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Letter to the Editor

Bypassing the hospital ?

The newly launched 'push' for a Moruya Bypass has just as intriguing a past as its present and doubtless purely coincidental sudden reappearance (Moruya Mail, Phil Herrick, 26th April 2024).

It is of considerable interest to anyone with a commitment to seeing the much-delayed construction of the new Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, and the vital ICU capability it will bring, get underway at long last.

As we understand it, beyond big geo-technical and engineering challenges resulting in massive construction costs the putative Bypass project presents, there remain many unresolved issues on the human side importantly not to be forgotten, with local residents whose homes and/or livelihoods, unlike the rest of us, will almost certainly be in the front line and impacted by any consequent build when and if that might happen.

The elevated nature of the costs over time come out of the tax-payers' pockets.

At the time of previous public debate on the Bypass, with a then-modest budget of only \$200M for the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, (after a very public challenge to the then Local Member to explain the rationale of an original pledge of \$150M which would not even have covered the build costs at the time, five years earlier, of the neighbouring Bega Regional Hospital) funding comparisons are instructive. Shoalhaven Hospital's extensions were granted \$480M

The latest (2021) draft budget for the at the time favourite "Orange" option for the proposed Moruya Bypass a whopping \$980M minimum. Effectively, amounting to almost four times the budget for the new Hospital.

Of concern, with the promotion of the Moruya Bypass concept at that time, came the accompanying but clear inference that the focus should be on the road first and thereafter the Hospital. Who was responsible for making this presumptuous call without any prior consultation or sanction of the community? If so, who and what interests stand to benefit?

It is distinctly recalled that when the idea for the Bypass project first emerged, enquiries were made amongst various local organisations, including Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Fascinatingly, none of them claimed responsibility for instigating that project agenda or for initiating lobbying for its implementation. Where then did this call, at the time apparently materialising out of thin air with no input at that early point even from the local Chamber of Commerce, originate from? It is presumed that the Main Roads Division of the department would only run with a project feasibility study on the instructions of the government and/or Minister of the day?

It is concerning when a vitally important project evolved over six years of community campaigning, sincerely dedicated to the very best healthcare interests of the whole of the Eurobodalla Community, is put into question as if it can wait another 5-10 more years? Such a delay could hardly be claimed to help to save lives?

A small investment into a reliable Traffic Management consultancy would undoubtedly reveal many much cheaper solutions to the issue of emergency vehicles access during the 5 weeks/year of peak holiday traffic, such as a three-stop system operating from a police control centre?

We are delighted that the majority of the present Council and its Mayor sees proactive and energetic engagement with the State Government on Hospital planning matters as an obvious essential.

We respectfully ask that some of the gentler voices in our community have an equal opportunity to be heard on a matter that involves us all, from the tiniest of toddlers up to our most elderly and frail, and in between, the seriously ill whose needs a new L4 Regional Hospital is commissioned to meet, we hope including Local Radiotherapy.

Fitzroy and Mylène Boulting.

Co-founders & Head Petitioners: ONE New L4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Advocates Group

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Council to query State Govt on Bay ED demands

By Phil Herrick

Community demands for an emergency department to remain in Batemans Bay after the shift of hospital services from the Bay to the new Eurobodalla Hospital in Moruya was discussed at last Tuesday's Eurobodalla Shire Council meeting.

Mayor Matt Hatcher suggested council take an advocacy role with the state and federal governments following the gathering of a record 18,000 signatures on a petition in favour of retaining an emergency department in the Bay. Two Bay residents took advantage of the public forum to lay out their concerns around the closure of the Bay hospital, with one saying her family, some of whom have high risk conditions, would relocate to be closer to adequate health services after the hospital shuts.

The mayor found unanimous support from his colleagues, although Cr Alison Worthington cautioned council to stick to general advocacy for improved health services or risk stepping well outside its skillset by making calls for specific health related actions.

Cr Anthony Mayne made the point while there is broad support for the higher level of health services, the community disquiet in the Bay is a result of the removal of services currently available in the town.

The complete absence of any similar demands from the Narooma community, who have never had a hospital or emergency department and must travel nearly twice as far to Moruya for emergency care demonstrates his point. The council voted to ask 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 state government will also be asked to assess the need for an emergency department in Batemans Bay in light of the rapid demographic changes in the area and the uncertainty around construction of the Moruya bypass. The Australian Government will be asked to extend the hours of the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic to 24/7 when the new hospital opens.

Keep Moruya Safe Petition



Nanette Morton has collected hundreds of signatures

Following a community meeting in Moruya last month, regarding crime, the Keep Moruya Safe Committee have been collecting signatures for a petition asking the Moruya Police Station to be open during business hours. The petition will be presented to the State Government by Dr Holland MP to Yasmin Catley Minister of Police. A Neighbourhood Watch Moruya page has also gained over 160 members.

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We'll go easy on grants says Council

By Phil Herrick

“Mature, positive and wonderful” are not words normally used to describe dry financial documents but they bounced off the walls of the Eurobodalla Shire Council chambers last Tuesday as councillors outdid each other in praising a new approach to how council would apply for grants.

The new strategy is part of a suite of policies to reset council’s finances being driven by the new general manager, Warwick Winn.

The rolling disaster of the grant funded Bay Pavilions is cited by council as an example of the need to change tactics as it struggles to find ways to pay for annual operating costs exceeding \$5.2 million, over 13 times larger than the figure laid out in the original proposal.

Mr Winn says council will take a more deliberate approach to grant funding and council staff will be told not to apply for grants unless they are for something already adopted in council’s plans.

“Grants should pay for work already in our plans, not add more work on top,” said Mr Winn.

There will also be a focus on getting grants to replace ratepayers’ funds for projects, and use the savings to reduce the losses council must cover each year.

The councillors gave unanimous support to the strategy, congratulating Mr Winn and the finance staff on the plan they hope will see poorly planned, grant driven misadventures like the Bay Pavilions avoided in future.

New Safe Places for Gilmore women and children

A new Safe Places facility will provide emergency accommodation for women and children experiencing family and domestic violence in the Southern Shoalhaven. Funded by the Albanese Labor Government’s Safe Places program, Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven and Illawarra (SAHSSI) Safe Places sites across the region will provide 32 safe places, assisting up to 256 women and children experiencing family and domestic violence each year. Opened in February this year, the Southern Cross Community Housing Safe Places site in Ulladulla is made up of six studio apartments and will assist up to 24 women and children.

Federal Minister for Social Services, Amanda Rishworth, visited the Safe Places sites in the Illawarra earlier this week.

“Women and children face significant challenges when leaving family and domestic violence,” Minister Rishworth said.

“These new Safe Places sites will assist more women and children experiencing family and domestic violence, by ensuring they have a safe place to go and can access necessary specialist services.

“Our government remains determined to tackle the scourge of family, domestic and sexual violence. It’s simply unacceptable.”

Federal Member for Gilmore joined minister Rishworth for a tour of the newly opened facility in Ulladulla on Tuesday morning, and met with both tenants and front-line workers.

“Visiting the new Safe Places emergency accommodation gave me an opportunity to meet the women and children who have experienced family and domestic violence, and to hear their harrowing personal stories first-hand,” Mrs Phillips said.

“It was great to speak with the wonderful frontline workers who are helping these women and children by providing a safe haven for them, and also providing the absolutely vital support they need to move forward.

“One life lost to violence against women is too many, and deaths of women at the hands of men who profess to love and care for them has to end.”

The Albanese Labor Government’s Safe Places program funds the renovation, building or purchase of new crisis or emergency accommodation to support women and children experiencing family and domestic violence.

