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The surgery was a success.

I sincerely thank my surgeon, dentist and health professionals.

...and the well wishes from thousands of people that have literally kept me going over the past two weeks.

We all lead busy lives. I did not act quick enough and the outcome could have been far worse. But hopefully my story can be used in a positive way: don't delay; have that regular health check and see your health practitioner if you're concerned about your health.

I'm looking forward to being back out and about across our beautiful region from today."

Pay rise pain for Councillors

By Phil Herrick

For most of us, voting on your own pay rise would not lead to a great deal of thought. Want a pay rise? Who ever said, "Let me think about that for a minute."

Not the case for our local councillors who squirmed though the uncomfortable process of voting on their annual pay rise at last Tuesday's council meeting.

They hated it – the decision that is, probably not the money – and just wished it would all go away, saying the state government should set their pay and leave them out of it.

Every year the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal sends a guide to councils in NSW that sets a range of payments.

As a regional council, Eurobodalla was given a pay range for councillors from \$15,370 to \$27,050 a year and a range for the mayor from \$31,980 to \$66,800.

Cr Alison Worthington pointed out councillors have a very poorly defined job description, to the extent there was in fact no real obligation for a councillor, once elected, to turn up and do the job.

Our local councillors are generally very active and, with the exception of the ever-silent Cr Diskon, always contribute to debate.

The tradition at Eurobodalla Shire Council is to take the pay at the top of the scale – and that was the decision again this year. The 3.75 per cent increase results in \$27,050 for each of the eight councillors and \$66,800 for the mayor.

And once again, they will beg the state government to take the terrible burden away from them and please, have someone else say what their pay should be.

Council cuts road care

By Phil Herrick

The shire's road users lost out when the Eurobodalla Shire Council voted at its meeting last Tuesday to slash over \$1.1 million from next year's road maintenance program when adopting its budget for the coming year.

The move came as council struggles to make ends meet while avoiding the large rate increases that have been seen in surrounding council areas. The financial position has been made worse as council will continue to fund annual losses over \$5 million operating the Bay Pavilions.

The road network cuts include pushing out one urban road renewal until next year, saving \$398,000 and reducing road reseals from 35km per year to 30km, saving \$274,000.

Unsealed road maintenance grading will drop from once every six months, to once in nine months, saving \$365,000 and \$101,000 will be cut from the gravel road resheeting program by not doing 2.5km in the year.

The cut to the budget for unsealed roads maintenance was in the spotlight at the meeting following a presentation in the public forum from Araluen Road resident Peter Cormack.

"It's hard to find a better example of false economy," he said as he pointed out the cost council will face when roads that will see less grading deteriorate rapidly, eventually needing major repairs.

"The community is more than upset about the proposal to cut road maintenance," he said.

When it came to voting on the budget, infrastructure director Graham Attenborough defended the reduced maintenance budget, saying the approach was professional and pragmatic.

He was asked by Cr Amber Schutz what the was the benefit of repairs in reaction to damaged roads that was proposed compared to a preventative maintenance grading program.

"It's a balance," he said. "There's little sense grading a road that's in good condition."

The councillors passed the budget, with only Cr Rob Pollock voting against. They also called for a briefing from staff and possibly a report to council giving greater detail of the impact of the reduced road maintenance schedule.

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Construction starting - new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital



Earthmoving equipment arrives on site at the New Eurobodalla Hospital Photo: SNSWLHD

The new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is on track to deliver first-class health services and hundreds of local jobs with the appointment of the main works contractor.

Multiplex Constructions has been awarded the main works contract to deliver the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, which will provide the community with a range of expanded and contemporary health services close to home.

Clinicians, staff and the community have been engaged in the planning and design process, which is expected to support more than 600 direct jobs during construction and hundreds of indirect jobs over the life of the project.

Work to prepare the site will include the installation of site sheds, site setup and establishment, construction of erosion and sediment basins, and an ancillary road to facilitate construction access.

The new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital includes:

- An emergency department with a larger capacity than the current combined emergency services of Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals.
- An eight bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) / Close Observation Unit (COU). This will be the first intensive care service available in the Eurobodalla region.
- Increased access for chemotherapy treatments and renal dialysis.
- Surgical and operating theatres and a day stay surgical unit.
- Expanded medical imaging, including a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) service.
- Ambulatory care for community outpatient services.
- Paediatric and maternity services, and a special care nursery.
- Mental health beds for short term admissions
- Enhanced education and training facilities, including a simulation laboratory.

Community members interested in working on the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be encouraged to attend drop-in information sessions at a later date, to hear about opportunities to be part of the workforce for the new project.

Regional Health Minister Ryan Park said "The NSW Government is delivering \$70 million in additional funding towards the brand-new, purpose-built, \$330 million level 4 hospital to support the needs of the entire Eurobodalla Shire community from Narooma to Batemans Bay.

"The new hospital will serve the South Coast region for generations to come, providing more health services than are currently available at both the Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals combined."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said: "I am so pleased we have reached another major milestone in our efforts to deliver the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital as a Level 4 health facility.

"This is on top of the recent budget announcement which will deliver an additional \$70 million investment towards the project, which will ensure that it remains on track." "With the main works contractor appointed to build the new hospital, the community will see increased activity on site, including heavy machinery, in preparation for the start of main works construction in the coming weeks."

For the more information about the project visit: eurobodallahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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Bay ED Petition debated in true bear pit style

The "Don't Close the Batemans Bay ED" Petition was debated in the NSW Parliament - the bear pit- yesterday. In front of busload of supporters from Batemans Bay in the public gallery, it was a rowdy debate full of interjections. The following is an edited version of the debate.

Opposition Leader Mr MARK SPEAKMAN said : I am pleased to bring this petition. I acknowledge Peter Ryan and the Don't Close Batemans Bay Emergency Department Group, who are seated in the public gallery. They have travelled to Parliament House for this debate and it is wonderful to have them here. Obtaining 18,000 signatures is a monumental achievement; I congratulate those involved. That shows how strongly the community feels on this issue. I acknowledge the member for Bega, who is also in the Chamber today. Batemans Bay would be the largest regional centre in New South Wales without an emergency department. The situation is far worse when the population swells dramatically during holiday periods. Its distance from Moruya is exacerbated by occasional flooding, frequent severe weekend and holiday congestion entering Moruya and the Minns Labor Government's failure to commit to a Moruya bypass, let alone to a construction timetable.

Dr MICHAEL HOLLAND: ...When we debate health services we are talking about people's lives. There is no more important reason to hold a debate in this House. Lives will be saved because of a central level 4 critical care emergency service with definitive care. Those lives will be saved by presenting to a single level 4 critical care service, rather than being transferred from another local hospital or to Canberra.

The Leader of the Opposition referred to the clinical services plan as ours. Here is a copy of the 127-page clinical service plan 2018 developed under the previous Government.

The former member understood. He was quoted in 2018 as saying, "The connection that many people have to the existing 55-bed Moruya hospital and 31-bed facility at Batemans Bay suggest that any parochial arguments have evaporated. We need to learn from the mistakes of the past. We will work with the community on that and set actions on every person in the shire."

Ms LIZA BUTLER MP for the South Coast :With five children, there was a time when I visited Batemans Bay hospital on a regular basis. There were numerous visits to the emergency department for stitches after surfing accidents. Now, thanks to the advocacy of Fiona Phillips, the Federal member for Gilmore, I would attend the new Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Batemans Bay. It has seen around 1,000 patients every month—all bulk billed with no cost to the patient.

There were also more serious accidents. Unfortunately, the emergency department at Batemans Bay operates at level 2, meaning that complex and critical cases must be transferred to a higher level hospital.

One such accident was my younger son's dislocated thumb from playing school cricket. After a ride in an ambulance to the Batemans Bay hospital, doctors put Brendan's thumb back into place. Unfortunately, they could not guarantee it was back in place properly. They gave us the option of going to Bega or Canberra to see an orthopaedic surgeon in the public system or going to Nowra to see a surgeon at Nowra Private Hospital. Then the tree incident occurred. My elder son Gerard thought it was a wonderful idea to climb a tree. He subsequently broke a branch and fell to the ground. Unfortunately, his elbow was broken and his bones were protruding through the skin. The Batemans Bay hospital staff were fabulous, but they could do nothing for Gerard other than to keep him stabilised and have him transferred to Canberra. By the time an ambulance was free to transfer Gerard, it was 4.00a.m. If there was a level 4 hospital in Moruya, Gerard would have been treated and operated on at the hospital he presented to. We would not have had the additional pressures of travel and accommodation in Canberra. I quote from a news article headlined "'One Eurobodalla Hospital' gets a positive hearing from both sides of politics".

The member for Bega at the time, Andrew Constance, said: It is a vision of mine to see one big regional facility that caters for everybody in the shire and gives our health staff the best workplace.

We want to stop people having to travel hundreds of kilometres for health services they should be able to get locally.

"We can stop sending people in ambulances over the hill to Canberra and costing us an arm and a leg, and stop putting so much pressure on families.

He said that he had hoped any parochial arguments had evaporated. It is disingenuous for members opposite to say one thing while in government and the absolute opposite now that they are in opposition. Worse still, it is driven by a seat-shopping ex-MP with local political ambitions to suit his own agenda. Community has absolutely nothing to do with it, and the wider South Coast community can see straight through his appalling behaviour. The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will have a level 4 emergency department, complete with a purpose-built resuscitation area for trauma and other life-threatening presentations.

By combining the resources of the existing Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals into a larger, purpose-built health facility at Moruya, there will be a new emergency department capable of providing more complex care, equipped with doctors, nurses and technology that is far above either of the existing emergency departments. Batemans Bay hospital is old and well past its use-by date.

Mr RYAN PARK (Keira—Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast): In response: I thank the men and women in the gallery today. It is critical that people advocate for health services in their community. It is an important issue. As the Minister for Health, I argue that the delivery of health services in regional, rural and remote communities is absolutely critical. There is no stronger champion for the community of those in the gallery than the member for Bega.

First, members on this side of the House are committed to and are delivering the new level 4 hospital. It will be the first hospital in the shire that has an intensive care unit. That is a fact. The second fact is the clinical services plan that charts the services for a community was developed, announced and delivered under the former Government. Those opposite cannot have it both ways. They cannot speak falsehoods to the community and say, "We are going to allow another emergency department to remain in place at Batemans Bay", when their own plan said it would not be feasible or safe. Level 4 hospitals need two things: throughput from patients and adequate staffing.

The new level 4 hospital is a considerably higher level than what is there now.

