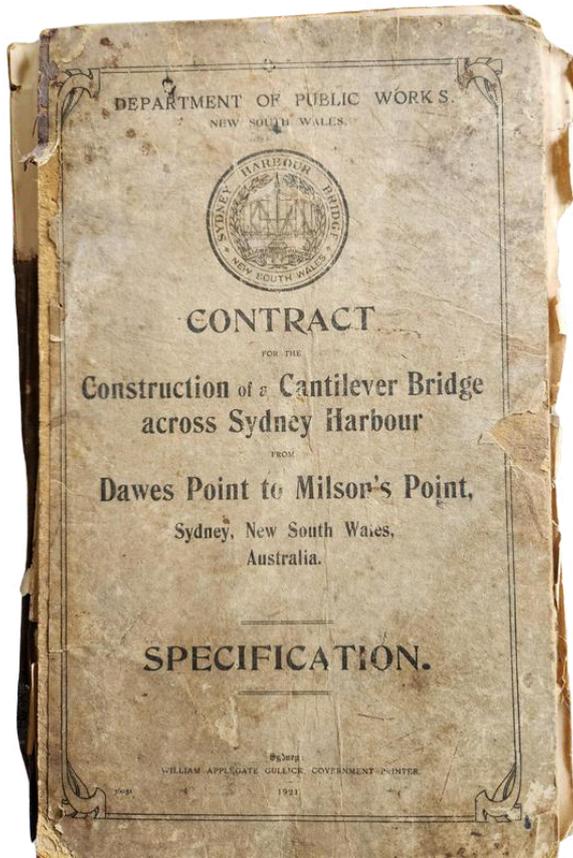
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Signing the Harbour Bridge Contract – An Important Moment for Moruya 100 Years Ago



By Sue Murphy, President MDHS

On 24 March 1924, the Government signed a contract for the construction of an Arch Bridge across Sydney Harbour – creating Australia’s most iconic landmark. It was also a big moment for Moruya.

Today the Sydney Harbour Bridge is considered the world’s greatest arch bridge and one of Australia’s best-known and photographed landmarks. And its striking pylons bookending the famous arch are faced with Moruya granite.

The key player driving the design and construction of the Bridge was John Bradfield, chief engineer at the NSW Department of Public Works. Since 1912 he had a vision of a bridge that would be both sturdy and monumental.

Early in the design process Bradfield decided that the bridge supports and decorative pylons would be faced with granite. As early as May 1921, following a memorable drive to Moruya through rain and floods to check out the quality of the local granite, John Bradfield also decided that Moruya granite would be used for the Bridge’s architectural features.

A number of bridge designs and specifications were considered after the end of WW1. An early frontrunner was a cantilever design for the bridge although by 1922 the arch became the preferred design. Tenders were finalised on 16 January 1924. Ultimately the cantilever design (along with others) was rejected in favour of the cheaper and sturdier arch design.

The MDHS holds an original and somewhat worn copy of the 1921 specification for a cantilever design. Interestingly these early specifications recommend the use of Moruya granite for the project. The document also provides an insight into the story behind the decisions that led to the eventual signing of the contract to construct the famous arch - Sydney Harbour Bridge. Read more: blog.mdhs.org.au/2024/03/20/harbour-bridge-contract-signing-100-years-ago

Young artists encouraged to unleash their creativity

INAUGURAL UOW EUROBODALLA ART PRIZE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION

Young aspiring artists are encouraged to showcase their talent as part of the first University of Wollongong (UOW) Eurobodalla Art Prize.

Open to high school and primary school students throughout the region, which runs from Durras in the north to Tilba Tilba in the south, the UOW Eurobodalla Art Prize is a unique opportunity for emerging artists to unleash their creativity.

There are four categories available, with the winner of each receiving a \$250 cash prize:

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

The winning artworks will also be displayed at Batemans Bay Library, which is right next door to the UOW Eurobodalla campus at Hanging Rock in Batemans Bay, for the rest of the year.

Jaimey Facchin, UOW Eurobodalla Campus Manager, said there was an incredible artistic community in the region and this was a chance for emerging artists to share their work with the community, often for the very first time.

