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Letters to the Editor

Moruya may be a small town, but it's got a big heart. Moved by the plight of the collective punishment of civilians trapped in Gaza, local residents have donated over \$2000 to the aid organisation UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

UNRWA has been supporting the refugees since 1949, as the world has failed to act on their displacement under the continuing expansion of the Israeli state. Palestinians who have been driven from their homes are not allowed to return and remain in camps such as Gaza, which are regarded as virtual prisons.

Recently Australian government aid to UNRWA was suspended and then restored when Israel failed to substantiate terrorism claims against twelve UNRWA employees. In the meantime, local donors felt moved to fill a tiny bit of the gap in funding.

The Moruya aid for Gaza group is led by Retired Anglican Bishop Dr. George Browning and the Reverend Linda Chapman, rector of St. John's Anglican Church. Representatives will be presenting Fiona Phillips, MP with a 610-signature Peace petition calling upon the Australian government to actively advocate for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, a halt to attacks in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the deployment of an international peace keeping force. The petition also asks the government to advocate for the release of all hostages and political prisoners in Israel and Palestine and formally recognise Palestine in accordance with the 2023 Australian Labor Party's Platform policy.

A big boost to the group's efforts was given by the Connecting Communities event on March 23rd. This day of solidarity with First Nations people was also a celebration of music, dance and...pastry! Homemade Middle Eastern pastries were offered to the crowd and in return they stuffed donation boxes with funds to be sent to UNRWA.

With ongoing attacks on Gaza, UNRWA's support is needed more than ever. To make a donation, go to https://donate.unrwa.org/-landing-page/en_EN.

Martha Ansara
Moruya



75 Evans St - a 5 year struggle

Five years ago the Eurobodalla Shire Council privatised 75 Evans St Moruya. Up until that time the Council regularly cut the grass and it was a safe open space for the community. Since being privatised the new owners have failed to manage the block. As a result, most of the time the grass is very long, resulting in the dumping of rubbish and harbouring weapons including steel bars which I regularly remove. It also becomes a serious fire threat in periods of dry and hot weather.

As a nearby home owner and concerned about the safety issues I submitted a number of customer service requests to Council over the last 5 years. On a few occasions their letters to the owner resulted in the grass being cut. Sadly there has been no management of the block since last winter. This is despite the Council, after my customer requests, writing to the owner requesting that the block be mowed. How much time and resources have I and the council wasted trying to get the owners to look after his vacant block.

I believe it's time for the Council to develop stronger policies in relation to people who do not manage their vacant blocks in urban areas. If an owner refuses to mow their block the Council should mow the block and send them the bill.

K Maxwell
Moruya

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Toragy Point Cemetery restored



Rotarians Derek Anderson and Andrew Elek digging out a post hole at the South Head cemetery.



National Parks workmen Liam and Craig repositioning headstones.

By Chris Manahan, Moruya Rotary Community Services

Over two years ago, Moruya Rotary made contact with National Parks regarding our proposed project to restore and make safe the pioneer cemetery at Moruya Heads.

Some heavy timber posts were in danger of collapsing and the vandalized headstones were in need of repair. National Parks were supportive and recognized the need for maintenance.

However I don't think we realized the paper work that was necessary before any work could commence. National Parks collaborated with us and took the lead in completing an Environmental Assessment as well as a Project Plan and the relevant Heritage Impact documents. Despite a full workload, Eurobodalla National Parks representative Daniel Bridle persevered in completing these documents.

The Heritage side of National Parks were very specific in what degree of restoration we were hoping to carry out. And rightly so as the site had to be made safe for the public use and equally important respect was required for the occupants of the gravesites we wished to restore.

Early in 2024 we were ready for work with the final Conservation Risk Assessment document completed. Over two days we lifted vandalized headstones and placed them respectfully in their rightful location and we repaired woodwork that should last another hundred years. Generous contributions from both Mitre 10 and Camerons hardware provided the necessary replacement timber.

A big Thank You to the National Parks officers who helped on the working bee and many thanks also to the members of the Rotary Club of Moruya in initiating and pushing this worthwhile community project to completion.

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Constance preselected for another run in Gilmore



Andrew Constance

File picture.

Former senior NSW Minister and former Member for Bega Andrew Constance, has been preselected as the Liberal candidate for Federal seat Gilmore.

In the 2023 Gilmore election Mr Constance scored almost 5000 more first preference votes than Mr Fiona Phillips, however lost the seat to Phillips by 373 votes in the two party preferred.

Mr Constance said "I would like to thank the local Liberal members for giving me this opportunity to continue fighting for our region," Mr Constance said. "In the good times or the hard, I have stood with the community and advocated for its needs. To this day I am asked to help fix things for our bushfire victims or with many other issues, and I absolutely love that. I've never stopped advocating and I'm proud to say I am still delivering results."

"Being a regional MP is about listening, advocating and fighting hard for people – it's about solving individual and community problems. And the Albanese Labor Government has created so many more problems for regional NSW and Gilmore."

"The Labor cost of living crisis has hit every household budget and small businesses balance sheet all across Gilmore. If elected, I will be a champion for stimulating regional economies through the funding and building of key infrastructure. We need to create local jobs, so that our communities can regain their strength" he said.

"We must put a stop to Albanese Labor's reviews and obfuscation. Thousands of local jobs can be created with sensible public financing of critical infrastructure such as the Princes Highway duplication project, industry support with a focus on defence, small business and tourism, and a major injection into apprenticeships and on the job training."

Mr Constance said "Gilmore has gone backwards under Labor, while the Liberal Party has a strong record of delivering what our community needs – lower power prices, lower interest rates and lower taxes. I will be campaigning for the services and infrastructure that our community needs to get ahead."

Bush Fire Danger Period concludes

As of the 1st April 2024, the Bush Fire Danger Period will conclude for the Far South Coast.

This means that Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Shire residents will no longer need a Fire Permit to burn (unless you live within the town limits of Batemans Bay, Moruya, Narooma, Bega, Merimbula and Eden, you will need a permit from Fire + Rescue NSW all year round).

Even though you will no longer need a Fire Permit, you're still required to notify us (NSWRFS) and your neighbours at least 24 hours in advance.

ONLINE: via <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/notify-burn-notifications> or

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Safe burning is your responsibility, for more information visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/safeburning

Temporary traffic changes to Wallaga Lake Road, Bermagui

19 March 2024

Bega Valley Shire Council advises road works will commence on Wallaga Lake Road on Wednesday 3 April and will take up to 10 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Contractors will be stabilising and re-surfacing the road and installing kerb, gutter and drainage between Lake View Drive, Wallaga Lake and Fairhaven Point Way, Fairhaven.

Works will be carried out between 7am and 5pm each day.

A reduced speed limit will be in place for the duration of the works and road users should expect minor delays. Access to sections of the road will be restricted at different points in time and detours will be in place when required.

Traffic control will be on site to help motorists access their homes or businesses. Where possible, please advise the traffic control or a crew member of where you need to go, and assistance will be provided.

Council thanks the community for their patience while these works are undertaken.

For more information, contact Council's Technical Officer, Terry Maher on (02) 6499 2222.

This project is funded by the Transport for NSW Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund.

For up-to-date information on the status of roads in the Bega Valley Shire and beyond, check [Live Traffic NSW](#).

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Adulting 101: Prepare good food



Council's youth development officer Michaela Burtenshaw is excited for the Be Well, Eat Well workshops at SAGE Gardens this April.

Learn how to prepare simple meals in a series of free workshops this April.

During **Youth Week**, 18 – 30-year-olds are invited to three evenings of cooking and creativity at SAGE Gardens, Moruya.

The Be Well Eat Well workshops explore various aspects of food preparation, including discovering seasonal foods, bulk cooking for leftovers, ways to enhance second-day dishes, and a final session focused on pickling and creating snacks using leftovers.

Council's youth team has partnered with SAGE to run the workshops. Council's youth officer Michaela Burtenshaw said no experience was needed.

"It's all about upskilling, feeling confident in the kitchen and discovering easy healthy recipes," Ms Burtenshaw said.

"The workshops will be great for those becoming independent, entering that next stage of life away from the family home as well as people who are time poor or working a lot."

Fresh produce from SAGE Farmers Market will be used in the cooking demos over the three nights.

