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Photo of the week: Congratulations to Zara Hall from Moruya Surf Life Saving Club, who won a silver medal at Australian Championships held on the Sunshine Coast last week. Zara competed in the U14 Female Flag event.

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meetings with developers **By Phil Herrick**

"When I was a newly elected councillor I was advised by a previous Mayor that if I met with a developer I should have a witness with me and I should take notes," said Cr Anthony Mayne at last Tuesday's meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

He was explaining why he was proposing a new policy that would clearly lay out the rules that councillors should follow when meeting with developers.

Cr Mayne said it can take two or three years for a new councillor to gain a full understanding of the risks and pitfalls a councillor can face in dealing with developers.

"It is important that any dealings with developers are conducted in a manner that is transparent, accountable and in the best interest of our community," he said.

Long-serving councillor Rob Pollock questioned the need for a new policy, saying the current Code of Conduct provided adequate rules and guidance. He asked General Manager Warwick Winn what would be different in a new policy.

The GM deftly handled the query, saying until a draft policy was developed, the question really couldn't be answered.

In his written advice to councillors Mr Winn outlined points that could be included in a policy such as: keep notes of meetings, meet at council premises, have other people present during meetings, invite applicants to meet with all councillors and relevant staff and to share information presented during lobbying meetings with others in council.

Cr Mayne found strong support from a number of other councillors, seeing it as a step to improved transparency on councillor dealings.

They voted 8 -1 in favour of getting a new policy developed, with Cr Pollock against.

The next steps are to write the policy and put it out for public comment.

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Rules to be set for Councillor ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2024 ACROSS EUROBODALLA

RSL Sub Branches presents The RSL sub-branches of the Eurobodalla invite the community and visitors to the ANZAC Day Commemorations to be held in many towns and villages across the shire. Details of individual services are below:

Moruya

5:30am: Assemble at RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street.

5:45am: Dawn Service at the War Memorial. (tea and coffee for all attendees

10:30-10:45: March steps off at the cnr Vulcan and Shore Streets. March along Vulcan Street, right into Mirrabooka Avenue and then left into Page Street to the Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street. 11:30am: ANZAC Commemoration Service

and Wreath Laying. 12:00pm BBQ Lunch for Ex-service men

and women, partners and invited guests in the Memorial Hall.

Moruya Dusk Service - Bunker Service 5:15pm – 7:00pm. 25 April. Assemble at the Thelmore Pistol Club, relic RAAF Operations Building, Donnelly Drive,

- Thu 25th Apr, 5:30 AM
- RSL Memorial Hall, Page Street, Moruya

Batemans Bay

5:45am: Assembly at the Honour Stone, the Foreshore, Clyde Street 5:50am: Dawn Service at the Honour Stone. 6:30am: Gunfire breakfast at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. 10:15am: Muster at the Batemans Bay

Soldiers Club carpark 10:30am: March to the Honour Stone.

Army leading.

10:45am: Arrive at the Honour Stone. 10:50am: ANZAC Commemoration Service at the Honour Stone. Laying of the wreaths.

12:15pm: Anzac Wall walk at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

12:30 pm: Luncheon for current and ex-Service Personnel and Partners

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10:50am: Assembly at the Mechanics Institute Hall, Braidwood Street for March. To the Cenotaph. 11:00am: ANZAC Commemoration Service at the Cenotaph. 11:30am: A community sausage sizzle will be held at the waterfront park after the service.

Tomakin

6:00am: Gunfire breakfast at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club 6:45am: Muster at the Rivermouth General Store, cnr Sunpatch and **Kingston Parades** 7:00 am: March to Tomakin Sports and Social Club. Pipe band and Navy personnel will be in attendance. This year, cadets and scouts will join the March, wearing uniforms from historical wars. **Emergency Services workers and** volunteers are invited to join the march.

7:30am ANZAC Day

Commemoration Service 7:45am Breakfast is provided to all Marchers by the Tomakin Sports and Social Ćlub. Members of the public are welcome to purchase their breakfast.

Tuross Head

5:30am: Dawn Service at the Memorial Gardens, Plantation Point. 11:00am: March from Birdwood Circle to the Tuross Head Country Club, 40 Monash Avenue. 11:15am: ANZAC Service at the Tuross Head Country Club. Note: Every care has been taken to ensure as many Electorate services as possible have been included and details were correct at the time of publication. For verification of other services, please contact your local RSL sub-branch

Bergalia

9:00am: ANZAC Service at the War Memorial in Bergalia Link Road. Bodalla (Saturday 20 April) 11:00am: ANZAC Service at the Bodalla Memorial Hall on the Princes Highway.

Central Tilba

9:50am: March assembles outside Dromedary Hotel on Bate Street. 9:55am: March to Cenotaph, corner of Corkhill Drive and Bate Street 10:00am: Commemoration Service at the Cenotaph.

Narooma

5:55am: Assemble for 6:00am Dawn Service at the War Memorial at Club Narooma, 88 Princes Highway. 10:45am: Assemble at the Narooma Visitors Centre, corner Princes Highway and Bluewater Drive. 10:45am: March steps off to the War Memorial at Club Narooma. 11:05am: ANZAC Service and Wreath Laying at the War Memorial. 12:30pm: A special luncheon will be on sale at Club Narooma after the Service for ex-Service Personnel and the public.

Moruya Mail Community meeting searches for solutions to crime



Over 100 people attended the Keep Moruya Safe meeting at the Golf Club on Thursday evening.

Keep Moruya Safe Committee

Last night over 100 people attended the community meeting, including Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega, Police Inspector John Sheehan from Batemans Bay, Sergeant Chris Wilson from Moruya, and Hicka, Chief Administrative Officer form the Cobowra Land Council of Moruya.

The audience was sombre but hopeful - wanting action to make Moruya safer. Many were our elders, our more vulnerable members of the community. Many victims of crime shared their stories (examples attached).

A powerpoint on NSW crime statistics from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, was presented to the audience. Copy attached. Note photos were not shown to the audience.

A short summary of NSW Government initiatives was provided. Statistics show quite clearly the regional and rural areas have higher levels of crime than our cities and thanks to the work of the NSW CWA the NSW Legislative Council is undertaking an inquiry into regional crime. Submissions from the public close on 31 May, (see attached). The Keep Moruya Safe Committee will be making a submission. In March the NSW Government announced a package of \$26.2m to undertake initiatives to address regional crime in hot spots in western NSW.

The group came up with a diverse package of solutions - some short term, some long term in nature. There were so many amazing ideas.

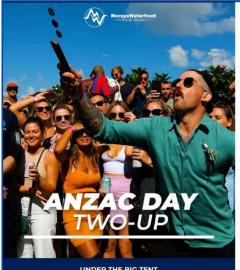
- A receptionist at the police station in Moruya so it can be open to the public during business hours. 90% of the audience put their hand up to vote in support of this proposal.
- Adult alcohol and drug rehabilitation services
- A significant increase in the PCYC budget
- Additional services to support our young men in the transition to employment.
- The local ice dealers being dealt with by police
- The NSW government, with long term funding (not short term grants), needs to directly provide more mental health services and education resources to ensure all our children go to school.
- The Department of Housing needs to be more proactive about dealing with people in social housing who commit crimes, for example placing them at locations where there are more social support services.

Inspector Sheehan encouraged all victims of crime to report it to police. This can be done over the phone or through Crimestoppers. You don't need the police to come to your house. He encouraged attendees to lock their cars and houses to make it harder for thieves.

Dr Michael Holland said he would take the issues and concerns raised at the meeting to his Parliamentary colleagues so they can be property considered and action. He said this meeting was the best public meeting on such a sensitive issue he had ever attended.

A big thank you to Amanda Annabell from Toastmaster who was our MC and kept us on track.

The Keep Moruya Safe Committee knows this is just the beginning of its work to make Moruya safer for all. We will provide the Moruya Mail with regular updates so watch out for these.



UNDER THE BIG TENT FROM MIDDAY AT MORUYA WATERFRONT



What's on at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya

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

Come down and step onto the stage this Saturday for Karaoke Night at the Waterfront. Whether you're belting out some bangers or daring a mate to do a duet, it's always a great night with plenty of fun times Saturday 20th April Karaoke from – 7:30 pm to Late Free Entry



Council moves to increase town density

By Phil Herrick

A move to make it easier to build a second house on an existing block of residential land has been launched by the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

If approved, many property owners in the R2 residential zone, which covers most of the shire's urban areas, will be able to more easily split their block of land for a dual occupancy

development, increasing the density of houses in towns and villages in the shire.

The key change proposed is to allow the new lot to be created with a Torrens Title. At the moment, the only way residential lots can be split for dual occupancy is by creating a strata subdivision.

