

SCULPTURE ON YARRAGEE



Pete Fairlie, Lisa Cornthwaite, Sharon Cornthwaite and Megan Small. at the opening of Sharon's exhibition at the RfR Solar Reuse Centre at the Moruya Transfer Station on Saturday. STORY P15

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Federal budget 2024, health funding and the far south coast - A total failure for equity for the far south coast

By Dr Arn Sprogis

Before the last Federal election Labor party election material said why we should "Vote for Albo for PM" with the answer being, "I have a vision for Australia: No one held back. No one left behind. Labor is on your side".

Well, he mustn't have meant the Far South Coast because in health funding terms we remain "left behind" and "held back" with no reduction of the 40-year gap in per person health funding in our region compared to a similar capital city population. It's worth a reminder of just how big the gap is in Commonwealth funding, the rural/regional state and commonwealth funding shortfall in FY 2021, compared to city populations was \$6.55 Billion or \$850 per person of which the commonwealth share was around \$5-600 per person. The amount would be significantly greater in 2024.

With the funding equity gap not closing or even increasing our far south coast community must yet again wear a greater share of the burden of poor health outcomes, despite already having lower incomes and poorer access to healthcare at all levels.

The one glimmer of hope after many years of no action is that at least Mark Butler, Minister for Health has finally acknowledged the problem of years of neglect in rural areas and is the first Commonwealth Health Minister to state that both sides of politics when in government have been to blame and that Labor has an opportunity to restore the equity balance. The Minister has initiated two major reviews (which I will comment on in detail in another opinion piece) with one of those reviews having the potential to be a historic game changer for rural communities with perhaps even greater potential than Medicare to finally get equity of access to healthcare in our region for our community.

Reviews are not the same as delivering access to healthcare and providing equity of funding but as the reviews report in October the recommendations will be part of consideration for translation into election policy. One way or the other we will know by late 2024 or early 2025 whether the Albo promise will be kept as far as access to quality health care is concerned.



Neighbourhood Watch Moruya Petition to open the Moruya Police Station during business hours

830 people have so far signed the petition requesting an increase in resources so that the Police Station can be open to the public during business hours. We had an excellent response at our stall outside the Moruya IGA on Tuesday 21 May.

Our goal is to have 1000 people sign the petition. If you have not already signed please come to our stall at the IGA on Thursday 30 May 10am - 12.30pm. Neighbourhood Watch Moruya will then pass the petition onto Dr Michael Holland, MP for Bega to take to the Minister for consideration. Hope to see you next Thursday.



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Record crowd for Batemans Bay Sorry Day Bridge Walk



By John Longhurst

More than 1500 people joined the Sorry Day Bridge walk over the Bhunduu (Clyde River, Batemans Bay) this morning. Bus loads of schoolchildren representing all the schools in the Eurobodalla Shire gathered with hundreds of locals on the northern bank of the Bhunduu for a smoking ceremony led by Walbunga man, Jordon Nye, Chief Executive Officer of Muladha Gamara (wise woman, wise man). Muladha Gamara supports and runs culture youth programs, organises cultural tourism and conducts traditional ceremonies and is based in Mogo.

The special smoking ceremony focused on cleansing country for people supporting Sorry Day as well as promoting healing. Jordon then then led the Sorry Day March across the bridge with traditional song sticks and singing. Community member and Walbunga woman, Melissa Ellis, from Moruya, took over and emceed proceedings. Local police diverted traffic to ensure the smooth running of the march.

Walbunga Elder, Aunty Meryl Crole gave an emotional Welcome to Country and a very moving reading of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations, delivered to the Australian Parliament in 2008.

Traditional dancing and singing followed led by Jordon Nye and well supported by a talented group of young first nation women. The large crowd joined in the final ceremonial dance in a spirit of reconciliation.

Melissa Ellis then invited Mayor of Eurobodalla, Matt Hatcher, Fiona Phillips, federal MP for Gilmore and Dr Michael Holland, state MP for Bega to speak.

Melissa Ellis concluded the formalities by asking the crowd to reflect on the National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024 'Now More than Ever'. Melissa stressed the importance of 'doing sorry' as opposed to just saying 'sorry'.

First Nation Elders were then invited to cut a cake with the words 'Now More Than Ever' prominent on the icing.

Walbanja man, Joe Brierley, Community Engagement Officer with The Family Place in Moruya was pleased with the large turnout.

Joe said "At the first march 5 years ago we had a crowd of about 300 people in Moruya. It is getting bigger each year and today's turnout of upwards of 1500 people is fantastic. It is a great 'all of community' event and we are supported by businesses, a range of community groups, government and non government organisations. Everyone has pitched in to provide a barbeque lunch and drinks. It is a great lead in to National Reconciliation Week."



Photos By John Longhurst

New Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Moruya Meeting Q & A



A Community Viewpoint By Dr. Arn Sprogis (retd.)

I have been following the New Moruya Hospital process closely ever since I moved to the Eurobodalla nearly 5 years ago, mostly out of self-interest as I am at an age when hospitals become important but also because I spent much of my working life not only as a GP but also heavily involved in large scale health systems development in a large regional area including GP/Hospital integration. So, as a community member, on Thursday, 23 May, I attended the ABC-style "Q&A" Panel Discussion at the Moruya Golf Club organised by ONE New L4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Advocates in partnership with RSL Moruya to which the local community was invited to put their questions. Over 100 people attended the meeting.

My expectations of learning anything new were low as over the 5 years I have lived here, I watched with disbelief the hospital development process which looked like an evolving train wreck with three community petitions (Level 4 Hospital; Radiotherapy at Moruya and Save Batemans Bay ED), coupled with a serious lack of open and transparent exchange of information with the community, no visible work started on a new hospital and the completion date sometime in 2027 maybe. I was wrong, the meeting was full of useful and interesting information although a bit light on data to support the vision. The audience questions were to the point and covered most of the important issues, the panel Mayor Mat Hatcher, Dr Michael Holland MP, Dr Stuart Stapleton Director of Emergency Care Services for Eurobodalla Hospitals, Brad Scotcher General Manager Coastal Network and Bunja Smith as moderator, were very open in their responses and 25 questions were covered in 90 minutes.

A SUMMARY OF TOPICS AND ANSWERS

1. The Building

Q. When will it start being built, what is the build time?

A. Very soon the approval is nearly done, and the contractor not yet signed up. Once the contractor signed build time can be quite fast but no timeline available and no completion date can be provided yet.

Q. Helipad Issues

A. Helipad DA needs to be reviewed particularly to improve amenity for nearby residents so will have a separate DA. The hospital build will proceed while helipad issue is resolved. Hospital will open with a functioning helipad.

Q. Is funding still sufficient?

A. Funding to be reviewed for the 2024 budget process.

2. Level 4 Hospital (this was the most interesting bit whenever it came up and made clear why it's so important)

Q. What is a Level 4 Hospital?

A. The heart of a level 4 hospital is the combination of an ICU and an upgraded Emergency Department. The concentration of diagnostic equipment, higher levels of trained staff and the ability to ventilate and support circulation for critically ill patients is a major step forward in saving lives and getting improved hospital outcomes including improving transport to other centres. There is no question that north or south of the Moruya River survival outcomes will improve for all patients treated at the new level 4 hospital.

Q. Are there plans for local physicians to care for medical patients rather than just relying on fly in fly out locums.

A. This triggered one of the best bits of the evening with a long and detailed listing of the many improvements in care possible once there is an ICU and Level 4 status, including increasing the number of medical specialists able to manage patients, increasing the number of supporting specialised GPs, establishing a dementia unit and geriatric care, significantly increased teaching in all areas, more medical students etc etc.

Q. Currently many patients requiring transfers experiencing delays how will it be improved now and in future.

A. Working on it by improving arrangements with other hospitals.

3. Planning and Data

Q. There were several data questions, including when the community can see a copy of the updated clinical services plan and is there a critical path analysis for the hospital build.

A. Question taken on notice, even though the request has been made before to the SNSWLHD.

4. Radiotherapy at Moruya

Q. There were several questions all around why we don't have a radiotherapy unit in Moruya considering the population size and age range.

A. There won't be a radiotherapy unit in Moruya at hospital opening.

Q. When can the community see a copy of the Mick Reid report on radiotherapy commissioned by NSW Health?

A. The report has gone from NSW Health to the Commonwealth Dept. of Health and it's not known when or even if the community will see it.

5. Staffing

Q. What are the plans for nurse recruitment

A. The good news is that at present the overwhelming majority of nurses are permanently employed and staffing is looking in good shape heading to hospital opening.

Q. How many extra employees are required for the new hospital.

A. About 165

6. Transportation

Q. Will there be an upgrade to Moruya Bridge

A. No.

Q. Patient discharged at 1.30 am from Batemans Bay Hospital no way to get home how will this be improved?

A. No improvements discussed for the current situation. In future using the carer accommodation at the new hospital will help solve this, and there will be short stay beds in emergency.

Southern Phone pays \$244,000 penalty for inadequate complaints handling

Southern Phone Company Limited (Southern Phone), which is wholly owned by AGL Energy, has paid a \$244,140 penalty for failing to adequately deal with customer complaints.

An **Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) investigation** found Southern Phone breached telecommunications complaint handling rules on 77 occasions between April and June 2023.

Under the Consumer Complaints Handling Standard, telcos are required to meet minimum standards and timeframes when managing complaints. If the telco does not believe it can meet the complaint resolution timeframes, it must notify the customer.

On 38 occasions Southern Phone failed to notify the customer of an expected delay or implement a resolution within the required ten working days for non-urgent complaints. The ACMA also found Southern Phone failed to keep adequate complaints handling records on 39 occasions.

ACMA member and consumer lead Samantha Yorke said telco customers have a right to expect their complaints will be actioned in a timely manner and be advised if there are delays.