More information on the Safe Places program is available on the [Department of Social Services](https://www.socialservices.gov.au) website.

If you or someone you know is experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, domestic, family or sexual violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or visit [1800RESPECT.org.au](https://www.1800respect.org.au) for online chat and video call services.

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Narooma Rotary launches new food van



Narooma Rotary Incoming President Julie Hartley and Vice President David McInnes at the launch of the Club's new food van at Sunday's monthly market.

Narooma Rotarians were delighted to launch their new food van at Sunday's busy Monthly Rotary Market on NATA Oval. When launching the van, Narooma Rotary Vice President David McInnes said the purchase of the new van and generator was made possible thanks to a grant from Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Foundation.

"This will enable the Club to better respond to future emergencies or calls to remote areas, as well as to continue to raise funds at the markets for the many community programmes and projects, locally and globally, that the Club supports," he said.

"It shows Narooma Rotarians are indeed 'People of Action'."

Mr McInnes noted that Bendigo has Community Banks in Bega, Pambula and Bombala.

Members enjoyed finally moving into the new modern fit-for-purpose van on Sunday after the anticipation built up over the last 12 months. For those who worked on the van project, it was wonderful to get such a great 'thumbs up' from so many people at the markets.

Mr McInnes also acknowledged the continuing support of Easts Holiday Parks and the Narooma Community Men's Shed with storing and transporting the van. More signage and equipment will be added as funds become available.



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Rates may jump 5.5% from July

By Phil Herrick

There may be a 5.5% increase to rates across the Eurobodalla Shire from July this year.

The increase will go ahead if the council's Delivery Plan for 2024-25 is adopted after its exhibition period over the coming weeks. The council is proposing a 5.5% increase to residential, farmland and business general rates, a 5.5% increase to the environmental levy with waste collection charges also increasing by 5.5%.

The average increase in water charges will be 3.16% with the access charge increasing by 4% to \$390 and the usage charge by 2.5% to \$4.10 per kilolitre.

Sewer access charges will increase by 4.63% to \$1,130 and the usage charge by 4.65% to \$2.25 per kilolitre.

Council says the average residential ratepayer with water and sewer connected will see an overall increase of \$160 a year or \$3.09 a week to a total annual bill of \$3,642.

The average business rate will rise by \$391 to \$9,118 a year.

Rates make up 53% of council's income with the rest from grants, user charges and other sources. Council expects a total income of \$147 million next year. It plans to spend \$149.8 million, resulting in a \$2.8 million operating loss.

The council is under financial strain and there are proposals to reduce services in some areas to save money. These include revised opening hours and service offerings at the Bay Pavilions and Moruya Library, a more targeted maintenance program and a reducing the mowing and street cleaning schedule at low use locations in the shire.

Celebrate in the heart of Rock Oyster Country

NAROOMA OYSTER FESTIVAL 2024

Saturday, May 4 | 10am to 5.30pm

A huge day of tastings, oyster competitions and exploring the foreshore festivities.

Taste oysters fresh from leading farmers and estuaries across Rock Oyster Country. Cheer the farmers on in Australia's Oyster Shucking Championships and Australia's Biggest Oyster sponsored by Australia's Oyster Coast.

Expand your culinary skills in Betta Home Living Cooking Demonstrations with local and visiting chefs, explore the markets and groove to live tunes on two stages, with the MG main stage headlining The SunBears and Dom Turner & the Rural Blues Project. Pack a picnic blanket and leave room for market treats! Saturday's visiting chefs include Hao Chen (Raku, Canberra), Serif Kaya (The Ottoman, Canberra), Elodie Marion (Mimi's, Sydney), Corey Costelloe (formerly Rockpool Group), Courtney Roulston (Farm to Fork) and Belinda Dorsett (Mossy Group).

Join growers, chefs and shuckers in the heart of Rock Oyster Country on the first weekend in May to celebrate the marvellous oyster. It's Australia's premium oyster festival!

Discover the merrier of rock oyster estuaries in Oyster Farmer's Alley, taste sustainable South Coast seafood and produce and sip celebrated beers, wines and spirits. Learn from celebrated chefs Hao Chen (Raku, Canberra), Serif Kaya (The Ottoman, Canberra), Elodie Marion (Mimi's, Sydney), Corey Costelloe (formerly Rockpool Group), Courtney Roulston (Farm to Fork) and Belinda Dorsett (Mossy Group) in the Narooma Betta Home Living Cooking Demonstration Program. Cheer on the farmers in Australia's Oyster Shucking Championships & you won't believe how big an oyster can grow until you see see Australia's Biggest Oyster, supported by Australia's Oyster Coast.



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- MG Main Stage headlined by The SunBears and Dom Turner & the Rural Blues Project
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- Narooma Plaza Community Stage
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Federal funding for 58 projects to help local groups rebuild their regions

The Australian Government continues to invest in the liveability, sustainability and resilience of regional, rural and remote communities – partnering with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to provide more than \$480,000 in grants to 58 locally-led projects across the country.

Delivered through FRRR’s Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program, grants of up to \$10,000 will support local organisations to reinvigorate their communities, following significant disruption from COVID-19.

From improving equipment and facilities at community hubs, to workshops and education programs that will increase community engagement – these small-scale projects will be high impact.

South Coast projects included in this final round of the Government’s investment in the program include:

Prepare & Recover - 2019/2020 Bushfire Recovery-

- Eden : Playability Incorporated, Creating an Inclusive Children’s Playground, Contribute to bushfire recovery by upgrading outdoor facilities to create an abilities and culturally inclusive children’s playground, \$9,000
- Narooma: Narooma Oyster Festival Limited, Feasibility, Best Practice, Economic Impact Study and Business Case Proposal, Enhance organisational capacity in a bushfire-impacted community by engaging industry experts to research and advise on a sustainable self-funding business model for Farmgate and Shellor Door Oyster education and tasting centre, \$25,000.
- Narooma: Narooma Surf Life Saving Club Inc., Video and Audio Conferencing System, Enhance bushfire recovery and improve communication during emergencies with a new by video and audio conference system at Narooma Surf Life Saving Club, \$1,500.
- Bega Valley: Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast Incorporated, Social Justice Advocates Youth Convenor: A Dedicated Mission, Engage a young person to lead workshops and collaboration with diverse young people to build on the youth-focussed bushfire recovery work to address other local social justice issues, \$24,309.
- Batemans Bay: Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, Heatwave and Wood Smoke Haven Anglican Church Batemans Bay: Stage 2, Enhance bushfire preparedness by installing hybrid solar technology, ensuring continuous power during grid outages for the building to operate as a bushfire and extreme weather refuge, \$24,952.

Rebuilding Regional Communities – Micro –

- Batemans Bay: Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra, Enhancing Public Performance, Enhance the post-pandemic capacity of a chamber orchestra to perform at outdoor venues through the purchase of robust music stands and sheet music covers, \$2,748.
- Batemans Bay: Fungi Festival Association Incorporated, Fungi Festival 2024. Unite diverse sectors of the community, reduce social isolation, and encourage tourism post-pandemic through the hosting of the expanded Fungi Festival with expert guest speakers, \$8,000.

Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Minister Kristy McBain said “Our regional areas are known for their strong sense of community and that’s something we’re committed to strengthening, by revitalising community spaces and getting engaging workshops and education programs off the ground.

“Our \$480,000 investment in these 58 diverse projects is part of the \$5 million we’ve delivered through this program, to support regional, rural and remote organisations improve their facilities and increase community engagement.”