“We recently worked with Batemans Bay High School to commission new artworks by young local Indigenous artists for the UOW Eurobodalla campus, and that process provided the impetus for the Art Prize. We loved working with the students and we realised there are so many amazing artists throughout our schools who just need the chance to shine.

“We have developed the Art Prize, which we hope will be an annual event, with the aim of giving young people an opportunity to display their talent. Eurobodalla is brimming with artistic inspiration, and this is a chance for budding artists to bring their creativity to life.”

All entrants will be on display in an art exhibition at Batemans Bay Library, which will be open to the community throughout the month of May. The artworks must be 2D and must be on paper, using art supplies such as paint, pencil, pastels, and paper collage. Entries are open from Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 26th April.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/locations/eurobodalla/community--schools/art-prize-2024/>



On the road again with Vince Jones & Ensemble

The Vince Jones and Friends band are playing at the Bingie Pottery over Easter on the Saturday the 30th March. Lachlan Coventry will open the show with his extraordinary Guitar playing.

The Band will consist of Wayne Kelly Piano, Mark Sutton Drums, Lachlan Coventry Bass, John Mackey on Saxophone.

The Show will start at 1.30 and we will play till 3.30ish

Here is the booking info and we hope to see you there.

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Coming soon! 'Art of the Garden' at The Bas

Celebrating the harmonious relationship between nature and art, the Art of the Garden is a unique collaboration between the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens and the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre.

The collection includes artworks by artists such as David Ramsland, David B. Wallace, Dianne Gee, Heide Webester, Ian 'Bill' McKenzie, Jan Grenfell, Janet Twigg Paterson, Katalin Sallani, Mandy Marks Bennett, Mandy Hilson, Sherras Clarke, and William T Cooper. Don't miss Art of the Garden!

RSVP for the opening night on Friday 12 April, or visit between 13 April and 12 May 2024.

Learn more: <https://thebas.com.au/.../art-exhibition-the-art-of-the..>

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LOKI HINES..... STEAMPACKET HOTEL

SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH:

JOE MUNGOVAN.....LYNCHS HOTEL
TOTEM.....BAY SOLDIERS CLUB
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SUNDAY, 24th:

JOE MUNGOVAN.....OYSTERMANS DAUGHTER
TONY JAGGERSTILBA VALLEY WINERY
NOON
BEN MALONE.....STEAMPACKET HOTEL
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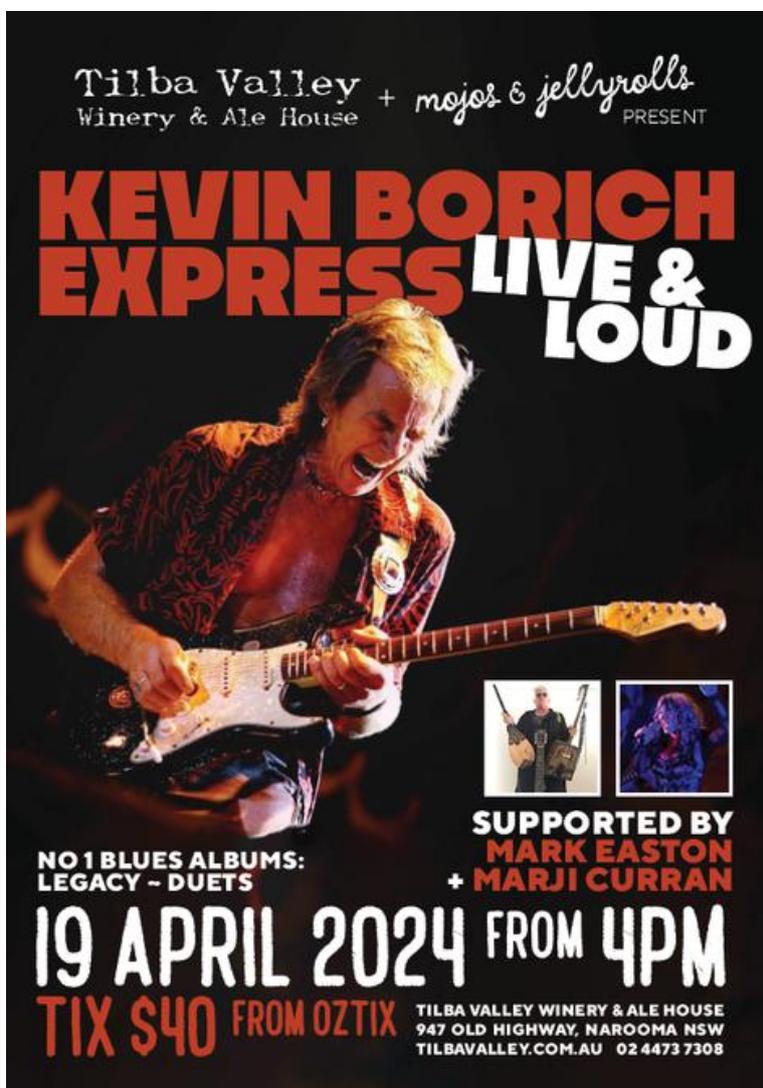
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<p>Saturday 23rd March <i>The Waterfront Hotel</i> MORUYA (NSW) TICKETED</p> <p>Saturday 6th April <i>Bermagui Country Club</i> BERMAGUI (NSW) FREE ENTRY</p> <p>Friday 12th April <i>Moruya Blues Festival</i> MORUYA (NSW) TICKETED</p> <p>Saturday 13th April <i>The Servo</i> WOLLONGONG (NSW) TICKETED</p>	<p>Friday 19th April <i>Revolver</i> MELBOURNE (VIC) TICKETED</p> <p>Saturday 20th April <i>The Pier</i> DEVONPORT (TAS) TICKETED</p> <p>Saturday 27th April <i>The Polish Club</i> CANNING (ACT) TICKETED</p> <p>Saturday 4th May <i>Steampacket Hotel</i> NELLIGEN (NSW) FREE ENTRY</p>
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Los Zafiros at Tukka