"Everyone gets a free meal and can take home some leftovers and recipes from the workshops," Ms Burtenshaw said.

"Cooking with fresh food that's in season is not just for the oldies; we want to show young people on a budget they can too."

SAGE education and events coordinator Sandra Makdessi will lead the workshops along with other SAGE volunteers and Council's community development team.

"We hope everyone can make three nights in a row, but if you can only make one, still sign up," Ms Burtenshaw said.

"It's our first-time running workshops like this; we would love to extend the program to school-age kids."

The Be Well Eat Well workshop series runs from 5.30pm – 8.30pm, April 16-18. Book a spot online. The series is thanks to funding from Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. More workshops will be run throughout the year. Keep an eye on [Council's events page](#) to find out what's on.

Gourmet Coast Trail launches a Trip Planner to support local food tourism

The Gourmet Coast Trail has launched a new Trip Planner which enables visitors to craft their own Food Lovers itinerary from Batemans Bay to Eden. The Trip Planner is a new feature on the Gourmet Coast Trail website. The Trip Planner allows visitors to explore, save and share the best of our culinary experiences. This is a new feature that will drive visitation to food and drink businesses over winter and all year round.

If you are looking for a holiday destination or planning a visit, use the trip Planner to develop your own itinerary. You can then save it and share it with friends. It's that easy!

The Gourmet Coast Trail is launching the Trip Planner to celebrate the Trail's third birthday.

Only three years young, the website is already kicking goals for local food and drink businesses, promoting exceptional culinary offerings, accommodations and tourism experiences to tourists visiting Eurobodalla and the Sapphire Coast.

Born out of the need to promote tourism in the wake of the Black Summer bushfires, the Gourmet Coast Trail promotes year-round visits to the coast. With the Trip Planner, the website has just become even more useful to tourists.

Jacqui Foley, President of the Gourmet Coast Trail said "This region has some of the best foods in Australia. Now, locals and visitors can choose what they want to experience from a single website and use the Trip Planner to craft their own tour. We expect that this will increase visitation as people become aware of, and use, the feature".

In addition to promoting visitors from outside the region throughout the year, it is hoped that locals will use this to help plan where to take family and friends who visit.

"Many of us take our food for granted, we sometimes forget that what we have along our coast is internationally and nationally award winning. The Trip Planner will help make plans to show this to your visitors," said Ms Foley.

For more information and to access the Gourmet Coast Trail Trip Planner, visit www.gourmetcoasttrail.com.au Start planning your delicious adventure along the Gourmet Coast Trail today.

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Solar Sunshot for our regions and industries to deliver a future Made in Australia

The **Federal Government's** \$1 billion investment in the Solar Sunshot program will supercharge Australia's ambition to become a renewable energy super power at home and abroad.

The significant new commitment follows today's introduction of legislation establishing the Net Zero Economy Authority to help catalyse investment in a clean energy future made in Australia's regions. Solar SunShot will help Australia capture more of the global solar manufacturing supply chain through support, including production subsidies and grants.

This will help ensure more solar panels are made in Australia, including in the Hunter Region, where the Prime Minister made the announcement at the site of the former coal-fired Liddell Power Station. While one in three Australian households have solar panels - the highest uptake in the world - only 1 per cent of those have been made in Australia.

In parallel with Solar Sunshot, the NSW Labor Government is delivering the NSW Net Zero Manufacturing Initiative, with the \$275 million first round now open to support workers, small businesses, manufacturers and innovators to take advantage of the transformation of our energy grid. In the second round, the NSW Labor Government will work with industry to leverage government procurement to offer offtake agreements to local manufacturers of renewable products and low carbon materials.

Initiatives like Solar SunShot and the NSW Net Zero Manufacturing Initiative, mean the regions that have long powered this country will continue to prosper in the net zero economy by deepening the industrial; base, largely located in the regions.

The \$1 billion federal investment in the Solar Sunshot program builds on over \$40 billion of investment committed by the Australian Government to make Australia a renewable energy superpower.

The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) will now work with industry to design and deliver this initiative, along with the Australian Government. ARENA will look at the entire supply chain from ingots and wafers to cells, module assembly, and related components, including solar glass, inverters, advanced deployment technology and solar innovation. The consultation is expected to commence in mid-April.

This complements other processes underway such as the Hydrogen Headstart program also administered by ARENA.

A new Vehicle Efficiency Standard tailored for Australia

Australian motorists will soon be able to choose from a wider range of more efficient, modern vehicles, and be able to save at the bowser. Legislation for the **Federal Government's** New Vehicle Efficiency Standard being introduced tomorrow will be good for the hip pocket and good for the environment.

This will reduce emissions from new passenger vehicles by more than 60 per cent by 2030, and roughly halve the emissions of new light commercial vehicles over the same period. And Australians will save money at the bowser because they can buy cars that use less fuel. The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard targets for passenger vehicles catch up to comparable economies by the end of the decade.

Along with Russia, Australia has for too long been one of the only advanced economies in the world without a Standard, and, as a result Australian families are spending more on fuel than they need to be. The Albanese Government has closely consulted with a broad range of stakeholders over the past year and engaged with the more than 9,000 submissions made throughout the latest consultation period. The Standard will give car makers an incentive to send us their most efficient vehicles, while ensuring Australians have access to the range of vehicles they need for work and leisure.

This constructive collaboration is delivering what's right for Australia, by making improvements to the consultation option to deliver more choice of cheaper-to-run cars for motorists, while ensuring a sustainable and effective Standard. These modifications include:

- Recategorising a limited number of 4WDs from passenger car to light commercial vehicle. This acknowledges that some off-road wagons use similar ladder-frame chassis, and need comparable towing capacity above 3 tonnes, to dual cab utes. This includes models such as the Toyota Landcruiser and Nissan Patrol;
- Smoothing the emissions trajectory for light commercial vehicles. This reflects adjustments announced by the US EPA to its vehicle Standard and smooths the transition for utes, vans and 4x4s;
- Adjusting the weight-based relative emissions limits (known as the break point), recognising that heavier vehicles emit more;
- Staging implementation to enable preparation and testing of essential data reporting capabilities. To ensure we get the implementation right in partnership with industry, the scheme will commence on 1 January 2025 but manufacturers will not begin earning credits or penalties until 1 July 2025.

To help accelerate the transition, the Government will provide \$60 million to boost EV charging at Australian dealerships, under the Driving the Nation fund.

This is the right package of measures for Australia. It will transform Australia's vehicle fleet to save families money, people will still be able to buy the vehicles they know and love while getting access to the safest, most modern, efficient cars.

More information on the Government's planned New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is available at www.cleancars.gov.au

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Connecting Communities - Day of Healing



The Connecting Communities - Day of Healing was held on the 23rd March 2024. It was a day of connection and awareness, using expressive forms of walking, words, music, art and food as a means of standing in solidarity. The event was conceived by Eliza Cannon and Jordan Nye, feeling overwhelmed with the state of the world. There was a deep sense of negativity within the community post-referendum and the horrors of war and genocide flooding their newsfeed in Palestine, was unfathomable. Word of the new government in Aotearoa attempting to repeal the Treaty of Waitangi was the last straw. So, they reached out to other community leaders in the Eurobodalla to put together a day of healing and positivity. They received the interest of 10 others and they all met every Sunday to develop the Connecting Communities event. The group received support from South East Arts to pay for the musicians and artists and a contribution from the Yes Vote group. All other contributions to put the event together was out of their own time and money.