“Efficient handling of customer complaints needs to be treated as a high priority for telcos. Southern Phone lacked the proper processes to manage these complaints and it needs to do better,” Ms Yorke said.

“Experiencing issues with your phone and internet can be frustrating, but to then have a complaint mismanaged by your service provider just exacerbates the problem.

“Telcos report receiving more than 2,500 complaints each day. While we have seen some recent improvement, this is still too high considering how fundamentally important these services are to consumers.

“Telcos need make a concerted effort to address the unacceptable level of complaints and the way they are being handled,” Ms Yorke said.

In addition to the financial penalty, Southern Phone has entered into a court-enforceable undertaking committing to an independent review of its compliance with complaints handling rules and to make improvements where needed.

The ACMA initiated its investigation following a review of Southern Phone’s complaints-handling performance. Telcos that supply more than 30,000 services must report to the ACMA on their complaint handling on a quarterly basis. More information about telco complaint handling rules can be found on the [ACMA website](#).

Recognising regional, rural and remote women for volunteer work

Women in regional, rural and remote areas are being publicly recognised on the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll for the important volunteer work they do in their local communities. The NSW Government is focused on delivering a range of targeted initiatives aimed at supporting and promoting volunteering to enrich the lives of volunteers, strengthen local communities and benefit NSW. Hidden Treasures is a NSW Government initiative created to recognise and elevate the invaluable volunteer efforts of women across regional, rural and remote NSW communities. Nominations for the 2024 Honour Roll are now open. To nominate a woman as a Hidden Treasure and read the 2023 Hidden Treasures digital booklet, visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/women-nsw/rural-womens-network/hidden-treasures-honour-roll>

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Council reviews Mogo Trails and Coastal Headland Walking Trail

COUNCIL REPORT: "The purpose of this report is to present the Mid-point review – Mogo Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trail – Final report.

With the Mogo Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trails projects due for completion in December 2024, it was timely to undertake a review of the implications and impacts of both projects, both now and looking forward to the operation and maintenance of these assets.

In December 2023 Council staff engaged Morrison Low to undertake a mid-point review of both the Mogo Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trails projects. The scope of the review included:

- undertake a comprehensive review of all aspects of these projects, the risks and liabilities posed to Council
- provide recommendations for a preferred management model for the Mogo Trails, including options for potential transition away from Council management (trust, committee, commercial, etc) and review of the draft management plan
- assess the suitability of Council's existing project management approach and underlying systems and processes for both projects
- identify lessons and improvements for Council in the delivery of program and project management.

This is the second external review (Bay Pavilions review, KPMG, August 2023) to recommend Council establish a project management office function. This recommendation is under active consideration among the raft of other organisational changes underway, including the Finance and Grants strategies.

RECOMMENDATION THAT:

1. Council receive and note the attached Mid-point review – Mogo Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trail – Final report.
2. The General Manager investigate options to transfer Mogo Trails management and operations to a trust or similar, or a commercial operator."

ABE Presentation on GMR24/004 Mid-Point Review - Mogo Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trail.

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to address Council regarding GMR24/004 Mid-Point Review – Mogo Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trail

I am presenting as **Co-Convenor of A Better Eurobodalla (ABE)**, a community forum dedicated to having open and inclusive government in our region. ABE expects that before governments, at any level, make decisions that will impact their communities, they will undertake broad and meaningful consultation, listen to and share expert advice, and proceed using a transparent decision-making process so that the community understands who makes decisions, when and why. ABE has taken a sustained interest in Council's governance and management of major grants projects, reflected in multiple written enquiries and presentations to Council, including a presentation in August 2023 on the Review of the Bay Pavilions. ABE also made a submission to the NSW Government Public Accountability Committee examining public grant processes. After inspecting the mid-term review, ABE offers the following observations:

- 1) The external review is a welcome step in providing the community with insights regarding the current status of these two projects. It has identified significant financial risks arising for Council and the Eurobodalla community as both projects move into operational mode, and offers options to address or reduce these problems.
- 2) The review's suggestion for the creation of dedicated project management skills and resources within Council is a worthwhile initiative, and echoes similar recommendations made in the Bay Pavilions Review in August 2023. ABE supports this recommendation
- 3) While the review has provided useful suggestions on how to minimise the emerging financial and related risks arising from these 2 grant projects, it provides no substantive insight into how Council and Eurobodalla ratepayers came to be in our current predicament.

The review exhibits a puzzling lack of curiosity in how these 2 major financial dilemmas developed, and lacks any comprehensive documentation regarding information sources and stakeholders contributing to the review. In this respect, this review is lamentably similar to the Bay Pavilions review. For those who say that past events should be ignored as we look to the future, I offer the enduring advice: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

4) The lack of documentation regarding the Review's sources and stakeholders is a critical weakness, as it makes it impossible to evaluate what community input (if any) has gone into this review, and what degree of community transparency has been applied in the development of these projects. It is the lived experience of ABE and other interested community members that it has been difficult, if not impossible at times, to get accurate and up to date information regarding either of these projects. For example, the reduction of the Coastal Walking Trail length from 33km to 14.5 km was never formally announced – it just mysteriously occurred without any explanation being provided. Given this track record, it is paradoxical that most of the potential solutions suggested by the Review involve much greater community involvement, in order to reduce the impacts on Council resources and staffing. If Council is serious about enlisting greater community involvement in these projects, it is essential that it communicates the current circumstances of each project frankly and fully to the community.

5) The Review's dismissal of Council's lack of understanding of the whole of life cost of the Mogo Adventure Trails as an "unfortunate oversight" strains the reader's credibility. Whole of life costing is "Project Management 101", and is fundamental to the development of any sort of business case. It is particularly puzzling in the case of Mogo Adventure Trails, as the initial \$3 million Growing Local Economies grant stipulated requirements for submission of both a business case as well as "information on how the project will be operated and/or maintained upon completion".

6) There is an elementary but non-trivial mathematical error concerning the maintenance cost of Mystic Ranges on page 15 of the Review. The review indicates the cost per kilometre as \$1,400, when it should in fact be \$14,220 per kilometre (i.e. an error factor of 10). This translates to a cost per metre of \$14.22, in comparison with the \$1.50/metre cost initially quoted by Dirt Art, the Mogo track designers. If the Mystic Range figure were applied to the Mogo complex, it would generate an annual maintenance cost of \$2.133 million. The escalating estimated maintenance costs per metre are a significant risk factor for the 155 km of Mogo trails, having gone from \$1.50 (Dirt Art), \$2.15 (draft Mogo Trails Adventure Plan) to \$4.00/metre in the current review.

7) The Mid-Point Review corroborates ABE's submission to the Public Accountability Committee that the Coastal Headland Walking Trail project was not in a "shovel" ready" state when granted \$5.25 million of BLER (Bushfire Local Economic Recovery) grant funding in 2021, despite this being one of the key requirements stipulated for this program. This unsatisfactory state of affairs reflects poorly on both the grant provider and the grant applicant.

It is of great concern to ABE and many other community members that three large Public Funding grants (totalling more than \$84 million) have become current or imminent ongoing financial and/or resources black holes for Council and its ratepayers. The forces that facilitated these financially "poison pill" grants are still with us, and the community needs to be vigilant to ensure that history does not repeat itself. The recommendations outlined in the Mid-Point review, if fully and rigorously implemented, can make a significant contribution to avoiding such errors in the future.

The long term negative financial implications from the Mogo Adventure Trails and Coastal Headlands Walking Trail projects, on top of the already disclosed financial burden arising from the Bay Pavilions Aquatic Centre, underscore the critical need to pursue the good governance and transparency objectives that ABE has consistently been putting forward to Council for over 3 years. Thank you for your attention.

Dr Brett Stevenson, Co-Convenor, A Better Eurobodalla

Twenty-five community groups in Gilmore to receive funding boost during National Volunteer Week

It's National Volunteer Week and community organisations across the Gilmore electorate will share in more than \$66,000 to buy small equipment and cover the cost of training courses, fuel and transport.

The Australian Government continues to recognise the efforts of volunteers and community organisations, announcing 25 groups from Kiama to Moruya would each receive grants of up to \$5,000 through the \$10 million 2023-24 Volunteer Grant Round.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said she was thrilled that every grant application in the electorate was successful in securing funds.

"This funding boost is welcomed as it will provide greater support for local volunteers and ensure they can continue to support their community," Mrs Phillips said.

"These grants ensure that we are supporting our volunteers to continue to provide the essential services to our community."

Eurobodalla recipients include the 1st Batemans Bay Scouts which will receive \$3,000 to purchase camping equipment and \$3,000 will provide first aid training for the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club's Special Nippers Program.

Rural Fire Brigades in Nelligen, Malua Bay and Mogendoura, along with the Eurobodalla Volunteer Operations Support Rural Fire Brigade will each receive funds for essential communications and portable fire fighting equipment.

In the Shoalhaven area, beneficiaries will include the Berry and District Historical Society, North Nowra Girl Guides, the new Conjola Stingrays Outrigger Canoe Club and the Jervis Bay and Community Men's Shed.

"It's fantastic that we are able to provide a boost for these organisations, whether sporting, arts, social or cultural to help cover the costs of training, storage sheds or even a new lawn mower," she said.

"All of these organisations have such an important role to play in fostering community connections, promoting change, and enriching our society through social and cultural experiences.

"At the end of the day, we want volunteers to know that we are backing them, and I will continue to support their work in assisting our South Coast communities."

chasing storage.

Minister for Social Services, Amanda Rishworth, highlighted the critical role volunteers play in local Australian communities, especially as many Australians continue to face cost of living pressures.

