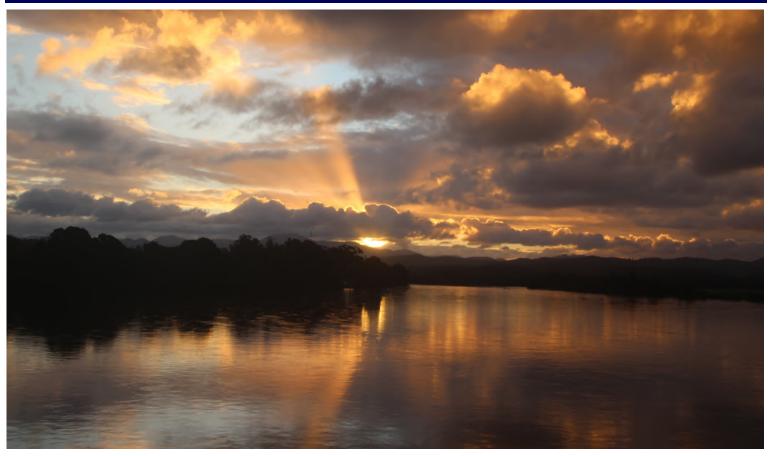


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Moruya River sunset after the up to 200mm dump received across the district over the weekend. Photo Moruya Mail.

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Letter to the Editor

Strong rumours have been swirling around the district over the last few days: Namely, that the processes of New Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital's overly long-delayed State Significant Development Application (SSDA), without whose approval construction cannot start, is at long last about to get the official nod with an announcement in the wings. Not before time. When compared to other similar infrastructure projects, the unconvincing need for such a protracted delay in

the unconvincing need for such a protracted delay in the overall process of getting the project onto the drawing board and then off it has been almost unfathomable to the electorate.

Its intrinsic value to a perennially over-looked and very needy Local Health District (LHD), especially if, with its level 4 delineation, the new Regional Hospital brings not just a game-changing ICU (Intensive Care Unit) capability, something hitherto unknown to this region, but also a Local Radiotherapy Services availability on site, has generated an unstoppable momentum of support within the community that none but the foolish would even attempt to try to impede or obstruct. For the sake of the best healthcare interests of the whole community, many would like to see the end of this selfish gamesmanship. Healthcare should be sacrosanct ground and above games of partisan electoral advantage.

In this context and for that very reason, one of the new Eurobodalla Hospital's earliest supporters, 'ONE' New Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Advocates Group (founded in 2018), is running a program of community-based "Q&A" forums the second of which is being staged in Moruya on 23rd May this coming Thursday at the Moruya Golf Club. It is honoured to have RSL Moruya as its partnering co-host for the Moruya event. The first Forum was held in Narooma to a near full house and was widely acknowledged to have achieved its mission of informing a respectfully attentive audience with responses mercifully free of 'Sir Humprey-speak' and motherhood jargon. We invite the local community to share in what will be a

genuinely informative and wide-ranging exploration of what the New Eurobodalla Regional Hospital offers our region and has further potential to become. We are committed to making the New Regional Hospital the success it so richly deserves to be!

Mylène and Fitzroy Boulting

NÉW REGIONAL HÓSPITAL FORUM ORGANISERS 'ONE' ADVOCATES GROUP CO-FOUNDERS & HEAD PETITIONERS

AGENDA - Ordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Shire Council 21 May 2024

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA ON TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 12.30PM

(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

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Over \$1.1m cut from local roads to help fund bay Pav losses

Bv Phil Herrick

The council's draft budget and operational plan for next year is on exhibition and there are big financial problems, shown by a loss next year of \$8.3 million. Sitting like an elephant in the middle of that number is over \$5 million a year being lost operating the Bay Pavilions.

As council looks to cover the losses it has slashed over \$1.1 million from next year's road maintenance program.

The shire has nearly 400km of unsealed rural roads. At the moment they are graded every 6 months, or 4 times over 24 months, to maintain a safe road network. From next year council will grade them every 9 months - just twice in 24 months.

This must lead to roads with worse corrugations, scouring and deeper potholes. Accidents will be more likely. Injuries or deaths could be the result.

The program to repair roads with new gravel will also be cut by 2.5 km a year, giving us a downward spiral where lack of repair sees roads become more unsafe. Urban roads are in the sights too, with road reseals cut from 35km to 30km a year, again leading to a road network deteriorating more quickly than at present. The question needs to be asked if residents want to risk their safety on our roads by spending \$5 million a year on a facility with a council gym competing with private gyms in the Bay and a theatre offering a program heavy in 1970s tribute bands in competition with the Bay Soldiers Club.

The swimming pool is an essential service. The gym and theatre at the Pavilions are not.

The draft budget does not offer any major options for savings at the Pavilions, just some tinkering of opening hours at the pool.

Council needs to do a reality check and assess our ability to pay for the Bay Pavilions in its current form. Although voters may make that assessment themselves at the September council elections when they consider the exchange of reduced safety on local roads for a non-essential gym and theatre in the Bay.

Mother's Day 'saved' from big wet



A grey weekend was illuminated on social media with this image of John, the regular flower stall holder at Moruya Country Markets. Despite the Markets being cancelled, and undeterred by the forecast, John drove to Moruya and set up his stall in pouring rain so as not to disappoint his many regular customers and those that had special orders for Mothers' Day. Moruya Mail followers applauded his spirit and wished him well for 'saving mothers day'.

John told the MM that he was very thankful for the community support. Photo: Moruya Mail





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Financial hole awaits new Mogo MTB Trails By Phil Herrick

Another black hole is about to open under the already shaky finances of the Eurobodalla Shire Council, thanks to poorly planned grant funded developments.

This time, annual operating losses of \$750,000 at the new Mogo MTB Trails will join the Bay Pavilions \$5.2 million loss to push total losses towards \$6 million a year.

The 130 km Mogo Mountain Bike Trails is being built by council using \$8 million in grant funds and promises to become a major tourist magnet for the shire.

Six months ago, council commissioned consultants Morrison Low to investigate both the Mogo Trails and the \$6.5 million Coastal Headlands Walk between Batehaven and Mackenzies Beach

They found serious flaws in the planning and delivery of both projects, with the main criticism aimed at the wildly underestimated running costs at Mogo once the project is completed.

They found the cost of operating the Mogo trails is likely to double from the around \$450,000 in the draft budget, to over \$1 million a year.

The original budget said it would cost \$2.25 a metre per year to maintain the tracks. The consultants asked bike trail managers in Derby in Tasmania, Bright in Victoria and Nelson in NZ what it really costs. They replied the real figure is going to be nearly double, at least \$4 a metre a year with Derby paying \$4.74.

Revenues to offset the costs are difficult to forecast, say the consultants, but the budget includes income around \$250,000 a year – leaving a shortfall of \$750,000 a year.

NSW SES remains prepared as BoM declares La Nina watch

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) is reminding people to know their risk and have a plan for severe weather, as the Bureau of Meteorology officially declares a La Nina Watch. The NSW SES is prepared for any potential impact of changing weather patterns as there are signs La Nina could return later this year, according to the Bureau.

NSW SES Director of Emergency Management, Assistant Commissioner Nicole Hogan said now was the time for people to review their emergency plans and know their risks should severe weather or flooding impact their community.

"While storms and flash flooding can happen at any time, if a La Nina weather pattern does return later this year it will be the fourth in as many years and we want the community to remain vigilant," Assistant Commissioner Hogan said.

"La Nina weather events can bring above average rainfall, as we saw over the last couple of years with record flooding to many parts of NSW. It is important to know your storm and flooding risk, have a plan in place, get your home ready, be aware of what you will do if disaster strikes, and look out for one another.

"Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains, secure and put away any loose items around your backyard and balcony, and trim trees and branches that could fall onto your home.

"People can learn their risks by visiting the NSW SES website, and you can stay up to date with emerging weather situations by downloading the Hazards Near Me app and setting watch zones for your local neighbourhood and those you may visit regularly." Assistant Commissioner Hogan said "The NSW SES is ready to respond to any future floods and storms and we've boosted operational capabilities through training and an increase in vessels,



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CWA Far South Coast Group Travel to State Conference



Twenty-one CWA members travelled from far south coast to Coffs Harbour for five day CWA State Conference

By Annette Kennewell

Every year the Country Women's Association hosts its annual State Conference. In 2021 it was Bega's turn but this year in 2024, twentyone CWA members from Far South Coast travelled to Coffs Harbour. CWA members from Bega Valley and Eurobodalla were well represented with members from Eden, Bega, Pambula/Merimbula, Bermagui, Cobargo, Tilba, Narooma, Bodalla and Batemans Bay branches attending.

CWA Conference began on Sunday 5 May with a social event, a dinner with CWA members from Mid North Coast and Hume Groups, joining Far South Coast Group. A wonderful night of friendship and fellowship for over fifty women. From Monday 6 through Thursday 9 May, the serious business sessions take priority with state committee reports and voting on advocacy topics including Agricultural & Environmental, Education, Health & Social Security, Transport & Telecommunications, plus a range of other important women's issues. Congratulations to all far south coast members who participated in the CWA competitions at state level. Handicraft winners included Marion Cullen of Narooma branch with First Prize for her Bobbin Lace Scarve. Marion and Cassandra Cole of Cobargo branch both had pieces in the handicraft Top Ten. Marjorie O'Brien of Bermagui branch came 3rd in another handicraft class. Overall the Far South Coast Group came third in the state for Handicraft which is a wonderful achievement.

