



Moruya Mail

FREE Independent News for Moruya & the Eurobodalla

www.moruyamail.com.au

Number 23

5th April 2024



Photo of the week: Stormy clouds and sunshine caught at the Moruya Heads breakwall by Wet & Windy Photos.

INSIDE THIS WEEK

- Walbunja Rangers win NSW Environment Award
- Understanding Council's finance strategy
- Mogo Day Surgery goes into administration
- Dargues Gold Mine at Majors Creek nears closure
- Don't let the flu catch you!

Betta  designer appliances **jaycar**

Batemans Bay

batemansbay@my.betta.com.au
2 Cranbrook Rd,
Batemans Bay, NSW, 2536
02 4472 4462

GO LOCAL
That's Betta!

Betta

Cryst

Betta Brands. Betta Deals. Betta Service.

Letter to the Editor

The Britannica Dictionary Online states - *disinformation is false information that is designed to mislead others and is deliberately spread with the intent to manipulate truth and fact.* As the former member for Bega and Liberal Candidate for Gilmore, Andrew Constance's words and claims [Moruya Mail Online 28th March, page 4], call for scrutiny from the media and questions from the community.

In 2017 when Andrew Constance was the MP for Bega, the NSW Ministry of Health commissioned a review of Surgical and Critical Care Services by the Agency for Clinical Innovation. The findings recommended development of Accident & Emergency and Perioperative services as well as the establishment of a Close Observation Unit with a view to transition to Intensive Care level services within a proposed level 4 regional hospital.

In 2020 as MP for Bega Andrew Constance and his Coalition government made the decision to close the Batemans Bay Emergency department. In 2021 the downgrade of the Batemans Bay Emergency Department began. It became a walk-in service with all ambulance patients being taken to Moruya Hospital.

This post appeared on Andrew Constance Facebook page on November 28 2023.

"Labor's secret decision to close the Batemans Bay emergency department next month is a disgrace. I'm told equipment that was funded by the auxiliary is missing, bit like the two incompetent Labor members of Parliament in Phillips and Holland and Holland is planning on retiring at the next election and was behind the closure of maternity services at Batemans Bay years ago. He is anti Batemans Bay and doesn't care one bit. Phillips doesn't care either and didn't even respond to last nights meeting."

The post was shared by him on the Facebook page 'Don't close Batemans Bay Emergency Department' of Peter Ryan, who only discovered the Batemans Bay Emergency Department was closing in October last year, started a petition and lately has added signs around Batemans Bay saying 'DON'T HAVE A BLOODY CRASH HERE! BATEMANS BAY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPT CLOSING.'

If you are not aware of plans for the new Eurobodalla Level 4 Regional Hospital in Moruya, or if you are new to the area, that sign would be alarming. You may think the local decision makers do not care about your health and safety. The result is anxiety in a community of older and vulnerable people and outrage against the Federal Labor and State Labor MPs, obviously as intended. The concept 'Post Truth' comes to mind - *relating to a situation in which people are more likely to accept an argument based on their emotions and beliefs, rather than on based on facts* - Cambridge Dictionary Online.

In Another post on the February 12 2024 Andrew Constance wrote: *"Got to meet the amazing committee behind the Don't close Batemans Bay Emergency department campaign tonight. 14,000 signatures on the petition and more to come! It's time that all sides of politics get on board to support our community and keep the ED open!"*

As the MP for Bega for nearly 20 years and Cabinet Minister until 2021 and with his knowledge of the recommendations for the development of level 4 Accident & Emergency in the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital in Moruya, Andrew Constance would know that the Batemans Bay level 2 Emergency department cannot be left open in isolation and is not safe without an operating theatre available.

It is understandable and expected that people will have concerns about the closure of the Batemans Bay Emergency Department. The closure means change. Change that many other communities have experienced. Change that requires leadership, discussion and opportunities for people to ask questions, get an understanding and be informed of the facts. The former member for Bega appears to be using disinformation about the closure of the Batemans Bay Emergency Department that his government implemented; in a way that he must think will benefit him politically in Gilmore.

Maureen Searson
Catalina

mm MORUYA MAIL

EDITOR Alex Rea
CONTACT hello@moruyamail.com.au
Ph 0412 444 649

The Moruya Mail is published by Capital Country Coast Pty Ltd

DEADLINE Thursday 12 noon
Publication time: Friday mornings

DISCLAIMER: All content and images remain the property of the Moruya Mail unless otherwise supplied. Views expressed do not reflect those of the publisher.

All care is taken with accuracy and the provision of dates for events but cannot be guaranteed.

To advertise call 0412 444 649
or email hello@moruyamail.com.au

Subscribe to the FREE Weekly Moruya Mail News Editions
Download & Subscribe at www.moruyamail.com.au



WIN THIS EV

Win a MG ZS Essence Electric Vehicle
Valued at \$50,000

Fundraiser for Carers' Accommodation
at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital



Tickets only \$50 each
ONLY 3000 TICKETS AVAILABLE



All ticket enquiries can be made through text or phone to Col Jay 0429 190 299
Drawn following the sale of 3000 tickets
Charity Art Union No: 26731

KEEP MORUYA SAFE

COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

5pm-6.30pm

MORUYA GOLF CLUB AUDITORIUM

See the latest crime statistics for Moruya and help to identify solutions

ALL WELCOME PLEASE JOIN US!

Hosted by Keep Moruya Safe Committee - ratepayers and residents of Moruya

Walbunja Rangers win NSW Environment Awards

The **Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales (NCC)**, the state's leading environmental advocacy organisation, has recognised grassroots conservation groups and individuals in the NSW Environment Awards with the Walbunja Rangers taking home the Marie Byles Award for the most inspiring community action initiative.

The NSW Environment Awards highlights and supports the good work for nature protection taking place across the state.

"There are so many amazing grassroots campaigns across NSW protecting the places we love," said Jacqui Mumford, CEO of Nature Conservation Council NSW.

"The environment movement is made up of countless volunteers who dedicate their time, energy and effort to protecting the stunning natural places of NSW. That is definitely worth celebrating."

"All those nominated and selected as winners demonstrate the heart and drive that goes into fighting the good fight. It's not always an easy path to take and so it's vital that we honour the determination needed to keep showing up to protect nature."

As the peak body for two hundred environment groups, Nature Conservation Council NSW plays a role in supporting on-the-ground local groups to connect to the broader environment movement. The evening was emceed by NCC supporter, author and broadcaster Wendy Harmer.



Walbunja Rangers, Andrew White and Adam Nye demonstrating a burn at ABV's Cultural Burning Conference August 2023. Photo: abv.org.au

The **Walbunja Rangers** Programme was established by the Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council in response to the Black Summer Fires.

Andrew White leads a group of 10-15 young First Nations 'rangers' working on country undertaking cultural burning, pest eradication and species monitoring and conservation on Yuin country in the south of NSW.

Julie Taylor Mills nominated the team for this award, having worked with the team in the aftermath of the Black Summer Fires to apply cultural burning practices on her property on the South Coast.

Since then, Julie has watched the programme grow from strength to strength as more and more young indigenous youth from the area are trained and join the Ranger Programme to provide land management services which address the ecological issues on Walbunja country.

This programme provides a 'win win' solution for both indigenous youth and for habitat, as time honoured ecological management principles are adopted and applied in a way that offers indigenous youth a pathway to employment that honours their culture's ecological knowledge.

They have been trailblazers in implementing and measuring the effects of traditional burning on their own lands long before many other groups have followed on.

Are you ready to be a part of a bank that's...

- ✓ Customer-owned & run solely to benefit our customers
- ✓ All about gold star service
- ✓ Transparent and hassle-free
- ✓ Tech savvy but values people above all
- ✓ Respectful of our coastal communities & environment

New personal & business customers welcome!

Experience the refreshing change of customer-owned banking!

68 Vulcan Street, Moruya ☎ 4474 9800

Business hours: Monday – Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 5pm



Horizon Bank

Let's try and get answers to our questions on the New Eurobodalla hospital

By Fitzroy and Mylene Boulting

Are you dissatisfied with the type of answers we get to our many unanswered questions? All of us share your frustration, and we have decided to act: we are organising our own community-led Q&A Forums across the Eurobodalla, starting with Narooma on April 30th, 5 to 6:30pm, at the Golf Club

Co-hosted by ONE and ROTARY Narooma, the sole focus of this first Forum will be on the New Hospital including,

- Planning/construction updates
- What will be delivered on 'doors opening'
- The significance of having an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in this hospital
- How the new Eurobodalla Level 4 Regional Hospital will change the whole healthcare services scene in our Region, and impact the local economy.

We have secured a genuine Experts Panel including Doctors, Health Executives, NSW Ambulance, Dr Holland MP, Mayor Clr Hatcher and more, ready to reply to questions with clear, factual answers.

And our "Q&A" Forum will have a well-qualified convenor ready to ensure your questions get a proper answer.

To ensure the event gets through as many questions as the 90 minute session allows, we are following the ABC Q&A protocols:

-The Forum organisers are asking for questions to be sent in advance (see link to form below)

-The questions are then sorted and organised by subject to get to a short list for the panel.

This way the Forum will have a structure with related questions following on one after another rather than jumping back and forth at random.

Due to the obvious time constraints involved and the many questions likely to be listed in advance, new questions and/or statements will not be accepted on the day.

So all we need now is for you to send us your question by April 15th, using the form we have prepared:

www.jotform.com/form/240907808911056

You will notice that we are asking for your email address: just like the ABC Q&A, we will contact you if your question has been shortlisted for tabling and arrange for you to personally ask the question from the floor on the day. Remember : the deadline for sending your question is April 15!

And come and get your answer at the Narooma Golf Club at 5pm sharp on Tuesday April 30.

Concerned Batemans Bay residents prepare to present 17,000 Petition signatures to Parliament

By Peter Ryan – Campaign President

A ground swell of support from concerned Batemans Bay residents and holiday visitors has resulted in over 17,000 signatures for a Petition to Parliament to keep Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department open. Planning has now locked in **Monday 22nd April 2024 at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club** from 5.30pm to present the signatures to NSW Parliament.

Postcode 2536 residents are surprised at the decision to close their Hospital & Emergency Department when the new Eurobodalla Hospital. "There appears to have been a lot of assumptions that local residents had been properly consulted and informed of the decision – nothing could be further from the truth" states organiser Peter Ryan. "Furthermore, it is also evident that front line staff, Doctors, nurses, health workers, Ambulance staff, local elders were either not consulted or listened to".

The signatures were gained over a relative short period of more than 3 months. The community, once they became aware of the situation have become very involved with collection of signatures, suggestions & support.

A number of meetings with local State member & Southern Area Health has failed to date to get any changes to the decision to close Batemans Bay Hospital & Emergency Department when the new Eurobodalla Hospital opens. This is despite the fact that there appears no chance of the Moruya bypass being commenced anytime in the foreseeable future & that the new hospital will open as a Level 3 (with the aim & capacity to move to Level 4 at some stage).

NSW Health statistical information has driven the support & signatures including the confirmed fact that Batemans Bay Emergency Department currently accounts for 58% of total Shire presentations & that almost 60% of the Shire population lives North of the Moruya River. The majority of age care facilities are also located North of the Moruya with more development planned.

Postcode 2536 not only enjoys a large influx of visitors all year round but have a booming population which includes a large number proportion of retirees and elderly.

"Presentation of the signatures is planned to be a public event to enable the people who have supported the campaign to be part of the presentation. We are inviting our residents to join us at our event to present the Petition signatures to NSW Parliament plus receive an update on the campaign" states Peter Ryan

Invited guests include Dr Michael Holland (local State MP), Fiona Phillips (Member for Gilmore) & Margaret Bennett (CEO Southern Area Health).

ADELAIDE HOTEL MORUYA



Where you're part of the family

Lunch and dinner
7 days a week

Courtesy bus available
call 44 742 084
for bookings



36 - 38 Vulcan Street, Moruya, ph 02 4474 2084

Understanding Council's finance strategy



Eurobodalla Council's finance director Stephanie Speedy and General Manager Warwick Winn. Photo ESC

Eurobodalla Council's General Manager Warwick Winn will embark on another round of financial updates for the community, starting in Narooma on Tuesday 9 April.

