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Photo of the week: Gee Hounsell captured the stunning sunrise over Broulee beach on Wednesday morning.

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New Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Q & A

This coming TUESDAY, 30 APRIL, a "Q&A" Panel Discussion has been organised at the **NAROOMA GOLF CLUB**, 5 - 6.30pm by ONE New L4 Eurobodalla Reginal Hospital Advocates in partnership with ROTARY Narooma to which the local community is invited.

This will see a panel of experts across the medical, planning and services areas convened under one roof to discuss and answer submitted questions, as previously announced in all public notices, exclusively devoted to the New Eurobodalla Regional Hospital; and to the game-changing implications for the Region's health services and more of a Level 4 facility.

Of special significance, as part of planning for Level 4 services in the New Regional Hospital, is the provision for the first time in our District, of an 8 bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity on doors opening.

This represents a quantum upgrade and improvement in the level of on-site capability to deal with serious Emergency Care cases and, above all, to SAVE LIVES.

Additionally, the Forum also offers the opportunity to clarify the response to the findings of an independent Expert's Review (delivered Sept 2023), following extensive advocacy and significant Petitioning from the united communities of Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shire for greatly needed local access to Radiotherapy Services at the New Hospital site. Discussions are presently underway at both Departmental and Ministerial level with regard to provision of funding for local access to Radiotherapy Services and the Review's apparent recommendation for planning-in those services in the new hospital precinct.

The Panel will also include Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Cr Mat Hatcher, and widely acknowledged as the Community's first (2016) Healthcare Advocate-in-Chief, previous longstanding regional medical Specialist and senior VMO, Dr Michael Holland MP.

Come and get the facts and find out from the Experts Discussion Panel how these planned improvements are being designed and implemented to benefit the entire Eurobodalla community.

Letter to the Editor

Mogo holding on

It is encouraging to hear that Eurobodalla Shire Council is finally going to construct public toilets at the John Street Park site in central Mogo Village. The Mogo Progress Association first asked for this community driven outcome in 1998 and 20K was put into the upcoming budget to erect the Public Toilets.

The MPA strongly supported the John Street Park site and a petition also strongly supported this site. We even hired a portaloo on the John St. site and locked the mayor in the loo to publicize our cause. At the same time an Aboriginal Land Claim was submitted for the land beside the Mogo Fire Shed. In their wisdom ESC decided to build the toilets beside the Fire Shed, against the community wishes. There has been ongoing correspondence on this subject till the present day. Mogo Village Business Chamber and the Mogo Re-Activation plan support the John St. site.

You might think that thirty six years of campaigning for these toilets should equate to being at the top of the priority list especially when our current toilets have thelowest rating of 5 .But, obviously, this is not the case.

We are being told the mountain bike trails will bring an extra 30,000 visitors a year to our immediate area and maybe up to 80,000 annually with the Global Sea Otter conference and Mogo Village is once again shuffled down the priority list.

Let's have a definite starting date for the new toilets before "budgetary restraints" postpone or change this decision.

Phil Mayberry.

Mogo Resident and Business Owner

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ANZAC Day commemorations



od turnout for the Dawn Service in Moruya. Photo Anthony Mayne



At the going down of the Sun: The Dusk Service at was held at the WW2 Bunker, Donnelly Drive North Moruya included an unveiling of a bronze plaque, commemorating the VDC (Volunteer Defence Corps) and a slide show projected onto the wall of the bunker and a special tribute to Australian Prisoners of War. Photo: Moruya RSL Sub Branch



Dawn service at Wimbie Beach with 1000 candles, Photo Naomi Crowther



Peter Poole buglar Gary Feil and Anthony Mayne, all served at the same time in the same Battalion 1RAR in Townsville.

Australians have gathered around the world in the thousands to honour all those who have served our nation in wars, conflicts and peace and humanitarian

This year, as we mark 109 years since the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, we paused to honour more than 103,000 fallen Australians for their ultimate sacrifice in service of our nation.

There was a good turnout for the Dawn Service in Moruya in a chilly 5 degree, as there were for services throughout the shire.

The dawn service at Wimbie Beach, organised by Dawn Simpson, featured over 100 candles, kayaks and a piper.



Dawn service piper at Wimbie Beach. Photo Dawn Simpson

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Political stunt at Bay meeting sees Liberal backflip

By Alex Rea

At a meeting held in Batemans Bay on Monday night, the 'Don't Close the Batemans Bay **Emergency Department'** group invited State Member for Bega Michael Holland to attend, under the impression he would be presented with the Petition against the closure, of around 18,000 signatures.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips was also invited. Around 150 people attended the

The closure of the Batemans Bay ED is part of the 2020 Clinical Services Plan for the building of the new Eurobodalla Hospital at Moruya, developed under the former Coalition Government.

In a well-orchestrated stunt in front of a rowdy crowd. Dr Holland was passed over, as the Petition was handed over to NSW Liberal Leader of the Opposition Mark Speakman, who subsequently committed to keeping the Bay ED open if elected to government.

Dr Holland and Mrs Phillips then withdrew from the meeting to shouts of abuse.

Mrs Phillips told the Moruya Mail it was a shameful scene. "There was an absolute failure of the organiser to moderate the meeting and the misogynistic comments from the floor were unacceptable."

How the meeting played out:

Meeting organiser and petition lead Peter Ryan spoke first, followed by Fiona Phillips and Michael Holland. Mr Ryan was supported by former Member for Bega Andrew Constance and aspiring Federal Member for Gilmore. The Don't Close the Batemans Bay ED group reasons for objecting to the closure are a lack of consultation in the decision making, the larger population of Batemans Bay, and emergency transport times to Moruya, especially without the Moruya Bypass being

The meeting was unruly with constant interjections and heckling.



Mr Peter Ryan presenting the petition to Mark Speakman at the meeting. Photo: Andrew Constance FB

Addressing the meeting Mrs Phillips said "Let me be clear, when I came to this role, and even before that, and still to this day, I have had, and have, only one clear agenda for health in the Batemans Bay/Moruya region, and that is to improve access to health services for people.

I unequivocally, have backed and continue to back one Level 4 Hospital for the Eurobodalla, that will provide a higher level service and allow more local people to be treated close to home.

The federal electorate of Gilmore is a large region, from Minnamurra in the north to Tuross Head in the south, covering three local government area's and three state electorates. But it is only the Eurobodalla that currently has no access to a higher Level 4 hospital.

As your Federal Member, I am continually devoted to improving health services in the Eurobodalla, always looking for ways to support our local GPs and primary health care.

I'm pleased that I've delivered on that commitment, and since the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has opened, it has treated just over 3,500 bulk billed patients.

I have also been exploring, the possibility of extending the scope of the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic to a 24/7 Urgent Care Clinic." **Dr Holland said** "I told you there that I am not your adversary but I am here as your representative and to tell you the truth. Not political spin.

As the elected representative of the Bega electorate including the whole of the Eurobodalla, I acknowledge your concerns about emergency services in Batemans Bay, and I will present your petition to the NSW Parliament. I will inform the Minister for Health and he will provide a response and I will >>> Continued next page debate the petition in parliament.

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I will tell you though that the clinical services plan which has been in planning for over 6 years is safe and will give you an improved level of services which you have never had before.

It will be safe. It will be equitable. It will be efficient. And it will provide higher quality health care to everyone in the Eurobodalla. Keeping Batemans Bay or Moruya hospital open will maintain the status quo of a divided level 2 and level 3 service. It will not improve the health system in the Eurobodalla and you will not attain a level 4 service and a level 4 service will save lives. It will provide a higher level and wider range of specialist services and will keep our residents closer to home for many previously unavailable services, already 46% of our population does not receive its treatment locally.

There is no point in closing a level 2 hospital and a level 3 hospital and opening another level 3 hospital. This is what will happen by keeping Batemans Bay emergency department and Moruya emergency department open.

Our community needs a health system that provides definitive care at one site. The Eurobodalla health system has always been divided.

That is one reason why the South East Regional hospital was built before a single Eurobodalla Regional Hospital despite the obvious higher need in the Eurobodalla, compared to the Bega Valley and Goulburn Base Hospital, both of which have level 4 services. Major general surgery had to move because the Batemans Bay theatres were not fit for current purpose. It became a higher-level service.

We are already developing the close observation unit which is the precursor for intensive care. Neither Batemans Bay nor Moruya hospitals are fit for current and future purpose.