Mr MARK SPEAKMAN (Cronulla): In reply: The previous Government promised the Moruya bypass. Then the election happened and the member for Bega ruled it out. The constituents of Bega will never get a Moruya bypass under this Government.

When the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital opens—which we all welcome—under this Government there will fewer emergency department beds than there are currently in the Eurobodalla shire.

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Nuclear announcement: Australia's Energy Future

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Every Australian deserves and should expect access to cheaper, cleaner and consistent electricity. But under Labor, this isn't happening.

Right now, in households and businesses around the country, Labor's expensive renewables-only approach is failing.

The Government is now talking about a 65 to 75 per cent emissions reduction target by 2035, but won't release modelling and won't tell us how much higher power prices will go up.

Power bills have already increased by up to \$1,000 for many Australians, when they were promised a \$275 cut. And Labor's climate target of 43% emissions reduction by 2030 has become unachievable.

The Coalition believes Australia must have a balanced energy mix to deliver cheaper, cleaner and consistent 24/7 electricity. 90 per cent of baseload electricity, predominantly coal fired power stations, is coming to the end of life over the next decade.

Nuclear energy for Australia is an idea whose time has come. Today, we are announcing that a future Federal Coalition Government will introduce zero-emissions nuclear energy in Australia, which has proven to get electricity prices and emissions down all over the world, to work in partnership with renewable energy and gas as part of a balanced energy mix. And today, we announce seven locations, located at a power station that has closed or is scheduled to close, where we propose to build zero-emissions nuclear power plants:

- Liddell Power Station, New South Wales
- Mount Piper Power Station, New South Wales
- Loy Yang Power Stations, Victoria
- Tarong Power Station, Queensland
- Callide Power Station, Queensland
- Northern Power Station, South Australia (SMR only)
- Muja Power Station, Western Australia (SMR only)

Each of these locations offer important technical attributes needed for a zero-emissions nuclear plant, including cooling water capacity and transmission infrastructure, that is, we can use the existing poles and wires, along with a local community which has a skilled workforce.

A key advantage of modern zero-emissions nuclear plants is they can be plugged into existing grids. This means they can effectively replace retired or retiring coal plants and avoid much of the new spending needed for Labor's 'renewables-only' system, including new transmission poles and wires. All of which will be passed on in the form of higher bills.

Labor's approach requires imposing 58 million solar panels, 3,500 new industrial wind turbines, and up to 28,000 kilometres of new transmission lines across the country.

Energy experts have warned the cost of Labor's rollout will be between \$1.2 trillion and \$1.5 trillion.

No country in the world relies solely on solar and wind as Labor is proposing. By contrast, there are 32 countries operating zero-emissions nuclear plants. Another 50 countries are looking to do so.

Of the world's 20 largest economies, Australia is the only one not using nuclear energy, or moving towards using it.

Our plan will deliver a net-zero electricity grid by 2050 and a strong and resilient economy. It will set our country up for decades to come.

At the front of this next wave of growth will be those communities which host zero-emissions nuclear plants. Not only will local communities benefit from high paying, multi-generational jobs but communities will be empowered to maximise the benefits from hosting an asset of national importance by way of:

- A multi-billion dollar facility guaranteeing high-paying jobs for generations to come;

- An integrated economic development zone to attract manufacturing, value-add and high-tech industry; and

- A regional deal unlocking investment in modern infrastructure, services and community priorities.

A Community Partnership will be formed in each host community, consisting of experienced local representatives, as the focal point for community engagement and to play an important role in planning the future of the region.

This community engagement process will occur alongside a comprehensive site study including detailed technical and economic assessments.

A Federal Coalition Government will initially develop two establishment projects using either small modular reactors or modern larger plants such as the AP1000 or APR1400.

They will start producing electricity by 2035 (with small modular reactors) or 2037 (if modern larger plants are found to be the best option).

The Australian Government will own these assets, but form partnerships with experienced nuclear companies to build and operate them.

Australia is fast running out of energy. The way of life for everyday Australians and the cost of doing business in Australia is already in jeopardy and it is only going to get worse under Labor's expensive all-eggs-in-one-basket 'renewables-only' policy.

We know the Prime Minister and his Government will mount the mother-of-all scare campaigns on zero-emissions nuclear energy.

But we believe Australians are up for this discussion and are open-minded about including zero-emissions nuclear technology as part of a balanced energy mix.

If you are serious about meeting our net zero by 2050 emissions commitments, then you must include zero-emission nuclear as part of your energy mix. Zero-emission nuclear power plants produce no air pollution or carbon emissions. For example, a 1.1 GW AP-1000 reactor cuts approximately seven million metric tonnes of CO2 emissions, equivalent to removing 1.5 million cars from the road.

A zero-emissions nuclear power plant will be a national asset delivering cheaper, cleaner and consistent energy for 80 years. Getting started now on establishing a civil nuclear programme is the right decision for you, your children and your grandchildren.

From today, we will be speaking right across the country on the merits of our plan.

Our plan is bold, visionary and what Australians need to secure our energy and economic future.



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Offshore wind zone declared off the Illawarra

The **Albanese Government** is securing regional jobs and providing energy security for homes and businesses in the Illawarra, including Australia's largest steelworks, with an offshore wind zone declared in the Pacific Ocean off the Illawarra in New South Wales. Following extensive community consultation with local leaders, industry, unions, First Nations people, community groups and individuals the Illawarra offshore wind zone has been amended

The amended zone will now be 20 kilometres from the coast and excludes significant environmental areas including the Biologically Important Area for the Little Penguin, the Shelf Rocky Reef Key Ecological Feature and the Southern Right Whale migration and reproduction area.

The final area for the zone is 1,022 km² – reducing the zone by a third from the originally proposed zone.

This is the fourth officially declared zone in the country and will unlock renewable energy jobs, energy security and job security, while supporting onshore manufacturing powered by reliable renewables.

It will bring new employment opportunities to the Illawarra, creating an estimated 1,740 new jobs during construction and 870 ongoing jobs. This includes engineers, technicians, operators, riggers, seafarers, dockworkers, project managers and administrators.

The zone will also power existing heavy industry with cleaner, cheaper energy, helping secure the future of thousands of existing industrial and associated jobs in the Illawarra as well as providing opportunities to attract new job-creating industries using clean energy.

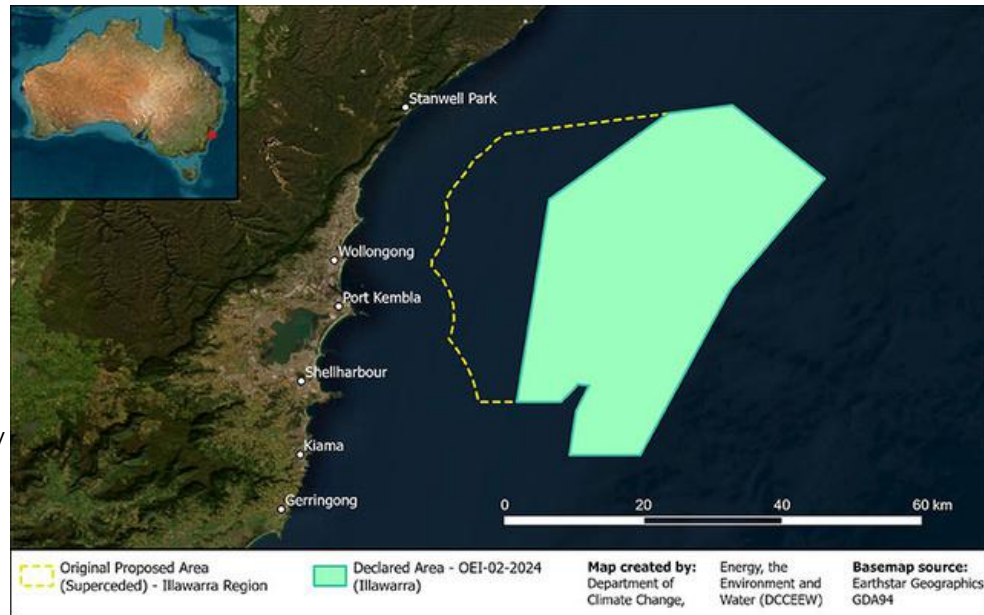
It has the potential to generate an estimated 2.9 GW of electricity, enough to power 1.8 million homes.

As well as providing reliable renewable energy to Australian industry, offshore wind projects will be required to maximise their use of Australian supply chains including steel and closely consult with local industry and workers on their project plans to ensure local workers and businesses benefit from the establishment of this new industry.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said

“The Illawarra has been an engine room of the Australian economy for generations, and now it's ready to power Australia's clean energy future.

“Declaring this offshore wind zone brings the Illawarra a step closer to becoming a major provider of the building blocks of the net zero transformation – green power, green hydrogen and green steel – along with thousands of new jobs.”



Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones said “We want Australia to be a global renewable energy superpower, and regions such as the Illawarra have an important role to play in our nation's energy transformation.

“The declaration of this offshore wind zone represents our government's commitment to supporting local jobs and delivering cheaper and more reliable energy for Illawarra businesses and households.” Member for Cunningham Alison Byrnes said “I am pleased that the zone has been amended to reflect the suggestions that Stephen and I made to the Minister following our own discussions and consultations with the community.

“Amending the zone so that it commences 20 kilometres from the coast and excluding significant environmental areas is a sensible compromise that reflects the majority of community opinion while helping to achieve our shared goals of more renewable energy, more jobs and fewer emissions.

“Of course the declaration of a zone is not the final step. There is now an extensive process of studies and approvals that will be required but this is a positive step for a region that wants to secure its industrial future and power it using clean energy.

“My expectation is that all proponents not only make sure that their projects meet the highest environmental standards but also incorporate local content, including the use of locally produced steel, and local workforce and develop a strong benefit sharing scheme so that our community meaningfully benefits from hosting an offshore wind farm should one be developed.”

Feasibility licence applications for offshore wind projects in the Illawarra zone open from Monday 17 June and close on 15 August 2024.

These licences will only be awarded to developers whose proposed projects do the most to support Australia's workforce and energy security, protect the environment and share the marine space with shipping, tourism and fishing industries.

Construction can only begin after the feasibility stage is completed and developers have gained subsequent environmental and management plan approvals, as well as demonstrating how projects will benefit Australian industry and jobs.

The final declared zone can be found at:

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/energy/renewable/offshore-wind/areas/illawarra>

Illawarra wind zone opponents full of hot air

The declaration of an offshore wind zone off the coast of Illawarra is just the first step towards providing cleaner, more reliable power for the region, with any prospective projects subject to a host of environmental conditions.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said, while some people had legitimate concerns, there had been a lot of scare-mongering and misinformation about the impact of offshore wind turbines on the marine environment.