For Land Cookery, the winners for our region were in Junior section from Bega branch: Meredith with First Prize for her Simple Tea Cake and Annelise an Encouragement Award for her Decorated Cupcakes. Laraine Clarke of Pambula-Merimbula branch won 3rd place in the Photography competition with a distinctive black & white portrait of her son.

Mary-Ellen Turbet of Pambula-Merimbula branch received a Highly Commended for her creative Senior Short Story "Best Day Ever".

Not all Far South Coast Members travelled to Coffs Harbour for CWA Conference. Mundi from Batemans Bay branch said: "Technology has been a gamechanger for conferences like the CWA! I love that I can ditch the travel and still be right in the thick of things. Watching the debates and speaker sessions from the comfort of my couch is fantastic. Livestreaming is a lifesaver for folks who can't make it in person, for whatever reason. It lets everyone hear directly about what is being said and stay informed about the issues and the direction the CWA is taking."

Fiona from Bega branch said: "I was fortunate enough to attend the 2019 Albury conference as an observer, but it raised some challenges. Since then, and thanks to Covid bringing livestreaming into our lives, I am in the very fortunate position to be an observer from my loungeroom. It alleviates the costs of travel, keeps me up to date with the advocacy work of CWA, and allows me, as someone with PTSD in crowds, to still be a part of this fabulous event.'

Whether attending the CWA State Conference in person or virtually, all CWA members are focussed on improving the lives of women, children and families in rural, regional and remote regions through their voluntary community work.



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Only questions received by May 15 will be asked on the day

This is to ensure the event gets through as many questions as the limited time allows, to cover as wide a reach as possible, to avoid duplication, etc.

Bush firefighting vehicle gifted to support cultural burns



RFS Deputy Commissioner Field Operations Peter McKechnie handed over the keys to the vehicle Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council Acting CEO Amanda Foster. PHOTO NSW RFS

A Local Aboriginal Land Council has received a boost in its work carrying out important cultural burns and bush fire mitigation on the far south coast, with the delivery of a firefighting vehicle. Today, RFS Deputy Commissioner Field Operations Peter McKechnie handed over the keys to the vehicle to the Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in a ceremony at Wallaga Lake.

"We are pleased to be able to provide the LALC with a used purpose-built firefighting vehicle which it can now use to carry out its statutory obligations relating to bush fire," Deputy Commissioner McKechnie said.

"The four-wheel drive is fitted with a 600-litre water tank and pressurised fire pumping gear and hoses which can be used to extinguish fires. A new home for the appliance was found after the Cultural Fire Management Unit within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approached the RFS on behalf of the Merrimans LALC with the request for a firefighting appliance.

Minister for Lands and Property Steve Kamper said the vehicle would facilitate community practice of cultural burns and support bush fire safety management in the Wallaga Lake region.

"This is a great example of government departments working together to achieve a positive outcome for local communities," Mr Kamper said. "The vehicle has solid off-road capabilities and will be suitable for use in the various terrains the LALC faces when undertaking its important work."

Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council Acting CEO Amanda Foster welcomed the new addition.

"It is absolutely outstanding to get this vehicle which will allow the LALC to move forward on a number of fronts including bush fire mitigation, undertaking our cultural burning practices and I'm sure other uses," Ms Foster said.

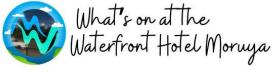
"We have land including in remote areas that needs to be managed so the arrival of this tanker comes at a good time."

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said it was great to see a vehicle repurposed for further community use after its retirement from the RFS fleet. "We must make the most of every opportunity to minimise the impact of fires on NSW communities, and I am pleased to see this vehicle go to good use." Minister Dib said.

Recent and forecast rain across NSW has fire agencies and landholders facing delays in conducting crucial planned hazard reduction burns at the peak time of year for this activity. Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service (RFS), Rob Rogers, said parts of the state have experienced rainfall totals well over 100mm during the last two weeks, with similar levels last weekend.

"While favourable conditions in some areas during April allowed for a number of significant burns to be completed, the return of wet weather has saturated the landscape making it too wet for effective burning," Commissioner Rogers said "the recent rain has not only delayed scheduled burns but will also fuel increased vegetation growth, posing a risk for next fire season. Traditionally, this period accounts for nearly 60 percent of hazard reduction activities annually."





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Gulaga National Park expands as 200 hectares added

Nearly 200-hectares of culturally and ecologically rich land has been added to Aboriginal-owned Gulaga National Park on the South Coast of New South Wales. This affords a higher level of protection to Yuin sacred sites and koala habitat.

The Gulaga National Park Board of Management has transferred their property and local landmark, 'Bellbrook Farm' to expand the park, located outside Tilba Tilba on the far south coast. 'Bellbrook Farm', purchased by the Board, lies on the lower slopes of Gulaga Mountain, a place of great cultural significance and described as the place of ancestral origin for Yuin people. Adding Bellbrook Farm to the park will provide the Board with opportunities to promote cultural experiences at a place where visitors can be introduced to the mountain in a culturally respectful way.

The property is also home to remnant rainforest types, river oak forests and threatened native plant species found only on the south coast, the square raspwort and warty zieria.

Expanding the national park will also increase habitat for the spotted-tail quoll, long-nosed potoroo, yellow-bellied glider and glossy-black cockatoo, all listed as threatened species.

A second, separate parcel of land at Dignams Creek has also been added to Gulaga National Park, which contains important habitat that may help support a small population of koalas that persists in the area.

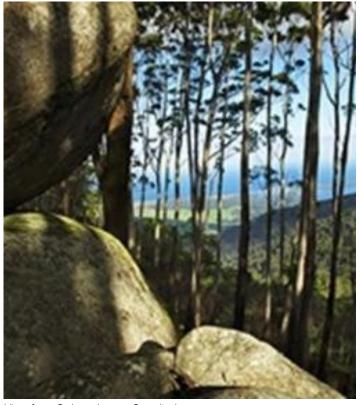
Since March 2023, more than 484,500 hectares have been acquired for the NSW national park estate.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service currently manage 7.63 million hectares of parks and reserves (9.52% of New South Wales). Of this, 2.33 million hectares, or around 30%, is jointly managed with Aboriginal people involving 34 agreements. Quotes attributable to Gulaga National Park Board of Management Chairperson Aunty Roslyn Field:

'Adding this land to Gulaga National Park supports the Yuin people's aspiration to return Country to Aboriginal ownership which is aligned with the plan of management.

Together with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Gulaga Board of Management will now be able to restore and protect this Country.

'This place will be protected in perpetuity for future generations to enjoy, but more importantly, for future generations to appreciate Yuin culture.'



View from Gulaga. Image Supplied.

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Penny Sharpe said 'It's always exciting to announce the expansion of national parks and this particular addition is very special for the south coast region, and for New South Wales. 'These 2 parcels of highly significant land contain

important cultural values and unique habitats like remnant rain forest.

'I would like to thank the Board of Management for their decision to transfer this land and expand the park, ensuring this Country will be restored and cared for by Aboriginal people for all future generations.'

Member for the Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland MP said 'Gulaga is the spiritual and cultural centre of the Bega electorate. 'It is appropriate that Gulaga National Park with its rich heritage, cultural and environmental significance has been enhanced with the help of the Gulaga National Park Board of Management.'



Moruya Mail



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

I recently concluded a negotiation with ASPI and the Defence Department for their right to publish a Case Study which they had commissioned some time ago. It examined the Government's acquisition of the Hornet, the Super Hornet and the Growler. Together with our 72 F-35s, they represent a very formidable RAAF defence of the approaches to the Australian mainland.

It was a fascinating exercise. It features several conflicts between the Department and the Ministry but it revealed a democratic system at work in a manner rarely glimpsed by the general public. What struck me most powerfully was the determination of the purchasers to put 'inter-operability' with the American defence machine as a vital element in their decision-making process. Just because we speak a similar language, we find it easy to see Americans as our natural allies. Their general outlook on politics and pastimes -be it on the silver screen or the basketball court - only adds to the notion that deep down, they're 'just like us'.

The last several weeks have blown that perception to smithereens.

America's attention has been focused on the two men left in the race to become President of the United States – Donald Trump for the Republicans and Joe Biden for the Democratic Party. Both have already occupied the Oval Office for a four-year term, so they're not unknown quantities.

Biden has invested in a transformation of US industry and brought inflation under control. He has expanded the health scheme initiated by his predecessor Barack Obama. He has supplied weaponry to the Ukrainians to fight Russia's invasion of their country.

But at the same time, he has poured billions of dollars' worth of bombs, warplanes, drones, artillery, tanks and small arms into the Israeli military for the slaughter of well over 34,000 Palestinian children, women and men in Gaza. And he did so knowing that it is being used to continue a war designed to keep a deeply corrupt politician, Benjamin Netanyahu, in power.

Trump's occupation of the Oval Office was chaotic. He threatened the break-up of NATO, cosied up to Vladimir Putin, appointed judges to the Supreme Court who would make abortions illegal, gave tax breaks to the very wealthy that would expand the US budget deficit astronomically, and started a tariff war with China.

He paid \$130,000 to silence a porno actress with whom he'd had an overnight stand; and when he lost the election, he attempted to strongarm officials to change the vote; and when that failed, he backed a raid on Congress that attempted to force his Vice President to nullify the election result.

At time of writing, he is fighting the porno actress case and has already been fined \$9000 for contempt of court. Once more and he faces gaol...as indeed he does for charges already laid for the Congressional riot.

The latest polling puts him in the lead against Joe Biden.

Biden is a doddering 81 and would be 86 by the time his second term ended (should he last that long). Trump is 77 and would be Biden's current age (and probably bald) if he stayed for just the one more term.

