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Photo of the week: Pelicans on the Moruya River captured by Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club.



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Letter responses disappoint Council

By Phil Herrick

Do you ever think of writing a letter to the government on some issue or other then think, "What's the point? They'll just ignore it anyway."

Our local councillors probably share that thought after getting a report from the general manager about the impact of a number of advocacy letters sent to the state government.

Council often resolves to write a letter to government on an issue they struggle with. It gives the sense action has been taken and, who knows, maybe it'll work. Well, not so much.

Of six letters sent to the NSW government since late 2022 only four have been answered, the others were ignored.

Responses came back on letters regarding housing workers building the new hospital, the emergency services levy, upgrades to evacuation centres and pet cat containment. None of the responses achieved what was asked

Letters asking for action on a Moruya bypass and improved ambulance services, and for a pontoon for seaplanes in Batemans Bay have been ignored by the state government. Cr Alison Worthington was the only one at Tuesday's council meeting to voice concerns.

"This is a series of really disappointing responses," she said. "We see ministers respond by just bouncing the letter to another minister."

Perhaps there is a touch of poetic justice in there, to see one level of government suffer at the hands of another level of government, sharing the pain normally felt by ordinary people.

Letter to the Editor

ESC mute on funding question

Why won't ESC's General Manager or Councillors answer a simple question? In a May 10th media release, ESC announced its intention to reduce the maintenance of shire roads in order to cut costs and service an \$8.4 million debt.

At the same time, this strategy was echoed by Snowy Monaro Regional Council (SMRC) in order to deal with their "serious and urgent financial challenges."

Later, In June, the Federal Government released its 2024-2029 Road to Recovery funding allocations to local councils.

Both ESC and SMRC received a 43% increase in funding.

Consequently, in a media release of 21st June, SMRC announced that due to, "a large increase in grant funding," it had reversed its decision to reduce road maintenance.

However, ESC has made no announcement with respect to its windfall of \$9,145,801, as compared to its previous allocation of \$5,196,461. Please note, this funding must be directed to roads, not debts.

The simple question put to the General Manager (and cc'd to councillors) in correspondence dated 26th June '24 was:

"Due to the release of the 2024 Roads to Recovery funding, with ESC allocated \$9,145,801, will council now reconsider the planned reduction in road maintenance for our shire?"

SILENCE! - As no response was received within 10 working days, the question was resent seeking additional information:

- * an explanation as to why Council does not comply with its Customer Service Charter which promises a response within 10 working days.

- * an explanation as to why previous advice supplied by the General Manager's (GM) office was not complied with. This advice being:

"The Executive Leadership team have had a conversation about overdue correspondence and ensuring our timeframes are met.

Directors have also instructed their teams to advise community members if there will be delays to the response." (16th Feb, '24)

"Staff are also now aware that anticipated delays require a timely acknowledgement with a revised timeframe for response." (26th Feb, '24) As no advice was received regarding a delayed response, a reason for the delay or a revised timeframe, it appears that the GM's office has either provided incorrect advice or management/directors are failing to fulfil their responsibilities.

BIGGER SILENCE! - Although Councillors were only cc'd in the original correspondence, they were asked directly in correspondence of 16th July. Based on previous experience, no responses are expected.

Such conduct displays a blatant disregard for the obligations and responsibilities of civic office and does not bode well for those wishing to stand for re-election.

In order to facilitate open, transparent and accountable government, our Mayor, Councillors and GM must ensure that ratepayer queries/concerns are responded to, that policies such as the Customer Service Charter are complied with and that advice provided by senior management is adhered to.

Failure to do so negates recent assertions made by our Mayor and GM that these principles are being achieved. I look forward to someone, anyone, from ESC answering my simple question and explaining why official procedure pertaining to correspondence is being ignored, resulting in me having to express my frustration in this letter to the media.

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Malua Bay playground and picnic are opens



New playground and picnic facilities at Malua Bay were opened in grand style, with hundreds of people enjoying a family fun day hosted by Eurobodalla Council on Saturday 13 July.

