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## OPINION

### ESC Draft Housing Strategy – major flaws

By Kathryn Maxwell

Increased density does not translate to more affordable housing – no evidence provided that apartments and town houses are cheaper. This draft strategy is relying on developers to drive affordable housing by lifting height limits in the CBDs of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma and adjacent residential areas (not defined). Surely the evidence from Batemans Bay is that greater housing density – developer-driven high rise apartments – does not result in more affordable housing. These are mostly high end apartments for well-off retirees.

#### Community housing

Council states it cannot fund community housing projects – why not? A number of other Councils have done this to ensure there is more affordable housing. Examples?

#### Fails to deal with the problem of short term rentals

Byron Shire has shown that a key way to reduce rents is to restrict short term rentals to 90 days a year. The draft strategy notes that 27% of houses in the Eurobodalla are absentee landowners. This would address the concerns raised on page 6. Not all constructed dwellings add to the housing stock. Some become secondary housing while others are kept empty or added to the holiday dwellings stock.

Page 8. Council says rising rents is beyond the control of local government. What about Byron Council where restrictions on short term rentals has reduced long term rents.

#### Increased density in Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma would exacerbate flooding and heatwave problems

Moruya, Batemans Bay and parts of Narooma are low lying and will experience increasingly intense weather events due to global warming. Clearing blocks and covering them with apartments increases hard surfaces and run off. It also results in a reduction in tree cover increasing the heat island effect already experienced in Moruya and Batemans Bay due to the lack of street trees and Council's failure to replace street trees and trees in urban parks and open spaces when they die.

Thanks to the 2019 amendments to the Eurobodalla Local Environment Plan, we have seen more housing being built in high bushfire risk areas. This is despite the statement that Council is managing climate impacts to the 'at risk' of fire or flood status of development (page 6)

#### Strategy says higher density developments need more open space

The Council has been selling off open space in our urban areas across the Eurobodalla. Is this going to stop with this Housing Strategy?

There is no mention of the need for landscaping and street trees at these higher density developments that Council wants to facilitate.

#### Where is the evidence

Page 10 No evidence is provided that the development industry may be hampered in delivering affordable housing and medium to high density residential living by existing planning regulations etc.

Page 8. No evidence is provided of the unmet demand for high density living.

#### Climate Gentrification (page 23 of draft strategy)

If this is about poor people being stuck in areas with high climate risk (extreme weather events), then the Council has assisted this process by amending the LEP in 2019 which allowed more houses to be built in high bushfire and flood prone areas.

#### Population Increase figures used are out of date

The projections for housing need are based on a 1% population increase per annum. This only occurred in 2020 and 2021 during the COVID 19 pandemic. In 2022 the population increased from 40,464 to 40,752, a 0.7% increase. In 2023 the population increased from 40,752 to 40,912, a 0.39% increase or an extra net 160 people.

#### Crime issues with greater density developments

We already have examples of greater density developments that have become ghettos for crime and antisocial behaviour in Batemans Bay and Moruya. This issue is not addressed at all in the draft.

#### In Conclusion

This draft Housing Strategy includes many unsubstantiated assertions and jargon without providing any significant substance about how ratepayers of the Shire will be better off or evidence that more affordable housing will be built. It reads like the Council is indulging developers who plan to maximise their profits by building more high rise.

### Council are still seeking comment on the new housing strategy

"The [draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy 2024-2041](#) is on public exhibition for six weeks.

For more information or to provide comment on the draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy 2024-2041 visit Council's [public exhibition webpage](#).

Submissions close Wednesday 10 July.

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## Extra \$70m for new Eurobodalla Hospital

In a pre-budget announcement, the NSW Government has announced and extra \$70 million will be added to the funding of the new Eurobodalla Hospital at Moruya.

The news comes as part of an investment of \$3.4 billion in 2024-25 to upgrade hospitals and health facilities across the State as part of the 2024-25 NSW Budget ensuring patients continue to receive high-quality care in their local community.

Of this, nearly \$1 billion will be allocated towards rural and regional health capital works projects, and over half a billion towards Western Sydney hospitals in 2024-25 alone.

The NSW Government will also invest a further \$47.8 million in the upgraded Ryde Hospital, bringing the total investment in the Ryde Hospital redevelopment to \$526.8 million. This investment will deliver expanded and upgraded health services for Ryde and surrounding communities, which will include a new emergency department, inpatient wards and cutting-edge imaging and diagnostic services.

### Key new investments in the 2024-25 NSW Budget include:

- Hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding to deliver ongoing hospital redevelopments at Eurobodalla, Temora, Liverpool, Integrated Mental Health Complex at Westmead, Moree, Nepean, Cessnock and Shellharbour Hospitals.
- \$265 million for the upgrade of Port Macquarie Hospital to provide a greater range of clinical services, including emergency and maternity services for the communities of the Mid North Coast.
- \$250 million in a critical maintenance program at hospitals and health facilities across NSW.

Health Minister Ryan Park said “Our health system faces significant challenges after 12 years of neglect by the Liberal and National government, but we are making the diligent decision to invest in critical health infrastructure to ensure we have the essential health services the people of NSW rely on.”

“By investing in critical health infrastructure, we will deliver on our promise to provide better healthcare in NSW, by expanding health services in these growing communities, so patients can access the best medical treatments close to home.”

“These infrastructure projects and the range of health services that will be provided from them, by our committed and caring health staff, will also help attract more healthcare workers to work in these modern and purpose-built health care facilities across NSW. In addition, the jobs that are generated as a result of the opportunities available to builders, tradies and apprentices during the construction phase of all these major health infrastructure projects, is also a valuable economic driver in many of our local communities across the State.”

## Soft plastic recycling is back in Eurobodalla



Moruya Transfer Station supervisor Lee Davis sets up the new soft plastic recycling bins. ESC

Eurobodalla residents can start collecting their soft plastics again, ahead of a new recycling program starting later this month.

Soft plastic recycling bins have arrived at Surf Beach, Moruya and Brou waste facilities for a three-month trial, starting Monday 24 June.

Residents will be able to take their soft plastics to any Council waste facility for recycling.

Council’s waste services manager Nathan Ladmore said the community can have confidence knowing their plastics will be recycled – especially after REDcycle was suspended in 2022.

“After everyone’s recycling efforts, it was a huge letdown when the news broke of REDcycle secretly stockpiling hundreds of millions of plastics in warehouses instead of recycling them,” Mr Ladmore said.

“After months of negotiations, it’s great to know that our soft plastics will now be kept out of landfill, thanks to Recycle Smart and APR Plastics.”

Mr Ladmore said Recycle Smart will collect soft plastics from Council’s waste facilities and take them to APR Plastics for recycling in Dandenong, Victoria.

“The waste process involves breaking down the soft plastics in a recycling machine called a pyrolysis plant which converts plastics into oil for use in plastic manufacturing,” Mr Ladmore said.

“Another bonus is that the generated gas is distributed back into a hybrid generator and used to power the pyrolysis plant.

“The plant has been running since 2019 to fill the void between the collapse of REDcycle and we have confidence in them doing the job right.”

Mr Ladmore said Council’s waste facilities are currently the only free soft plastic drop off points in the shire.

“We’re fortunate to set up this service for residents while supermarkets aren’t taking soft plastics at present.”

For more information on soft plastic recycling and what is accepted, [visit Council’s website.](#)

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## AGENDA - Ordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Shire Council

to be held in the Council Chambers, Moruya  
On Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 12.30pm

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

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
  - 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 21 May 2024
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA  
(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM
7. MAYORAL REPORTS Nil
8. NOTICES OF MOTION  
NOM24/004 Financial Stewardship
- 9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**  
QON24/001 Dalmeny Land Release Area Master Plan and Development Control Plans
10. PETITIONS Nil ii
- 11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**  
GMR24/005 2024-25 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal  
GMR24/006 Southern Region Planning Panel - Council Nominees
- 12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS**  
PSR24/012 DA0361/24 - variation greater than 10% - 221 Beach Road, Denhams Beach  
PSR24/013 Planning Proposal 23 - Amendment of Zone Boundary to Permit Brou Waste Management Facility Expansion  
PSR24/014 Draft Verge Garden Guidelines
- 13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**  
FCS24/016 Adoption of the Operational Plan 2024-25, Long Term Financial Plan 2024-34 and Fees and Charges 2024-25, including the making of the Rates for 2024-25  
FCS24/017 Dividend from Water and Sewer Surplus  
FCS24/018 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference and Internal Audit Charter  
FCS24/019 Request for Tender - 2324-111 Plant Hire Panel  
FCS24/020 Request for Tender - 2223-143 Replacement of Moruya Airport fence 86  
FCS24/021 Investments made as at 31 May 2024  
FCS24/022 Rates Subsidy Grant 2024-25
- 14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS**  
IR24/013 Eurobodalla Southern Storage - Design Services  
IR24/014 Local Traffic Committee No.10 for 2023-24
15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS  
Nil
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

## Mayne Motion ventilates council financials

At next Tuesdays Council meeting, Councillor Anthony Mayne has given notice that he will move the following motion.

**“THAT Council acknowledge the financial stewardship and challenging work underway to return the organisation to financial sustainability. “**

Cr Mayne has provided the following backgrounder to his motion – “In 2022-23 Council was forecasting a \$4 million deficit. On closer examination that amount was nearer \$14 million. At that time there was no Finance Director or even a finance directorate at Council. The Bay Pavilions was forecast to cost Council \$384K per year to run, but closer examination shows that will be nearer to \$5 million per year. A KPMG review of the facility confirmed these disappointing figures.