The group led a unity walk across Moruya Bridge with around 150 people participating, the walk ended at Russ Martin Park in Moruya where they had Muladha Gamara perform a Welcome Ceremony and dance. Guest speakers, Bunja Smith, Maree O'Rouke, Lou Glover, Aroub Lahham and Deb Long spoke of First Nations Australians, Palestinian and Maori struggles and the similarities in these plights imposed on them by colonial systems. Muladha Gamara then performed a ceremony of song and dance, celebrating the oldest, continuing culture on Earth. The crowd then participated in a traditional Palestinian dance around the rotunda and there was a feeling emanating from that circle that can only be described as pure joy. One of the organising group was Hannah 'Val Moogz', who shared their amazing music alongside Ron 'Callo' Callaghan and Sam Miers. While the music was playing the group organised activities for the community to get involved with. There was a live mural painted by Jamara Nye from Bugiya Bardju, an education station to gain knowledge and insight into how to help, an 'Our Shared Histories' corner shedding light on the similarities between the colonial impacts on First Nations Australians and Palestinians. There was a kids corner, oysters and smoked mussels sourced locally by traditional custodians and a bake sale that raised \$1400 for UNRWA, an organisation providing aid to Palestinian people struggling with the loss of family, homes and land since 1948. The day was a beautiful success and had roughly over 200 people attended throughout the day. Just goes to show how powerful grassroots movements can be in the face of local and global turmoil. Contributed by Eliza Cannon & Jordan Nye

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The far south coast 40 year healthcare funding disaster \$6.55 billion per year less for rural compared to city communities

By Dr Arn Sprogis

In last week's opinion piece, I wrote about how in my first week as a rural GP 42 years ago it was obvious that there was a major funding gap for healthcare in my small coastal community. This week I examine the appalling size of the current funding gap and its impact on healthcare on the Far South Coast.

The benchmark for all governments, Federal and State, is to provide equity of access to high-quality care for all community members and equity of access needs equity of funding as a starting point.

Rural and Regional communities have not had full equity of funding for at least the 40 years since Medicare was started (next week's article - Medicare's three major flaws for rural communities).

Size of the Funding Gap

The NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ALLIANCE 2023 report conducted by the NOUS group titled "Evidence Base for Additional Investment in Rural Health in Australia" indicates that in the financial year 2020-21 the health-spend shortfall between urban and rural citizens was \$6.55 billion, or \$848.02 per person (<https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/>).

There have been no meaningful improvements by either major party Federal or State before or since the report to close the funding gap and it may have significantly widened with a 4-year estimated total by end FY 2024 of \$26 billion. The Federal government is by far the biggest offender and the State government also has significant ground to make up.

What does this mean for the Far South Coast?

The combined population of Eurobodalla and Bega LGAs is approx. 80,000 and with the age distribution in our region it is likely that the per person shortfall is approx. \$1,000 which makes the annual shortfall approx. \$80 million and the 4-year shortfall since the report period \$320 million. These very big financial shortfalls make clear why there are significant gaps in access to health care in our region despite the great efforts made by our local health workforce to provide quality care.

What is the impact for health outcomes?

Here I am quoting directly from the National Rural Health Alliance website which is highly recommended for more detail on rural health funding.

- Clear evidence that per-person spending on healthcare is not equitable and contributing to poorer health outcomes experienced in rural areas.
- Rural Australians do not enjoy equitable quality of health outcomes.
- Life expectancy declines for both men and women with increasing rurality, with a four and five year drop in life expectancy between Major Cities and Remote and Very Remote settings for men and women
- In the Australian healthcare system, general practitioners are commonly the referral pathway for both service access and funding, with low GP access having a resultant in flow on impact to access to allied health and medical sub-specialty services
- It is recognised that where primary care access is low, patients access emergency departments in higher rates
- Patients often prioritise health issues based on their level of urgency, which creates a significant gap to early presentation and preventative health access, especially when service access is difficult. This means that patients may only seek care when their conditions become more severe, leading to poorer health outcomes. This acts to compound the barriers outlined above.
- If service access is difficult, patients are incentivised to prioritise care only when it is urgent, creating a gap to early presentation and preventative health access".

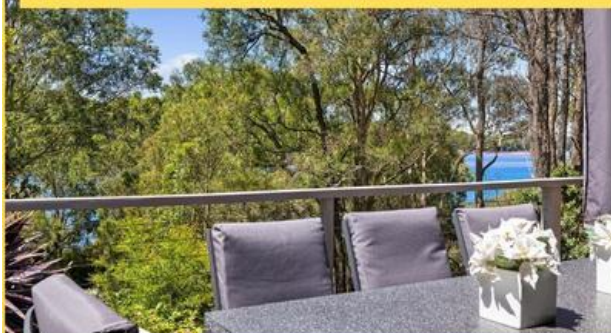
Is it all doom and gloom?

Two years ago, I would have said yes and all of us just must do the best we can like we have been doing for the past 40 years. As of the last few months I would now say maybe not, with faint rays of hope on the horizon for positive change. I have been around the political space in getting fairness for rural and regional communities for long enough to not get too excited but in future articles I will fill you in on what is making me slightly optimistic.

So on that note until next week.

Next week: Medicare, is it fit for purpose for rural communities?

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Bay locals paint together to prevent suicide



Photo Deanne Griffin

A mural project to communicate to local youth that they are valued and to revitalise the Hanging Rock Sports Complex in Batemans Bay, has this week been conducted with artist-led workshops for youth.

With suicide being the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 24 years, the Hanging Rock mural project is a community-led initiative of the Bega Valley Eurobodalla Suicide Prevention Collaborative in collaboration with Batemans Bay local, Deanne Griffin.

The Bega Valley Eurobodalla Suicide Prevention Collaborative (the Collaborative) aims to lower suicide rates within the region and consists of more than 25 individuals, including representatives from 18 local organisations and entities including government, non-government, health, education, social services and community bodies.

Deanne Griffin identified the water tanks at Hanging Rock Sports Complex in Batemans Bay as an ideal billboard for positive, inspiring messages for young people in the area, while paying tribute to her son Sean Griffin, an active sportsman and trade apprentice who died by suicide in 2019. "There is a need for greater understanding of youth by people of older generations, including empathy for the unique difficulties and challenges that young people face today," said Deanne.

"We have chosen mural artworks that recognise loss, and life's struggles while celebrating diversity, teamwork, togetherness and real-world support from family, community, school and the sporting world. The artworks emphasise each person's value and remind us that even if you have a bad day, tomorrow is a new day and things will improve. We're reminding people to reach out or talk with somebody when they're not okay."

"I'm hopeful this project will also remind people of the families left behind as their loss is ongoing. Our communities are so interconnected, many people know of someone who has died by suicide. I'm heartened these murals are becoming a reality, they have brought so many different people together in a positive way," said Deanne.

According to Jo Riley, Suicide Prevention Program Manager at COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network, we lose around 15 people every year to suicide on the South Coast.

"Every life lost is one too many and each suicide affects a large number of people, such as the person's family, friends, children, partners and work colleagues."

"Suicidal behaviour is extremely complex, with many risk factors across an individual's lifespan interacting together; and the important issues for one person will be different from those for someone else. But someone who is considering taking their life is typically overwhelmed by suffering, despair or loss and feeling disconnected and hopeless."

"We need people and places in the community that provide compassion, connection, inclusion, and safety to those who feel hopeless. In these spaces, a spark of hope can be shared and nurtured. Support can be provided to help someone take steps towards better days."

"The murals provide a visual reminder to the young people of the area that they matter, their mental health matters and that their community wants them to be safe," added Jo.

Sarah Smith, Manager headspace Batemans Bay said, "Being able to talk to an independent person who respects confidentiality is important, we have received positive feedback that headspace is seen as a safe space. Young people who are feeling down, feeling stressed or anxious or just not themselves can call headspace Batemans Bay on 1800 718 383, check out our website, or drop in to discuss."

Todd Chatfield facilitates My Voice My Journey, a Eurobodalla-based culturally informed leadership and resilience program for Aboriginal young people. Todd said, "These murals are an amazing initiative that will benefit indigenous and non-indigenous young people."

Renee Green, CEO of Lifeline South Coast said, "Our aim is to work together to reduce the impact of suicide through easier access to a range of information and support options, growing and supporting the suicide prevention and lived experience workforce and coordinating our response when there is a loss in the community."

"Tackling social issues, compassionate support options and building connected and empowered communities will contribute to suicide prevention. For example, sporting teams can play a vital role in engaging and connecting in a community of peers, mentors and role models," Renee added. The Batemans Bay water tank mural project will be launched during Youth Week at 3.00pm on Friday 19 April at the Hanging Rock Sports Complex in Batemans Bay. Community members can register to attend via this [link](#).



The Griffins with mural artists Bohie and Sion (Kraken Kreative).

Green waste pollution increasing

Eurobodalla Council is urging residents not to cut corners with their green waste, reporting a weekly average of three contaminated truckloads and large amounts of illegally dumped green waste in bushland.