That's the American leadership story. Just what is it that reminds you of Australia?

Nada!

There is, however, a Chinese proverb for it fashioned by Mao himself: 'political power flows out of the barrel of a gun'.

Actually, America disproved that spectacularly in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. And now they seem to be rattling the chamber of their arsenal at China's quest to reunite with provincial Taiwan. Should we join that inter-operation, our biggest trading partner, I suspect, would be mad as a

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NSW Government makes UTI Pharmacy Trial permanent

Thousands of women across NSW will have expanded access to treatment for uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) following the successful completion of the 12month NSW pharmacy trial. From 1 June, all pharmacists with suitable facilities in NSW who have undergone the required training will be able to provide consultations and prescriptions for these medications.

More than one thousand pharmacies across the state have been participating in the trial and more than 16,000 women have benefited from using this service in the year the trial has been in place. The NSW Government's \$6 million statewide community pharmacy trial has helped more than 16,000 women access UTI treatment quicky and conveniently from their local community pharmacist. During the trial, the NSW Government committed to providing \$20 per patient consultation compensation for pharmacies participating in the trial, however with the UTI service becoming a normal service offering, consumers should be aware that pharmacies may set their own fee for the service, in addition to medication costs.

Pharmacies offering the UTI service will need to ensure they are listed on the National Heath Directory Service so consumers can easily find their nearest pharmacy by checking online or by phoning HealthDirect on 1800 022 022. Women will continue to be eligible for UTI treatment at a participating pharmacy provided they are:

- Aged 18 to 65 years (inclusive)
- Displaying symptoms consistent with an uncomplicated urinary tract
- Have not had other recent UTIs or have a high risk of complications. A comprehensive evaluation of the trial is underway, including looking at the number of women who were satisfied with the service, how often antibiotics were supplied, how often women were referred to other services and what, if any, medical and pharmacy services the trial participants required after the consultation.

Historic Medicare changes for women battling endometriosis
The Australian Government has listened to Australian women suffering endometriosis and complex gynaecological conditions like chronic pelvic pain and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCÓS).

The Albanese Government has listened to Australian women suffering endometriosis and complex gynaecological conditions like chronic pelvic pain and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS). For the first time women will have access to longer specialist consultations, of 45 minutes or more, covered under Medicare.

From 1 July 2025, two new items will be added to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) enabling extended consultation times and increased rebates for specialist gynaecological care. These items will ensure women receive timely and appropriate assessments and are no longer left waiting for critical diagnoses and treatments.

This \$49.1 million investment from the Albanese Government will provide approximately 430,000 more services to help women across the country with complex gynaecological

conditions to receive consultations of 45 minutes or longer.

These two new MBS items will provide a higher fee for longer initial gynaecologist consultation (\$168.60 for a minimum of 45 minutes, compared to the standard rate of \$95.60), and a higher fee for longer subsequent consultations (\$84.35 for a minimum of 45 minutes, compared to the standard rate of \$48.05).

Endometriosis is estimated to affect at least 1 in 9 Australian women. It has an extensive, devastating impact on daily life, and an unacceptable average of seven years before diagnosis. The Albanese Government has now invested over \$107 million to support women with

endometriosis, creating a national suite of one-stop-shops for endometriosis care, intervention and treatment, including:

1. 22 specialised Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinics around the country. These Clinics operating now and provide multidisciplinary care, access to early intervention and a range of treatment options in a one-stop shop for women;

Developing an Endometriosis Management Plan for individualised and tailored treatment for women;

Support for endometriosis research; 3.

Investing in grants to improve awareness of endometriosis in the community;

Developing Endometriosis Living Guidelines so that healthcare professionals can be led by best practice evidence based information

Reviewing the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

(PBS) items used to support the diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis.

7. In addition to the specialised Endometriosis package, our Government introduced a new extended 60 minute MBS item for GPs. This longer consult gives GPs more time to better help women endometriosis or other chronic conditions with complex histories and symptoms.

Response growing to Narooma's men's health fundraiser ride Narooma's first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) for Prostate Cancer and Men's

Mental Health this Sunday (19 May) is attracting a good number of riders, particularly of classic or vintage styled motorbikes

Organiser Narooma Rotarian Francoise Cleret is "buoyed by the growing number of riders and the amount the Narooma ride has raised".

"When I looked at the weekend it was 25 riders, men and women, with over \$5,700 in fundraising and still some days to go," she said. "I'm hopeful we might crack 30 riders. "Being Narooma Rotary's first Ride, we were keen just to get it off the ground but thanks to

the response from local riders, we've done much more."

Ms Cleret says that on the 19th, riders across the world celebrate these bikes and the 'gentlefolk' who ride them, at the same time raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer research and men's mental health.

"So while the cause couldn't be more serious, the way the ride raises funds and awareness in a wonderful way by having fun in style."

All riders must register online before 19th to take part and 'dress dapper'.

www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma

Bikes to assemble on NATA Oval (behind the Visitors' Centre) by 10.30am. The 21km ride

departs 11am and returns at noon, with a display of bikes until 2pm.

Everyone is also invited to Rotary's Mini Expo Market on NATA Oval from noon to 2pm promoting community organisations and local interest groups, as well as checking out the bikes. The Rotary van will serve breakfast from 10am and then lunch, Southbound Escapes coffee (Visitors' Ćentre), and Big Niles beverages from noon.

Should you wish to donate to the DGR, please go online

www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma and support one or more registered riders.

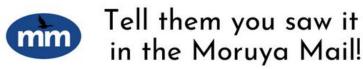
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Conservationists expose and stop "illegal" logging

After exposing up to 188 potential breaches of logging rules in NSW state forests, on-ground action from **South East Forest Rescue** (SEFR) has stopped logging operations at Sheas Nob this morning.

Separately, SEFR members also went to stop logging at Flat Rock where logging operations were happening up until yesterday. But today the loggers were not present.

Two weeks ago, in a letter to the NSW EPA, conservation groups called for the watchdog to issue stop work orders on active forestry operations in nine state forests to investigate the breaches.

The conservationists called into question Forestry Corporation NSW's adherence to new rules meant to protect endangered greater glider habitat. These rules stipulate that surveys for greater glider den trees should commence within an hour of sunset. South East Forest Rescue conducted a desktop audit of searches held after the new rule came into effect by reviewing data available on the Native Forestry Map Viewer.

The audit found 188 transects, nearly 80%, did not comply with this new requirement, making the surveys non-compliant.

The state forests in question are Flat Rock, Clyde, Currowan, Shallow Crossing, Olney, Riamukka, Styx River, Sheas Nob, and Bondo State Forests.

The new rule is crystal clear. But to date the EPA has failed to issue Stop Work Orders on these areas while it investigates the breaches exposed by SEFR. Today SEFR successfully stopped logging operations at Sheas Nob on the north coast and issued a "community Stop Work Order" to Forestry Corporation NSW. Scott Daines, SEFR Spokesperson said "There's been a blatant breach of the logging laws. Operations must not be conducted unless compliant surveys have been undertaken. It is outrageous that the EPA has failed to act in the last 14 days. Our patience ran out.

"This failure by the EPA has left no option but for the community to stop illegal operations to protect our endangered Greater Gliders. We are here to stop a crime being committed."

NSW Supreme Court of Appeal allows SEFR's Appeal against Forestry Corporation NSW



A volunteer conservation group today (16.3.24) won a David and Goliath legal battle against the NSW government's native forest logging operation.

The court victory has established a precedent that could be huge in the fight to save greater gliders and other threatened species from logging destruction of their habitat.

South East Forest Rescue (SEFR) won their appeal of the Land and Environment Court's decision that SEFR could not bring matters to court because they did not have a "special interest" in the subject matter. The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of NSW Court of Appeal found that SEFR has a sufficient special interest in circumstances where it had an approximate 20 year history of taking active steps and concrete action in relation to its beliefs and concerns, namely a deep concern regarding logging and its effects on the welfare of forest-dependent threatened species, including the Greater Glider.

"This decision is an important step forward in removing roadblocks to public interest litigation in NSW by environmental organisations," said Ms Natalija Nikolic, lawyer for SEFR. "There is now no doubt that environmental organisations have the right to challenge Forestry Corporation's breaches of the law. It is a historic and momentous decision."

SEFR's position is that the Forestry Corporation is not performing adequate surveys for den trees, and therefore necessary exclusion zones around den trees are not being implemented. SEFR say the impacts of logging on glider habitat are all the more critical for consideration in the wake of the 2019/20 fires.

"This case is so important," Mr Daines, spokesperson for SEFR said. "The Forestry Corporation have produced real harm to environment and ecosystems and for so long they thought they were untouchable, well they're not a law unto themselves."

The case has been sent back to be heard in the Land and Environment Court.