Similarly, the independent report commissioned to look at the Mogo Trails mountain bike park has shown annual costs to Council are at least double those anticipated.

As we move forward, we need a solutions-focused approach. Concentrating on the rear-view mirror will not address our current challenges. However, we do need to learn the lessons to ensure we have in place the necessary financial governance and transparency to manage our trajectory. I acknowledge the work of staff and of my fellow Councillors in addressing the financial legacies that are now being addressed.

We already know the southern dam will run over budget in the millions. Our capital works carry forwards are still too high, not to mention the significant line of credit being used for day-to-day operations.

These matters have been documented, verified, and explained to us councillors and, pleasingly, to the community in a transparent, easy to understand way. I acknowledge and thank Council staff for the community briefing sessions explaining our financial reality to residents.

It is important that we recognise that these budgetary failings are taken seriously and that there is a need to change our ways. I acknowledge the work of the General Manager and the Finance Director, a position that has only existed in the past twelve months, that we now have this information in front of us and a plan to fix it. Council staff have managed to reduce that projected \$14M deficit to \$8M for 2024-25. This is commendable and I congratulate the staff for their diligence, but obviously we can't stop there.

As Council is about endorse the draft 2024-25 operational plan and budget, I believe it important these challenges are openly, honestly and transparently ventilated in the Council Chamber for the benefit of the community.

Council commends the analysis undertaken so far by the Finance Director and General Manager and acknowledges the Financial Strategy. Council also notes further work will be needed to maintain a balance between service to the community and living within our means and that open engagement and communication with our community will be foundational in our approach.”

The General Manager's Response to the Motion is “Council's Finance Strategy, adopted in December 2023, aims to support and guide our approach toward financial sustainability.

Successful community briefings, held this year and last, show that ratepayers are engaged with Council's financial challenges and the solutions we are posing. We also know there is little appetite in the community for radical service reductions or massive rate rises. With that in mind, we have been careful to identify savings only where there will be little impact on the services we deliver. To achieve this, we've reprioritised our capital works programs and modified some services, as outlined in our 10 May media release, on the website, and the recent public meetings.

These are all prudent, careful adjustments to our work program that will help save money with minimal impact on services for the community. They will be monitored carefully and reviewed annually. We will also continue to provide timely, honest updates to the community as we work through this enormous challenge.”

### TEMPORARY CLOSURE NOTICE -

Moruya Library & the Bas

Due to a planned power outage by Essential Energy, Moruya Library and the Bas will be closed this Sunday 16 June 2024. Reopens on Monday, 17 June at 10am.

# WHY THE NEW EUROBODALLA HOSPITAL DIDN'T OPEN IN 2022

## Better access to quality healthcare series

HAS ANYTHING CHANGED BY JUNE 2024?

By Dr Arn Sprogis

With the change to a Labor NSW Government in 2023 and a recent burst of community meetings in late 2023 and early 2024 focussing on the projected improvements to hospital care in the Eurobodalla when the new hospital opens in 2027, it's a good time to reflect on the past history of the hospitals development so we as the community can make sure the next steps are an improvement on the past, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it", and the one thing the Eurobodalla community doesn't need is a repeat of past planning and inaction in our new hospitals development.

### A BRIEF HISTORY.

A good start is to quote a much-missed hero of mine, the late Lei Parker in the Beagle Dec 13, 2021, "The following is not news of December 2021. It is in fact an extract from a document commissioned by the Eurobodalla Shire Council in 2006 to undertake a Preliminary Feasibility Study for the proposed new Hospital for Eurobodalla Shire....The Greater Southern Area Health Service recently prepared a Service Plan for the Eurobodalla Health Service Cluster, with specific emphasis on the health needs for the future....The vision to operate one facility at a single location is proposed to be established within a 10-year timeframe." The initial proposed opening date for One New Hospital was 2016.

Time marched on with no progress until pre-election 2018 when the Berejiklian government promised \$150 million for a New Hospital in Moruya with a promise to complete the hospital in the next term of government. From 2019 to 2023 other than a steady stream of politicians holding shovels to turn the first sod or scissors to cut the first ribbon with many photos taken of politicians and senior SNSWLHD executives, not a hole was dug, or concrete poured. The brave staff of Moruya and Batemans Bay Hospital continued to battle on caring for our community in facilities which were recognised as being unsuitable at least 10 years previously.

As the responsibility for adequate funding rests with the government of the day, during the life of the previous government there were two more upgrades to funding from an initial \$150 million to the current \$260 million with an upgrade of the hospital from Level 3 to Level 4 at opening.

The credit for the upgrading goes to the outstanding efforts of Dr. Michael Holland supported by Fitzroy Boulting and Mylene Boulting (ONE New L4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Advocates) who battled to hold government and NSW Health accountable for the inadequate planning of the right level of clinical services and inadequate funding. This whole period was characterised by secrecy and poor planning for example the use of incorrect population figures in the key planning document. At no stage was there any evidence of NSW Health or the SNSWLHD taking ownership of making sure there was no delay in the Eurobodalla community getting the level of hospital facility it required.

### 2023 LABOR GOVERNMENT ELECTED.

Another election has come and gone with a new Labor government in place and the major advocate for a Level 4 Hospital, Dr. Michael Holland elected for Bega. It's been over a year since Labor formed government during which it has confirmed the funding and another procession of politicians has done the rounds of our region this time without shovels or scissors. So far, no work has commenced on site although a DA has been approved. It's rumoured that a construction contract will soon be and signed off meaning we may see workmen and trucks sometime, soon, maybe. The completion date has moved out to 2027 and completion is now further away than it was when I first arrived in the region nearly 5 years ago. It could be another election away from opening with all the uncertainty that brings for the community. It is difficult to see what has meaningfully changed under the new government.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAYS?

What is clear is that the Eurobodalla community isn't responsible for the delays as we have had 3 petitions in the space of about 4 years calling for upgraded and improved hospital services.

What is equally clear is that its not the hospital staff who are responsible for the delays as they work tirelessly at the frontline in outdated hospital facilities caring for our community.

The full responsibility for hospital planning, building and clinical services rests solely with NSW HEALTH and the Southern NSW Local Health District. Repeated delays, poor planning, lack of transparency in decision making, lack of community access to key data and endless excuses have pushed back commencement to 2027 or later. With high quality planning and implementation, the Eurobodalla would in 2022, have had an open fully functional Level 4 Hospital saving lives and reducing the burden of illness.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Looking back is useful only if it provides a guide for the future, the past can't be changed, but the future can.

What is required in future is a much higher level of community centred engagement, openness and transparency in planning and decision making by NSW Health, SNSWLHD and the government of the day. The second and more challenging requirement is that SNSWLHD senior management and board be empowered to take a greater local leadership role in advocating, driving forward and being accountable for high quality service levels for their community. Rather than being a barrier to change they should be leaders for change. This will require a strong commitment of support from NSW Health and the government of the day to a transparent, inclusive, community and patient centred health system.

### Postscript 12 June 2024:

I have finally had a glimpse of what is different and vastly improved in the new NSW Labor government's approach to the development of the New Eurobodalla Hospital, after listening to the NSW Government Treasurer on the ABC this morning. They have proactively planned ahead like government should and allocated an additional \$70 million to the budget for building the hospital. It didn't need a community petition or endless representations to our local member, they just got on with it. What a positive change. Next step, holes to be dug and concrete to be poured.



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# Southern NSW Local Health District celebrates achievement

Southern NSW Local Health District's (SNSWLHD) dedicated staff have been recognised at the annual Excellence Awards, held at the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre last week. The Awards recognise staff who demonstrate outstanding commitment to safety, innovation, sustainability, workplace culture and patient experience. This year new award categories were introduced, recognising achievements in multicultural healthcare and commitment to service. SNSWLHD Chief Executive Margaret Bennett said awards were presented to more than 100 individuals and teams across 21 categories. "More than 270 nominations were submitted from across a variety of health facilities, work areas and specialties, making the 2024 Excellence Awards more representative of our Southern workforce than ever before," Ms Bennett said. "So much good work happens behind the scenes in health service delivery. Our Excellence Awards shine a spotlight on the people who go above and beyond every day, serving the community with passion, skill and kindness. Ms Bennett presented the Chief Executive Award to the Medical Workforce Unit and Surgical Service Improvement program. SNSWLHD Board Chair Elizabeth Hoskins presented the prestigious Board Chair Award to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Service team. The Dr Allan Hawke AC Outstanding Leadership Award, honouring the legacy of SNSWLHD's late Board Chair, was awarded to District Maternity Manager Rebekah Bowman.

## Emerging Leader - Nicholas Mason

Nick embodies the qualities of an emerging leader and has demonstrated exceptional leadership over a number of key roles in our District.

Nick started with Southern as the Eurobodalla Maintenance Electrician at Moruya Hospital before becoming District Asset Fire Safety & Security Manager and then moving into his current role of Manager Asset Compliance in 2020.

Nick demonstrates the ways that every Southern staff member contributes to the patient experience even if they aren't in a clinical role.

Through rigorous commitment to asset compliance, he makes a world of difference to the staff and patient experience.

Nick has a natural ability to guide and support his colleagues, which in turn inspires and builds confidence. In his home life, Nick is working hard to inspire and develop the next generation of Socceroos and Matildas.



## Excellence in Aboriginal Healthcare Award - Bonnie Chatfield

Our Awards ceremony audience gave a heartfelt cheer of appreciation as Aboriginal Health Worker Bonnie Chatfield took the stage to accept the Excellence in Aboriginal Healthcare Award on behalf of the Moruya Cancer Services team. This multidisciplinary team is driven by a shared goal to deliver High Quality Care Close to Home for those accessing the service - especially within the local Aboriginal community.