The One New Eurobodalla Hospital campaign started six years ago and that word ONE changed the community. For a while people were united. They accepted that the issue was about the services, not the site.

The previous government's clinical services plan did not consider any future services in Batemans Bay.

I assure you that the Batemans Bay emergency department will remain open until the new level 4 emergency department is functioning. But patients with emergency and life-threatening conditions need to go to a level 4 hospital. They need definitive care at one site, not time wasting and life-threatening transfers. I repeat, lives will be saved by achieving a single level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. Clinical specialists inform us that patient outcomes are improved by bypassing level 2 services to go directly to level 4 services

Take for example major trauma as referenced in the road side signs around here.

What will happen if you go to a level 2 ED such as Batemans Bay? There is no CT scanning. There is no operating theatre for major surgery. There is no onsite pathology. There are only 2 units of o negative uncrossmatched blood. There are no surgeons, anaesthetists, specialist emergency doctors. There is no intensive care. In other words, you will not receive definitive care. You would either be retrieved by helicopter or ambulance requiring yet another transfer.

A single level 4 Eurobodalla hospital will be recognised as a trauma staging hospital just like South East Regional Hospital, Bega and Shoalhaven district hospital, Nowra.

There is clear evidence that time sensitive conditions such as stroke and sepsis are best managed by direct presentation to a level 4 emergency department. Where you will have on-site specialists, CT scanning and MRI, blood bank and pathology, operating theatres, and intensive care.

People underestimate the current capacity of our professional paramedic services. They are highly trained health professionals. They keep people alive from their home or accident until they receive hospital treatment.

Calling 000 should be the only increase in the number of ambulance responses as our paramedics are already having to do two trips or more by going to a level 2 hospital and then to a level 3 hospital.

This clinical services plan was not designed by amateurs. It was not designed by parochial bureaucrats or pork barrelling politicians.

It was designed by objective experts. Local experts who saw the existing problems and outside observers who gave their independent professional opinion.

People don't like to be told that things need to change. They see that as a loss. Health professionals see it as a criticism. But a change for the better is not a loss. And things should not be changed for the sake of change but only for improvement.

A single level 4 hospital will save lives. And I will continue to advocate for your concerns regarding local emergency services to the minister for health through this petition" concluded Dr Holland.

Throughout the speeches there the crowd was jeering and hostile.

Southern Area Health CEO Margaret Bennet was also present but declined to speak.

After being presented with the petition, **Mr Speakman** committed to keeping the Batemans Bay Emergency Department open if elected to Government.

"Batemans Bay will still need a local emergency department even when a new Level 4 Eurobodalla Hospital opens. If the ED were to close, Batemans Bay would be the largest regional centre in NSW without an ED – and far worse when the population swells dramatically during holiday periods. The distance from Moruya is exacerbated by occasional flooding, frequent severe weekend and holiday congestion entering Moruya and the Minns Labor Government's failure to commit to a Moruya bypass, let alone to a construction timetable. An urgent care clinic, while welcome, is no substitute for an ED." "The petition of 18,000 signatures, which I'll present to Parliament, shows how strongly the community feels," said Mr Speakman.

On Tuesday night Mr Ryan clarified on social media that Dr Holland had not been invited to receive the petition, jut to attend. The local News Corp media had been well informed, writing on Monday morning behind the paywall that Mr Speakman would receive the petition, but interestingly ABC South East announced in its early bulletin on Tuesday that Dr Holland had received the petition.

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Bay unrest leads to new push for Moruya Bypass

A new push to get the Moruya Bypass built is likely to commence after next Tuesday's meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire Council. Mayor Matt Hatcher will be asking his fellow councillors to have council renew lobbying efforts to both the federal and state governments in what is a clear response to intense community unrest in Batemans Bay.

The aim will be to get the NSW Government to prioritise construction of the Moruya Bypass to provide direct access to the hospital from the north of the shire and also increase ambulance services in the north of the shire when the new hospital opens.

The Australian Government will also be asked to extend the hours of the Batemans Bay

Urgent Care Clinic to 24/7 when the new hospital opens. "I want to acknowledge the concerns of the Batemans Bay advocacy group and their supporters calling for the Batemans Bay hospital emergency department to remain open," said Cr Hatcher.

"While Council has no jurisdiction in health matters, we can lobby to make sure state and federal governments are concentrating their efforts on quality health outcomes for all Eurobodalla residents."

Delays caused by the bottleneck of the Moruya bridge and main street in peak holiday times are a genuine concern in Batemans

Cr Hatcher says prioritising construction of the Moruya Bypass to provide direct access to the hospital for residents and emergency services in the north of the shire is essential.

The push in the Bay to maintain an emergency department in the town is also addressed.

"To support better access to urgent medical care, consideration should also be given to opening the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic 24/7," he said.

"This new clinic is currently open Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm. It offers free, immediate treatment for non-life-threatening conditions. Extended opening hours once Batemans Bay Hospital closes, even for an interim period, could support better health outcomes for Eurobodalla residents."

A spokesperson for Transport for NSW told the Mail today "Transport for NSW has carried out design work on the three shortlisted corridors options for the proposed Moruya bypass. This work has helped us to better understand the opportunities and challenges that all three corridors present. We expect to have more information about the shortlisted corridors and next steps for the project available to the community in the coming

We will provide the community and other key stakeholders with an update as details are available. '

ESC AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

to be held in the Council Chambers, Moruya on

Tuesday 30 April 2024 commencing at 12.30pm (Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. APOLOGIES Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS **MEETING**

4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 16 April 2024

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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

6. PUBLIC FORUM

7. MAYORAL REPORTS

MR24/001 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital

8. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

10. PETITIONS Nil

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS GMR24/002 Grants Strategy 2024-28 GMR24/003 2024 Rural and Regional Summit 12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS PSR24/007 Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement - 54 Hawdon Street, Moruya and 34 Murray Street, Moruya 13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS FCS24/008 Exhibition of the draft Delivery Program 2022-26, Operational Plan 2024-25 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-34

FCS24/009 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference and Internal Audit Charter FCS24/010 2022-23 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee annual report

FCS24/011 Investments made as at 31 March 2024

14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS NII

15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS Nil

16. URGENT BUSINESS

17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS



Fresh focus for our regions to support regional economic development

The **NSW Government** has 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-of-government 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.

Equity for the Far South Coast – keeping it simple?

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2024

By Dr Arn Sprogis

The first item to look for is easy to work out if you have read my previous opinion pieces. The budget should do something to fix the 40 years of rural/regional health funding shortfalls compared to city populations of \$6.55 Billion per year? For the Far South Coast this would mean an additional \$80 million per year or \$320 million over the 4 years forward estimates, funding which would lead to improved access to healthcare and lead to health outcomes which reach those of city populations.

Anything less than this amount means that our rural community must yet again wear a greater share of the burden of poor health outcomes.

The second item may have slipped your attention but since the Consultant's Report on the feasibility of a Moruya Radiotherapy Unit was finalised late last year, discussions have been taking place between the Commonwealth and NSW State Government about funding possibilities to make this a reality. Our Far South Coast community should be deeply disappointed if we don't see this in the budget.

I will be reading the health section of the budget carefully and will report back in May on my take on the outcome for our region.



Dumpers beware: Government regulations tighten



Eurobodalla Council warns residents of a government crackdown on illegal dumping.

Council's acting environment manager Noel Fuller said the NSW Government recently raised on-the-spot fines and doubled maximum penalties.

"It's the biggest change to environment protection regulation in more than three decades," Mr Fuller said.

"The reforms address gaps in legislation, giving the EPA stronger powers to deter environmental crimes and respond faster to pollution incidents."

The new penalties came into effect following recent investigations into asbestos-contaminated mulch in New South Wales. Some penalties will increase to a minimum on-the-spot fine of \$15,000 for individuals and \$30,000 for corporations for polluting land, water, or illegal dumping. For a second offence, the penalties increase to \$22,500 for individuals and \$45,000 for corporations.

While Council has authority to issue fines and carry out investigations, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) oversees enforcement.

Mr Fuller encouraged residents to contact Council's waste team for advice about how to dispose of unwanted waste.

"In addition to our kerbside collections, Council provides free annual waste collection services for residents such as the chemical cleanout, hard waste, and more recently textile recycling and free green waste tipping a fortnight ahead of bushfire season," he said.

Mr Fuller reminded residents to be responsible for their own waste

"If you get someone to take a load of rubbish to the tip for you, make sure it gets there and isn't dumped in the bush somewhere," Mr Fuller said.