Council’s waste service manager Nathan Ladmore said residents should not be using tip fees to excuse poor behaviour.

“The tip fees simply recover handling and processing costs that ensure waste is handled without damaging the environment,” Mr Ladmore said.

“If you are feeling overwhelmed by your rubbish, we are a phone call away – our team would rather help you find solutions than see rubbish dumped in the bush or stashed in the wrong bin.” Back at waste management facilities, rubbish is hand-picked from green waste piles before it’s mulched. Mr Ladmore said that was time consuming for staff and money wasted.

“If the mulch tests too high for contaminants, it can be unusable and end up in landfill, which is bad for the environment,” he said.

Green-waste mulching takes eight weeks before it becomes available to the community for free at all three waste management facilities.

“There’s currently plenty of mulch ready to collect at Brou, Surf Beach and Moruya – staff will load it for you,” Mr Ladmore said.

During kerbside collection truck cameras help operators scan green-waste bins for rubbish before they’re emptied – food packaging is the biggest offender. Mr Ladmore said contaminated bins were marked with a warning sticker and not usually emptied.



Contaminated green waste following a kerbside collection earlier this month.

“You will most likely receive a letter from Council as well as a warning sticker on your bin,” Mr Ladmore said.

“If you get three warning stickers you will be contacted by Council. Our waste team will pay a visit to help get your waste streams back on track.

“If there is contamination in the bins after this process, then Council can remove the bins, and no one wants that.”

Mr Ladmore said Council would undertake an audit of resident bins’ contents.

“We want to better understand the various contamination rates and collect data so we can do more community education around this issue,” he said.

To learn more about recycling and waste, check out the A-Z guide and fact sheets on [Council’s website](#). If you have questions, contact Council’s waste officer on 4474 1024.

Dr. Michael Holland MP
Member for Bega
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Deadly Runner Colour Fun Run in Narooma



The Deadly Runners is a grassroots community initiative using running to bring First Nations mob together to promote culture and healthy lifestyles. The program started in Queanbeyan back in 2014 and with support from Katungul the Deadly Runners started on the South Coast in 2023 and is delivered by the community for the community.

In that that time Deadly Runners has had groups in Batemans Bay, Narooma, and Wallaga Lake. We have put 52 local runners through our 5k beginner program, held two education camps putting 16 local mob through their Mental Health First Aid, and Community Coaching Certificates, which has led to the employment of a full-time community manager, and 3 coaches. The Deadly Runners is holding a Deadly Colour Fun Run on the 13th April at Bill Smyth Memorial Oval, **Saturday 13th April, 9am – 12pm.**

All proceeds from the event will be used to support our Narooma High School Deadly Runners program which recently started this term.



Event link - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deadly-colour-fun-run-tickets-860616797007> web. <https://deadlyrunners.com.au>

Repurposing for Resilience brings community solar panel reuse centre to the Eurobodalla

At 11am on **Saturday 13 April** 2024, Repurposing for Resilience [RfR] Eurobodalla will open its Community Solar Panel Reuse Centre at the Moruya Transfer Station on Yarragee Road. Eurobodalla Shire Council Mayor Mathew Hatcher, Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington and Divisional Waste Manager Nathan Ladmore will speak, following Uncle Bunja Smith's welcome to country.

A highlight of the opening will be the 'Talking Trash' exhibition by local waste artists.

Volunteer-led RfR has been tackling the environmental impact of the renewable energy industry head-on with its innovative approach to waste, and upskilling the community through hands-on training.

RfR Vice President Dr Robert Guth said, "Repurposing for Resilience is providing affordable solar to the community, creating new industry and training opportunities and reducing the economic and environmental cost associated with industrial materials recycling."

Initially funded by WWF Australia and supported by Eurobodalla Shire Council and industry specialist Micro Energy Systems, the new Centre collects and processes used solar panels and associated industry waste.

Panels are put through a testing regime by qualified electricians, before those with a good remaining working life are sold or gifted. The next owners can then confidently use them in small off-grid PV systems, grid-connected PV systems, power charging stations, irrigation pumps, other small-scale agricultural use and emergency response trailers.

Panels no longer fit for their intended use are repurposed or upcycled into functional alternatives such as furniture, charging stations, building cladding and art.

Though young, Repurposing for Resilience has already achieved real results: re-directing panels from landfill, bringing nationally accredited electrical trade training to the Eurobodalla and running practical workshops to upskill the community. RfR has also collaborated with others to tackle local environmental issues and showcased the highly successful 'Lanterns from Waste' project at the 2023 River of Art festival.

Repurposing for Resilience is 100% volunteer-led and now Centrelink-approved to provide voluntary work opportunities for eligible job seekers.

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April 13th

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Bringing back Aboriginal fish traps on the south coast

NSW Marine Estate

Rangers from Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) have restored a traditional rock fish trap at Buckenbowra on the NSW south coast near Batemans Bay. Located on the Clyde River, the Buckenbowra Fish Trap holds cultural significance for the local Aboriginal community of the Batemans Bay and Mogo region. The rehabilitation project was initiated after Elders from the local area voiced their concerns about the condition of the traps.

Elder, Uncle Les Simons worked with local rangers to restore the site.

He said many local people were quite surprised to find the fish trap was there.

“My uncles told me about this trap when I was a young fella,” he said.

“A lot of people didn’t know it was there actually, they are driving past shocked to see it there,” he said.

He said bringing back the fish traps, located on a stopover site of a traditional pathway, will help them pass down culture to the younger generations.

“We are trying to get it back so we can use it again, educate the young kids about the area and the resources that we have got here.”

He says he’s hoping the site will be used by the community in future years as a place to both catch and cook up fish.

“Make them understand that it’s a part of our culture, that this river system fed us years ago, fed our ancestors,” he said.

Adam Nye, Ranger with Batemans Bay LALC, said rebuilding the fish trap was satisfying work.

“With Uncle Les’s guidance, we were able to restore this to almost its original state... It took us about two weeks to move a couple of truckloads of really, really, big stones.”

“It was a joint effort, solid work,” he said.

He said working on the reconstruction has helped him reconnect to his culture.

“It’s always rewarding working on our ancient culture, trying to maintain that balance with nature and strengthen our people and reconnect with country.”

There are two more fish trap restorations in the planning stages nearby.

A video on restoring the fish traps at Buckenbowra has just been released.

You can watch the video [Bringing back the Buckenbowra Aboriginal fish traps](#) to see the restoration of the traps in action and find out more.



VIDEO [Bringing back the Buckenbowra Aboriginal fish traps \(youtube.com\)](#)



Ranger Adam Nye (centre) with Batemans Bay LALC and colleagues. Photo: from the video above.

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

Gadfly

The time has come for Chief Minister Andrew Barr to do the decent thing and fall on his political sword. It pains me to say so, but all the alternatives are more damaging to the National Capital's body politic.

The reason for his political martyrdom is, of course, the tram. Barr surrendered to the passionate enthusiasm of former Attorney-General and Deputy Chief Minister Simon Corbell and tied his political future to the 19th century technology. It might have been an exciting new development when the Canberra designer, Walter Burley Griffin included it in his plan. But that was 1911 and Griffin's Canberra was for a city of a mere 10,000 residents.

Corbell's enthusiasm was no doubt actuated by the threat of climate change and his advocacy was unquestionably heartfelt. Even when he retired from politics in 2015 he continued his quest for climate adaptation and defence. He remains a prominent member of the Clean Energy Investor Group whose mission 'represents institutional investors in utility-scale energy projects.'

According to their official description, 'The group represents institutional investors who have collectively funded Australian renewable energy projects with over \$10 billion. Collectively, the Group currently expects to deliver over 5 GW of Australian renewable energy projects in the near future. Our members include superannuation/pension funds, infrastructure fund managers, project developers and independent Power Producers.'

All of which are totally desirable aims and ambitions.

However, since 1911 public transport technology has made great strides in efficiency beyond the expensive tracks. Indeed, according to Peter Moore the former executive director of the International Association of Public Transport (Australia/NZ) in a letter to the local press, 'I was involved in an advocacy campaign to convince the ACT Government to build a "guided busway", network for Canberra. During the campaign a former (unnamed) ACT Urban Services Minister visited Europe with our assistance to see guided busways in action.