FRRR Place Portfolio Lead Jill Karena said “The FRRR’s SRC program is flexible and open year-round. This access to continued funding opportunities is especially vital in communities that are moving beyond the immediate threats and response to natural disasters and other shocks.

“These are the projects that create a sense of place and identity, and the people and organisations that make these inspiring projects happen need our support. SRC grants provide leverage as they demonstrate to other funders that the projects have value and are supported.

“But to be able to fund more of them, we need to bring in additional collaborative funders. So we invite all those who want to see a thriving remote, rural and regional Australia to join us to support local initiatives. They really do make a difference.”

The funding is part of the Australian Government’s \$5 million investment from 2022 to 2024 in the Rebuilding Regional Communities (RRC) stream of FRRR’s SRC program.

A total of 400 projects have been supported over the eight funding rounds.

For more information about the program, including a full list of RRC recipients, visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-rebuilding-regional-communities/>

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Narooma Mini EV Expo



A team of SHASA volunteers including Narooma locals Pete Phillips and Iris Domeier, ran a mini EV Expo at the Narooma Rotary Markets on a wonderful autumn day on 28 April 2024. We had three cars on display: a locally owned Tesla 3, a BYD Atto 3 and an MG4. We also had Natalie Barnett taking people for a test drive in her Atto 3. Stuart Absalom was able to use a portable induction cooktop connected to the power outlet of his Atto 3, to make cups of coffee and tea for volunteers and visitors. Electric cars become vital sources of electricity when the power goes down, as occurred a few months ago due to flooding in South East QLD.

Owners were very busy answering questions from 8.30am until about 12.45pm. Angus Murphy from Narooma Bicycles was promoting E-bikes. A number of people did a test drive on an E-bike to see what a difference a bit of electricity can make to the pleasure of cycling. The volunteers at the SHASA gazebo were busy selling raffle tickets to operate a Starlink Satellite at the Moruya Heatwave and Bushfire Haven at the St Johns Commons, Anglican Parish so that people have access to telecommunications (internet and phone) if the power goes out during extreme weather events. We also handed our SHASA newsletters, the NRMA EV fact or fiction: busting common electric vehicle myths, stickers saying my next car will be Electric and Saul Griffith's book the Big Switch about the huge financial benefits to households going all electric. It was a fun day for all the volunteers and we look forward to many more mini EV Expos in the future.



Angus from Narooma Bicycles with E bikes at the Expo

HELLO EV OWNER AND WELCOME TO EuroBEV!



SHASA's

Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles group will continue their bimonthly catchups at chosen venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire.

The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers, hybrid vehicle drivers and those interested in purchasing an EV. We want to share the love of driving our EV's and exchange stories and valuable tips on owning an EV.

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- A chromosome abnormality, the most well-known condition is Down syndrome but there are many others and much rarer
- A structure problem, for example a hole in the baby's heart
- Preterm birth, we are referring to a birth before 34 weeks, most babies born after 34 weeks do well.
- Problems when the placenta does not work as it should, it can lead to a smaller baby (referred to as growth restriction) or a condition that has risk factors for a mum, called pre-eclampsia.

We can now screen for these risk factors through a combination of blood tests and ultrasound, they work best when used in combination. Here is a suggestion of how it can be utilised in a pregnancy.

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10 – 12 WEEKS	Consultation, viability scan and blood collection on the same day Whole genome NIPT to screen for chromosomal abnormalities, blood sample to screen for placental problems. Results available in 7 – 10 days *NIPT is a private test with no Medicare rebate*
12 – 14 WEEKS	Scan to assess fetal growth and anatomic structures, nuchal translucency measurement and uterine artery blood flow. Pre-eclampsia risk assessment using clinical, biochemical & ultrasound factors
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Taking steps to smooth starting school

Parents wanting practical ways to ready children for school next year can gain insights directly from experts.

The Be Ready: Transition to School information sessions will be held at Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay as part of Families Week activities in the third week of May. Parents will hear early childhood researcher Dr Lyn Cronin, speech pathologist Claire Price, and Lynelle Hamer for EACH Inclusion Support Programs discuss and answer questions on the skills children need to start kindergarten and what can be done ahead of time.

Attendees of the evening session will also receive a free transition-to-school kit, packed full of activities that encourage children to learn as they play. Eurobodalla Council's transition to school coordinator Justine Tominey said the sessions had proven to be invaluable.

"We've been running these sessions since 2015, with 90 percent of attendees saying they left with a better understanding of their own child's level of development and practical steps to ease them into school," Ms Tominey said.

"We know this helps because research shows 70 percent of pre-schoolers well prepared for big school fit in more quickly, do better in literacy, and even have fewer emotional and behavioural difficulties later in life."

Ms Tominey said feedback from last year's participants highlighted the need to include Lynelle Hamer in the panel.

"This means we can discuss the importance of inclusion and advocacy for supporting children with developmental delays or disabilities under expert guidance," she said.

For more information or to book visit Council's Families Week webpage. Families not able to make the sessions can still receive a school-readiness kit by contacting Children's Services.



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Gadfly

*I'll be loving you, Always
With a love that's true, Always...*

Some of us got lucky and scored the wonderous mutual declaration recorded by Irving Berlin in his 1925 gift to his wife Ellin Mackay. But from the scary front-page news across the country last weekend, we seem to be in a distinct minority.

'Not men's punching bags,' say a defiant pair of teenage girls. 'Women across Australia rally against violence and abuse in response to the shocking murder of NSW woman Molly Ticehurst and dozens of other deaths at the hands of men this year alone.'

A lot has changed since Mr Berlin pledged his loving dedication together with the royalties of the song from 1926. But the power of love is not one of them. In the 1960s, for example, the Beatles - and Elvis - rode to world adoration on the glorious steed called 'love', be it of the 'tender' variety or simply the plea to 'love me, do'.

I'm not so sure about the lyrics in the catalogue of today's superstars like Taylor Swift's 'Don't blame Me': Don't blame me, love made me crazy; If it doesn't, you ain't doin' it right; Lord, save me, my drug is my baby; I'll be usin' for the rest of my life.

That sounds more like the excuse offered by a (male) stalker.

As to the raft of 'rappers' who pollute today's airwaves, I'm afraid their lyrics (if they can be so described) escape my understanding. In any case, I'm sure the garbled 'poems' are neither the cause nor the background melodies to the horrors of which the protesting women complain. On the contrary, the marchers seem to be inferring that that there's something vile and sexually lethal in all men, that the jolly old 'battle of the sexes' has transformed itself into women's literal struggle for survival in a vicious male world.

It is true that there are clear differences between men and women. For example, earlier Gadflies have advocated a female-dominated political arena to produce more sensible compromises in our various levels of governance. And I'm pleased to say that the trend is heading that way.

A new Domestic Violence Force, with similar powers to the regular police, should be developed, together with a magistrate's court with exclusive responsibility for the area. In such conflicts we've suggested that it is the aggressor - almost invariably the male - who should be forced out of the family home. And if he breaks the conditions of a Domestic Violence Order he should be imprisoned (with time out for employment) until he passes a redemptive course. Both parties should be involved in any decision for him to return to the family home.

However, not all the blame should be sheeted home to the male. In some ways, men and women living together is like the unplanned nature of our old roads where the same strip of bitumen is used for vehicles travelling at death-defying speed in opposite directions. The wonder is that there aren't more fatal collisions. In fact, our road toll is an extraordinary demonstration of maturity and responsibility in a species that in other areas - climate change, for example - gives way to greed and stupidity.

The same might be said for men and women living in such close proximity, when and if that first romantic flame threatens to flutter and fade.