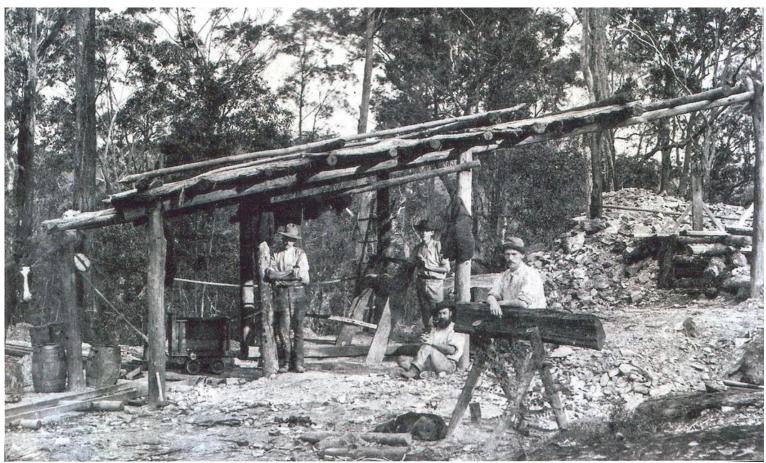
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Housing Crisis - It's Official

In December 2023 the Labor government established Australia's National Housing Supply and Affordability Council which has just released a 200+ page summary into the state of the nation's housing. Unfortunately, the report identifies that in the short term housing affordability is set to deteriorate even further and it is a result of a perfect storm of high interest rates, construction constraints, labour shortages, increased migration and declining social housing investment. This has led to an environment where demand is excessively outstripping supply and "surprise surprise" is leading to skyrocketing costs. The report has identified nine goals spanning the industry subsectors to improve the system so that housing one day meets the needs of the community and the economy, but of course it will be the responsibility of government and industry to put in place real, deliverable actions to make these goals come true. The full report can be found at https://nhsac.gov.au/UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS

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Bimbimbie Mine

17-05-1924

After many futile attempts, the salvage steamer Myee was successful on Wednesday in raising the boiler of the Benandra and in bringing it up river to Preddy's wharf. Given fair weather it is now only a matter of a few days when the remainder of the wreck will be cleared away.

The entrance to our river cannot be in as dangerous a state as some people would wish to infer, as during the whole period of our shipping history we have had only two wrecks, one outward bound steamer and the other an incoming one. The bad state of the bar, however, was not the cause of the Trident meeting her fate [on 6/9/1894], the wreck occurring through the ship's steering gear jamming, and the seas lifting her on to the breakwater.

Bodalla. (From our Correspondent) A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the R.C. Church on Wednesday, May 7th, the celebrating parties being Miss Veronica Bulgaries, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bulgaries, and second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Byrne, both of Bodalla. ... The wedding breakfast was held at the bride's parents. In the evening a dance was held in the Bodalla Hall when the friends of both families spent a very enjoyable time.

Eurobodalla Shire. The monthly meeting of the Shire was held on the 7th inst., and was attended by President Flood, Crs. A. H. Annett, R. J. Anderson, H. J. Bate and H. J. Mallon.

The correspondence included from L. G. Dept., with application for P.O., and from W. P. Bill for boatshed and baths at Bateman's Bay. The Council had no objection.

From Fisheries Dept. refusing to close the Moruya River against net fishing from the mouth to Kiora Bridge. The Clerk was instructed to bring the matter before the Chief Secretary through the members for the district. From Minter Simpson and Co., enclosing proposed site

for Police quarters at Bodalla. The site was approved of. From Mogo Progress Assn., for the £15 promised for the bridge over Old Mogo Creek. The amount is to be forwarded.

From Belimbla Creek Gold Mines Co., thanking the Council for assistance in road-making already given and asking for assistance in maintenance. The Council resolved to assist with maintenance.

From Bodalla Co., and others re construction of Low Level Bridge near Silo Hill at Old Bodalla. It was decided to write to the Commonwealth and State Governments for assistance.

Re claim of £7 by John Keir for work done on the Tilba road. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Keir that the Council is very surprise at his claim, being under the impression that the work was voluntary and that most of the damage was caused by his lorry.

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Budget news: New power bill relief

The Albanese Labor Government will provide a \$300 energy bill rebate to every household and additional energy bill relief to small businesses as part of the responsible cost of living help in the Budget.

Just like every taxpayer is getting a tax cut, every household will now get energy bill relief under the Albanese Government. From 1 July 2024, all households will see a \$300 credit automatically applied to their electricity bills and around one million small businesses will receive \$325 off their bills over 2024–25. The credits will be applied in quarterly instalments. The Government is providing \$3.5 billion for this relief, which extends and expands the energy bill relief rolled out to households and small businesses in 2023–24. The primary focus of our economic plan and Budget is to ease

The primary focus of our economic plan and Budget is to ease pressure on Australians and put downward pressure on inflation, and our new power bill relief does both.

We know that many people are under pressure, and the extension and expansion of our energy rebates will deliver more cost-of-living help to more Australians.

Treasury estimates this will directly reduce headline inflation by around half of a percentage point in 2024–25 and is not expected to add to broader inflationary pressures. Based on estimates of 2024-25 standing offers, the Commonwealth's energy bill relief means that nationally household bills will be 17 per cent lower on average compared to the previous year. This cost of living relief builds on the Albanese Government's Energy Bill Relief Fund announced in December 2022, which committed up to \$1.5 billion in energy bill relief that shielded Australian families and businesses from global energy price shocks.

Compared to the Government's 2022 Energy Bill Relief Fund, this new power bill relief doubles the number of eligible households from five million to more than 10 million.

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Kindly supported by Broulee RFS and Anglicare Bushfire Recovery Support team As the Australian Bureau of Statistics has shown, our energy bill rebates have directly reduced inflation. In the year to the March quarter 2024, electricity prices rose two per cent, and would have risen 14.9 per cent without our energy bill rebates. In addition to this new power bill relief, the 2024-25 Budget also delivers \$68.4 million for energy reforms that put consumers first, including:

- \$27.7 million towards reforms to help ensure consumer energy resources such as rooftop solar, household batteries and electric vehicles unlock further savings and benefits for all energy customers.
- \$20.7 million to improve community engagement through a bolstered Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner and voluntary national developer standards for new infrastructure projects.
- \$16.6 million to help ensure the Australian Energy Regulator decisions and spending on the clean energy transformation are in the best interests of consumers.
- \$1.8 million to implement regulatory changes so consumers can switch to a better energy deal with just 'one click.' These changes will stop contracts automatically rolling over to higher-cost deals, ensure people receive the concessions and rebates they are entitled to, and reduce excess fees and charges.
- \$1.6 million to review electricity market laws that regulate misconduct in electricity retail, contract and wholesale markets.

Helping to ease inflation and cost of living pressures are the top priorities of the Albanese Government and the Budget, and that's what our energy rebates are all about.



We Rocked On for Climate Action



Joint Custody

Last Saturday night young people took the stage at Smokey Dan's and rocked. Despite shocking weather with huge downpours 130 people of all ages turned up. Jordan Nye gave a Welcome to Country and local Yuin musician Ron "Callo" Callaghan opened the show followed by young bands and speakers. Speeches by Farrah Lawrun of Moruya High and Ned McNaughton of St Peters High were passionate and inspiring.

"Joint Custody" had the place rocking. The Moruya High students got a great reception and have done well in bands competitions. Sam Fletcher was the guiding force behind the event, working with climate action group 350 Eurobodalla. Sam plays lead guitar with his father Russell on bass and Ashley Welsh-Jones on drums.

The forum featured Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington, Knitting Nana's Joslyn van de Moolen, Dr Michelle Hamrosi of Doctors for the Environment and 350 Eurobodalla's Niall O'Donnell.

Flavum was the local band that pounded on into the evening. The event was informative as well as great fun. 350 Eurobodalla thanks everyone who worked to make this a success and those who came along, donated to the cause and joined up for more climate action.

To follow are the speeches of two incredible students who sparked great enthusiasm in their audience and part of Niall O'Donnell's speech.



Speech by Moruya High School student Farrah Lawrun

Hi everyone. Today, I want to share with you why climate change matters to all of us and how we can each play a role in addressing it. This isn't just an issue for governments and corporations to solve; it needs all of us, as individuals and communities, to contribute. The problem can seem overwhelming at times, but the good news is that by taking small, impactful steps, everyone can make a difference.

To ensure the well-being of people, we need a thriving planet. This means an environment that is unpolluted, filled with biodiversity, and capable of sustaining both present and future generations. Right now, our world and its ecosystems are under significant threat, and we live in an international planetary health crisis, whilst the environment faces widespread devastation.

In Australia, this emergency places pressure on all of us, threatening rising temperatures, bushfires, coastal erosion, flooding and more. It is a risk not only to our health, but to the health of the land which we rely on. Now, it's impossible to stop global warming overnight, but we can work to reverse it.

My parents have always been supportive of this movement and were the ones that showed me how small changes in our daily habits can add up to significant impact. More than that, they've taught me how important it is for us to reduce our carbon footprints.

So, what can you do?

-By opting for products with less packaging and repairing items instead of discarding them, we can decrease the pressure on landfills and reduce energy use in manufacturing.

-Utilizing renewable energy is another key factor. I've always believed in seeking out cleaner energy sources, whether it's installing solar panels or choosing a green energy provider. Every effort helps reduce our carbon output and contributes to a healthier planet. -Additionally, while personal responsibility is crucial, working on a community level can amplify our impact. Engaging in neighborhood clean-ups, for example, not only beautifies our surroundings but also prevents pollution from entering our ecosystems.

Before I finish, I'd also like to advocate for systemic change. All these small efforts are vital in reversing the climate crisis, but real progress requires more than that. We should be supporting leaders and policies that prioritize the environment, and by encouraging others to vote with climate in mind, we can send a message that these issues matter to us and demand action at a larger scale.

Finally, despite the current emergency of our climate, I still feel hopeful that people can act. Having spent so much time learning about the climate movement, I have heard about the efforts of so many incredible people from all over the world who are really willing to fight for change, including the organizers of this event and those who came today to support them, and I hope that everyone can be as inspired at this as I am.