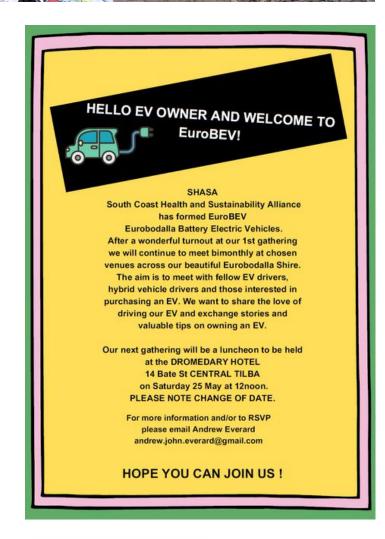
"We've seen contractors fall victim to Facebook scams with their building waste. When this happens both the owner of the rubbish and the person who transported and dumped it can equally face hefty fines."

Mr Fuller said dumping sites have been under investigation near Eurobodalla's waste facilities.

"Tip fees are no excuse for poor behaviour. Fees simply recover handling and processing costs to ensure waste is handled without damaging the environment, and they're certainly cheaper than fines for illegal dumping," Mr Fuller said.

"We are continuing with our surveillance programs to investigate illegal dumping incidents on Council land, state forests and national parks. The community can help by reporting any acts of dumping or sites they come across to <u>RID Online</u>."

For more information visit Council's web page on illegal dumping.





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Narooma hosts Distinguished Gentleman's Ride



Narooma Rotary – DGR Some of the 'gentlefolk' taking part in the Narooma Distinguished Gentleman's Ride organised by Narooma Rotary. They include Carl Phelps of Narooma Motorcycles, 2nd from left, John Cunningham, and ride organiser Narooma Rotarian Françoise Cleret.

Riders of classic and vintage styled motorcycles along the far south coast are invited to join the first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) in Narooma on Sunday 19 May, organised by Narooma Rotary.

The DGR is an annual international charity event celebrating classic and vintage styled motorcycles and the dapper gentlefolk that ride them. "It unites these riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health," said Narooma organiser Françoise Cleret.

One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point in their life; in Eurobodalla Shire it is two in three. Globally, one man is lost every minute to suicide, that's half a million every year.

"While the cause couldn't be more serious, the way the DGR raises funds and creates awareness is by having fun in style and dressing 'dapper'" All riders must register online for Narooma' ride at www.gentlemansride.com before the day. Riders must ride a classic & vintage style motorcycle (see DGR style guide on webpage), while dressed suitably dapper.

Should you wish to donate to the DGR, please go online www.gentlemansride.com, find the Narooma ride and support one or more registered riders.

Funds raised will be invested by the DGR's official charity partner Movember in local and global prostate cancer research and men's mental health programmes.

The DGR will start and finish at NATA Oval (behind old Visitors' Centre). Assembly no later than 10am. The 21km ride leaves at 11am, returning to NATA Oval

A market for community and sporting groups to promote themselves will be held on NATA Oval in conjunction with the DGR. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For Narooma DGR inquiries, please phone Françoise Cleret 0402 967 494. For market inquiries, please email David McInnes on davidjmcinnes@gmail.com.

New car laws to slash pollution by 20 million tonnes

The Climate Council

Climate Council analysis, released this week, shows the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will cut more climate pollution than getting all Aussie homes off gas.

The standard, soon to be debated in Parliament, can prevent 20 million tonnes of pollution from being pumped into our atmosphere by 2030 – more climate pollution avoided than is produced in two years by the 5.1 million gas-connected homes in Australia. By 2035, the standard is set to prevent 80 million tonnes of climate-wrecking pollution, equivalent to the pollution from every gas-connected home in Australia for more than nine years.

Climate Council CEO, Amanda McKenzie, said: "Transport is Australia's fastest growing source of climate pollution. This new analysis reveals that the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will cut 20 million tonnes of climate pollution this decade, an impressive step in the right direction. "The Standard will bring more efficient vehicles to Australia, putting us on the road to cleaner air and cheaper bills. Our climate and our wallets will benefit once this standard kicks into gear." "With some car manufacturers' sales responsible for as much pollution as our dirtiest coal mines, delivering the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will keep them honest and unlock more supply of cleaner cars that are cheaper to run." Climate Council Head of Policy and Advocacy, Dr Jennifer Rayner, said: "We can slash climate pollution from transport by cleaning up our cars. Capping the amount of climate pollution new cars produce is a long-overdue piece of the puzzle in giving Australians access to the same clean, efficient cars millions are already buying overseas.

"To maximise these benefits and halve transport pollution by 2030, the Australian Government can now pair this important reform with a new national focus on shared and active transport. Australians deserve more transport options which get us from A to B in ways that benefit our hip-pockets, health, and environment. Shared and active transport is the 'next train off the platform' for action to keep slashing climate pollution further and faster this decade."





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

'Sam who? Oh, Samantha Moyston...yes, I've seen her on The Drum. Seems like a pleasant person; very bright and on the ball...but that's about it.'

The PM's introduction of Ms Moyston as our next Governor-General added little to the bare fact of the appointment. Google later revealed that she was married to a respected Sydney lawyer in Simeon Beckett, and they were the proud parents of a single daughter.

No doubt we'll get to know the family a little better when she takes over from the virtually invisible former Army General, David Hurley who followed to the letter his riding instructions from PM Scott Morrison: 'Don't make waves'. Albanese would not have had the temerity – much less the need – to issue such a decree to Ms Moyston. But then, he doesn't need to keep secret the appointment of five additional ministries.

I have a particular interest in the Yarralumla announcement, having recently completed the writing of 'The Hidden Story of Charles Weston – poet, artist and tree planter.' and have just signed a publishing agreement with the National Library of Australia. It tells a very different story of Canberra's beginnings from that of the American couple, Walter and Marion Burley Griffin.

For it was Weston rather than the Griffins who laid the foundation for the creation of the National Capital with his planting of some three million trees and shrubs in 1915-1925. Indeed, when PM Billy Hughes sacked Walter Griffin in 1920 and Weston took formal control, he started virtually from scratch. Even Griffin's original street plan which reserved residential development for the north side of the lake had been radically redrawn.

In 1915 Weston had appointed his deputy, John Peace Hobday – who had trained at Windsor Castle – to oversee the development of the Yarralumla property, initially as a hostel for visiting VIPs and later as the official Governor-Generals residence. (Griffin had planned the G-G residence as a close neighbour to a permanent Parliament House.)

Hobday – and his family – returned to the Yarralumla grounds when he became Superintendent in the late 1930s. And the current G-G recently permitted us a tour of the various buildings saved and remodelled from that era

It was a rare privilege, and one that, I believe, should be more widely accessible to the Australian public in 2024 than the cloistered attitudes yesteryear.

Indeed, the secret Morrison ministries – to say nothing of the Whitlam sacking – should be warning enough that the Vice-Regal operations would greatly benefit from the 'sunshine of public exposure.' While the Governor-General is the monarchy's representative to Australians', the individual is equally Australians' conduit to the monarchy. And we have every right to know the attitudes and actions made on our behalf by the G-G herself. Perhaps the most effective way for her to convey her approach would be through a single address to the National Press Club. Ideally, it would be followed by questions submitted by journalists and selected by the Club's president to avoid the cheap 'gotcha' queries beloved by some of the television journos.

Whether self-censored or open slather, the occasion would be no more radical than the recent requirement for public explanation by the Governor of the Reserve Bank after each meeting of the Board. Moreover, King Charles III is hardly likely to object to any measure that would expand the public connection to Buckingham Palace. And even the most ardent republican would support a measure that stamped an Australian as the de facto head of state.

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Possible Changes Scaring the Property Industry

The NSW property industry is reeling this week after rumours of possible changes to the overseas investment rules and the funding of our emergency services. The NSW government has said it may look to increase taxes on foreign investors which would make it more difficult and less attractive for them to invest in property. Meanwhile residential rental supply is growing by about 700 properties a month, but immigration is bringing in about 15,000 people into NSW each month. Tim McKibbin, CEO of the Real Estate Institute of NSW said "I think if you were to ask somebody that is looking for a rental property, do they care whether or not the investor is a foreigner, they would say, 'No, I just need somewhere to live and I'm having a lot of difficulty finding that. So I really don't care who owns it." The government is also considering changing the funding of emergency services from the insurance industry to the property sector. It appears government and the property sector still aren't working well together to address the problems at hand.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS

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A Beer with Bazz #152
With
John
Longhurst

Timeless Tom took out his crumpled handkerchief licked a corner and wiped the toothpaste from his cheek.