*Days may not be fair, Always,
That's when I'll be there, Always,
Not for just an hour,
Not for just a day
Not for just a year,
But Always.*

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South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1193

Is Selling Your Home Purely a Financial Transaction?

At a time when money is tighter than usual, we all agree that it is important to try to save as many dollars as you can. However, we were slightly amused by the release of new app that can "SAVE lots of MONEY" on reduced agent's commission and other fees. The app essentially lets agents bid against each other and enables them to change their bid to get your nod of approval. It also says: "There's also no need to let multiple agents through your property to get multiple quotes". Hmm, this might appeal to some BUT are you about to sell your most valuable asset without letting two to four well respected, experienced, local licensed agents provide an appraisal? Surely it is worth meeting them so you can assess which one you have a good rapport with, and to discuss the positive attributes of your home that would be appealing to a new owner? Selling property is not all about an agent's commission. If a good agent can negotiate many thousands more on the sale price with less stress and aggravation, saving a few thousand on commission is not a clever idea.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



188 breaches of new condition designed to protect greater gliders

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Conservation groups are demanding an urgent investigation and prosecution after detecting 188 alleged breaches by Forestry Corp NSW of a new condition designed to save endangered greater gliders.

In a letter to the NSW EPA, the groups called for the EPA to issue stop work orders on active forestry operations at Flat Rock, Clyde, Currowan, Shallow Crossing, Olney, Riamukka, Styx River, Sheas Nob, and Bondo state forests after finding Forestry Corp was not complying with survey requirements for greater glider den trees.

The letter has been signed by **South East Forest Rescue** on behalf of the World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia, North East Forest Alliance, Wilderness Australia, North Coast Environment Council, South East Region Conservation Alliance, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, the National Parks Association of NSW, and Manyana Matters Environmental Association.

Forestry Corp is required to search for greater glider den trees and protect each tree with a 50 metre exclusion zone where logging is banned.

Identification of a den tree requires a greater glider to be seen entering or leaving a hollow.

There was outrage last year when it was revealed Forestry Corp had been conducting den tree searches during the day when greater gliders, a nocturnal species, were asleep and not entering or leaving their hollows.

On 16 February 2024, the EPA introduced condition 14 (b) which requires that searches must be carried out at night and commence no more than 1 hour after sunset.

This search window is extremely significant because research shows that greater gliders typically emerge from their hollows in the first hour after dusk to forage for eucalypt leaves.

South East Forest Rescue conducted a desktop audit of searches held after 16 February by reviewing data available on the Native Forestry Map Viewer.

After 243 transect searches, 261 gliders were sighted but only 9 den trees and 4 potential den trees were identified.

This indicates dens were only identified for 5% of gliders seen in the areas searched. The vast majority of greater glider dens were missed and not protected with the legally required 50 metre exclusion zones.

This poor result is because Forestry Corp started 188 (77%) of their searches more than an hour after dark when greater gliders had already left their dens for the night.

These searches breach the rule that transects must commence "no more than 1 hour after sunset local time".

They were totally ineffective, as Forestry Corp did not identify a single den tree in these late night searches, some of which didn't start until after midnight.

All the den trees that were identified were found during the 55 searches conducted within an hour of sunset.

The botched searches are even more alarming because conservation groups are already deeply concerned that the new rules only require less than 10% of the logging area to be searched for dens.

For each 100 hectares of the logging area, search transects need to be a minimum of one kilometre.

A South East Forest Rescue report, also sent to the EPA, states that in effect this means a maximum area of only 10 out of every 100 ha will be searched.

The report states "After 50 years of intensive industrial scale logging the focus needs to be on the identification and protection of all glider den trees and surrounding habitat if there is to be any chance of stopping the species from going extinct".

And that the current conditions meant to protect greater gliders "will not reverse the decline of greater gliders but entrench their pathway to extinction".

South East Forest Rescue spokesperson Scott Daines said "The ink has barely dried on the new search rule and already we've detected nearly 200 breaches by Forestry Corp.

"Forestry Corp's behaviour is outrageous. Once again we're doing the EPA's work by exposing these botched searches as time is running out to save greater gliders.

"The least the EPA can do is investigate and throw the book at Forestry Corp".

World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia conservation scientist Dr Kita Ashman said "My collaborative research on the emerging times of greater gliders confirms den tree surveys should only be conducted within 1 hour of sunset, when gliders emerge, or 1 hour before sunrise when gliders return to their hollows.

"A better protection measure would be to establish a 100-metre exclusion zone around every sighting of a greater glider. This would allow surveys to be conducted through the night.

"While important, den trees do not represent the entirety of a greater glider's habitat or behavioural needs.

"Establishing 100 metre exclusion zones would give gliders space to feed, socially interact, and safely move through habitat".

Wilderness Australia Operations Manager Andrew Wong said:

"The Labor Party must make it clear: do they have a 'zero extinctions' policy and a rock solid commitment to it? If they do, this issue is where the rubber meets the road.

"Based on what we're seeing on the ground, it seems they do not have that policy.

"Instead they have a frightening apathy towards the fate of the Southern Greater Glider. And that apathy has flowed through to the EPA, who are no longer acting as a restraining force on the logging agency Forestry Corporation of NSW, but rather have become their enabler."

Nature Conservation Council of NSW spokesperson Clancy Barnard said "Yet again Forestry Corporation NSW has shown itself to be a rogue operator by repeatedly flouting rules meant to protect threatened and endangered species like the iconic Greater Glider."

"The EPA need to show they're serious about tackling illegal logging and hold FCNSW to account by immediately issuing a Stop Work Order and investigating these breaches."

"If the EPA doesn't do its job and the government doesn't commit to protecting endangered species habitat, we will we lose this precious and unique marsupial."

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Vivian Cottage

03-05-1924

Mr. W. S. Nelson has disposed of his storekeeping business at Bergalia to **Mr. C. Marsden**, of Bodalla. Mr. Nelson intends to seek fresh fields and pastures new through the illness of his wife

50 tons of machinery for the Belimbla Creek Gold Mines (No Liability) Co. has arrived at Narooma by the Kianga and will be immediately conveyed to the mine Contractor H. O'Toole and partner.

A special meeting of the committee of management of the Mechanics' Institute took place on 24th ult. ... The Chairman explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of extending the present reading room. After considerable discussion it was decided to appoint a sub committee consisting of Messrs. R. L. Dawson and W. Jermyn to go into the matter, draw up a plan of the proposed extension and give an appropriate estimate of the cost when the report was finalized.

Mrs. Williams, of "Vivian Cottage" is still confined to her room and her condition is variable. Latest bulletins, however, state that she is regaining her strength.

On Wednesday at All Saints' C.E. Church, Bodalla, the Rev. Payn-Lewis celebrated the marriage of Alfred Taylor, son of Mr. Dave Taylor, of Bodalla, and Jessie, second daughter of Mr. C. Marsden, of Narooma. The bride who was given away by her father, was attired in white satin with the customary wreath and veil, and she carried a shower bouquet. Miss Gladys Marsden and Miss Violet Taylor attended the bride and Mr. C. Marsden (brother of the bride) officiated as best man. ...

Although the salvage party on the Myee is making good progress in clearing away the Benandra wreck, work is greatly hampered owing to unfavorable weather. The engine, which was considerably damaged through becoming fouled by the girders and logs, and many other parts, have been removed. The principal obstruction remaining is the boiler and all gear is in readiness for lifting same and landing it at the wharf. This arduous task would only take a few hours to complete, but delay is occasioned by the heavy seas and strong current. Once this heavy object has been removed the Myee can be anchored over the wreck and the final act of destruction can quickly be performed. While the present heavy seas prevail Diver Albert cannot possibly maintain a foothold.