'The network would have looked and operated just like a "tram" and could have been largely built by modifying the existing road network. That Minister returned to Canberra convinced guided busways were the way to proceed; no doubt influenced by the cost to build such a network being "considerably cheaper" than light rail and most importantly, the ACTION bus system could have evolved into an integrated "guided busway" network.

'The legacy of the "tram decision" is a forever financial burden for almost all Canberrans [who] cannot access the tram, and a bus system in decline...the tram going south has the potential to bankrupt the territory.'

Mr Barr will go to great lengths to avoid such a bankruptcy, including the 'urban sprawl' that will turn the Capital into just another haphazard debacle like Junee or Wagga. Indeed, the process is underway with a health system in crisis, education starved of much needed funding, road repair on the cheap and horticulture suffering yet another season of neglect.

The Greens might well wish to continue to pursue the tram; but if so, the Labor Party should respond to the electorate free of the leadership that Barr represents. And if the Liberals under Elizabeth Lee wish to put an end to the whole disastrous travesty, so be it.

It is, after all, the year of democracy.

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South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1188

Dog Attacks and Real Estate

Part of a real estate agent's job is to do property appraisals, but a real estate agent in Broome won't forget anytime soon going to a property to do just that. The agent was asked to visit the property by the owner, who had not told him that there were dogs on the site and there were no signs warning of the presence of guard dogs. When he arrived at the property, he was set upon by one dog who latched onto his leg, causing the agent to fall to the ground. A second dog attacked, while a third stood nearby. Fortunately, he was able to scramble up onto the bonnet of his car and believes he would have been killed if I hadn't got up off the ground. His injuries were severe and during his recovery he was unable to walk and confined to a wheelchair. He urges all property owners, tenants and property managers who own dogs to be responsible, advise visitors that dogs are on the property and have them removed or restrained during a visit particularly if the owner isn't home at the time.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Moruya Surf Life Saving Club in the 1930's. John Gilmore is the Belt Man

29-03-1924

The Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia is a voluntary body, which teaches the work of life saving on our beaches. ... The Association now wishes to organize Clubs throughout the South Coast from Eden to Kiama (they already exist between Kiama and Sydney), and with this end in view arrangements have been made for the Instructor in Chief of the Association – Mr. W. V. Craven, of Bondi Life Saving Club, to spend three weeks touring the District.

Wreck of the Benandra. Our town was aroused to the highest pitch of excitement on Tuesday afternoon when an urgent 'phone message from Pilot Rose stated that the steamer Benandra had grounded on the bar and was sinking, and calling for assistants to rescue those on board.

The Benandra was a sister ship to the Bodalla which was lost on the Narooma bar on 19th January last. Both boats were specially designed and built at Balmain in 1914 for the South Coast trade. ... On Monday she unloaded her cargo, and reloaded general cargo and timber for Sydney. She left the town wharf about 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday. On her way down the river she called at Preddy's wharf and took on a few tons of chaff she had unloaded the previous day. She had been obliged to over carry this forage through the heavy seas preventing her calling at Pebbley Beach on her trip from Sydney. Just after clearing the bar about 2.15 p.m. a heavy swell lifted and dropped her onto the sandspit about 150 yards further on. The force with which the heavily laden vessel struck the sand evidently burst her sides, as within a few minutes wreckage was floating about.

The inrush of water quickly put the fires out thus leaving the vessel powerless and Captain Richmond and his crew were forced to abandon the doomed ship, which they did in one of the lifeboats.

The only passenger was a man named William Ward who had for the past two weeks been employed at Mr. P. J. Mylott's bakery.

It appears that the unfortunate man, who was a returned soldier, was seen making his way back to his cabin for (it is understood) souvenirs which belonged to his dead soldier sons. It is surmised that he fell into the engine room, the door of which closed and jammed. Some of the sailors endeavored to rescue the man, but their efforts were futile, as the vessel was quickly breaking up, and they had to make for the boat and leave the poor fellow to his fate.

Soon after the ship was abandoned the shores on both sides were strewn with wreckage. Three pigs and three or four ducks reached the shore alive.

It was reported that there was no prospect of salvage.



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Annual Chocolate Scorecard reveals the dark side to your delightful Easter treat

WOOLWORTHS, COLES AND ALDI AMONG RETAILERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT FOR PRIVATE-LABEL CHOCOLATE PRODUCTS

Australia's supermarket giants have been scrutinised for the transparency and sustainability of their private-label chocolate with German supermarket chain Aldi eclipsing its larger rivals to be the clear leader.

Woolworths and Coles, which together control 65 per cent of the country's grocery market, and Aldi were evaluated in the 5th Edition Chocolate Scorecard, an annual initiative spearheaded by an international team of non-profit organisations and academics, including Associate Professor Stephanie Perkiss from the **University of Wollongong's** School of Accounting, Finance and Economics.

Released just in time for Easter, The Chocolate Scorecard, now in fifth year, evaluates global chocolate traders, manufacturers, brands, and retailers against seven markers: Traceability and Transparency, Living Income, Child Labour, Gender Equality, Deforestation and Climate, Agroforestry, and Agri-Chemical Management. Retailers are once again included in the Scorecard. They are assessed on their own branded or private label products. A traffic light system is used to rank retailers and manufacturers, in descending order, green, yellow, orange, red or grey for their overall progress towards these categories.

This year, 63 companies, manufacturers and retailers were assessed, including 38 of the world's largest chocolate brands such as Mondelēz (maker of Cadbury), Nestlé, Hershey's, Ferrero and Mars; nine smaller boutique chocolate brands, like Original Beans and Beyond Good; and 16 retailer stores, including Woolworths, Coles, and Aldi. Four companies and 18 retailers declined to take part or did not respond to the questionnaire, which resulted in them being awarded a grey rating.

Associate Professor Perkiss said the dark side of chocolate production was in stark contrast to its marketing and reputation as a product of joy.

"Chocolate is associated with happy moments, a delicacy that conveys love and pleasure, particularly during times like Easter. But the delight that chocolate brings to consumers is marred by the dark reality of how that chocolate is produced. Child labour, sustainability issues, deforestation, pesticides all leave a bitter aftertaste to that sweet chocolate."

Associate Professor Perkiss said all Australian retailers need to be applauded for their transparency through participation in The Chocolate Scorecard. These companies were early adopters and leaders in addressing human rights and environment issues through certification such as Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance.

As retailers that sell their own branded chocolate products, Woolworths, Coles, Aldi, David Jones and Kmart/Target were subjected to the same scrutiny of The Chocolate Scorecard team as the other products that sit on the shelves in the same aisles. (Note, Myer does not sell any of its own branded chocolate).

Aldi Süd, the parent company of Aldi in Australia, which accounts for 10 per cent of the national grocery market, emerged as the leader in the Australian retailer field. Aldi was awarded a yellow rating, for progressing in policy and practice.

Woolworths received an orange rating for its own-brand chocolate, which includes not only chocolate bars, but all chocolate products, including that found in bakery goods, cocoa powder, ice cream, and drinking chocolate. The orange symbolises that the company needs improvement in practice and policy. They rank 11th globally. Woolworths are the only Australian company and one of the few retailers to trace all cocoa items in their supply chains, rather than just confectionary.

Coles, however, received a red rating, which means the retailer is trailing in practice and policy. They were one of three Australian-owned retailers to be given a red rating, alongside David Jones and Kmart Australia and New Zealand, which includes Target.

Retail stores stock confectionary products at payment areas, setting a high profit margin. These products can be the make or break financially for a retailer. Despite the importance, however, the team's research shows that retail stores are less enthusiastic when it comes to the confectionary sustainability, particularly cocoa. Associate Professor Perkiss said retailers with private-label chocolate products have as much responsibility as big manufacturers to ensure transparency and accountability in their supply chain and sustainability practices.

"A number of retailers have told us that cocoa is not a significant part of their business. Yet, chocolate and confectionary are extremely prominent in supermarkets, including Australia's major players Woolworths and Coles. If chocolate does not generate big profits, why do they place it in prominent sales locations?"

"When a retailer has their own branded chocolate product, they have the same obligations as others in the supply chain to undertake the required due diligence to address human rights and environmental issues. Retailers generate huge profits from chocolate, and there is a demand among consumers for ethically produced and sustainable products.