Mick screwed his eyes.

"Ahh...thanks for that, Mick. I've got this bung left eye. When I go to brush my teeth I miss my mouth and ... well that explains the toothpaste on my cheek."

Mick chuckled and leaned in.

"It sounds like you might have a crook mirror... like mine. You know, these days I have to put my glasses back on after I lather up for a shave, otherwise I end up with a Norman Gunston face withlittle tuffs of bristle camouflaging my movie star looks."

Bazza joined them and took up the offered schooner, but a roar silenced the bar.

"Hey Bazza... I hear you had a fall."

Bazza's face reddened as the bar quietened and stares of concern zeroed in.

Bazza gave a thumbs up and murmured dark thoughts.

Mick's eyes widened. He crossed his arms and raised his voice.

"What's all this about ... having a fall, Bazza?"

Bazza gritted his teeth.

"I did not have a bloody fall, Mick. I tripped... I fell over."

Mick screwed his eyes and pursed his lips. "Well...that could still rate as a fall, Bazza. Did people rush over offering assistance and say things like 'Ooooh...ahhhh' or did they laugh and offer some witticism like 'Have a nice trip?"

Bazza took a sip and leaned in.

"No...I bounced back up like a gazelle...by myself!"

Mick guffawed into his schooner.

"Well...it could still rate as a fall. Anyhow what happened, Bazza?"

Bazza took a generous sip and sighed.

'All pretty straightforward, Mick. Earlier in the week I was not feeling well after lunch..."

Mick raised a finger.

"So you had a turn, Bazza?"

'Bazza had a turn' was whispered repeatedly round the bar as Bazza shook his head.

"It was not a bloody turn, Mick. I was just not feeling the best and decided on a power nap..."

Mick leaned in.

'No wonder you had a turn, Bazza. You should not be having power naps at your age. You are more suited to a nanna nap."

Bazza took another sip and rubbed his forehead.

"Yeah...whatever, Mick. Anyhow after a quick kip, I decided on a walk but could not find my glasses but headed off anyway. I got to the new guttering outside my place, tripped and bounced straight back up. End of story."

Mick tut tutted.

"Ok Bazza... so you had a turn after lunch, decided on a power nap when you should have had a nanna nap, followed up with a senior moment and misplaced your glasses, went for a walk rather than a stroll and ended up having a fall. That's the real story."

Above the din of the clientele, another roar from across the bar.

"Hey Bazza. I hear you not only had a fall but took a turn as well..."

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

BAY-POOL SERVICES

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A new Pool and Brew shop has opened at 4/7 Cranbrook Road Batemans Bay (next to 3d shade sails). We are your exclusive dealers for Dolphin pool cleaners. Stockists of pool and spa chemicals and Coopers and Morgans HOME BREW supplies. We also service swimming pools from North Durras to Moruya from \$65 a service plus chemicals.

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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Myles O'Grady monument at Nerrigundah

26-04-1924

A **Mr. King has taken over the dredge** at Fern Flat Nerrigundah, which is to be worked by a new process.

Mr. J. A. Perkins, M.L.A., writes to say that he has been notified by the Under Secretary of the Chief Secretary's Dept., that a polling place for Kiora was gazetted on the 4th inst. and the same will be attached to the Moruya area.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Guild have materialized their resolution to have the Manse renovated, so far as to have placed an order in Mr. J. Louttit's hands to execute. The work is expected to commence about five weeks hence.

The Myee, with the assistance of Diver Albert, is doing fine work at the entrance to our river, in removing the wreck of the Benandra.

It is said that the road from Nerrigundah to Belimbla which has just been completed will be a big help in making a road to Belowra.

At the **Water Police Court** on 15th inst. the Board decided to de-license the "Clyde" Hotel, Bateman's Bay; the "Club House" Hotel, Moruya and the "Royal" Hotel, Moruya. 57 hotels in the Goulburn Electorate were called upon to show cause and the number deprived is 26.

Memories of the roaring days and the terrorism of the bushrangers were revived last week by a visit from Mrs. Collins and her two sons to Nerrigundah. They went to see the monument erected there in the street to the memory of her brother, Myles O'Grady, a police constable, shot by the Clarke gang (during a raid on Nerrigundah), while bravely doing his duty. It is history how O'Grady got out of his sick bed and single-handed went out to fight the desperadoes. Mrs. Collins is the youngest member of the O'Grady family.

Moruya District Hospital. The usual monthly meeting of the committee of management took place at the Shire Hall. ... Inward correspondence – From the Director General of Public Health re information respecting a child named Clare May Loader who died from the effects of tick bite. Decided that the Dept. be referred to the deceased child's parents at Wagonga; From Mr. L. D. Collett enclosing £1 for his subscription to the Hospital for the year.

Visiting committee reported everything satisfactory. The white ants had made their appearance in the building again. It would be necessary to feed the cow now in order to keep up the milk supply. It was decided to get Mr. Spence to the white ants when he was fixing up the other jobs at the hospital. It was also decided to inform the matron to procure the necessary feed for the cow.

General Business. – Dr. Cutler was elected honorary surgeon and physician to the hospital.

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



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Eurobodalla Business Awards

The Eurobodalla Business Awards celebrate the innovation, resilience, and dedication of businesses across the region. Businesses play a vital role in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and contributing to the overall well-being of the region. The awards provide the opportunity to gain recognition and exposure while also becoming part of a community of like-minded individuals who share a passion for success.

The Eurobodalla Business Awards provide the first stepping stone for local businesses on the path to the NSW State Awards being held in September. Judges are industry experts who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table, providing valuable feedback and insights that can help you take businesses to the next level.

Finalists in the Eurobodalla Businesses Awards will automatically qualify for regional: the Far South Coast Business Awards. (Excluding Business of the Year, which is a local-only award, and Outstanding Visitor Experience, which is a regional-only award). How to enter

Entries are submitted online via the award entry platform:

• Eurobodalla Business Awards entries

About the gala ceremony

The winners of the Eurobodalla Business Awards will be announced at a live gala evening event:

- Where: Yuin Theatre, Bay Pavilions, Arts and Aquatic Centre in Batemans Bay
- When: Saturday 20 July 2024

Key dates

- Entry open date Monday 15 April 2024
- Entry closing date Sunday 19 May 2024
- Judging open date Monday 27 May 2024
- Judging closing date Friday 7 June 2024
- Finalists to be announced Monday 17 June 2024
- Gala Ceremony Saturday 20 July 2024

2024 Award categories

- Outstanding Employee
- Outstanding Young Business Leader
- Excellence in Sustainability
- Outstanding Community Organisation
- Outstanding Visitor Experience Regional Only
- Outstanding New Business
- Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion
- People's Choice

Business of the Year

All entries will automatically be in the running for the Business of the Year Award.

This is awarded to a business that has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence over and above all other entrants. People's Choice Award

This award is open to members of the public to nominate any business or community organisation based in Eurobodalla. A limit of one nomination per person applies.

For more information about the NSW Far South Coast Business Awards and NSW Business Awards, visit <u>Business NSW - Far South Coast.</u> Contact

- T: 4474 1247
- E: Events team

SHASA is running a mini Electric Vehicle Expo 2024 on Sunday 28 April, 8am - 1pm at the Rotary Narooma Markets.

SHASA President, Kathryn Maxwell, said "Our members in the southern part of the Euroodalla felt it was time for SHASA to run an EV event in Narooma."

New figures from the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries showed that 10,464 full battery EVs were sold in March, representing 9.5 per cent of the total new vehicles delivered. EV sales were substantially ahead of March 2023 when they comprised 6.8 per cent of the total market as 6612 were delivered.

Tesla notched 6017 total sales in March, compared with 3578 in March 2023. Chinese EV rival BYD had 1622 sales, up from 1061.

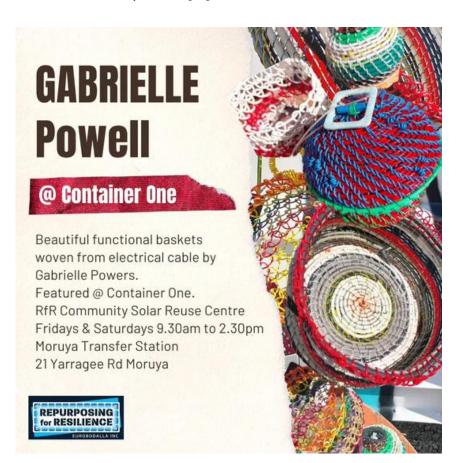
When hybrids and plug-in EVs were included, the total share of electrified vehicles was 23.5 per cent in March. There are now more than 180,000 EVs on Australian roads, with 98,436 of those bought last year.