Mr. James Grant, better known as "Moruya" Grant, an old identity of the Wyndham district, died during the holidays, aged 76. Mr. Grant was well known in Moruya, having married the eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Flanagan, of Wamban, and sister of Mrs. J. Connors and Mr. W. Flanagan, of Narooma.

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



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May family fun goes off with a bang



There's plenty of fun to be had in Eurobodalla next month with choice events for the young and young at heart during Family Week. From Monday 13 to Sunday 19 May Eurobodalla Council will host scavenger hunts, magic shows, morning teas, music, bike riding, and more. Dr Graham's Blow Up Science show is guaranteed to get kids' craniums curious with fun and interactive experiments, from marshmallow bazookas to leaf-blown levitating basketballs. "I'll be at Moruya's RSL Hall on Thursday 16 May with the odd explosion or two. I'll even show how to make your own hoverboard from bits you can pick up from around the house," Dr Graham said. "There's plenty more events exploding across the shire for Families Week. I recommend Music and Magic in the Garden, with a lunchtime performance by the Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra and a lot of laughs with The Great Zamboni' delightfully funny magic show. "The bike day is a good one for kids with a wash and safety check before they show off their skills on the obstacle course, while parents of children ready to start school can get along to the transition to school information sessions." Dr Graham's Blow Up Science is \$15 per family, with all other events free but bookings essential. For more information, the schedule and to book visit Council's [Families Week webpage](#).

Focus on the root causes of climate warming, not just respond to symptoms

Climate Action Monaro (CAM) says governments should focus on the root causes of climate warming, not just solely respond to the symptoms of floods, fires and related disasters. This is a key recommendation of the report Too hot to handle the scorching reality of Australia's climate-security failure released this week by the Australian Security Leaders Climate Group (ASLCG). The ASLCG report is highly critical of the federal government for not recognising climate change as a major security risk. Climate was mentioned only in passing in the Defence Security Review (DSR) and the National Defence Strategy (NDS). The most important report, that of the Office of National Intelligence, has been buried. CAM president Ross Martin says governments should be eliminating emissions much faster than the net-zero-by-2050 goal, drawing down the levels of atmospheric carbon and actively cooling the planet. "The government needs to lead the conversation on climate change impacts, not bury the information," says Mr Martin. "They need to be talking about the health impacts of higher temperatures, sea-level rise, ocean warming and acidification, destruction of coral reefs including our own Great Barrier Reef, the slowing of the Atlantic Meridional Oceanic Circulation (AMOC) that will change weather systems everywhere, and the loss of habitability in vast areas of the world, not least in northern and northwest Australia. "We applaud the government for putting resources into the renewable energy transition but it is not enough. "The government must address the relocation of people of people within the country away from the uninhabitable north, possible mass migration from low-lying atolls and deltas in the region, the impact on our own agriculture of higher temperatures and reduction in irrigation, and the ramifications of global food demand rising as crop yields fall." Mr Martin says climate-induced crop failures may lead to failures of states in the Pacific Islands and in our region that could produce many political refugees. "We are obliged to take in genuine political refugees but we have no strategy yet for climate refugees. Estimates vary between 800,000 and 1.2 billion climate refugees globally by mid-century. "It is a failure of Government when such issues are not discussed" says Mr Martin.

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By Kay Killick

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But Peter Poole roared up the inside straight with his MOGENDOURA SWING ENSEMBLE. And his solo JAZZMAN PETE. Now we really had a concert.

A clash meant some negotiations but U3A SINGERS are on board again – always a winner. They will insist we join in the singing and give us some much needed lung exercise.

Finally DEEP RIVER CHOIR will be part of the show. With their new Celtic selection of songs they will certainly add to the spectacle. I saw their most recent photo the other day with drums and all sorts of things. So exciting. I just love those African drums. Cost is \$15. No need to book. It will be well worth your while to be there; it doesn't come much better. This is another fundraising event and will help us purchase a Defibrillator to add to our Heat Haven, Bushfire Respite and other facilities we provide for the community.



Dan Cully's 'Changes' Tour

Music in The Commons
- Sun 5 May @ 3pm

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Ticket Info: General Admission \$30 Concession \$25, Under 16 Free

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Tickets are also available by cash or Tap-n-Go at the door.

Check out Dan's web page: <https://dancully.com/>



Kosciuszko to Niseko - Carleta Delac

Exhibition at the Mechanics Institute

Carleta Delac is an artist who began painting in 2017 after a nursing career of 46 years. While she has explored various mediums such as oils, watercolour and mixed mediums, her preference is to work in acrylics.

Delac attributes her inspiration to years spent living in the Snowy Mountains with her young family and a later time through a Japanese winter. Her artworks express her passion for cold climate activities and the dynamic, pristine landscapes of the high country.

Artwork by Carleta Delac titled Catch me if you can. Detail.

Cost: Free

Where: Mechanics Institute, 13 Page Street, Moruya

When: 20 April to 5 May 2024

Opening hours: daily, 10am to 4pm

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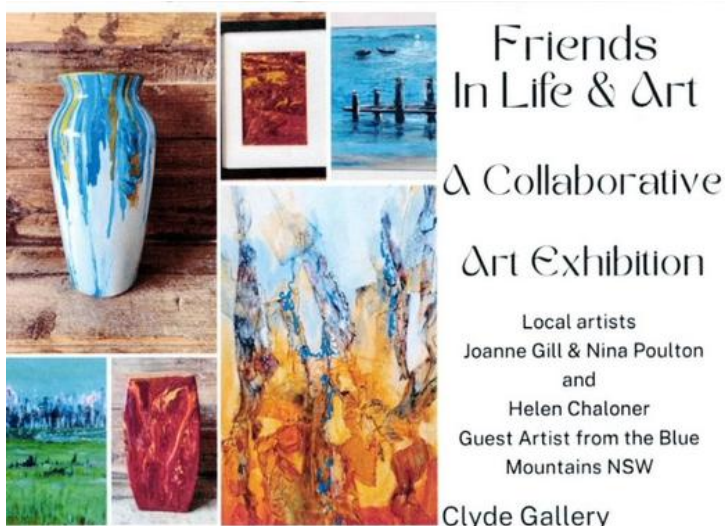
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The Art Room – New Narooma Gallery

Luke Kelly has opened a new gallery space in Narooma. Luke recently moved from the Hawkesbury area to Narooma where he's opened the Art Room, 1/114 Wagonga Street, Narooma. The Art Room will be a place to display and sell his colourful artworks and showcase the work of other talented creators, many of which are local to the area. A self-taught painter, Luke is inspired by Australia's natural beauty and has an ongoing obsession with capturing our unique birds and wildlife through his art. His has a passion for teaching, painting, ceramics and creating public art. The last two years have been dedicated to the creation of murals in primary schools in The Hawkesbury and Hills areas in Greater Sydney. His work is inspired by local wildlife, native plants, bushland and more recently sea-life and coastal landscapes. The Art Room will also to be his working studio, so expect to see him painting and creating in there on a day to day basis. He's also planning some fun social creative events to be held in the space. More information can be found on his website www.lukekellyartwork.com



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Rock On for Climate as Young People Step Up

The Sam Fletcher Band will headline Rock On for Climate on **Saturday 11 May from 5pm at Smokey Dan's** in Tomakin. Ron Callaghan, Joint Custody and Flavum complete the lineup of local bands.

Sam wants Rock On “to inspire hope in the community. Fear can be paralysing, like you feel that all is lost. We need to be taking action with a sense of hope.” Sam has joined with local climate action group 350 Eurobodalla to organise Rock On.