"Volunteers play a vital role in many different ways, whether it be helping out in times of disaster or crisis, supporting the most vulnerable people in our community, or assisting with community events," Minister Rishworth said. "These grants will allow many community organisations to better support the efforts of their volunteers, with this Grant Round to make a positive impact on the wider volunteering sector."

GILMORE VOLUNTEER GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- 1st Batemans Bay Scouts - \$3,000 - camping equipment.
- Moruya SLSC - Special Nippers Program - \$3,000 - first aid training.
- Berry & District Historical Society Incorporated - \$2,216 - small equipment items.
- Gerringong Sunrise Rotary - \$1,100 - first aid qualification.
- Jervis Bay & Community Men's Shed Inc - \$1,500 - expand computer knowledge.
- Conjola Stingrays Outrigger Canoe Club Inc - \$2,600 - first aid training through St John Ambulance.
- North Nowra Girl Guides - \$3,000 - fuel cards for volunteers, training for volunteers and background checks for volunteers.
- Nowra Town Band - \$3,000 - replace learner instruments.
- Arts Council of Eurobodalla (Art Central) - \$3,000 - promoting awareness of and increasing participation in volunteering opportunities.
- Albatross Musical Theatre Company - \$3,000 - petrol vouchers, containers to store costumes and sewing accessories such as scissors.
- Malua Bay Rural Fire Brigade - \$3,000 purchase of a handheld radio to provide the brigade with enhanced first response and coordination.
- Eurobodalla Volunteer Operations Support Rural Fire Brigade - \$3,412 - purchasing electrical equipment.
- Mogendoura Rural Fire Service - \$3,000 - purchasing electrical equipment.
- Organisation - Gerringong District All Sports inc - \$3,500 - ride on mower.
- Lions Club of Gerringong Inc - \$2,000 - transport costs.
- Bomaderry Cricket Club - \$3,000 - club gazebo.
- Nowra Croquet Club - \$1,500 - lawn and gardening equipment.
- Milton Ulladulla Videography Club - \$3,149 - purchasing equipment.
- Country Women's Association Nowra - \$3,000 - purchasing portable equipment.
- Marine Rescue NSW Sussex Inlet - \$3,000 - first aid, rescue boards, and a defibrillator.
- Bay and Basin Amateur Swim Club - \$2,100 - purchasing electrical equipment.
- Mollymook Outrigger Canoe Club - \$3,000 - inflatable boat platform
- CareSouth - \$2,500 - transport costs
- Nelligen Rural Fire Brigade - \$1,147 - purchasing portable items.
- Kiama Central Netball Club - \$3,500 - purchasing storage.

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Incentives to boost rollout of household batteries in NSW

The NSW Government will launch a new incentive to make household batteries more accessible and affordable for NSW residents.

Households and businesses with solar panels on their roofs will be able to buy a cheaper, subsidised battery to store solar energy generated when the sun is shining. This will help get the most out of their solar, by allowing them to use it around the clock. It will also reduce their energy bills and boost the reliability of the state-wide electricity grid.

The new incentive is part of the Peak Demand Reduction Scheme and includes:

- Between \$1600 and \$2400 off the up-front installation cost of a household battery for homes and business with existing solar.
- For homes and businesses wanting to install solar, the incentive will be considered in the quote for a new solar and battery system installation.
- A \$250 to \$400 incentive for connecting a battery to a Virtual Power Plant. It can be claimed a second time, three years on.

By connecting batteries in Virtual Power Plants, households and businesses can collectively share capacity across the energy grid.

The incentives will be available from 1 November 2024 and will be accessed through approved suppliers, which will become accredited over the coming months.

The expansion of the scheme follows extensive consultation with companies who specialise in the orchestration of household batteries, like Reposit Power in the Blacktown electorate.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Penny Sharpe said “More than one million NSW households have solar panels on their roofs and adding a battery will see them benefit around the clock, not just when the sun is shining. We are bringing down the upfront cost of batteries for households and businesses to make them more accessible.

“This is a targeted action to support those with solar to take the next step to lowering their bills by using renewable energy. It also supports the state’s transition to renewable energy.”

Reposit Power CEO Dean Spaccavento said “The NSW Government’s expansion of the Peak Demand Reduction Scheme to include household batteries is a win-win for residents and the electricity grid.

“Home batteries are now playing a crucial role in a cleaner, more secure energy future for NSW and earning money for their contribution.

“Homeowners can maximise the benefit they get from a battery system at their home by shopping around for deals that offer guaranteed bill reductions for at least five years.”

What is a Virtual Power Plant?

- Virtual Power Plants group the power produced by rooftop solar and stored in batteries, so it can be released into the grid where and when it’s needed.
- Energy from Virtual Power Plants is released into the grid to address frequency and voltage imbalances, local disruptions or disturbances and keep the network stable. More information can be found online <https://arena.gov.au/blog/what-are-virtual-power-plants-and-why-do-they-matter/>.

What is peak demand?

- Peak demand is when electricity usage is at its highest, such as in the middle of summer when millions of households turn on their air conditioners.
- The electricity grid is designed to be capable to meet that peak demand.
- If the level of peak demand can be lowered, we can reduce the amount of renewable energy infrastructure that needs to be built to keep the lights on.
- Building only the infrastructure we need saves NSW money.

Information on the NSW Government household battery incentive program is available online: <http://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/batteries>

More than 20,000 paid roles on offer to deliver local council elections

A state-wide recruitment drive is underway to support delivery of the 2024 NSW Local Government elections in September this year. Matthew Philips Acting Commissioner said there are thousands of opportunities for people across NSW to earn some extra money on election day – Saturday, 14 September.

“We are recruiting right across NSW and no experience is needed, you just need to be enrolled to vote and available to work on election day.”

“We will train you. You’ll join a huge team working on one of the biggest events to be held in this state. It’s a great day’s work in your local community and we have a lot of staff who return again and again.”

“Expressions of interest can be submitted via our website – elections.nsw.gov.au.”

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- providing information and assistance to voters
- managing the smooth running of polling places
- sorting and counting ballot papers.

Mr Philips said the Electoral Commission was committed to creating a workforce that reflects the population of New South Wales.

“If you speak a language in addition to English, if you are a person with disability or if you are a First Nations person, I strongly encourage you to apply.”

Interested applicants can find out more and submit an expression of interest now by visiting elections.nsw.gov.au

Dr. Michael Holland MP
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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



‘Beverley’ cnr Evans & Murray St Moruya.

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Mr. G. E. Siddall, lessee of the Moruya Freezing Works, has also taken over the Ballalaba Works.

While cranking up his car on Tuesday afternoon **Mr. H. W. Luck**, of Yarragee, broke a small bone in his wrist.

The very many friends of Mrs. John Emmott and her daughter, Mrs. Gregg, are having the pleasure of again welcoming them back to Moruya. These ladies, who arrived from Wollongong on Wednesday, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hawdon, of “Beverley,” and intend wintering here. Capt. Andrew Lang, the famous aviator, and holder of the world’s altitude record of 30,500 feet, who visited Moruya in Mr. Lebbeus Hordern’s flying boat, Seagull, was killed instantly in a motor smash at Melbourne on Wednesday while engaged in an endurance test on behalf of a motor firm. It is with deep regret that we are this week called upon to chronicle the death of John Joseph, younger son of **Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, of Kyla Park Estate**, at the age of 16 years. Young Jack, as he was familiarly called, was a pupil at St. Joseph’s College, Hunter’s Hill, and was making rapid progress with his studies. About three weeks ago he complained of feeling unwell, the cause of which was traced to an injury to one of his knees, received, we understand, while playing a game of football. His illness was diagnosed as blood poisoning and he was admitted to St. Vincent’s Hospital. ... An operation was deemed necessary, and was successfully performed, after which the poor sufferer seemed to rally, and gave hopes to the anxious of his recovery. He passed peacefully away on Saturday morning, 17th May, surrounded by his heartbroken father, mother, brother and sister.

Master Keith Stubbs, a promising young pupil of Dwyer’s Creek School, has kindly contributed the following account of the School’s recent enjoyable function: - “A successful euchre party and dance was held at the Dwyer’s Creek School on Friday night, 16 inst. People from all parts of the district attended the praise-worthy function. There were 52 players at the euchre tournament. The ladies’ prize (a lady’s handbag), was won by Miss A. Fry, and the gentleman’s prize (a cigarette holder and case), was won by Mr. W. Simpson, of Moruya. After the euchre was finished, the committee of the Parent’s and Citizens’ Association of the school entertained the people present at a sumptuous supper in the newly-constructed weather shed. After supper dancing commenced and continued until midnight. At the conclusion. Our teacher, Mr. C. Carter, thanked all those present for helping to make the party a success.”

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Tilba Dairy in the Medals again

The DIAA (Dairy Industry Association of Australia) Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner at the Plaza Ballroom Melbourne was held on 17th May and the red carpet was rolled out to celebrate the best in Australian dairy products, with 40 awards bestowed from over 1100 entries.

Tilba Dairy took out

- Gold for Fetta - Tilba Dairy Persian Fetta
- Silver Cheese, white mould ripened - Camembert style - Tilba Dairy Kinnoul Hill, Flavour: Mushroom.
- Silver for Club cheese - flavoured - Tilba Dairy Apple Box Smoked Cheddar.
- Gold and the DIAA - Highest scoring club cheese (Classes 38 to 39)
- Class 39 - Club cheese - flavoured, Tilba Dairy Bredbo Black Cheddar Flavour Garlic.
- Gold for Haloumi plain, Tilba Dairy Haloumi
- Silver for Yoghurt - flavoured (set or not stirred) - Tilba Dairy Honey Yoghurt
- Silver for Pasteurised (non-homogenised) milk - Tilba Dairy Full Cream Non - Homogenised.
- Silver for Pasteurised (homogenised) milk - Tilba Dairy Full Cream Homogenised

More emergency aircraft to keep South Coast safer

The NSW South Coast has experienced devastating bushfires and flooding over the past few years, and the Albanese Government will ensure the region is better prepared for future natural disasters by funding more aircraft to respond to fires, floods and other severe weather events across Australia.