Limited space. Grab tickets now: <https://events.humanitix.com/los-zafiros-and-blueberry-jam>
(Free entry for kids under 18.)

Get your Salsa moves ready Eurobodalla! On Sunday 14th April, Los Zafiros, a Latin dance band will be coming from Bega for a 2-hour performance at TUKKA Licenced Cafe in Moruya.

A Moruya pop jazz band, Blueberry Jam will start the day at 10.30am with nostalgic 60s soul tunes. You may even hear them turning certain rock songs into bossa if the mood strikes! Smooth vocal accompanied by keyboard (Pei-Shan), guitar (James), flute (Peter), bass (Shane) and percussion are to be expected to get you feeling relaxed on a Sunday morning in the cafe's lush courtyard.

While our sound engineer adjusts the sound between 12noon and 1pm, join Jess from Southcoast Zumba for some groovy Latin moves! No dance partners? No worries! Jess will get you the moves!

At 1pm, a 7-piece band Los Zafiros will get the party started! With powerful vocals from the lead singer Florencia (from Argentina), Vanessa (vocal and violin) and Dave (vocal and guitar), you will hear authentic Latin tunes in Spanish. To get you dancing, Nick switches between keyboard and trombone, while Joshua plays double bass. Shon and Steve keep the rhythm going on percussion and drums. You will not want to miss this!

Grab tickets now and enjoy two bands in one day!

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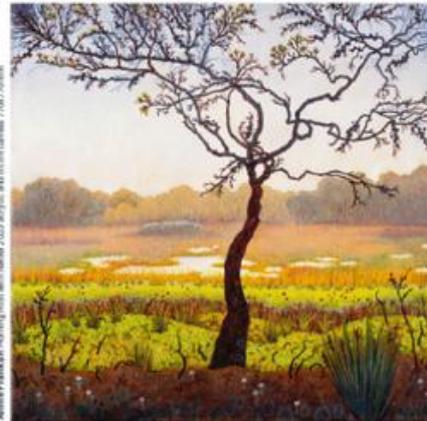
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SUNDAY, 24 March 2024, 12 P.M.
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International Women's Day



Taste of Harmony, children activities and
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Landmark environmental reforms pass NSW Parliament

The biggest changes to environment protection regulation in more than three decades have passed the NSW Parliament today. This paves the way for higher penalties and stronger regulatory action for those that do the wrong thing.