Bonnie, alongside Cancer Care Co-Ordinator Linda Nolsco, Cancer Care NUM Tracy Blake and haematologist Dr Di Ciaccio, work tirelessly with colleagues to tailor services, reduce wait times and improve cultural safety for those accessing the service. Their care, compassion and inclusivity is truly making a positive difference.

Congratulations Moruya Cancer Services team!

## Collaborative Staff Member of the Year Award - Christy Byrnes

Southern's 2024 Collaborative Staff Member of the Year Award goes to...Christy Byrnes, Clinical Nurse Educator in the Eurobodalla Community Mental Health Service.

Christy actively works to find ways to collaborate with others. She is innovative and inclusive in her approaches - which are evidence-based and compassionate. Congratulations Christy!



## 'Delivering Integrated Care' - Sheree Barr and team

The winner of Southern NSW LHD's Excellence Awards in the 'Delivering Integrated Care' category is Moruya Hospital Maternity for implementing the Midwifery Group Practice model.

Sheree Barr and team accepted the award today in recognition of the work the entire multi-disciplinary maternity team who were instrumental in the co-design, implementation, and evaluation of the model. Moruya Maternity was the first maternity service in Southern to establish this service which is well evidenced as best practice for improved pregnancy and birth outcomes; and satisfaction for women and workforce. Congratulations Moruya Maternity!

Excellence in Aboriginal Healthcare Award - Bonnie Chatfield and Sheree Barr and team member.

# Pushing for Mental Health Awareness: The Power of Community and Challenges

By Dr Michelle Hamrosi

Every year, my family and I embark on the push-up challenge. It all started a couple of years back when my husband's friends roped him into it. This year, I am pleased to see our local third-year medical students joining the challenge too! Admittedly, some days it's tough, facing the prospect of doing 213 push-ups in a day. Luckily, most days are reasonable. But these seemingly random numbers serve a far greater purpose – raising awareness about mental health in our community and generating much-needed funds to support treatment. Each day, participants are shared facts to align with the number of push-ups. For example, Day 4's target was 120 push-ups, symbolising the 120 minutes per week recommended for good health and wellbeing spent in nature. Research shows that spending time in nature significantly improves our physical and mental health, reducing stress and improving cognitive development for children. This year's challenge includes completing 3,249 push-ups in 24 days, representing the number of lives lost to suicide in Australia in 2022. The **"Push for Better Foundation"** spearheads this initiative, directing funds to organisations like Lifeline and Headspace. Mental health support is critically needed in our community, with demand often surpassing availability. In my clinical practice, nearly half of my consultations touch upon mental health concerns, reflecting the pervasive nature of the issue. Our community has weathered numerous crises, from climate-exacerbated disasters to the COVID19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, all taking a toll on mental well-being. Compounded by rising healthcare costs, accessing comprehensive mental health care has become increasingly difficult, especially for our youth. So, what can we do? Engaging in regular exercise, like the push-up challenge, boosts mood and well-being, especially when combined with time spent in nature. Other strategies could include getting adequate sleep, regularly using a mindfulness app (try Smiling Mind), and confiding in a trusted loved one. If you find yourself in an ongoing struggle with low mood or anxiety, consider booking an appointment with your GP to discuss how you're feeling. On a community level, reaching out to others and genuinely asking how they're doing can be a lifeline to someone in need.

It's inspiring to witness local medical students participating in this cause, especially considering the significant pressures they endure. A study conducted by Beyond Blue surveyed 1,811 Australian medical students, revealing alarming statistics: 20% reported experiencing suicidal thoughts over the previous year, while an additional 40-50% faced emotional exhaustion and exhibited symptoms of depression and/or anxiety. These findings underscore the urgent need for prioritising mental health support among medical students.

For those who want to support our local medical students in their push-up challenge and contribute to Headspace Batemans Bay, you can visit <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraiser/Eurobobiceps>. Lastly, for anyone struggling today, help is available through 24/7 helpline numbers, like Lifeline, (13 11 14) who's volunteers, often with lived experience, provide unrelenting support and compassionate guidance when needed most.

By coming together as a community, engaging in challenges, and supporting one another, we can prioritise mental health and ensure that no one suffers in silence. Let's keep pushing for a brighter, healthier future – one push-up at a time.

## UOW rises to 44th in the world and 9th in Australia in THE Impact Rankings

The University of Wollongong (UOW) has climbed 17 places to rank equal 44th in the world and 9th in Australia in the 2024 edition of the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings.

A record 1,963 institutions participated in the 2024 rankings, 23 per cent more than last year, making UOW's result even more impressive.

The THE Impact Rankings assess universities' research, stewardship, outreach and teaching against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals include alleviating poverty, protecting the environment, providing affordable and clean energy, fostering innovation, building sustainable cities and communities, and tackling climate change.

UOW ranked in the top 20 in the world in two Sustainable Development Goals (Decent Work and Economic Growth and Clean Water and Sanitation), in the top 50 in eight (Reduced Inequalities, Life Below Water, Life on Land, Affordable and Clean Energy, Responsible Consumption and Production and No Poverty) and in the top 100 in 15 of the 17 goals.

UOW became a signatory to the University Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals in 2019 and embedded the goals in its 2020 - 2025 Strategic Plan.

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# The Quest to Find Brush-tailed Phascogales on the Far South Coast

Never heard of them? That's hardly surprising because there are only 21 reports of brush-tailed phascogales from the south coast of NSW. These squirrel-sized carnivorous marsupials were considered extinct - or near enough - here on the south coast. But no-one really knows because they are so difficult to find.

After studying them elsewhere in Australia, Dr Susan Rhind has been trying to track them down in the Eurobodalla for the past 5 years. When reviewing records to update their distribution map in 'The Mammals of Australia' book, she came across recent sightings including a one at Longbeach in 2007 and another at Broulee in 2015. Earlier records are from Duesbury Hill at Dalmeny (2001) and Dunn's Creek Rd, near Malua Bay (1997). The continued presence of the species really needed to be confirmed with extra evidence or a photograph.

In 2019, and again in 2022, in collaboration with the Eurobodalla Shire Council nestbox programme and the help of Local Land Services, phascogale nestboxes plus cameras were put out in areas of sightings. Finally, late last year a phascogale was picked up on camera in the Bingie/Meringo area.

So this species is still here with us. Come and hear the story and learn all about phascogales at a talk being given by Susan at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, this Saturday June 15th 1030am.

<https://www.erbg.org.au/news-and-events/upcoming-events/calendar/presentation-brush-tailed-phascogale-batemans-bay>



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## Don't Close Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department Petition debate

By Peter Ryan

"The 18,000 Petition signatures to save Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department has been tabled with NSW Parliament and is scheduled for debate Thursday 20th June 2024. Many eyes will be on the debate to keep this vital service.

The organisers again confirm they support the new Eurobodalla Level 4 Hospital to be constructed at Moruya but are against the closure of Batemans Bay Hospital. The topic has been heavily debated for the past 5 months with grave concerns from the public and health workers but without support from local member Dr Michael Holland.

"Should they go ahead with the planned closure of Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department when the new hospital opens at Moruya than Batemans Bay will be come the largest NSW Regional town without a Hospital Emergency Department despite a population 19,333 and growing rapidly" states Peter Ryan. "Many small towns of around 6,500 people within NSW continue to have a Hospital & emergency Department despite being within 30 minutes or less of a Level 4 or 5 Hospital"

Residents were genuinely surprised when this was first highlighted end of last year and still struggle to understand why there aging and growing population will loose such a vital service.

Support for the Petition was gained quickly from not only Batemans Bay residents but a very large number of signatures were also offered from Moruya, Tuross, Dalmeny, Narooma, Bodalla & Tilba. Further support was offered from all the Batemans Bay Medical centres and their staff who provided a large number of signed Petition signatures.

The committee has been active providing statistical information gained from the NSW Health website that confirmed the largest number of current & past emergency department presentations are through the Batemans Bay site. The committee has a bus load of supporters travelling to Macquarie Street, Sydney for the debate scheduled for 4.00pm on Thursday 20th June 2024. Although no agreement is expected on the day the committee believe this will further inform all members of Parliament of the need to keep such a vital service for the town with further debate and agreement to follow."

## Scouting for tadpoles in misty mountains



**NSW NPWS reports:** Staff on the south coast took on a challenging hike in the Budawangs to search for endangered Watson's tree frog tadpoles.

The team summited the incredible Cooyoyo, The Castle peak in Morton National Park alongside colleagues from #SavingOurSpecies, hoping to find tadpoles in the rockpools at the top of the peak.

There were concerns the species may not have survived the 2019-20 bushfires, so we were overjoyed to find many tadpoles throughout the rockpools. #SavingOurSpecies collected several samples which will provide us with vital data about the size of the population and its genetic diversity.

It's fantastic news for this threatened species. The team will be conducting more surveys throughout the area to see if we can track down any other populations. The more we know, the better we can protect this precious frog – it's part of our commitment to #ZeroExtinctions on #NSWParks.



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## 100 years ago from the Moruya &amp; District Historical Society

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**Mr. A. H. Preddy** had the misfortune on Wednesday night to break a small bone in his wrist when cranking up the engine at his Picture Show.

**Mr. Harry Bettini's little boy**, aged 10 years, who has had a severe attack of pneumonia and pleurisy, has been pronounced by Dr. Carter, under whose care he is, out of danger.

At a meeting of the **Moruya footballers** held on Saturday night last it was decided to reform the club. It was agreed that the subscription fee be 15s per annum. The choosing of the club's colours was left till the next meeting to be held in the Mechanic's Institute on Saturday, 14th instant. Mr. C. Smith promised to put up the goal posts and plough the furrow round the field for boundary lines.