Through the 2024-25 Budget, the Government will provide an additional \$35 million over the next two years to the **National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC)**, which supports the delivery of national, state and territory aircraft for use by fire and emergency services.

This investment will deliver a broader range of aerial assets, moving from specific firefighting aircraft to a mix of fixed-wing and rotary multi-use assets, significantly strengthening protection for communities in Gilmore as they continue to face a more natural disasters into the future.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said, since the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires that devastated South Coast, there have been calls for the government to do more.

"Our community has been calling for a greater capability to respond to disasters since the region was impacted so badly by fires, and again by flooding, so it's really good to see the Government continuing its commitment to keeping us safe," Mrs Phillips said.

"These assets will be invaluable in protecting lives and property, halting the spread of fires, allowing for rescues during floods and supporting efforts on the ground, especially in difficult-to-access areas of Gilmore.

"This is a fantastic step forward to ensure we are prepared for whatever comes our way in the future, and will be welcome news to disaster-prone communities across the region."

Mrs Phillips said funding announced in the 2024 budget was in addition to the considerable support the Albanese Government had invested in disaster recovery. "This funding brings the Albanese Government's contribution to national aerial capability to about \$48 million a year," she said.

"We are committed to ensuring communities are better prepared for and recover faster from natural disasters - so we can all be safer at home.

"This is yet another step we have taken to ensure our disaster response capabilities are strong."

Mrs Phillips said ensuring access to a fleet of aircraft that could be used for firefighting, emergency rescue and evacuation in times of natural disaster, more steps towards putting downward pressure on insurance premiums and maintaining a stockpile of emergency supplies were just some of the important investments the Albanese Government was making to help keep Australians safe.

"The overall increase in capability means that we can better service all communities, including the South Coast when disaster strikes," she added.

As at 31 March 2024 the fleet delivered in a long-established partnership between states and territories comprises of 162 aircraft, including six large, fixed wing air tankers, 15 large rotary wing aircraft, 70 medium and small rotary wing aircraft, 56 fixed wing firebombers and 15 light fixed wing aircraft.

This fleet is supplemented by additional state owned and state contracted aircraft hired to meet peak demand across Australia. In total more than 500 aircraft, provided by over 150 operators, are available for firefighting across Australia.



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The Budget and Housing

Some of the key features from last week's budget include \$11.3 billion to address the acute housing shortages facing Australians. Under a package called the Homes for Australia plan an additional \$6.2 billion has been added to the previous \$9.3 billion for repairing social housing and providing crisis support. The Homes for Australia plan includes \$1 billion for crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence, and for youth. For renters, the Commonwealth Rent Assistance program has been increased by 10% and for the construction sector \$90.6 million has been earmarked to boost the construction workforce with funds providing 15,000 fee-free TAFE and pre-apprenticeship programs. A further \$1.8 million is devoted to simplifying skill assessments for around 1,900 potential migrants from countries with comparable qualifications who want to work in Australia's construction and housing sector

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



South Coast Community Kitchen Moruya Picnic



Community Kitchen coordinator Sarah O'Reilly addresses the picnic and thanks all the Businesses, individuals and volunteers.



There was a huge spread of food donated for the picnic.

There was a chilly wind but plenty of warm hearts on Saturday as volunteers, supporters and recipients of the South Coast Community Kitchen attended a thank you picnic at Riverside Park in Moruya. The event was hosted by Stone River Church. There was an amazing array of foods on offer at the free picnic. Through donations of goods and volunteers' time, the 'kitchen' provides weekly food drops to those in need in Moruya and Batemans Bay. Co-Ordinator Sarah O'Reilly addressed the crowd and spoke of the long way the groups had come over the last 5 years.



Pastors Stone River Church Garren and Cassia Walton (Centre) at the picnic.

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

Gadfly

Dr Jim Chalmers' Budget speech was a damned disgrace.

His opening words set the tone. 'On this Ngunnawal land we acknowledge all the First Nations people of this country and the custodians, customs and cultures which guide and inspire us.'

Oh really? He not only deliberately abandoned the traditional 'respect to Elders past and present', the sentence itself makes no sense at all. Canberra might be 'Ngunnawal land', but in no way does the 'custodians, customs and cultures guide and inspire' the current government anymore that it did previous Whitefella administrators.

The proof was in the speech itself. The Aboriginal people barely rated a mention. Since the previous Budget, we have had the tragic rejection of a totally mismanaged referendum. Yet in the half-hour that followed the mangled syntax of the opening, the referendum was ignored, and our First Nations were dismissed in three spare sentences.

In case you missed them, here they are in full: 'We will also make new investments in health, housing, education and jobs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. As well as more remote housing, we're creating the new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program. With 3000 new jobs in remote Australia to build new skills and new confidence within communities.'

That's 3000 jobs (at best) among our 983,700 Aboriginal and Torres Straits people, a large percentage of whom live in remote Australia.

How could he?

And to suggest that the government has been 'guided and inspired by the customs cultures and of the First Nations people' is a barefaced lie.

Where, for example, was any awareness of the custodianship of country? Of the obscene fish kills in the once heathy river systems; of the Great Barrier Reef bleached yet again by the heated waters of climate change; of the raging flood waters that killed our native flora and fauna; of the steadily rising temperatures across the northern lands; the fearsome cyclones that batter the communities as never before; and the sacred sites defaced and vandalised by the mining companies?

Three vague sentences and not a single specific figure of proposed expenditure. Not a single figure of new money for education, for decent housing, for the revival of languages trembling on the brink of extinction. No mention of a figure for health facilities; a mere 3000 jobs where 30,000 would barely scratch the surface of need.

Could it be that as a Queensland, Dr Chalmers has turned a blind eye like so many of his fellow State 'No' voters who see the referendum defeat as the end of the story. One had only to glance at the Aboriginal Minister, Linda Burney to see disappointment writ large throughout the speech. She was almost as glum as Bill Shorten whose who could barely bring himself to look across to the Despatch Box.

And what of his leader, the man who so proudly boasted on his night of victory, that, 'on behalf of the Australian Labor Party I commit to the Uluru Statement from the heart in full'. That was when it was a little more fashionable to see our continental forebears as a valued element of the community, the genuine custodians of the magnificent island that we are all now privileged to occupy.

Now, it seems, they are back where they used to be – down the back of town near the cemetery and the rubbish dump, in the junk and galvanised iron camp we call (with unconscious irony), 'Closing the Gap'.

Shame, Doctor Chalmers, shame!

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A Beer with Bazz #154

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A gentle sea breeze overpowered the remnants of warmth from the weak autumn sun as Bazza buttoned up his cardigan and took up position on the headland.

With precision timing, the wrinkled sea released waves and each, in turn, captured more of the beach with the rising tide.

Bazza marvelled at the way the incoming tide consumed the idiosyncrasies of the beach and transformed them into a single seascape.

He chuckled to himself as his mind sought clarity from the hyped budget analysis and commentary dominating the past week. A media frenzy of 'surplus', 'forward estimates', 'net debt', 'productivity' and 'commodity prices' from the commentariat through to the tabloids' simple 'winners' and 'losers'.

It was an annual circus, usually reduced to the government trying to out manoeuvre the press, pacify the loud interest groups and wedge the opposition. The whole charade delivered by an always smiling treasurer with promises of better times to come. These better times forever hidden in the forward estimates.

Treasurer Jim Chalmers must see himself as an incoming tide, swirling amounts of money in proportion to influence to various parts of the economy. Any exposed beach received some white water in the form of \$300 energy bill rebate from 1st July.

The \$22.7 billion allocated to Future Made in Australia over the next decade compared to a series of king tides. Decades of governments not picking winners in the economy was being upended and could well end in tears. Perhaps righting essentials such as health, education, homelessness, poverty and infrastructure would ensure there is a future made in Australia.

Bazza glanced back at the shoreline and wondered about the parts of the beach the full tide would not reach, before his eyes rested on a group of young people well beyond the foreshore*.

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

Fungi Festival Announces New Keynote Speaker Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher

With over fifty events planned celebrating the science, food and art of fungi, the Fungi Festival 2024 is pleased to announce that Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher has accepted our invitation to be part of the Festival. Sapphire is an internationally recognised fungi specialist who has a strong interest in the conservation of Australian fungi. This is significant because Australian fungi differ from those in other parts of the world in the same way that our plants and animals differ from those in the rest of the world.

Sapphire has worked with many community groups to help them understand the importance of fungi in maintaining healthy bushland and to raise the profile of our unique local fungi. As part of this work, she trains people to make good collections of fungi that can then be used to describe new Australian species. As a result, she has produced useful fungi field identification guides for a variety of different regions. Overall, Sapphire has produced more than 20 publications on fungi including ones related to the impact of fire on fungi and the importance of fungi in the post-fire rehabilitation of land.

On Friday evening 5 July Dr McMullan-Fisher will speak about 'What Fungi are doing for our Bushlands' at Cobargo School of Arts. Her talk will cover the many important ways fungi contribute to our bushland and why fungi are critical for our environment as nutrient recyclers, symbiotic partners to plants, an important component of lichens and a key resource for many of our animals. Come along to her talk to hear some fascinating facts about fungi.

With a warmer and wetter winter predicted, the fungi in our region will be amazing. So take the opportunity to join Sapphire in fungal identification and ecology walks. She will be leading two 90 minute walks or 'fungal forays' in Eurobodalla Regional Botanical Gardens on Saturday 6 July and another two walks in Bega Valley, location TBA, on Sunday 7 July.