Strata title means that there are multiple owners of properties on one piece of land and all owners are responsible for the common areas. Torrens title, also known as freehold, means there is just one owner of the land and building. It is the standard title in NSW for residential land.

The change in the rules will only apply to lots with a minimum size of 550 square metres in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone. It will allow a subdivision down to 300 square metres with one dwelling allowed on each lot. The council hopes the changes will encourage residential development in urban areas with existing services and utilities, minimise the demand for new land releases and help increase housing affordability and variety in the shire.

At its meeting last Tuesday, the council voted unanimously to move ahead with the plan.

The next steps are to send the draft proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request to issue a Gateway Determination. If that is given, public consultation on the proposed amendments will be begin.

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Tough times ahead as Council tries to tame spending By Phil Herrick

Too much sugar isn't good for you and it seems the sugar hit of too many grant funded projects in recent years has pushed Eurobodalla Shire Council's capacity to the limit and the resulting, unbudgeted, maintenance costs of some completed projects have smashed the budget.

Plus, a recent history of getting loans to pay some day-to-day expenses and just borrowing more to make the repayments has added to the woes. Now the crunch has come so council slashed spending in the last year - with more cuts to come.

These grim points were at the heart of the council's community information session at Moruya Library on the evening of Thursday 11 April as finance and corporate services director Stephanie Speedy and general manager Warwick Winn explained the new finance strategy and council's actions to date. Less than a dozen people were there to hear how a review by Warwick Winn in his first weeks on the job in late 2022 told him large financial losses were ahead and council's works program was too large to manage.

Although unspoken on the night, the previous management and council do not come out smelling like roses.

"We are a medium-sized council trying to do the work of a large council and that is not sustainable," he said.

Actions taken so far include slashing \$3 million from general fund spending this financial year, resulting in the operating loss falling from \$14 million to \$11 million, and reducing the capital works program to focus on maintaining and renewing existing assets like roads, public toilets, and recreation facilities.

A strategy to achieve financial sustainability by "living within our means" with 12 key actions was adopted by council in December 2023.

The massive operating losses of the grant funded Bay Pavilions cast a long shadow over the session. General manager Winn said the original budget to operate the Pavilions was less than \$400,000 a year. It is now over 13 times more, well north of \$5 million a year.

"The extent of the loss was poorly judged," he said. "It makes the cost blowout of Snowy 2.0 look tame in comparison."

The council promises to have more conversations and engagement with the community before making any further major cuts to services.



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Rally for Recovery donates another \$200,000



Rally volunteers with Skye Chalmers from the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

The Rally for Recovery in Tomakin gave a donation to Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation for \$200,000. Skye Chalmers from Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation was present to receive the donation this week.

Peter Fatches, President, is presenting the cheque with some of the Rally's great team of volunteers.

These volunteers give their time and expertise to process, display and sell donations from generous donors.

And of course we would like to thank those customers who buy from us that make this sum possible. Many of the volunteers shown have been volunteers for well over 10 years.

Rally was started over 20 years ago and has progressed from making money from Motor Rally's held around Australia, to running a very efficient mega garage sale twice a week.

Profits from all sales go to supporting research into childhood cancers at Sydney Children's Hospital. This has the potential to help children all over the world.

Heritage grants now available for Eurobodalla property owners

Owners of heritage objects or properties in the Eurobodalla can apply for grants to help them restore items or places. **Eurobodalla Council** has grants up to \$5,000 available for projects that enhance individual objects or buildings and promote the appreciation of Eurobodalla's history. With a funding contribution from Heritage NSW, the annual program is designed to raise awareness of heritage conservation.

Successful applicants will need to contribute one dollar for every dollar provided by the grant, and the restoration work must be completed before 30 April 2025. Applications close at 2pm on Friday 17 May 2024. To read the grant guidelines and complete the on-line application

the grant guidelines and complete the on-line application visit Council's <u>local heritage grants webpage</u> or contact strategic planning officer Nardi Arnold 4474 1226 or nardi.arnold@esc.nsw.gov.au



Fresh focus for our regions to support regional economic development

The **NSW Government** has today announced changes to the way the Government will serve regional communities, with an enhanced focus on protecting biosecurity, supporting agriculture, fisheries, forestry and mining as well as broader regional development.

From 1 July, 2024, the Department of Regional NSW will be re-named the **NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development**.

This reflects the twin objectives of growing our primary industries through greater focus on extension services, research and development and supporting regional economic development.

As part of the renewed focus there will also be a change in leadership of the new department.

Rebecca Fox will depart the role of Secretary after almost a decade serving the community in various senior roles in NSW Government. This included guiding the Department of Regional NSW through a period of consolidation and increased focus on delivery for regional communities and primary industries.

The incoming Secretary will be current Chief Executive Officer Local Land Services, Steve Orr, who has had a long and accomplished career serving the community in leadership roles in regional coordination and development, primary industries and local government.

These changes will create two new divisions within the Department, each with Deputy Secretaries reporting directly to the Secretary.

Agriculture and Biosecurity will be grouped to support the delivery of the Independent Commissioners for Agriculture and Biosecurity and reflects the interrelationship between the protection and productivity of our primary industries sector and the environment.

Fisheries and Forestry will also be combined to reflect the common natural resource management issues and the need for the long-term sustainable management and productivity of our state's fisheries, marine estate and forests.

Regional economic development focused on regional industries and employment will remain firmly rooted in the new department, with broader Regional Coordination functions returning to the NSW Premier's Department.

The return of Regional Coordination to the Premier's Department emphasises the Premier and the Minister's commitment to whole-ofgovernment coordination for regional communities.

Regional Coordination teams will remain based in their current six regions ensuring the voices and needs of regional communities are at the centre of both government and the NSW public service.

These teams will continue to work with all government agencies, local councils, community and industry partners to coordinate and drive major projects and to address some of the longer-term, complex issues affecting regional communities.

Premier, Chris Minns said "These changes are an important reflection of the NSW Government's commitment to supporting regional communities thrive, and the addition of regional coordination roles to the Premier's department will ensure a whole of government approach is taken.

"I know that New South Wales does not thrive if our agricultural industry and regional communities are not thriving. I am committed to continuing to invest in and work with our regions to make sure that happens." Minister Moriarty "Under new leadership, the department will now focus on our key priorities of protecting, supporting, and developing regional NSW. The focus on biosecurity and agriculture will be boosted and the roll out of the new \$350 million Regional Development Trust and the review of the Reginal Development Act will be elevated.





Tips for Staying Connected using your Smartphone or Tablet Keep in touch with family and friends, and what's on in your community.

Trainer: Trish Pye

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Moruya MailPage 719th April 2024Solar recycling centre open in Moruya Transfer Station



Saturday was the opening of a community Solar re-use centre, the very first of its kind in Australia, at the Moruya Transfer Station.

Lisa Cornthwaite from Repurposing for Resilience is behind the venture and spoke at the opening.

"Environmental stewardship, refers to the responsible use and protection of our natural environment, through conservation efforts and sustainable practices.

Everyone is accountable, and everyone has a role to play. So, this is exciting. Because today is the official opening of, what we believe to be, the very first community solar reuse centre of its kind! Standing around us is not a million-

dollar building or a high-profile site. What is here is the product of a grass roots organisation, being accountable and playing that role I just mentioned in environmental stewardship. And there's power in that.

Look at all the grass roots organisations represented here today, dedicated volunteers working together to achieve practical results towards a common goal, often overcoming hopelessness of inaction by achieving results and recreating hope.

You see there is more than 3.3 million homes in Australia who have installed solar panels. This growing uptake of solar in our country continues to be driven by rising energy costs and largely incentivised by the Federal Governments small scale technology certificates scheme in place since 2010.

It's a genius scheme, but it only applies new panels. So, what did we think we were going to do with all those solar panels coming off roofs and why is it becoming a real problem now? We live in an age in a place where we assume that we are entitled to instant gratification regardless of consequence. Our social and economic systems reflect that. We don't really plan ahead too far as a result.

I am guessing that as panels come with a warranty of 10-30 years, we probably didn't think about the complete cycle until it came around and started pushing us. We are seeing more and more consumers replacing solar panels long before their expiry, encouraged to do so by sales hype, short sited application of governing oversite

expiry, encouraged to do so by sales hype, short sited application of governing oversite and throw away economics. By 2030, that's only 6 years away, they are predicting solar panels will make up over

By 2030, that's only 6 years away, they are predicting solar panels will make up over 145,000 tonnes of waste. Could you imagine what over 7 million discarded solar panels would look like?