**In closing the Licensing Court** as formerly constituted, the Police Magistrate, Mr. M. H. Cleeve, paid a tribute to the retiring members, Messrs. T. Flood and R. J. Anderson, Esquires, J.P.'s., who sometimes at personal inconvenience attended to their public duties without remuneration and with every satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Shepherd, on behalf of the litigants, and Mr. Lawrence on behalf of police, also expressed regret at the passing of the old regime and emphasized their services to the community.

On Thursday of last week **Rev. G. A. Sanders** kindly brought Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Nelligen, with their little boy, aged 3 ½ years, who was very ill, into Moruya in his car. The child was admitted to the local hospital, and on examination by Dr. Cutler, the patient was found to be suffering from diphtheria. For a few days his life was despaired of, but with careful attention and good nursing the little sufferer is now out of danger.

**A few of the letter boxes** recently erected have been blown to pieces by "bungers" by some of our promising? boys.



Pearl Corkhill

**Master Dan Geraghty**, a pupil of Mrs. J. Johnson, Eurobodalla's excellent school teacher, has been successful in passing the examination for admission to the Sydney Teachers' College. To mark the occasion the young student's class mates tendered him an enjoyable social evening at Eurobodalla Hall on Monday night. Master Geraghty left the next morning for Sydney to take up his duties.

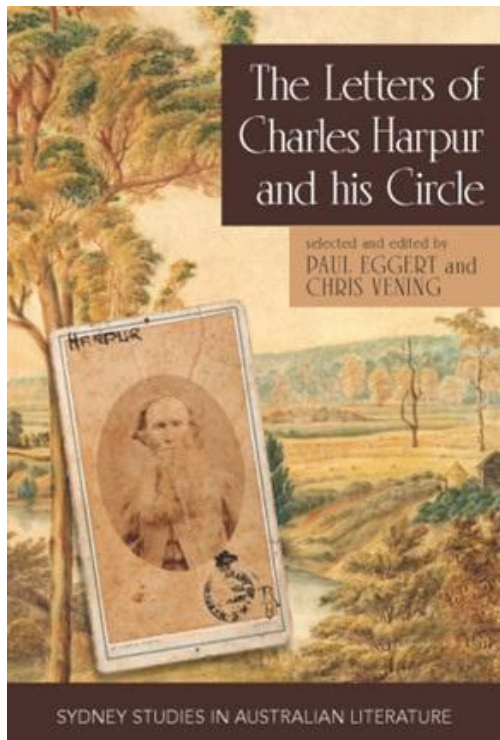
**Mr. W. Thomas** has returned to Moruya, and expects shortly to be placed in charge of the preparatory work of forming Tuross Estate into a tourist resort. For devotion to duty when the casualty clearing station at Fienvilliers was shelled by Germans, **Nurse Corkhill (daughter of Mr. Corkhill, of Tilba)** was awarded the Military Medal at the Victoria Barracks last week.

*Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc. <https://www.mdhs.org.au>*



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# History Talk: Noted Australian Colonial Poet Charles Harpur



## Letters of Charles Harpur and his Circle – New Book

Authors Paul Eggert and Chris Vening will discuss their new book *The Letters of Charles Harpur and his Circle*. Harpur, a renowned Australian colonial poet with ties to the Moruya District, is the focus of this first-ever published collection of his letters. The book includes correspondence with poet Henry Kendall and future NSW premier Henry Parkes.

In his later years Harpur lived on his farm ‘Euroma’ on the Tuross River while serving as a gold commissioner on the Nerrigundah goldfield. His widow Mary Harpur, outlived him by thirty years and continued to farm at Euroma while fighting to publish his poems.

“Charles Harpur occupies a similar position in Australian literary history to Walt Whitman in America: not only the country’s first major poet, but one attempting self-consciously to correlate national mythologies with wider cultural styles and traditions. Harpur’s extensive prose commentaries on his own poetry, too often overlooked, testify to his intellectual ambition, and this long overdue collection of his letters significantly expands our understanding of his work. Paul Eggert and Chris Vening’s exemplary scholarly edition performs a signal service for studies not only of Australian literature but nineteenth-century poetry in general.” ~ Professor Paul Giles

Where: Moruya Golf Club  
**When: Saturday 20 July 3.00 pm.**  
 Cost: Free but donation appreciated  
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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

The rabbits are back...if they ever really left.

When Charles Weston began the task in 1913 of providing Canberra with the green mantle that adorns our capital city and surrounds today, the Limestone Plains were overwhelmed by millions of them. They were the progeny of thirteen European wild rabbits imported by Thomas Austin, a British squatter in Victoria's Winchelsea for his sporting pleasure. By 1880 they had crossed the NSW border and multiplied exponentially.

One of Weston's first hirings was 27-year-old James Carrington Brackenreg, an experienced rabbitier from Narrabri. He had developed a rabbit-proof fence and under Weston's supervision he and his team sealed off 40 acre sections between Queanbeyan and the early Canberra settlement, then eliminated the voracious hordes separately in each one. It was an extraordinary effort, using explosives to blow up their warrens, poison and guns to kill off the escapees, and finally dogs to clean up the survivors.

It was the first time that white Australians chose to assert their status as the apex predator by eliminating a wild animal. And given its non-indigenous background no one objects, either ethically or logically. However, when the Government of the National Capital chooses to 'cull' thousands of kangaroos annually, by shooting them dead, day or night – while at the same time asserting that certain killer birds are 'protected' by its laws – a very different response is engendered.

First, I would argue that the Capital's administration has a duty to set an example to the rest of the country. It is, after all, the home of the Prime Minister and the Governor-General, the repository of our historic legacy and our symbols of nationhood.

Admittedly, the quality of our First Ministers since the Hawke Government imposed self-government upon us has rarely thrown up a personage worthy of the role – Jon Stanhope for one and I'd include Kate Carnell until she imploded the hospital. But the very idea of its administrators ordering the slaughter of one of the unique creatures that grace our Coat of Arms is absurd and obscene.

Indeed, it is doubly so when you consider that kangaroos have an in-built capacity to reduce their own breeding rate during times of sparsity. And if they represent a danger to themselves or our cars, they could be gradually moved to areas such as Namadgi National Park by the creative use of fire and fencing.

Birds raise different issues. Our native parrots and the tiny wrens and finches have been terrorised for decades by the Myna birds as well as the Currawongs and Crows (Ravens if you will) which have invaded our city in the years following the big bushfire.

They don't call the gathering a 'murder' of crows without reason. We are not alone, I'm sure, in witnessing the unequal battle for existence that has practically eliminated the gorgeously clad genus Psittaciformes and the sweet little wrens and finches of yesteryear. They build their tiny nests and seek to raise their babies, before the imposing Mynas and the black horrors descend upon them. The result is an outrage of violent death and bloodied feathers in the birdbath.

Why, I ask you, is the Currawong and Crow protected by law when the decorative and charming species are crying out for protection from them?

Charles Weston and J.C. Brackenreg fought the good fight against the invading rabbit during the Great War of 1914-18. Just over a century on, the invader has reappeared, this time with an aerial combat arm no less destructive than the four-footed armies already in possession of the high ground of City Hill.

Time, I suggest, to rally to the flag once more.

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# \$946 million for biosecurity protection in NSW Budget

NSW Budget: The NSW Government is continuing to support regional communities and our state's agricultural industry with a \$945.7 million investment to continue the critical role of prevention and protection against biosecurity threats.

This includes an additional \$13.1 million in the 2024-25 Budget to build on the success of the Feral Pig Program, which has controlled more than 100,000 pigs since it began eight months ago.

Feral pigs cause significant damage to pastoral land and crops, and carry diseases that can impact livestock and native animals. This new funding will ensure there is a concerted and ongoing campaign over the next year to reduce pest populations, benefit farmers and landholders, minimise biosecurity risks to livestock, and lower the risk of environmental and ecological damage.

Since October 2023, the state-wide program has:

- appointed the state's first Feral Pig coordinator
- culled 102,141 pigs – 15,141 above the original target of 87,000
- had over 5400 properties participate in aerial and ground control programs
- held 93 information and training sessions
- completed 8465 one-on-one consultations with landholders.

In addition to this, the NSW Government's biosecurity program includes significant investments in responses to major threats to the state's agricultural industry, with:

- \$55.3 million for the eradication of red imported fire ants
- \$36.2 million to increase the resilience and capacity of beekeepers, and other industries manage Varroa mite
- \$25 million to support specialist scientific skills to boost the state's frontline surveillance and preventative capabilities to defend against biosecurity risks
- \$6.2 million to target White Spot disease, supporting prawn fishers, farmers and businesses
- \$5.8 million to continue implementing the Good Neighbour Program to tackle weed and pest infestations between neighbouring public and private lands.

The Minns Labor Government is focused on responsible investments which will support the long-term prosperity of NSW communities, no matter where in the state they are.

Biosecurity vigilance is foundational to protecting the state's environmental assets, agriculture and tourism industries, which is why the 2024-25 Budget will invest:

- \$217.2 for prevention preparation of future biosecurity threats including Weeds Action Plans, the first Biosecurity Commissioner and the Bio Lab Defence – key advancements in laboratory defences for diagnostics, pathology, virology, and entomology activities
- \$250.9 million to invest in major biosecurity programs covering active surveillance, rapid diagnostics, traceability investigations and responses for Varroa Mite, White Spot and Red Imported Fire Ant threats
- \$62.4 million investment to contain pests, weeds, and disease outbreaks to minimise adverse impacts on primary industries and the environment. Including the Sheep and Goat eID program to enable tracking and identification during any outbreaks
- \$415.1 million to address existing plant, animal and invasive biosecurity threats including \$13.1m for Feral Pigs in 2024-25, the Good Neighbour program, the independent Agriculture Commissioner, plus Emergency Management Capability in response to natural disasters.