To learn about fungi with Sapphire, book tickets www.fungifeestival.com.au

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Knitting Nannas invite MP's to a Kitchen Table Cabinet

Knitting Nannas and friends host a Kitchen Table Cabinet with MPs and speakers.

Where: Parliament House lawn Canberra

When: Thursday 30th May 10am-2pm

"Knitting Nannas from across NSW will converge on Canberra next week to host a "kitchen table cabinet" on the lawns of Parliament House.

"We're inviting politicians of all parties and persuasions to join us for a nice cup of tea and a serious chat about what climate change is doing to our country".

Nannas from regional NSW have first-hand experience. Nanna Judi from Eltham, near Lismore, had water through both houses on her property and was evacuated during the February 2022 floods.

She is still feeling the trauma of that day.

"Prime Minister Albanese came to Lismore during the floods and told us that because of climate change, we're getting more weather events and they're more intense" says Nanna Judi "but his government is still approving new coal and gas projects".

"We're inviting him to come on down for a cuppa and listen to Australians like us who are directly affected by climate change. We want him to do what the IPCC, the International Energy Agency and our scientists are saying, and put a stop to new coal and gas."

Climate change is already a kitchen table conversation for Nannas like Judi. The Kitchen Cabinet believes it must become one for all Australians. "We need a public education campaign just like the successful campaigns on smoking and HIV/AIDS" says Nanna Eury from Sydney. "Climate change is a public health issue. Our own Federal Department of Health and Aged Care says so. So why not tell the Australians the truth and build public support for what needs to be done?"

Canberra is looking its best in autumn colours, and the Nannas will be out in force around town in their signature yellow and black. On Thursday 30th May they'll pitch a marquee on Parliament House lawns, brew up, and get out the knitting needles and the Nanna songbook.

"Our performance of These Boots are Made for Walking outside Santos' Sydney headquarters was sensational," says Nanna Marie. "We've adapted several popular songs for the climate era and we know some of our politicians like the sound of their own voices. Perhaps they'd like to join us for a number or two?"

Knitting Nannas believe the kitchen cabinet model can make an important contribution to democratic debate by encouraging dialogue and engagement on important issues. The Nannas aim to "pull the wool from the eyes of MPs who've been blinded by fossil fuel interests." They'll encourage them to listen and share their concerns and plans across party lines, and with the public, so that we are all "yarning together".

"You don't have to read the tea leaves to know There Is NO More Time. We must act. And we will. We hope you will join us."

Empowering women to run for council

With voters heading to the polls for local government elections in September, the NSW Government is providing support to encourage more women to consider running for their local council.

The Office of Local Government and Women NSW have jointly committed \$160,000 in funding for two women's organisations to host a series of candidate information workshops targeted at underrepresented groups of women.

The Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Branch and Women for Election will deliver workshops covering leadership skills, how to run a successful campaign as well as the roles and responsibilities of elected councillors.

Aimed at empowering women with the knowledge to run as candidates, these workshops will be delivered by women with lived experience as political candidates, as well as facilitators who have served or worked in local government.

They will be held at multiple locations in Sydney and in regional and rural areas to ensure women around NSW have access to these valuable training opportunities.

These will include dedicated workshops run by First Nations trainers to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to run for local government.

Providing funding for these organisations is part of a wider campaign by the Office of Local Government to encourage greater diversity in candidate representation at the upcoming elections.

The most recent Candidate and Councillor Diversity Report shows the number of female councillors rose from 31.2 per cent to 39 per cent at the 2021 Local Government elections.

The report also shows 3.9 per cent of councillors were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, 10.1 per cent of councillors were linguistically diverse and 4.2 per cent of councillors were aged 18-29.

The Office of Local Government's Candidate and Councillor Diversity Report can be viewed here: <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Candidate-and-Councillor-Diversity-Report-2021-22-.pdf>

Boosting safety and security in our faith communities

The NSW Government is delivering on its promise to ensure places of worship across the state are safer and more secure through the Safe Places for Faith Communities Program.

The Safe Places for Faith Communities Program will see 103 community and faith organisations share in \$5 million of grants to ensure the places where our faith communities gather and practice remain safe.

The program takes a resilience-based approach to safety and security by supporting prevention, preparedness, response and recovery measures at places where faith communities gather.

Funds from this program will go towards upgrading security and surveillance systems as well as initiatives such as managing challenging behaviour training and multi-faith grief support.

The program is an election commitment and is part of a wider \$15 million pledge over four years. It was developed in consultation with faith and religious groups and experts across the state, as well as Multicultural NSW's Community Resilience and Response Plan (COMPLAN) Committee.

For more information on the program, please visit: [Safe Places for Faith Communities Program - Multicultural NSW](#)



SCULPTURE ON YARRAGEE



An exhibition of sculptural works by Scrap Smith, Sharon Cornthwaite of Cardog Designs is on exhibition at Container One at the RfR Community Solar Reuse Centre at the Moruya Transfer Station, Yarragee Rd Moruya.

It was a bright Saturday morning for the opening on Saturday 18th. Sharon said "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."

The exhibition will run until 8 June (open on Fridays and Saturdays, 9.30am to 2.30pm)

The Container Gallery is part of the Community Solar Reuse Centre that is offering workshops in repurposing and is a drop off point for used solar panels.

Instead of paying to offload old panels at the tip, bring them to the Solar Centre where they will be tested and cleaned and offered for sale at a fraction of the new price.

This Saturday 25th May an Off Grid basics workshop is running at the Solar Reuse Centre.

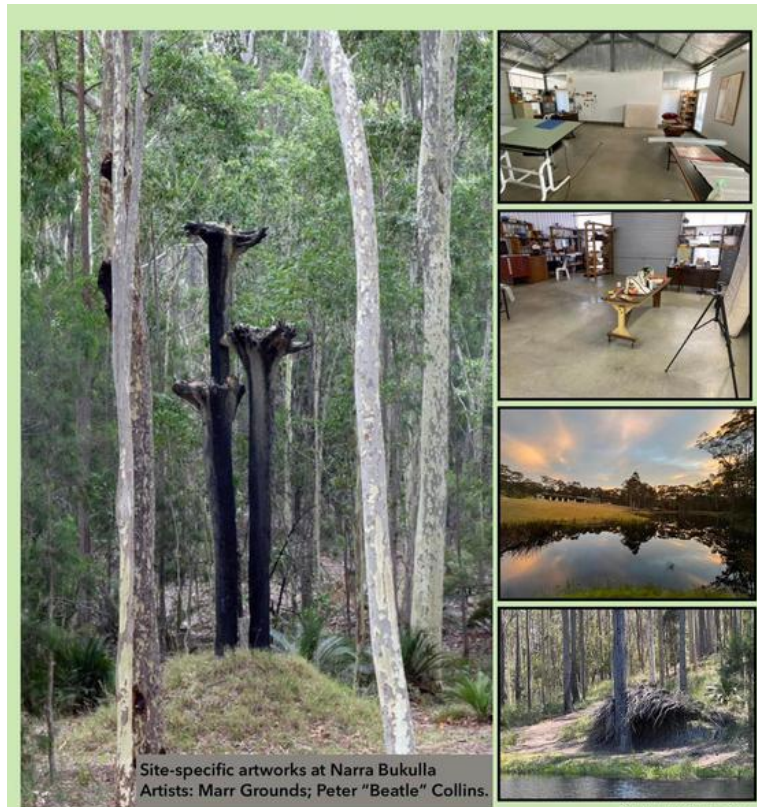
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Site-specific artworks at Narra Bukulla
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Local Best Selling Author Releases Second Book

Eurobodalla resident, bestselling author and speaker, Lunaria Gaia, returns to inspire readers with her highly anticipated second book, *Get Happy and Free*, following the worldwide success of her international bestseller, *Perfectly Imperfect*.

“Millions of people want to be happy. Most aren’t. It’s time we faced this fact and started to unpack why and what we can do about it.” Says Lunaria Gaia, who has profoundly connected with millions through her authentic and transformative messages.

In a world where stress, anxiety, and dissatisfaction are widespread, *Get Happy and Free: Unlocking the Happiness Code* delves deep into the root causes of our unhappiness. Readers will learn to shift their mindset, overcome their fears, and live authentically, unlocking their true potential and cultivating genuine and lasting happiness.

- Nearly 80% of adults report feeling daily stress, negatively impacting their overall well-being.
- 70% of individuals feel trapped in a cycle of negativity, searching for ways to break free.
- According to the most recent Eurobodalla Census in 2021, over 10% of our community suffer with mental health challenges including depression and anxiety.

The global online launch of *Get Happy and Free* is scheduled for 23 May, with an in-person event on 12 June here in the Eurobodalla Shire. The event will feature an author talk, book signings and music by local artist, Ashley Bujeya.

Lunaria Gaia will be joined by government representatives local business leaders, and mental health organisations, all coming together to promote happiness and well-being within our community.