Warwick will be accompanied by finance director Stephanie Speedy and Mayor Mathew Hatcher.

Mr Winn says its important residents understand Council's financial situation and what is being done to stabilise budgets and find a path to financial sustainability.

"Last year in May we publicly outlined our financial situation, and that is, we are facing a serious and ongoing deficit in our general fund.

"Almost 12 months on, we're ready to explain to the community the strategy we've developed and the actions we've taken already to step our way out of this.

"We are focused on core business and have managed to reduce the operating deficit by carefully reprioritising and staging our annual work plans," Mr Winn explained.

"We're also using grant funds to support already programmed works and services, rather than adding extra projects to our to-do list.

"We'll explain the internal budget re-set conducted right across Council early this year; the savings we've made and the service changes we'll propose for 2024-25 as a result."

Mayor Mathew Hatcher said the General Manager and staff have the full support of councillors as the "living within our means" mindset beds in.

"Councillors want to leave the organisation in better financial shape than we found it," he said.

"I encourage residents to come along and hear first-hand from Warwick and Steph how we're going about that."

Community members who would like to hear more are invited to attend. Each session is one hour and includes time for questions and discussion. Light refreshments will be served from 5.15pm with the presentation to start at 5.30pm. Bookings not required – just show up.

- **Tuesday 9 April, 5.15pm, Narooma Library**
- **Thursday 11 April, 5.15pm, Moruya Library**
- **Tuesday 23 April, 5.15pm, Batemans Bay Library**

Mr Winn and Ms Speedy will host a further round of financial talks with the community in May to focus on Council's draft 2024-25 budget while it is on public exhibition. Further details will be provided closer to the time.



HELLO EV OWNER AND WELCOME TO EuroBEV!

SHASA

South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance has formed EuroBEV

Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles.

After a wonderful turnout at our 1st gathering we will continue to meet 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. We want to share the love of driving our EV and exchange stories and valuable tips on owning an EV.

Our next gathering will be a luncheon to be held at the DROMEDARY HOTEL 14 Bate St CENTRAL TILBA on Sunday 25 May at 12noon.

For more information and/or to RSVP please email Andrew Everard andrew.john.everard@gmail.com

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US !

Outreach

Free legal advice appointments for the Eurobodalla

Thursday 11 April

- Moruya

Tuesday 30 April

- Batemans Bay



For more information regarding these outreach dates contact us at:



Call us:

1800 229 529



Visit our Website at:

shoalcoast.org.au

NSW Government unveils innovative flood and storm intelligence project

In a nation-leading trial that could help protect communities during severe weather events, the NSW Government is testing technology that harnesses artificial intelligence (AI) and the mobile phone network to predict the possible impacts of flooding.

The **NSW State Emergency Service (SES) has partnered with researchers from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS)** and TPG Telecom to develop and test network sensing technology, which extracts localised weather information including rainfall, water levels and river flows using signals transmitted on the communications network.

Real-time weather information is combined with historical Bureau of Meteorology data and flood information, with a 4D visualisation made possible through the NSW Spatial Digital Twin (SDT) to demonstrate changes to the landscape and built environment.

The SDT allows for large amounts of data to be visualised in 3D and 4D models and to understand and analyse the data through detailed analytics.

Artificial intelligence could then be used to predict risks to infrastructure and communities, paving the way for the NSW SES to potentially use the data for the rapid dissemination of information to affected communities through targeted alerts. While still in development, the technology could be transformational for emergency services.

Currently, accurate real-time information can be challenging to obtain due to the number of flood sensors, sensor network coverage and network outages during weather events.

In addition to rainfall and water levels, real-time environmental data including wind and landslide information, can be combined with historical flood information to better predict the risk of floods and storms to communities.

Testing of the technology is underway along Sydney's Parramatta and Georges Rivers and will continue as the centrepiece project of UTS and TPG's new Network Sensing Lab.

The Flood and Storm Intelligence Sensing project is funded through Transport for NSW's Smart Places Acceleration Program, a special reservation of the Digital Restart Fund, administered by the Department of Customer Service.

The project builds on cross-agency work on improving flood warnings, and the State Disaster Mitigation Plan which flags early warning systems as a priority for the NSW Government.

Click here for Youtube explanation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsi7-fibUu4&t=22s>

Mogo Day Surgery goes into administration

Chad Rapsey of Rapsey Griffiths Turnaround + Advisory, was appointed Voluntary Administrator of the Company that owns the Mogo Day Surgery on 2 April 2024.

Mr Rapsey said "Voluntary administration (VA) is a process designed to resolve the future of a company that is, or is likely to become, insolvent (unable to pay its debts as and when they fall due). VA gives a company a chance to consider its financial position and options for its future.

All procedures have been placed on hold whilst the future of the business is determined. I am currently seeking expressions of interest from other parties to take the business forward" said Mr Rapsey.

Around 17 staff have lost their jobs and patients will have to travel to Bega, Nowra or Canberra for procedures.

Heavy rain falls along parts of coast, SES respond to more than 800 incidents.

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) is advising people to stay indoors and avoid unnecessary travel as significant rainfall impacts much of the NSW east coast.

A severe storm warning is in place for communities from Gosford in the north, to Batemans Bay in the south, across to Goulburn, with damaging winds and very heavy rain possible.

Meanwhile, residents on the Bellingen River at Thora and Darkwood have been advised to prepare for isolation.

Residents in these communities may find themselves cut off by flood water and without power, water and other essential services.

Over the last 24 hours, SES crews have responded to 823 incidents, including seven flood rescues. The majority of calls have been for leaking roofs, fallen trees and assisting with sandbagging of properties. There have been no reports of significant injury or infrastructure damage to date.

NSW SES Assistant Commissioner Sean Kearns said conditions are likely to worsen over the next few hours.

"There's potential for very large downpours of rain between the Blue Mountains and Narooma, which could lead to life-threatening flash flooding," Assistant Commissioner Kearns said.

"Please exercise caution and if you come across a flooded road, please do not drive through floodwater. Obey all warning signs and listen to the directions of emergency services." NSW A flood watch is also active for potential riverine flooding in 32 catchments along the east coast, from the Orara River in the North to the Bega River in the South, as well as parts of the Lachlan and Upper Macintyre Rivers.

Across NSW, there are currently 45 warnings. Two of these are at the 'Watch and Act' level, with the remainder at 'Advice' level.

For the latest warning information please download the Hazards Near Me app, or visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au



Need to get the word out about your business?

Sponsor a page on the Moruya Mail

Email for advertising rates hello@moruyamail.com.au

SAGE Food Share, has grown from once a month to once a week

Food shares are an opportunity to share excess fresh or dried produce, preserves, seeds and stories. You don't have to be a backyard grower to come along, in fact, coming empty handed is encouraged! The aim is to connect with community and foster local food resiliency. You might gain variety and inspiration to your diet; you'll be going green by lowering food miles and reducing plastic waste, and you'll likely pick up food grown with no chemicals- and that's a win for your health. Ideas of things to bring are: excess produce, eggs, seedlings/seeds, cookbooks and gardening books, preserves, and plants that you have divided. Anything food related is fair game at a SAGE Food Share!

More See <https://www.sageproject.org.au/pages/community-food-at-sage-garden>

Plenty of free fun to be had these Autumn school holidays

Cosplay workshops, laser tag and inflatable obstacle courses are some of the many activities available for regional youth these Autumn school holidays, thanks to the NSW Government's Holiday Break Program.

Young people will be able to expand their horizons during the break with more than 140 programs, ranging from basketball tournaments to colour runs and skateboard clinics.

The Holiday Break Program has made it easier for young people and their parents and carers to find activities near them via the interactive map, where you can see what's on locally in your region.

Department of Regional NSW Acting Director Charlotte Frew said the programs funded under the Holiday Break Program cover a variety of interests to provide social and recreational outlets and to help young people in regional areas become more involved in their local communities.

"The Holiday Break program proves that living in the regions is no barrier for young people being offered opportunities to try new things with a broad range of programs planned for the Autumn holidays.

"Our relationship with local community organisations will deliver activities that allow young people to hone their artistic skills, explore new interests or get moving with fun physical activities over the Autumn school holidays."

Now in its fifth year, the Holiday break program offers young people aged 12 -24 in regional NSW opportunities to socialise, learn new skills and have fun with sport and recreation camps, creative activities and more during the school holidays.

To see what is on offer in your local area and plan your holiday activities, visit our interactive map at nsw.gov.au/holidaybreak

SAGE Food Shares – March, April and May 2024

Saturday 16 March 10am - 11am	SAGE Garden, 110 Queen Street Moruya
Tuesday 26 March 11:45am - 12.45pm	Red Door Hall Community Lunch St. John's Commons, Page St. Moruya
Friday 12 April 9.30am - 10.30am	The Repair Cafe, Red Door Hall St. John's Commons, Page St. Moruya
Sunday 7 April 3.30pm to 4.30pm	SAGE Garden, 110 Queen St. Moruya
Saturday 20 April 10am - 11am	SAGE Garden, 110 Queen Street Moruya
Tuesday 23 April 11:45am - 12.45pm	Red Door Hall Community Lunch St John's Commons, Page St. Moruya
Sunday 5 May 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SAGE Garden 110 Queen Street Moruya
Friday 10 May 9.30am - 10.30am	The Repair Cafe, Red Door Hall St. John's Commons, Page St. Moruya
Saturday 18 May 10am - 11am	SAGE Garden 110 Queen Street Moruya
Tuesday 28 May 11:45am - 12.45pm	Red Door Hall Community Lunch St John's Commons, Page St. Moruya



Moruya Waterfront
Hotel Motel

**MORUYA
BLUES & ROOTS
FESTIVAL**

APRIL 12 - 14 • 2024

ADULT TIX FROM \$69 + BF | ALL AGES WELCOME
FRIDAY 12TH TO SUNDAY 14TH APRIL | OVER 14 ARTISTS



What's on at the
Waterfront Hotel Moruya

1 - 5 Princes Hwy, Moruya (02) 4474 4399

Orphan Music & Moruya Waterfront Hotel Presents...

The fourth annual Moruya Blues & Roots Festival is happening and we are EXCITED! Moruya Blues & Roots Festival is quickly becoming the best known mini fest on the South Coast and is back for another year! Spread over 3 days and set on the banks of the beautiful Moruya River, Moruya Blues & Roots features a world-class lineup in an intimate setting! We have sold out every year since we kicked off so get in quick!

TIX ON SALE NOW VIA HUMANTIX!

Friday 12th to the 14th of April

Adult Tickets from \$69 + BF

Bus Tickets Via Broulee/Tomakin/Malua Bay/

Catalina into Batemans Bay \$15

Tickets On Sale Here: <https://loom.ly/Qof7A0k>

NATHAN CAVALERI

19-TWENTY • HATZ FITZ & CARA
THE SPINDRIFT SAGA • THE SUNBEARS
PETE CORNELIUS • SUNDAY LEMONADE
CLAUDE HAY & THE KUNG FU MUSTARD
SMOKE STACK RHINO • PIPER BUTCHER
JAMES SOUTHWELL BAND
MAC TANGO • ALL THE FUSS

\$6.55 billion per year funding gap in rural communities Medicare's missing part?

Very Brief History

By Dr Arn Sprogis

The history of Medibank/Medicare parallels my own history as an adult, particularly as a GP. Through its entire period I have seen the good that has been achieved for the community but also seen how several issues which were obvious but deliberately ignored at the outset have produced the funding gap in rural and regional communities.

In 1972 as part of the "ITS TIME" election campaign the Labor party announced it would provide no or low cost universal health care through a new health financing system called Medibank. This was a response to the fact that at least 30% of the population had little or no access to subsidised health care and public hospitals means tested access to care. Overall, poorer people couldn't afford to pay for health care and Labor committed itself to equity of financial access. The Medibank system included the abolition fees for public hospital care. But soon after Medibank started in 1975, Labor lost government and Medibank was abolished by the Fraser government to be replaced by a clunky health insurance scheme.