"A company that lacks knowledge of its cocoa's origin cannot genuinely ensure it is not tainted by extreme poverty, child labor, deforestation, or other abuses. Put simply if you can't see it, you can't fix it."

Associate Professor Perkiss said The Chocolate Scorecard is driving change by highlighting those who are engaging in good practices while also holding global manufacturers, companies, and retailers to account.

"Every chocolate purchase matters and sends a message to the chocolate producers that you value the steps they are taking to implement best practice into their farming, manufacturing and supply chain processes."

The team behind The Chocolate Scorecard includes Fuzz Kitto and Carolyn Kitto, Directors of Be Slavery Free, Ruben Bergsma, Be Slavery Free's Director of The Chocolate Scorecard, Etelle Higonnet, Board Member of Climate Defiance, Professor John Dumay from Macquarie University, Associate Professor Stephanie Perkiss and PhD candidate Claire Harris from the University of Wollongong, Sam Mawutor from Mighty Earth, and Dr Cristiana Bernardi from The Open University in the United Kingdom, along with a team of subject matter consultants and civil society groups – a total of 40 civil society organisations.

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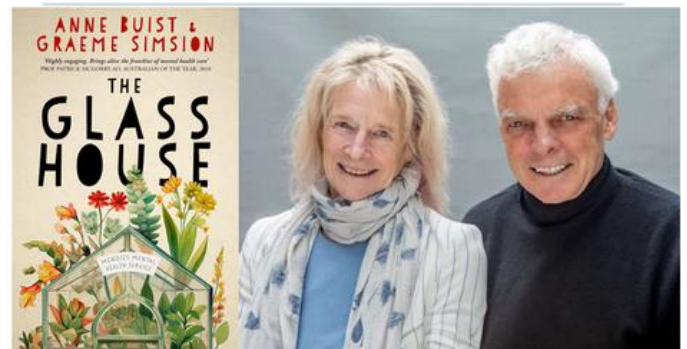
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Neil Murray is heading to Tomakin on April 13.

One of Australia's finest songmen, Neil Murray, co-founder and songwriter for the Warumpi Band and one of Australia's finest songmen, has released a powerful new single and video from his latest album *The Telling*.

"Tears of Wybalenna" tells of the treachery and devastation that befell Tasmania's First Nations people in the early years of colonisation. "I had a rough, general knowledge of Tasmania's history and the devastating impact on its First People but it didn't really hit me emotionally until I stood in the graveyard at Wybalenna," says Murray regarding the thinknig behind the song. "The grief and sadness was palpable. How those old people were betrayed. Their suffering and loss. It was not difficult to extrapolate or to conclude. Lines like:- "all the sorrow in the world can be traced right back to an invading force and the humanity they lack"- were just there in the ether. It wasn't a labour. But I was compelled to it, out of a kind of love. So those Old People, their story, their voices, are still heard and not forgotten."

The video for "Tears of Wybalanee" was filmed and directed by Jin Tommo, with footage of Wybalenna, Flinders Island, kindly supplied by Sammi Gowthorp. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnZtAJd_Guo

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Staging a comeback: Live music venue numbers soar

NSW is in the midst of a live music revival as the number of venues hosting live performances soared by 84 per cent since the State Government made it easier for venues to host live music.

Since March 2023, 112 pubs, clubs and other live venues have joined the list of establishments that qualify for two hours extended trading in return for staging live music and backing local musicians.

The NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms have doubled the incentives for extended trading hours to host live music and will prevent single noise complainants from shutting down venues.

In music to the ears of live music fans and those who remember the heyday of bands coming up through the music scene in NSW, there are now 245 licensed venues claiming live music incentives from Liquor & Gaming NSW across the state, including those in the Enmore Special Entertainment Precinct.

Under the former government, NSW lost more than half its music venues, with just 133 registered across the state in March 2023.

The first round of the Vibrancy Reforms, which passed Parliament in November, provide direct support to venue operators to launch and grow local music, with a cost relief focus that includes an 80 per cent reduction in the annual liquor licence fee.

Streamlined approval processes for licences and a commonsense approach to noise complaints is providing businesses in the sector with the certainty and confidence they need to invest again in hosting performance, trading later and hiring more staff.

Under the former government, there were seven agencies that dealt with entertainment noise complaints, allowing a single neighbour to close a venue. The reforms are streamlining this process by making Liquor & Gaming NSW the lead agency in managing noise complaints about licensed venues.

The take up of extended hours for live music has been evenly spread statewide, with 40 venues across regional NSW from Newcastle to Bathurst and right down to Queanbeyan and Narooma.

Under the reforms, venues approved as a live music venue with Liquor & Gaming NSW can trade for an extra two hours on nights when they provide live entertainment for at least 45 minutes after 8pm.

To find out more or to apply visit <https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/resources/vibrancy-reforms-whats-changing>.



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Music to the ears: new recording and touring grants

Musicians and artists are set to receive a boost under the NSW Labor Government with the opening of grants focused on rebuilding the NSW touring circuit.

Sound NSW's new Touring and Travel Fund and Recording and Promotion Grants will inject \$3 million into the local contemporary music sector to deliver more new and original music, enable touring opportunities, and open doors for career-defining professional development.

With a focus on fostering growth and sustainability for the contemporary music industry, the programs support NSW artists to be globally competitive, develop industry networks and connect with new audiences locally and internationally.

Touring and Travel Fund

Designed to address the time-sensitive nature of venue availability and performance opportunities, Sound NSW's \$2 million Touring and Travel Fund offers quick response grants of up to \$2,500 per person for domestic activity and up to \$7,500 per person for international activity.

Applications for Sound NSW's Touring and Travel Fund will be assessed on a quick-response basis against eligibility criteria. Applications open on 20 March via nsw.gov.au/sound-nsw and close 20 May 2024.

Recording and Promotion Grants

Sound NSW's \$1 million Recording and Promotion Grants program will support NSW contemporary musicians to record and release new, original creative projects. NSW artists can apply for grants of:

- up to \$25,000 for short-form releases, such as a single or EP
- up to \$50,000 for long-form releases, such as an album
- up to \$25,000 matched funding for artists signed to a major label.

Minister for the Arts John Graham said "We are determined to rebuild the touring circuit, up and down the NSW coast, through our inland tours and suburbs. This fund will do just that.

"We're delivering on our commitment to bring music back in NSW with this much-needed investment. These fast-response grants will support more new and original music from our musicians, enable tours across Australia and the world, and move NSW a step closer to being a global powerhouse for contemporary music."

Head of Sound NSW Emily Collins said "Recording, releasing and performing new music is essential to the contemporary music industry and the growth and sustainability of artists' careers, but the upfront costs are often greater than the income generated for many musicians.

"Sound NSW is excited to help bridge this gap by providing this vital funding, removing these prohibitive barriers and supporting NSW artists to do what they do best – making great music."

Applications open 20 March and close 17 April 2024 at nsw.gov.au/sound-nsw

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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.

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. Contact michael@deadlyrunners.com.au

Double demerits

start Thursday 28 March and continues until 11:59pm, Monday 1 April.

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ARALUEN HISTORY TRAIL LAUNCH

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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



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- 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.

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Marine Rescue NSW volunteers rescue ready for Easter long weekend

Marine Rescue NSW is expecting large numbers of boaters to hit the state's waterways this Easter long weekend.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Alex Barrell said across the Service's 46 units, 3,300 volunteers are ready to respond to those needing assistance on the water.

"Marine Rescue NSW has had a busy start to the year with over 1500 search and rescue missions, we are expecting this Easter long weekend to be busy on the water.

"Last Easter our crews completed 109 search and rescue missions over the four days and safely returned 247 people to shore," he said.

Commissioner Barrell said safety and preparation is paramount to an enjoyable day on the water.

"We're encouraging boaters this weekend to put all their eggs in one basket with the Marine Rescue NSW app. The app gives you live weather updates, safety checklists and importantly, you can Log On with your local Marine Rescue NSW base so that your safe return is being watched by our dedicated volunteers," he said.

Commissioner Barrell said it only takes a minute to protect a lifetime.

"It is simple to Log On. You can do it over the Marine Rescue app or via VHF marine radio channel 16.

"Keeping across the weather is vital to safe voyage.