Minister for Agriculture NSW, Tara Moriarty said "Agriculture and our farming communities are the lifeblood of our state and this \$945 million investment in biosecurity over the coming four years will ensure our primary producers continue to have the support they need to thrive.

"Strong biosecurity protections are not just about keeping pest and weeds out – it is about protecting the state's \$22 billion agriculture industries and ensuring families across the state have access to the world's best produce at the world's best prices.

"We have been busy implementing our comprehensive biosecurity plan, from feral pig management to tackling weeds and pests on public lands and fighting the threat of red fire ants.

"Biosecurity is an ongoing challenge, but we are a government who are committed to prioritising the wellbeing of our farmers, regional communities and environments.

"The success of the feral pig program speaks for itself, but there's still more to do, which this essential funding will enable."

## Next stage of repairs to start on Brown Mountain

The Federal and State governments continue to progress critical repair works on Brown Mountain, with \$1.9 million released to kickstart the next stage of landslip repairs on the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Jointly funded through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, Transport for NSW is expected to commence work on the next of nine landslip sites on Monday June 17.

Set to improve safety and travel times when complete, the work will see a damaged section of road fully restored and built back to better withstand the threat of future disasters.

Once work is completed, motorists will be able to use both lanes in each direction as the single lane limit put in place in March 2022 will be removed at this location, which is located about 1.5 kilometres east of the Fred Piper Memorial Lookout.

The work will include: installing almost 1100 linear metres of soil nails, applying 180 square metres of shotcrete, and repairing damaged road surface and reinstating guardrail.

Since 2022, extensive repairs have been carried out at three of the landslip sites along the Snowy Mountains Highway. Work currently being carried out at the largest of these sites is expected to be completed by mid-August, with a procurement process under way to book in repairs for three of the four remaining sites. Work is also continuing on a design solution for the ninth landslip site which was damaged during a severe weather event in November last year.

The work will be carried out within the existing temporary barriers for the single lane operations with traffic lights operating 24-hours until work is completed. This means there will be no additional impact on traffic during the work.

This \$1.9 million is part of the \$6 million being invested in the repairs to date.

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## Painting on Country coming to The Bas exhibition courtesy of Christina Kennedy

Painting on Country features artworks by five senior artists from the Tjungu Palya art centre in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia.

The artists have reinvigorated their ancestors' practice of painting directly onto the land.

Their work, captured in a series of large-format photographs, is both timeless and transient, bridging the ancient and the contemporary.

We acknowledge photographer Leopold Fiala who recorded this very unique window of time on the APY Lands.

Where: The Bas, cnr Vulcan and Campbell streets, Moruya

When: 22 June to 21 July 2024

Opening hours: daily, 10am to 4pm

RSVP for opening event - Friday 21 June 2024, 5.30 to 7.30pm



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### Author talk with Jane Sandilands

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Carmel is an English literature and travel aficionado. Join us for an intriguing exploration of autobiographical writing. Books will be available for purchase and light refreshments provided.

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## South Coast Property Specialists Franzen Tips # 1198

### New Strata Reforms Now in Place

In previous editions of Franzen Tips we have written about the various Strata reforms that were introduced in December 2023. Several of them had specific transitional arrangements which needed to be in place in March this year. One specifically related to original owners and the first annual AGM so we won't dwell on that. The other two were: (1) a landlord's agent must give a copy of the by-laws and any strata management statement to the tenant within 14 days of the tenant signing the rental contract unless notice has already been given under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, and (2) a landlord's agent must provide notice of a tenancy to the owner's corporation. If you live in, or own a property in a strata complex, it is important to stay up to date with the many changes that come into effect from time to time. Or, just give our team of strata specialists a call.

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## **Peace for Gaza**



## **Understanding Palestine**

### **Talk by Dr George Browning PhD**

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## **Peace for Gaza**

## **Understanding Palestine**

The news from the conflict between Israel and Gaza is distressing for most of us. We may feel confused and powerless in the face of these awful events. On Saturday 15th June there will be a talk by Dr George Browning that may help explain the historical precedents to this present situation. Retired Bishop George Browning PhD was President of the Australian Palestinian Advocacy Network 2013-2022. He is now their patron.

Learn more of the history of the present conflict, what is happening now and how to support justice and peace for all. This is an opportunity for people to come together and learn more and offer support for justice and peace for all people. Dr Browning writes:

"On the 7 October 2023 Hamas engaged in activity, which was abhorrent, no matter the context. The treatment of Palestinians by Israel had been increasingly brutal, without any hope of their rights being honoured, while the long hoped for and promised Palestinian State has been denied in perpetuity. The people have faced an enduring blockade from which no respite was likely soon, perhaps ever. Despite all this Palestinian suffering, the killing of innocent Jewish civilians must be condemned.

A just outcome for Palestinians does not mean diminishment for Jewish residents. It means sharing the richness of diversity without walls and with reciprocity of rights for all."

Contact: Linda Chapman OAM

## Students light up darkest day of the year

After learning coping mechanisms for her own mental health, St Peter's student Zahlia Kelly observed others who were also struggling but shied away from seeking help.

Dealing with your own mental battles is tough, says Zahlia, and it can get tougher hearing about friends or families struggling too.

"Mental health issues are something myself and my family has experienced," Zahlia said.

"To learn how to cope yourself and how to cope with others can help you and your loved ones."

Zahlia is a member of the Eurobodalla Council Youth Committee and Headspace Youth Reference Group. She wanted to see a mental health awareness event in Eurobodalla that was symbolic and meaningful to teenagers. Also, bringing mental health services together to share tips and tricks on how to cope.

She raised her idea to the youth committee and Headspace to hold an event in Moruya on Friday 21 June.

"A winter solstice event from my hometown, Albury, inspired the spark in me to do a Eurobodalla youth version," Zahlia said.

"They creatively made an event for suicide prevention and mental health on the darkest and shortest day of the year."

Zahlia and the youth committee got planning. They came up with their own event to light up the darkest night of the year, naming it Winter SOULstice.

They're inviting young people aged 12 - 24 to put the 'soul' in solstice with free activities, live music and food, as well as inspiring talks by local mental health advocates.

"We also had a collaborative idea to make and light lanterns on the night; something we can all do together - light up the darkness as a symbol of hope and strength," Zahlia said. Zahlia said mental health is a touchy subject for teens, often hitting close to home with experiences from their own lives or among their friends.

"I would love to see more events on mental health in our area, raising the topic of conversation about how you are feeling," Zahlia said.

"Having events to promote mental health services is also very helpful, because there's a lot more support out there than people think. "There are professionals actively trying to make things better for you - they're non-judgmental and super friendly."

Zahlia and the youth committee have been busy promoting the event this week.

"I am really excited to see something I am so passionate about come to life," Zahlia said.

Read more about the event and [register your attendance via Eventbrite](#).



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# Fungi Feastival events ...

Its only two weeks till the Fungi Feastival's opening night at Narooma Kinema on Friday 21st June with the feature length documentary 'Follow the Rain' which includes a Q&A with its internationally renowned filmmakers Stephen Axford & Catherine Marciniak. This fascinating film will also be shown in Moruya at the Red Door on Saturday 22nd and Perry Street Cinemas in Batemans Bay on Friday 28th June. Both screenings will be attended by the filmmakers and food and drink will be available at the Red Door from the Nourished Sovereign's mobile plant tonic bar.

This years' Fungi Feastival has curated a massive 50 events from Batemans Bay to Eden that cover everything from fungi science, agriculture, open gardens, mushroom growing and setting up a mushroom business to films, an art exhibition, pottery, painting and photography workshops, a fungi horror movie, cooking workshops, fantastic fungal dinners, fungi walks and kayaks, truffle hunts and a stimulating talk on the medicinal properties of mushrooms.

Moruya will host a mushroom pottery workshop at Mogendoura Farm, a shiitake growing workshop with The Nourished Sovereign and free fungi activities for primary age children at the library. At Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, Stephen Axford & Catherine Marciniak will facilitate a master class in fungi photography and internationally recognised fungal ecologist Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher will lead two fungi walks. With a predicted warmer and wetter winter, there should be plenty of fascinating fungi to find.

In Batemans Bay ceramic sculptor Tika Robinson, inspired by her life on a truffle farm, will have her fungi wall-art on display at the library. Also at the Bay library there will be free fungi activities for children in the school holidays. At the CWA Hall in Batehaven, Terry Ross of AT Mushrooms will talk about the research supporting the medicinal benefits of mushroom extracts. For the foodies, there will be a special fungi dinner at The Oaks Ranch in Mossy Point with Fiona Kotvojs of Gulaga Gold speaking about truffle farming.

Narooma will host a presentation by Gary Akers of Shoalhaven Mushrooms on how to run a successful mushroom business. Dr Elisabeth Newfield will host an open garden featuring fungi and demonstrate how to build an outdoor mushroom garden bed. With more free fungi childrens' activities at the library in Narooma, save time cooking and pick up a take-home mushroom meal from Mr Bold.

In the Tilbas, The Dromedary Hotel is hosting a special four-course fungi dinner on Wednesday 3rd July. Mushrooms will also be on the menu at Tilba Valley Winery, the newly opened Pam's Store and Tilba Bakery. And don't forget to call in to Tilba Dairy for a truffle cheese tasting. Tilba Market will have fresh locally-grown oyster mushrooms early on Saturday mornings and Mountain View Farm is hosting a mushroom watercolour paint and sip.