In 1984 the incoming Hawke government started Medicare and this has continued for the following 40 years with very strong public and over time bipartisan political support. Medibank/Medicare was one of Australia's great policy reforms and gave a high degree financial support for health services equally to all Australians but it has failed to give equity of access, that is, the money was there but the service wasn't.

Missing Rural Part - The Money Follows the Providers

In 1984 when Medicare came in, I had been a busy rural GP for about 3 years. GPs were still the majority of medical clinicians and were distributed reasonably well around the country, the initial rebate fee was reasonable, and the process simpler for both doctors and patients. Getting a job as a city GP was difficult and expensive so many GPs went bush and even then, there was competition for rural jobs. Bulkbilling as an option rapidly expanded in general practice.

What could go wrong?

In the rush to bring back Medicare no one thought about where most doctors, including GPs would prefer to work. The answer came over the first 5 years, the ability to bulk bill and set up a practice where you wanted meant the flow of GPs to the country dried up as they stayed in their home cities and rural practices rapidly started to shrink in size. This has continued for 40 years with a continuing relative reduction in rural workforce and therefore a relative increase in funding to city populations.

Over that entire period governments of all types ignored the problem.

Action Needed Now:

1. Medicare money follows the doctors (and more recently some primary care practitioners) and not the patient.
2. there has been no serious attempt over 40 years to make the money follow where the patients live.
3. there must be at least a \$6.55 billion per year funding redistribution to rural communities as a matter of urgency to begin the process of improving rural patients access to healthcare to city levels.

More than 100 women receive help from the South Eastern NSW Endometriosis & Pelvic Pain Clinic

In its first six months of operation, the South Eastern NSW Endometriosis & Pelvic Pain Clinic, located at Milton Medical Centre, has assisted more than 100 women aged between 13 years and 83. The clinic is accessible by GP referral or self-referral to the service.

Ms Prudence Buist, CEO of COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN said: "We are delighted with the Milton team's success in improving the provision of diagnosis, treatment and management of endometriosis and pelvic pain for women in South Eastern NSW.

"The Milton clinic is one of seven in New South Wales and one of 22 across Australia funded by the Australian Government. We are committed to promoting the service so more women can access care and support they need, free of charge," said Ms Buist.

Dr Katie Macartney, GP at Milton Medical Centre is a member of the Clinic's team and said; "I didn't expect to see so many people and for it to have such a large effect on people's lives. I also didn't anticipate how much I would enjoy providing the service."

"Women seem to appreciate both the clinical care in the clinic as well as the education program. We've assisted women with vulvodynia, dyspareunia, endometriosis, fibroids, polycystic ovarian syndrome, prolapse, irritable bowel, urinary problems, as well as the comorbidities that might go with endometriosis and pelvic pain. Things like anxiety, depression, mental health conditions, migraines and back pain," said Dr Macartney. Ms Susan Wilford, Specialist Women's Health CNC for the service said: "Women mostly want to be listened to and supported and given some education regarding treatment options and management plans."

"We cover from Helensburgh down to the Victorian border, across to the snowy mountains and up to Goulburn. Some choose to travel here because they prefer face-to-face care, but most women who live more than an hour away are choosing to access our help via telehealth."

"The education program is either available face-to-face or online via Microsoft Teams. We live stream it on Monday evenings, and we have five health professionals for the first five weeks. This includes a psychologist, clinical psychosexual therapist, a nutritionist, a pelvic floor physiotherapist, and a gynaecologist who specialises in endometriosis and fertility treatment. The last five weeks are yoga and meditation sessions. A summary regarding progress is shared with the patient's regular GP once a patient completes the education program," said Ms Wilford.

The South Eastern NSW Endometriosis & Pelvic Pain Clinic plans to offer more education programs for health professionals, as well as for the community. They've held an education program for health professionals with a clinical psychosexual therapist and have also provided some education with local public high school students.

Ms Wilford added, "I really hope that more women realise we are here and can access the care and support we provide. The initial appointment and any follow up appointments with myself or with our GP are free thanks to the Government grant. The education sessions are also free of charge."

The clinic is accessible by GP referral or self-referral to the service. Patients can book an appointment via email: endo@miltonmedical.com.au or phone: 02 4455 5755.

WILLINGA PARK



GOLD BUCKLE CAMPDRAFT CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



Photo Deanne Griffin



1-4 MAY 2024 | BAWLEY POINT, SOUTH COAST NSW

Featuring Junior and Juvenile Drafts, The Cut-Out Competition, Ladies Dash for Cash, the exciting State of Origin and the anticipated Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship.

An exciting program has been crafted over four days and will attract the best riders in the country. The events are not only exciting for competitors, but they are also thrilling for spectators!

For information and tickets - www.willingapark.com.au

Supporting rural leaders

A statewide search is underway for five bright young minds from rural communities as NSW Farmers opens applications for its 2024 Tertiary Scholarships.

Each worth \$4000 annually, the NSW Farmers 2024 Tertiary Scholarships will be awarded to members or their children to support their university or vocational qualification in a field relevant to regional and rural Australia.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Chair Deb Charlton said the scholarship program aimed to foster the future of rural Australia by providing five young leaders with the opportunity to excel in their field.

"As the state's peak farming body, we have made a commitment to help the next generation access the wealth of opportunities and careers that exist in rural Australia – and this scholarship program is one of the key means by which we can open these doors," Mrs Charlton said.

"Rural Australia has huge potential, and the future success of these communities truly lies in the hands of the talented younger generation coming through.

"Investing in skill development and building capacity is essential if we want our future leaders to find their passion and get the head start they need to achieve their goals." 2022 scholarship recipient Jessica Ryan said the program was a key stepping stone that enabled her to unlock new resources and experiences as a young farmer entering the agricultural industry.

"Winning the NSW Farmers E.L. O'Brien Scholarship was an important step to my future in agriculture, providing the financial support needed to further my studies and fuel my ambitions for a career in the industry," Ms Ryan said.

"Joining NSW Farmers opened up amazing opportunities and support – it's about being part of a community that understands and shares your passion for agriculture.

"The scholarship and support from NSW Farmers have been vital in my educational journey, offering invaluable insights and connections that propel my passion for making a difference in farming."

Applications for the Tertiary Scholarships program close on May 5, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, commitment to agriculture and rural communities, and all-round ability including leadership qualities and communication skills. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

Don't let the flu catch you!

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is urging all eligible Australians to get their flu shot following an alarming number of flu cases across the country.

In the first quarter of 2024 there were 26,836 influenza cases reported by the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS).

By February, case numbers were already double the number than what was reported the same time last year.

Pharmacy Guild National President Professor Trent Twomey says Australians should get ahead of the flu season and get their vaccination now.

"The flu season typically runs from May to October," Professor Twomey said.

"However, flu vaccines for the 2024 season are available now in community pharmacies across Australia.

"Community pharmacies stand ready to administer vaccines around the country and in Queensland, the state government is providing the flu vaccine to all residents aged 6 months and over for free until September 30.

"While in Western Australia the state government has announced free flu vaccinations to all West Australians aged six months and over during the months of May and June," he said. Professor Twomey said that getting vaccinated ahead of the flu season is important for protecting yourself and your loved ones from the flu and its complications.

"Although the vaccine will last throughout the year, it is most effective in the first three to four months following its administration."

According to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), people who received an influenza vaccine in late 2023 are still recommended to get the flu vaccine in 2024.

ATAGI also advises that flu vaccines can be given on the same day as other vaccines, such as COVID.

The Australian Government funds influenza vaccines for eligible patients under the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Further information will be available from the Department of Health and Aged Care when NIP-funded influenza vaccines become available.

Ask your community pharmacist about your flu vaccine or visit www.findapharmacy.com.au to book an appointment.

Dr. Michael Holland MP
Member for Bega
"Serving Our Community"

For State Government matters please contact my office
 bega@parliament.nsw.gov.au
 (02) 6492 2056 or visit 22 Carp Street Bega NSW 2550

Authorised by Dr Michael Holland MP funded using Parliamentary Entitlements February 2024

The Social Outfit wins coveted Gold National Banksia Sustainability Award

Banksia Foundation

An initiative helping migrant and refugee women kick-start their Australian careers in fashion while also reducing textile waste has taken out this year's Gold National Banksia Sustainability Award.

The 35th National Banksia Sustainability Awards celebrates trailblazers in environmental and social sustainability, with winners across 14 categories announced at a gala event in Melbourne on Thursday, 4 April.

The Social Outfit was also awarded the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award sponsored by L'Oréal, winners of the 2022 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award.

Banksia Foundation CEO Graz van Egmond said this was the first year a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award winner had taken out the coveted Gold Banksia.

"It's an important milestone for our awards. We often think about sustainability through a purely environmental lens, but social sustainability is also critical," Ms van Egmond said. "The Social Outfit's work delivers both environmentally and social sustainability, and our judges couldn't look past it."

Judges noted the 'tangible impacts' of The Social Outfit's work across a range of Sustainable Development Goals, suggesting they serve as a model for other organisations to create broad social and sector impact.

Ms van Egmond said two other finalists from the apparel and textiles sector were also recognised on the night for their social impact, with Bared Footwear and Underwear for Humanity singled out as award winners. "These results show the great work underway in an often-maligned sector."

Finalists from the travel, agriculture, infrastructure, banking, conservation and emergency services sectors were also announced as winners, including the Reconnect Project, a social enterprise closing Australia's digital divide and training a new generation of repairers - winner of the Circular Economy Award.

Other winners include:

- A sustainability model reducing the carbon emissions of the ACT's emergency services
 - A campaign putting a stop to commercial gill net fishing in the Great Barrier Reef
 - A collaborative management partnership improving the health of Victoria's water catchments and their biodiversity
- "It's fantastic to see so many organisations - both big and small - from across the Australian economy be recognised as true champions of sustainability and social impact" said Ms van Egmond.



"Banksia is delighted to recognise the positive environmental and social impacts of this year's winners and finalists, and we urge them to make further progress towards sustainable development."

A full list of the winners is available to view on the [Banksia Foundation website](#).

About The Social Outfit, NSW

The Social Outfit is a fashion label with a difference. They believe in an Australia where refugees and new migrants are warmly welcomed and settle well, celebrating diversity and collective skills and strengths.

Founded in 2014, The Social Outfit is a registered charity operating a work integration social enterprise. They aim to support women in launching their Australian careers and create ethical, sustainable fashion that is celebratory by design. Showcasing the skills creativity and strengths of refugee and migrant women.

They do this through their retail clothing store and ethical manufacturing workroom in Sydney's Inner West. 85% of the garments are made from fabric diverted from landfill, saving over 14 tonnes to date.

As of the end of 2023, The Social Outfit have trained over 850 and provided employment to 97 women from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

For 81% of women who have worked with them, The Social Outfit was their first Australian job.

TALKING TRASH

You are invited to

THE OPENING OF THE
RFR COMMUNITY SOLAR
REUSE CENTRE
AT THE MORUYA
TRANSFER STATION
FEATURING
WASTE ART EXHIBITION
TALKING TRASH
JOIN US FOR LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS
11AM SATURDAY
APRIL 13TH

WWF

REPURPOSING
for RESILIENCE

euobodalia

TALKING TRASH

WASTE ART EXHIBITION

April 13th

Artists

Anne Bruce
Dean Malpas
Michelle Peterson
Lois Selby
Megan Small
Albert Tot

REPURPOSING
for RESILIENCE

Dargues Gold Mine at Majors Creek nears closure



Dargues Gold Mine, situated at the headwaters of the Deua/Moruya Rivers will close this year.

Mining operations at the Dargues Mine will cease this year as the final identified ore reserves are mined and processed. Owner and operator of the mine, Aurelia Metals advises it anticipates Dargues will complete mining and cease production operations during first quarter of the financial year 2025, with last ore extracted and processing expected to be completed by 31 July 2024.

Mine closure planning activities are well progressed. This phase includes plant decommissioning, closure of underground workings, surface operations and infrastructure demobilisation, sale of assets and final landform planning.

Closure studies are already underway, including material characterisation and erosion modelling to inform the final design for the capping of the tailings storage facility (TSF). Preparation of underground workings for mine closure includes removal of fans, ladderways, power and communications as active mining ceases at the lower levels.