The Bill contains the most significant amendments to environment protection rules since the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) was established in 1991.

With the passing of this Bill, NSW now has the strongest environmental regulations of any state or territory in Australia. The reforms address critical loopholes, introduce recall powers and ensure the EPA has stronger powers to deter environmental crimes and respond faster to pollution incidents.

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

- Doubling maximum penalties – The most serious offences will carry penalties of \$10 million for companies and \$2 million for individuals. Fines for certain asbestos-related offences will increase to \$4 million for companies and \$1 million for individuals.
- Raising on-the-spot fines – Common environmental offences will more than double to \$30,000 for companies and \$15,000 for individuals for a first offence, and \$45,000 and \$22,500 respectively for a second. Fines for littering small items in public places will double to \$160. Public land managers such as Councils will have authority to issue illegal dumping fines of \$5,000 to companies and \$1,000 to individuals, increasing to \$10,000 for corporations and \$2,500 for individuals if the dumping occurs in sensitive places like a school, hospital or national park.

- Environmental recall powers – New controls will be established to recall contaminated substances that could harm the community or the environment.
- Public transparency – A public 'name and shame' process will issue warnings about poor environmental performers and sub-standard practices.
- Strengthened investigations – Introducing preliminary investigation notices to allow early testing and sampling.
- Licence bans – The Land and Environment Court will be able to issue orders to prevent serious and repeat offenders from applying for an environmental protection licence.

The urgent overhaul is occurring at the same time as the criminal investigation into asbestos-contaminated mulch, which is the largest probe in the EPA's history and has emphasised the need to strengthen environmental legislation. Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Penny Sharpe said "This is the largest environmental regulation bill since the creation of the EPA in 1991. "Today, the NSW Labor Government fulfils its election commitment to deliver an EPA with teeth and strengthen environmental protections. "Penalties for serious offences have not been raised since 2005 when Labor was last in government. This is a pivotal moment in our fight against crimes that harm the environment."

The new penalties and regulatory tools will come into effect in the coming days."



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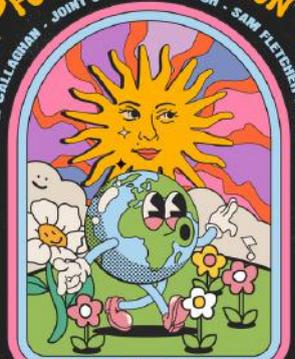
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Measuring What Matters with LLS

A Measuring What Matters project is looking for more participants. From now until 30 April, land owners who register will go in the draw to win:

- 1st prize - drone photography or mapping of your property valued at up to \$1,000
- 2nd prize - \$500 voucher to a local agricultural supply store of your choice
- 3rd prize - one of 5 DPI soil health kits, valued up to \$195.

LLS customers who manage 2 or more hectares of land in NSW who complete the baseline survey prior to 30 April 2024 may be eligible.

Find out more about the project and read the competition terms and conditions at www.lls.nsw.gov.au/measuring-what-matters

What a whoppa!

Southlands Fruit and Vegetables reports: To celebrate the Autumn produce season we're having a guessing game!

Guess the weight of local grower, Ray's pumpkin and win a \$50 Southlands voucher! The only rules are guesses are to one decimal point and no touching the pumpkin!





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Nelligen Rural Fire Brigade

invites its past and present members and friends to an

Afternoon Tea

Sunday 24 March, 2:00 pm, Nelligen Rural Fire Brigade Shed, Reid Street, Nelligen

The Nelligen Rural Fire Brigade warmly welcomes all past and present members and friends of the Brigade to join us in an afternoon tea to celebrate its contribution to the Nelligen Community.

The Nelligen Rural Fire Brigade has been operational for decades. Over the years, many residents have given their time and commitment to serve and protect the Nelligen Community.

The Nelligen Brigade would like to show our thanks, hear your stories, see your pictures, and record the history of the Brigade. So, please come along with your photos, stories, and memorabilia, and enjoy a great get together.



Fine teas



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and extraordinary coffee will be brewed, and delicate finger sandwiches shall be enjoyed.

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



SHASA
(South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance) are forming the **Eurobodalla Electric Vehicle Club** with a view to meet on a regular basis (bimonthly) at chosen venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire. The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers, 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 !