Of these we could assume between 3 and 5 million panels would still be operational. All of these panels don't just break down or magically dissolve in earth and water. Without intervention, these panels end up in landfill at worst, or sent to Industrial Materials Recyclers. Recycling, yep, much better than landfill. But a long way from being the best solution to the problem. Panels rarely just stop working. Rather they lose efficiency over time.

So why would we send a useful working panel which is still within its manufacturer's warranty period halfway across the country to a recycling centre to be pulled apart, at a disproportionate fiscal and environmental cost. As I said a moment ago, unless we intervene it's either landfill or recycling. So, we're intervening. Through this new centre, we're intervening by

intercepting, reusing and repurposing prior to recycling. We will take these discarded panels. We will test them and process them through 3 channels.

1. Those that test to safety standards and manufacturers specifications will be made available for resale and with warranty. This should provide consumer confidence in a second-hand market and makes solar even more affordable to our community.

 Those that do not meet manufacturers specifications but still aesthetically pleasing as you will, will be made available for repurposing into other useful items.
Which should leave us with a muchly reduced number of physically broken panels that yes, will need to be sent to recycling plants.

This simple intervention instantly diverts all solar panels and associated industry components from landfill. If it's done at a local level like this, it will also reduce our footprint on the environment through transport. This simple intervention saves both you and the council money. It's free to drop off undamaged panels. It's not free to drop off undamaged panels, that need to be shipped for recycling. This intervention provides opportunities for employment and training. For new industry in repurposing waste into functional items and as you will see in our art exhibition, into beautiful things.

This intervention offers solutions to other environmental issues, using waste, yes waste.

And yes, this simple solution, of applying circular economy principles, will only grow from here. We have plans and strategy which address other waste stream issues, problems that if you are aware of them, probably keep you awake some nights too.

We very much hope to recruit more active members, more like minded community organisations, more interest and importantly more funding.

Thank you for the parts that many of you have played in helping us to get to this point. Thank you for joining us to celebrate. And thank you for your future support as we translate these early results into lasting impacts."



NSW Government rolls out 2,700 new mobile speed camera enforcement sites

The NSW Government is doubling roadside enforcement sites used for mobile speed cameras and unveiling more measures to counter the rising number of deaths on our roads, with actions at state and federal level.

There will be no increase in mobile speed camera enforcement hours, but cameras will be able to be deployed in 2,700 new sites across the state to reduce speeding more widely across the network.

The number of enforcement hours will remain at around 21,000 hours per month across NSW regardless of the new sites where cameras can operate. The expansion is necessary in response to the increase in fatalities post-COVID. So far in 2024, 109 people have lost their lives on NSW roads - 13 higher than the same point in 2023.

New enforcement sites, which will be scoped over the next 12 months, are the latest road safety measure introduced by the NSW Labor Government, including:

Removing a loophole to force all motorists driving on a foreign licence to convert to a NSW licence within six months

•The introduction of seatbelt enforcement by existing mobile phone detection cameras commencing on July 1

•The demerit point trial that earlier this month saw 1.1 million drivers get a demerit point wiped from their licence for maintaining a spotless record over 12 months

·Hosting the state's first road safety forum, bringing together more than 150 local and international experts

The NSW Government today announces the actions that have been taken out of the February Road Safety Forum, with Transport for NSW to immediately begin work on:

 \cdot Partnering with up to ten regional councils to fast-track the implementation of safer speed limits, particularly in areas of high pedestrian activity

 \cdot A new look road safety communications strategy aimed at, and designed with, young people

 \cdot Reviewing up to 35 school precincts across the state for improved safety on key routes to school

• Supporting safer speeds through better lighting, placemaking and streetscape improvements for areas that have, or are introducing, permanent 40kmh and 30kmh speed zones

On Friday, NSW is joining other states at the Road Safety Ministers' Meeting hosted by the Australian Government in Melbourne.

NSW has joined national and state road agencies in the signing of a formal data-sharing agreement which will help form a clearer picture of road safety across Australia, and inform strategies designed to increase safety.

Data around the causes of crashes, including speeding, fatigue and seatbeltuse, crash locations, speed limits and types of vehicles involved will all be shared to help design initiatives to lower road trauma nation-wide.

The National Road Safety Data Agreement will extend data sharing to state jurisdictions and non-government researchers, meaning the NSW Government will now be able to utilise information from across the country.

Highlighting the importance of using data to develop road safety strategies, Transport will today launch the Towards Zero Collaboration Hub, consolidating road safety information, data access and resources into a single, accessible platform.

The Hub will build road safety knowledge and empower local councils, community organisations and other road safety stakeholders to work together and share strategies to help prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roads. Following the NSW Road Safety Forum, Transport will also explore ways with Corrective Services to enhance behaviour change programs for high-risk drink and drug driving offenders, and to implement stronger post-crash drug and alcohol testing after serious crashes.

Transport for NSW will also examine the benefits and challenges of using average speed cameras to enforce speeding for light vehicles.

The Towards Zero Collaboration Hub is now live at:

collaborationhub.towardszero.nsw.gov.au

An outcome summary from the 2024 Road Safety Forum can be located at: <u>https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/what-we-do/nsw-road-safety-forum-2024</u> Minister for Roads John Graham said "Reducing the predictability of where roadside cameras are set up was recommended by the NSW Auditor-General."

"Like all other states around Australia, NSW has experienced an unwelcome rise in road fatalities since the COVID era, and we're taking action to prevent these tragedies on the road.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said "The rollout of 2,700 new mobile speed camera enforcement sites across NSW will predominantly occur in regional NSW where 1,650 new sites will be eligible once the scoping period is completed over the coming 12 months. "This is entirely appropriate considering regional NSW represents a third of the NSW

population but two-thirds of deaths on our roads."

"We want the public along for the ride on this and urge anyone with a suggested site in mind where safety would be enhanced by a roadside mobile camera to tell Transport for NSW.

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Thursday 25th April

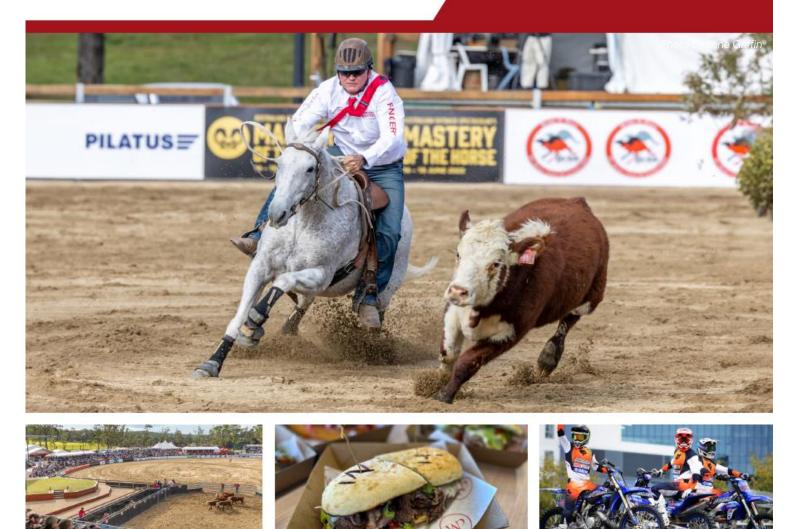
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Help Save Lives @ Congo Beach

During the Easter weekend, approximately 40 members of the Congo community and its surrounding area gathered on Congo Beach to help raise community awareness of the dangers of unpatrolled Congo Beach and discuss ways to improve beach safety.

The meeting comes after a second fatal drowning at the popular surf beach over the summer of 2023.

At the meeting, organised by the Congo Community Association (CCA), residents heard about the Emergency Response Beacon (ERB) project being rolled out in the region by Surf Life Saving NSW on behalf of the State Government. They also had a chance to have their questions answered by a member of the local surf club and learn about the ERB project.

These ERBs, hailed as cutting-edge lifesaving tools, are earmarked for deployment in 'black spot' areas statewide. They harness the latest in mobile technology, bridging the gap between beachgoers and the Surf Life Saving NSW State Operations Centre (SOC) in times of emergency.

The meeting garnered strong community support for including Congo as one of three sites in Eurobodalla to be part of the trial.

"The community of Congo has witnessed two recent tragic deaths. These events are an immense trauma for the victim's family and friends. However, when these events occur, there is often a less visible and lasting impact on the community and our first responders. It was great to see so many people here today to raise community awareness about the issue and

to show their support for the ERB initiative," said Belinda Bain, President of the CCA. The meeting also allowed the community to brainstorm potential community-led solutions to improve safety. These include initiatives to warn visitors of the dangers, raise money to purchase a defibrillator to add to the ERB, and create a 'flotation device library' based on a similar initiative on Lord Howe Island.

The CCA will continue collaborating with the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club to improve safety at Congo Beach and make the ideas discussed at the meeting a reality.