The closure scope for Dargues Mine centres on earthworks and rehabilitation of the mining, TSF and surface operations area as shown in the image.

The closure phase will see a departure from being a 24-hour operation to day shift only with a minimal workforce.

Dargues is required to meet rehabilitation obligations including establishment of a free draining rehabilitated TSF, biodiversity offset areas, ecologically viable vegetation communities and sustainable grazing pasture. Aurelia Metals will also investigate alternative options for post mining sustainable land use subject to planning regulations and community consultation.

The rehabilitation phase is anticipated to take approximately seven years and is to be signed off in stages by the NSW Resources Regulator before the site can be fully relinquished. Long-term biodiversity and environmental monitoring such as surface and ground water monitoring will continue throughout this period. Community consultation will be of utmost importance to us during the closure process and the community will be provided with regular updates as we progress.

DARGUES MINE OPEN DAY

Dargues will be holding an 'Open Day' on 19 May 2024.

Members of the public are invited to the site for tours of the mine, including a bus tour of the processing plant and operational mining areas, stalls, a sausage sizzle and other fun activities.

Everyone is welcome and this will be a family friendly event with large underground mine vehicles parked up on surface for the kids (and big kids) to enjoy.

Buses will run to and from the site from the Majors Creek Recreation Reserve ground throughout the day from 10am. Parking is available at the Reserve.

Tickets are free and available using the booking link here:

[Dargues Mine Open Day | Humanitix](#)



Need to get the word out about your business?

Sponsor a page on the Moruya Mail

Email for advertising rates hello@moruyamail.com.au



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

So a bunch of louts in a car shouted vile, racist abuse at Eddie Betts' kids as they played in their backyard basketball court. So what?

Some will say it's a storm in a teacup and we should mark it down as just another jibe in the endless argument between those who value Aboriginal Australia against the colonial forces that occupied and transformed the continent. That it happened at Easter and supplanted the usual stories of 'hope' and 'Christian charity' is irrelevant. Well, maybe so. But I wonder. There's something about Eddie Betts and his kids that takes it beyond the daily dispute between the contending forces. Indeed, regular readers will recall my hope during the Voice referendum when Noel Pearson and Stan Grant lowered their profiles that a figure would step forward and 'cometh the hour, cometh the man or woman' to encapsulate the cause.

Eddie was not one to push himself forward. But since the louts chose him and his family to vent their racist spleen, he is also one never to take a backward step in defence of his children or to fire a shot between the posts. He is beloved by AFL fans, especially in Adelaide and Carlton where he gave the best years of his sporting life...and now as a commentator Eddie is an acute and generous judge of his fellow players.

In his own way, he represents the 'religion' that really motivates the masses of Australia in the great houses of worship we call the MCG and its other capital equivalents. Moreover, it's not only our own Australian game that draws the faithful. Who could forget the Pre-Easter TV broadcast dialogue between old rugby league heroes Andrew Johns and Brad Fittler.

Johns: "What's the biblical thing this weekend again?"

Fittler: "Something about not eating meat on Sunday. Or is it Monday?"

There was a time when all one could find on Good Friday television was a replay of The Robe or an organ recital from some Anglican cathedral. Now at least we get a service of our one or other of our footy codes with so many Aboriginal stars in each.

PM Anthony Albanese desperately wants to bring the Aboriginal people into the constitutional fold on his watch. One way back might well be a small committee of Aboriginal reps from each State – chaired by Eddie Betts – to recommend the way forward. It need not be a great leap to a Voice, but rather a simple incorporation into the Constitution at the next election.

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton actually promised just such a commitment in the wake of the referendum loss last September, but then walked the proposal back in October when the louts in his own party warned him Albanese might just take him on it.

But is he really going to side with the creeps who shouted "Niggers" at Eddie Betts's kids?

robert@robertmacklin.com



South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1188

Is Modular Housing the Solution?

Modular homes aren't new in Australia. Indeed, there are many small companies making beautiful modular homes, many of which are very bespoke. While they aren't new, they also haven't been popular enough for any of the major builders to take up the concept and build them on mass. Construction giant Mirvac has been looking at them over the last couple of years as they may be one possibility of assisting with the housing crisis. Traditional home building is very labour intensive, and it is estimated Australia needs 90,000 extra construction workers to meet the government's housing targets. Ironically, to bring them in from overseas would add to the housing and rental crisis. Something has to change, and The Australian reported this week that Minister for Industry and Science Ed Husic said for the first time, governments were working together to take a "serious look" at modular housing.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS





A Beer with Bazz # 151

With
John
Longhurst

Mick rubbed his chin, considered his half empty schooner and leaned forward.

“Yeah, Yeah.....Nah Bazza. I hear what you are saying and it is the same stuff every crackpot leftie repeats as they sip their Chardonnay or more likely Beaujolais. If Donald Trump is all the things your mates say he is..... well..... now... listen up, Bazza... why is he still popular and highly likely to take back the Presidency come November?”

Mick took a long sip, leaned back, stretched his shoulders and chuckled.

Bazza’s eyes went skywards.

“A good question, Mick. There is no doubt about his popularity in the USA. I find it quite frightening. I can only put it down to the very clever use of propaganda and repetition.”

Mick raised both eyebrows.

“Ah... there has got to be more to it than just repeating a couple of porkies, Bazza?”

Bazza creased his eyes, sighed deeply and took a measured sip.

“I think we can agree that the world at the moment is a most uncertain place. There are wars in Ukraine and Gaza with no end in sight and a possibility of them being extended. It makes people nervous.”

Mick nodded.

“Not to mention problems closer to home....interest rate hikes, cost of living and housing affordability and all thanks to your mate, Albo.”

Bazza shook his head.

“You don’t miss an opportunity, Mick, but...let’s stick with Trump. Propaganda works best when people are anxious and vulnerable. It is more than just telling a few porkies. Effective propaganda, exaggerates a smidgeon of truth, or possible truth, to influence or change people’s opinions and behaviour. I reckon Donald Trump has done a good job of convincing his followers that the whole establishment from the judiciary through to the bureaucracy, as well as mainstream media, are after him. It is as though the actual facts or law breaches no longer matter. In fact, every new charge or accusation he faces now fuels the view he is being mercilessly attacked. Any truth is dismissed as fake news.”

Bazza took a long sip.

“You know, Mick... a CNBC analysis of President Trump’s tweets since he was inaugurated found that his most popular and frequent posts largely spread disinformation and distrust*.”

Mick shook his head as Bazza leaned in.

“On top of that, Mick is the use of repetition. By taking a complex problem and reducing it to a simple slogan such as ‘Make America Great Again’ reassures people when it is continually repeated. The same tactic worked well for Tony Abbott when he was Opposition Leader. He will forever be associated with ‘Stop the Boats’ or ‘Axe the Tax’. Repetition has a power of its own but it does not create truth.”

Mick clicked his tongue and drained his schooner.

“Propaganda and repetition eh, Bazza?... now let’s change the subject and talk about Easter.”

Bazza smiled widely.

“Well the story of Easter is another good example of....”

*<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/01/13/trump-tweets-legacy-of-lies-misinformation-distrust.html>

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

BOOK A TECH TALK

FOR YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY GROUP

2024

www.theTecExec.com.au



Trish Pye Digital Literacy Trainer
Phone: 1300 366 802

100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



05-04-1924

Mr. D. Skehan (foreman), and his gang of men are making rapid progress with the formation of the truck line from Cameron's quarry to the breakwater.

On his recent visit here Mr. J. J. Bradfield, Chief Engineer for the North Shore Bridge, said that the name Moruya would not only be placed on the map of N.S.W. but that it would be placed on the map of the world.

Undoubtedly Moruya has become famous. Moruya granite which has been pronounced the best in the world, has been selected to build the abutments, etc., of the largest bridge in the world, and now we have broken the record in the reception of the wireless through Dr. Cutler hearing a musical programme from California - a distance of 6,000 miles.

A flying gang of linemen with a van and pair of horses have been at work here during the week erecting new telegraph poles and stays.

Hundreds of people visited the Heads on Sunday to witness operations in connection with the removal of the wreck of the Benandra, but were disappointed.

Moruya is in an unenviable position at present through its river being blocked by the wreck. Our food supplies are now being rationed out.

On Monday morning a pretty wedding was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, Moruya, when Ivy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ball, of Mullenderree, was married to Roy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Towers, of Mynora, the Rev. Father E. Donovan officiating. The bride was given away by her father and attended by her sister, Miss Lily Ball. Mr. Allen Innes acted as best man. The wedding breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's parents, after which Mr. and Mrs. Towers left for Kiama.

Mr. P. Mills, C.P.S., has kindly supplied us with the following statistics for the quarter ending 31st March, 1924:- Births, 11 females, 8 males, total 19; deaths, 1 female, 6 males; marriages 5.

Constable James Constable, who has been camping at Congo, found on the beach the pocket-book belonging to **William Ward, the ill-fated passenger** on the Benandra. The book was forwarded to the police.

Mr. Craven, Inspector-in-chief of Bondi Life Saving Association, is expected to arrive in Moruya on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday members of the Shire Council and Progress Association and any of the public interested will accompany Mr. Craven to the South beach, where he will give a demonstration.

Owing to our Port being closed to shipping local store supplies are becoming depleted. In order to meet immediate requirements, the store keepers are getting a consignment of necessities by the Bateman's Bay steamer, the cost of the extra freight by lorry to Moruya being borne at present by some of our business people.



Need to get the word out about your business?
Sponsor a page on the Moruya Mail
 Email for advertising rates hello@moruyamail.com.au

Fungal Wizardry for beginners in Moruya

SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 from 9:30am-1pm

Moruya Memorial Hall, 11 Page St.

Urban Kulture is back on the East Coast for the 2024 EAST COAST WORKSHOP TOUR to deliver their two beginner hands on mushroom cultivation workshops in person. Join Urban Kulture for either the '5 Minute Mushroom Kit' (Level 1) or the '5 Minute Grain Spawn' (Level 2) or make the most of the value deal and attend both.

5 Minute Mushroom Kit:

A short course on making mushroom grow kits from grain spawn (Level 1).

This is our introductory gourmet and medicinal mushroom cultivation course.

It's 'all you need to know, to get you growing as fast as possible.'

Here's what you need to know:

The Lingo... The 5 words you need to know to start speaking mushroom cultivation.

The Technique... Learn to create your very own mushroom growing kits in only 5 minutes.

The Aftercare... How to successfully ignore your kits as they do their thing.

The Fruiting... The part where you grow the mushrooms!

The Multiple Harvests... How to get as many mushrooms out of your kits as possible.

The Supplies... What to get and where to get it from.

After the presentation, you will make 2 x mushroom grow kits to take home with you! (Value \$35).

You will also receive access to the '5-minute mushroom kit' community group on our website for continued learning and access to a recording of the presentation.

There is no specialised or expensive equipment needed for this technique.

Not only will you have all the mushrooms you can eat, you will never need to buy another birthday or Christmas gift again.

Mushroom kits for everyone!

Workshop Duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Workshop Cost: \$90 (includes 2 x take home mushroom kits - Value \$35).

5 Minute Grain Spawn:

A short course in making your own grain spawn from liquid culture (Level 2).

The follow on from 'The 5-Minute Mushroom Kit' this workshop will expand your mushroom cultivation skillset by dipping your toes into sterile techniques and learning how to make our own grain spawn (in only 5 minutes!).

This course is still very much suited for the beginner and will not require any expensive equipment purchases. You already know how to make fruiting kits from spawn (inoculant) so now it's time to reduce your per kit cost and dive a little deeper into cultivation by learning how to make your own grain spawn.

Much like the 5-minute kit, 5-minute grain spawn is designed for minimal time inputs, no special equipment and super easy to follow techniques.



Here is a quick rundown of what you will learn:

Some new lingo - Another 5 words you need to know!

How to make a still air box for doing sterile work.

How to take a spore print and make a multi spore syringe.

Grain spawn inoculation using liquid culture or multi spore solution.

Grain to grain transfers for second generation spawn.

How to look after and store your spawn.