"All offshore wind projects in Australia are subject to environmental approval requirements under environmental legislation, including the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999," Mrs Phillips said. "Proponents must demonstrate how they will ensure protected species such as whales, and migratory birds, will not be impacted and show how their projects will contribute to nature-positive outcomes.

"Offshore wind project developers will need to seek all required approvals and licences under Commonwealth and state legislation before any offshore infrastructure activities can occur."

When announcing the zone on Saturday June 15, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said the Illawarra zone was about one third smaller than it was going to be and, at 1,022 square kilometres, was much smaller than declared zones in Gippsland and Bass Strait.

He said, following the zone declaration, proponents could now apply for licences and would need to show community benefits, local job creation and would also have to go through environmental approvals under the EPBC Act.

"That involves a very independent process where they'll have to show their impact on bird life, whale life, other marine life, and show their management plans and get the tick of approval under the environmental approval," Minister Bowen said.

"It is a careful regime which has several stages of approvals. There's not going to be any wind turbines next week, next month or next year. We have a long way to go to make sure we get this right."

Mrs Phillips said many ocean lovers, like herself, recognised that the biggest threat to the ocean was inaction on climate change.

"We need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the energy sector and invest in clean, proven energy technology," she said.

"We need to produce energy for homes and business for decades to come. What is the alternative – a nuclear power plant on the shores of Jervis Bay."

Energy debate gets local

Following the Federal announcement of the offshore windfarm in the Illawarra, and subsequent Coalition announcement of nuclear plans Liberal candidate for Gilmore **Andrew Constance** posted "The overnight news that Minister Bowen has approved 300 plus floating wind turbines off our stunning coastline is devastating and sad.

The South Coast of NSW will change forever with 260 metre high floating wind turbines. The sea life and endangered birds that nest in places like Jervis Bay National Park have not been assessed in terms of impact. This is a calamity as the Greens Bob Brown has indicated previously, particularly for endangered species that will become critically dislocated and perish as a result.

This is the first floating windfarm anywhere in the world in a whale migration path. I want our children to see the whales from our headlands and beaches. So much for cheaper electricity and 'Made in Australia'. The capital cost of this project makes it uneconomic and power bills have already gone up 18% under this Labor Government."

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton visited Mr Constance in Gilmore ruling out Jervis Bay as a site for a nuclear power station and spruiking his nuclear policy.

Yesterday Fiona Phillips MP called out Mr Constance on an "Offshore wind backflip" saying: "Andrew Constance supported renewable energy as Transport Minister, he was part of a government that enabled the establishment of the Illawarra offshore wind zone, and he campaigned for the seat of Gilmore in 2022 as a member of a party that explicitly supported offshore wind - including prioritising the Illawarra."

Mrs Phillips questioning when he changed his mind.

"Andrew Constance campaigned for Gilmore at the last election on the Coalition's energy policy, which included offshore wind," she said.

"In May 2022, he held a doorstop in Bomaderry with Angus Taylor to announce an emissions reduction program for two local factories, saying it proved how "serious" the Morrison Government was about reducing emissions, particularly in the electorate of Gilmore.

"What has changed? Why is Andrew Constance now supporting costly, risky nuclear power and opposing offshore wind energy?"

Mrs Phillips said The Guardian reported that Constance attended a public meeting of the Coalition Against Offshore Wind in Illawarra where he said the federal Labor government needed to "put the brakes on plans to create an offshore wind zone between Wollongong and Gerringong".

"This is hypocrisy at its finest," Mrs Phillips said. "In 2021, Mr Constance told the Smart Energy Summit Sydney that: "We can't continue to embarrass ourselves on the international stage by debating whether climate change is real or not"

"We're well past that... I think we need really strong leadership and making sure that vocal minorities do not stymie the thinking within the community," he told the summit. "My sense is that there is a lot of belief within the national government within individual politicians that climate change is one of the most serious challenges that we all face and we've got to find a way to deal with it."

Mr Constance was also part of a government that lay the foundations for the Illawarra wind farm. The development of offshore wind was explicitly named as part of Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone – declared by the NSW Liberal Government in February 2023.

The then-Treasurer and Minister for Energy Matt Kean said the announcement was part of the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government's long-term plan to modernise the electricity grid with renewable energy and storage, helping to drive down prices and keep the system reliable.

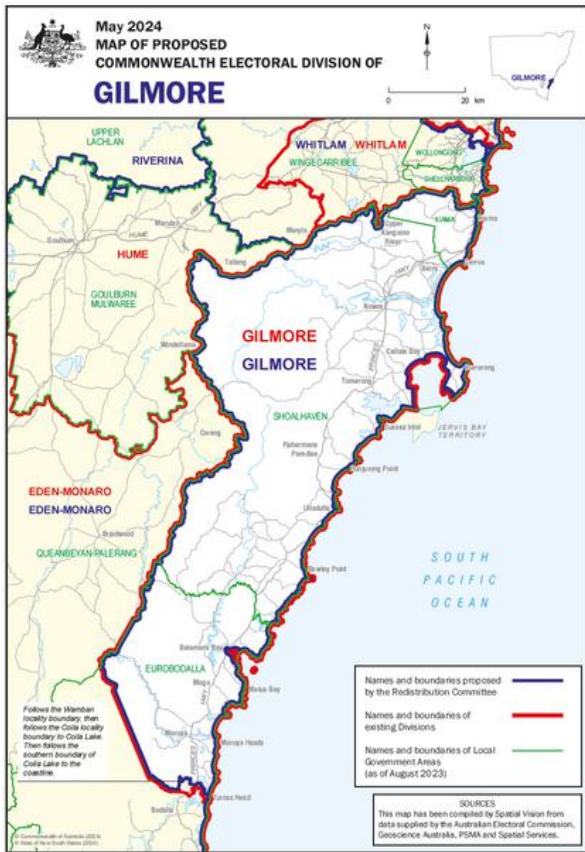
"The Illawarra has a proud history of manufacturing and the REZ will only build on this legacy, powering existing and emerging industries such as offshore wind, green hydrogen and green steel production," Mr Kean said.

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Proposed redistribution of Federal Electorates

Gilmore : Last week the Australian Electoral Commission released the proposed new redistribution of electorates. The report said: The proposed Division of Gilmore shares boundaries with the proposed Divisions of Eden-Monaro and Whitlam.

Enrolment in the current Division of Gilmore on Monday 10 April 2028 is projected to be 134,884 electors, which is more than the maximum number of projected electors required by the Electoral Act.

A net reduction of at least 727 electors, or up to 9,799 electors, is therefore required for this electoral division to fall within the permissible range for the maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time.

Proposed redistribution and reasons for proposal 63 255. Eight suggestions to the redistribution argued to transfer parts of the Eurobodalla Shire Council from the Division of Gilmore to the proposed Division of Eden-Monaro.

The Redistribution Committee proposes transferring 2,302 projected electors from the Division of Gilmore in the locality of Turlinjah, and the part of the locality of Tuross Head located to the south of Coila Lake, to the proposed Division of Eden-Monaro. 257. Making these alterations will transfer 2,302 projected electors out of the Division of Gilmore.

This results in a projected enrolment for the proposed electoral division of 132,582 electors at Monday 10 April 2028, or a variation from the projected enrolment quota of plus 2.28 per cent.

The proposed Division of Gilmore will consist of: • the Council of the Municipality of Kiama, • Shoalhaven City Council, and • part of the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Eden-Monaro : The proposed Division of Eden-Monaro shares boundaries with the proposed Divisions of Gilmore, Riverina and Whitlam.

Enrolment in the current Division of Eden-Monaro on Monday 10 April 2028 is projected to be 124,402 electors, which is less than the minimum number of projected electors required by the Electoral Act. The Division of Eden-Monaro must therefore gain at least 683 electors, or up to 9,755 electors, for it to fall within the permissible range for the maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time.

At the commencement of the redistribution, the Division of Eden-Monaro shared boundaries with:

- two electoral divisions which needed a net reduction in the number of electors – the Divisions of Gilmore and Hume,
- one electoral division which needed a net increase in the number of electors – the Division of Riverina, and
- one electoral division which met the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act – the Division of Farrer.

In ensuring the electoral divisions adjacent to each of these electoral divisions would meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee proposed some significant changes to both of the proposed Divisions of Hume and Riverina. As a result, substantial changes are proposed for the Division of Eden-Monaro. 233. To ensure the proposed Division of Riverina would meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee proposes transferring 23,480 projected electors from the Snowy Valleys and Yass Valley Councils in the Division of Eden-Monaro to the proposed Division of Riverina. 234. The effect of this proposed change is that the proposed Division of Eden-Monaro is required to gain more electors than at the commencement of the redistribution. The Redistribution Committee proposes addressing this issue by transferring electors to the proposed Division of Eden-Monaro from the two adjacent electoral divisions which require a net reduction in electors:

- 2,302 projected electors from the Division of Gilmore: – the locality of Turlinjah, and – that portion of the locality of Tuross Head located to the south of Coila Lake, and
- 23,930 projected electors from the Division of Hume: – the Goulburn Mulwaree Council. 235. Five suggestions to the redistribution and two comments on suggestions were in favour of the northern boundary of the Division of Eden-Monaro expanding to include some or all of the Goulburn Mulwaree Council from the Division of Hume.

Ten suggestions to the redistribution advocated for the boundary to shift north-east to incorporate all or part of the Eurobodalla Shire Council from the Division of Gilmore.



Making these alterations will lead the proposed Division of Eden-Monaro to a net gain of 2,752 projected electors. This results in a projected enrolment for the proposed electoral division of 127,154 electors at Monday 10 April 2028, or a variation from the projected enrolment quota of minus 1.90 per cent. 237.

The proposed Division of Eden-Monaro will consist of:

- Bega Valley Shire Council,
- Goulburn Mulwaree Council,
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council,
- Snowy Monaro Regional Council, and
- part of the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Citizen Science trends in Australia

Hosted by Friends of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. 1pm-2pm, 22 June 2024

Citizen Science – More Useful Than Ever Before

Annie Lane will outline the latest trends in citizen science, including the importance of enabling large scale data collection particularly for studying environmental change, its value for community engagement and education in biodiversity conservation, and how data quality issues are being tackled. Some interesting recent examples include the use of citizen science data to determine food preferences and nesting site of endangered birds, identify a new species of frogs through recordings of calls, help track the path of invasive species, and documentation of our changing coastline.