**DID YOU MISS THE EV EXPO ?
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For more information please contact
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Skip is still available for adoption. He's a four year old Kelpie x Cattle Dog who grew up in the desert in the Northern Territory and loves people, food and pats. He lost his right front leg early in life but that doesn't stop Skip enjoying all sorts of activities to the full – including swimming. Skip is a playful pooch who loves games like tug-o-war and being chased around. Although Skip can be a bit overexcited with his greetings and can sometimes give playful nibbles, he is learning to stay down and offer gentle kisses instead. He is smart and food-motivated, which make him easy to train. Skip is not suited to a home with cats, livestock or pocket pets, and will do best with an experienced owner who can help bring out his full potential. Skip is ready to shower his new human family with love. **Please ring Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 if you would like to meet him.**

Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla



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WICKED LITTLE LETTERS MA 15+, 1H 40M, COMEDY/CRIME	11am 3.15pm 7.45pm*	11am 3.15pm 7.45pm*	11am 3.15pm 7.45pm*	11am 3.15pm		11am 3.15pm 7.45pm*	11am 3.15pm 7.45pm*
GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE PG, 1H 55M, ADVENTURE/COMEDY	1pm 7.20pm	1pm 7.20pm	1pm 7.20pm	1pm		1pm 7.20pm	1pm 7.20pm
BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE M, 1H 47M, BIO/DRAMA	5.15pm	5.15pm	5.15pm	5.15pm		5.15pm	5.15pm
THE ZONE OF INTEREST M, 1H 45M, DRAMA/HISTORY	12.40pm*		12.40pm*				12.40pm*
THE HOLDOVERS (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 13M, COMEDY/DRAMA		12.15pm*		5.30pm*		12.15pm*	
THE GREAT ESCAPER M, 1H 36M, DRAMA	10.45am* 5.50pm*	10.20am* 5.50pm*	10.45am* 5.50pm*	10.45am*		10.20am* 5.50pm*	10.45am* 5.50pm*
DUNE: PART TWO (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 46M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	2.45pm*	2.45pm*	2.45pm*			2.45pm*	2.45pm*
LA FORZA DEL DESTINO E, 4H 22M, MET OPERA PRICES APPLY				12.45pm*			

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IMAGINARY M 104 MIN	5:00 PM	5:10 PM	5:15 PM	4:15 PM		5:00 PM	5:00 PM
 KUNG FU PANDA 4 PG 94 MIN		1:50 PM 6:00 PM	1:50 PM 4:25 PM 6:00 PM	1:50 PM			
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NEXT WEEK
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WICKED LITTLE LETTERS
MA | 1hr 40min ~ Comedy ~ Mystery ~
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APRIL 4th - MONKEY MAN

2024 Diary Dates

- **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**
- Friday 27 Sept- 7th Oct **River of Art Festival**

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

Moruya Community Workshed

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.

ANZAC Day Services 2024

Moruya RSL Sub-branch are planning for the Dawn Service, the Moruya March, Bodalla Service and the Dusk Service for the 25 April. The ANZAC Day March will again be followed by lunch in the Memorial Hall. All Veterans, Serving Members & their Families plus Friends of the RSL are warmly invited to join us for lunch & a drink.

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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: *Police Dog Unit, *Mounted Police *Police Marine Area Command, *Traffic & Highway Patrol, *Police Rescue & Bomb Disposal, *Police Recruitment, *Guided tours of the Police Station and Custody areas, Coffee Van and BBQ available on the day. Gold coin entry donation that will be donated to a chosen charity. The Police will also be holding a colouring in competition for children aged 0-5, 6-10 and 11-14 with prizes. Please feel free to come into the Police Station anytime and obtain the colouring sheet

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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Tuross Head Women's Bowling Club - Easter Market

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

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

Whilst meandering through the stalls, you will be entertained with music on the Green, supplied by our local popular guitarist and singer, Rick Bamford. For those looking for something to fill their empty stomachs, the barbecue will be sizzling with hamburgers and sausages or you can partake in a Devonshire tea with freshly baked scones. Leading up to the day, a mega Easter Raffle, with at least 10 prize bundles, including an inflatable stand-up paddle board, complete with pump and paddle, will be displayed at Club Tuross. Tickets will be sold in the weeks prior to the market, at Club Tuross. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Market.