After the presentation, you will inoculate and take home 5 x 125g bags of grain spawn which can then be turned into as many as 15 x mushroom fruiting kits!

Of course, this is not just the live event, you will also have unlimited access to a recording of the course, as well as access to the '5-Minute Grain Spawn' group which can be accessed via our website... to ask any questions as they arise, show off your grain spawn grows and be part of a wonderful growing community!

Workshop Duration: 2 hours.

Workshop Cost: \$130 (includes 1 x take home liquid culture syringe - Value \$20 and 5 x 125g bags of grain spawn - Value \$30).

Book in for both workshops for only \$180 (That's \$40 off the individual workshop pricing).

Tickets www.urbankulture.co/event-details/eurobodalla-shire-fungal-wizardry-for-beginners

Hold Fast
Distillery

Hold Fast Distillery Braidwood


Creators of hand crafted Australian spirits.
Specialising in whisky, gin and vodka.

Info@holdfastdistillery.com.au holdfastdistillery.com.au



Tilba Valley + *mejors & jellyrolls*
Winery & Ale House PRESENT

KEVIN BORICH EXPRESS LIVE & LOUD



NO 1 BLUES ALBUMS:
LEGACY - DUETS

SUPPORTED BY
MARK EASTON
+ **MARJI CURRAN**

19 APRIL 2024 FROM 4PM

TIX \$40 FROM OZTIX

TILBA VALLEY WINERY & ALE HOUSE
947 OLD HIGHWAY, NAROOMA NSW
TILBAVALLEY.COM.AU 02 4473 7308

'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.

CASEY GREENE

PERFORMING LIVE

QUANTUM BREWERY
Moruya

APRIL 6TH
4:30pm





EUROBODALLA LIVE MUSIC



THE JEFF HOLLEY BIG BAND

THIS MONTH WE WELCOME BACK THE JEFF HOLLEY BIG BAND. THEY HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP OF 4 BRASS, 4 SAXES, PIANO, BASS GUITAR AND VOCALS BY PAUL BAKER, PHIL TAYLOR AND KATHY HARRIS. THEY WILL BE PLAYING SWINGING SOUNDS FROM THE 40'S, 50'S, 60'S AND BEYOND.....THIS IS A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED!

MORUYA GOLF CLUB
1:00 TO 3:30PM

<https://livemusicelm.wixsite.com/live-music-elm>

 @livemusicelm
 @EurobodallaM  @livemusicelm

WE'RE COVID SAFE

ENTRY \$20
MEMBERS \$15
KIDS FREE

APRIL
SUNDAY
21.4.2024




HEATH CULLEN

LIVE RECORDING CONCERT

SUN 21 APRIL

FOUR WINDS '24 ANNUAL PROGRAM



NEIL MURRAY
'THE TELLING' NSW TOUR

FRIDAY APRIL 12,
 Murrah Hall.

SAT APRIL 13,
 Smokey Dans, Tomakin.

SUN APRIL 14TH,
 Finding Filmores,
 Kiama.

THURS APRIL 18,
 Heritage Hotel, Bulli.

FRI APRIL 19,
 Great Club, Marrickville.

SAT APRIL 20,
 Lizottes, Newcastle.

NEW ALBUM
 'The Telling'

www.neilmurray.com.au • youtube.com/@NeilMurrayMusic • facebook.com/neil.murray.39904

Australian Heritage Festival 2024, Central Tilba

Join in at the Australian Heritage Festival 2024, the second annual national event in Central Tilba.

Running from April 18th to May 16th, with activities specifically in Central Tilba from April 18th to 21st, 2024.

Organized by the National Trust and proudly supported by Tilba Walks Heritage Talks Walking Tours, this year's festival theme, 'Connections,' invites you to immerse yourself in historical experiences amidst the charming Village of Central Tilba and its surrounding landscapes. Featured Activities: Embark on journeys of connection through time with Tilba Walks Heritage Talks Walking Tours. Delve into the historical tapestry of Central Tilba through unique activities scheduled as part of the National Trust events from April 18th to 21st, 2024.

How to Participate [Click HERE](#)

https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/explore/?keyword=Tilba&ahfdate-search=&ahf-region=NSW®ion-lat=-31.2532183®ion-lng=146.9210999&content=ahf_eventT

Los Zafiros at Tukka

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 12 noon 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! Free entry for kids under 18. Tickets [HERE](#)

<https://events.humanitix.com/los-zafiros-and-blueberry-jam>



**Tell them you saw it
 in the Moruya Mail!**

Subscribe free at www.moruyamail.com.au



HEART STRINGS
 TENZIN CHOEGYAL
 IN CONCERT

Connecting and inspiring
 through sound, song and
 imagination

with
 Bega Valley
 Male Voice Choir

BEGA UNITING CHURCH
 125 Gipps Street, Bega
 Saturday 6 April 6.30pm
 Adults \$30 Concession \$25
 Under 16 Free
www.trybooking.com/CPOWB

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
 Page Street, Moruya
 Sunday 7 April 2.00pm
 Adults \$30 Concession \$25
 Under 16 Free
<https://events.humanitix.com/tenzin-choegyral>

Tickets also at the door • Enquiries: 0428 942 095



at **BLUEBERRY JAM**
 10.30am-12noon **POP JAZZ BAND**

LOS ZAFIROS
 at
 1pm-3pm **LATIN DANCE BAND**

\$20
 ADMISSION

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL
MORUYA
TUKKA CAFE

Basil Sellers Art Prize pioneers cultural shift

Indi Carmichael says it's time for art prizes to meet the needs of artists. As the exhibition coordinator prepares the 20th year of the Basil Sellers Art Prize – and with both professional and personal insights around the challenges of getting artwork hung – Ms Carmichael is proposing a fresh perspective on art-prize participation, one tailored to artists from start to finish.

“Ours is a national art prize with a \$25,000 acquisitive award sponsored by philanthropist Basil Sellers AM, along with the \$5,000 Eurobodalla Prize to recognise outstanding local work,” Ms Carmichael said.

“With a proliferation of prizes in recent decades, artists are investing substantial amounts of time and money but with no certainty their work will be selected. Many are questioning whether art prizes reflect their values and artistic principles.”

Ms Carmichael said the Bas was an exhibition space with artists and people at its heart, and the Basil Sellers Art Prize was no exception.

“Keeping artists’ needs in mind we’ve simplified the entry process, with less of the restrictions that conflict with the reality of being a creative practitioner in Australia. Our goal is to create a positive experience – from beginning to end – for all participants,” she said.

“For example, we don’t require a CV or proof of professional status – we assess artworks on merit, we explain where your entry fee gets spent, we pay promptly for sold work, we can assist with courier support, and although submissions must be recent, we don’t demand exclusivity.

“Art prizes are so much more than the final exhibition and people don’t realise the bulk of our effort is focused on work that may not make the final show but certainly helps us to observe nationwide shifts, trends in ideas and gauge cultural developments.

“They also help us find and earmark for the future those extraordinary artists doing amazing work.”



The 2022 Basil Sellers Art Prize winner was Michael Thomson with his oil on canvas ‘An encounter on the path that leads to the river’ (detail).

The Basil Sellers Art Prize invites artists from across the country to submit 2D artwork in traditional mediums – painting, drawing and printmaking (unique state). The prize is held at the Bas, a premier art space located at Moruya on the NSW south coast.

- Call for entries: Monday 15 July – Friday 27 September 2024
- Exhibition opening and winners’ announcement: Friday 6 December 2024
- Exhibition: Saturday 7 December 2024 – Sunday 2 February 2025

For more information visit [the Bas website](#) or contact [Indi Carmichael](#).

ARALUEN’S HIDDEN HISTORY

You are warmly invited to join us to launch the Araluen History Trail and website: araluenvalley-history.com.au

Damper and cocky’s joy to start the day, light lunch, and music by Two by Sea.

Follow the trail and find out more about the beautiful Araluen Valley.

Sat April 13, 2024
10am - 2pm

Araluen Federal Hall
5989 Araluen Rd,
Araluen

ARALUEN
VALLEY
HISTORY



In cooperation with

CANBERRA AND REGION
HERITAGE
FESTIVAL:
CONNECTIONS | 2024

AUSTRALIAN
HERITAGE
FESTIVAL

QUAKENTYAN PALERANG
HERITAGE
APRIL - MAY
Festival

VAL MOOZ SCHOOL OF JOY

TERM 2

Group Music Lessons for adults

\$320 FOR 8 WEEKS

MORUYA	BATEMANS BAY	NAROOMA
BEGINNER DRUMS ART CENTRAL TUESDAYS 4:00PM - 5:30PM	BEGINNER DRUMS SOUL TRIBE THURSDAYS 1:30PM - 3:00PM	BEGINNER DRUMS ROOMA STUDIOS FRIDAYS 11:00AM - 12:30PM
BEGINNER GUITAR ART CENTRAL TUESDAYS 6:00PM - 7:30PM	BEGINNER GUITAR SOUL TRIBE THURSDAYS 7:00PM - 8:30PM	BEGINNER GUITAR ROOMA STUDIOS FRIDAYS 1:00PM - 2:30PM

LIMITED SPOTS

BOOKINGS VIA: www.schoolofjoyvm.com/courses

4 WEEK OPTION AVAILABLE | AFTERPAY / ZIPPAY AVAILABLE

TUKKA CAFE OPEN MIC NIGHT

LIVE MUSIC

TUKKA Licenced Cafe

ALL AGES, ALL WELCOME | RESTAURANT | BRING AN INSTRUMENT | LICENCED CAFE

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING!

Moruya

FROM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Proudly supported by Planet TX Music Store Moruya
Enquiries 44 745000

Sing Australia

CONNECTING AUSTRALIANS IN SINGING

BATEMANS BAY PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY APRIL 7 BATEMANS BAY SOLDIERS CLUB
2:00PM SHOW **TICKETS \$5.00**

BOOK TICKETS AT CLUB RECEPTION OR AT WWW.BAYSOLDIERS.COM.AU

NUNNOCK

sponge country conversations

Annie Franklin | Deb Johansen | Anneke Paijmans | Tanja Riese

thurs 21 march to sun 21 april 2024
please join us for opening drinks & artist talks sat 23 march 3pm

open thurs to sun 11am - 4pm & by appointment
visit the exhibition at www.gallerybodalla.com.au

gallerybodalla

post office 66a princes hwy bodalla | valerie faber ph 0421 238 174 | gallerybodalla@gmail.com

artcentral

Community Arts Centre Moruya

Term 1 2024 Program is out now!
Commencing February 1

Classes and Workshops in
Printmaking | Music | Mixed Media
Drawing | Acrylics | Life Drawing
Watercolour | Natural Wall Art

School holiday activities for kids.
Art space for hire.

Go to www.artcentral.org.au for details
or phone 0436 967 985
24 Church St Moruya NSW 2537

Explore and extend your creative self.