Thank you for listening. >> continues over

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Speech by St Peters High School student Ned McNaughton

G'day everyone - I'm Ned. When Sam spoke to me about my speech, and what it should be about, he told me to "inspire the audience to take some form of climate action", and, at first, I was stumped, so, I decided I would just speak about what I have been a part of. I've been so lucky, and I have been able to help with a project that I think is pretty inspiring. I am a very passionate conservationist and wildlife photographer, and I spend a lot of time out in the bush. A couple of years ago I began spending a lot of time in a big block of bushland pretty close to my home. I was absolutely amazed at the quality of the habitat. The area hadn't been severely burnt or cleared for a very long time, and it was full of super old, hollowbearing trees, as well as so much wildlife, and several endangered species. I spent quite a few nights out there taking photos, mainly of a pair of powerful owls, several glider species, and masked owls.

One afternoon, I was in the area looking for wildlife, and I noticed that a boundary surrounding the whole block had been cleared, and posts had been put up, meaning it was going to be subdivided. I was super worried, as the land was home to several endangered species, and we contacted the council, as well as a few other people we thought could give us advice on who to contact. Eventually, word got around to a couple of very generous people, who this wouldn't have been anywhere near possible without, who purchased all the land and donated it to the Biodiversity Legacy Trust, who have made the land into a private nature reserve.

Particularly after the fires, and with increasing urbanisation and habitat fragmentation here on the South coast, every bit of habitat we have is so important. I have been so, so lucky to have a part in such a great project, and I think something can be learnt from this story. Throughout this whole process, I have been amazed at how supportive people are, and even how open the landowners have been to preserving this precious parcel of land. Without the collaboration of all parties- council, landowners, and investors this wouldn't have been possible. It was so surprising how willing to help everybody was. It wasn't like I was out there tying myself to the trees or anything- I didn't have to. I have no real qualifications, I'm a high school student, but just by speaking up, and because of the amazing support that was offered by the community, a real difference was actually made. Just pointing something out, or saying something, bringing attention to something can lead to real, solid change. So speak up - on anything. Spread awareness, start conversations, talk about things that shouldn't happen or need to be changed. If you try to make a difference, I reckon you will find that it is so surprising how much support you can get, and the impact you can actually have. That's all I've got to say, let's get back to some music.



Part of Naill O'Donnell's speech. Niall is an emergency department nurse.

The event this evening was sold out, although it hasn't been the only sellout this week - Labor has sold us out to the gas lobbyists by putting the pedal to the metal on through 2050, and to infinity and beyond. I share your heartache, anger and frustration, and thank you for supporting us this evening. We aren't going to take these setbacks lying down, we are going to rise like the fires and the floods, we are going rally to action. What can you do? Sign up for the email updates, make a donation to any of the many organisations here tonight, volunteer, or buy a raffle ticket! In two weeks, May 25th, we will Rise Up to rally at Fiona Phillips Labor office in Batemans Bay. We will deliver our message of disappointment and frustration and let her know we won't tolerate the half-hearted efforts of this Labor government.

And, on a more positive note, something you can do on a personal basis to be an activist. When you take your pooch for a walk on the beach, take 2 bags, one for the poop, one for the plastic that washes up on the beach. Let the wind blow through your ears and reorganise your mental state, shed your anxiety, depression, and frustration. Look after yourselves and the planet at the same time.

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Rise Up Rally for Climate Action

May 25 Batemans Bay

Like the floods and flames we rise! At 11am on Saturday 25 May 350 Eurobodalla will meet under the bridge and march to Fiona Phillips office to demand the Labor government to Fix Our Climate Laws! We ask people who care to join us. At a time when Australia is already suffering terribly from climate chaos we must have the climate impact considered in our national environment laws. Every project must be judged on whether it will increase emissions.

The fires and floods, the marine heatwaves, the bleaching again of the Great Barrier Reef and the dying of Jarrah forests in WA all mean that we must do everything possible to reduce emissions. By planning to open vast new fossil gas fields, Labor has put the big gas corporations ahead of our future. The Future Gas Strategy is not a path to a safe future, it is a path to disaster. Some gas will be needed for a time, but we must phase down all fossil fuels, not recklessly increase production. 350 Eurobodalla joins people around Australia who have already done 60 Rise Up events to demand the Labor government Fix Our Climate Laws! Rise Up Rally 11am Saturday 25 May, under the bridge near Foreshore Park Batemans Bay



Queerobodalla Festival 2024: A Month Long Pride Celebration in the Eurobodalla.

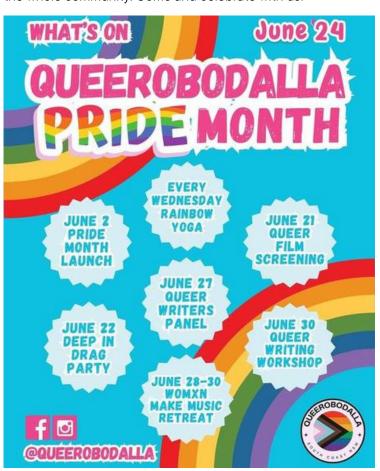
The Eurobodalla Shire is gearing up to host a vibrant celebration of diversity and inclusion with the inaugural Queerobodalla Festival 2024. Scheduled to take place across the month of June, the festival aims to build and foster a welcoming and inclusive space for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies.

Queerobodalla 2024 is not just a festival; it's a vital initiative to address the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQIA+ community in our regional area. Organised by dedicated community volunteers, the festival aims to combat isolation, promote mental health and wellbeing and foster connections within the LGBTQIA+ community and with allies and services. And celebrate of course, darlings!

"We're so excited to hold the first ever Pride festival in the Eurobodalla," says Hannah Matysek, Queerobodalla Co-convener. "From music to literary events to yoga classes, the Queerobodalla festival will build and foster LGBTQIA+ community on the Far South Coast - we're queer and we're here and we'll celebrate this." The festival will feature a variety of events and activities, including:

- Queerobodalla Riverside Launch: A community gathering to kick off the festivities, providing a safe and welcoming space to connect and socialise featuring queer musicians and performers alongside resource stalls from organisations and artists.
- Queer Authors Panel: Panel discussion from LGBTQIA+ authors with Christos Tsiolkos (The Slap) headlining.
- Queer Film Screening: A night of diverse LGBTQIA+ short films and a community dinner.
- Rainbow Yoga: Yoga sessions tailored to LGBTQIA+ individuals for health and connection.
- Deep in Drag: A fabulous dance party celebrating queer culture and diversity, providing a safe space for self-expression and celebration and platforming local queer performers and DJs.
- ■Womxn Make Music: a residential professional music making retreat for women and non-binary people.
- Queer Writing Workshop: with local author Inga Simpson

"The Queerobodalla Festival has something for everyone," says Matysek. "And you're all invited - LGBTQIA+ people and allies and the whole community. Come and celebrate with us!"















RfR Waste Art space opening

Scrap Smith, Sharon Cornthwaite of Cardog Designs will be holding her solo exhibition @ Container One at the RfR Community Solar Reuse Centre at the Moruya Transfer Station, Yarragee Rd Moruya. Saturday 18th May from 10am. This will be following by a light morning tea.

'As a maker I am enticed to make precious from the discards. I use printed tins, old teapots, doll parts, rusty metal and much more. I reuse my silver, copper and gold and I buy from a company that recycles precious metal from industry scrap'. Sharon

The exhibition will be displayed at RfR's Waste Art space through to Friday 07 June and can be viewed during this time on Fridays and Saturdays 9.30am-2.30pm.

Moruya Community Film Group presents:

Screen of **SUNSET SONG**

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024 at 19:00 Page Street, Moruya, Join us for our next film screening - Sunset Song - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 25th of May @The Red Door, Moruya.

Synopsis: 2015 - British drama written and directed by Terence Davies. A rural Scottish girl growing to womanhood in the years before World War I. An example of old school and new school mentalities coming together to create a challenging and unique experience. The movie feels as if it could have been made in the 1940s, were there no such thing as censorship. The film displays much empathy for its characters and such awareness of the social, political and historical forces that hover beyond the edges of their consciousness.

Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months – Guests welcome.



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SATURDAY, 18 MAY:

ALLAN WATTS	CLUB TUROSS (7PM)
RIFF	SOLDIERS CLUB (8PM)
	MERIMBULA RSL (8PM)
LOCAL DJs	LYNCHS HOTEL
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SUNDAY, 19 MAY:

JAKOB POYNER	BROULEE BREWOUSE
RIFF	CLUB NAROOMA (3PM)
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Have you heard your community orchestra yet?

Have the young ones in your family heard an orchestra? The Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra will be performing as part of Families Week activities. They will be playing classical music, folk tunes, as well as music from the movies. There will also be children's songs for the young and young at heart. 12 noon this Saturday 18 May on the lawn at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens. Bring your own chair or rug. It's free!



We Rocked On for Climate Action

By Dr Michelle Hamrosi

"Over the weekend, between the last few squalls of rain, I went for a walk on our local beach. I try to go every day rain, hail or shine. I love the fresh air, the way the beach changes every day, and just being free to move my body in whatever way I feel. My local beaches also serve up a perfect daily dose of Vitamin N "Nature", for me each day, which helps reduce my stress and improves my mental health. What is not helping my mental health, however, is seeing an increasing amount of plastic washed up. All the usual culprits are there: bottle caps, straws, lolly wrappers, squid bags, rope, balloons. I'm also seeing increasingly smaller and smaller fragments of plastic. And when I brush back the seaweed, dozens of pieces are scattered on the sand. This is what I can see. However, as plastic gets smaller and smaller, it doesn't cease to exist; it becomes known as "microplastic", and these tiny fragments, invisible to my eye, have been located everywhere on our entire planet - from Mt. Everest, to our atmosphere, to the deepest oceans, and inside the bodies of marine fish, animals and birds.