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

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



EASTER mini MARKET

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- Bric A Brac
- Local Arts & Crafts
- Devonshire Tea
- Homemade Cakes
- Plants
- Sausage Sizzle

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MARCH 31 2024

9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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Third prize- remaining quilt

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Fire Protection

Broulee Fire Shed, Broulee Road

Saturday 6 April 2024 10am to 12pm

Broulee Mossy Point Community Association (BMPCA) in association with Broulee RFS and Anglicare NSW South is holding an information session on the use of external sprinkler systems for fire protection. This will cover:

- Advantages of sprinkler systems in areas subject to ember attack
- Types of sprinkler approaches to protect a domestic building
- Inspection of two on-site sprinkler systems in Broulee and Mossy Point.

We have invited a professional installer of bushfire sprinkler protection (Water Curtain) to provide information to the meeting.

RSVP: BMPCA at brouleemossypoint@gmail.com by 3 April



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Rotary Charity Easter Raceday

Moruya Racecourse
Easter Saturday March 30th 2024

Supporting the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Carers Accommodation
Tickets available at the gate \$15 Adults; \$10 Senior Concession

On course facilities include Bar, TAB, Bookies, ATM, Eftpos facilities as well as food inclusive the Moruya Ice Cream Café (Members), Mr Salubrious (Mexican Cuisine), Capriz Pizza & Hot Diggity Dogs. Also on site will be the Caffeissimo Coffee Van, D'Lish D'Lite Donut Van and Reggies Ice Cream Van.

Fashions On The Field Competition

Best Dressed Child (Under 12) (all kids entered will receive a prize)

- Best Dressed Male
- Best Dressed Filly
- Best Dressed Mare
- Best Hat / Fascinator

Buses

Running from Bay Plaza, Club Narooma and Club Tuross departing at 12pm. \$10 return. bookings essential



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Sunday, 24 March 2024, 11 AM
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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River

Sorry for the lack of a fishing report last week, I was on holidays, and out fishing.

Summer seems to be slipping out the back door, with the days getting shorter and the nights getting cooler. The water temp however is still quite warm, and the fish activity is still high.

As such I have had good reports this week of lots of fish available throughout the system. Of note, there have been some good reports of nice whiting working the airport flats area on a rising tide, with some nice bream and flathead also mixed in. The whiting have been taken on both live nippers and squid strips and on surface poppers. A quick skittering retrieve is required with the surface lures for the whiting to maintain interest. Long casts with the breeze at your back are my favoured approach, and a little chop on the water surface helps increase the whiting's boldness in hitting a surface presentation.

You might see me around the airport this weekend throwing some Bassday Suga Pen lures or similar surface poppers.

The area around Preddy's wharf and the back of the hole in the wall are still producing some nice fish, with bream, flathead, trevally and the odd Luderick all coming to the net around this area.

Further upstream, the northern bank of the river from Malabar creek up to the town bridge has been producing some good flathead for those who enjoy walking the bank and throwing soft plastics or vibe style lures for flathead.

The flats under the town bridge itself is holding some nice flathead, bream and whiting (which like to follow the sting rays around cleaning up scraps the rays miss). The bridge itself is the best place to spot these fish from, as the height it gives you offers the best view.

Tuross River.

From all reports the Tuross Bream and Flathead competition that was runs several weeks ago was another success, with good numbers of fish photographed, measured and released. The system itself is still fishing very well, with lots of bream, whiting, flathead and the odd mulloway all being reported this last week.