The \$1.6 million project for Albert Bamman Memorial Park included an expanded play space, new picnic facilities, toilet block, pathways, a viewing platform, and landscaping. At the grand opening on Saturday, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher thanked the community for their input and ideas.

“To see all these new features like the basketball halfcourt, more shade, and sitting areas is just what the community wanted and needed,” Mayor Hatcher said.

“During the bushfires, this reserve was a refuge for our community when faces were covered in ashes and fear. Now, faces are covered with big smiles and families can create new memories for generations to come.” Council met with youth, disability, Aboriginal and heritage advisory committees, historical societies as well as the Mogo and Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Councils during the design phase. The community also met Council staff at the park to give their input.

“It’s important we collect community feedback and ideas to create recreational spaces that are inclusive for all ages and abilities, while also preserving the natural beauty of our landscape,” Mayor Hatcher said.

Mayor Hatcher congratulated Council staff for coordinating the project and thanked funding partners and representatives who attended the grand opening. Batemans Bay Lions Club contributed \$100,000 to the project through the Lions District 201N2 Disaster Recovery Fund. Club president Leslie Crompton was thrilled to see the area complete.

“Having a fun and safe space where kids can meet and hang out is essential for growth and social development – something even more so important since the pandemic,” Mrs Crompton said.

“I can’t wait to see future events here, where locals and visitors make the most of the wonderful new facilities.”

Other funding contributions to the project included: \$1,002,915 from the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, \$75,000 from the NSW Government’s Everyone Can Play Program, \$272,013 from the NSW Government’s Stronger Country Communities Fund and \$200,000 from Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Bega MP Dr Michael Holland explained how the NSW Government aims to make recreational spaces across the state more accessible and inclusive.



Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher and Gilmore MP Fiona Phillips test out the new basketball halfcourt.

“The Everyone Can Play program has focussed on upgrading facilities across NSW to ensure they cater to people of all ages and abilities, promoting equitable access to play and leisure opportunities for everyone in the community.

“It’s great to see the Commonwealth Government’s investment over \$1 million go towards this infrastructure, which looks fabulous. I can see this becoming a popular destination for families in the region, strengthening our sense of community and love for the place we live.”



Batemans Bay Lions Club contributed \$100,000 to the project through the Lions District 201N2 Disaster Recovery Fund.

Council dithers as Bay Pavilions loss to top \$6.2m

BAY PAVILIONS ARTS+AQUATIC

By Phil Herrick

The massive losses operating the pool, gym and theatre at the Batemans Bay Pavilions are at the centre of the budget crisis hitting the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

A year ago, consultants gave council a series of actions it could take to cut the losses. The Moruya Mail can reveal that to date, none of the main actions have been completed, allowing the losses to not just continue, but to increase.

Council expects the loss this financial year at the Pavilions to top \$6.2 million, putting last year's \$5.2 million total loss in the shade. This includes depreciation of \$2.5 million.

The \$3.8 million cash loss forecast this year made council slash \$1.1 million from road maintenance, cut park mowing and reduce library hours as it struggles to cover that loss.

When it became clear initial estimates of the cost to operate the Bay Pavilions were nonsense, council commissioned consultants to investigate and recommend solutions.

KPMG completed a report on financial and operational matters at the Bay Pavilions in June last year. It was accepted without change by Council in August 2023.

InConsult provided more advice in June last year and GHD did an energy audit in July 2023. Both sets of advice were accepted by council last October.

There were a wide range of actions for staff to take to stem losses. Some steps have begun, none have been fully completed.

The four major items we investigated are the renegotiation of the contract with Aligned Leisure, delivery of new business and marketing plans, attracting new partners to the Pavilions to increase revenues and implementing the recommendations of an energy audit.

The Contract

The consultants recommended renegotiation of the contract with Aligned Leisure, who operate the Bay Pavilions, addressing the issues identified that Aligned Leisure have no 'skin in the game', no penalties for poor performance and no rewards for improving performance.

A year later, the contract with Aligned Leisure has not been renegotiated. A council spokesperson said the cleaning contract and associated service schedules were reviewed.