"If you're heading out on the water this weekend, make sure that you've got enough safety equipment, you have fuel and fuel and reserve, you've Logged On with your local Marine Rescue NSW base and of course, wear a lifejacket," he said.

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer based not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe on the water and supporting local communities.

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SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:

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We'll be there to:

- tell you about U3A
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- help you to join us or to renew your membership, and
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Where and When: In the Gubar Baran room from 11:30 to 12:30

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Date: 29 April

Time: 10am

Meet: Sweetwater Bar and Saloon, Central Tilba

Walk: Medium Level/Disability Access

Donation: \$10

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Get ready for an exhilarating stroll with the Tilba CWA Branch.

We're combining forces for an exciting adventure to historical Henkley Farm.

This stroll promises not just a walk but a journey through time and history.

As we approach the 29th of April, we're not just celebrating locally; we're joining women worldwide for the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Walk the World event.

It's a fantastic opportunity to unite with the ACWW, raising awareness and funds for our vital work.

We invite you to bring a plate to share for morning tea. Tea/coffee provided.

All welcome.



Rotary Charity Easter Raceday

MORUYA **Saturday 30th March**

Gates open 12.30am - First Race 1.44pm; Last Race 4.43pm.

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.

The day will feature:

- Entertainment by Party Mode Dj's
- Fashions On The Field Competition

Categories Include: Best Dressed Child (Under 12), Best Dressed Filly, Best Dressed Mare, Best Dressed Male, Best Hat / Fascinator.

- Kids Pony Rides
- FREE Kids Jumping Castle
- FREE Kids Face Painting

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Buses: There will be bus services running from Club Narooma and Club Tuross departing at 12pm with a return for all destinations departing the race track at 5pm. Cost is \$10 with bookings essential and to be done through Club Narooma (02) 44762 135 or Club Tuross (02) 4473 8186. There will also be a bus service departing the Promenade Plaza Batemans Bay at 12pm and travelling via the coastal road. Bookings to be done through Priors (02) 44724040. For detailed timetable please [click here](#).



**Moruya Racecourse
Easter Saturday March 30th 2024**

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

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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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BEST EASTER OUTFIT



Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

With the remnants of last weeks rains clearing out of the system, the fishing continues to be productive in the Moruya river.

There have been good reports of whiting, bream and flathead around the spur wall and the airport flats this past week, and this will continue this weekend.

Preddy's wharf is always a popular spot with visiting anglers and locals. It has been producing a few nice travally, bream, Luderick and flathead both into the river and into the back waters along the wall.

Quarry wharf has been holding a few nice bream, some tailor and the potential for a mulloway around the turn of the tide.

The flats under the town bridge are holding good numbers of bream and whiting, that can be seen following the resident stingrays around. Live nippers or small soft plastics will hopefully tempts a few from their scavenging. There have also been a few flathead lurking around the flats, particularly around the drop off areas on the channel edges. Soft plastics, metal or soft vibes as well as baits should tempts a fish or two.

The holes around the hospital are also holding a few fish at the moment, so there are plenty of options open this Easter weekend for visiting and local anglers.

Tuross river.

The whole systems down Tuross way has been fishing really well this past week, with plenty of good flathead reported from the mouth of the systems all the way up past Bumbo creek.

The lower sections have seen the most activity, both angler wise and fish wise. The potato point side of the system has been holding some very nice flathead around the 80cm mark, as well as quite a few bream and whiting also.

The boat shed area is always a very popular spot this time of year as a result of its easy access and the numbers of fish that are regularly taken there. Both baits and lures fished deep here will bream a fish or two unstuck for you.

The area around fourways and further upstream past the metal highway bridge and up past Bumbo creek has also seen some good bream, estuary perch, flathead and more than 1 or 2 mulloway come to the net this last few weeks.

So get out and enjoy what looks to be a great weekend for fishing.

Coila lake is still holding good numbers of snapper, but I am hearing that there are also some very nice sized tailor in the lake at the moment along with good numbers of garfish along with some cracking big bream.

Rock and beach.

While the salmon have gone a little quiet this week, the tailor seem to made an appearance for many anglers. There hasn't been any particular beach that has been holding more fish than another, it is just a matter of getting out there and exploring a few areas till you find one that is producing fish.

As of last weekend, Broulee headland was still holding a good school of bonito on a low tide, metals cast and cast and cast was the technique required to to hook and fight one of these speedsters.

The drummer are starting to turn up again around their preferred haunts, so get out there this weekend and try your luck.

Offshore.

Snapper, flathead have been the top of most reports this last week, with some very good sized sand flathead around the 50cm mark being reported in as little as 15m of water all the way out to 50m. The snapper have tendered towards the deeper areas, with fish coming from the 50-60m marks this last week.

The weather looks to be good this weekend, with Sunday being the pick with low seas and winds, at this stage.

Always check before heading out.

The Tweed bait freezer has seen some serious action this last week, and as a result we are very low on several baits. We have plenty of whole and filleted baits in our second freezer, so we should have options for you this weekend.

We managed a few delivers of stock this week, so we have plenty available for you this long weekend.

We are open all weekend, and look forward to seeing you.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

Operation Trident to crack down on the illegal harvesting of Seafood this Easter

Now in its 16th consecutive year, Operation Trident is now in place to crack down on the illegal harvesting of Seafood across NSW over the Easter holiday season.

This joint operation NSW Department of Primary Industries, the NSW Food Authority and [NSW Police Force](#) includes both covert and overt patrols and inspections across NSW and is designed to deter oyster theft and protect consumers against potentially unsafe black-market produce. Maximum fines of up to \$275,000 and imprisonment apply. NSW is known for producing a diverse range of delicious, fresh, and healthy seafood that is enjoyed by customers all over the world, and we want to keep it that way. We strongly urge the public not to consume Seafood products if they do not know where it has come from.

The public are urged to report illegal or suspected illegal fishing activities to the Fishers Watch Phonenumber on 1800 043 536 or via the online report form here - <https://fal.cn/3gJWh> and anyone with information on marine-related crimes should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: www.police.nsw.gov.au

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Bermagui and Batemans Bay to benefit from long-term dredging plan

Bermagui and Batemans Bay will be 2 of the first areas in NSW to benefit from the government's long-term dredging plan to protect access at key coastal locations, river entrances and local waterways.

Transport Minister Jo Haylen directed NSW Maritime to develop the long-term plan after emergency dredging was required at Ettalong and Swansea Channel to guarantee the safe passage of boats.

It follows a decade of neglect and poor planning when it came to dredging across NSW under the previous government.

Transport for NSW Maritime has developed a long-term state-wide dredging program to improve efficiency, reduce costs and enable more consistent and frequent dredging to be undertaken in the future.

Maritime is now developing a 10-year Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for 9 priority areas. They include:

- Bermagui River, Bermagui
- Clyde River, Batemans Bay
- Ettalong Channel, Brisbane Waters
- Swansea Channel, Lake Macquarie
- Hastings River, Port Macquarie
- Coffs Harbour
- Clarence River, Yamba
- Evans River, Evans Head
- Tweed River, Tweed Heads.

These environmental investigations will give the team greater scope to dredge more regularly, across various dredging locations, and will explore new sand placement options.

The reviews will take between 12 to 24 months to complete.

Transport for NSW encourages the communities in Bermagui and Batemans Bay to provide their feedback on the REF when it is display for public comment later this year.

Transport Minister Jo Haylen MP said "We know that keeping Bermagui Harbour open and accessible is a priority for the community.

"Our long-term dredging plan recognises dredging of a channel is vital in keeping the harbour safe and accessible for boaters up and down the coast. Regular dredging will ensure we keep sand build-ups under control.

"The benefit of a 10-year Review of Environmental Factors is that it gives us the flexibility to dredge when needed over the coming decade; we won't need to wait for environmental approvals because they'll already be in place.

"Long-term planning and approval will improve efficiency, reduce costs and give the community confidence that we will undertake consistent and frequent dredging over the next ten years."

Member for Bega, Michael Holland MP said "This is vital forward planning to secure access to our rivers. While Bermagui and Batemans don't need to be dredged right now, it's highly likely sand movements will mean it could be an issue in the coming years.

"By getting this long-term plan done now, it'll be easier for us to begin dredging as soon as the need arises."

Casting a wide net to lure more fisheries workers

A new Albanese Government-funded initiative to attract more workers to the fishing industry has been successfully launched.