Rates subsidies for community groups

Community organisations like historical societies, surf clubs, and kindergartens can apply for a rates subsidy for the 2024-25 financial year.

Recognising the vital contribution made by not-for-profit sporting, social and cultural organisations and some registered charities, Eurobodalla Council invites applications from these groups for partial subsidies against their annual rates notice.

Applications are open now and close on Wednesday 1 May 2024.

For more information or to apply, visit <u>Council's Rates Subsidy Grants</u> <u>webpage</u>.





Public toilets get a tune-up



Council's public amenities team roll up their sleeves to give Eurobodalla's toilets a much-needed makeover.

Following a thorough inspection of 67 public toilets, **Eurobodalla Council** has begun a mission to upgrade. Armed with measuring tapes and sledgehammers, Council's public amenities team will do the demolition and design work.

Council's director of community arts and recreation Kathy Arthur said a strategic plan was developed to improve the quality and accessibility of amenities.

"We now have a dedicated public amenities team to implement the strategy which addresses cleanliness, maintenance, and inclusivity, ensuring that public toilets meet the highest standards and cater to the diverse needs of the community," Ms Arthur said.

"We recognised the importance of modern and hygienic facilities for residents and visitors alike. We know there is a big disparity between expectation and satisfaction." Toilets at North Broulee and Narooma's Nata Oval are first in the pipeline. Crews will then make their way to the public toilets at Moruya and Broulee surf clubs.

"We have categorised toilets on their condition and will address high priority ones first, with the goal to upgrade them all over the next four years," Ms Arthur said. Ms Arthur said upgrades and design will vary following

community discussions on the needs of each facility prior to work commencing.

"We would also like to work with the community on public art in and around the toilets," Ms Arthur said.

"Upgrades will include more accessible and unisex toilet options, water-saving fittings, better lighting and ventilation."

In between upgrades, Ms Arthur said the public amenities team established a maintenance program.

"They can tend to jobs around the clock; tasked to leaks or community inquiries when something is out of order," Ms Arthur said.

For more information, view the Toilet Strategy 2023 - 2028 on Council's website.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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



It was Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles who first suggested that the inclusion of Japan in the AUKUS group was a natural 'evolution' of the pact. As such it was risible if understandable; Marles is not the sharpest knife in the Cabinet drawer.

But when it was adopted by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese – and then the American president Joe Biden – there is cause for concern. With the addition of Japan, AUKUS ceases to be a device to supply nuclear powered submarines to Australia several decades in the future but a stark reminder of the oppressive powers that abused Chinese sovereignty in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Japan's membership could hardly be more provocative to a country that suffered the indignity of Japanese control of its Taiwan province for 50 years from 1895 and its invasion of the mainland throughout the second world war. The notorious Massacre of Nanking - where the atrocities included 200,000 murders and 20,000 rapes of the civilian population - was but one of hundreds of outrages visited upon the Chinese people. Succeeding Japanese Governments have apologised for their past atrocities, but the scars have yet to heal.

The Australian POWs in Changi and on the Thai-Burma railway had a taste of the cruelty of Imperial Japan, but the intervention of the first of our official Deputy Prime Ministers, John 'Black Jack' McEwen produced a new dimension to our relations with that country. McEwen was a very different figure from the pedestrian Marles. In the decade following the war he and his Departmental Secretary John Crawford, realised that Britain would no longer be our major trading partner and turned instead to Japan. As it happened, I joined McEwen's small staff as Press Secretary in 1967 – shortly before Harold Holt took his fateful swim – and heard many times of the struggle to pass the 1956 Japan trade agreement against a united Labor opposition. When we visited Tokyo in 1968, he was feted by the Japanese government as a national hero. His proudest boast, he responded, was that since signing the Agreement, neither side had cause to refer to its written articles.

This congenial relationship, added to the American 'supervision' of post war Japan, meant that our promise, 'Lest we forget' was filtered through a financial prism. The Japanese 'economic miracle' even brought protests in the 1980s that Japan was 'buying Australia'. Throughout that postwar period McEwen also maintained a lucrative wheat trade with Mao Zedong's China despite his government's warning of 'the downward thrust of Chinese communism' via the Vietnam War. However, the China redux of Xi Jinping on the one hand, and on the other a combination of the snide provocations from the zealot Scott Morrison, the militaristic 'exceptionalism' of the United States and the clownish cunning of Donald Trump, has produced a highly delicate diplomatic challenge.

To describe Japan's introduction to the equation as a natural 'evolution' is inappropriate at best and ignorant at worst. And to accuse China of seeking to limit freedom of shipping through the South China Sea – the gateway to China's trade with the world – would be laughable were it not made by the US Navy and its Australian sycophants.

It also makes a mockery of the sensible formula for peaceful coexistence articulated by both Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong, that 'we will cooperate where we can, disagree where we must and engage in our national interest.'

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South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1188 New Homes Just Take TOO Long to Build

You will likely be aware by now that the Federal Government's (optimistic) target of 1.2m extra homes is seriously under threat of not being met. The big problem is that housing is primarily the responsibility of State Governments and Local Councils. The other big problem is that it just takes so much time and so many resources (particularly people) to build that many homes. Oh, and the other big problem is that many builders are going broke as the increase in prices of building materials is killing the typical fixed price building model that we have all been use to. Building new properties must obviously be a long term goal, but we have a housing and particularly a rental crisis NOW. It appears governments at all levels must look for incentives now to encourage existing owners with additional properties to make them available for the long term rental market. UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS

An Invitation from U3A Batemans Bay

U3A Batemans Bay invites interested members of the community to join us at the first of our Saturday Talks for 2024 when Emeritus Bishop George Browning has agreed to talk about, then lead a discussion on, the ongoing crises in Israel and Palestine. This talk will be held on Saturday 20 April from 10 am to 12 noon at the Malua Bay Community Centre.

Bishop Browning has a deep understanding about the people and the history of the region and the pressures that have precipitated current events. He has thought hard about how a sustainable peace may yet be achieved. If you would like to attend please contact Andrew Elek on <u>elek@netspace.net.au</u> or Ph 0499 517 234.

There will be the usual \$2 charge to defray costs. U3A Batemans Bay, which serves the Eurobodalla, offers over 50 educational, recreational, physical activity, and personal development courses of various lengths.We also offer a range of social activities and wine appreciation groups as well as our Saturday Talks program.

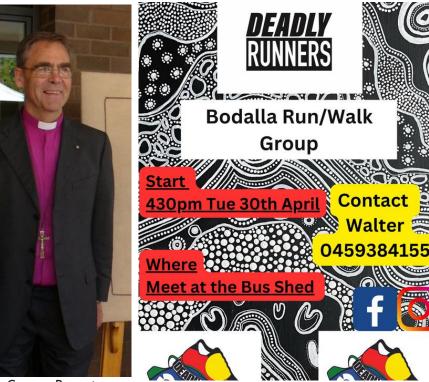
There are three new courses on offer next term, which commences on Monday 27

April.Psychology and Sociology which examines five of the top theories in each subject will be held every second Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at the University of Wollongong. Our very popular News review Discussion Group which has been in recess for some time is returning every second Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm at the tutor's home in Batehaven and will be limited to a small group of 10.

Also returning is our popular Learn to Relax course run by a semi retired psychologist. Learning to relax has many benefits. It is essential in building and maintaining a better quality of life, improving sleep, maintaining a positive outlook, healthy relationships, and dayto-day energy levels. Learning to relax is about exercising control over your mind and body. This course will run from 2 pm to 4 pm on four consecutive Tuesdays from 7 May at the University of Wollongong.

These courses join our continuing and returning courses, details of which can be found by clicking the Courses tab, on our website <u>http://u3abatemansbay.org.au</u> and scrolling down to 'Courses and Activities Currently Available'. Alternatively our newsletter, which contains details of the program, can be found in the Shire's libraries.

U3A Batemans Bay has been providing courses and social activities for the over 50s for more than 25 years. As an organisation we are unique in that every person involved, including the committee and the tutors, are volunteers. The majority of our tutors are members who offer their time, knowledge and interests to others. Members of the community are also invited to offer courses by contacting coordinator3@u3a.bbay@gmail.org



Bishop George Browning

BUILDING DIGITAL CAPABILITY FOR EUROBODALLA COMMUNITY GROUPS

Expression of Interest: Community Group and NFP Google Apps Training

As advocates for technological empowerment and community engagement, Trish Pye from The Tec Exec is thrilled to extend an invitation to Eurobodalla community groups for a comprehensive training session on using Zoom for meetings and Google Apps for document sharing.