**DID YOU MISS THE EV EXPO ?
VISIT OUR STALL AT THE
NAROOMA ROTARY MARKET TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES!**

**SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024
NATA OVAL NAROOMA
9am-1pm**

Speak to EV Owners
Learn about EV Destination Charger Grants for Businesses
Check out a Tesla 3 & BYD Atto3
Book an EV Test Drive

For more information please contact
Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email
contact.shasa@gmail.com


We are
OPEN

**POP IN AND ENJOY MORNING TEA OR LUNCH
AT THE
MORUYA CWA TEAROOMS**

OPEN EVERY THURSDAY: 10 AM - 1.30 PM

**OUR CRAFT SHOP WILL ALSO BE OPEN
THURSDAYS 9.30 - 2.00
SATURDAYS 9.00 - 1.00**

64 QUEEN STREET MORUYA



Teensafe
a driving skill for life

**Teensafe is a safe-driver program
for L and P drivers - a skill for life.**

Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided
in school holidays at Moruya Speedway.
Each course runs for 1 day.
Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.
Teensafe is a community group operating for
over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.
For details, pics and rego forms go to
www.teensafemoruya.org
or email garys.home@bigpond.com

**COMING 11TH
APRIL**
- GODZILLA X KONG
- BACK TO BLACK

THE KINEMA

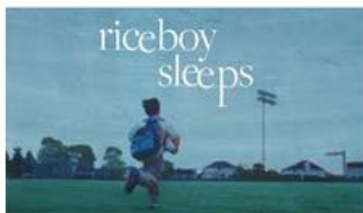
**CHEAD TUESDAYS:
\$10 EVERY WEEK**

WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM

NAROOMA

ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE

APRIL 4 TH - APRIL 10 TH	THURS 4 TH	FRI 5 TH	SAT 6 TH	SUN 7 TH	MON 8 TH	TUES 9 TH	WED 10 TH
MONKEY MAN MA 15+, 2H, ACTION/THRILLER	6.30pm*	2.40pm 7pm	12.45pm* 7.15pm*	12.45pm*		2.40pm 7pm	2.40pm 7pm
RICEBOY SLEEPS (ONE WEEK ONLY) M, 1H 57M, KOREAN DRAMA/FAMILY	6.30pm for 7pm	2pm*	10.30am*	10.30am*		2pm*	2pm*
KUNG FU PANDA 4 PG, 1H 34M, ANIMATED ADVENTURE	2.30pm* 5pm	12.10pm* 5pm	10.40am 5pm	10.40am 5pm		12.10pm* 5pm	12.10pm* 5pm
WICKED LITTLE LETTERS MA 15+, 1H 40M, COMEDY/CRIME	3pm	12.40pm 6.30pm*	12.30pm 5.20pm*	12.30pm 5.20pm*		12.40pm 6.30pm*	12.40pm 6.30pm*
GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE PG, 1H 55M, ADVENTURE/COMEDY	4.20pm*	4.15pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*		4.15pm*	4.15pm*
THE TRUST FALL: JULIAN ASSANGE M, 2H 9M, DOCUMENTARY			2.30pm 7pm	2.30pm			



ALL FILMS WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE IN CINEMA 2 OUR SMALLER CINEMA, BOOKINGS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

 Find us on Facebook!

 info@perrystreetcinemas.com.au



Located Top floor Citi
Centre Arcade Perry Street
Batemans Bay – 2536 –
PH: (02) 4472 6009



NOW SHOWING

APRIL	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10
 DUNE: PART TWO M 166 MIN	3:55 PM	3:55 PM	3:55 PM		CLOSED	3:55 PM	3:55 PM
 GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE PG 115 MIN	1:15 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM	1:15 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM	1:15 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM	1:15 PM 3:00 PM		1:15 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM	1:15 PM 3:00 PM 7:10 PM
 GODZILLA X KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE M 115 MIN	11:00 AM 3:30 PM 7:40 PM	11:00 AM 3:30 PM 7:40 PM	11:00 AM 3:30 PM 7:40 PM	11:00 AM 3:30 PM		11:00 AM 3:30 PM 7:40 PM	11:00 AM 3:30 PM 7:40 PM
IMAGINARY M 104 MIN	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	5:45 PM			5:45 PM	5:45 PM
 KUNG FU PANDA 4 PG 94 MIN	11:10 AM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM	11:10 AM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM	11:10 AM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM	11:10 AM 1:05 PM		11:10 AM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM	11:10 AM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM
 MONKEY MAN MA15+ 121 MIN	11:15 AM 2:55 PM 7:35 PM	11:15 AM 2:55 PM 7:35 PM	11:15 AM 2:55 PM 7:35 PM	11:00 AM 3:20 PM		11:15 AM 2:55 PM 7:35 PM	11:15 AM 2:55 PM 7:35 PM
 THE FIRST OMEN MA15+ 119 MIN	1:35 PM 5:15 PM 7:00 PM	1:35 PM 5:15 PM 7:00 PM	1:35 PM 5:15 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:15 PM		1:35 PM 5:15 PM 7:00 PM	1:35 PM 5:15 PM 7:00 PM
 THE GREAT ESCAPER M 96 MIN	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:20 PM		1:00 PM	1:00 PM
 WICKED LITTLE LETTERS MA15+ 102 MIN	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM		11:00 AM	11:00 AM



KUNG FU PANDA 4

PG | 1hr 34min
~ Comedy ~ Animation ~
Dustin Hoffman, Jack Black, Bryan Cranston, Viola Davis, David Cross, Angelina Jolie, Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu & more
Follow Po on his wide-eyed adventures in ancient China, whose love of kung fu is matched only by an insatiable appetite.



GODZILLA X KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE

M | 1hr 55min
~ Action ~ Adventure ~
Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry & Dan Stevens
Two ancient titans, Godzilla and Kong, clash in an epic battle as humans unravel their intertwined origins and connection to Skull Island's mysteries.



GHOSTBUSTERS FROZEN EMPIRE

PG | 1hr 55min ~ Comedy ~
Dan Aykroyd, Paul Rudd, Bill Murray & more
The Spengler family returns to where it all started – to team up with the original Ghostbusters, who've developed a top-secret research lab busting ghosts to the next level.



MONKEY MAN

MA | 2hrs 1min ~ Action ~ Thriller ~
Dev Patel & Sharlo Collee
An anonymous young man unleashes vengeance against the corrupt leaders who murdered his mother and victimize the poor and powerless.

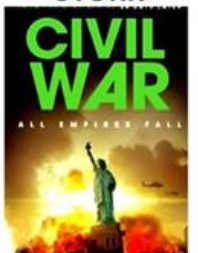


THE FIRST OMEN

MA | 1hr 59min ~ Horror ~
Neil Tiger Free & Ralph Ineson
A young American woman is sent to Rome to begin a life of service to the church, but encounters a darkness that causes her to question her faith.

NEXT WEEK

THE TIGERS
APPRENTICE/
RICHARD THE
STORK



FOR MORE
INFORMATION
AND BOOKINGS
GO TO OUR WEBSITE
perrystreetcinemas.com.au
Or use our QR code below



MORUYA MAIL
"Free local news for
Moruya & the Eurobodalla"

**ALSO SCREENING - DUNE 2/ IMAGINARY/
THE GREAT ESCAPER/WICKED LITTLE LETTERS**

APRIL 18th - CHALLENGERS



Australian Breastfeeding Association

Want to connect

with women of different generations?



Intergenerational Art Project

Unlock the transformative power of creativity in your local community!

Join ABA Eurobodalla and Ness from Active Art for a series of weekly free workshops and discover how creativity can enhance every life stage and positively impact your health and wellbeing.

Tuesday 9, 16, 23 April 2024
9:30 - 11:30am

Bodalla Memorial Hall
60 Princes Hwy Bodalla



For more info or to register scan the QR code, or email ABA Eurobodalla at abaeurobodalla@gmail.com



A Woman's Lot

Exploring the lives of women in the early 1900s

MORUYA MUSEUM

3 January - 26 April 2024

Wednesday, Friday & first Saturdays
10am-noon
blog.mdhs.org.au



Driving Change

A cleaner future in the Eurobodalla



microenergysystems.com.au 0410 790 616

SAM FLETCHER, FIRE TO FLOURISH, 350 EUROBODALLA, JCS MANAGEMENT AND SMOKEY DAN'S PROUDLY PRESENT

ROCK ON FOR CLIMATE ACTION

ROM CALLAGHAN - JOINT CUSTODY - FLAVUH - SAM FLETCHER BAND

SMOKEY DAN'S SATURDAY 11TH MAY

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC, SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION, CREATIVE DISPLAYS BY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND A PRIZE RAFFLE

FROM 5PM | TOMAKIN NSW | FREE ENTRY | ALL DONATIONS TO 350 EUROBODALLA WELCOME

SHASA
350.org Eurobodalla
Smokey Dan's

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY FUNDING RECEIVED FROM MONASH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE'S FIRE TO FLOURISH - EUROBODALLA COMMUNITY TEAM

Campbell page HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

FREE EVENT

YOUNG PARENTS INVITATION

Join us for a dynamic and empowering workshop designed for young parents up to 30 years old. Our workshop is an opportunity to connect with other young parents over lunch, discuss your life goals and chat to various workers about your future plans – we're listening!

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL
11am - 1pm

BAY PAVILIONS MEETING ROOMS
12 Vesper St, Batemans Bay

LUNCH PROVIDED
Enjoy a complimentary lunch, providing an opportunity to chat with workers in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, disability and child-care to name a few.

CHILD-CARE PROVIDED
Feel free to bring your children, as The Family Place will be providing engaging activities for all ages, ensuring an opportunity to chat about your meaningful goals.

BRING A FRIEND OR PARTNER AND GO INTO A DRAW FOR LUCKY DOOR PRIZES!!

For more information or to RSVP please call or text Anita at 0407 959 602 or email her at anita.macartney@campbellpage.org.au. Bookings are essential for this event.

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



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.

Eurobodalla Libraries

CLOSURE NOTICE

Due to a planned power outage by Essential Energy, Moruya Library will be closed on Sunday, 7 April 2024. We will reopen on Monday, 8 April at 10am. We apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause.

External Sprinklers for Household

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



MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

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

To find out more information...

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



SAGE Farmers Market Tuesday 3pm Moruya

sagefarmersmarket.org.au

growing the community



Enjoy reading the Moruya Mail?
You can support the publication when you
Buy Me A Coffee

Click on the cup
Buy me a coffee



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.

SURVEY - Local primary care services

COORDINARE - SE NSW PHN would like to learn more about your experiences accessing local primary care services in our region. By completing this short survey you will help them better understand current and emerging workforce issues and shortages across South Eastern NSW.

Access survey here: <https://bit.ly/3VwWdOb>

Thrift Alley Sunday

Sunday 14th April 9:30am until 1:00pm. An array of second hand clothes.

2/45 Vulcan street, Moruya, NSW, Australia, New South Wales 2537

Felt and Stone is back for Thrift Alley Sunday! This is an event for all the thrift lovers and op shop pirates. Shop a range of second hand, pre loved and vintage items from an array of stall holders. The alley way beside the shop will be lined with mini market stalls and live music! Please note: We have changed the time to start a bit earlier and end earlier. **STALL HOLDER APPLICATIONS:** Please email getoutsidecongo@gmail.com with your interest and a brief description of what you will be bringing. Stall holders are required to have their own public liability insurance, display and either cash or eftpos services. We are hoping for mostly clothing to be sold but open to other items. Anyone is welcome to come with just a rack of clothes they no longer need and sell for the day! Stall Fees are \$15.

NSW GOVERNMENT ZOMBIE DEVELOPMENT INQUIRY

A new inquiry by the Legislative Assembly Committee on Environment and Planning will be looking into historical development consents (also known as zombie developments) in NSW.

Zombie developments are projects that were approved years or sometimes decades ago but remain unfinished with minimal work completed. They reflect the law at time the development consent was initially granted.

The inquiry will examine the impact of historical development consents on the NSW planning system, development industry and property ownership.

The Committee will also consider policy and legal solutions to address concerns about historical development consents, including any barriers in using current legal provisions to respond to the issue.

Submissions can be made to the inquiry via this website:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/.../inquiry-details...>

The closing date for submissions is Monday 3 June.

Volunteer mentors needed!

CareSouth is on the lookout for volunteer mentors in the Tomakin / Broulee area (and beyond) as part of our Aunties and Uncles program, to spend quality time with primary school aged children. Including male mentors! If you'd like to know more, please contact CareSouth on 1300 554 260, email info@caresouth.org.au or visit the CareSouth website.

Eurobodalla Sustainable House Day Showcase and Panel Discussion

Come along to the Eurobodalla Sustainable House tour and explore some of Eurobodalla's most unique and inspiring homes. During the tour, you'll receive expert advice, gain insight, and learn about building, retrofitting, and renovating in a sustainable way.

Or join us for our Eurobodalla Sustainable House Day webinar panel discussion to gain valuable information from our panel of experts who design and build sustainable houses. You'll hear from architects, builders and a member of the Australian Strawbale Committee.

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.

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.



20th April 2024

GRAND OPENING

Lunch Room

Come to the grand opening event of the Lunch room
Morning Tea and Lunch
10.30am to 1.30pm
CWA Batemans Bay
158 Edward Road, Batehaven
Phone Jane 0478 596 427




Need to get the word out about your business?