"There are so many benefits to driving an electric vehicle - much lower emissions, much cheaper to run and maintain, and fun to drive, resulting in cleaner and healthier air and quieter neighbourhoods", said SHASA President, Kathryn Maxwell. "My husband and I recently purchased an MG4 and it is so easy to drive and has a range of over 400 km so no range anxiety for us. With our rooftop solar electricity it has exceptionally cheap running costs. No anxiety about the price of petrol or diesel" said Kathryn Maxwell.

There are now over 60 different electric vehicle models currently available in Australia, including roughly 10 in the light commercial segment. This figure is expected to grow to over 100 models by the end of 2024, giving consumers more choice and encouraging competition between the automakers.

You will have an opportunity to learn about:

- · the savings from driving an electric vehicle
- the km range of currently available electric cars
- towing trailers and campers
- the benefits of a battery electric vehicle versus a hybrid vehicle
- how most of your charging will be done at home



River of Art Festival News

27 September to 7 October 2024

Calling all Artists - entries open for the River of Arts Trail

For 20 years the Arts Trail has been the heart of the River of Art Festival showcasing diverse art forms including visual arts, music, dance, performance art, installations and workshops.

The 2024 Festival will feature the treasured Arts Trail that encourages people to visit open studios and galleries along the NSW South Coast to view art and meet artists in their studios. The Trail also features workshops where visitors can come and boost their creativity and learn new techniques from the many skilled artists.

We want to see shopfronts, businesses, clubs, pubs, nooks, crannies, spaces and places across the region bursting with art, sound, music, dance, performance and fun!

If you have a studio, gallery, or shopfront or offer workshops or performances please submit your entry below.

Funding for the arts in Australia is more stretched than ever. A greater number of artists and organisations compete for a diminishing pool of government and corporate support and many well-known festivals have cancelled or 'paused' for 2024. This year we are introducing a registration fee for all program entries. We need to help cover the costs of running the Festival including marketing and venues. We have not and will not charge a commission for Arts Trail participants. The fees are as follows:

- · \$30 per individual artist
- \$30 plus \$10 for each artist if doing a group show to a max of \$100
- · \$125 for an organisation

Inclusion in the Program is open for all artists, makers, performers, musicians and venues in the Eurobodalla shire and complimentary Artist profiles will be added to our Arts Directory.

https://www.riverofart.com.au/program-entry-form/ Entries close 19 July 2024

Be early so we can list and promote your event in the program as soon as possible.



Baranguba

The River of Art has had the privilege of facilitating a new creative project being created by the Djaadjwan Dancers and local digital artist Scott Baker and motion graphics artist Duncan Irving.

This team of amazing creatives undertook a three day creative development at the Bay Pavilions in Batemans to work on a hybrid theatre production called Baranguba. Let's hope we can present this at the Festival!

Baranguba is the telling of a tragedy of the First Nations people from Narooma that happened when the tribe were travelling to the island to feast on seabirds. The story will be told through dance and songs of the Djaadjawan Dancers to a backdrop of video projections and animation including motion tracking technology and particle emitters.

The team have realised two of the seven scenes of the story and we are actively seeking support to continue the development of this project to share this story. A video is on its way but until then here are a couple of photos from the creative development.

Thanks to South East Arts, Create NSW and the FRRR for funding support!

Flash Fiction!

The River of Art Festival in association with the South Coast Writers Centre is delighted to announce a Flash Fiction Competition, with winners to be announced at a literary event during the Festival. Eurobodalla means 'land of many waters'. Writers were encouraged to include the theme or words 'many waters' in their work in some way, and to interpret the theme in a broad and creative way.

The competition winner will receive \$500 and runner ups will receive book vouchers. Short-listed entrants will be invited to read their work at our literary event where the winners will be announced.

Entries are now open here and the closing date is 1st August 2024. For more information and to submit your entry visit the SCWC website. https://southcoastwriters.org/riverofart



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. https://thebas.com.au/.../littlesellers-scholarship... https://thebas.com.au/baskids/little-sellers-art-prize



The 2023 Live & Local streamed into Eurobodalla Libraries to much applause.

Sydney Writers' Festival streams

literary delights to your doorstep
After wild success in 2023, the Sydney Writers' Festival Live &
Local livestream is back with Eurobodalla Libraries bringing the best of the festival directly to you.

Libraries coordinator Samantha Fenton says top-shelf events will be live-streamed from Sydney to the Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay libraries daily from Thursday 23 to Saturday 25

May.
"This is one of Australia's most loved forums for literature, ideas and storytelling, with some of the world's finest writers and thinkers." Me Fenton said.

"Listen to the always compelling Trent Dalton as he captures real-world people onto the page, discuss hope and hero librarians with Celeste Ng as she delves into her newest novel set in a dystopian version of Trump's America, then get real with Hamish MacDonald as he hosts a panel of journalists and worldnews editors thrashing out ways to keep reporters safe while filing from a war zone.

The feedback from last year's Live & Local was overwhelming, with attendees asking for more of the same: "I attended all the sessions", "This is a gift to readers, writers and the general community", and "An excellent initiative. Please repeat!" just a

few examples.

Bookings are essential. Find out more > What's on at the



Make Moruya Safe Committee
The Make Moruya Safe Committee will have a stall at the
Moruya Markets. "We will be next to the Rotary stall which is
raffling an electric vehicle near the playground. We will have
the petition to open the police station doors during business
hours. We are also gathering information to include in a
submission to the NSW Legislative Assembly inquiry into crime
in regional NSW."

Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra The Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra will be entertaining you

at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens next Sunday 28 April. From Bach and Beethoven through to Gershwin, the twenty musicians will also play folk, plus movie and TV themes. Bring your own rug or chair, buy a coffee at the café and enjoy the music floating across the lawn in the idyllic surrounds of the gardens and trees.

The performance commences at 11 a.m. and will be about an hour in duration and it's free!

"Music in The Commons" presents:

Dan Cully's 'Changes' Tour at St John's Commons Moruya - Sun 5 May @ 3pm

- Indie/Roots artist, Dan tours nationally as a singer songwriter, incorporating harmonica, Didgeridoo, stomp box, guitar and soaring vocal melodies.

Ticket Info: General Admission \$30 Concession \$25

Concert will be held in the Church - Concert starts at 3PM Tickets are also available by cash or Tap-n-Go at the door. https://dancully.com/

Deborah Conway and Willie Zygier
Narooma Hotel (the bottom pub with the million \$ view)
Friday 3 May 2024 8.00PM
9.00 – 11.00pm Deborah Conway
Support Act Sydney's, Jackson Carrol Band
TICKETS early bird \$45
https://events.humanitix.com/deborah-conway-and-willy-zygier-3avfv22h At the door \$50



Community Arts Centre Moruya

Term 2 2024 Program is out now!

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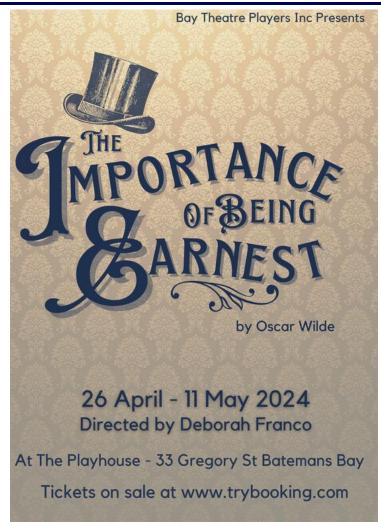
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BUILDING DIGITAL CAPABILITY FOR EUROBODALLA COMMUNITY GROUPS







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 Moruva 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.





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

Monday afternoons

15th - 29th April 2024

Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Venue:

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40 Monash Ave. **Tuross Head NSW 2537**



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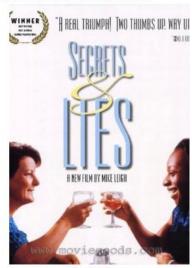


THIS MONTH'S FILM

SECRETS & LIES

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 27 TH APRIL AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM SHOWTIME

British comedy/drama - 1996 - Secrets & Lies is widely acknowledged as Mike Leigh's finest film, and one of the undisputed triumphs of modern British social realism. One day, working-class single mum Cynthia receives a phone call from a woman named Hortense, who claims to be the daughter Cynthia put up for adoption years ago. The revelation forces Cynthia's family to confront the lies and evasions which have kept them apart all these years.



Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film guiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months/\$40 for 6 months. Guests are welcome.

2EAR FM LIVE AND LOCAL MUSIC GUIDE

FRIDAY, 26 APR:

Joe Quennell - Hotel Australasia, Eden (5.30pm)

Matthew Lloyd – Club Tuross (7.30pm) Steve Martin - Tura Beach Club (7.30pm) Pearlerz – Tathra Beach Bowling Club (8pm) Alex Clark - Steampacket Hotel

SATURDAY, 27 APR:

Chisel Barnes Show - Moruya Golf Party Dave Newman - Bay Soldiers Club Phoebe Jane - Quantum Brewery Benji Fowler - Tilba Valley Winery Michael Manager - Broulee Brewhouse Tall Shaun - Steampacket Hotel

SUN 28th

Seaguins - Club Narooma (5.30pm) Drive Time - Merimbula RSL Club (8pm Punkaholler - Tilba Valley Winery And Ale House

Giaan Café - Broulee Brewhouse Paul Greene - Steampacket Hotel

Come to the Christening of the Red Door's new Audio-Visual System!

Yes folks, this Saturday night's movie "Secrets and Lies" will feature the Red Door's brilliant new Epson Streaming Projector and audio system to give you the best community movie experience. This is only the beginning as the equipment will be available for other community groups who use the Red Door for movies, documentaries dance, music, theatre as well as for streaming programs for educational, artistic and other communication purposes (eg webinars, conferences as well as a communication facility during bushfire and other emergencies). To mark the momentous nature of this occasion, Reverend Linda Chapman who, as Rector of St John's, manages the Red Door Hall - and is a key supporter of this project - will give a welcoming address; and some extra special treats and refreshments will also be available.

Movie: Secrets and Lies

Where: Red Door, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page St.

When: Saturday 27 April 2024 Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm Showtime

About the movie: Following the death of her adoptive parents, a successful young black optometrist establishes contact with her biological mother -- a lonely white factory worker living in poverty in East London. Secrets and Lies is widely acknowledged as Mike Leigh's finest film, and one of the undisputed triumphs of modern British social realism. The film won the film won the 1996 Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or, as well as the Best Actress award for Brenda Blethyn. (of Vera fame for those who watch Vera!). She also won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama for her portrayal.



Art Exhibition











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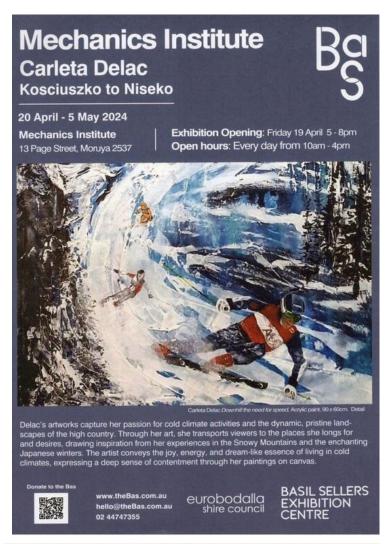




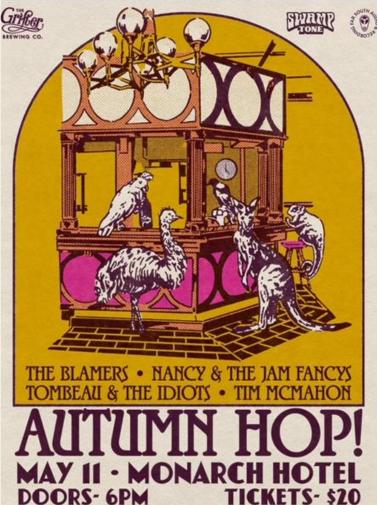














Moruya angler's \$1 million Lotto win

By Khat McIntyre-Intrachai A Moruya angler can't wait to cast a line off his new boat after becoming a millionaire in this week's Monday & Wednesday Lotto draw.

The New South Welshman held one of the three division one winning entries in Monday & Wednesday Lotto draw 4384 on Monday 22 April 2024. His total prize was \$1,000,013.55.

"Mate, I checked the ticket earlier this morning! I can't believe it," he exclaimed when speaking with an official from The Lott.

"I haven't had time to stop and think about it yet, but mate, that will come in handy!

"I play regularly, and I've been replaying the same numbers for years. "I originally got this QuickPick about 10 years ago, and I've just stuck to them. I always tell my mates, never change your numbers!

"This does a lot for me at this point in time.

"I'm a keen fisherman so this means a new boat for sure!

"I've also got kids and grandkids so I'd like to share with them somewhere along the line.

"But first up is a new boat!"
The man's winning 50-game
QuickPick was purchased at Polly's
Newsagency, 42 Vulcan Street,
Moruya.

The winning numbers in Monday & Wednesday Lotto draw 4384 on Monday 22 April 2024 were 34, 8, 14, 6, 25 and 4, while the supplementary numbers were 7 and 37.

Across Australia, there were three division one winning entries in Monday & Wednesday Lotto draw 4384 – all from New South Wales. The Lott's division one winning tally has now reached 342 so far in FY24, including 117 won by NSW Lotteries customers.

In 2023, Monday & Wednesday Lotto created 101 millionaires across Australia.

During this time, there were 113 division one winning Monday & Wednesday Lotto entries across Australia, which collectively won \$112 million.

Emergency Management Exercise at Moruya Airport



The Eurobodalla Local Emergency Management Committee carried out a mock plane crash at Moruya Airport today to test the emergency management arrangements in case of an incident at the airport.

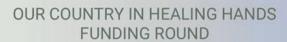
NSW Police, NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service and Eurobodalla Shire Council Staff all attended the exercise which involved a plane crash with 14 passengers on board.

Members of the Red Cross were also in attendance who greatly assisted by playing the role of the injured passengers.

Chief Inspector John Sheehan said "We continually review our emergency plans and today's exercise is part of that process that provides police, emergency service organisations and transport operators with the guidance required in a range of events including the evacuation of passengers from a plane. Having plans is one thing, but testing those arrangements with a multi-agency exercise in a realistic setting is imperative. We also thank Rixons Bus Service whose coaster bus made an excellent plane."



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COMMUNITY PROJECT MENTOR?



PURPOSE

Community Project Mentors will form

Fire to Flourish's 'Resilience Planning to Granting' program for Eurobodalla's Our Country in Healing Hands funding round, expected to be completed in July/August 2024.

WOULD YOU MAKE A GOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT MENTOR?

You are an experienced and committed community leader.
You can provide support, feedback and guidance to community projects.
You are willing to provide opportunities to workshop ideas.
You enjoy troubleshooting and finding solutions to enhance and develop the design of projects.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MENTOR

- Fire to Flourish encourages community voices. We know community are the experts in their own disaster resilience.
- Our program foregrounds Aboriginal knowledge and wisdom. Your expertise will influence our program, informing the implementation of Aboriginal practices within our wider community.
- Participate in systems change and better ways of working.
- Empower self-efficacy and selfdetermination of community by sharing your experience and expertise.
- Community Project Mentors will be remunerated.

YOUR COMMITMENT

- Utilise your networks and relationships to promote our Fire to Flourish principles, core capabilities and opportunities to access funding.
- Influence and inform our funding processes.
- Attend training sessions: 1 hour each on Zoom
- Provide one-on-one and group support to community projects: max 12 hours
- Participate in Our Country in Healing Hands forums and project labs: 10 hours total



If this sounds like you, please submit an EOI by following QR code below

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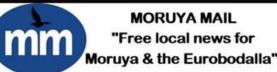
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- Batemans Bay Police Station Open Day on Saturday the 27th April 2024 from 10.00am to 3.00pm
- 3-4 May Narooma Oyster Festival
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Successful applicants will need to contribute one dollar for every 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 visit Council's local heritage grants webpage or contact strategic planning officer Nardi Arnold 4474 1226 or nardi.arnold@esc.nsw.gov.au





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Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 18th April 2024

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

The Winners were: 1st: Bruce Harding (17) with 37 points 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (18) with 36 points (countback) 3rd: Michael Coloe (14) with 36 points (countback) 4th: Peter Garn (19) with 36 5th: Ian Miller (18) with 34 points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: A Grade: Michael Coloe 3.35 B Grade: Susan Adams 1.85 C Grade: Peter Coffey 3.66 6th: A Grade: Michael Coloe 2.41 B Grade: Susan Adams 2.21 7th: A Grade: David Adams 1.43 B Grade: Ian Hosking 7.65

Balls went to: Steve Johnston 33, Shane Gschwend 33, Susan Adams 33, lan Manton 32, Grant Kiely 32, David Adams 32, Mark Haberkorn 31, Stephen Swanbury 30, Margaret Little 30, Paul Israel 30, Paul Coffey 30, Peter Engelbrecht 29, Ricky Hayes 29, David Schmid 29 and Graeme Bell 29.



Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 20th April 2024

A field of 61 players registered for a Stableford combined medley event. Winners were: 1st: Steven O'Shea (19) with 36 points (countback) 2nd:Bruce Handley (12) with 36 points 3rd:Nigel Barling (28) with 35 points (countback) 4th:Colin Houghton (0) with 35 points (countback) 5th:Paul Coffey (17) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins: 4A: Michael Walsh 2.22 4B: Grant Kiely 5.15 4C: Ethan Wong 5.20 6A: Leigh Coloe 1.18 6B: Graeme Bell 3.59 7A: Colin Houghton 1.51

Balls went to: Anthony Mellick 35, David Schmid 34, Greg Booth 34, Ruth Gschwend 33. Jim Wade 33. Malcolm Gilbertson 33, John Eglitis 33, Cathy Milliken 32, Bruce Cleeve 32, Michael Walsh 32, Leigh Coloe 32, Matthew Kennedy 31, Terry Milliken 31, Peter Hogan 31 and Paul Ferguson 31.

Bradmans: Peter Mostyn



Winners Pauline Nash and Jeanette Miller (missing Margaret Downey)

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 23rd April

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

The Winners were: A Grade: Pauline Nash (25) with 36 Ruth Gschwend (18) with 35 points

B Grade: Jeanette Miller (38) with 29 Cate O'Brien (37) with 27

C Grade: Margaret Downey (45) with 31 points Paula Coffey (45) with 21 points

Nearest to the Pins: 6th:Leonie Doolan 15th:Dorothy Madden 7th:leonie Doolan (HC 1-35) Paula Coffey (HC 36-45)

Balls went to: Leonie Doolan 33, Annette Manton 32, Teri Swanbury 32, Gail Rogers 28 and Gail Page 28.



Winners Frank Pomfret and Steve Collins

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 24th April 2024.

A field of 47 players registered for a Two Person Irish Team Stableford event today.

The Winning teams were: 1st: Steve Collins and Frank Pomfret with 28 points 2nd: Gail and Len Rogers with 27 points

3rd: Dorothy and Blaise Madden with 26 points (countback) 4th: Robert McKirdy and Jane

Eglitis with 26 points

5th: Mike Birks and Herb Muriwai with 25 points 6th: Ken Hush and John Cox with

25 points 7th: Greg and Cody Bush with 25

points

Nearest to the Pins: Ross Hendy 6th: Peter Coffey

Ladies: Annette Manton 7th:

Mens: Mike Birks Accuracy: Len Rogers

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April 2024

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

With the days shortening and the temps dropping, winter is well and truly bashing at the front door. Water temps have started to drop, as is expected this time of year, they are still sitting at around 18-19deg though. There are still some good fish to be had this time of year. The water quality in the river has improved vastly this week, making the the whole system a viable option for the unofficial Anzac Day long weekend. Ben Caddaye picked up a few nice 40cm trevally yesterday from the lower reaches of the system, pics below. The lower sections of the river have seen some nice salmon, trevally, bream and flathead all taken from the spur wall at the mouth to up past the quarry wharf. The town bridge will continue to see the ususal action, with bream, flathead, estauary perch and the odd trevally all options along the channel drop offs and flats in the middle of the river.

Soft plastics and live nippers are great options along this section of the river with high tides after dark this week around 9-10pm, throw on a jumper and fish under the bridge along the edges created by the bridge lights.

Further upstream, the holes in front of the hospital, either from a boat or from the bank should be holding a few bream, flathead and estuary perch. This is a great spot to fish from the bank, and offers local and visiting anglers a good protected spot to fish. Try using live nippers or a nice piece mullet fillet to tempt the local fish population.

Tuross river.

Tuross has had the most dramatic improvements the last several weeks in regards to water quality. The river is looking quite good compared to what it has been like, and as such the fishing has improved remarkably. The lower sections are fishing nicely with the potato point side of the system, holding some great flathead and bream.

Four ways is also fishing well at the moment, with the snag lined section of the river holding a few nice bream, while the channels and drop offs are holding some nice flathead and mulloway. Local young guns have been having fun on the local Mulloway population, with 3 nice fish coming for the boys this week. Pics below, congrats to Jaelan Ogilvie, Mac Lavis and Darcy, those are some nice fish! Thanks Phillip Ogilvie for the pics.

Rock and Beach.

The salmon have be readily available all along the coast this last week, from the Moruya breakwall to the beaches and the local rock ledges. I fished the platform below the cemetery last Sunday for a few small salmon, just be aware that the path down the cliff has degraded over the last few storms. The top part of the track is severely overgrown and the middle section is now very loose under foot. Take you time, and don't try and carry too much, you will need a free hand to get down the path.

There are plenty of other options available along the coast, and with a good looking weekend just around the corner, a beach or rock session is a great option.

We can expect the the drummer will become a much more reliable catch as the waters continue to cool from the local ledges o er the next few months.

Offshore.

Snapper have been hanging out deep this week, with fish holding in around the 40-60m marks, there have also been some consistent catches of flathead all along the coast as well. Early morning sessions will your best option before the winds pick up in the afternoons. Check the weather reports, check in with maritime and and enjoy a bit of bottom bashing this weekend.

The bait freezer is not looking too bad, with the majority of baits available, all except whitebait. The soft plastics wall is looking nice and full, as is the rest of the shop. If you are looking at getting out amongst the fish this weekend, come in a pay us a visit, we can help you out with any of your fishing camping or diving questions. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every days a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.

South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results - Saturday 20th April 2024

- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 82 beat Cooma "Red Devils" 7
 - Last season undefeated premiers the Jindabyne Bushpigs showed they are again focused and a major force 2024
- Taralga "Tigers" 61 beat Batemans Bay "Boars" 7
 - Taralga have built strongly and appear as one of the major teams this year
- Bungendore "Mudchooks" 43 beat Crookwell "Dogs" 14
 - The Mudchooks took early control of the game and lead from start to finish
- Yass "Rams" 12 bat Hall "Bushrangers" 0
 - A tight contest for the entire game with the neighbour towns providing an entertaining afternoon
- Both Braidwood "Redbacks" & ADFA ACT had a bye

Competition table

- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 5
- Taralga "Tigers" 5
- Bungendore "Mudchooks" 5
 - Yass "Rams"
- Hall "Bushrangers" 0
- Batemans Bay "Boars" 0
- Crookwell "Dogs"
 - Cooma "Red Devils" 0
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- Braidwood "Redbacks" 0
- ADFA ACT
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Next weekend - Rd 2 - Saturday 27th April 2024

- Taralga v Bungendore @ Taralga
- Hall V ADFA ACT @ Hall
- Crookwell v Batemans Bay @ Crookwell
- Braidwood v Cooma @ Braidwood
- Jindabyne v Yass @ Jindabyne

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 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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Bruce Magilton wins Barry Sloane Trophy

Bruce Magilton has taken out the 2024/25 Lightning Singles at Tuross Head Bowling Club and has been awarded the Barry Sloane Memorial Trophy.

The Lightning Singles is a special competition that has become a very popular event at Tuross Head. Players take part in a variation of lawn bowls that is based on quick matches that are played in the set format. Each game consists of 2 sets of five ends with a one end tie breaker if the sets are shared. In the first section players are placed in groups of three after a random draw. They then play a round robin with the player with the bye acting as a marker. The eight players with the most points progress into a knockout to determine the overall winner.

The winner receives the Barry Sloane Memorial trophy in honour of club stalwart, master of draw bowls and the inaugural winner of this event!

This year there were 24 players in the open gender event. The nature of the draw is such that some of the fancied players were in the same group. The defending Champion – Irene Macdonald – was drawn with Marcel Kors and Geoff Lee making her chance of retaining the trophy very difficult.