What is washed up on our beach is really just the tip of the iceberg. As a family doctor, health is my core business. I am increasingly worried about how amassed human pollution, continuing to grow, is directly impacting our health.

Would you be surprised to know that:

- * The main ingredient in plastics, called naphtha, is made from crude oil and gas. So plastic is basically a fossil fuel product.
- * There are hundreds of different chemicals in plastics, and mounting evidence shows that they are harmful to our health.

Plastic is NOT fantastic. Microplastics (under 100 nanometers) can reach almost all organs in our body. They can enter through what we eat, drink, and breathe. And we are all consuming about a credit card's worth each week. The chemicals in plastics pose serious health risks, including hormonal disruption (think obesity, diabetes, infertility, and polycystic ovarian syndrome), as well as other horrid health issues such as cancer. They have even been found lodged in plaques in blood vessels, causing heart attacks, and also have been found in placentas of unborn babies.

The added bad news is that plastic pollution is pervasive - once microplastics have entered the environment, it is impossible to remove them! And we are releasing millions and millions of tonnes of plastic pollution into the environment globally each year.

What YOU can personally do:

- * At the shops: Choose non-plastic options where possible, e.g. glass jars and bottles over tins and cans, and try and bring along your own reusable bags for fruit/veggies. (Yes I was also surprised to find out that tins and cans are lined with plastic!)
- * At home and work: Do not heat food directly in plastic containers. Remove it and then heat it on a non plastic plate or bowl. Wait for food you've cooked to cool before putting it into plastic containers. Wear natural clothing, such as cotton, wool avoid polyester as, yes you guessed it, we breathe in nanoplastics from synthetic clothes!
- * Out and about: Take 3 for the sea (or as much as you can). Dispose of your rubbish properly (especially cigarette butts). Say no to takeaway coffee cups (most are lined with plastic) and say yes to taking five minutes to sit down, smell the aromas from your flat white and enjoy and chill out.
- * Community action: Take part in clean-up days. Join your local P&C and find ways for your school to reduce plastic use. (I love how Broulee Public has ditch plastic icy poles for homemade plastic free options). Lobby your workplace to review its plastic use and find alternatives. Ultimately, we need governments around the world to have a plastic treaty and to work with major industries, food, and supermarket corporations to have an urgent and serious plan for getting us out of this plastic mess."



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Ocean floor a 'reservoir' for plastic pollution, world-first study finds

New research from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, and the University of Toronto in Canada, estimates up to 11 million tonnes of plastic pollution is sitting on the ocean floor.

Every minute, a garbage truck's worth of plastic enters the ocean. With plastic use expected to double by 2040, understanding how and where it travels is crucial to protecting marine ecosystems and

Dr Denise Hardesty, Senior Research Scientist with CSIRO, said this is the first estimate of how much plastic waste ends up on the ocean floor, where it accumulates before being broken down into smaller pieces and mixed into ocean sediment.

"We know that millions of tonnes of plastic waste enter our oceans every year but what we didn't know is how much of this pollution ends up on our ocean floor," Dr Hardesty said.

"We discovered that the ocean floor has become a resting place, or reservoir, for most plastic pollution, with between 3 to 11 million tonnes of plastic estimated to be sinking to the ocean floor.

"While there has been a previous estimate of microplastics on the seafloor, this research looks at larger items, from nets and cups to plastic bags and everything in between."

Ms Alice Zhu, a PhD Candidate from the University of Toronto who led the study, said the estimate of plastic pollution on the ocean floor could be up to 100 times more than the amount of plastic floating on the ocean's surface.

"The ocean surface is a temporary resting place of plastic so it is expected that if we can stop plastic entering our oceans, the amount would be reduced. However, our research found that plastic will continue to end up in the deep ocean, which becomes a permanent resting place or sink for marine plastic pollution," Ms Zhu said. Scientific data was used to build two predictive models to estimate the amount and distribution of plastic on the ocean floor - one based on data from remote operated vehicles (ROVs) and the other from bottom trawls.

Using ROV data, 3 to 11 million metric tonnes of plastic pollution is estimated to reside on the ocean floor. The ROV results also reveal that plastic mass clusters around continents - approximately half (46 per cent) of the predicted plastic mass on the global ocean floor resides above 200 m depth. The ocean depths, from 200 m to as deep as 11,000 m contains the remainder of predicted plastic mass (54 per cent).

Although inland and coastal seas cover much less surface area than oceans (11 per cent vs 56 per cent out of the entire Earth's area), these areas are predicted to hold as much plastic mass as does the rest of the ocean floor.

"These findings help to fill a longstanding knowledge gap on the behaviour of plastic in the marine environment," Ms Zhu said. "Understanding the driving forces behind the transport and accumulation of plastic in the deep ocean will help to inform source reduction and environmental remediation efforts, thereby reducing the risks that plastic pollution may pose to marine life."

The article, Plastics in the deep sea - A global estimate of the ocean floor reservoir, was published in Deep Sea Research Part I: Oceanographic Research Papers.

This research is part of CSIRO's Ending Plastic Waste Mission, which aims to change the way we make, use, recycle and dispose of plastic.





Aboriginal Cultural Heritage & Coastal Hazard Workshop

When: Wednesday 5th June

Time: 10:00am - 3:00 Workshop, Lunch, Site Visit

Where: Club Malua, Malua bay

Eurobodalla Shire Council is working with the Aboriginal community to develop ways to ensure Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately considered when it comes to protecting our coastline from coastal hazards.

You are invited to attend a workshop (Morning/Afternoon tea & Lunch provided) run by Susan Donaldson & Sue Feary to develop a protocol for communicating with Aboriginal people before, during and after a coastal hazard event that is impacting Aboriginal cultural heritage. Please RSVP to Cameron.whiting@esc.nsw.gov.au by Friday 15th May to advise on dietary needs and whether you wish to come on the site visit.







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Where: Narooma Golf Club

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innovate safer herbicides

ARC-BACKED PROJECT WILL BOOST CROP-YIELDS FOR FARMERS WHILE REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

University of Wollongong (UOW) Chemistry lecturer, Dr Ronald Brown has been awarded nearly \$500,000 in the latest round of Australian Research Council (ARC) Early Career Industry Fellowships. ARC Industry fellowships are designed to support innovation and facilitate the adoption, translation and commercialisation of Australian research.

Dr Brown's fellowship aims to develop a modern toolkit for building herbicide molecules that are made up of 3D chemical building blocks containing boron and silicon. The project aims to develop herbicides that are safer and more effective that will lead to increased crop production and alleviate pressures on the agricultural sector, farmers and the environment.

Dr Brown said this project will establish a robust research partnership between UOW and Bayer CropScience (Germany) and allow academia and industry to better collaborate towards a state-of-the-art product pipeline.

"With this funding my team will be able to develop new chemical building blocks that are better suited for interacting with biological targets. These have been less common in the agrochemical industry compared to the pharmaceutical industry, with cost efficiency playing a significant role.

"By tailoring these building blocks to herbicidal molecules and factoring in cost while designing their synthesis - both through the intrinsic properties of boron and silicon - UOW and Bayer CropScience can design safer and more effective herbicides," Dr Brown said.

The project uses research strategies that have delivered successful pharmaceuticals, such as molecular shape and complexity, and applies these to crop protection to address serious challenges such as genetic resistance, which threatens the effectiveness of almost 70 percent of currently used herbicides.

Dr Brown also commented on the importance of these types of ARC Industry Fellowships in establishing a pathway for Australian academic researchers to engage with industry.

"Australia has a rich agricultural sector and establishing this partnership with Bayer CropScience - a world-leader in Crop Science innovation - will hopefully encourage further collaborations to enrich the agrochemical industry here in Australia."

UOW is committed to addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which provide a shared blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for everyone. Dr Brown's research addresses Sustainable Development Goal 2: No Hunger which aims to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

An Australian-made new vehicle efficiency standard

Australian motorists will soon be able to choose from a wider range of cleaner, cheaper to run cars with the Parliament passing the legislation for the Federal Government's New Vehicle Efficiency Standard. This is good news for the hip pocket and for the environment.

Car makers now have an incentive to send us their most efficient vehicles, while ensuring Australians have access to the range of vehicles they need for work and leisure. The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will reduce emissions

from new passenger vehicles by more than 60 per cent by 2030, and roughly halve the emissions of new light commercial vehicles over the same period.

Motorists are predicted to save around \$95 billion in fuel alone by 2050 and over the same period, transport sector CO2 emissions by are expected to be reduced by around 321 million tonnes.

Australia is joining most of the global car market in having a Standard, as a result Australian family will have more options to spend less on fuel.

The Liberals and Nationals have opposed this at every step, preferring Australia remain with Russia as one of the only advanced economies not to ensure people have more access to cheaper to run cars.

Introducing a Standard tailored for Australian conditions will ensure a smooth transition to a better, more efficient vehicle fleet.

The NVES will begin on 1 January 2025.

The Standard will only apply to new cars, meaning Australians can expect a greater and better range of diesel, petrol, hybrid and electric vehicles to enter our markets. The 2024-25 Budget includes provision of \$84.5 million over five years to help establish the scheme, a regulator and facilitate credit trading between manufacturers This is the right package of measures for Australia. People will still be able to buy the vehicles they know and love while getting access to the safest, most modern, efficient

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King said "This is a monumental milestone for Australians, with this Standard to pave the way for Australians to access and benefit from the most advanced car, SUV and ute technology offered in other countries - which are cheaper to run and better for

"At every step of the way, we have listened to the views of Australians on how we can deliver a Standard that works uniquely for our country, which is what we have delivered



May is Feline Month!