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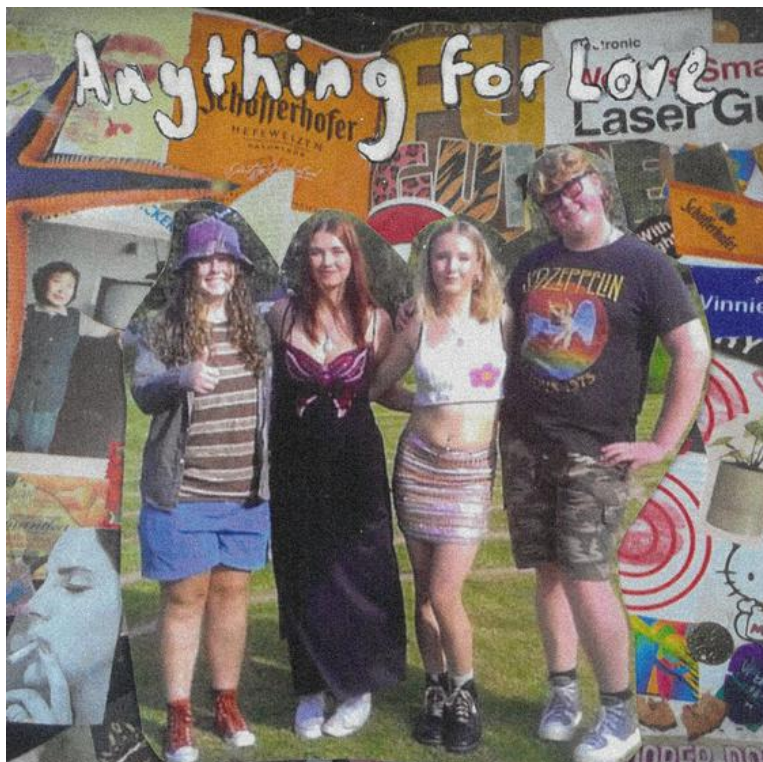
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'Stoic Permanence, Spiritual Joy,' a new exhibition by Geoffrey Odgers opened at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, last Friday evening. The rocks of Coila and One Tree Beach at Tuross Head provide the inspiration for Odgers' series Stoic Permanence, Spiritual Joy – the artist describing his response to the rocks as entwined in his identity both objectively through his Cornish ancestry, and subjectively through his creative practice where he seeks the essence of identity through his serial development of motif. Odgers' recognition of the qualities and permanence of the volcanic rocks resonates with his belief in stoicism, creative positivity, positive utilitarianism and his persistent striving against self-doubt and rejection. Odgers is a self-taught artist living in Tuross Head on NSW's south coast. He completed a letterpress printing apprenticeship through Melbourne's College of Printing and Graphic Art (1965 -69) as a means of a creative outlet in the pre-Whitlam era of free tertiary study. Opening hours: Daily, 10am – 4pm until 16 June.

Anything for Love - New EP for High School Band Joint Custody



The band 'Joint Custody' are a group of friends who formed during lunchtimes at Moruya High School while they were just starting year 10.

Joint custody consists of Lennox(vocals), Izzy(Guitarist), Bianca(Bassist) and Lucy(Drummer). Throughout their first year of being a band they have demolished the battle of the bands in their local area, were given the opportunity to open for Thirsty Merc and performed their original song 'Watch out' at Ken Roswell Arena in Sydney.

They are heavily influenced by the artists Lana Del Rey, RHCP's, Green-tea Peng, Beabadoobee and Muse. Writing originals, Joint Custody has been able to form their own musical style and sound. After winning 2 local battles of the bands they decided to use their prize money to record their music in the studio with Dave Tweedie.

Joint Custody now has an upcoming 4 track Ep called "Anything for love" releasing on the 1st of June. It is a collection of some of the songs they have written over the past year, discussing things like heartbreak, loss of friendship and being a wild child. One of the songs on the EP is called Wildfire.

It has been released as a single on all online platforms and is a fan favourite at their gigs. Lennox says " Wildfire is about living life to the fullest and being crazy. It's kinda the feeling of who cares, let's be wild and party cause I am in love".

If you want to hear Joint Custody live you can catch them at the Queerobodalla pride month launch on June 2nd.

They also frequently play at Tukkas open mic night.

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A book by south coast resident Martin Tye is now available free online.

Broulee resident, Martin Tye is the Australian Regional Communities divisional director for the USA based, Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy (CASSE). He also handles social Media and promotions for the Australian organisation Sustainable Population Australia (SPA).

Martin says “Around seven years ago I wrote the book Dynamic Balance highlighting the need for economic system change. The concept for the book was that it be a short, 30 minute introduction to the idea that a system based on endless expansion on a finite land contains the seeds of its own destruction and that the signs of looming system collapse are growing stronger by the year. This is the focus of Part one.

The second part, in accordance with my belief that it’s no good being a critic if you can’t propose a better alternative, describes the advantages of a steady state economy. A steady state economy is focussed on a dynamic state of balance (hence the title “Dynamic Balance”) operating at a truly sustainable scale- that is, at a scale where our land, our planet, can provide the necessary inputs and manage the wastes without degradation. This part draws on my work with CASSE to provide the credible academic backing for the alternative.

This short book is not designed to be a comprehensive technical manual for economic system change. Its purpose is merely to introduce people to a new way of looking at things such that they begin to think about the need for system change and to contemplate the idea that this is most definitely achievable, more than that, absolutely essential.

The reason I re-released this book now is that upon re-reading I found it to be even more relevant today than when it was originally written. Many of the things predicted in the book are now happening. For example, this quote from the book-

“Growing numbers of homeless people suffering on the streets... lives evaporating as we sit in traffic congestion breathing each other’s fumes. Human beings crammed into trains, shopping malls, handout queues, high rise, & endlessly sprawling suburbs”.

Add in climate change and broader ecological collapse, the housing crisis, hospital waiting queues, cost of living increases, growing inequality, etc and it is now more obvious than ever that the current GDP growth focussed economic ideology has run its course. I hope this book will inspire people to learn more about the new way forward.”

People can visit my writing blog and read it for free here: <https://medium.com/@martinrev21/dynamic-balance-d74f9175b683>

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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.

This is a Eurobodalla Council initiative with support from the NSW State Government



Engine and Emerging Industries Loan Pilot

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority is administering the Engine and Emerging Industries Loan pilot program on behalf of the NSW Government. The pilot program is designed **to support regionally based businesses in food and beverage manufacturing industries** to adopt advanced manufacturing capabilities.

Low interest loans of between \$100,000 and \$1 million are now available to eligible regional enterprises to fund activities that support investment in new technologies and equipment that will increase efficiency and productivity.

Program funding is limited – applications will be accepted until allocated funds have been exhausted.

The Engine and Emerging Industries Loan is available to eligible sole traders, partnerships, trusts or private companies who operate in the food product manufacturing or beverage manufacturing industries in regional NSW.

To be eligible, enterprises must be able to demonstrate long-term viability and a capacity to repay the loan. They must have less than 200 employees, be classified under one of the eligible ANZSIC codes, have a suitable Business and Project Delivery Plan and should not have had turnover greater than \$250 million.

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Loans can be used to fund activities that support the enterprise to implement its Business and Project Delivery Plan and invest in new technologies and equipment that will increase efficiency and productivity.

Applicants can apply for funding for activities that commenced on or after 1 April 2024.

The loan can be used to fund investments that will result in:

- implementation of advanced manufacturing techniques and technology
- expansion of existing advanced manufacturing capabilities
- access to external expertise that is directly related to delivery of the project
- purchase and/or installation of specialist equipment and/or infrastructure necessary to progress the project including mobile equipment
- intellectual property protection or advice
- increased capabilities/efficiencies of pre or post-production phases, for example, implementation of pre-market and/or after-market service activities.

Please refer to the program guidelines for further detail:

[Engine and Emerging Industries Loan Pilot – Program Guidelines](#)



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 Time: 10:00am - 3:00 Workshop, Lunch, Site Visit
 Where: Narooma Golf Club

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Narooma's Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride exceeds expectations



'Arch' expertly curated sporting matching gold tie with his classic '72 Honda 4 at The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride photographed by Kat Patton.

Narooma's first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) for Prostate Cancer Research and Men's Mental Health, a Narooma Rotary initiative, was a great success on Sunday.

"The response exceeded our expectations with an amazing 73 riders, 'dressed dapper', and we raised \$10,867," said Rotarian DGR coordinator Françoise Cleret. "That's awesome."

"Some riders came from as far as Merimbula and Batemans Bay, many riding classic or vintage styled motorbikes. What's more, they enjoyed the day so much they want to come again next year."

Ms Cleret said the Narooma DGR is one of almost a thousand DGRs across 105 countries on 19th May. They bring people together to celebrate these bikes and the 'gentlefolk' who ride them, at the same time raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer and men's mental health.

"We showed today that coming together, dressing dapper and the ride does create awareness and raise funds by having fun in style," she said. All funds raised by the DGR will be invested by the official charity partner Movember in both local and global prostate cancer research and men's mental health programs.

The 21km leisurely ride went past the golf course and the Plaza, down Forsters Bay Road, Bettini Lane and Riverside Drive, over the bridge, Dalmeny Drive, Ocean Parade, Noble Parade, swung around the caravan park, Mort Ave to the Highway, and back to NATA Oval.



The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride itself was a leisurely scenic run around Narooma and out around Dalmeny, with route markers provided by Narooma Fire + Rescue volunteers, Rotarians and friends of Rotary. Photo Supplied.



Checking in the riders at NATA Oval for Narooma's first ever Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) for Prostate Cancer and Men's Mental Health. Photo Supplied



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Carbon work must continue

Farmers have urged the federal government to continue its efforts to better understand the net emissions of the agricultural industry as new funding is released to improve greenhouse gas accounting this week. Yesterday the federal government announced \$28.7 million in funding would be provided to improve greenhouse gas accounting systems within the agricultural sector as part of a \$63.8 million dollar Agriculture and Land Sectoral Plan to drive emissions reduction in agriculture.

NSW Farmers Agricultural Science Committee Chair

Alan Brown said with global sustainability targets drawing ever closer, further work to understand agriculture's contribution to greenhouse gases was essential before plans to transition to a net-zero economy could be progressed. "Before we put any restrictions and targets on the agricultural industry to reduce emissions, it is critical that we understand the emissions measured and carbon sequestered on our farms in the first place," Mr Brown said. "Currently, we don't have a complete or accurate understanding of industry's net emissions, or how the agricultural sector contributes to global climate change more broadly— so it's essential we stop and understand this before we move on any formal measures or targets to reduce them. "Simply imposing measures without the correct information or consultation could well mean we don't achieve our sustainability goals – or we achieve them, at a huge, unnecessary cost."