In today's digital age, proficiency in using online tools is essential for effective communication, collaboration, and speed. Google Apps offers a suite of powerful tools such as Gmail, Google Drive, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and more, which can significantly streamline your group's operations and enhance productivity. Our training program aims to equip your members with the necessary skills to leverage these tools effectively. The session will cover a range of topics tailored to meet the specific needs and goals of your community group, including:

- Introduction to Google Apps: Overview of key features and functionalities.
- Gmail: Efficient email management, advanced features, and best practices.
- Google Drive: File storage, sharing, and collaboration.
- Google Calendar: Scheduling meetings, events, and managing appointments.
- Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides: Creating, editing, and collaborating on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations.
- Customised Solutions: Addressing specific challenges or requirements faced by your community group.

Our experienced trainers will ensure an interactive and engaging learning experience, catering to participants of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced users. We believe that empowering Eurobodalla community groups with Google Apps proficiency will not only streamline operations but also foster greater collaboration and efficiency in achieving community collective goals. The proficiencies are also important when considering succession planning within an organisation.

If this opportunity is of interest, please contact Trish Pye on 0414 442 707. We will commence training in June with a flexible format for each session, whether in-person or virtual. The first two workshops will be delivered face to face at a local Moruya venue. The remainder of the sessions will be online using Zoom and recorded and added to Google Drive as a reusable resource.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to enhance your group's technological capabilities. We look forward to the possibility of working together to unlock the full potential of Google Apps for your community.

100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



19-04-1924

Mr. C. Stockman, who three years ago purchased the picturesque **Tuross Estate** from Mrs. Mylott, snr., has parted with it to Mr. H. R. McWilliam for an estate at Bombala. Mr. Stockman is reluctantly compelled to leave the coast owing to the continuing ill-health of Mrs. Stockman. We understand that Mr. McWilliam intends to subdivide Tuross, which has unbounded potentialities, into small areas. This estate is an ideal one for a tourist resort, the scenic beauty of the lakes is acknowledged by travellers to surpass even the far-famed Killarney Lakes.

After the 30th June next no man can practice as a veterinary surgeon in this State unless he is registered, and his registration must bear his thumb print and be accompanied by an approved photograph.

Mr. Bertie Chewying was admitted to the local hospital on Tuesday suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis, but later reports state that the patient is much easier.

The South Coast and Tableland District Exhibition won the competition at the Royal Show. ... This is the seventh occasion on which this District has won the competition.

Mr. W. V. Craven's trip to the South Coast on behalf of the **Surf Life Saving Association** is meeting with success. Already there are four life-saving clubs in the course of formation on the respective beaches of Tathra, Pambula, Eden, and Bermagui. ...

Moruya District Band - The public meeting convened by Mr. Preddy at the Amusu Theatre, April 11, was not so largely attended as the object deserved. Some 20 odd people rolled up, and although the number was small the interest displayed by those present was very marked and argues well for the forming of a very good and real live band to be known as the Moruya District Band. Messrs. Mylott, Preddy and Parbery addressed the meeting and it was decided to carry on. Some 38 members have joined up, and the committee now look forward to every person in the district to become a member, and send their names together with the small membership fee of 2/6. Only two business people attended the meeting, and although they must have been too busy on Friday night perhaps they will show they have Moruya at heart and forward along their names together with a donation. No amount will be too large or too small. The band want your help as instrument's cost anything from £5 to £20 each. ... The following officers were elected: - President, Mr. T. Flood; Vice-president, Mr. C. de Saxe; Treasurer, Mr. P. J. Mylott; Secretary, Mr. A. H. Preddy; Bandmaster, Mr. H. Parbery; Librarian, Mr. J. Spinks; Trustees, Messrs. T. Flood, P. Mylott and C. de Saxe.

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Fungi Feastival's First Round Photo **Competition Winners**



By Jeanette Robben, Batemans Bay-common ink cap Coprinopsis atramentaria.

Fungi Feastival was pleased to receive 46 entries in the first round of their fungi photo competition. Rob Evans, a local professional photographer was selected to judge the entries. Rob of Artessence Gallery in Pambula is a photographer with an extensive catalogue of stunning coastal and hinterland images taken around Pambula, Merimbula, Eden and the Snowy Mountains.

Rob judged the anonymised fungi images and described them as 'wonderful' and 'a joy to view'. "I worked through each of the photographs using a combination of technical and artistic criteria. On the technical side I looked at whether they have appropriate focus, lighting and contrast for the subject of the image. Artistically, I then considered the extent to which the image caught my imagination and the effectiveness of the composition."

"I then ranked them by adding a 'wow' factor score to the technical & artistic scores to get a top ten in order. The top two images used very different techniques, they are of equally high quality, resulting in a tie for first place", Rob said.

The equal first place winners of the first round of Fungi Feastival's 2024 Photographic Competition are Jeanette Robben and Ben Smyth. Jeanette's winning mushroom image was taken near Batemans Bay and is likely the common ink cap Coprinopsis atramentaria. Ben Smyth's image taken near Merimbula is the ghost fungus Omphalotus nidiformis. Special mention goes to photographers Allison Aitken and Ashley Smart photographic entries were also highly commended whose images were also highly commended. The two first place winners will receive copies of fungi ecologist, writer and photographer Alison Pouliot's fungi books. Entries are already coming in for the second round of Fungi Feastival's Photo Competition, which closes on 10th June 2024. Following the second round an overall winner will be selected. Prizes include fungi books, mushroom growing kits and truffle hunts. For details on how to enter fungi photo competition visit http://www.fungifeastival.com.au/photocompetition

The Fungi Feastival would like to thank Mumbulla Community Foundation for their grant to support the visit of international fungi film makers Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak to the Bega Valley. The Feastival will be screening their new fungi documentary 'Follow the Rain' followed by a Q&A with the film makers at five venues in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla this June. Stephen & Catherine will also facilitate two Fungi Photography Workshops. For Fungi Feastival event dates, times and tickets visit www.fungifeastival.com.au

Narooma Rotary recognises valued employees



At Narooma Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards 202 Chantelle Rogers of Narooma Preschool, left, Jacob Williams of Southern Euro Plumbing, Zoe Williams of Oyster Farmer's Daughter, Cyndi Clark of Maven Dental, Barbara Collett of IRT, Sujata Gyawali of Estia, Anne Jessop of Eastwood's Bermagui, Heather Billington of Swan Plumbing Narooma, Narooma Rotarians David McInnes, Francoise Cleret and Laurelle Pacey.

Eight local businesses recognised valued employees at Narooma Rotary's annual Pride of Workmanship Awards at a special dinner at Club Dalmeny on Thursday.

"These Awards give local business people the opportunity to publicly recognise one of their staff who goes above and beyond," said Narooma Rotary Vice President David McInnes.

"It's a chance to show their appreciation to someone with outstanding gualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to their job.

"Most importantly, Pride of Workmanship is not a competition. It's a recognition of individual achievement and commitment." Awards were presented to:

- -Anne Jessop of Eastwood's Bermagui -Sujata Gyawali of Estia Health Dalmeny
- -Barbara Collett of IRT Dalmeny
- -Cyndi Clark of Maven Dental Narooma -Chantelle Rogers of Narooma Community Preschool
- -Zoe Williams of Oyster Farmer's Daughter
- -Jacob Williams of Southern Euro Plumbing

-Heather Billington of Swan Plumbing Narooma. Awards co-organiser Francoise Cleret said these Awards are a highlight of Narooma Rotary's year. Fellow co-organiser Laurelle Pacey said she is always quite moved by what employers say when nominating an awardee. "What these Awards show is that these businesses care about their employees and our community is the richer for that," she said.



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Carleta Delac at The Bay Pavilions Clyde Gallery



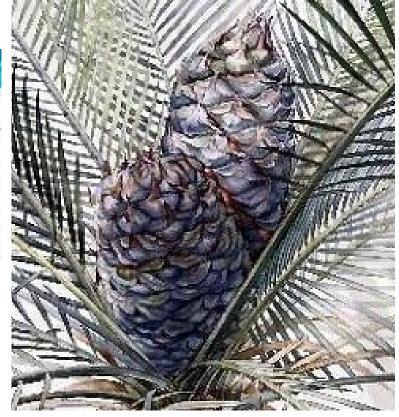
Reflection & Balance 2nd April - 30th April

The Bay Pavilions Clyde Gallery is currently hosting work by the talented emerging artist Carleta Delac! Her exhibition 'Reflection & Balance' Liquid Chrome & Mirror Series is on throughout April and not to be missed. With striking pops of red and mirrors you can't help but be drawn into Carleta's work. To find out more about the artist and the exhibition visit out website <u>https://baypavilions.com.au/arts/clyde-gallery/</u>

Little Sellers Art Prize

As part of the Little Sellers Art Prize, Eurobodalla visual art students in years 11 or 12 are eligible for \$2000 scholarship to assist in furthering their art studies. The scholarship is generously provided by art collector, patron of the arts philanthropist Mr. Basil sellers. This year's theme is 'You're the Voice.' Apply now, entries close Friday 28 June at 4:30pm. <u>https://thebas.com.au/.../little-sellers-scholarship...</u> <u>https://thebas.com.au/bas-kids/little-sellers-art-prize</u>





At the Bas

Art exhibition: The Art of the Garden - collected works

13 April - 12 May

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

Showcasing works from Council's permanent collection usually seen only at the Garden, this exhibition offers a diverse range of artistic expressions where creativity and the natural world intertwine in a captivating floral setting.