Sam Fletcher grew up in Congo and went to Moruya High School. Sam plays alternative folk, blues and rock music. Sam is very concerned about climate change, he said, “I fell in love with the mountains when I was young and I would be really sad to lose that if we don’t get on top of it soon. Losing a natural landscape where the snowline is so near to the tops of the mountains.”

Two high school students will also take the stage to talk about how climate change has affected them.

Farrah Lawrun of Moruya High said, “Four years ago we had the bushfires, all the houses lost and the bushland hammered.” She said, “everyone can do something, as individuals or the community.” Farrah wants people to try to “reduce their carbon footprints, go for clean energy, reduce consumption and use public transport.”

Farrah said, “I hope Rock On provides motivation and inspiration for people in the community to reduce emissions and make the changes in our lives to do that.”

Ned McNaughton from St Peter’s High School said, “young people actually need to say something and do something. People need to discuss climate change more – if people really become concerned, there will be a bigger focus in society.”

Asked about his personal experience of climate change, Ned said, “I was here for the fires, it was pretty crazy, so much habitat was burnt and so many people lost their homes. This was attributable to climate change.” Ned is a wildlife photographer and spends a lot of time in the bush.

Ned hopes that Rock On for Climate Action will “spread awareness, get people talking about it and sharing their experiences. It will be a good night, with fun and good music.”

Rock On for Climate Action will include a forum, displays by local environment groups and a raffle.

350 Eurobodalla is working with many others to fix Australia’s climate laws, to end native forest logging and deal with the health effects of climate change.

Sam Fletcher, Fire to Flourish, 350 Eurobodalla, J&S Management and Smokey Dan’s are proud to present Rock On for Climate Action. Funding from Monash Sustainable Development Institute has helped this event.

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SATURDAY, 4 MAY:

RICK BAMFORDCLUB TUROSS (7PM)
 SEAQUINSSOLDIERS CLUB (8PM)
 SALT.....MERIMBULA RSL (8PM)
 SAM REES.....STEAMPACKET HOTEL 4PM
 PEPPER & DAVIES.....BROULEE BREWHOUSE
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Carleta Delac
 Kosciuszko to Niseko

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Mechanics Institute
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Exhibition Opening: Friday 19 April 5 - 8pm
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Carleta Delac: Downhill the need for speed, Acrylic paint, 90 x 60cm. Detail

Delac's artworks capture her passion for cold climate activities and the dynamic, pristine landscapes of the high country. Through her art, she transports viewers to the places she longs for and desires, drawing inspiration from her experiences in the Snowy Mountains and the enchanting Japanese winters. The artist conveys the joy, energy, and dream-like essence of living in cold climates, expressing a deep sense of contentment through her paintings on canvases.

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Stephanie has been a featured artist in demonstrations and workshops held by the Pastel Society across Europe, USA and in Australia and New Zealand. She is also a member of the Pastel Guild of Europe and has been interviewed & featured in French magazine, Pratique des Arts. She was an invited instructor and demonstrator at the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS) in Albuquerque in 2022. Stephanie received an international Award in the French exhibition 'Salon International De Saint Aulaye-Puymanou for her soft pastel works.

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Sustainability grants get farmers on the front foot

The Albanese Government is announcing new grant funding for farmers to tackle sustainable agriculture at the grassroots level.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Murray Watt, said the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program Small Grants are designed for individuals as well as farming, community and Indigenous groups to lead on-ground projects.

“The Albanese Government is committed to supporting farmers as they respond to climate change and become more sustainable into the future,” Minister Watt said.

“We are helping ensure that climate-smart agriculture techniques become a normal part of the industry. This will take effort from every part of the sector, with farmers and community groups working hand in hand.

“Sustainable, climate-smart agriculture is not a one-size-fits-all situation. What works in one part of the country might not be effective in another.

“And sustainability can mean many things – anything from better natural resource management, to reducing chemical use, or even improving soil health.

“This is the beauty of these grants – they will target what works at the local level, accounting for differences in soil composition, rainfall, and business models.

“They can be used to try something new or to scale-up something that is already working.

“They are open to individual farmers and community groups of all stripes, and I want to encourage any Indigenous community organisations to get involved, given their long-standing dedication to caring for country.

“These grants are part of wider sustainable agriculture measures from the Albanese Government, including next month’s Sustainable Ag Summit where 150 groups from the sector will come together to work on a path forward to reduce emissions, while improving productivity and profitability.

“I’ve seen the drive from the agriculture sector to respond and adapt to climate change. Many farmers are already implementing measures that are designed to drought-proof a property or save a farmer money, that can end up improving on-farm sustainability.

“I’m looking forward to seeing the results of these grants.”

The grant round will open on 30 April. To find out more, visit: [Climate-Smart Agriculture Program - DAFF](#).

eID funding a step forward

NSW Farmers has thanked the state government for listening to industry concerns around mandated traceability reforms following the announcement of a new scheme to provide discounted eID tags to sheep and goat farmers in NSW.

NSW Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty has announced a new eID tag discount program for NSW producers, with a 76 cent-per-tag discount available for eligible sheep and goat eID tags purchased from 1 November 2024 until 31 October 2025, or until funding is exhausted.

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said the discount program had come as a positive step forward for producers in the transition to electronic identification for sheep and goats.

“It is the governments who mandated this traceability system, and so they must have plans to properly support producers with transitioning to the required systems,” Mr Martin said.

“We have made it very clear that we will only continue to support these traceability reforms if tag costs are reduced to economically viable levels, and we are pleased to hear the state government has stepped up to the plate and listened to our policies on this.

“While there is further detail in this scheme we need to unpack and understand, there is no doubt that today’s announcement is a step forward in support for sheep and goat producers in NSW.

“However, there is still a long road ahead for traceability reform, and the state and federal governments must continue to ensure there is sufficient and suitable funding for all producers in NSW, all the way through this transition, if this scheme is to truly be successful and harmonized.”

With just eight months until eID becomes mandatory for sheep and goats in NSW, Mr Martin urged both the state and federal governments to continue to explore all available options to ensure that national traceability can be achieved without excessive imposts and costs for sheep and goat producers.

“In 2022, NSW Farmers determined nine principles required for this scheme to be effective, and today’s announcement is the latest of our principles to be actioned by government following our ongoing advocacy,” Mr Martin said.

“It’s time now for governments to step up once again and use all the options available to them to ensure farmers can successfully transition through these traceability reforms and keep our high-quality produce available on tables both in Australia and overseas. “This means more funding for tags is required in the forthcoming state and federal budgets, as well as the incorporation of tag-free pathways for animals moving directly from their property of birth to slaughter.

“We’re calling for longevity, for continuity and for support – and while this funding is a start, it must not be the end.”

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Essential Energy secures Federal funding to support communications during climate events

Essential Energy has secured \$1 million in funding under the Federal Government's Telecommunications Disaster Resilience Innovation (TDRI) Program to acquire six portable stand-alone power systems (SAPS) that will support communications during a natural disaster.

The portable SAPS, which consist of solar panels, a battery and a backup diesel generator, can be transported through rugged terrain to restore power to telecommunications towers when weather events impact the electricity network. Providing safe and reliable power to the towers ensures uninterrupted communications during or immediately after a natural disaster. During the 2019-20 bushfires, Essential Energy rolled out similar technology at two telecommunications sites, **Peak Alone (near Cobargo)** and Mount Selwyn (Snowy Mountains region). This allowed vital communications to continue for Essential Energy crews and emergency services until power could be restored.