Annie Lane is Chair of the Australian Citizen Science Association and the Budawang Coast Atlas of Life, and was previously the Flora and Fauna Conservator of the ACT.

Citizen Science at the ERBG – an iNaturalist Project

Bruce will outline Life in the ERBG, an iNaturalist project at the Botanic Garden. Established in 2021 the project now has over 3,500 observations mostly plants and insects, but also birds and fungi. The data are providing new insights – what plants are growing in the garden and the natural areas, when do they flower and what insects are pollinating them. The project has engaged a community of observers at the Garden, and some novel findings have emerged, particularly with insects. At the higher level, the NSW Herbarium is encouraging us to make observations especially of invasive species which are under-recorded. And many botanists now supplement their plant collections with iNaturalist.

Bruce Wilson is a Wallace Herbarium volunteer and consulting plant ecologist, formerly at the Queensland Herbarium and in the Northern Territory.



Annie Lane at work doing Citizen Science

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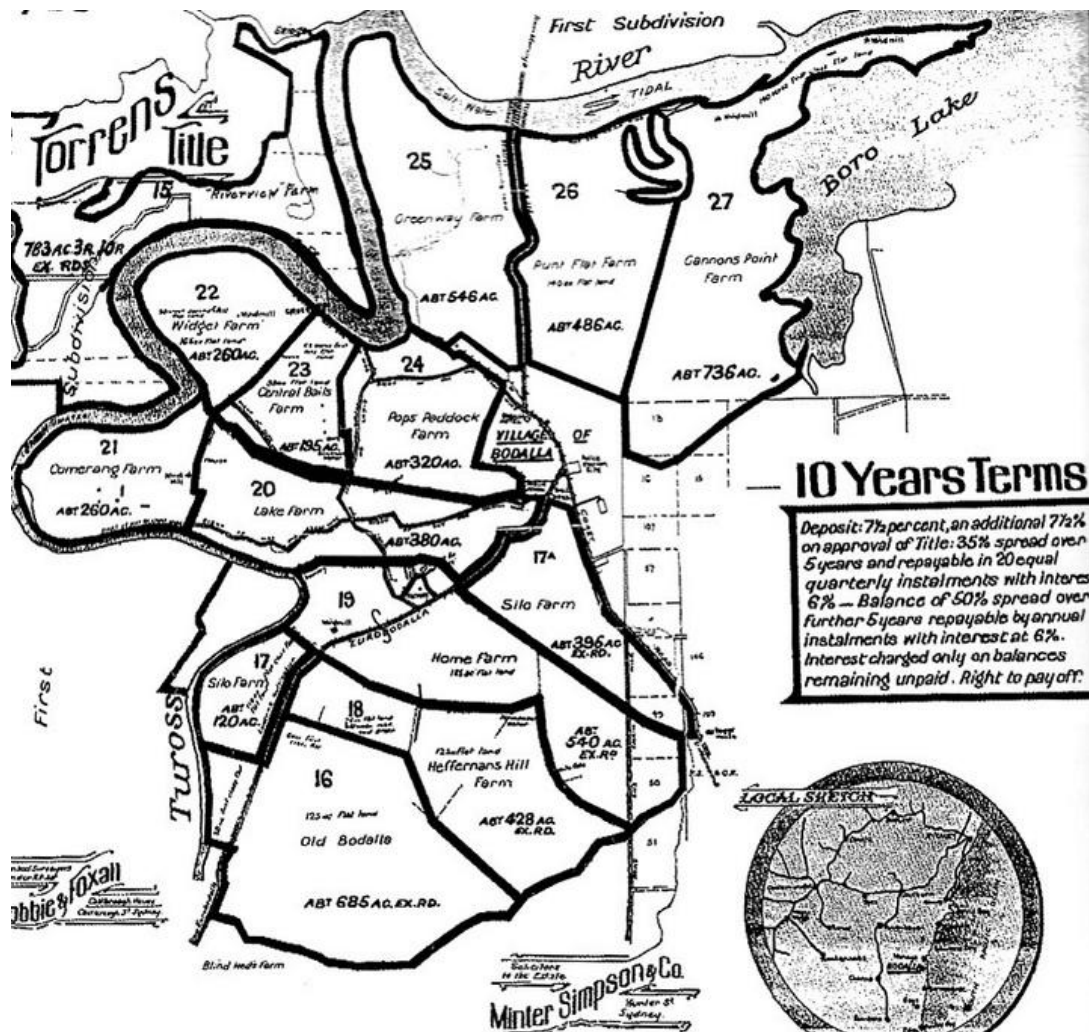
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The **Captain, Mr. H. F. Hutchings**, informs us that a day's shoot will be held on the Bergalia rifle range on Monday next, 23rd inst. The matches, which will commence at 10.30 a.m., will be arranged on the ground, and teams will be selected, not allowing known rifle shots to collect in one team. Entries of 1s will be divided into prizes. Ammunition will be free and luncheon provided.

The **Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Co.** has just placed an order for a new steamer with the Ailsa Ship-building Company, of Troon. She will be a steel twin-screw vessel of the cargo carrying type, with a length of 153ft., and beam of 34ft 6in. Her deadweight capacity will be 400 tons. The new vessel will be fitted with triple-expansion engines, and the equipment throughout will be up-to-date. The new steamer will be named Bergalia.

A stringent ordinance has been issued under the Local Government Act, dealing with barber's shops, which will only apply to an area on requisition from the local governing body. There are about 17 clauses, and one provides that before attending to a customer, a hairdresser shall thoroughly clean his hands, using a nail brush, soap and clean water for the purpose.



M. and J. O'Reilly report the sale of "Pop's Paddock," in the second division of Bodalla Estate to Mr. Harry Burbridge, of Cobargo. The farm, which is of 340 acres, adjoins the village of Bodalla and contains the racecourse, and as Mr. Burbridge is a follower of the Sport of Kings, racing should receive an added filip in the village.

The work of the Belimbla gold mine, Nerrigundah, goes on apace. The great tunnel is this week in 165 feet and is being pushed on at 5 feet daily. The dam is completed and there will be ample water supplied by the Little Belimbla Creek in the driest season. The tramway to the northern end of the great lode is prepared and timber can be transported to the battery at a minimum cost, the whole of the lode, 10 feet wide, being worth putting through while getting along to the richer parts. Thus ore will be broken better by means of the long tunnel tapping the centre and also at the open cut to the northern end. The saw bench is nearly completed for cutting timber required for battery buildings. ...

A **solar observatory** is to be established at Canberra, on Mount Stromlo.
Miss Olive Crapp, telephonist at Bega Post Office, is spending her holidays with her father, Mr. R. Crapp, of Kiora.

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Dr. Browning speaks about Palestine



By Martha Ansara

Moruya has once again proved itself to be a compassionate town. At the Red Door Hall last Saturday, 15th June, \$520 was raised for the suffering people of Gaza, as over 50 people attended a talk on Palestine by Dr. George Browning. Browning, former Anglican Bishop and current Patron of the Australian Palestine Advocacy Network, is a convincing and knowledgeable speaker on justice and international human rights. He is a frequent contributor to "Pearls and Irritations", the online public policy journal of distinguished journalist and former senior public servant John Menadue AO. In his talk at the Red Door, Browning condemned both Palestinian suffering and the killing of innocent Jewish civilians in the Hamas attack of October 7th. He pointed out that while Israel needed to bring the perpetrators in the Hamas military wing to account, equally and importantly, Israel needs to address the reason why this atrocity occurred rather than doubling down on its persecution of the Palestinian people.

Browning describes Israel as a state born in violence and dispossession of others and notes that the same means continue to be accepted by PM Netanyahu in his recently proclaimed ambition to complete Israel's extension and control of territory 'from the river to the sea'. Historically, the slogan, 'from the river to the sea', has been used by some Palestinian militants to express a wish to drive the Zionists out of Israel altogether. Now, increasingly, it also describes the hope of an enduring peace throughout Palestine/Israel with the creation of a single democratic secular state of both Arabs and Jews.

Meanwhile, the 'inhuman aggression' in Gaza and the West Bank continues, to the horror of Australians and the world, including many people of Jewish faith. The international community established Israel against the wishes of the Palestinians and has allowed their violent exclusion from their own lands. Perhaps it can finally begin to accept responsibility for supporting a just solution.

Here in Moruya, fund-raising for aid is headed by an informal group centred at the St John's Commons at the Red Door and another group known as Connecting Communities. Those wishing to help can find us from time to time in town or outside the markets with an information table, petition and donation box for UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East). UNRWA has been operating since 1949 and although 192 of its 1300 staff in Gaza have now been killed, it continues its relief efforts. As well, there are other creditable agencies to which people in Moruya give their support.

The event at the Red Door also included a welcome to country and short talk by local Yuin elder Bunja Smith and the ringing of the St John's bell for peace. Participants stayed on for cake, tea and informal discussion.



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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

There was a time when the ABC's 7.30 Report was the unmissable highlight of ABC programming. Alas, those days of Mike Willesee, Richard Carleton, Kerry O'Brien and Leigh Sales are now but a fading memory. The current version with Sarah Ferguson in the chair is virtually unwatchable.

It's not her fault. She is a professional, socially pleasant I'm told by mutual friends. And were she properly managed and coached she might well join that elite crew who made 7.30 a winner. But the ABC under Ita Buttrose and her executive team was falling to pieces.

Sarah follows a National News that has taken a dive ever since the wonderful Juanita Phillips departed. Its current occupant sounds like a BBC reject from the era when Ita was an up and comer at Kerry Packer's Cleo. The other news and current affairs programming is tired at best and weird at worst, not least the former powerhouse Four Corners with its recent half-baked story of alleged Chinese spies and a modern-day Don Quixote fighting wind turbines.

Leigh Sales is wasted on Australian Story and Paul Barry, who once cast his net across most media, has reduced his focus to commercial 'junkets' and the limitless excesses of Murdoch's madhatters. But even he could not resist giving the ABC a slap in the kisser for their second-rate coverage of the Bondi shopping centre knifer attack and other breaking news events.

The recent NSW floods brought forth a raft of articulate women stringers who put their lazy Canberra Bureau prima donnas to shame...except, of course, for the courageous and insightful Laura Tingle whom the suits instantly abandoned when she told the truth about her racist countrymen.

Sunday morning's Insiders has lost its edge and simply parrots what everyone knows already or gets lost in the weeds where no one cares. And the seemingly endless David Speers' interviews are more harrowing for the viewer than the interviewee. Even Mike Bowers' 'Talking Pictures' segment is now so rushed it's lost its former elan.