"Monthly monitoring of actual year-to-date revenue and expenses continues and Council has strengthened reporting and governance between Council and Aligned Leisure, with involvement from Council's finance and corporate support areas," he said.

The Marketing and Business Plans

The consultants recommended council require Aligned Leisure to deliver new marketing and business plans with the aim of improving business performance.

A year later, these have not been done.

The council spokesperson said marketing and training schedules have been provided.

"However, Council has requested further work in this area," he said.

"Business planning information has been discussed in response to Council requests, however further work is still required in this area."

Finding New Partners

The consultants recommended council find new partners to run their services out of the Bay Pavilions and increase revenues and patronage. No action has been taken on finding new business partnerships.

The council spokesperson said the focus has been on existing financial, operational and contractual activities and actions.

"Exploring partnerships and other providers and considering commercial options will be actions going forward," he said.

The Energy Audit

GHD completed the energy audit a year ago. Last year, council said the recommended works were to be completed in the first quarter of 2024.

The works have not been completed.

Council says it had to engage a local company to assess the effectiveness of the building management system to enable full implementation of the GHD recommendations.

"This is an essential first step to improve energy outcomes," said the council spokesperson.

"However, it has taken slightly longer than anticipated. There are benefits, as this may reduce the work required once the remaining recommendations are implemented."

Where to next?

The failure of council staff to implement the consultant's recommendations should not be a surprise.

People working at council are not entrepreneurs, despite their best intentions. They are asked to oversee a business where the gym and theatre are both competing with other locally owned enterprises.

The money being lost is not theirs, nor is there any risk the cash won't be found to cover the losses as long as the community continues to accept cuts to other services.

The mayor and councillors also show a puzzling lack of public urgency to rectify the mess, other than the occasional wringing of hands.

At \$6.2 million, this year's budgeted total loss is \$1 million more than last year.

Unless there is a fundamental rethink and change to the operations at the Bay Pavilions the community can only expect the losses to continue, and possibly grow, leading to further cuts to essential council services or a rates increase.

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GM's performance pleases

Councillors

By Phil Herrick

The annual performance review of general manager Warwick Winn was tabled at Tuesday's meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire Council in Moruya.

Mr Winn is 20 months into his four-year contract. He sat down with councillors on 9 July to go over key achievements for the last year.

In his report, mayor Mathew Hatcher said councillors noted Mr Winn's comments and self-appraisal against his 2023-24 performance plan, and his narrative around the year's achievements and challenges.

"Overall, the feedback on the General Manager's performance review was very positive," he said.

"Among other highlights, Councillors discussed the financial leadership shown and the positive steps to communicate honestly with residents and ratepayers."

Mayor Hatcher recommended a pay rise of 3.5% for Mr Winn, the same as other council staff, and a 0.5% bonus. Discussion of the report and pay rise was held in closed session, so we are unable to report the details.

Council's 2022-23 annual report shows Mr Winn's remuneration in that year was \$380,000.

Broulee 'round about ready for safer intersection



A roundabout will be installed at the intersection of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road in 2025, with preparatory work starting soon.

Early work to prepare the way for a new roundabout on George Bass Drive will begin soon.

To be installed next year, the four-leg roundabout will replace the offset intersection of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road and is designed to improve traffic flow and road safety at this busy junction. The roundabout will include improved lighting and islands and paths for pedestrians and cyclists.

To prepare the site, Eurobodalla Council will begin relocating underground watermains and telecommunications over the next few of months. Road users should take care in the area and traffic control will be in place as needed.

The \$2.6 million project includes \$2 million from the Australian Government Black Spot Program with Council contributing the remainder. Council has yet to be successful in attracting grant money for a similar roundabout at the George Bass Drive and Train Street intersection.

Find more information about the project on Council's [Broulee Road roundabout webpage](#).