The portable SAPS can be rotated to telecommunication sites across Essential Energy's network as required. The funding also includes enabling work for rapid deployment at 12 sites which have been selected due to historic vulnerability to flooding and bushfire disasters. They are Berrigan, Buronga, Deniliquin, Gilgandra, Goondiwindi (South and North locations), Goulburn, Grafton, Hay, Hillston, Wagga Wagga and Yass.

Essential Energy's Chief Operating Officer Luke Jenner says this funding reflects Essential Energy's commitment to improving the resilience of its network and the supply of safe and reliable electricity to its 890,000 customers.

"Being able to provide communications during a natural disaster is critical to essential services. These stand-alone power systems will ensure that Essential Energy's crews can still communicate while they work to safely restore the power when communities need it most," Luke says.

"They will also support emergency services teams who rely on radio communications while they work to protect communities during major climate events."

The delivery of the six portable stand-alone power systems along with the enabling work at each of the 12 sites is expected to be completed by June 2025.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government. The TDRI program is part of the Australian Government's Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia which is providing more than \$1.1 billion to rural and regional communities, including \$656 million to improve mobile and broadband connectivity and resilience in rural and regional Australia.



'Peak Alone SAPS': The stand-alone power system and communications tower at Peak Alone near Cobargo. Photo: supplied Essential Energy.

Narooma Bridge Consultation



Community members are invited to have their say on the future of the Narooma Bridge, surrounding roads and transport options in the town.

The initial community feedback period runs from April 29 to May 31, with feedback gained to also be used by Transport to explore options for improvements in the shorter term before the study is expected to be completed in 2026.

Transport for NSW team members will be available to discuss the study at the Narooma Oyster Festival between 10am and 5:30pm on May 4.

A community drop-in session will also be held at Narooma Plaza between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 9 May.

For people unable to give feedback in-person, an online survey can be completed via this link:

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- 11th May **Rock On For Climate Action @ Smokey Dan's**
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- 25th May **Red Door Hall Car Boot Sale**, Moruya
- 25 May - 2th June - **Sculpture For Clyde**
- 14 September. - **Sustainable Choices Festival Moruya**
- Friday 27 Sept- 7th Oct **River of Art Festival**

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Eurobodalla Marine Debris Working Group (MDWG)

MDWG have conducted clean ups in Kianga and another in a marsh area along North Head Drive Moruya. Volunteers are learning how to enter the data that they find in the Australian Marine Debris App (AMDJ); a platform created by Tangaroa Blue so that everyone can help remove marine debris from our environment but also find solutions to stop rubbish from reaching our waterways in the first place! We are always interested in new, excited and passionate volunteers. To register your interest please visit: [Register your interest in volunteering](#) | [Eurobodalla Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Fishing Tackle Bins installed

Don't forget to use the Tackle Bins that ESC have installed throughout the shire to dispose of your fishing waste. These bins are emptied by local residents and volunteers, so please be respectful in your disposal. OR if you have any old lures, unused or tangled line, pop it in one of the Rig Recycle bins.

Fishing line and tackle/bait bags are one of the biggest threats to our local marine life. There are 5 bins located within the Eurobodalla including local fishing stores, the Waste Transfer Station in Moruya and the Surf Beach Community Recycling Centre.

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Winner Tim Watson congratulated by committee member Bruce Harding



Winner Ken Hush



Medal Winner Pam Alexander



Winner Rob Nash

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 2nd May 2024

A field of 41 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The winner today Tim Watson celebrated a great win on his birthday and nearest the pins on 3 holes!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Tim Watson (6) with 39 points
- 2nd: Allan Langford (16) with 35 points
- 3rd: Stephen Gardner (18) with 34 points
- 4th: John Eglitis (13) with 33 points
- 5th: Ruth Gschwend (18) with 32 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: A Grade: Tim Watson 2.66
- B Grade: Gail Page 5.00
- C Grade: Phillip Page 3.45
- 6th: A Grade: Tim Watson 1.37
- B Grade: Allan Langford 2.85
- C Grade: Ricky Hayes 3.55
- 7th: A Grade: Tim Watson 8.95
- C Grade: Dianne Brown 2.34

Balls went to: Tony Brown 32, Peter Coffey 31, Lars Gaupset 31, Des Jackson 30, Jim Madden 30, Ian Miller 30, Paul Israel 30, Darrell Kildey 29, Brad Doolan 29, Bruce Harding 29, Paul Medwin 28, David Schmid 28, Dianne Brown 28, Cate O'Brien 27 and Ian Kingston 27.

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 27th April 2024

A field of 60 players registered for a Stableford combined medley event.

Winners were:

- 1st: Ken Hush (13) with 40 points
- 2nd: Graeme Bell (22) with 37 points
- 3rd: Cathy Milliken (39) with 36 points
- 4th: Reginald Apps (25) with 35 points
- 5th: Martin Booth (12) with 33 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4A: Ken Hush 3.00
- 4B: Paul Coffey 1.85
- 4C: Greg Smith 3.70
- 6A: Ken Hush 2.00
- 6B: Michael Elfar 2.48

Balls went to: Mark Haberkorn 33, Peter Engelbrecht 33, Herb Muriwai 33, Jim Wade 33, Steve Collins 32, Michael Elfar 32, Allan Langford 32, David Gray 31, Graeme Sindel 31, Peter Hogan 31, Danny Nickson 30, Nigel Barling 30, Stephen Swanbury 30, Steve Johnston 30 and Ian Lawson 29.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 30th April 2024

A field of 18 players registered for the 3rd Medal Round Stroke and Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Leonie Doolan.

The Overall Medal Winner was Pam Alexander (30) with a net score of 75.

The Winners on the day were:

- A Grade: Pam Alexander (30) with net 75
- Pauline Nash (25) with net 77

B Grade:

- Samantha Dryden (34) with net 80
- Christine Wratten (34) with net 81

C Grade:

- Dianne Brown (44) with net 78
- Julie Barningham (45) with net 81

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Pam Alexander
- 15th: Shirley Quinlan
- 7th: Dorothy Madden (HC 1-35)

Dianne Brown (HC 36-45)

Place getters were:

- Leonie Snodgrass 80, Dorothy Madden 80 and Leonie Doolan 81.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 1st May 2024.

A field of 50 players registered for a Stroke and Putts event today. After a cool start the sun came out and the game was enjoyed by all, including some visitors from Scone.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Rob Nash with 31 net (countback)
- 2nd: Ross Hendy with 31 net
- 3rd: Steve Gardner with 33 net
- 4th: Paula Coffey with 35 net (countback)
- 5th: Ian Manton with 35 net
- 6th: Cathy Milliken with 35 net
- 7th: Christine Wratten with 35 net
- 8th: Paul Green with 36 net
- 9th: Allan Langford with 36 net
- 10th: Annette Manton with 38 net
- 11th: Robert McKirdy with 38 net
- 12th: Neal Watson with 38 net
- 13th: Tony Crook with 38 net
- 14th: Peter Coffey with 38 net

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Graham Moore
- 6th: Paul Coffey
- 7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis
- Mens: Ian Manton (In the hole!)

Accuracy: Ken Hush

Bradmans: Greg Bush

Putts: Ian Manton 11 (countback)



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Support Narooma's global men's health fundraiser ride

Support Narooma's first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR), a global fundraiser for Prostate Cancer Research and Men's Mental Health on Sunday 19 May, organised by Narooma Rotary.

Anyone on the far south coast with a motorbike, particularly classic or vintage styled, is invited to 'dress dapper' and join others on a leisurely ride from NATA Oval (behind the Visitors Centre) to Dalmeny and back. The DGR is an annual international charity event celebrating these bikes and the 'gentlefolk' that ride them.