The Seafood Careers website has been developed through public-private co-operation between Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) and the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC).

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt said this new platform offers industry direct connection to training, career paths and work opportunities.

"The Australian seafood industry is a great industry to work for and one that the Albanese Government is incredibly proud of," Minister Watt said.

"This website will help to attract people by showcasing the wide variety of rewarding career opportunities that are available.

"This is another step towards delivering one of our government's key priorities in agriculture, fisheries and forestry, being workforce development.

"It is good to see industry using technology, to make it easier for people to see the exciting opportunities that working in the agriculture, fisheries and forestry industry has to offer."

The seafood industry provides vital work to regional, rural and remote communities, directly supporting 17,000 families nationally.

ABARES estimates that the gross value of Australian fisheries and aquaculture production grew by 8.2% in 2022-23 to \$3.63 billion, demonstrating the importance of this industry to Australia.

SIA Chief Executive Officer Veronica Papacosta said a shortage of capable and experienced people within the seafood industry is an ongoing challenge for many commercial seafood producers.

"Seafood Careers has been developed as a proactive step to address industry's ongoing workforce shortages," Ms Papacosta said.

"We want to showcase the amazing opportunities our industry has to offer.

"Seafood Careers is part of the Australian seafood industry's goal to position ourselves as an industry known for its conscientious, fair, and progressive employers."

FRDC Managing Director Dr Patrick Hone, says there is an immediate need for tools that help build capacity and opportunities within the fishing and aquaculture sectors.

"FRDC engages with a diverse cross section of fishing and aquaculture stakeholders, so we know how important it is to create easy to use tools and pathways for people to enter these sectors and build their careers.

"Just as important as the job information and vacancy opportunities, we're also really excited to see the other programs available through Seafood Careers, such as the safety and mental health information and tools," Dr Hone said.

Visit the Seafood Careers website at www.seafoodcareers.com.au



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Winner Kevin Reilly

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 21st March 2024

A field of 40 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The Winners were:

- 1st: Kevin Reilly (20) with 35 points
- 2nd: Michael Coloe (15) with 34 points
- 3rd: Lynette McDonell (40) with 33 points (countback)
- 4th: Colin Houghton (0) with 33 points
- 5th: Peter Engelbrecht (15) with 32 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pin

- 4th: A Grade: Mark O' Connor 0.51
- B Grade: Allan Langford 1.44
- 6th: A Grade: Colin Houghton 3.14
- B Grade: Peter Engelbrecht 2.60
- 7th: B Grade: Leonie Doolan 8.42

Balls went to: Mark O'Connor 32, Nigel Barling 32, Paul Coffey 32, Brad Doolan 32, Paul Israel 32, Peter Garn 32, John Eglitis 31, Jim Wade 31, Ray Bollard 30, Ruth Gschwend 30, Ian Kingston 29, Paul Medwin 29, Grant Kiely 29, Bruce Harding 29, Ian Manton 28, David Schmid 28, Leonie Doolan 27, Shane Gschwend 27, Richard Kelly 26 and Peter Coffey 26.



Winner Mark Forrest

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 23rd March 2024

A field of 61 players registered for a Stableford combined medley event.

Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Forrest (14) with 38 points (countback)
- 2nd: Dianne Brown (45) with 38 points
- 3rd: Greg Booth (15) with 36 points (countback)
- 4th: Terry Milliken (22) with 36 points
- 5th: Ray Bollard (6) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:

4A:	Brad Doolan	2.84
4B:	Matthew Kennedy	5.00
4C:	Tony Brown	5.64
6A:	Martin Booth	2.67
6B:	Paul Coffey	0.66
6C:	Terry Milliken	4.44
7A:	John Eglitis	3.06
7B:	Nil	
7C:	Dianne Brown	4.13

Balls went to: Lars Gaupset 35, Michael Coloe 35, Colin Houghton 35, Peter Johnston 34, Lynette McDonell 34, Ian Lawson 33, Steven O'Shea 33, Martin Booth 32, Paul Ferguson 32, Frank Pomfret 32, Anthony Mellick 32, Paul Coffey 32, Mark Haberkorn 32, William Steenbergen 32, Reginald Apps 31, Grant Kiely 31, Ron Rogers 31, Cathy Milliken 31 and Mark O'Connor 31.



Winner Leonie Doolan

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results Tuesday 26th March 2024

A field of 18 players registered for a Stroke and Put 1st Medal round event today. The event was sponsored by Chris Wratten.

The Winners were: Overall Medal Winner: Leonie Doolan (25) with 76 nett.

A Grade Winners: Leonie Doolan (25) with 76 nett, Pam Alexander (30) with 79 nett (countback).

B Grade Winners: Shirley Quinlan (34) with 82 nett (countback). Jennifer Gray (44) with 82 nett.

C Grade Winners: Margaret Downey (45) with 83 nett, Wendy Schmid (45) with 92 nett

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Pauline Nash
- 15th: Cate O'Brien
- 7th: Dorothy Madden (HC 1-35)
Judy Apps (HC 36-45)

Balls went to: Pauline Nash 79, Gail Page 82 and Kerrie Sands 83.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 27th March 2024.



Winner Sandra Hanlon

A field of 43 players registered for a Stableford event today. A light shower of rain fell during the game but the players continued and the weather fined up.

The Winners today were:

- 1st: Sandra Hanlon with 21 points
- 2nd: Shirley Quinlan with 20 points (countback)
- 3rd: Ian Miller with 20 points
- 4th: Terry Milliken with 19 points (countback)
- 5th: Julie Barningham with 19 points
- 6th: Derek Hoare with 19 points
- 7th: Graham Moore with 19 points
- 8th: Rick brake with 18 points

- 9th: Margaret Downey with 18 points
- 10th: Jeanette Miller with 18 points
- 11th: Richard Kelly with 17 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Derek Hoare
- 6th: Ken Hush
- 7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (In the hole)
Mens: Steve Gardner

Accuracy: Cathy Milliken

Bradmans: Greg Thornton

Ken Hush was presented with his Hole in One prizes from a previous game, including a trophy, hat, sponsor prize, bottle of wine and certificates, well done Ken!



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Disposing of expired marine flares

The expired flares collection program provides the boating community with an opportunity to safely dispose of their out of date flares.

What to do with expired flares

Most flares have a use-by date of 3 years and they must be replaced before the expiry date. Flares contain explosive matter which makes safe and legal disposal difficult.

Moruya, Preddys Wharf Road : Saturday, 30 March 2024

10:00 - 11:30am

More locations below

Southern Collections			
Quarantine Bay Boat Ramp, Quarantine Bay Road, Eden	Thursday, 28 March 2024	7:30	9:00
Merimbula Boat Ramp, Arthur Kaine Drive, Merimbula	Thursday, 28 March 2024	10:00	11:30
Kianinny Bay Boat Ramp, Off Kianinny Street, Tathra	Thursday, 28 March 2024	12:30	14:00
Bermagui Harbour Boat Ramp, Off Lamont Street, Bermagui	Thursday, 28 March 2024	15:30	17:30
Good Friday			
Friday, 29 March 2024			
Apex Park Boat Ramp, Centenary Drive, Narooma	Saturday, 30 March 2024	7:30	8:30
Moruya, Preddys Wharf Road	Saturday, 30 March 2024	10:00	11:30
Hanging Rock Boat Ramp, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay	Saturday, 30 March 2024	13:00	14:30
Next to Marine Rescue NSW Base, Off Wason Street, Ulladulla	Saturday, 30 March 2024	16:00	17:30
Woollamia Boat Ramp, Coulon St, Woollamia	Sunday, 31 March 2024	7:30	9:00
Crookhaven Heads Boat Ramp, Culburra Beach	Sunday, 31 March 2024	10:30	12:00
Shoalhaven Heads Boat Ramp, Hay Ave, Shoalhaven Heads	Sunday, 31 March 2024	13:30	15:00
Windang Boat Ramp, Fern Street, Windang	Sunday, 31 March 2024	16:30	17:30
Bellambi Boat Ramp, Robert Cram Drive 2518	Friday, 5 April 2024	12:00	13:30
Port Kembla Boat Ramp, Foreshore Drive (outer harbour)	Friday, 5 April 2024	14:30	16:30

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