The collection includes artworks by:David Ramsland, David B Wallace, Dianne Gee, Elisabeth Sherras Clark, Heide Webber, Ian 'Bill' McKenzie, Jan Grenfell, Janet Twigg Paterson, Katalin Sallani, Mandy Marks Bennett, Mandy Hillson, Raewyn Lawrence, William T Cooper.

Q&A with ERBG Manager, Michael Anlezark: Thursday 2 May, 6 to 7pm - <u>RSVP for for Q&A session</u>.

Plant propagation workshop: Saturday 11 May, 12.30 to 3.30pm -<u>Book online</u> Don't be afraid and come and get your hands dirty. Learn the best methods of plant propagation from Dylan Morrissey.

This plant propagation workshop is perfect for beginners and green thumbs!

WHEN: 11 May from 12:30pm – 3:30pm.

Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan and Campbell streets, Moruya.

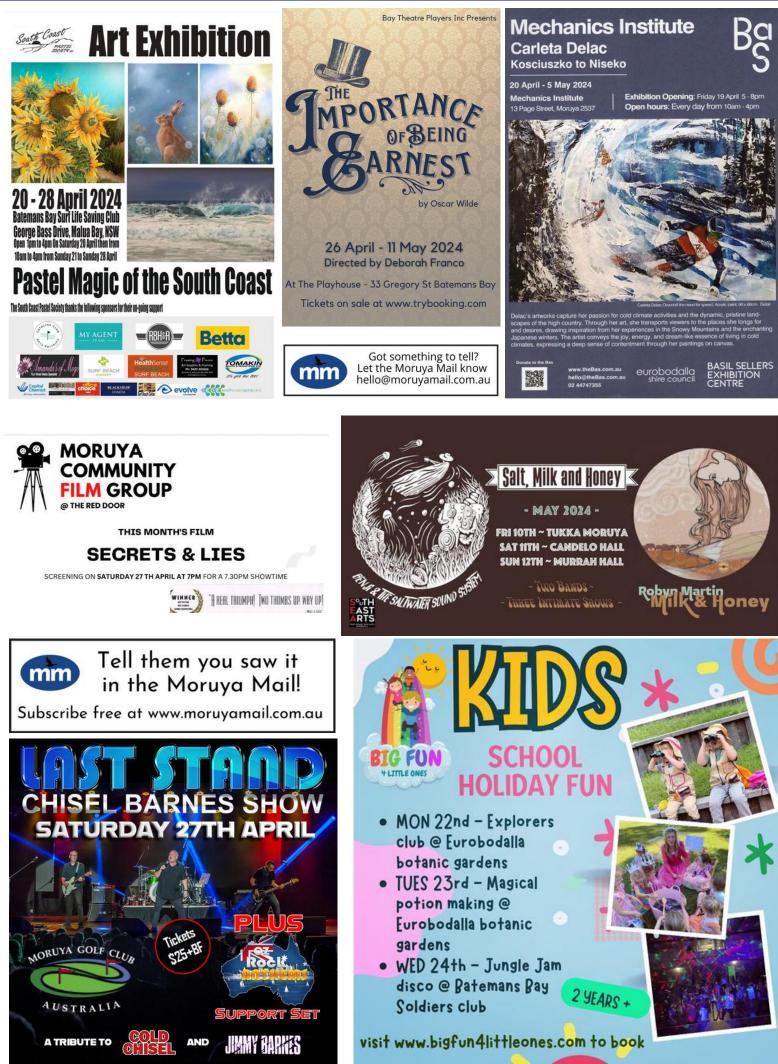
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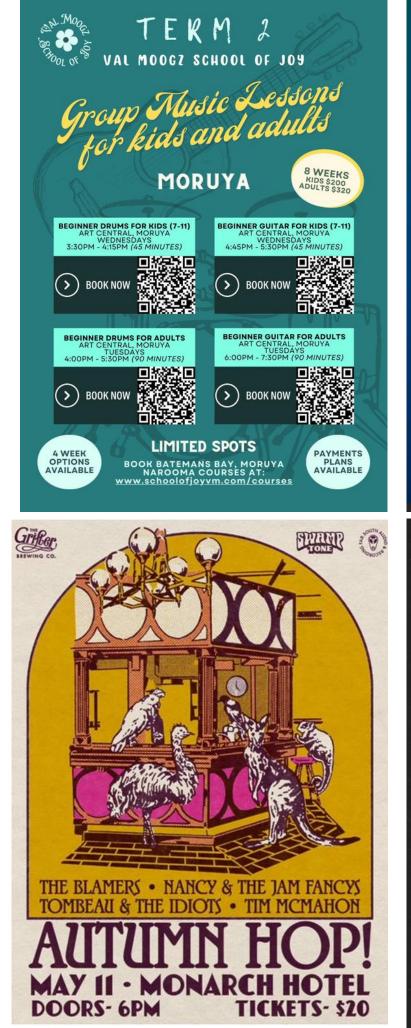
Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan Street and Campbell Street, Moruya. Opening hours: Daily, 10am – 4pm

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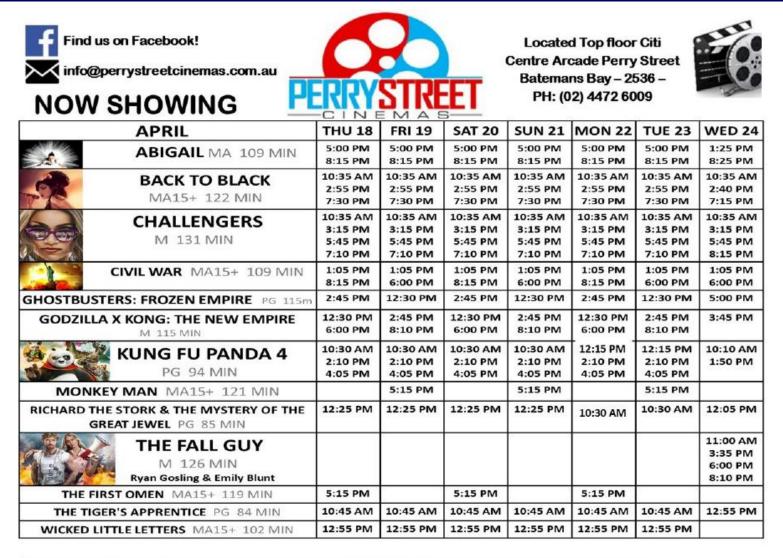
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China, whose love of kung fu is matched only by an insatiable appetite.



BACK TO BLACK

MA| 2hrs 2min ~ Drama ~ Music ~ Maris Abela A celebration of the most iconic - and much missed - homegrown star of the 21st century, BACK TO BLACK tells the extraordinary tale of Amy Winchouse.



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May 2nd - TAROT

MA | 1hr 49min ~ Horror ~ Thriller ~ A group of would-be criminals kidnap the 12-year-old ballerina daughter of a powerful underworld figure, all they have to do to collect \$50 million ransom is watch.



THE FALL GUY - 24th

M 2hrs 6min ~ Action ~ Comedy ~ Ryan Gosting Emily Blunt & Teresa Palmer He's a stuntman, and like everyone in the stunt community, he gets blown up, shot, crashed, thrown through windows and dropped from the highest of heights.

CHALLENGERS

M 2hrs 11min ~ Drama ~ Romance ~ Zendaya, Josh O'Connor & Mike faist Tashi, a tennis player-turned-coach, has taken her husband, Art, and transformed him from a mediocre player into a world-famous Grand Slam champion.

THE TIGERS APPRENTICE

PG| 1hr 24min ~ Family ~ Animation -After the death of his grandmother Tom Lee has to be apprenticed to the talking tiger Mr. Hu and learn magic to become the new guardian of an ancient phoenix.

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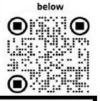


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2024 Diary Dates

- 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

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.

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.



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<u>Moruya RSL Sub-branch</u> 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.