Sponsor a page on the Moruya Mail

Email for advertising rates hello@moruyamail.com.au



FIELD FOOTBALL ACADEMY

FFA

FOOTBALL COACHING TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Led by David Field, former Arsenal Academy Coach, UEFA A licensed coach & PDHPE teacher of 25 years.

GUNDARY OVAL, MORUYA
APRIL 15-16th 2024
 TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED

SESSION TIMES & COSTS

	Age	Time	Cost
Discovery phase	5-9 yrs	2x 90min	\$115
Skill Acquisition phase	10-13 yrs	2x 150min	\$200

Enquiries: fieldfootballacademy@gmail.com

AUTUMN NAROOMA & MORUYA CALENDAR OF FUN

15th April - 28th April, 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
15 YOUTH FREE ENTRY DAY MORUYA FROM 11AM	16 YOUTH FREE ENTRY & YOUTH VAN NAROOMA 11AM - 2PM	17	18	19	20	21
22 FAMILY FUN DAY NAROOMA 11AM - 2PM	23 YOUTH FREE ENTRY & YOUTH VAN MORUYA 11AM - 2PM	24 FAMILY FUN DAY MORUYA YOUTH FREE ENTRY DAY NAROOMA	25 ANZAC DAY *Public Holiday	26	27	28

FAMILY FUN DAYS
Free games & activities (inflatable at Narooma)
*Normal pool entry fees apply

ANZAC DAY
Opening Hours 1pm - 6pm

Bluewater Dr, Narooma, NSW ph: 4476 2398 **NAROOMA Swimming Centre**

Shore Street, Moruya, NSW ph: 4474 2343 **MORUYA WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL**

Proudly funded by NSW GOVERNMENT

SHIRE HORSE BREEDERS AUSTRALIA

BRAIDWOOD AND DISTRICT HEAVY HORSE SHOW



SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024

BRAIDWOOD SHOWGROUND

CAMPING AND DINNER AVAILABLE FRIDAY NIGHT

Contact 0401 476 194 or 0413 172 389 for more information

ZOMBIE DEVELOPMENTS PUBLIC WEBINAR

NATURE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NSW & THE COASTAL RESIDENTS UNITED ALLIANCE

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

HEAR FROM THOSE STANDING UP FOR THEIR COASTAL TOWNS & ENVIRONMENT

MC: JORJ LOWREY
MANYANA MATTERS, MANYANA

● **CR. ALISON WORTHINGTON**
DEPUTY MAYOR, EUROBOODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

● **NIAMH OCCLESHAW**
GREENBANK AUSTRALIA, TURA BEACH


● **JUSTINE EMERSON**
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE

● **JAMES BARRIE**
SAVE WALLUM, BRUNSWICK HEADS

HEAR FROM EXPERTS, ACTIVISTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS:


- WHAT ARE 'ZOMBIE DEVELOPMENTS'?
- WHAT'S AT STAKE, AND HOW WILL MY TOWN BE IMPACTED?
- HOW CAN WE STOP THE DESTRUCTION?

SCAN HERE TO RSVP



WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL @ 6PM

NATURE.ORG.AU/ZOMBIE_DEVELOPMENTS_WEBINAR



ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET
Friday 26 April


All Armed service personnel past & present FREE Entry

RACES
Gates Open 11:30am
First Race 12:25pm; Last Race 4:40pm
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), Capriz Pizza & The Kiosk. Also on site will be the Caffaissimo Coffee Van and D'Lish D'Lite Donut Van.

FREE KIDS PARTY MODE ACTIVITIES **PARTY MODE DJS**

Buses
Running from Bay Plaza, Club Narooma and Club Tuross departing at 11am. \$10 return. Bookings essential!



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



KINDRED KOLLECTIVE WORKSHOP

THEATRE & PERFORMANCE SKILLS
NAROOMA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th April
FREE for Ages 12-17
MORE DETAILS TO COME
Register at https://linktr.ee/kindred_kollective
Contact shayley@familyplace.org.au
Call or text 0447 321 525

Prostly funded by





Kindred Collective is proudly funded by the NSW Government under the Our Region, Our Voice - Regional Youth Investment Project.

Batemans Bay U3A

Learn Laugh Live

WHO ARE WE?
The University of the Third Age is a volunteer organisation dedicated to keeping seniors healthy, active and stimulated in a supportive social setting. You'll be blown away by the number of courses that U3A Batemans Bay offers! All courses for the entire year are covered by our fee of \$50 (with a once-only \$10 joining fee).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US?
Come along to our Registration Day on Wednesday 24th of January at The Soldiers Club from 10:30 to 12:30
Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au
Or Phone us on 0474 483 678.

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

We'll be there to:

- tell you about U3A
- discuss our courses
- help you to join us or to renew your membership, and
- help you to enrol in classes

Where and When: In the Gubar Baran room from 11:30 to 12:30

So don't sit at home come and join us today!



Come walk with us!

Date: 29 April
Time: 10am
Meet: Sweetwater Bar and Saloon, Central Tilba
Walk: Medium Level/Disability Access
Donation: \$10
Contact: Zoe Burke
Tilba CWA Cultural Officer
0433 114 374

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.



Meet Dyson

Can you find a home for Dyson, a young (around 12 months) Wolfhound cross. Dyson is affectionate, walks well on a led and travels well. This lovely boy appears not to have met many other dogs, but is quite interested in them, so it seems he would respond well to some more socialisation. Dyson loves children but is a bit bouncy for a home with very little ones. Wolfhounds tend to be calm, gentle and sensitive, and make great family pets. They are not suited to homes with chickens, cats or pocket pets. Dyson is a lovable and loving boy ready to be your friend and companion for life. Like all AWL animals, Dyson comes desexed, vaccinated, microchipped, vet checked and flea, tick and worm treated. Please ring 0410016612 for more information. Warning: if you meet Dyson, you'll fall in love instantly!



ALSO: Foster carers urgently needed! Dog and cat carers are the most important people when it comes to dog and cat rehoming. Without them, everything stops, and needy animals face a bleak future. There are no long-term commitments required, no expenses and full support at all times. Can you help? Do you know someone else who can? **Please contact AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612.**

ABORIGINAL DATA SOVEREIGNTY

BATEMANS BAY
Closing the Gap Priority Reform 4
Community Workshop

Wednesday April 10th 10am - 2pm
Mackay Park Sports & Function Centre -
Princes Highway, Batemans Bay

Scan the QR code to register:

Be part of the solution

REPURPOSING for RESILIENCE

EUROBODALLA

Solar Panel Reuse for Southeast Regional NSW rfreurobodalla.com.au

Rally for Recovery

Ainslie Parade Tomakin

Mega Garage Sale
Every Wed and Sat
8.30 - 12.00

CHEAP!

Small bric-a-brac to furniture
Crocery, and glassware
Tools and electrical equipment
Books and puzzles
Manchester and haberdashery
Toys and baby items
Paintings and artwork
Plants and garden tools.
Beds and bedding
.....the list is endless.

Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation

rallyforrecovery.au 0406 363 166

Hold Fast Distillery Braidwood

Creators of hand crafted Australian spirits. Specialising in whisky, gin and vodka.

Info@holdfastdistillery.com.au holdfastdistillery.com.au



Winner Bruce Cleeve with Treasurer Ian Kingston.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 28th March 2024

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The Winners were:
 1st: Bruce Cleeve (20) with 38 points
 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (19) with 37 points (countback)
 3rd: John Eglitis (13) with 37 points
 4th: Ian Miller (18) with 36 points
 5th: Paul Coffey (17) with 35 points

Nearest to the Pin
 4th: A Grade: Ray Bollard 1.66
 B Grade: Ron Rogers 2.59
 6th: A Grade: Zac English 0.81
 B Grade: Greg Maloney 3.60
 C Grade: Mark Jackson 9.82
 7th: A Grade: Ruth Gschwend 1.72

Balls went to: Callum Duncan 34, Beverley Theobald 34, Shane Gschwend 34, Jed French 33, Ray Bollard 33, Zac English 33, Greg Maloney 33, Michael Coloe 32, Jesse French 32, Stephen Gardner 32, Bruce Harding 32, Marcel Kors 32, Mark Haberkorn 32, Nick Brice 31, Ron Rogers 31, Nigel Barling 31, Ian Kingston 31, Lynette McDonell 31, Brad Doolan 30 and Grant Kiely 30.



Winner: Paul Ferguson

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 30th March 2024

A field of 55 players registered for a Stableford combined medley event. Winners were:
 1st: Paul Ferguson (11) with 42 points
 2nd: Michael Coloe (15) with 38 points
 3rd: Paul Scholze (14) with 37 points
 4th: David Schmid (17) with 36 points (countback)
 5th: Peter Engelbrecht (16) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:
 4A: Paul Ferguson 1.78
 4B: John Phyland 4.35
 4C: Michael Hogan 3.27
 6A: Paul Scholze 3.50
 6B: Steve Johnston 6.68
 6C: Lynette McDonell 2.65
 7A: Ruth Gschwend 1.74
 7B: Ian Lawson 3.46
 7C: Jonathan Coffey 4.74

Balls went to: David Gray 36, John Eglitis 35, Paul Coffey 34, Reginald Apps 34, Colin Houghton 34, Graeme Bell 34, Stephen Gardner 34, Terry Milliken 33, Herb Muriwai 33, Ruth Gschwend 33, Peter Johnston 33, Tony Brown 32, Cathy Milliken 32, Mark Haberkorn 32, Ian Lawson 32, Martin Booth 32, Richard Brake 31, Anthony Mellick 31, Shane Gschwend 31 and Maree Coffey 30.



Winners: Pam Alexander, Jennifer Gray and Cathy Milliken.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 2nd April 2024

A field of 20 players registered for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Marilyn Bingham. The weather was lovely and the course in great condition.

The Winners were:
 A Grade:
 Pam Alexander (30) with 35 points (countback)
 Shelley Pritchett (21) with 35 points

B Grade:
 Cathy Milliken (38) with 31 points
 Lynette McDonnell (39) with 29 points

C Grade:
 Jennifer Gray (44) with 29 points
 Judy Apps (42) with 24 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:
 6th: Dorothy Madden
 15th: Dorothy Madden (HC 1-35)
 Jane Eglitis (HC 36-45)

Balls went to:
 Leonie Doolan with 33 points.



Winner: Paul Green

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 3rd April 2024.

A field of 36 players registered for a Stroke and Putts Championship Round 1 event today.

The Winners today were:
 1st: Paul Green with 24
 2nd: Des Jackson with 34
 3rd: Margaret Downey with 35
 4th: Ray Downey with 36 (countback)
 5th: Terry Milliken with 36
 6th: Mike Birks with 37
 7th: Herb Muriwai with 37
 8th: Tony Crook with 37
 9th: Shirley Quinlan with 37
 10th: Jane Eglitis with 37
 11th: Derek Hoare with 37
 12th: Jeanette Miller with 37

Putts: Frank Pomfret with 12
 Nearest to the Pins:
 4th: Des Jackson (Hole in One!)
 6th: Steve Gardner
 7th: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan
 Mens: Terry Milliken

Accuracy: Greg Bush
 Bradmans: Sandra Harlon



SAGE Farmers Market

Tuesday 3pm Moruya

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

Batten down the hatches!! Looks like we have a wee bit of rain coming our way, that's if you believe that the weather bureau has it right. If we get the rain that's predicted, we can expect that the fishing will suffer while we wait the dirty water out.

As of right now, the fishing is still good, with good captures of flathead, bream, whiting and Trevally all reported up and down the system.

One of our shop juniors picked up a few nice fish down around the back of the hole in the wall with a really nice sized tarwhine and bream coming to the net. Nice work Sam.

There are still reports of nice flathead, bream and whiting around the airport flats and around the spur wall. These could be good options this weekend.

Further upstream, there are still good numbers of whiting, bream, flathead and the odd estuary perch from the town bridge. The flats in the middle of the river are where you will find slot of these fish. My preference is to fish off the bridge itself where you can sight the fish you want to cast to. Soft plastics, vibe style lures and live nippers or worms are great options to get a fish to bite.

Further upstream, the hole in front of the hospital has been producing some nice fish, with flathead, bream, whiting and Luderick all available from the bank. Either baits or lures will work, with the Luderick preferring a peeled prawn or weed but will take a soft plastic also.