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Progress on 3G switchover as SMS handset checker now available to more Australians

The estimated number of 4G mobile handsets that could lose access to Triple Zero after the 3G switchover has decreased from 740,000 in March 2024 to 102,000 as industry measures ramp up. Mobile customers of Telstra, Optus and TPG/Vodafone networks can all text '3' to '3498' and receive an instant reply on whether their mobile handset could be impacted by the 3G switchover, with TPG/Vodafone recently enabling this SMS checking capability across their network.

Additionally, Optus customers who may be affected will receive a recorded message when they make a first voice call each day together with a proactive SMS reminder of the need to take further action.

The latest industry figures come as the Albanese Government and industry continue to work closely to ensure customers who may be impacted are identified and informed ahead of the switchover. TPG/Vodafone closed its 3G network on 30 January 2024. Telstra and Optus plan to switchover fully to 4G and 5G from 1 September 2024.

First announced in 2019, the switchover will provide more efficient use of spectrum by mobile operators to boost capacity and data speeds.

However, a subset of 4G handsets configured by the manufacturer to rely on 3G for Triple Zero access. This may include devices that are older, purchased overseas, or second-hand.

Communications Minister Michelle Rowland set up a Working Group with industry in March, after it was revealed that approximately 740,000 handsets could be affected.

Through the Working Group, industry has undertaken significant efforts to identify and contact customers with these handsets and make information available and to guide consumer actions.

Industry is also providing financial hardship measures to customers to support the switchover.

The Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA) has also established a tool that allows consumers to enter their device's unique 15-digit IMEI number to see if they are impacted. This new tool, and important information about the 3G switchover, is available at www.3gclosure.com.au

The Government encourages Australians to text '3' to '3498' to visit www.3gclosure.com.au or reach out directly to their mobile service provider directly for further information and support. Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP SAID "The latest figures are encouraging. I am pleased industry is working collaboratively to identify and inform Australians who may be impacted by the 3G switchover.

"Despite the latest fall in the number of affected handsets, as the planned switchover date draws closer it is clear that more needs to be done.

"The Albanese Government will continue to work closely with industry to monitor progress and ensure the switchover takes place in a safer way.

"Industry has undertaken significant effort to identify and contact affected customers and make information available. The Government is keen to see this work ramp-up and continue.

"All Australians must have confidence in the Triple Zero service. I encourage everyone to check their own device, speak to friends, family and loved ones about the 3G switchover and reach out directly to their service providers for further information."

BEGA ELECTORATE CROWN RESERVES FUNDING

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland has announced over \$500,000 in grants to maintain and upgrade Crown land reserves and community facilities across the region.

The NSW Government grants are being provided by Crown Lands in the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure from the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund.

Bega electorate projects being funded included:

- \$288, 919 to install power supply and electrical infrastructure to picnic areas and sporting fields at Tantawanglo Recreation Reserve.
- \$270,432 towards various weed control and management programs in the region.

Crown reserves support communities by providing land for recreation such as parks, ovals and walking tracks, and help underpin tourism, jobs, businesses and local economies through activities such as hiking, camping, fishing and wildlife watching.

Reserves support community organisations with land for facilities like public halls, showgrounds, campgrounds, and racecourses. They also protect sensitive environmental habitat for native plants and animals and preserve areas of cultural and heritage significance to local and Aboriginal communities.

Dr. Michael Holland MP
Member for Bega
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A few observations on Plastic Free July



Part of the crowd for the launch day on September 19 2003 held in the John St. Park Mogo Village

By Phil Mayberry

Eurobodalla Shire Council has created many great initiatives during Plastic Free July which are welcomed. However not a single mention of a small town within Eurobodalla Shire that became the first town on mainland Australia to go plastic carry bag free in 2003.

After much consultation with local businesses, community, ESC., Keep Australia Beautiful, Planet Ark and local Office Supplies, the village of Mogo launched its successful Plastic Carry Bag Free Campaign on September 19, 2003.

This was a major achievement for the small village of Mogo which also won the small town section of Keep Australia Beautiful's Tidy Towns Competition on the back of this achievement and other environmental initiatives.

The village of Mogo should be recognized for this achievement but we were rewarded with the removal of signs at each end of town recognizing this milestone.