With funding for the Plan to be rolled out over the next four years, Mr Brown said it was vital governments continued to work in partnership with industry to ensure the transition to net zero could be achieved without any impact on the nation's food security.

"Working hand in hand with industry on initiatives like this is essential if governments want to achieve a net-zero economy, while still ensuring farmers can produce the food and fibre that feeds our nation and export industries," Mr Brown said.

"Sustainability does not need to come at the cost of productivity in the agricultural sector – and working with farmers on measuring emissions is the first step towards understanding the role we can play in reducing emissions within the industry, while still ensuring food security for the nation."

John the Potter Concerts Presents Lachy Hamilton Quartet Saturday 1st June 2024

"We are pleased to advise the following entertainment on Saturday the 1st June 2024. John the Potter Concerts Presents Lachy Hamilton Quartet Please note this is an intimate al fresco affair at Bingie Pottery. Tickets are limited.

Lachy Hamilton performs at the Payne Bingie Pottery with special guest Warwick Alder on trumpet. Rounding out the band will be George Greenhill on drums and Nick Jansen on double bass. They'll be playing original songs of Hamilton's and Walder's, with a few standards in the mix. We hope to see you there!

Warwick Alder:

Trumpeter Warwick Alder is known for working with many illustrious artists over his long career, and he is notably a long-term associate of legendary saxophonist Bernie McGann's highly praised quartet. His beautiful sound and style, his feeling for the characteristics of the instrument and his effortless flow of ideas in any idiom have made him the trumpeter of choice for many artists and many styles, from the traditional to the avant-garde.

Alder was a founding member of James Morrison's first band; Morrison Bros. Big Band, as well as Australia's leading modern jazz ensemble; Ten Part Invention. He has been a lecturer at the Sydney Conservatorium since time immemorial, and continues to inspire audiences with his unique approach to the music.

Lachy Hamilton:

Australian saxophonist Lachy Hamilton is fast becoming a leading voice in the Australian Improvised and Contemporary Music scene. Having learnt from James Morrison and Don Burrows from an early age, he was identified as one of SIMA's (Sydney Improvised Music Association) 2021 Sonic Futures artists, and is described as "an exemplary musician with attributes and musical wisdom beyond his years" - Jeff Clayton. 2022 saw the release of Hamilton's latest album JAHL HESHI, a collaborative project with pianist Harry Sutherland. "JAHL HESHI represents all that is cutting edge in Australian contemporized jazz...they are the future of Jazz today" - Barry O'Sullivan.

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CSIRO releases 2023-24 GenCost report

Shaped by the highest volume of feedback since its inception in 2018, the 2023-24 annual GenCost report has been released today.

GenCost is a leading economic report by CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, in collaboration with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) on the cost of building future electricity generation, storage and hydrogen production in Australia.

The latest report introduces a range of changes in response to stakeholder feedback, most significantly, the inclusion of large-scale nuclear for the first time.

This decision was prompted by increased stakeholder interest in nuclear following updated costings for small modular reactors (SMRs) in the 2023-24 consultation draft.

GenCost assessed submissions regarding the suitability of large-scale nuclear power generation in Australia's electricity system and found that, while generation units of that scale are unprecedented in Australia, there are no known technical barriers.

It also determined that nuclear power was more expensive than renewables and would take at least 15 years to develop, including construction. This reflects the absence of a development pipeline, the additional legal, safety and security steps required, and weighing the evidence provided by stakeholders.

Wind power is recovering the slowest from global inflationary pressures and cost projections for both onshore and offshore wind have been revised upwards in the next decade.

Despite this, updated modelling found that renewables - including costs associated with additional storage and transmission - remain the lowest cost, new build technology.

This competitive position reflects the decade of cost reductions experienced by wind, solar photovoltaics (PV) and batteries prior to the pandemic, while costs of their more mature competitors have remained flat.

CSIRO's Director of Energy, Dr Dietmar Tourbier, said GenCost was committed to robust stakeholder engagement, with the latest consultation attracting more than 40 written submissions and more than 200 industry webinar participants.

"The feedback provided by the energy community each year is invaluable, given that cost forecasts of future electricity generation, storage and hydrogen production can fluctuate significantly and no single technology can achieve our transition to net zero," Dr Tourbier said.

"Whether the input GenCost receives is highly specialised or simply advocating for a particular pathway, our considerations are policy and technology neutral."

AEMO's Executive General Manager - System Design, Ms Merryn York, said that GenCost was one of several key reports that help inform the continuous design of a sustainable electricity system for Australia.

"The annual collaboration with industry to assess electricity generation costs is critical to strategic planning and policy analysis, including our Integrated System Plan," Ms York said.

CSIRO's Chief Energy Economist and GenCost lead author, Paul Graham, welcomed the stakeholder feedback that informed the latest report.

"GenCost is flexible to adjusting assumptions, scope and methodology in response to constructive feedback received during the formal consultation period and throughout the year," Mr Graham said.

"For example, our approach to the inclusion of large-scale nuclear technology provides a logical, transparent and policy-neutral method of costing a potential deployment scenario in Australia.

GenCost based its large-scale nuclear cost estimations on South Korea's successful nuclear program and adjusted for differences by studying the ratio of the costs of new coal generation in each country.

The costs estimated in the report can only be achieved if Australia commits to a continuous nuclear building program, requiring an initial investment in a higher cost unit. Similar 'first-of-a-kind' costs in Australia also apply to other technologies such as offshore wind, solar thermal and carbon capture and storage (CCS) but have not been reflected in the final GenCost report due to their project specific nature.

The report revised its approach to estimating solar thermal power generation costs to align with other bulk supply technologies. The new cost data indicates solar thermal is competitive with nuclear and other non-renewables that combine CCS technologies.

The updated analyses also found that:

- Inflationary pressures have considerably eased, but the impact is inconsistent across technologies
- Onshore wind costs increased by 8%, while large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) fell by the same proportion
- Gas turbine costs increased by up to 14%
- Capital costs of other technologies were relatively steady

In response to increased feedback, the 2023-24 GenCost report includes a frequently asked questions section (in Appendix D) providing stakeholders with answers to common questions raised during current and past consultations.

[Download the GenCost 2023-24 report.](#)

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FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA MA 15+, 2H 28M, ACTION	2.40pm 7.30pm	3pm 7.45pm	3pm 7.45pm	3pm 7.45pm		3pm 7.45pm	3pm 7.45pm
GOLDA M, 1H 40M, WAR/THRILLER	12.45pm 6pm*	11am	11am 6pm*	11am 6pm*		11am 6pm*	11am 6pm*
THE TASTE OF THINGS M, 2H 15M, FRENCH DRAMA	3.30pm*	3.30pm*	3.30pm*	3.30pm*		3.30pm*	3.30pm*
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FREUD'S LAST SESSION M, 1H 48M, DRAMA		1.25pm*	1.25pm*	1.25pm*		1.25pm*	1.25pm*
KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES M, 2H 25M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	7.55pm*	10.45am*	10.45am* 7.55pm*	10.45am* 7.55pm*		10.45am* 7.55pm*	10.45am* 7.55pm*
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 MA| 2hrs 28min
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 Anya Taylor - Joy &
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THE APES M| 2hrs 25min**
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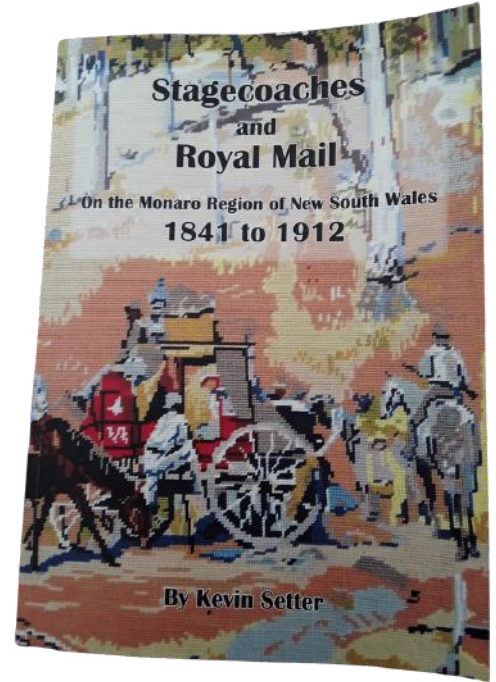
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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 14th September from midday at Moruya Waterfront Hotel. RSVP by 1st September
No upfront cost. Purchase own meal or call in to say hello. For more info contact debra.ellison@icloud.com

WIRES - Help treat wombat mange

Mange is a life-threatening skin disease decimating many of our wombat populations across NSW. WIRES is excited to announce a series of community mange treatment workshops throughout 2024. Tuross Head is on 17th of August.

The workshop is open to anyone over the age of 18 residing in a WIRES area, and more locations may be added if there's demand. Sign up now for free, and please help WIRES save our mange-affected wombats from this fatal skin condition.

Learn More <https://bit.ly/MangeTreatmentCourse2024>

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.



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Acting workshop Saturday June 1st 8:30 - 12:30

Red Door Hall Moruya all welcome inclusive environment
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The June issue of *Recollections* attempts to answer the question 'Who were/are the South Coast's significant women?' If you want to listen in Peter Lacy will be talking with Nick Rheinberger on ABC Illawarra on Monday at 10.40am and with Eddie Williams on ABC South-East on Tuesday at 9.20am.

A little further away, to coincide with History Week, the South Coast History Society will be presenting talks about significant local women at the Batemans Bay Library on 10th September, at Narooma Library on 11th September and at Moruya Library on 12th September.

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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>



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MORUYA COMMUNITY FILM GROUP
@ THE RED DOOR

THIS MONTH'S FILM

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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 quiz 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.