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For the month of May adult cats are \$99 so if your thinking about adopting a cat, this month is purrfect!

To enquire about any of these cats, please ring Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612.









What is possible when we work together to support vulnerable people to be well prepared for future disasters?

This interactive workshop will give you an opportunity to connect with others working in the space, and contribute your perspective on disaster preparedness for vulnerable communities

The workshop will seek to:

- Help identify organisations and the roles that support vulnerable members of the community
- Share information with participants about emergency management arrangements
- Identify ways we can work together to support preparedness.

 Build local connections and share ideas between different people and organisations
- Identify clear next steps for future preparedness for you and your organisation

The workshops will be hosted by David Newell and Peter Pigott, who bring extensive experience in facilitation and working with communities for disaster resilience

For further information, please contact:

Rebecca Eldridge Katungul ACRH&CS

RebeccaE@katungul.org.au PH: 0490 010 203

Places are limited so please Register Here for Bega: Date: Monday 20 May 2024 Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm Location: Bega Civic Centre



VULNERABLE

COMMUNITIES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS

As someone who works in disaster

preparedness or supports vulnerable

communities, Katungul ACRH&CS and the

Eden Community Access Centre (ECAC)

are inviting you to join an important

one-day interactive workshop

either in Bega or Moruya.

Register Here for Moruya: Date: Wednesday 22 May 2024 Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm Location: Moruya Golf Club



















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.

Our next gathering will be a luncheon to be held at the DROMEDARY HOTEL 14 Bate St CENTRAL TILBA on Saturday 25 May at 12noon. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

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

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The Royal Military College Band will be performing on the South Coast

- Friday 24th May 7:30pm in Merimbula RSL
- Saturday 25th of May 7:30pm in St Patricks Catholic Church in Bega
 - Sunday 26th of May 1pm at Club Narooma in Narooma.



TeenSafe a driving skill for life

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

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THE TASTE OF THINGS M, 2H 15M, FRENCH DRAMA	6.30pm for 7pm (Fundraiser)	11.20am*	11.20am*	10.45am		1.40pm	1.40pm
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FREUD'S LAST SESSION M, 1H 48M, DRAMA	11.30am	1pm 7.30pm	1pm 7.30pm	1.40pm*		11.30am	11.30am
KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES M, 2H 25M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	1.15pm* 6.15pm*	1.50pm* 6.55pm*	1.50pm* 6.55pm*	3.40pm*		1.15pm* 6.15pm*	1.15pm* 6.15pm*
PERFECT DAYS (LAST WEEK) PG, 2H 5M, DRAMA	4.15pm	4.35pm*	4.35pm*			4.15pm	4.15pm
THE FALL GUY (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 6M, ACTION/COMEDY	1.40pm	3.05pm	3.05pm	4.15pm		3.55pm*	3.55pm*
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TAROT M 92 MIN	12:00 PM 4:55 PM	5:05 PM 7:00 PM	12:00 PM 4:55 PM	4:20 PM			5:05 PM 7:00 PM
THE FALL GUY M 126 MIN	1:50 PM 6:45 PM	2:40 PM 6:45 PM	1:50 PM 6:45 PM	1:55 PM		6:45 PM	2:40 PM 6:45 PM
WHAT ABOUT SAL? M 97 MIN MEET - JOHN JARRET - Australian actor/ writer/producer and director. Star of Wolf Creek and more				6:30 PM Tickets at the cinema or on line			



IF

PG | 1hr 44min

~ Comedy ~ Family ~ Ryan Reynolds, Bradley Cooper. Steve Carrell etc A man with the ability to talk to other people's imaginary friends discovers that some of them are harbouring resentment and anger after being forgotten.



THE FALL GUY

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



GOLDA

PG | 1hr 34min - Hellen Mirren -- Biography ~ Drama ~ Set in 1973 Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir is in the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War.

NEXT WEEK - FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA



KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

Ml 2hrs 25min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~ Years after the reign of Caesar, a young ape goes on a journey that will lead him to question everything he's been taught about the past.



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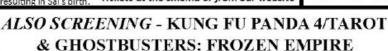


UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

WHAT ABOUT SAL? 6:30pm SUNDAY 19th Q & A with JOHN JARRETT

WHAT ABOUT SAL is a heart warming and feel-good Australian movie about Sal, a young man in his thirties with Down syndrome, who discovers that his mother WHAT ABOUT SAL is dying from lung cancer with only months to live. Sal embarks on a journey to find his estranged rock musician father, whom his mother had a one-night stand with

resulting in Sal's birth. Tickets at the cinema or from our website



2024 Diary Dates

- Friday 24th May Sorry Day Bridge Walk Batemans Bay
- 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
- 23 November Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo

Eurobodalla Shire Council monthly Councillor Catch Ups

Wednesday (22 May) Drop in to the Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club between 10.30am-12.30pm.

South Head Runners

The first South Head Runners session will meet up this Sunday the 19th May. Meet at the Moruya Surf Club car park at 7.15am ready for a 7.30am start. Options for everyone!

Moruya Community Workshed

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week. For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.

Volunteer mentors needed

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

Moruya High School 50 year reunion 1969 - 1974

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 14th September from midday at Moruya Waterfront Hotel. RSVP by 1st September

No upfront cost. Purchase own meal or call in to say hello. For more info contact debra.ellison@icloud.com



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Friday 24 May Gather at Korners Park (North side of Bhundoo - Clyde River) Commencing at 10:30am for - a walk across the bridge, cultural ceremony, speeches and a BBQ at the western end of Clyde St (near the southern boat ramp) MORE THAN EVER Contact Seth Merritt: 0457 515 821 or Gerard Dennis: 0427 187 859

THRIFT ALLEY SUN-DAZE

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024 FROM 09:30-13:00

2/45 Vulcan street, Moruya. Felt and Stone is back for Thrift Alley Sunday! This is an event for all the thrift lovers and op shop pirates. Come from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm to shop a range of second hand, pre loved and vintage items from an array of stall holders. The alley way beside the shop will be lined with mini market stalls and live music!

Mother's Day Classic Eurobodalla rescheduled for Sun June 2nd. 2024.

The Moruya Horizon branch is a collection point for the Anglicare Winter Appeal again this year.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food to support vulnerable people in our local Moruya community. Please pop into the branch to make a non-perishable food donation before the 31st May. Together we can make a difference and help those who need it most.

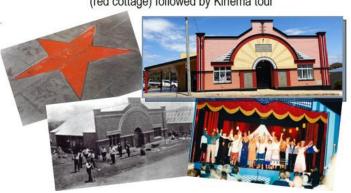
NAROOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY celebrates the National Trust's Heritage Festival with the Kinema

'Connect' with Memorial Hall's (Kinema) 99 year history

Sunday 19 May 2024

2.00pm School of Arts' Studios

(red cottage) followed by Kinema tour







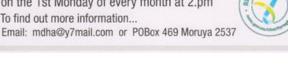
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If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help to raise funds for your Hospital you would be most welcome.

Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2.pm To find out more information...









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- Virtual Component: 6:00 pm 6:45
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US?

Come along to our Registration Day on Wednesday 24th of January at The Soldiers Club from 10:30 to 12:30

> Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au Or Phone us on 0474 483 678.

SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:

For those people who are unable to attend The Soldiers Club on Wednesday, Joe, Allan and Lyn will be coming to the Moruya Library on the day after, that is Thursday $25^{\rm th}$ of January.

We'll be there to:

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

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

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

Plant and clothes swap - Batemans Bay

Sunday 19 May 2024 9am - 1pm

Batemans Bay Rotary Sunday Markets at the waterfront precinct, Clyde Street, Batemans Bay. Cost: Free

Come along to our plant and clothes swap at the Batemans Bay Rotary Sunday Markets. To take part in the plant swap, just pop environmental weeds from your garden in a bag and exchange them for free native plants at the Council stall. You can also ask our Environment Team about weeds in your garden, learn more about native alternatives and get great tips and advice.

We're also joining eco-friendly forces with Vinnies Moruya to create a clothes swap for the whole family. Swapping is a clever and thrifty way to refresh your wardrobe, save money and help fight textile waste. Your pre-loved clothes will find a new home and you'll leave with 'new' second-hand items for your wardrobe.

To take part in the clothes swap, bring up to five items of clothing in excellent condition. Excellent condition means the clothing is clean, pressed and free from rips, holes, stains or major faults.

National Simultaneous Storytime at Moruya Library

Have you spotted any bowerbirds or blue treasures in the garden lately We're looking forward to joining libraries all around Australia to read "Bowerbird Blues" by Aura Parker for National Simultaneous Storytime. Now in its twenty-fourth year, this fun event promotes the value of reading and literacy.

Join us at Moruya Library for stories and nature-based craft. Wednesday 22nd May Under 5's session: 10.30am-11.30am

5 to 12 years Homeschoolers session: 11.30am-12.30pm.

We'll be joined by Council's Sustainability Education Officer, Mimosa, to learn about how we can care for bowerbirds and our environment.