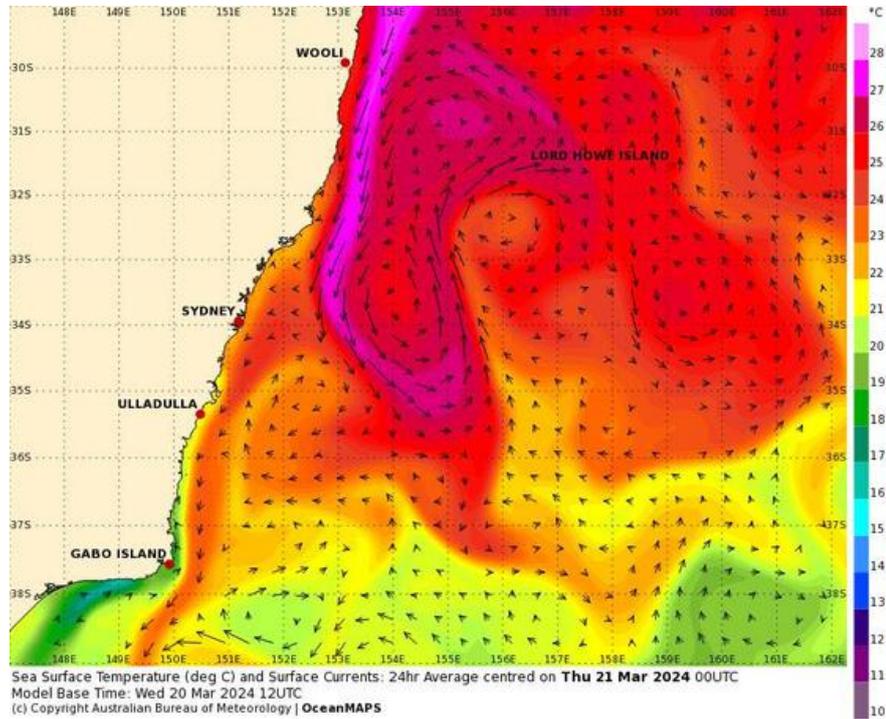
Coila Lake to the north, is reportedly full of fairly aggressive just under sized snapper at the moment. They have been a lot of fun on light tackle, and will readily take a soft plastic presentation. Some good bream and tailor are still available in this system, with the bream holding more along the edges of the lake, and the tailor around the front of the lake.

From the back of the system around the Bumbo area all the way to the front of the system, Tuross seems to be producing the goods. Hopefully this trend continues for Easter next weekend and into the school holidays in a few weeks.

Rock and Beach.

The salmon are still around in numbers, all be it a little less thick in numbers at the moment. There are still good numbers of bream and flathead in the close gutters, while the whiting seemed to have moved back into the areas rivers.

The have been a few grouper taken and returned from the local rock ledges, as is in accordance with the new no take rule, which if you want to have your say on, there is a link below this report on our FB page. There are some nice drummer starting to build up off the local ledges also, as we start to inch towards the cooler months of the year.



Offshore.

With a hint of cooler water starting to make its way up the coast, we will start to move into that change over part of the year, where we go from summer species activity into cool water winter fishing. There have been some reasonable numbers of snapper caught I've been told, still a little out wide, while the flathead fishing is still kicking along in close.

I haven't had any game fish reports, so I am unable to fill you in on what has been happening on that front.

The bait freezer has seen the return on Hawksbury Prawns, while white bait, block pilchards and pipis are out of stock. We do however have mullet fillet back in stock from SouEast seafood in our second freezer, which is great as it is my go to recommendation for family's to use during the holidays, as it stays on the hook longer than prawns, and mum and dad spend less time re-baiting and more time fishing. I have 2 pallets of goodies arriving from Kings next week, and a delivery from Shimano, so we will be good for Easter.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Got an event coming up ?

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email hello@moruyamail.com.au

Deadly Runners Colour Fun Run

Narooma 13th April, at Bill Smyth Oval.

We have recently kicked off a program at Narooma High School and are using this event as a fundraiser for our School Deadly Runners program. Which we hope to expand to Moruya and Batemans Bay throughout the year if successful.

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Winner Mark Haberkorn

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 14th March 2024

A field of 37 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Haberkorn (14) with 40 points
- 2nd: Bruce Harding (17) with 39 points
- 3rd: Grant Kiely (18) with 39 points
- 4th: Paul Coffey (19) with 38 points
- 5th: Peter Garn (20) with 37 points

Balls went to:

Ray Bollard 36, Lynette McDonell 36, Bruce Cleeve 35, Nigel Barling 35, Troy Kingdom 35, Ron Rogers 35, Ruth Gschwend 35, Robert McDonell 34, Allan Langford 34, Peter Coffey 34, Stephen Swanbury 34, Maree Coffey 34, Brad Doolan 34, Ian Kingston 32, Peter Nikolic 32, Jim Wade 32, Stephen Gardner 31, David Schmid 31, Colin Houghton 30 and Ian McManus 29.