On any given day, the Network's viewing line-up is overwhelmed by repeats; most of the rest are BBC propaganda freebees like Antiques Roadshow or Grand Designs, and even they are repeated ad nauseum. Moreover, they're separated by multiple reruns of promos for other shows that are as dull as the shows they're promoting.

Indeed, the occasional homegrown hit like Back Roads or Hard Quiz is so wondrous to Ita and the suits that they exploit it to death. HQ's Tom Gleeson's shtick – making cheeky critiques of Ita, the network and its audience – once taken in delighted jest, now generates an embarrassed silence.

Drama and comedy are something else. And sometimes it's hard to separate them. Typical is the recent 'AUSTIN', which has all the hallmarks of a hastily assembled cast and crew built around the discovery of an autistic charmer, Michael Theo from a fairly typical ABC venture, Love on the Spectrum. Add a couple of British 'stars' in Ben Miller and Sally Phillips; raise a budget from the ACT Government, Screen Australia, ITV Studios and Screen Canberra; shoot some of the thing in Canberra with the Hyatt for some handy 'contra' and the rest in England which doesn't match with the antipodean footage, and away we go.

Trouble is, Ben and Sally don't know whether they're in a drama or a comedy so they just over-act and hope for the best. Turns out, the best is Michael Theo himself. His timing is exquisite and his deadpan delivery just exactly what's needed to claim centre stage. But even he can't compensate for the absurd plot and the madcap performances from Ben and Sally.

At least they picked the perfect mirror for the network to screen it. Over to you Kim Williams.

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A Beer with Bazza #154

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The veins in Mick's neck tightened blue and his face glowed as he advocated the merits of nuclear power stations to all within earshot of the front bar. Patrons shook their heads as Mick galloped through sentences with technical terms such as electrons, atoms, fission, thermonuclear, protons, reactor, radiation and uranium.

Bazza joined the group and raised his eyebrows as Mick passed him a 7 ounce of beer.

"There you go, Bazza. We are celebrating the number 7. I've just been taking everyone through the merits of Dutts announcement to build 7 nuclear power plants across Australia so we can keep the lights on. It's a game changer."

Bazza took a measured sip and rubbed his chin.

"Ahh the number 7 eh? I am sure you all spotted that big rainbow on the way in. There are 7 colours in a rainbow so... I will drink to that."

Mick screwed his eyes.

"Stay on point, Bazza. We are talking nuclear power stations."

Bazza ran a hand across his face to conceal a smile.

"Now.... If I told you there is a nuclear power station under each of those 7 colours in that rainbow outside, you could never prove me wrong. Moreover, it all reminds me of the Brothers Grimm tale, 'Seven At One Blow' where the tailor uses his feat of killing 7 flies in one blow to lie and trick his way to power.*"

Multiple heads were scratched before Know All Ron cleared his throat.

"No Mick... I don't think we need 7 nuclear power stations across the country. With the spate of natural disasters over the past few years.... bushfires, floods and the like....it's risky."

Murmurs of agreement and Know All Ron enjoyed the pause.

"What we need is one really big nuclear power station. I am talking gigantic. Build it out in the middle of Australia where there is less chance of a natural disaster. Maralinga in South Australia would be perfect. We let the British test nuclear bombs at Maralinga in the 1950's so a gigantic nuclear power station is a natural fit. In fact, the sites are still radioactive contaminated and will remain that way for 24000 years, so a bit more nuclear waste will be almost unnoticed."

Mick tut-tutted.

"No Ron.... That's got Chernobyl nuclear disaster from 1986 written all over it. We need to share the risk."

Bazza's eyes scanned the nodding heads and he quietly chuckled.

"Nah..... I reckon Dutts needs to show a bit more ticker."

Mick shot dagger eyes at Bazza.

"Now just hang on, Mick. I reckon the solution is to allow people to build mini rooftop nuclear power stations on their houses. When the sun is not shining on the solar panels, just fire up the nuclear power plant. Dutts should make it a fundamental right for Australian citizens to have a nuclear power plant on their roofs."

There were numerous "Go hard Bazza"s before Mick let out a deep sigh.

"I don't think so, Bazza. I would have thought rooftop wind farms would be more your calling. Now.... with rooftop nuclear power stations you must consider the cost, the distribution of uranium and nuclear waste disposal."

Bazza rubbed an eye.

"Not a problem, Mick. I reckon Aldi Supermarkets will sort out the cost angle. I bet they would stock up the middle aisle with DIY rooftop nuclear power plants in a flash. Once installed, if you run a bit short of uranium, you could borrow a cupful from a neighbour. For the waste issue, we need a special coloured bin.... say blue for nuclear waste. Easy as.... We alternate between green, yellow and blue bins on garbage nights."

Timeless Tom groaned.

"It just would not work, Bazza. I get mixed up on the bin colours each week. Adding another colour will just confuse people further."

*<https://www.storyberries.com/fairy-tales-seven-at-one-blow-by-brothers-grimm>

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Eurobodalla Celebrates 126 Years of Philippine Independence



By John Longhurst

Over two hundred guests travelled from as far as Sydney, Bega and Nowra for an evening of beauty, culture, and music to celebrate the 126th Year of Philippine Independence at the Soldiers' Club in Batemans Bay last Saturday evening.

The inaugural Philippine Ball was organised by the Batemans Bay Filipino Community led by Ms Sofia Keady and Ms Lina Nascimento.

A committee was formed, and different tasks were allocated from stage production to event management.

Ms Keady said, "June 12 is a significant date for Filipinos as it is the day to celebrate Philippine Independence Day after 333 years of Spanish colonisation. It is a momentous event, that took place in 1898, marking the beginning of the Filipino nation. Filipinos around the globe celebrate this important event and the ball is inspired to give Filipinos living on the South Coast an opportunity to celebrate the National Day. It is also a means to promote Filipino culture and traditions, as celebrating holidays is one of the best activities to promote cultural awareness."

The event's overall theme was to celebrate beauty, culture, and music. Colourful costumes and professionally choreographed dance routines kept guests entertained.

The highlight of the evening was the beauty pageant to recognise Filipino women for their beauty, talent, and wisdom.

Joy Miles, a Batemans Bay local, was crowned Mrs Philippine Independence in 2023 and was a special guest at the Ball.

The 2024 contestants selected performances to demonstrate their artistic impression, technical skills and on-stage presence ranging from Filipino folk dance, Hawaiian dance through to singing.

The acting performance by Eva Porter from Bega who portrayed a deranged woman Sisa, a character in the Filipino novel *Noli Me Tangere*, written by Dr Jose Rizal, won the best talent.

Other categories included 'Best in Beachwear' won by Melissa Cutas, 'Best in Evening Wear' won by Rein Cubos-Clarke, 'Most Photogenic' won by Mary Ann Lipscombe and 'Mrs Popular' won by Maritess Frost.



The judges included Bhenji Ra, a dancer, actress, model, and activist based in Sydney. She was born and raised in the South Coast to a Filipino mother and an Australian father. She has performed internationally with her Australian intercultural dance company Marrugeku as well as competed in many competitions in her street style of voguing. In 2022, she was featured in *Vogue Australia* as a trailblazer and cultural icon for her contributions to arts and activism. In 2023, David Jones named her their Visionary of the Year for her dedication to trans rights in Australia. She is now based between Sydney and Manila competing and creating events for young queer people within the arts.

Prominent local citizens made up the rest of the judging panel.



Photos: Gangot Smith

Eurobodalla Celebrates 126 Years of Philippine Independence

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Businesswoman Siri, a philanthropist and former model who won the Model of the Year award in Los Angeles. She has travelled extensively in Paris, Germany and Italy, modelling for Models One Agency and Gavin's in the United Kingdom. She has a Diploma in Performing Arts and performed many times on Top of the Pops, a British music chart TV programme made by BBC and had some TV appearances including with Boy George from Culture Club.

Mrs Orit Haigh is another businesswoman and a community advocate. She is also a business mentor and former Regional President of the NSW Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Keith Brewster, currently the Chairman of Legacy Batemans Bay, Director of Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and Treasurer of RSL.

Following extensive deliberation, Melissa Cutas from Batemans Bay was declared Mrs Phillipines Independence South Coast 2024 and will now compete in Canberra for the Mrs Phillipines Independence 2025 title.

Melissa said, "I am over the moon with happiness. It was a new challenge for me and the whole experience has improved my confidence. A big thank you to the organising committee and I look forward to representing our community in Canberra."

Eurobodalla Shire Mayor, Mr Mathew Hatcher opened the Ball and thanked the Filipino community.

Mr Hatcher said, "It is great to see the Filipino community celebrating culture and sharing it with our community. The contribution of the Filipino community through food, music and volunteering can be seen throughout the Eurobodalla Shire. It was a fantastic night had by all at the inaugural Phillipines Independence Ball and the highlight is always seeing the whole community come together."

The Batemans Bay Filipino Community thanked donors who made the evening possible including Holy Crust Pizza, Oceanbreeze Takeaway, Tint Tech Window Tinting, Durras North Wines, Go Vita Batemans Bay, JFox Cleaning, Bay Office Supplies, Lina Nascimento, Sofia Keady, Gwen Berryman and Myrna Radin.

Plans are already underway to celebrate Philippine Independence Day 2025.



Melissa Cutas from Batemans Bay is Mrs Phillipines Independence South Coast 2024



Holly Hatcher, Mayor Mat Hatcher, John Haslem, Marise Payne, Andrew Constance, David Porter, Nicki Cooper, Mike Mitchell and Sofie Keady. Photos: Gangot Smith

Mission Accomplished: NPWS frees entangled seal at Narooma break wall



The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has successfully freed a resident fur seal at the Narooma break wall that had been entangled in a tight-fitting plastic ring for several months.

The seal has garnered significant interest and concern from the local community, who have been closely monitoring its wellbeing and reporting sightings to NPWS and ORRCA.

Numerous attempts were made to disentangle the seal, however its frequent appearances and disappearances for weeks at a time made it challenging for NPWS staff to intervene.

On Wednesday 19th June, the stars finally aligned when the seal reappeared on the break wall. Skilled NPWS staff were able to safely capture the seal and successfully remove the plastic ring. The seal was unharmed during the process and quickly returned to the ocean to re-join its seal friends.

It is common to see fur seals hauled out along the NSW coastline at this time of year. The vast majority of seals lying on break walls, rock shelves or beaches are just resting or digesting a belly full of fish.

People are reminded to give seals plenty of space. While they may look fairly docile, seals can move very quickly on land, have sharp teeth and may bite if frightened or provoked.