Please call or email Moruya Library to book a place: 44741333 or email moruya.library@esc.nsw.gov.au



THIS MONTH'S FILM

SUNSET SONG

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 25 TH MAY AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM SHOWTIME

2015 British drama film written and directed by Terence Davies and starring Agyness Deyn, Peter Mullan and Kevin Guthrie. A rural Scottish girl growing to womanhood in the years before World War I. An example of old school and new school mentalities coming together to create a challenging and unique experience. The movie feels as if it could have been made in the 1940s, were there no such thing as censorship. The movie doesn't shy away from the nastier aspects of life in that time and place. But there's never a feeling that Davies is rubbing our noses in suffering, because the film displays so much empathy for its characters and such awareness of the social, political and historical forces that hover beyond the edges of their consciousness.



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.



Malua Bay Fishing Club gives back to community



Rally for Recovery receiving a generous donation from the Malua Bay Fishing Club at the Malua Bay Bowling Club.

The Malua Bay Fishing Club Inc. has a long history of supporting local charities. Throughout the year, our Club raises funds via our sponsors Club Malua, Raymonds Restaurant, Batehaven Quality Meats, Power & Sail Batemans Bay and Fish Batemans Bay. Club President David Scott said "We also run a Wednesday night meat raffle at Club Malua and a 100 Club on the same night to support Can Assist. Our other main fund-raising event is the 'Groucho' Snapper Classic, a fishing competition run over the June long weekend, which is open to everyone with the chance to share in over \$10,000 in cash and prizes. The competition dates for this year are; Friday 7 June to Sunday 9 June. Entry forms can be obtained via email at: maluabayfc@gmail.com.



Can Assist Eurobodalla were the lucky recipients of a donation for \$1,000 from the wonderful Malua Bay fishing club! All money raised will assist our LOCAL residents with the associated costs involved when living in a regional area & having cancer treatment. Pictured are President of Can Assist Elizabeth Basevi & Fishing club President David Scott.

Each year we ask our members to nominate a number of local charities whom we'd like to support where possible. This year the charities chosen were; Noah previously known as Muddy Puddles, Rally for Recovery, Can Assist and Malua Bay Rural Fire Service. Representatives from those local charities were invited to attend our monthly competition, presentation and lunch at Club Malua. There we presented each charity with a cheque for \$1000.

The Malua Bay Fishing Club Inc. is a family focused, Community based Club. Our members cover every age and background, who all share a love of fishing and Community spirit. We are all so very proud of being able to give back to those who do the hard yards within our Community."





Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

Moruya River.

Well, with over 200mm of rain falling last weekend (280mm in some places), the river is as you expect it to be, dirty! Unfortunately, it will be this way for the next few weeks.

This is going to seriously curtail the fishing activity in the river to a large degree. Any fish that are still in the river, will be in the deeper holes, and will be looking for an incoming tide to bring a push of salt back into the system.

My only bit of advice will be to fish oily baits like mullet or mackerel fillet, use burley and be prepared to work for your fish. It will improve as the the river slowly clears up, but it's going to be a slow process with the amount of fresh that came down, and continues to come out of the catchment.

Try the quarry and Preddy's wharfs for the chance at finding a fish or two.

Tuross River.

Tuross faces the same challenges as Moruya this weekend, as we wait out the run off from last weekends deluge. The lower sections of the river, on an incoming tide using oily baits will offer the best chance at finding a fish. Fish the deeper holes towards the front of the

Be aware of the large quantities of flood debris that in Tuross at the moment if you plan on putting the boat in! On a positive note, Coila lake was opened this week by council, as lake levels hit trigger points. This will give the whole lake a freshen up, and will hopefully make next summers prawning season an event next year.

Rock and Beach.

In all honesty, the beaches and headlands that are away from the river outflows are going to offer the best chance of finding fish this weekend. Look up towards Broulee headland or down towards binge and mullimburra this weekend. Do however keep an eye on the swells that are predicted for the weekend. 3.5-4m swells are forecast from the south, so north facing beaches or headlands are going to offer the best protection from both the swell and wind this Saturday on particular.

Sunday is looking to be better conditions with dropping swell and wind conditions.

There are plenty of big salmon around and a few nice tailor also, plus what ever has been displaced frog the rivers last weekend. Pilchards on gang hooks for the salmon and tailor, or worms Pipies or mullet fillet for the gutters in close.

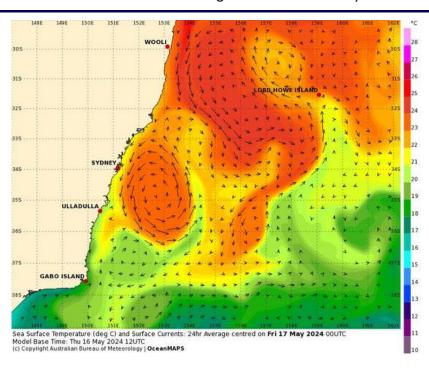
Offshore.

There have been no reports to note down this week, and with less than favourable sea conditions this weekend, I don't expect too many people to be getting offshore this weekend. The snapper will be on the chew as they always are after a blow, and next week should provide a few fish for those planning a trip offshore. The bait freezer is only missing hawksbury prawns and whitebait this week, with everything else in stock at this

With a sunny weekend forecast his weekend, we look forward to seeing you around, get out and give the beaches a look this weekend.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



Do you live with chronic pain?

COORDINARE is running a free workshop on understanding chronic pain and supporting helpful management. People living with chronic pain, their family, careers, friends and the wider community are invited to attend the event, facilitated by St Vincent's Chronic Pain Service.

The workshop is on 30 May from 4:30pm online and in person at the Moruya Golf Club.

For more info and to register visit https://bit.ly/3TTT3I5



South Coast Monaro Rugby Union Results - Rd 4 - Saturday 11th May 2024

- Bungendore "Mudchooks" 29 beat ADFA ACT 7
 - The Mudchooks produced a polished 80 minutes of good Rugby to dominate throughout for a good win
- Hall "Bushrangers" 26 beat Taralga "Tigers" 5
 - Hall were very impressive on a wet paddock to lead from start to finish over one of the competition favourites
- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 32 beat Crookwell "Dogs" 0
 - Jindabyne remain undefeated after 4 rounds and look hungry for a 3rd straight premiership
- Batemans Bay "Boars" v Braidwood "Redbacks" postponed due to ground closure
 - Wet weather required Council to close all grounds.
 This game will be played later in the year when a general bye is scheduled
- Both Yass "Rams" & Cooma "Red Devils" had a BYE

Competition table - * refers game pending

•	Jindabyne "Bushpigs"	2
•	Bungendore "Mudchooks"	11
•	*Braidwood "Redbacks"	10
•	Hall "Bushrangers"	10
•	Taralga "Tigers"	9
•	Crookwell "Dogs"	9
•	Yass "Rams"	5
•	Cooma "Red Devils"	5
•	ADFA ACT	
•	*Batemans Bay "Boars"	(

Next weekend - Rd 5 - Saturday 18th May 2024

- Yass "Rams" v Braidwood "Redbacks" @ Yass
- ADFA ACT v Batemans Bay "Boars" @ Dowsett ACT
- Taralga "Tigers" v Cooma "Red Devils" @ Taralga
- Bungendore "Mudchooks" v Hall "Bushrangers" @ Bungendore
- Both Crookwell "Dogs" & Jindabyne "Bushpigs" have a BYE

Peter Ryan South Coast Rugby Union



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



South Coast Surf Clubs share in \$5 Million

Surf Life Saving Clubs in the South Coast have shared in more than \$5 million in funding under the NSW Government's Surf Club Facility Program.

The NSW Government has allocated \$16 million to the Program over four years. This was boosted an additional \$5 million in the 2023/24 NSW State Budget as part of a \$23 million funding increase to Surf Life Saving NSW to better protect beachgoers and reduce drownings.

Some of the clubs funded include:

- Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Solar PV system upgrade and battery installation, With this funding we are going to install a new 21Kw solar system on the Club house and 22Kw battery storage to reduce ongoing power costs and improve sustainability and safety. Bega Valley Shire Council \$51,362.00
- Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Upgrade CCTV at Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club. This project forms part of an overall clubhouse security upgrade. Funding from the Surf Club Facility Program in 2022-23 included the installation of additional electronic key FOB units on clubhouse entrances. The second stage of this project will see the upgrade to the club's current outdated CCTV security system. Shoalhaven City Council \$38,781.00
- Narooma Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Roof Replacement at Narooma Surf Life Saving Club. Narooma SLSC aims to enhance its 1980s-built Clubhouse by addressing roofing issues. The project involves removing the outdated tile roof, installing new roof sheets with insulation, and upgrading fascia and gutters. This initiative benefits club members and the wider community, by improving noise control, insulation, and overall facility safety. Eurobodalla Shire Council \$151,600.00
- Pambula Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Roof access safety points, roof repairs, replacement roller doors, curtains for function room and AV upgrade. The Club will replace shed roller doors and audio visual system, plus install roof fall arrestor anchor points, roof access ladders, allow roof repairs, a commercial coffee machine. The majority of the project will improve safety for our volunteers when working within the Clubhouse and ensure compliance with legislative requirements. Bega Valley Shire Council. \$71,990.00

For further information on the Surf Club Facility Program, including the recipients in the 2023/24 Program, visit: https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/surf-club-facility-program

RESCUE AT THE BREAKWALL

Moruya Surf Life Saving Club reported this week: "Our amazing call out team just got back on shore. This afternoon 3 body boarders got into trouble off the Moruya Breakwall. One washed hundreds of metres out to sea and was found off the headland by the Westpac chopper and winched to safety. Our IRB crew of Brad and Paul were in the water 15 minutes after receiving the call out and launched off our beach and around into river mouth. The two other boarders were found and safely scrambled onto breakwall. We are glad everyone is ok. Good effort Moruya Surf Club and Westpac Helicopter."



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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