Winner Paul Coffey

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 16th March 2024

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

Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Coffey (18) with 39 points
- 2nd: Greg Smith (24) with 39 points
- 3rd: Graeme Bell (21) with 39 points
- 4th: Jim Wade (12) with 38 points
- 5th: Stephen Swanbury (16) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Brad Doolan 1.94
- 4B: Peter Hogan 2.32
- 4C: Derek Hoare 1.29
- 6A: Martin Booth 2.21
- 6B: Peter Engelbrecht 3.10
- 6C: Nil
- 7A: Ruth Gschwend 3.24
- 7B: Stephen Gardner 13.11
- 7C: Nil

Balls went to:

Greg Booth 37, Paul Ferguson 36, Martin Booth 36, Brad Doolan 36, Troy Kingdom 36, Mark Haberkorn 35, Frank Pomfret 35, Tim Watson 34, Ray Bollard 34, Darren Willmouth 34, Colin Houghton 34, Bruce Handley 33, Stephen Gardner 33, Ian Manton 32, Tony Brown 32, Allan Langford 32, Gavan Wheelahan 32, Michael Coloe 32, Terry Milliken 32 and Cathy Milliken 31.



Winner Greg Thornton

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 20th March 2024.

A field of 28 players registered for a Stableford event today. The weather was challenging with showers of rain falling.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Greg Thornton with 22 points
- 2nd: Ross Richardson with 21 points (countback)
- 3rd: Dorothy Madden with 21 points (countback)
- 4th: Paula Coffey with 20 points (countback)

Balls or chocolates went to:

Warren Hodder 20, Steve Collins 18, Greg Bush 18, Leonie Snodgrass 17 and Ken Hush 17.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Rick Brake
- 6th: Nil
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden
- Mens: Steve Collins
- Accuracy: Leonie Snodgrass
- Bradman: Bruce Harding



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Easter Monday	8:00AM - 2:00PM
ANZAC DAY 	1:00PM - 6:00PM

New car dreams and doggy delights for Tuross Head man thanks to \$200,000 Lucky Lotteries windfall

A Tuross Head man can't wait to spoil his furry friend with an extra bone for dinner after scoring \$200,000 in a recent Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot draw. The New South Wales resident scored the guaranteed 1st Prize of \$200,000 in Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot draw 1653, drawn Friday 15 March 2024.

"That's wonderful! Thank you very much!" he cheered. "Wow! I've never won something like this, and I've been playing for many years. I'm so excited. "When I checked my tickets, I had butterflies in my stomach. I just couldn't believe it.

"It's even more amazing because I've been after a new car, so this will help with that. I can buy a new Isuzu. Woohoo! "

"My wife was happy about the win, but my dog is even happier because he's getting an extra bone for dinner tonight!

"Thank you so much. You've made my day!"

The winning man's entry of 10 random numbers was purchased on [The Lott website](#) - the official home of Australia's Lotteries.

Peter Coffey

Batemans Bay Sailing Club report from 16/3/24

"It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the final Bay Cup race of the season. Six yachts went out along with the committee boat "Dave Magill". There was a light ESE breeze blowing. Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain set a boat end favoured start. The course featured a work to the Yellow Rock mark, a reach to the Toll Gates then a run down to Caseys Beach.

"Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) got the best of the start but "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton), which had visiting rockstar Peter Walsh on tactics, got past near the top mark with an audacious rock hopping course. The Farr 1020 "Moonmist" was going faster than the Adams 10.6 sister ships "Accolade", "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop) and "Attitude" (Simon Byrne) on the downwind legs, particularly as the breeze slowly faded. "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne) and "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) were well behind.

Race officer Paton sensibly shortened the course to one lap. "Moonmist" was first across the line and won the race on PHS and AMS. This helped her to a close win in the ten race 2023/24 Bay Cup series on PHS. "Accolade" won the Bay Cup series on AMS. Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au.

Lachlan Brown



"Moonmist" by Terry Paton.

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SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:

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

We'll be there to:

- tell you about U3A
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