Please don't approach a seal that has hauled out for any reason. For your own safety, and the animal's welfare, you must stay at least 40 metres away from adults and 80m if there is a pup present.

If you see a seal in distress or injured, give the animal plenty of space and report them to the NPWS on 13000 PARKS or ORRCA on 9415 3333.

NPWS Area Manager Jo Issaverdis said "We are incredibly proud to have made a difference for this seal.

The community's support and the dedication of ORRCA volunteers in monitoring and reporting sightings were invaluable.

Our staff's recent training in marine wildlife rescue was also fortuitous, greatly contributing to the successful and safe removal of the plastic ring.

It was really heartening for the team to see the seal dive back into the ocean, free from its entanglement.

We'd like to thank the local community and ORRCA volunteers for their support and vigilance in reporting sightings of this little guy over the past few months.

Your reports were key to ensuring a positive outcome for this critter."



REFUGEE WEEK IN EUROBODALLA

Refugee Action Collective Eurobodalla

In Refugee Week, it is shocking that there are 120 million people displaced from their homes. "Displaced" is the United Nations term for driven out and there are 68 million have fled their homes, but are still in their own country. The remaining 52 million are refugees, trying to find safety, with the UN estimating that 43 million are in urgent need of protection.

In Syria almost 14 million people have been displaced and the civil war in Sudan has added 9 million people forced from their homes since April 2023, bring the total to 11 million. In Gaza, 80% of the population have had to flee their homes, some 1.7 million people and in Ukraine almost 4 million people.

Australia is only offering 20,000 places to refugees and in a big migration program, there is clearly room for a lot more. Especially where Australia has been involved, as in Afghanistan, where people who helped the Australian army are hiding from the Taliban and in fear for their lives.

Refugee Week is an opportunity to focus on the positive contribution refugees make to our society. There are refugees and the children of refugees who have made their homes in Eurobodalla and are contributing to our Shire.

The Refugee Action Collective (RAC) Eurobodalla is hosting a Trivia Night to raise funds to support refugees in Australia and overseas. Money raised by this Trivia Night will provide funds to organisations in Australia who support refugees and asylum seekers struggling on temporary visas here, or in limbo in PNG, Nauru, Indonesia and Malaysia as a result of Australia's off shore mandatory detention policy for boat arrivals.

Refugee Action Collective Eurobodalla was formed in 2014 in response to the Abbott government's reintroduction of the off-shore detention policy for boat arrivals and at the start of the Syrian refugee crisis.

RAC wants refugees released from indefinite detention, a safety net for those in the community, a safe permanent home for all and a just and compassionate refugee policy.

RAC Eurobodalla works in our community to promote better understanding of refugees, pressure all levels of government to improve our refugee policy and raise money to help struggling refugees here and off-shore.

We are an independent group but work co-operatively with other similar local groups around the country to focus on particular refugee issues. We are associated with Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) and the Australian Refugee Action Network (ARAN) both run by national, volunteer committees supported by local groups.

Currently RAC supports the following groups:

- Asylum Seeker Centre, Sydney – providing a wide range of services relating to accommodation, health, training etc.
- Afghan Subcommittee of Rural Aust for Refugees – #We stand with women and girls in Afghanistan campaign – supporting and raising awareness of the perilous position of women and girls in Afghanistan under the Taliban
- Aust. Refugee Action Network (ARAN) – providing immediate help for the 60 refugees abandoned by Australia in PNG
- Cisarua Learning – helping refugees stranded in Indonesia, Malaysia & Thailand to set up and run their own schools. These refugees are denied access to work and education.
- Refugee Advice & Casework Service – provides much needed legal aid to those struggling to gain permanent residency and a place to call home. 10,000 refugees and asylum seekers in Australia are still on temporary visas that prevent full participation in work, Medicare and tertiary education.
- Refugee Council of Aust – major refugee lobbying body seeking to effect positive changes in refugee policy. They also partnered with a Canadian organisation on 'Operation Not Forgotten' which has managed to get a number of those stranded on PNG & Nauru to Canada and reunite them with their families.

There has been terrific support from local businesses for our Trivia Night event. Mogo Framers, Grumpy & Sweethearts, The Old Diary Mogo, Mogo Nursery, Gypsies of Mogo, Harry & Rouge, Dowry, RedZed Pilates, Pearly South, Region X, 2nd Hand Book Shop Mogo, Mogo Zoo, Southlands Fruit and Vegetables and Dan Murphy have all made generous donations for prizes for the Trivia Night.

You can contact RAC on raceurobodalla@gmail.com

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Last week, the Real Estate Institute of Australia announced its facts report for the March quarter. Their top five facts are: (1). The national median price for houses increased to \$1,026,903, an increase of 1.9% over the quarter and 7.6% over the year in capital cities. (2). Rents for 3-bedroom dwellings recorded a quarterly increase of 2.8% and an increase of 12.2% in the past year. (3). Rents for 2-bedroom other dwellings increased over the quarter by 6.9% and annually by 14.8%. (4). Vacancy rates in the March quarter decreased in Melbourne, Perth, Canberra and Darwin, remained stable in Brisbane and Adelaide, and increased in Sydney and Hobart. (5). Rental yields ranged from -2.6% to 8.4% over the quarter, depending on accommodation type and market. Even though this is our 1200th edition of Franzen Tips, stay tuned for next week's big news.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK ... GOD BLESS



Green thumbs get green light for verge planting

By Phil Herrick

Some call the bit of land between your front boundary and the road a verge, others call it the nature strip. Some just call it a headache to mow!

But others see it as an opportunity to build a garden, grow some food or make a refuge for local birds and other critters.

Either way, in a move that Costa from Gardening Australia would love, the Eurobodalla Council has put together a draft guide that encourages people to get out on the verge and garden - and now will be asking for public comment. Council currently only allows to a resident to plant in the verge if they make contact.

They are then told only two shrubs can be planted in a straight line at least 2.5 metres back from the kerb.

In a complete change of direction, the council will encourage gardeners with new draft Verge Garden Guidelines that sets out how residents can plant without approval from Council.

This area represents an opportunity to participate in urban greening and these guidelines have been developed to help you create a successful and safe verge garden," says council in the guidelines.

"We encourage residents to have fun creating attractive landscapes that compliment homes and the surrounding streetscape."

The council will put the guidelines out for public comment before adopting them at a future meeting.

They should ask Costa to come down and launch it!

Vinnies CEO Sleepout Inspires Eurobodalla Greens to launch their team for the September 2024 Local Government Elections



L-R : Charlie Bell, Niall O'Donnell, Colleen Turner, and Joslyn van der Moolen.

As CEOs prepare to sleep rough tonight Eurobodalla Greens are doing their bit locally. Announcing the team for council elections lead candidate Colleen Turner said "Our main focus for the September elections will be housing. We're seeking community input to find solutions for this critical issue. "Healthy Happy and Housed" is our campaign slogan because that's what The Greens believe every Australian deserves"

To commence their campaign Eurobodalla Greens will host an online Housing Forum on 3 July.

"Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington will guide us through the council's strategy and its implications for residents and non-resident property owners. Without affordable housing local businesses and services can't retain staff, and residents are more susceptible to unemployment, poverty and related mental health issues." said Ms Turner.

"Council's Housing Strategy is currently on display. The deadline for submissions is 10 July. Come along to the forum to understand the issues and help us frame a response to Council's proposals."

The Greens team consists of Colleen Turner, Joslyn van der Moolen, Charlie Bell and Niall O'Donnell.

Colleen Turner: My aim in standing for Council is to contribute to the Eurobodalla community by understanding and representing the diverse views of the community from the north to the south of our widespread shire. I will work to earn your support and commit to protect and enhance the natural beauty and amazing biodiversity of our beaches and forests for the benefit of us all as part of a sustainable economy.

Joslyn van der Moolen: As Secretary of Coastwatchers I aim to use my extensive land management experience to support Eurobodalla Council. I am committed to ending native forest logging and ensuring tourism remains the main economic driver on our beautiful south coast.

Charlie Bell: I want us to build on the work of past Greens Councillors to implement Greens policies to protect our native flora and fauna, and to make Eurobodalla a more compassionate and sustainable Shire. In Eurobodalla we need better development planning to maintain more tree cover, provide better walking and cycling pathways, and to improve affordable housing options.

Niall O'Donnell: I'm an Emergency Room registered nurse and witness on a daily basis the profound health effects and trauma of rapidly accelerating climate change on our community. I'm proud to be a member of our local community, and am prepared to 'walk the talk' in restoring and protecting our magnificent South Coast beaches and forests.

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ANH DO at The Pav
The Happiest Refugee LIVE



Anh Do's bestselling book *The Happiest Refugee* has made readers laugh and cry, and was described by Russell Crowe as 'the most surprising and inspiring read I have had in years.'

Anh's stage show takes it a step further, combining stand-up comedy with real life stories, photos and filmed pieces to retell his amazing story.

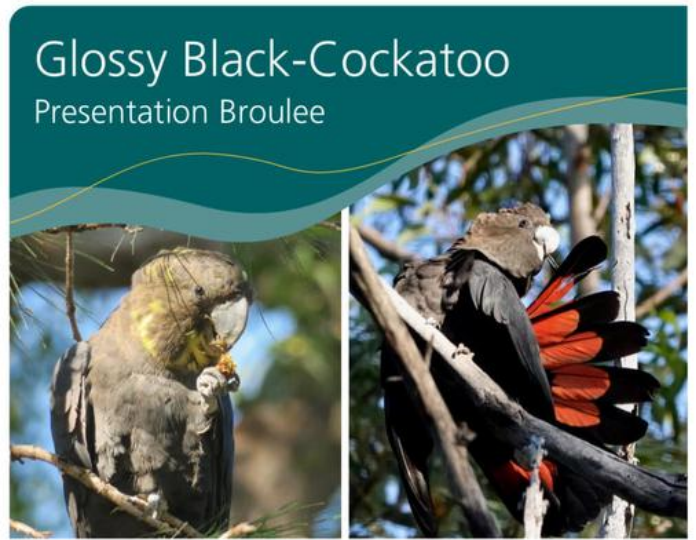
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Tuesday 3 Sept 2024, 7:30PM

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Glossy Black-Cockatoos are one of the most threatened cockatoo species in Australia and are currently in their breeding season.

A local glossy-black cockatoo expert and a bird citizen scientist will teach you:

- some interesting facts about these beautiful creatures
- where sightings of this species are occurring in Eurobodalla and how to identify them
- what you can do to help ensure these birds continue to live in our community.