New Eurobodalla hospital

Q&A Forums across the Eurobodalla, starting with Narooma on April 30th, 5 to 6:30pm, at the Golf Club

Co-hosted by ONE Eurobodalla Hospital and ROTARY Narooma, the sole focus of this first Forum. **Narooma Golf Club at 5pm sharp on Tuesday April 30.**

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St John Ambulance - NSW Moruya Division asks :

Are you a resident of the Eurobodalla Shire? Are you at the time of your family life and career where you think you might like to do something to help others? St John Ambulance Moruya Division is looking for adult members to join our team. St John Ambulance is not like other volunteer agencies like the

St John Ambulance is not like other volunteer agencies like the RFS or SES. We are not what is known as a combat agency. We do not get calls to respond in the middle of the night or during the day. We always know where we are going to be.

As we deal with children and vulnerable people St John requires members to have a WWCC and undergo a CRC check before being accepted. These are free if lodged through St John. Moruya Division meets once a week on Mondays (except public and holidays) from 6-8pm at the Southern Life Community Hall next to Moruya TAFE.

With a starting point of First Aid qualifications members learn valuable skills that enhance their ability to assist patients who are ill or injured while attending an event. If this interests you go to <u>www.stjohnnsw.com.au</u> and Click on' Get involved' then 'Event Volunteers',' Apply now' and finally Application Form. Once you have lodged this you will be contacted by a person dedicated to talking to prospective members. Go on do something selfless with your time. Join us. Susanne Page, OIC Moruya Division



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Reptile observation in the Eurobodalla shire

Reptile photography is one of my biggest passions and ever since the local snake catcher stopped operating. I've been looking for someone who has an interest or goes out doing reptile observations David McMahon Mobile is 0473598771

Community members invited to join new community engagement committees

Community engagement committees Southern NSW Local Health District is looking for enthusiastic community members to join two new Network Community Engagement Committees (CECs), one for the Coastal Network and one for the Inland Network.

The CECs will help our District deliver on one of the six strategic priorities of the <u>NSW Regional Health Strategic Plan for 2022-2032</u> aimed at keeping communities informed, building engagement and seeking feedback.

Southern NSW Local Health District's Coastal Network covers the south eastern coast of NSW from Batemans Bay to Eden. The Inland Network includes Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass, Cooma, Jindabyne, Braidwood, Crookwell, Delegate, Bombala and surrounding towns.

We launched our <u>Strengthening Community Engagement</u> <u>framework</u> in January this year, developed with input from a broad range of community members and partner organisations. The framework outlines how we will connect with communities at local, network and District levels.

All interested applicants are enthusiastically encourage to submit an application via an <u>online Expression of Interest process</u>. We strongly encourage applications from people with lived experience of diversity.

Applications close Tuesday 30 April 2024.

THE NEW EUROBODALLA LEVEL4 REGIONAL HOSPITAL Community-led "Q&A" Forum

ONE New Level 4 Eurobodalla Hospital Advocates Group in partnership with ROTARY Narooma are organising a New Hospital-focused Community-led "Q&A" Forum on Tuesday 30 April, 5 - 6.30pm sharp, at the Narooma Golf Club's upstairs auditorium.

We have asked the community to send their questions in advance by the 15 April. A large number of very good questions have been received. We are now organising them in an ordered short list for the Panel of Experts to answer them.

In the next week we will be contacting the authors of the questions shortlisted for tabling and arrange for them to ask the question in person from the floor.

Given the number and variety of questions received, and the Forum session time constraints, new questions and/or statements will not be accepted on the day.

All are invited to hear clear and factual answers from the Panel including Doctors, Health Executives, NSW Ambulance, Dr Holland MP, Mayor Cllr Hatcher and more.

Narooma Golf Club at 5-6.30pm on Tuesday April 30.

BATEMANS BAY POLICE STATION OPEN DAY

Batemans Bay Police Station will be having an Open Day on Saturday the 27th April 2024 from 10.00am to 3.00pm This will be a family friendly event showcasing various NSW Police Force Units including: *Police Dog Unit, *Mounted Police *Police Marine Area Command, *Traffic & Highway Patrol, *Police Rescue & Bomb Disposal, *Police Recruitment, *Guided tours of the Police Station and Custody areas, Coffee Van and BBQ available on the day. Gold coin entry donation that will be donated to a chosen charity. The Police will also be holding a colouring in competition for children aged 0-5, 6-10 and 11-14 with prizes. Please feel free to come into the Police Station anytime and obtain the colouring sheet



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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, <u>Allan</u> 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

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As we approach the 29th of April,

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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



All welcome.

Meet Nova

Gorgeous Nova is looking for a home. Nova is a medium-size Bull Arab mix with a sweet nature who will make someone a wonderful pet. This lovely girl has a remarkably calm temperament, even though she is just under a year old. Nova is very strong so is probably not suited to a home with very small children. She gets on well with other dogs and bonds quickly with humans. We think she would do best in a home where she is the only dog and can soak up all the attention. She responds well to training and loves her walks. This girl is an all-round sweetheart and is more than ready to settle into her forever home.

To meet Nova, please ring AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612.

BTW, big lovable Dyson is still available. Finally, FOSTER CARERS NEEDED. The animals of Eurobodalla need YOU! If you can help an animal transition to their new life by giving them a temporary home, please contact AWL Eurobodalla on 0410016612.





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NAROOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY celebrates the National Trust's Heritage Festival with Lynch's Hotel

'Connect' with Narooma's history in Lynch's Hotel

Sunday 21 April 2024

2.30pm Lynch's Public Bar



The theme of this year's Heritage Festival is 'Connections - an opportunity to share stories and have fun bringing heritage to life'. So join us to 'connect' with the treasures in Lynch's Public Bar - its wall of old photos, bar plaques, and the first marlin caught out of Narooma. Please ring Laurelle (0409 761 582) for more information. Need an idea of numbers so please RSVP by 19th by text if coming.



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Winner John Eglitis with Committee member Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 11th April 2024

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The sun was shining and the course in great condition.

The Winners were: 1st: John Eglitis (13) with 35 points 2nd: Allan Langford (16) with 34 points (countback) 3rd: Shane Gschwend (16) with 34 points 4th: Peter Coffey (23) with 31 points (countback) 5th: Ian Manton (19) with 31 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: A Grade: Ray Bollard 0.69 **B** Grade:Ron Rogers 5.00 10.00 C Grade: Peter Coffey 6th: A Grade:Lars Gaupset 2.88 B Grade: Greg Maloney 3.00 7th: A Grade: John Eglitis 7.02 B Grade: Grant Kiely 815

Balls went to: Nick Brice 31, Paul Medwin 31, Peter Nikolic 30, Ron Rogers 30, Ray Bollard 30, Teri Swanbury 30, Gail Page 30, Ruth Gschwend 30, Lars Gaupset 29, Terry Milliken 29,

Leonie Doolan 28, Ian Miller 28, Grant Kiely 28, Ian Kingston 28 and Graeme Bell 28.



Winner Shane Gschwend with Committee member Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 13th April 2024

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

Winners were:

1st: Shane Gschwend (15) with 42 points 2nd: Troy Kingdom (6) with 40 points 3rd: Ethan Wong (30) with 39

points 4th: Bruce Harding (18) with 37 points

5th: William Steenbergen (16) with 35 points

Hole Prize: Matthew Kennedy 6th: Jackpot Prize 0.30

Near	est to the Pins:	
4A:	Troy Kingdom 0.51	

- 4B: Stephen Gardner 3.88 Peter Coffey 5.60 4C: 6A: Martin Booth 5.22 0.30 Matthew Kennedy 6B:
- 6C: Tony Brown 4.77
- 7A: Nil Tim Davidson 1.73
- 7B: 7C: Nil

Balls went to:Tim Davidson 34. John Eglitis 33, Anthony Mellick 33, Greg Booth 33, Paul Scholze 32, Lars Gaupset 32, Stephen Gardner 32, Ron Rogers 32, Steve Collins 32, Robert McDonell 32, Ruth Gschwend 31, Ian Lawson 31, Shelley Pritchett 31, Ken Hush 31 and Peter Hogan 31.



Winners Gail Page and Christine Wratten (missing Jennifer Gray) **Tuross Head Ladies Golf**

Results - Tuesday 16th April 2024

A field of 21 players registered for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Teri Swanbury. The weather was beautiful and the game enjoyed by all.

The Winners were: A Grade: Gail Page (22) with 27 points Leonie Doolan (26) with 26 points

B Grade: Christine Wratten (34) with 31 Cate O'Brien (38) with 30

C Grade: Jennifer Gray (44) with 31 points Judith McCarthy (45) with 30 points

Nearest to the Pins: 6th:Gail Page 15th:Beverley Theobald 7th:Dorothy Madden (HC 1-35) Dianne Brown (HC 36-45)

Balls went to: Margaret Downey 27, Beverley Theobald 26, Teri Swanbury 25, Dianne Brown 25 and

Shirley Quinlan 25.