There will be a frightful fungi horror movie at the Red Door in Moruya on Saturday 20th July with a trivia quiz and prizes for fungi fashion and on Sunday 21st July, the last day of the Feastival, there will be a mushroom watercolour workshop in Bodalla.

Don't miss out, check out the Fungi Feastival website [www.fungifeastival.com.au](http://www.fungifeastival.com.au) for dates, times & to book tickets

**FUNGI FEASTIVAL SCREENINGS**

A FILM BY STEPHEN AXFORD & CATHERINE MARCINIAK

# FOLLOW THE RAIN

Q&A WITH SPECIAL GUESTS STEPHEN AXFORD & CATHERINE MARCINIAK

A magical journey into the weird & wonderful world of fungi

**SOUTH COAST SCREENINGS**  
SPECIAL GUEST Q&A WITH THE FILMMAKERS

**Fri, June 21** Narooma Kinema 6.30pm  
**Sat, June 22** Red Door, Moruya 6.30pm  
**Mon, June 24** Picture Show Man, Merimbula 7.00pm  
**Fri, June 28** Perry St, Batemans Bay 7.00pm  
**Sat, June 29** Four Winds, Bermagui 2.00pm Matinee

\*Arrive 30mins prior to screening time for intro.  
Guest Q&A follows the 77 min documentary.

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 COMPOSER ROMANO CRIVELI AND CARLA THACKRAH  
 DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY STEPHEN AXFORD  
 PRESENTER AND TIME LAPSE PHOTOGRAPHER CATHERINE MARCINIAK  
 TRAILER EDITOR MARCO ANASTASIO  
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WITH STEPHEN AXFORD & CATHERINE MARCINIAK

Stephen is an internationally recognised fungi photographer. Catherine is a renowned cinematographer and myco media specialist. It is their work that you see in National Geographic films and books and on the BBC's Planet Earth 2.

**IF PHOTOGRAPHY IS YOUR PASSION, DON'T MISS OUT.**

**SUN, 23 JUNE | 11AM-3.30PM**  
 BOURNDA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE  
 WALLAGOOT

**SUN, 30 JUNE | 11AM-3.30PM**  
 EUROBODALLA REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS  
 BATEMANS BAY

**FUNGI FORAY**

WITH STEPHEN AXFORD & CATHERINE MARCINIAK

**THU, 27 JUNE | 2PM-3.30PM**  
 MIMOSA ROCKS NATIONAL PARK

There is no better way to learn about the weird and wonderful world of forest fungi than to experience them first-hand in nature. On this fungi foray, our guides, master fungi photographer Stephen Axford and his partner in life and fungi, filmmaker Catherine Marciniak, will share what they have learned about the role of fungi in the ecosystem and some of the mind-blowing fungal science that gets more fascinating with every new discovery as we stroll through Mimosa Rocks National Park.

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## 2EARFM GIG GUIDE

### FRI 14th June

Joe Driscoll – Hotel Australasia, Eden (5.30pm)  
 Ricky Bloomfield.....Lynchs Hotel  
 Backlash.....Bay Soldiers Club  
 Rick Bamford – Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)

### SAT 15 Jun:

Morri.....Broulee Brewhouse  
 Backlash.....Bay Soldiers Club  
 Drive Time ..... Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)  
 Roddy Reason.....Lynchs Hotel  
 Kara Coen.....Smokey Dans  
 Jakob Poyner.....Moruya Markets  
 Totum.....Tilba Valley Winery

### SUN 16 Jun:

Tony Jagers .....Tilba Valley Winery  
 Chango Tree.....Broulee Brewhouse  
 Soul Stories.....Dromedary Hotel Tilba  
 Steve Benic ..... Club Narooma (3pm)  
 Rick Bamford.....Club Tuross

## Moruya Community Film Group

This month we are screening *The Way Back* a film directed by Peter Weir and released in 2010.

### Movie: The Way Back

Where: Red Door, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page St,  
 When: Saturday 29 June 2024 7pm for a 7:30pm Showtime  
 Remember we will also hold the **AGM** on this night

**About the movie:** In 1940, three men attempt to flee communist Russia, escaping a Siberian gulag. This movie tells their story and that of four others who escaped with them and a teenage girl, Irena Zielinska, who joins them in flight. The group's natural leader is Janusz Weiszczek, a Pole who spent much of his youth outdoors, and knows how to live in the wild. The Moruya Community Film Group is run by a small group of film enthusiasts, and we would love to see you at this screening – please spread the word as we are keen to attract new members, especially as we now have state of the art equipment. Keep up to date by checking our facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/people/Moruya-Community-Film-Group/1000087341388496/>

## What's on The Pav - Batemans Bay

### VIKA AND LINDA

Vika & Linda are the most loved vocal duo of their generation – admired and respected by fans and fellow artists, they've been singing together their entire lives. It all began in a church and from church to the charts Vika & Linda have enjoyed a remarkable musical journey.

An Evening with Vika & Linda  
 Yuin Theatre at Bay Pavilions **Saturday 22 Jun 2024**, 8pm  
 Grab your tickets now  
[bpav.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/129956](http://bpav.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/129956)

### David Hobson and Colin Lane 'In Tails' - 28 June, 7.30pm

A comedian and an opera singer's worlds collide  
 David Hobson and Colin Lane have been friends for 25 years. From vastly different backgrounds, they have observed one another's worlds and always thought, 'Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have a go at what that other guy does?' So here's their chance to see whether the grass is a little greener.  
 • Book your tickets online

### Exhibition: Listening to Trees - Marie Lund

'It is amazing what you can discover when sitting quietly under the trees...I would like to share some of my experiences.' – a selection of paintings, drawings and photographs.  
 'After a long and loved career in teaching art to children and young adults I have moved to the south coast. There, instead of children's voices, I listen to the sea and to trees.  
 The undisturbed observation takes me out of the ordinary and transfers me to a realm of quietness, which overwhelms me with simple discoveries, gratefulness and joy. Calmness and freedom settle in my heart.

The spiritual energy that pulsates through the air, like a low electrical charge, wakens up my consciousness of being a part, of the large universe. Nature gives me strength, tenderness and protection and my drawing, painting or photograph then becomes a totality of this experience.'

Where: Clyde Gallery, Bay Pavilions, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay  
 When: on now **until Sunday 30 June**. Open daily. Cost: free

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS – ENTRIES OPEN FOR THE RIVER OF ARTS TRAIL

27 SEPTEMBER TO 7 OCTOBER 2024

Inclusion in the Program is open for all artists, makers, performers, musicians and venues in the Eurobodalla shire and complimentary Artist profiles will be added to our Arts Directory. Entries close 19 July 2024 Be early so we can list and promote your event in the program as soon as possible. SUBMIT AN ENTRY

**THE GALLERY**  
*Featured Artist*  
**LEEANNE HUNTER**  
 June 2 - August 4  
 "Humpback Migration"  
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**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024**  
**4PM-9PM**  
 Further details coming soon  
 or for more information contact  
 Southcoast Health & Sustainability Alliance  
[contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)

## EUROBODALLA LIVE MUSIC



**BLUEBERRY JAM**  
warm tones of swings and bossa

**Blueberry Jam**  
A mix of nostalgic and contemporary Jazz will be delivered through Pei-Shan Wu's warm alto tone, Phil Taylor's smooth keys, Peter Heyward's featherly flute and Shane Edward's groovy bass. Mark Sutton will be on drums to tie the whole band together and get you feeling the rhythm of swings and bossa in your souls.

### Red Heart Blue

Featuring Corine Masliah on vocals and Jackson Fisher, a singer and multi-instrumentalist. After being chosen to perform at the Wolumla Fireworks Festival, they will be performing at the next ELM event showcasing jazz, blues and country music that brings sound and soul that is Red Heart Blue.



MORUYA GOLF CLUB  
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Saturday  
13th July

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13 JULY 2024

Artwork by Denise May Shupke, Jarra

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Christos Tsiolkas



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WHAT'S ON

June '24

# QUEEROBODALLA PRIDE MONTH

JUNE 2  
PRIDE  
MONTH  
LAUNCH

EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
RAINBOW  
YOGA

JUNE 21  
QUEER  
FILM  
SCREENING

JUNE 27  
QUEER  
WRITERS  
PANEL

JUNE 22  
DEEP IN  
DRAG  
PARTY

JUNE 30  
QUEER  
WRITING  
WORKSHOP

JUNE 28-30  
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MAKE MUSIC  
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## Refugee Action Collective Eurobodalla



SATURDAY  
JUNE 22

MECHANICS INSTITUTE  
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Tickets \$25 including a drink and nibbles  
Heaps of great prizes

Book tickets

More info:  
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6 - 9.30.PM



# We are still Focussing on Felines. Batemans Bay Probus Club Inc. closes

**Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla**  
Our June Desexing Offer continues, with financial help available for everyone who needs to have their cat or kitten desexed. Just book your furry friend into the Eurobodalla vet of your choice, and call us on 0436816718 to arrange your assistance voucher.

AND ... foster carers! Animal Welfare League needs carers desperately. We are frequently faced with the heart breaking task of telling people who need to rehome their pet that we can't help them, for the simple reason that we don't have enough carers. Helping an animal transition to a new life is a very rewarding experience, and it costs carers nothing but time and love.

Arrangements are flexible and no long-term commitments need be made, so please think about whether you or a friend or neighbour can give us a hand in this important work. Call us on 0410016612 to talk about foster caring, or other volunteer opportunities.