Event details

When Thursday 4 July, 6pm to 7pm
Where Broulee Public School Hall
Cambridge Crescent, Broulee
Cost Free, bookings not required.

More information

Contact Eurobodalla Council's natural resource supervisor Courtney Fink-Downes:
• 0427 401 036
• Courtney.Fink@esc.nsw.gov.au



This project has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

Photos: Giovanna Hounsell



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FABULOUS FUNGUS FILM COMING TO MORUYA



On June 22nd 6:30pm, at the Red Door Hall, Anglican Church, Page Street Moruya, filmmakers Catherine Marciniak and Stephen Axford will present **Follow the Rain: a magical journey into the weird and wonderful world of fungi.**

Moruya Film Club members

are invited to bring friends to see this fascinating film. For those who love films, it's always great to hear about their making from the filmmakers themselves.

Doors open at 6pm - come early and speak with the filmmakers in person. **Only 50 Tickets are available, so go to the Fungi Festival website and book soon:**

<https://www.fungifestival.com.au/film>

The trailer speaks for itself. Take a look!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9N9WwFU3vA>

Find more screening dates at the Bay, Narooma and points further south on: <https://www.fungifestival.com.au/film>

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BATEMANS BAY

FUNGI FORAY

WITH STEPHEN AXFORD & CATHERINE MARCINIAK
THU, 27 JUNE | 2PM-3.30PM
MIMOSA ROCKS NATIONAL PARK

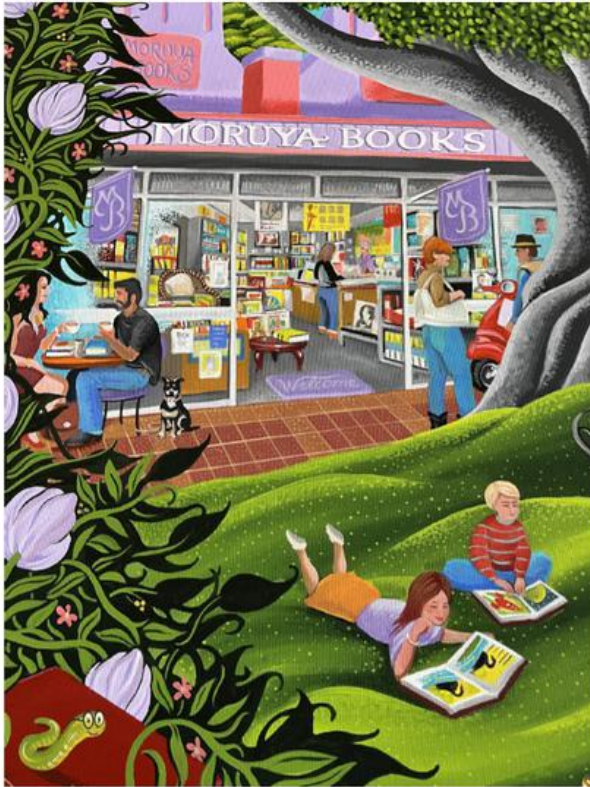
There is no better way to learn about the weird and wonderful world of forest fungi than to experience them first-hand in nature. On this fungi foray, our guides, master fungi photographer Stephen Axford and his partner in life and fungi, filmmaker Catherine Marciniak, will share what they have learned 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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invites you to the Eurobodalla premiere of a short film about the 2023 People's Blockade
The First Wave

Red Door Hall, St John's Anglican Church, Page St.
Moruya, Monday 1 July at 5pm to 6:30pm

Revisit the November 2023 Blockade from the end of the hottest year in human history. A Rising Tide of everyday people shut down the world's largest coal port for 32 hours. This is how we did it. Hear from Rising Tide organisers and blockaders about how this historic event came together.



"A Winter Scene" An Oil Painting Workshop

with the use of Bob Ross 'Wet on Wet' Techniques

Presented by:
Camelle Denny
A certified Instructor:

Only 8 positions
available for this
workshop



Date : **Saturday 6th July 2024**
Time : 11am to 4pm
Venue: The Pavillions, Batemans Bay Wet Room
Cost : \$150 for Members and Non Members.
Bookings: email your name and phone number to workshops@cabbi.com.au
Materials: Camelle will supply materials such as: Oil Paint, canvas, palettes, solvent, and some brushes.

You will need to supply your own brushes, such as a 1" or 2" inch Bob Ross Landscape, #6 fan Brush, #2 script liner, #12 Filbert. Cleaning up materials including Baby wipes, paper towel, latex gloves, small jar for solvent. Some bob ross supplies are at Amanda's of Mogo Art supplies

We will send you an online Invoice to be paid in full to secure your booking.

Workshop Overview:

This workshop is designed for beginners to be introduced to the **Bob Ross** Landscape Painting techniques. Using oil paint mediums, you will be encouraged to explore techniques and concepts of making good Landscape compositions.

This workshop will help people improve their skills and enjoyment of making art.

Please read the Cabbi Refund Policy before booking at <https://cabbi.com.au/cabbi-workshops>

Little Sellers Art Prize entries close this month

This is your chance to see your artwork up in lights in a large-scale projection exhibit at the Bas!

Aspiring school-aged artists from Eurobodalla are invited to enter the Little Sellers Art Prize 2024 for a chance to win great prizes including the prestigious \$2000 Little Sellers scholarship.

Entries close Friday 28 June 2024, 4.30pm.

·Read details of the prizes and how to enter

For more information contact Council's creative arts team on: ·T: 4474 7355 ·E: hello@thebas.com.au

Afternoon music

Acoustic sing-along with Nick.
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24 Church St Moruya www.artcentral.org.au

2EARFM GIG GUIDE

FRI 21st

Steve Martin – Hotel Australasia, Eden (5.30pm)
 Joe Quennell – Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
 Driving Sideways – Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
 Live Music.....Lynchs Hotel

SAT, 22 Jun:

Driving Sideways – Soldiers Club (8pm)
 Lesley Lambert.....Quantum Brewery 4pm
 Allan Watts Band – Merimbula RSL (8pm)
 Alec Randles.....Tim McMahan
 Totum.....Broulee Brewhouse

SUN, 23 Jun:

Steve MartinClub Tuross (noon)
 Totum Club Narooma (3pm)
 Tim McMahan.....Tilba Valley Winery
 Tamara.....Broulee Brewhouse

What's on

Macramé crystal necklace workshop

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre presents an exciting and interactive workshop with the talented artist, Emily Boyd.

In this workshop you will learn how to make a simple macramé crystal necklace. Choose which crystal resonates with you and make your selection from colourful beads and string to create something uniquely your taste. During the workshop, you will practice tying knots, working with string and being creative with your hands. Workshop participants will learn how to: Tie basic macrame knots, Plait string, Make a necklace. Don't miss this opportunity to try a different medium of creative expression in this very hands-on workshop.

This is an ideal workshop if you: Like working with your hands, Are interested in crystals, Want to try a different creative medium like jewellery-making.

Participants can take home: A macramé crystal necklace.

Spaces are limited, so make sure to secure your spot by registering in advance. We look forward to seeing you at the event!

<https://thebas.com.au/.../workshop-create-your-own...>

When - 13 July 12:20pm - 3:30pm Cost - \$120

Hand Building at Art Central

Art Central is excited to offer 2 hand building ceramics courses in Term 3. Discover the joy of creating unique, handcrafted pottery pieces, while learning about clay properties, tools, and surface decoration methods. Our experienced instructors will provide personalised guidance. By the end of the course, you'll have crafted your own beautiful ceramic creations to take home and cherish. Join us for a creative and rewarding experience in the world of hand built ceramics. Register your interest today email artmoruya@artcentral.org.au or visit artcentral.org.au

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

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](#)

Community Events Funding

From festivals to fundraisers, sports events and more - apply now for funding before Sunday 30 June.

We love supporting a variety of events in our shire, whether big or small.

There are community events grants up to \$2000 available as well as larger tourism and events sponsorships. Find out more here www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/grant-opportunities.

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.

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River of Art Prize open ahead of spring festival



Judges announcing last year's winners of the River of Art Prize.

Artists from across Australia and the South Coast are invited to enter the 2024 River of Art Prize, part of Eurobodalla's unique, annual arts festival.

The Prize offers a platform for artists to portray any vision or subject and can cross all mediums from painting, watercolour, mixed media, pencil or sculpture or photography.

Entries close on Thursday August 8, with the launch of the finalists exhibition and an awards ceremony on September 27, marking the start of the Festival's two week program. Entries can be lodged via the online application form.

The total prize pool is \$5,500.00, the prize money is \$3500 for the winner, \$1500 for the runner up and \$500 for the artwork that is most highly commended. Visitors to the festival can also vote for their favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award to be announced at the closing of the Festival on October 7.

"2024 is our 20th anniversary and the River of Art Prize has been a central and integral part of our festival since its inception.

"It serves as a platform for artists to showcase their talents but also recognises the hard work and dedication of artists as well as providing a greater community appreciation of the arts. Through the art prize we have been able to bring together artists and art enthusiasts creating a vibrant and inspiring atmosphere that enhances the festival experience.

We look forward to celebrating the River of Art Festival this year that includes the October Long Weekend. That period coincides with the whale migration and the spring harvest, combined with a rich program of exhibitions, open studios, workshops and performances, and special events across the major coastal centres.

Artists in the area are also urged to register their workshops, open studios, exhibitions and performances now. The program entry form is [here](#).

The event listings will feature on the River of Art website where visitors can build an itinerary based on their travel dates, creative interests and preferred geographical base.

The 2023 art prize attracted 53 entries from 41 artists. Congo artist Bessie Nunes won the 2023 River of Art Prize with a captivating 1.2 metre ceramic and mixed medium sculpture titled 'Tales of Flame'. Bessie also won the People's Choice Award. Runner-up was awarded to Guerilla Bay artist David Walker for 'Seasons', a piece of four jewellery pendants made from thermal and reclaimed plastics set within a steel frame and hung with a steel cord.

Highly Commended was awarded to Batehaven artist Indra Carmichael for her work 'Daphne in the Laurel Leaves', a mixed medium of pencil, ink and stitch on paper.

www.riverofart.com.au

NSW REUSE REVOLUTION EASES COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

NSW Environment Protection Authority

The NSW community saved \$432 million last year through second-hand shopping, helping to ease the cost-of-living crisis according to a new study into the reuse sector released today. The report 'Measuring Reuse Activity and Impacts in NSW', developed by not-for-profit Charitable Reuse Australia in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), is the first of its kind and provides an in-depth look into the industry's environmental, economic, and social benefits. This research estimates NSW reuse activity in 2022-23 for organisations such as charity stores, social enterprises, second-hand clothing stores, rent-a-racks, and commercial collectors/exporters and is based on insights provided by 44 organisations representing more than 600 reuse shops.