Tuross river.

Flathead continue to be the main stay of this system, with some nice fish coming to anglers this week. There isn't anywhere in particular in the system they like to hold, but are spread all through the system. If the expected rain arrives, they will push down the system and into the deeper holes. So keep an eye on conditions and adjust your techniques to suit.

Coila lake is still holding good numbers of tailor, garfish, bream and even some blue swimmer crabs. Prawns however are still a no show after the rains around Xmas. The lake levels aren't anywhere near the heights they need to be to open, so unless the lake gets a direct deluge, expect conditions here to maintain.

Rock and beach.

Salmon, flathead, tailor and even the odd shark have all been taken from the beaches in the area last weekend and this week.

The moruya break-wall has seen passing salmon and bonito this pass few weeks, while it always seem to hold some bream, flathead and trevally. The local headlands have seen the same passing fish, with bonito gracing those around Broulee headland and south head at Moruya.

Offshore.

Snapper and flathead have been on the cards for anglers this past week, the weekends conditions however will probably keep a lot of boaties at home. The winds and swell on Saturday in particular will keep most people in the rivers or at home.

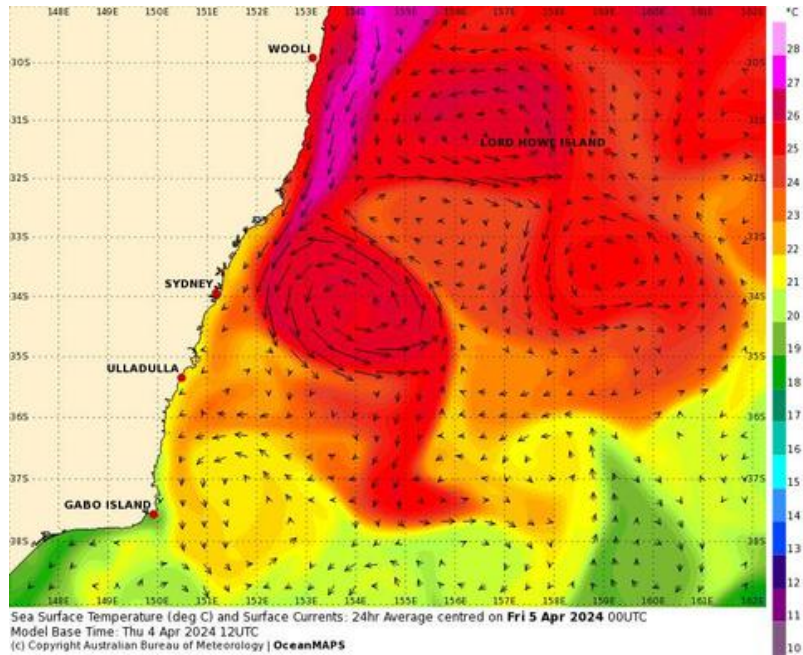
Our bait freezer is again restocked after coping a hammering last weekend. The only absentees being 2kg block pilchards, pipis and whitebait from tweed and mullet fillet from SouEast seafoods.

The rest of the shop is not looking too bad, there are a few holes on the plastics wall, but that is more a result of supply issues than being sold out.

Remember if it's flooded, forget it!

Stay safe everyone and remember, "Everyday's a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Sydney Rock Oysters at the Sydney Royal NSW DPI Fisheries reports:

Over the last week at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, 30 awards were announced at the judging of Sydney Rock Oysters. , including 9 gold, 13 silver and 8 bronze covering NSW's north and south coasts. This was part of the 2024 Sydney Royal Aquaculture Competition.

The overall Champion Commercial Sydney Rock Oyster with a score of 94/100 went to Gary, Jo and Sam Rodely of Tathra Oysters, Nelson Lagoon.

Wapengo Rocks Wild Organic Oysters, Australia's Oyster Coast (Batemans Bay) and Hazelgrove Oysters (Pambula) also featured in the gold medals.

While the south coast estuary Wagonga Inlet also featured in the medals, the north coast estuaries of Nambucca, Hastings and Wallis Lake also starred with awards.

The standard of oyster improves each year reflecting consumer preference for well-shaped, medium sized oysters with a balanced flavour. The NSW oyster industry should be congratulated for presenting what is a unique local oyster that ranks as the best eating oyster in the world.

The NSW oyster industry is the largest seafood sector in the state covering 33 estuaries from the Tweed River to Wonboyn Lake past Eden in the south. In 2022/23 the farmgate value of oyster sold was \$78m.

Industry anticipates a doubling in production by 2030 on the back of new cultivation technology, the NSW DPI selective breeding program for disease resistance and climate adaptation and better marketing and promotion of this iconic oyster.

For more information on this year's results, please visit – <https://bit.ly/3VEbVXI>

For more information on the work done by NSW DPI Fisheries in the Aquaculture space, please visit – <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/.../aquatic.../aquaculture>



Got an event coming up ?
Let the Moruya Mail know
email hello@moruyamail.com.au

Entertainment Lineup Announced for Willinga Park Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024



Felicity Dowd



Sara Berki



Wade Forster



Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft

The Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024 at Willinga Park, Bawley Point is gearing up to be an exhilarating event, combining the excitement of elite-level campdrafting with a star-studded entertainment lineup. Taking place from 1 to 4 May 2024, this event will showcase a diverse array of talent, from acclaimed musicians to thrilling trick riders and freestyle motocross daredevils.

Friday, May 3rd:

The festivities kick off on Friday evening with a performance by Felicity Dowd, a rising star from the NSW South Coast. Felicity Dowd has wowed audiences across the country, from main stages at Australia's most prestigious events (National Folk Festival, Wanderer Festival and Cobargo Folk Festival) to support slots with music royalty, the Bushwackers, Josh Cunningham (The Waifs), Felicity Urquhart, Fanny Lumsden and Tex Perkins (The Cruel Sea). Inspired by an eclectic and ever-changing landscape of genres her music is diverse, drifting between the boundaries of Folk and Country. She has always believed a song is only as good as its story, sharing stories of depth, heart and humour that intertwine the experiences of the world around her. This ideology and passion have been noticed by industry professionals, having already earned this young songwriter 4x Tamworth Songwriting Association Salute Awards, including the 2023 New Songwriter of the Year at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Saturday, May 4th:

Saturday brings a day filled with adrenaline-fueled entertainment. Prepare to be amazed by the lightning-fast and action-packed displays of trick riding, guaranteed to keep spectators on the edge of their seats, from the team at R.A.C.E Entertainment. Spectators will be treated to awe-inspiring displays of skill and daring as riders execute a variety of daring manoeuvres on horseback. From standing upright on the horse's back to executing flips and spins while in motion, trick riding promises to be a must-see attraction! With two performances scheduled on Saturday, witness jaw-dropping stunts and gravity-defying manoeuvres as the Airtime FMX Team pushes the limits of what's possible on two wheels, promising an adrenaline-pumping spectacle for all in attendance. Regularly thrilling crowds at Australia's major events including Sydney Royal Easter Show, Ekka, Adelaide, Melbourne and Canberra Royal Shows, Supercars, NRL and many more, it's an incredible show for all ages, and one not to be missed! As the sun sets, the entertainment continues with performances by two exceptional artists: Wade Forster and Sara Berki. These talented musicians are set to take the stage individually, promising an evening of unforgettable entertainment for attendees of the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship. Hailing from North-Western Queensland, country artist and Professional Rodeo Circuit Cowboy Wade Forster is no stranger to the spotlight. With a passion for music ignited during his travels around Australia competing in rodeos, Wade's journey led him to release his debut album, "The Beginning," in 2022. This album garnered both international and local acclaim, solidifying Wade's reputation as a rising star in the country music scene. Wade's talent was further recognized when he became a part of The Academy in 2023, where he honed his skills and had the opportunity to perform at the opening concert of the 2023 Tamworth Country Music Festival on the main stage.

Rising star Sara Berki, born in Bundaberg, Queensland, and raised in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, brings her fiery vocals and compelling songwriting to the stage. In just over eighteen months since the release of her debut single, Sara has established herself as one of the most exciting and prolific new artists in Australian country music. Her latest single, "Favour," has become her second Top 3 hit on the CountryTown Hot50 airplay chart, following the success of "A Boy That's Into Trucks," which earned Sara her first Golden Guitar Award nomination for New Talent of the Year. With her dynamic performances and modern storytelling, Sara continues to captivate audiences and solidify her place as a rising star in the Australian country music scene.

"Willinga Park is thrilled to present a prime lineup of entertainment at the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship," said Nadine Young, Sales and Marketing Manager at Willinga Park. "We take great pride in offering a diverse range of performances that will captivate spectators of all ages. This year, we're excited to welcome new entertainers to Willinga Park, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all who attend."

In addition to the thrilling entertainment lineup, the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024 boasts a prestigious competition featuring top-tier riders from across the region. With a prize pool exceeding \$400,000 in cash, along with coveted trophy buckles and saddles up for grabs, the stakes are high for competitors who will vie for glory in various events over the four days.

The championship program includes Junior and Juvenile Drafts, Ladies Dash for Cash, State of Origin, Cut Out Competition, and the highly anticipated Ringers Western Gold Buckle Championship.

Entertainment is included in admission tickets, ensuring that attendees can enjoy both the thrill of the competition and the excitement of the performances.

Beyond the thrilling Campdraft competitions and spectacular entertainment, Willinga Park offers a unique experience for spectators," said Nadine Young.

"Set against the picturesque backdrop of Bawley Point, Willinga Park provides a stunning setting, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors can explore the beautiful grounds and discover the world-class equestrian facilities that make Willinga Park a renowned destination. Whether you're cheering on your favourite riders, enjoying the live music, or simply taking in the natural beauty of the surroundings, Willinga Park is the perfect destination for a memorable day out with the family."

Don't miss your chance to experience the excitement of the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024! Tickets are available now at www.willingapark.com.au.

EVENT DETAILS: 1 – 4 May 2024

Willinga Park, 134 Forster Drive, Bawley Point NSW 2539

LET US HELP YOU DESIGN AND PRINT YOUR NEXT BUSINESS CARD



COASTAL
STATIONERY
PH: 0244 740 724

EWEN IRVING
CARPENTER & JOINER

- New Builds • Additions • Renovations
- Heritage Restoration • Custom Joinery

Fully Insured
Ph: 0422 216 508
Email: irvingewen@y7mail.com

BONUS OFFER

When we design and print your cards, get a FREE ad in the Moruya Mail

Offer Ends 29 March 2024



Robyn's Produce

Contact Paul: 0450 386 072

SEE YOUR NEXT BUSINESS CARD HERE

Kevin Finlay Sports Remedial Relaxing Massage Treatment
ABN 26 110 931 963

MASSAGE THERAPY

Sport & Remedial, Deep Tissue, Chronic & Acute Injuries
Back & Neck Pain, Stress & Tension, Relaxation

Clinic:
M: 0419 699 743 Booking Essential
E: kevinlay1@gmail.com 1/2 hr \$60
A: **ODDBODS FITNESS CENTRE** 1 hr \$100
Princess HWY Narooma NSW 2546

Two Strong Hands
Your Reliable Handyman in Tuross head

Contact Stephen Lymbery

PH: 0438 442 200 Email: slymbery@pm.me
Contact me today for a free consultation or quote tailored to your specific needs.
Whatever you need, call me, we will get the job done.

Metal Therapy RESTORATIONS

0474 385 942
33d Shelley Rd. Moruya

SIF
Hair
02 44744180



STONE MASONRY CONSULTING & HERITAGE
LIC No R91413Q
Ph: 0458 743 004 PETER

Mowing
Specialising in smaller area's
Qualified with 30 Years experience



Matthew Paull
Ph: 0459 786 685
competitive Rates

SOUTH COAST ABRASIVE BLASTING

FULLY MOBILE SERVICE - OBLIGATION FREE QUOTES
PROMPT RELIABLE SERVICE

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL RESIDENTIAL
AUTOMOTIVE MARINE
AGRICULTURAL PLANT

JOSH : 0410 598 552 STEWY : 0415 921 763