Pictured above are a few members of the Committee with the representatives of each organization. L to R. Barry Hart (Probus) Alice (Muddy Puddles) Christine (CWA) Ron Magus (Probus Sec.) Glen Tulip (Probus) Rod (Marine Rescue) and Lee (Oncology Unit) and Bob Wright (Probus Treas.)

By Jan Wright

After 44 years of providing a vibrant social club offering fun, friendship and fellowship, the Probus Club of Batemans Bay Inc has recently closed. With a dwindling and ageing membership, it had become increasingly difficult to maintain a full committee, so a decision was reluctantly made to close.

At a recent General Meeting the members voted to begin the process of formally closing the Club and to also decide on the distribution of the remaining funds, after due consultation with the advisory body of Probus South Pacific.

At the AGM held in March the members voted and chose the following 4 local charitable organisations to share the funds -

- Muddy Puddles (now Noah's Inclusion Services)
- Batemans Bay C.W.A.
- Marine Rescue Volunteers – Batemans Bay
- Oncology Unit of Moruya Hospital.

In April a special Final Celebratory Luncheon was held at the CWA Hall with many members and several former members attending for a day of reminiscing and catching up with old friends. A very comprehensive display of photos and memorabilia was a focal point of interest and members spoke of the history of the Club and their fond memories of the various activities enjoyed and the friendships made over those 44 yrs.

Representatives of the 4 local organisations were invited to attend the final Committee Meeting held in May to officially receive their donations.

Each representative spoke and warmly thanked the Club for its generous donation and their appreciation for being chosen as recipients.



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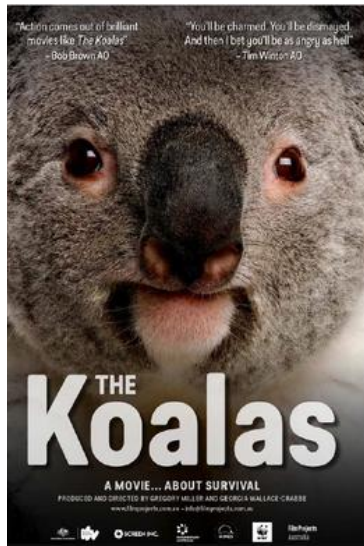


## Raffle

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**
- Pickled Octopus - \$100
  - TUROSS
  - A Taste of Turross - \$250
  - Pickled Octopus - \$100
  - Tuross Head Country Club (9 holes of golf for 2, incl. green fees, cart & club hire) - \$100
  - Tuross Head Boatshed - \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**
- NAROOMA CHARTERS
  - Whale Watching and Seal Adventure for 2 - \$190
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**
- Woolworths Gift Card - \$100
- Tickets** - 1 for \$2 ; 3 for \$5 ; 7 for \$10  
Drawn 26 January 2025

# The Koalas Film

For national cinema release from the 17th JUNE On the East Coast Australia, where ancient forests meet the urban fringe, koalas are facing unprecedented challenges. The Koalas sheds light on a disturbing truth: the very entities entrusted with safeguarding our natural treasures are contributing to the demise of these emblematic creatures. The Koalas takes audiences on a journey into the lives of individual koalas, led by charismatic characters - Wonnie, Bexley, Tom, Baz, Coral and adorable joeys Hope and Pala. As these stories unfold we witness the unique characteristics of koalas, their bond with their young, and the wildlife carers they come into with. These seven emerge as ambassadors for all koalas facing threats to their ongoing survival. Why is the koala facing extinction when governments are announcing new strategies to protect them? Scientists identify the main culprit behind the alarming drop in koala populations is habitat loss. How is the destruction of habitat being allowed to escalate at unprecedented rates? Are environment laws so weak that they can't protect threatened species? In southwest Sydney, a key koala colony lies in the path of a proposed housing development. In Victoria, where the land was cleared earlier than in other states, translocated koalas persist in plantations, but what happens when the plantations are harvested?



Screening in cinemas nationally in June

*You'll be charmed. You'll be dismayed. And then I bet you'll be as angry as hell at what's being done to koalas in your name and in your own lifetime. But I hope you'll act on that rage and be a part of the change that desperately needs to happen.*  
Tim Winton

*The fate of the koalas is tied very much up with ours. And here's a magnificent movie which charts the life of koalas, even as the human threat to them grows.*  
Bob Brown

*It does in the end come down to a conyism...who are the mates who have access... and if we buy the lies they tell us about what they're doing to preserve nature, if we allow them to get away with that, then they will.*  
Elizabeth Farrelly

An engaging feature documentary, The Koalas, sheds light on a disturbing truth: the very entities entrusted with safeguarding our natural treasures are contributing to the demise of these emblematic creatures. The Koalas embraces a spirit of hope with insights from those on the frontline of wildlife rescue and ecology. It challenges viewers to support wildlife carers preserve native habitat and demand effective action.

View Trailer- <https://vimeo.com/934663581>  
See The Koalas at the cinema in June or arrange screenings for your community.  
Contact: [www.thekoalasfilm.com](http://www.thekoalasfilm.com) email: [info@filmprojects.com.au](mailto:info@filmprojects.com.au)

Where can the koalas go? As the climate changes, wildfires, floods, and extreme weather events are increasingly wreaking havoc on wildlife, their habitat as well as on human infrastructure. After surviving for 25 million years on the Australian continent, can the iconic marsupial be at risk of extinction in the wild? The film celebrates resilience in the face of the challenges and invites audiences to become catalysts for change. Despite the sombre realities, The Koalas embraces a spirit of hope. With high-production values, observational filming and insights from those on the frontline of wildlife rescue and ecology, The Koalas challenges viewers to become aware of wildlife, support wildlife carers and preserve native habitat in their local areas. These stories show the struggle and resilience of this iconic species in the face of threatened extinction in the wild. The film resonates with a powerful message: if we can't (or won't) save this iconic native species what does it say about us and our own future?

COMING JUNE 20TH  
- DIVERTIMENTO  
- DESPICABLE ME 4

# THE KINEMA

CHEAP  
TUESDAYS  
\$10 TICKETS

WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM

NAROOMA

ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE

JUNE 13TH - JUNE 19TH	THURS 13TH	FRI 14TH	SAT 15TH	SUN 16TH	MON 17TH	TUES 18TH	WED 19TH
INSIDE OUT 2 PG, 1H 36M, FAMILY/COMEDY	2.15pm 6.15pm	12.30pm 7pm	11am 3pm 7pm	11am 3pm		12pm 6.35pm	12pm 6.35pm
GREATEST DAYS M, 1H 52M, MUSICAL/COMEDY	1.45pm*	2.10pm*	10.45am*	10.45am*		11.30am*	11.30am*
THE WAY, MY WAY PG, 1H 40M, DRAMA	4.15pm	12.10pm*	1pm 5pm	1pm 5pm		2pm 6.15pm*	2pm 6.15pm*
THE GARFIELD MOVIE PG, 1H 41M, FAMILY/COMEDY	3.50pm*	4.15pm*	4.15pm*			4.15pm*	4.15pm*
FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA (LAST WEEK) MA 15+, 2H 28M, ACTION	5.50pm*	6.15pm*	6.15pm*	4.15pm*		1.30pm*	1.30pm*
THE TASTE OF THINGS (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 15M, FRENCH DRAMA		2.25pm				4pm	4pm
MET OPERA: MADAMA BUTTERFLY E, 3H 15M, MET OPERA PRICES APPLY			12.45pm*	12.45pm*			

\*ALL SCREENINGS WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) ARE IN OUR SMALLER CINEMA, BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED



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## NOW SHOWING

JUNE	THU 13	FRI 14	SAT 15	SUN 16	MON 17	TUE 18	WED 19
<b>BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE</b> MA15+ 115 MIN	11:15 AM 4:20 PM 7:20 PM	11:15 AM 4:20 PM 7:20 PM	11:15 AM 4:20 PM 7:20 PM	11:00 AM 4:05 PM	CLOSED	11:15 AM 4:20 PM 7:20 PM	11:15 AM 4:20 PM 7:20 PM
<b>FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA</b> MA15+ 148 MIN	1:30 PM 4:10 PM	1:30 PM 4:10 PM	1:30 PM 4:10 PM	1:15 PM 4:10 PM		1:30 PM 4:10 PM	1:30 PM 4:10 PM
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<b>KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES</b> M 145 MIN	1:30 PM		1:30 PM				1:30 PM
<b>THE FALL GUY</b> M 126 MIN		1:45 PM		1:45 PM		1:45 PM	
<b>THE GARFIELD MOVIE</b> G 101 MIN	11:10 AM 3:15 PM	11:10 AM 3:15 PM	11:10 AM 3:15 PM	11:00 AM 3:00 PM		11:10 AM 3:15 PM	11:10 AM 3:15 PM
<b>THE WATCHERS</b> M 102 MIN	3:15 PM 7:00 PM	3:15 PM 7:00 PM	3:15 PM 7:00 PM	3:05 PM		3:15 PM 7:00 PM	3:15 PM 7:00 PM
<b>THE WAY, MY WAY</b> PG 100 MIN	11:30 AM	11:45 AM	11:30 AM	11:45 AM		11:45 AM	11:30 AM



### INSIDE OUT 2

PG| 1hr 36min  
~ Animation ~ Family ~  
Amy Poehler & Kensington Tallman  
Inside Out 2 revisits Riley as she navigates the complexities of teenage life, with her emotions — Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust—returning to guide her. The movie introduces new emotions, adding fresh dynamics and challenges.