After the round robin games the top eight was clear cut with a mixture of predictable players and some well-earned 'surprises'! These players again randomly drew for their position in the finals draw.

Once again the random draw played tricks with the top qualifier, Bruce Magilton, drawing Marcel Kors in the quarter finals. It did not start well for Magilton with Kors running away with the first set 7-2. However, Magilton fought back well and he forced the game into a tiebreaker with a 6-0 win in the second set. He then won the game with a great onshot in the extra end to move into the semi-finals.

Stephanie Dennet was the real surprise packet in the round robin winning both of her games. She proved this was no fluke when she outplayed the very experienced John Fahey 4 – 1 and 7 – 0 in their quarter final.

Mark Velder was another relatively new bowler to have a great day. He won his two games in the morning and proved too good for Di Challice in the round of eight. He ran away with the first set winning 9 – 1 with Challice showing signs of fatigue. She made Velder work for the second set that ended in a 3 all draw which was enough to allow Velder to progress.

In the final quarter final Peter Macdonald looked well in control of his clash with Lorraine Johnston when he won the first set 9 – 2 and was ahead 4 – 0 in the second set. Johnston, however, had other ideas. She won the next three ends but fell short of the win she needed. The set was drawn 4 all for Macdonald to move into the semi-finals.



Velder played Macdonald in one semi-final and was well on the way to a major boil over when he won the first set 8-2 and led the second set 3-1 with one end to play. Macdonald forced the game into a tie breaker when he was able to pick up 3 shots on the last end. He then controlled the tie breaker to win 2-0 and take a place in the final.

Dennet's good day came to an end when she found Magilton just too good in their match. Magilton took the game 7 - 4, 5 - 0 to move into the final.

Magilton proved a worthy winner of the event when he dominated the final. In the first set he was ahead 6-0 after 4 ends before winning 6-3. In a tight second set Magilton had control of the play and won 6-2.

A happy Magilton was presented with the impressive trophy by John Fahey a very close friend pf Barry Sloane. Sloane would have been very pleased with the quality of bowls that Magilton displayed throughout the day!



d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta which is coming up this weekend



"Batemans Bay Sailing Club will be holding its main event of the year, the d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta, on April 27th and 28th. This is the biggest annual sailing event on the NSW south coast and has been going for over 40 years. Sailors will be coming from Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and all over south east NSW to compete on the open waters of Batemans Bay. Entries are open for dinghies, off the beach catamarans, trailerable yachts and sports boats.

This is a traditional season concluding regatta for many competitors. It will include NSW Championships for both the Lightweight Sharpie and RL24 classes. There are two races scheduled on Saturday and two on Sunday. The race course is in the middle of Batemans bay so the best spot to see the action will be out on the water. Most of the boats will be rigging up on Corrigans Beach and at the Hanging Rock boat ramp on Saturday morning. The weather can be highly variable at this time of year but so far the forecast looks favourable."

Ride Ready - Eurobodalla gears up for mountain biker influx



As Eurobodalla's network of mountain bike trails develop, businesses are getting ready for the influx of dirt-chasers. Business owners and entrepreneurs looking to capitalise on the opportunities attended another Ride Ready Eurobodalla event on Wednesday 17 April.

Eurobodalla Council and Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club co-hosted the networking event at the Foxdog Distillery in Mogo.

"It was great to have a sneak peek and host the Ride Ready session at the new distillery before it's open to the public," Ms Lever said.

"About 70 people attended to hear the latest news on the Mogo Trails build as well as Rocky Trail Destination's exciting news about Sea Otter Australia."

Ms Lever said Council has run eight Ride Ready initiatives over the past year.

"We have also been fortunate to have the Narooma Mountain Bike Club's support, as they've provided us with valuable insights and lessons learned from their opening experience," Ms Lever said.

"The sessions are designed to bring businesses right across the shire up to speed with this new type of tourism in our

"The Mogo Trails will begin to open mid-year, with plenty of opportunities for businesses to jump on board and cater for mountain bike visitors and their families."

Jake Adams and Rob West of Nelligen Steampacket Hotel have started thinking about ways to cater for mountain bikers.

"We'd love to utilise our courtesy bus with bike racks and a trailer to service the western side of the trails," Mr Adams said.

"We are tossing up ideas on how we can make use of all the land we have – things like secure storage for bikes."

Angus Murphy owner of Narooma and Moruya bicycle shops said Eurobodalla's accommodation options lacked in bike storage and bike washing areas.

"It's mega important; riders are coming down with expensive gear and want to keep it clean and secure," Mr Murphy said.

James McEwen of Batemans Bay Engineering saw a gap in the market to make custom-fit bike racks.

"I saw the progression in mountain biking and the need for bike racks you can easily manoeuvre to access the back of your car and have made quite a few now," Mr McEwen said.

His wife Grace McEwen of Health-E-Living was also jumping at business opportunities.

"The Ride Ready sessions have been great to understand what the mountain biker wants so I can turn my business towards some of their needs like healthy ready-to-go food options," Ms McEwen said.

Shop neighbour Traci Deegan of Earthed Jewels and Dreams has been a regular at the Ride Ready sessions.

"To know there's a great deal of visitors coming and that we can profit from mountain bikers even if we don't sell bike gear – people will still come to support our shops."

For more information on Ride Ready Eurobodalla, visit Council's website.

Zara NSW Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year

THE FUTURE OF SURF LIFESAVING

Moruya Surf Life Saving Club reports: "Our Surf Rescue Certificate Nippers have been working hard during the season to cover the content and demonstrate proficiency for their SRC. Today they were assessed and deemed competent! You will see these guys on patrol next year as they continue to improve their skills and learn about the in's and out's of patrolling.

Well done to all and thanks to our trainers and assessor's. "



CONGRATULATIONS ZARA

Zara Hall of Moruya SLSC and Archie Weir of Kiama Downs SLSC have been named the Ingenia Holiday Parks Junior Lifesavers of the Year after three days of team building and leadership development on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Formally recognised during a presentation ceremony on Friday morning, 26 April, Zara and Archie were two in a group of 22 eager 14-year-olds who came from each of the 11 branches across NSW, having been acknowledged themselves as Junior Lifesavers of the Year for their region.

The pair represented the South Coast and Far South Coast with distinction, proving that NSW is blessed with talented young lifesavers along the entire coastline. Knowing well that they were privileged to be among a very worthy group, all of whom could have been named as winners, the pair were thrilled.

"I did not expect to win and I was so surprised when I got it," Zara said.

"I went through all the emotions, I was nervous, I was excited, but it means so much to me to represent the Far South Coast and my club, Moruya here."

"I'm ecstatic, it's been a bit of a dream of mine for a while. I've been in lifesaving since I was a little Nipper and it means so much to come here to this camp and be with likeminded people, it's really expanding my horizons," Archie added.

An enthusiastic and motivated lifesaver with personality bubbling well above the surface, Zara is a passionate individual who gives so much to her club, Moruya, where she actively supports the Same Wave program for all-inclusive lifesaving and passes on her knowledge to younger members.

Judges noted she places a strong value on education, hoping to establish a program at her club that raises awareness of the beach to those visiting from inland. "It makes me so happy to represent Moruya when I think about the things the club is a part of, like the Same Wave program," Zara said. "I love just being at the ocean, around the club, I love competing, I love patrolling, I love everything about Surf Life Saving."

Junior lifesaver finalists engaged in a three-day team building and leadership development program at Collaroy, which culminated in Zara and Archie being selected as the NSW Junior Lifesavers of the Year. "I enjoyed learning about who we were and what we want to be as lifesavers, what our future is, we had some talks on that," Zara said.

"It's been amazing, and I want to thank all the facilitators who made it possible."

"It feels like it's gone way too fast, but it's been incredible, and I loved it," Archie added.

"The ice bath challenge was definitely a highlight.

"We got to really learn and understand where everybody comes from and what they do, and it was a big part of our development."

Matt Young, Executive General Manager of Tourism for Ingenia Holiday Parks, said being involved in a program now in its 34th year gave them great pride.

"We have a responsibility to ensure the guests who come and stay with us go home happy and having had a safe trip, and part of that is working with Surf Life Saving NSW and helping to grow the new generation of lifesavers," he said.

"I come here at the end of the event really excited to speak to everyone who has participated. They're all enthusiastic, and it's great to see this generation coming through so focussed on giving back to the community."