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SAGE Farmers Market Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

The river was starting to clear up quite quickly early in the week, until Tuesday night, when we had another unexpected drop of between 70mm and 100mm of rain. Thee tra influx of fresh to the system, has put the fishing back a bit. We haven't had much in the way of follow up rain the rest of the week though, so fingers crossed the river will start to clear quickly again.

Most of the activity has come from the lower areas of their river, with the Preddy's wharf area showing the best promise. A couple of the local kids have been having fun on a few salmon from the wall just down stream of Preddy's wharf this week. Pilchards and small metals have had a few jumping salmon entertain them. There have also been a few flathead and trevally also in the mix along this stretch of river. The quarry wharf is also a popular spot during the holidays, with its good amount of fish holding, tackle snagging structure, right in front of the wharf itself you can expect to find some good bream, trevally and the odd mulloway. Just don't fish too heavy, or you will keep a smile on my face with lost gear that needs replacing.

The town bridge area should hopefully, be starting to clear up, with flathead and bream an option here.

Make the most of the school holidays and get out for a fish. **Tuross River.**

With the extra dump of rain we got early in the week, Tuross had an unwanted 100mm of rain Tuesday night. This will have added to the already dirty waters coming down the system. The lower sections around the boat sheds, main boat ramp and the potato point side of the river offering the best chance at finding a flathead, bream or passing salmon looking for cleaner saltier water in the system.

The fish are there, you will just have to work a little harder to find them. Mullet or tuna fillet will be the best baits with their high oil content, while noisy lures will be the go to for those wanting to throw artificial presentations.

For those getting the boat out, just keep an eye on what's in front of you, as there is a large amount of debris in the system at the moment.

Rock and beach.

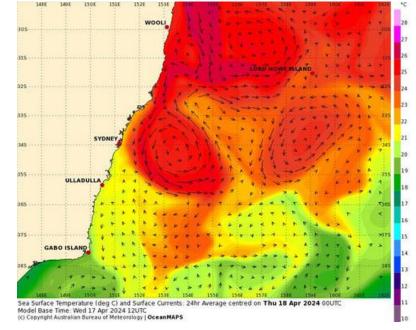
The are still good reports of some nice bonito from the rock ledges this week. Pretty point has seen a good amount action, as has the Moruya breakwall and Broulee headland. There have been good numbers of salmon along the many beaches up and down the coast, and we can expect to see a few bream and whiting along the close in gutters also. Pipis and worms are the best bait for the bream and whiting, with the salmon are partial to a pilchard or cast metal, the bonito will be looking for fast food, so small to medium metals will be the choice presentation.

Offshore.

Saturdays wind forecast will most likely see a lot of anglers waiting till Sunday to go offshore. There should be good numbers of snapper to find along with flathead and the myriad of other options the local reefs hold.

The bait freezer is restocked, with pipis once again in the freezer, along with 2kg block pilchards! Whitebait is still a no show though. We have had a resupply of the ever popular Pumpkinseed Gulp soft plastics, along with a few other colours. They are however limited to the one style of lure, the 3" curl tail grub. We also have back in stock the Ugly Stik gold rods, perfect for all those wanting a light weight bait rod for the local estuaries.

Stay safe everyone and remember, "Everyday's a good day for fishing..." **Team Tackle World Moruya.**



Guseli breaks world record



Dalmeny's Valentino Guseli broke the world record for highest snowboard air of 11.53m at the Swatch Nines in Schilthorn, Switzerland last week.

Guseli's take off speed was 87km.

"I was just going as big as I could," said Guseli. "I'd say it's the biggest hip I ever hit. And the thing that's gnarly about it is, when you first hit it, you already have to go big."



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

Moruya Mail Sport

Tuross Head Bowls Report

The Open Gender Pennant season has ended for both Tuross Head sides following the playing of the last round. The season was somewhat fragmented with a break of four weeks due to the playing of State Championships, Easter and a rain interruption that washed out the penultimate round!

The Tuross sides played the last round at home with the Grade 5 side playing Moruya 5 and the Grade 7 side hosting the competition leaders Narooma 6.

The Grade 5 match was very keenly fought and was not decided until the 63rd end was played! The team of Rita Downie, Noel Downie, Rose Farrington and Irene Macdonald played very strongly and gave their side every chance of winning. They had a tight battle in the first half of their game and were locked at 12 all after 9 ends. After losing 5 shots on the next end to trail 12 - 17 they were able to win the remaining 11 ends to record a great 32 - 17 win! Geoff Lee, Bruce Magilton, Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors looked good when they led 16 - 12 after 14 ends but they faltered to lose the next 6 ends to be down 16 - 23 with one end to play. They did take the last end but Moruya secured the win 13 - 17.

Jim Macklan, Sue Fahey, Peter Macdonald and Bruce Lidbury had a tight tussle early with the scores 5 all after 6 ends. Moruya dominated the game from then. By the 12th end they lead 16 - 5 and moved on to win 26 - 15. Overall Moruya won the match 66 shots to 64 that gave them a 9 - 1 win and a chance to move to the regional finals. However, in washed out games they lost to Narooma 5 and Bodalla moved to the regional playoffs with a win over Dalmeny. Tuross did not play its washed out game as it had no bearing on the competition

The Grade 7 side had a chance to make the regional playoffs with a win over Narooma 6 in the last round and another victory over Malua Bay 7 in their washed out game.

Right from the outset Narooma 6 had the measure of the locals with two of the three rinks clearly in favour of the visitors. The team that had been the backbone of the Tuross side – Mick Challice, John Wagstaff, Graeme Garner and Allan Etheredge - found the opposition too strong. They never recovered form a slow start and lost 32 – 14.

Peter Christie, Lorraine Wake, Alan Mcleod and Lorraine Bird also found the Narooma players too strong. They went down 25 – 11.

Des Jackson, Dagmar Voges, Marg Downey and Ray Downey had a great start in their match and held a 14 - 7 lead after 10 ends. The Narooma team fought back and grabbed the lead 18 - 16 after 16 ends. Tuross had the chance to win the rink when they won the next four ends to go into the last end leading 20 - 18. Narooma held their nerve and were able to score the 3 shots needed to win 21 - 20.

Their win on all three rinks and a clear 74 - 45 win on the 'big board' gave them a 10 - 0 win and consolidated their place on top of the table. They will now go onto the regional playoffs in the Grade 6 competition. The loss meant that Tuross had no chance of advancing in Grade 7 and their washed out game did not need to be played.

UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

Friday 26th April 24 - ANZAC Race Day

Sunday 26th May 24 - Broulee / Tomakin Cup

Friday 28th June 24 - Tradies Day

Friday 12th July 24 - Tuross / Bodalla Race Day

Sunday 11th August 24 - Registered Clubs Race Day



Sharks open season with a win



The Moruya Sharks started their 2024 campaign with an away game in Tathra today!

What a great day it was to be a Moruya Sharkie! Our 18s started the day with a 10-10 draw against the Narooma Devils. The boys made some mistakes throughout the game however for the first game of the season they went well and were happy to come away with a draw. A special thanks to Bailey Phillips who backed up after a full day at Bombala Carnival with the 16s yesterday. Well done to the new boys who played their first game today and a huge shout out to the supporters who turned up early to watch the boys play.

Reserve grade had a tough game coming away with a 22-6 win over Merimbula-Pambula Bulldogs. The boys put up a hard fight and scored some cracking tries to start their 2024 campaign. A special mention to the U18s boys who backed up after their game to play reserve grade.

First grade had a gutsy win coming from behind at half time to win 24-16 against the Tathra Sea Eagles.

With not much ball in thier own half in the first half the boys came out in the second half and were able to put some points on the board.

Next weekend we travel to Bega with all three teams taking on the Bega Roosters. Stay tuned for game times during the week

2024 SEASON DRAW

ROUND 1-14th April- VS TATHRA AWAY ROUND 2-21st April- VS BEGA AWAY ROUND 3- BYE

ROUND 4-5th May- VS COOMA AWAY ROUND 5-11th May- VS BAY AWAY ROUND 6-18th May- VS EDEN AWAY ROUND 7-26th May- VS MPB HOME ROUND 8-2nd June- VS SRB HOME ROUND 9-16th June- VS BOMBALA AWAY ROUND 10-23rd June- VS TATHRA HOME ROUND 10-23rd June- VS BEGA HOME ROUND 11-30th June- VS BEGA HOME ROUND 12- BYE ROUND 13-21st July- VS COOMA HOME ROUND 14-27th July- VS BAY HOME





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