Assembly by 10 on NATA Oval. The 21km ride leaves at 11am, returning to NATA Oval. Rotary is also organising a market on NATA Oval from 12 to 2pm for various community organisations and sporting groups to promote their groups. Breakfast, lunch and drinks will be available.

Narooma organiser Françoise Cleret says riders all over the world unite on this day to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health. Research shows one in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point in their life; in Eurobodalla Shire it is apparently more like two in three. Globally, one man is lost every minute to suicide.

"While the cause couldn't be more serious, the way the ride raises funds and creates awareness is by having fun in style," she said.

All riders must register online for Narooma' ride at www.gentlemansride.com before the day. Riders are encouraged to dress '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.

Recent April school holiday Teensafe course at Moruya Speedway



Students, volunteers and centre back row Mayor Mat Hatcher and Teensafe manager Gary Smith.

Shire Mayor Mat Hatcher visited the course and was impressed by the Teensafe program with its emphasis on practical behind-the-wheel safe driver training for teen drivers.

Next Teensafe course will be in July school holidays, info at www.teensafemoruya.org. Gary Smith. Teensafe manager.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

With water temps continuing to drop, particularly in the upper reaches of the system, the fishing activity has started to drop off. The majority of the action is occurring towards the front of the system where the water temps are slightly warmer.

Now is the time to break out the vibe style lures for all you lure fishos, metal or soft vibes work well during the colder months of the year. Worked slowly and deeply, they are a great option to find bream in particular that move into the deeper channels and are less active as their metabolism slows. They will work well on the flathead also. Small hops along the bottom with pauses between hops will allow shut down fish to work up to your presentation. Light flurocarbon leaders are a must this time of year, as a result of the dropping temps, the water clarity also increases.

For those who prefer baits, live nippers or squirt worms area great option, as are strips of mullet filet, mackerel and yakka fillet or the good old prawn. Lightly weighted and allowed to drift naturally with the current, they can be deadly of fish that are a little slow off the mark this time of year.

Preddy's wharf and the back of the hole in the wall has some nice deep drop offs, as does the quarry wharf area. The channels under the town bridge, or up in front of the hospital are also good areas to explore.

Tuross River.

With similar conditions as Moruya, Tuross will be best fished from four-ways down towards the mouth this weekend. Fish the deeper sections, with either baits or lures. There have been a few nice mulloway taken from around the four-ways area in the deeper holes the last few weeks, and this area will be a good place to start looking.

For those targeting the ever popular flathead, smaller lures will become your go to option as we move into the depths of winter. 2.5" curl tail or paddle tail soft plastics hopped slowly along the bottom will hopefully entice a few fish to bite. Just remember that elephants eat peanuts also. For hard body lure fishos, look towards deep running, slow wobble action lures Daiwa Cranks or Atomic Cranks can be slowly worked along the bottom and get to depth quickly. Don't forget metal or soft vibes for both the bream and the flathead.

Rock and beach.

Salmon along the beaches have been and will continue to be the main stay of the fishing action this weekend. Drummer will be starting to become a major feature along all the coasts rock ledges, as they enjoy the cooler temps that winter brings. The salmon will take pilchards on gang hooks and paternoster rigs as well as metal lures cast and retrieved.

Offshore.

There have been reports of good snapper, flathead and gummies taken this week. The snapper are throughout the water depth ranging from 10m all the way out to 50m. We can expect the snapper to start to move into the shallow reef areas as winter progresses.

The bait freezer is pretty well stocked as of writing, with the exception of hawksbury prawns and white bait. Everything else we have stock of.

Please remember that we are now in a closed season for Bass and Estuary perch while the move to spawn between 1st May to 31st August. While it is not an offence to catch either of these two species, they must be returned to the water immediately.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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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

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New operator for Batemans Bay tennis centre

The Batemans Bay tennis centre at Hanging Rock is under new management, with Eurobodalla Council appointing Next Generation Tennis to operate the facility. The new operator is planning a range of programs, tournaments and events, as well as regular coaching, competitions and social tennis.

The previous arrangement involved three separate licences at the facility. These expired in 2022, with extensions granted until November 2023.

Coordinator of recreation development Tina Smith said Council sought expressions of interest to appoint a new licence operator.

“Both Council and Tennis NSW are confident appointment of Next Generation Tennis will see a sound economic return for the community, improved maintenance and, most importantly, higher participation at the facility,” Ms Smith said.

“We’ve worked with the new operator and interested parties, including the Batemans Bay Tennis Club, to ensure access is fair and equitable. Now the Batemans Bay facility will be operated in a way that that reflects its status as a facility of regional significance to Tennis NSW.

“Next Generation Tennis have 18 years of experience operating tennis in the shire and we are looking forward to seeing the facility managed to the benefit of all.”

Visit Council’s [sports grounds and courts webpage](#) more information on Eurobodalla’s tennis facilities.



New operators of the Batemans Bay tennis centre are planning a range of programs, tournaments and events on top of regular coaching, competitions and social tennis. Pictured: Batemans Bay Tennis Club member Ellen Kill, with Next Generation Tennis directors Richard Sellick and Geordie McEvoy flanking Eurobodalla Council’s recreation development officer Tina Smith. Photo ESC

Fishers and boaters all set at Brierleys Boat Ramp

ESC reports “The work is done - car park sealed, fish-cleaning table plumbed, toilets open and under-cover BBQ ready to sizzle. This project was all about providing the community with better facilities at Moruya’s North Head but doing so with deep respect for the cultural and heritage values of this special area. Just perfect for a fine day’s fishing? Photos: ESC



d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta



Regatta start.

Photos by Nick Stone.

Regatta report April 27th and 28th.

It was a great weekend for sailing on April 27th and 28th when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the annual d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta. Sailors came from Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and all over south east NSW to compete on the open waters of Batemans Bay. There were 45 boats entered including strong fleets in the Lightweight Sharpie, 505 and VXOne classes.

On Saturday the seabreeze got up to 12 knots with sunny skies creating champagne sailing conditions for races one and two. On Sunday the breeze did not come in until after midday which delayed the day's racing. When it did arrive, conditions were light prompting race officer Phil Yeomans to shorten both races three and four. This proved to be a wise move when the breeze dropped out as the last boats were heading for shore.

Of the local sailors Peter Smith, Paul Whitfield and David Walsh did best by sailing "Yaminji" to second place in the NSW RL24 Championships which were held as part of the regatta. Club Commodore Simon Dunlop skippered his Laser to 8th in his Division while the Vice Commodore Lachlan Brown joined Brett Bowden's "XV" crew to finish 5th in the VXOne fleet.

Batemans Bay Sailing Club and Sailability volunteers turned out in force to help run the event. On the water helpers included Richard Dunne, Nick Stone, Tony Bonouvrie, Michelle Grybaitis, Tony Sutton, Celia Davey, Tish Ennis, Greg Adams, Cathy Adams, Alistair Dally, John Cunniffe, Fred Tromp, Simon Lowth, Ash Connell, Bryony Chapman, Bob Richards, Nathan Phillips and Graham Bourne. Andrew Bain secured some extra rounding marks at short notice thanks to Broulee SLSC. Robin Davey corralled the sailors on Corrigans Beach while John McCloskey was on standby to coordinate any emergency response. Terry Paton and Frances Harney crunched the numbers to get the results out promptly. Peter Smith and Bev Dunne ran a very well attended curry night on Saturday.

Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au."

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Batemans Bay Regatta Yaminji April 2024



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