Batemans Bay U3A

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WHO ARE WE?

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US?

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

Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au

Or Phone us on 0474 483 678.

SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:

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

We'll be there to:

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

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

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



Follow us on Facebook at Moruya Community Film Group.

Celebrating the 100-year Anniversary of Grand Prix Motorcycle racing in Goulburn

The stage is set for the 100th Anniversary of the First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix to be held in Goulburn which will be celebrated from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 June 2024, marking exactly 100 years since the inaugural race.

With a variety of events taking place throughout the weekend, the 100th Anniversary of the First Australian Grand Prix will be primarily held at the Goulburn Recreation Area.

One of the major drawcards of this event is a celebratory raffle hosted by the Goulburn Motorcycle Grand Prix Association, supported by Indian Motorcycle. Entrants have a chance to win a Ruby Smoke MY23 Indian Scout Bobber Twenty, valued at \$23,995. The raffle will be drawn at the Anniversary Dinner, held on Saturday night. Tickets are now on sale in the link below.

The weekend will commence with a Street Cruise on Friday night from 6.00pm along Auburn Street. This activity will be free and open to all makes and models of motorcycles, setting the stage for a thrilling weekend as entrants will be dressed in racing memorabilia and led by a Police Motorcycle Guide.

On Saturday from 9.00am – 5.00pm and Sunday from 9.00am – 3.00pm, the Goulburn Recreation Area will host the All-Motorcycle Expo. Public entry is \$5.00 per person, U16 free, and will feature historical exhibits, the Komatsu FMX Experience Motocross display on Saturday, memorabilia and a parade of bikes, along with a variety of food vendors.

On Saturday night, from 6.00pm, Veolia Arena will open its doors for the 100th Anniversary Dinner served by Antonio Morelli, a chef who has prepared a wonderful buffet menu. Tickets are \$95.00 per person and promise the opportunity to meet and chat with racing greats, participate in an auction, enjoy live entertainment, dancing and the drawing of the Indian Motorcycle raffle all in anticipation for the final day.

On Sunday, starting at Brisbane Grove Road and Windellama Road intersection, the Rally will follow the original route of the 1924 race – passing through Windellama, Bungonia and along Mountain Ash Road past the motorcycle monument, returning to Goulburn's Recreation Area. Spectator viewing points will also be located along the route with shuttle buses departing the Goulburn Recreation Area and making four stops along the route.

Please note, accommodation in Goulburn is limited, so we recommend you book early. There are many B&B guest houses in and around Goulburn.

Rally Registrations and Anniversary Dinner tickets will close 14 June 2024.

For more information and updates, visit www.goulburngp.com.au

SELLS Free Workshops for Farmers

South East LLS are holding a number of FREE workshops in the coming weeks. These will be a great opportunity to meet your local LLS team members and hear from some exceptional presenters who will be travelling to the Far South Coast.

1. Farm Planning for Drought Preparedness

Nelligen – Monday 17th June, 4:00pm – 8:30pm
 Bodalla – Tuesday 18th June, 4:00pm – 8:30pm
 Towamba – Tuesday 18th June, 4:00pm – 8:30pm
 Hear from our Senior Agriculture Advisors and District Veterinarians, as well as WaterNSW representatives, Rural Financial Counsellors and rural mental health workers.

The workshop will include:

- understanding requirements to capture and use rainfall effectively on your property
- when to start, where to establish and how to manage your confinement feeding setup
- animal health concerns to watch out for in the coming season
- access to support services such as the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program and Rural Financial Counselling Service.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Tuesday 11 June 2024 for catering purposes.

Find your local event and register [HERE](#) or contact Mitch Andrew on mitch.andrew@lls.nsw.gov.au or 0436 681 650.

2 Small Farm Property Planning

Where: Moruya

When:

Workshop – Friday 21st June, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Field Day – Friday 28th June 9:00am – 3:00pm

The workshop will include:

- Preparing and implementing a property plan
- Assessing natural resources and infrastructure
- Setting goals
- Understanding land class and constraints
- On-farm Biosecurity and weed management

SPACES ARE LIMITED

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Tuesday 11 June 2024 for catering purposes

To register, click [HERE](#)



Car Boot Sale

\$10 PER CAR
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Saturday
25 May 2024
8 am – 1 pm

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Community Lunches



St John's Anglican Church, Moruya

The Anglican Women
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Preserves etc
Books, Books & More Books

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

We haven't had any rain this week, and as a result the river is slowly starting to clear up. While it's not running chocolate brown, there is still plenty of clean fresh coming down the system. This does contribute a lot to reduced water temps, and doesn't help any with fish activity levels.

We have however seen a bit of cold water action around the lower sections of the river, with some nice salmon and tailor being taken around the spur wall and Preddy's wharf this last week. There has also been a few nice trevally mixed in. The salmon and tailor have been taking both pilchards on gang hooks, metal lures and bigger 4" paddle tail soft plastics. Low light periods, dawn and dusk, are the best times to target tailor in particular with the salmon net really phased by the time of day.

Flathead and bream have been fairly quiet in comparison, with anglers having to work a fair bit harder to get these species to bite. Try the deeper holes with oily baits or vibe style lures to try and elicit a bite.

Tuross River.

Like Moruya, water conditions are slowly starting to clear up, while there is still a large amount of fresh water still coming down the system. The deeper holes are your best chance of finding a few fish.

Expect to see a few salmon and tailor hanging around the lower reaches of the river, with the mouth, boat ramp and the boat sheds areas to prospect a few fish. The boat shed hole always has the chance of coming across a mulloway as well.

I haven't had any reports from further upstream this week, but am guessing that from four ways up will probably be hard fishing at the moment.

Rock and Beach.

This is where the majority of the action has been this week. Good numbers of big salmon and tailor have been reported all along the coast. The salmon have been pushing the 65-70cm mark, those are solid fish, and have made landing them from rocky ledges or the Moruya breakwall a challenge. Longer 12' beach rods in the 6-12kg weight range help when trying to swing a solid fish up onto your fishing position. Don't risk a swim or injury to try land a fish by climbing down to water level if you are using shorter rods.

Offshore.

Conditions offshore have been pretty dirty this last week, and as such I haven't had any reports of fish being taken. There does seem to be a pretty big eddy of relatively warmer water sitting off the coast at the moment, hopefully there are a few fish on it.

As the winter progresses the snapper fishing will really start to fire up. Good fish will follow the cuttlefish spawn that happens this time of year, and big reds can be found in very close to shore. Fingers crossed we get a good run this winter.


The bait freezer is pretty well stocked at the moment, with the only no show being Hawksbury Prawns and Whitebait at the moment. We have everything else in stock for the Canberra Day long weekend this weekend. We are well stock with everything else you need to take advantage of what looks to be a reasonable weekend, weather wise, and get onto a fish or two.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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Sunday May 26



Moruya Jockey Club

South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 23rd May 2024

Results – Rd 5 – Saturday 18th May 2014

- Taralga "Tigers" 71 beat Cooma "Red Devils" 5
 - Taralga continued with their season scoring spree for another easy win at home
- Braidwood "Redbacks" 33 beat Yass "Rams" 31
 - An important win away from home by Braidwood. The Redbacks had a good half time lead however Yass put in a strong second half
- ADFA ACT 57 beat Batemans Bay "Boars" 12
 - The Batemans Bay team again travelled light on numbers with no one on the bench but still managed a very competitive second half
- Bungendore "Mudhooks" 22 beat Hall "Bushrangers" 19
 - A thriller from start to finish with both sides scoring 3 converted tries – the difference being a penalty goal
- Both Crookwell "Dogs" & Jindabyne "Bushpigs" had a BYE

Competition ladder

- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 20
- Braidwood "Redbacks" 15
- Bungendore "Mudhooks" 15
- Taralga "Tigers" 14
- Hall "Bushrangers" 11
- Crookwell "Dogs" 9
- Yass "Rams" 7
- ADFA ACT 6
- Cooma "Red Devils" 5
- Batemans Bay "Boars" 0

Next weekend – Rd 6 – Saturday 25th May 2024

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

Peter Ryan

South Coast Rugby Union



Winner: Shane Gschwend

A field of 41 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The Winners were:

- 1st: Shane Gschwend (15) with 38 points
- 2nd: Bruce Cleeve (21) with 36 points (countback)
- 3rd: Paul Israel (34) with 36 points
- 4th: Paul Medwin (21) with 35 points
- 5th: Colin Houghton (0) with 34 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: A Grade: Mark Haberkorn 3.30
- B Grade: Lars Gaupset 1.57
- C Grade: Peter Coffey 1.62
- 6th: A Grade: Brad Doolan 3.36
- B Grade: Ron Rogers 4.13
- C Grade: Bruce Cleeve 0.34
- 7th: A Grade: Troy Kingdom 1.93

Balls went to: Jim Madden 34, Nigel Barling 33, Michael Coloe 33, Peter Nikolic 33, Brad Doolan 32, Rob Green 32, Ricky Hayes 32, Troy Kingdom 31, Ian Miller 31, Allan Langford 31, Bruce Harding 31, David Schmid 30, John Eglitis 30, Leonie Doolan 29, and Peter Coffey 29.

ROUND 7 – SUNDAY 26TH MAY

2024



VS



11:30 AM U13'S VS BAY TIGERS

1 PM U18'S

2:30 PM FIRST GRADE

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2024 BATEMANS BAY
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GOLF DAY SPONSORSHIP

THE BATEMANS BAY LIONS CLUB, WITH SUPPORT FROM CATALINA CLUB, IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY ON SUNDAY JUNE 23 2024

We are seeking support from the community to help make the day a success. All monies raised will go towards CAERH – building carers accommodation at the new hospital in Moruya - for those who have family members in the hospital.

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