The findings show reuse is providing substantial financial relief to households, highlighting the vital role second-hand goods play in reducing expenses, while also delivering job opportunities, charity support, and reduced carbon emissions. NSW EPA CEO Tony Chappel said reuse generates 25 times more jobs than recycling and 81 times more than landfill on a per tonne basis.

"This evidence in creating employment and providing valuable training is truly commendable, making a real difference in people's lives," Mr Chappel said.

"Supporting the reuse sector means supporting local charities and community groups, who reinvest millions back into our economy. It's a powerful reminder that every item donated or purchased second-hand has a ripple effect of positive outcomes.

"As we face climate change challenges, efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve 51,000 megalitres of water are more important than ever. This report underscores the critical role of a circular economy and sustainable practices in protecting our environment for future generations."

More than 1,500 full-time equivalent staff are working in these organisations across NSW, and their hard work helps to divert around 49,900 tonnes of products from landfill to reuse each year.

Reuse is also accelerating the state's transition to a circular economy, saving 321,000 tonnes of CO₂, equivalent to removing 134,000 passenger vehicles from the road. Charitable Reuse Australia CEO Omer Soker said this initiative is circular economy leadership in action, and NSW is leading the way.

"Whenever Australians donate a quality item or buy something pre-loved from a charity shop, they make a massive impact socially and environmentally. Additionally, they find something unique to cherish," Mr Soker said.

"It's inspiring to see how many second-hand items are being rehomed, keeping them out of landfill and putting them back into the hands of those who need them.

"Buying second-hand is good for the environment, good for society and good for you. There's something intrinsically wonderful about being conscious, sustainable, and ethical all at the same time."

Other key findings estimate reuse organisations have:

- Rehomed 107.7 million second-hand items.
- Repaired 3,900 tonnes of items for re-use.
- Sold or donated second-hand goods valued at \$243 million.
- Reinvested \$51 million raised into social and community programs.
- Avoided the direct consumption of 29,900 tonnes of virgin materials.
- Saved 80,000 hectares of land, equivalent to the size of 75,000 soccer pitches.

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Disability Community Consultation

Physical Disability Council of NSW

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Part 2 will build your self-advocacy and self-care skills to maintain inclusive employment as well as providing foundational advice on options when additional legal or advocacy support is needed.

Community Consultation: What Matters to You?

Join our PDCN Community Consultation to have your say

Share your thoughts on issues facing people with disabilities and inclusion barriers you experience. These vital conversations guide our work and help us generate meaningful change for you and the disability community.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included on both days.

Ulladulla Events:

Wednesday 26 June

·Employability Edge Part 1, 10:30am – 1pm at the Dunn Lewis Centre, Ulladulla

·Employability Edge Part 2, 2pm – 4pm at the Dunn Lewis Centre, Ulladulla

Thursday 27 June

·Nurturing Self – a workshop for parents, 10am – 12:15pm at the Dunn Lewis Centre, Ulladulla

·Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) Workshop, 1pm – 2:30pm at the Dunn Lewis Centre, Ulladulla

Bateman's Bay Event:

Thursday 27 June

·Community Consultation: What Matters to You? 2pm – 4pm at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.pdcnsw.org.au/workshop-registration/> or call 1800 688 831

*Workshops are free for people with disability and their parents/carers.

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tell PDCN what matters to you
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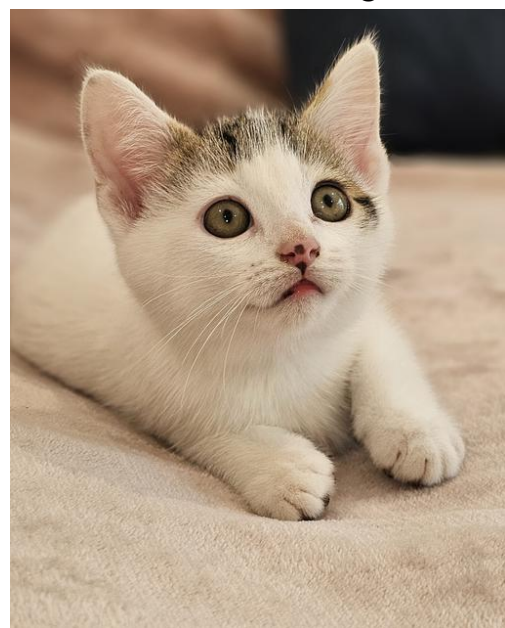
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Workshops and events are free for people with disability and their parents or unpaid informal supports.

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Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla kittens for adoption



AWL Eurobodalla has four really lovely three and a half month old kittens available for adoption. Billie and Bailey are tabbies, while Angel and Rocky are grey and white. All four are confident, affectionate and great with dogs.

Please ring AWL on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting with any of these fabulous felines.

Still on the subject of cats, throughout June we are offering financial assistance to anyone at all who needs to have their cat or kitten desexed. It's the law in NSW that cats be desexed by four months of age, so we encourage all cat owners whose pets are not desexed to take advantage of this great opportunity. Book your cat into the vet of your choice, then call AWL on 0436 816 718 to arrange your voucher.

Finally, still on the feline theme, AWL encourages all cat owners to keep their pets contained within their property, with suitable enrichment, such as playtime, toys and even walks on a lead. The outside world is full of dangers for cats, and they are also responsible for killing large numbers of native animals. So keep your cat safe at home and it's a win all round.

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DESPICABLE ME 4 PG, 1H 35M, ADVENTURE/COMEDY	1.55pm 6pm	2.15pm 7pm*	11am 4.50pm	11am 4.50pm		12.15pm* 4.15pm*	12.15pm* 4.15pm*
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INSIDE OUT 2 PG, 1H 36M, FAMILY/COMEDY	12.15pm* 4.15pm*	12.40pm* 4.15pm	1pm 6.50pm	1pm		1.55pm 6pm	1.55pm 6pm
GREATEST DAYS M, 1H 52M, MUSICAL/COMEDY	2.10pm*	2.40pm*	3.45pm*	3.45pm*		2.10pm*	2.10pm*
THE WAY, MY WAY (LAST WEEK) PG, 1H 40M, DRAMA	3.50pm	4.45pm*	1.45pm*	1.45pm*		3.55pm	3.55pm
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DESPICABLE ME 4
 PG | 1hr 34min
 ~ Animation ~ Family ~
 Will Ferrell, Steve Carell,
 Sofía Vergara & Kristen Wiig
 In the first Despicable Me
 movie in seven years, Gru,
 the world's favorite
 supervillain-turned-Anti-
 Villain League-agent,
 returns for an exciting,
 bold new era of Minions.



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.



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.



UNsung HERO
 PG | 1hr 53min ~ Family ~ Drama ~
 When David Smallbone's successful
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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
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 part of the Fungi Feastival. This film
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 Tickets @ fungifeastival.com.au

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Saturday 13 July

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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

Bimbimbe, 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 PI 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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Each course runs for 1 day.

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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

or email 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.

History Talk: Noted Australian Colonial Poet Charles Harpur

Where: Moruya Golf Club

When: Saturday 20 July 3.00 pm.

Cost: Free but donation appreciated

More Information:

Email: moruyamuseum@gmail.com Tel: 0427738300

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.

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>

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



MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

Happy Winter solstice everyone! Today is officially the shortest day and longest night of the year. I for one, am looking forward to heading to work in the morning, and having the sun actually be up!

After a week or so of no rain to speak of, the river is running clean and clear yet again. It is however a little on the frigid side, as a result, everything piscatorial wise, is a bit quiet at the moment. The only species that seem to enjoy the cooler temps are the salmon and tailor. There have been a few of those down around Preddy's wharf, with several of my junior customers getting into a few on surface lures from the wharf there. Any small to medium sized popper will work when you can see a bit of surface activity. Don't fish too light, as the salmon at the moment are pushing some reasonable sizes and weights.

Flathead have for the most part been pretty quiet, with the bream still around, it holding deep and not overly fussed on actively feeding at the moment.

Now we wait for warmer temps, longer days, and more fish activity.

Tuross.

Coila lake has still been producing some good sized black bream this last few weeks. The big seas last weekend have forced a good amount of clean, fresh salt water back into the lake, which bodes well for next summer. With the lake still open at the moment, we can expect that this summers prawning in Coila should be great, provided we don't get a heap of summer rain to ruin it again. .

Tuross itself is hard in winter lock down mode, with the fish still there, but pretty unwilling to actively feed this time of year. A burley trail is always a good way to try and entice some lethargic shut down fish to feed. Live nippers or small soft plastic presentations are the go at the moment.

Keep persevering, as the fish are there, they are just a little moody at the moment.

Rock and beach.

The beaches and rocky headlands are the go to spots at the moment, with salmon from the beaches and drummer from the rocks your best chance of setting a hook at the moment. After the swells last weekend, the rocks will be a great place to look for a feed of drummer. Some bread burley, cunjoie or prawns as bait, you can be in for some hard pulling, good eating action.

With the habit of swimming, the salmon have been where you find them. Every beach along the coast has the potential to be holding good schools of XOS of winter run salmon at the moment. Try a few spots till you find them. Look for dark patches of water that indicate a school of fish, they can be anywhere.

Offshore.

I haven't had too many reports from the offshore crews this week, as 5m seas last weekend, tends to keep boats on trailers. We always see a good run of fish once things settle down after a good blow, with reefs and structure stirred up, the snapper come looking for anything that has been dislodged after a big sea event. Try in as little as 10-15m of water, and you should be able to find a few fish for the table.

The bait freezer is well stocked at the moment, with whitebait the only no show as usual.

Circle Saturday the 13th of July in your calendar for next month, as we are celebrating our 20th birthday that weekend. We will be having 2EC on site for a live broadcast with the famous sausage sizzle as well as 10-50% off store wide, (some exclusions apply). We will also be running a major prize pack that can be entered into by simply making a purchase in store. Stay tuned for prize pack details and the way to enter into the completion. Come help us celebrate 20 years of being open Saturday the 13th of July. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every days a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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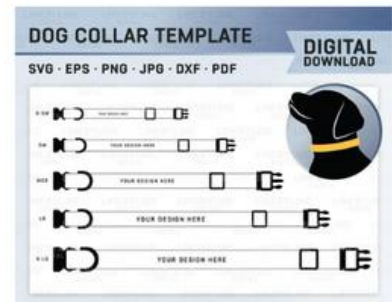
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