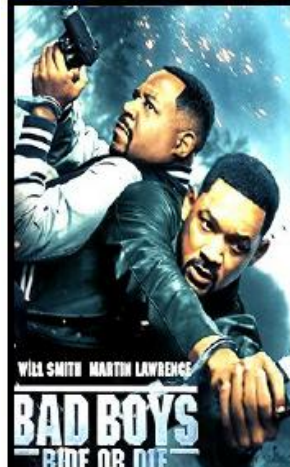


### THE GARFIELD MOVIE

G| 1hr 41min  
~ Animation ~ Family ~  
Chris Pratt & Samuel L Jackson  
Garfield's and his long-lost father, ragged alley cat Vic, and his canine friend Odie are forced from their perfectly pampered lives to go on a risky heist.



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### BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE

MA| 1hr 55min  
~ Action ~ Comedy ~  
Will Smith & Martin Lawrence  
When their late police captain gets linked to drug cartels, wisecracking Miami cops Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett embark on a dangerous mission to clear his name.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

Follow The Rain - Movie Premiere

7pm Friday 28th June

A new feature-length documentary from world famous fungi hunters Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak will be premiering on the south coast as part of the Fungi Festival. This film takes us on a magical journey into the weird and wonderful world of fungi. Stephen and Catherine will be speaking, and answer your questions – don't miss the opportunity.



Tickets @ [fungifestival.com.au](http://fungifestival.com.au)

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ALSO SCREENING - IF/FURIOSA/THE WATCHERS/THE FALL GUY/THE WAY MY WAY/KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

**NEXT WEEK - DESPICABLE ME 4**

save the date 

## MOGO NAIDOC BIG DAY OUT 2024

**Saturday 13 July**

If you would like to be part of the Mogo NAIDOC Committee please contact Barb for on 0488 077 676



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**Batemans Bay Soldiers Club**  
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Attire: Filipiniana/ Formal  
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# TeenSafe

a driving skill for life

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

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Each course runs for 1 day.

Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.

Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.

For details, pics and rego forms go to [www.teensafemoruya.org](http://www.teensafemoruya.org) or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)



## 2024 Diary Dates

- 14 September. - **Sustainable Choices Festival Moruya**
- 14 September - **Local Government Elections**
- Friday 27 Sept- 7th Oct **River of Art Festival**
- 23 November **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 28th Feb - 2 March **2025 Cobargo Folk Festival**

### Moruya Community Workshed

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

### Horizon Bank Community Grants Program Applications Opening Soon

Horizon Bank have a commitment to the communities of the Illawarra and South Coast, to support local organisations and initiatives that make a real difference.

Applications for the 2024 Community Grants Program will be open from June 1st 2024. Community groups, incorporated not-for-profit organisations, schools & registered charities are eligible to apply. Information on the Community Grants Program & eligibility criteria are available at Horizon Bank's website <https://horizonbank.com.au/more/community-grants-program/>

### 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 7th June. Together we can make a difference and help those who need it most.

### Long Beach Community Association 2536

**HAVE YOUR SAY!** The ESC is holding a community drop-in session, where they will share information about potential long-term solutions for managing the coastal erosion at Long Beach.

Date : Tuesday **18 June** 2024 Time: 4pm - 6pm

Where: Long Beach RFS shed

One option is to continue the use of geo-textile sandbags, which are currently in place as a medium-term measure to protect Bay Road. ESC is also considering the following permanent structures:

- a vertical concrete seawall
- a sloped rock revetment

During the session, they will present detailed information about each of these options and gather community feedback to help determine the best course of action.

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**Moruya Lions** - Join us for our monthly BBQ on Saturday, June 15th at 10am behind Harris Scarf. We look forward to your support.

### TAFE NSW - Moruya

#### Aboriginal Family History Research - Gone but not forgotten

This course is recommended for Aboriginal people who would like to extend their family history knowledge.

You will gain valuable skills in basic research methods and develop your computer skills by using online platforms to research your family history.

Moruya Campus - Thursday 25 July 2024 9am to 12pm, and runs weekly until 26 September.

Register your interest here: <https://bit.ly/4e8h7tH>

### Moruya River History

Independent filmmaker Murray Vanderveer is looking for information and imagery on the Old Pilots Station, shipping on the Moruya River and activities of the boatmen on the river.

Contact [murrayvanderveer@gmail.com](mailto:murrayvanderveer@gmail.com)

### Narooma Prostate Cancer Support Group

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday 19 June 6.30pm**  
**Narooma Golf Club**

#### Special guest is urologist Dr Chi Can Huynh from The Male Clinic

He will discuss developments in the treatment of prostate cancer and associated sexual issues. His interests include robotic prostate surgery and erectile restorative surgery.

Dr Chi Can Huynh currently holds teaching hospital positions in the Southern NSW Health District and consults in both the public and private sectors in Moruya and Bega; his private surgery is in Sydney. <https://themaleclinic.com.au/ourteam/dr-chi-can-huynh/>

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

### Moruya River.

Less than ideal conditions in Moruya this weekend, and it has been so since mid last week. The river has been running pretty dirty this week as a result of some heavy rains. My best piece of advice is to use oily baits such as mullet, mackerel or yakka fillet and fish the deeper holes to try and find a fish or two. On a run in tide, there have still been a few salmon tailor and the occasional flathead down around Preddy's wharf, with the run out tide having too much fresh and flood debris to make fishing a productive venture. The spur wall on the airport side could also be a place to prospect on the run in tide also.

It's going to be a tough week or so until the river starts to clean up some. Not much we can do but wait it out.

### Tuross River.

The same can be said for Tuross this week, with large amounts of dirty fresh water making its way down the system from up in the mountains. Your best bet, will be to again fish deep during the run in tide, down towards the river mouth.

There is the chance at finding a flathead, salmon, tailor or even a mulloway down around the boat shed holes this weekend. Oily baits or even a live poddy mullet May tempts one of the above mentioned species to bite.

Time will be our friend, while we wait for the river to clear up.

### Rock and beach.

These areas will be your best chance of finding a fish this weekend, with some XOS salmon patrolling the beaches this time of year.

Metals cast and retrieved or a paternoster rig baited with a whole pilchard if you prefer a more sedate option. There have also been a few nice tailor along the beaches and headlands this week. If the rocks are your jam, please keep an eye on the swells, as they are forecast to build as the weekend progresses.

There will be some nice drummer available along the rock ledges this weekend, as their numbers build during their winter season. A loaf of white bread minced up as burley, cunjevoi or prawns as bait and you could be onto some nice drummer.

### Offshore.

With 2m swells on Saturday increasing to 5m by Sunday night, offshore fishing may be a bit of a blow out this weekend. Having said that, we all know that the weather bureau have a habit of getting forecast wrong. Check before you head out this weekend if that is what you have planned.

Snapper and flathead are still on the cards for those that have been getting out, with some nice reds being found in as little as 10-15m of water.

I haven't had any news from the game boat crews, so I am unaware if the winter run of tuna have arrived yet.

Bait freezer is full, hawksbury prawns are back in stock which is great. Whitebait is still a no show, and I doubt we will see them again for a while. Our camping section upstairs is pretty well stoked, so if you are looking for something to make your winter camping and 4wd trips more comfortable, come in and check out the range. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good for fishing..."

### Tackle World Moruya.

## UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

Friday 28th June 24 - Tradies Day

Friday 12th July 24 - Tuross / Bodalla Race Day

Sunday 11th August 24 - Registered Clubs Race Day



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Tuross Head Vets Golf lunch Wednesday 12th June 2024.



Attendees: Ian Miller, Chris Gardner, Steve Gardner, Herb Muriwai, Terry Milliken, Cathy Milliken and Mike Birks.



Attendees: Bruce Ware, Ann Ware, Jane Eglitis, Barry Hoban, Rob McKirdy, Ian Manton, Gail Rogers and Len Rogers. Photos taken by Joanne McKirdy.

A group of Tuross Head Vets golfers attended lunch today at Tuross Head Country Club in lieu of playing golf. The lunch was enjoyed by all and was a chance to keep in touch with the recent wet weather conditions preventing the usual game of Vets golf.

## ROUND 9- SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2024



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### 2:00 PM FIRST GRADE

 **BOMBALA SHOWGROUND**

## Eurobodalla Annual hard waste collection

Please have your hard waste (maximum of two cubic metres)

### Monday 29 July 2024

Kianga, Dalmeny, Potato Point, Bodalla

### Monday 5 August 2024

Turlinjah, Tuross Head, Congo, Bingie, Meringo, Bergalia

### Monday 12 August 2024

Moruya, South Head, Garlandtown, Glenduart, Pollwombra, Malabar Dr, Percy Davis Dr

### Monday 19 August 2024

Bimbimbie, Mogo, Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin, Woodlands/Dunns Crk Rd, Guerilla Bay, Rosedale

### Monday 26 August 2024

Malua Bay, Lilli Pilli, Surf Beach including The Ridge Rd, Kauzal Cres and Towrang Ave, Denhams Beach including Burkes Way

### Monday 2 September 2024

Denhams Beach from Burkes Way, Sunshine Bay, Batehaven

### Monday 9 September 2024

Catalina, Silverdell Pl through to Batemans Bay, including Crosby Dr and Glenella Rd

### Monday 16 September 2024

North Batemans Bay including Peninsula Dr, Nelligen, Surfside, Bay Ridge, Clyde Rd and Cors Pde

### Monday 23 September 2024

Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras

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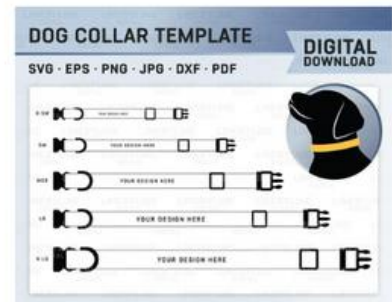
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