On a slightly different tack I have noticed a new breed of recycled plastic carry bags appearing in some supermarkets which purport to "bio - degrade in the open environment or waterways". How long they will take to bio degrade in the natural land and marine environment of the beautiful South Coast is not specified.

Mogo Nursery has plastic carry bags from 2003 - 2005 that have "Compostable" and "Protect Our Environment" written on them that vary from almost complete bags to masses of smaller fragments. These have been subjected to water and air over a 20 year period!

These new bags may be slightly better for the environment but are just another means for the packaging industry to make a dollar. The best alternative is to Bring Your Own Bags when you go shopping.



A '100% degradable bag' 21 years later after being alternatively being exposed to air and water over a 20 year period!

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HEALTH MINISTERS VISIT THE EUROBODALLA

ITS TIME FOR A 2024 HEALTH SYSTEM STOCKTAKE FROM A COMMUNITY POINT OF VIEW

Better Access to Healthcare Series - Dr. Arn Sprogis July 2024

Federal and NSW Health Ministers Visit and What it Means

Having the Federal and NSW Health Ministers visit in the same week is a strong signal to take a close look at the state of the Eurobodalla health system from a community perspective and fill in the gaps on what the Ministers did and more importantly, didn't want to talk about.

Mark Butler Federal Minister for Health visited the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Centre and the Headspace Unit, both valuable additions for our region but didn't mention equity of funding for the Eurobodalla or how the Commonwealth government intends to finally fix the very significant 40 years funding gap compared to capital cities. He also didn't give a timeline on how the GP, Medical Specialist, Allied Health or Nursing workforce shortfall would be resolved.

Ryan Park NSW Minister for Health on his visit committed to equity of access to services for all rural communities. He joined in the celebration for the start of construction of the new \$330 million-dollar New Eurobodalla hospital which in 2027 will, in my most conservative estimate add around \$10-15 million annually in additional staff and services finally closing the NSW Government gap in equity funding.

The Health System Stocktake

In our community, like all rural communities, what stands out is the difficulty in accessing quality health care compared to capital city communities mainly due to 40 years of unfair health financing by both Federal and State governments no matter which major party was in power at the time.

In this stocktake I have looked at the bigger picture of what's been achieved over the past year and what has been neglected, and as always it has thrown up some surprises. The review is limited to medical and hospital services which have the biggest current gaps in government financing.

Commonwealth Government and Healthcare Underfunding

The Commonwealth is the biggest offender in year-on-year underfunding of healthcare in our region compared to capital cities. The latest estimate for a region like ours in FY 2020/2021 was \$850 per person per year on average (both Commonwealth and State). In 2024 despite some small tweaks to bulkbilling rebates (which is great for some patients) and the funding of the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Centre, the Commonwealth funding gap for our region is likely to be greater in 2024 mainly due to continuing rural workforce decline compared to capital cities. It is difficult to see how access can improve in a rural area like ours when a huge funding gap continues.

A Glimmer of Hope

Balancing the funding gap negative is a slight glimmer of hope in 2024 as the Federal Health Minister, Mark Butler has commissioned a "Scope of Practice Review" which reports in October 2024 (I will do a more detailed piece on this later in the year). On behalf of the Tuross Head Progress Association, I have been part of providing community input to this review at a national level and in my view the review has real potential to lead to major improvements in access to all aspects of primary care in rural areas. A review is only a path to action and in 2025 the Federal election will be the test whether the Federal Labor Government is committed to meeting the rural health access challenge. Watch this space for developments.

Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic

The opening of the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Centre (BB UCC) was a step forward in meeting a small part of the health access challenges in our region, however it has raised issues of equity of funding and fragmentation of care, and I will do a separate opinion piece on the BB UCC after the mid-year hospital data becomes available.

Note: Despite my reservations about the government's policy on UCCs, I used the BB UCC in its first week of operation and my care from reception, nurse and doctor was excellent. For me at least it did exactly what was required.

Pharmacy

The change to Pharmacies providing increased amounts of medications on one prescription was a great improvement for the community and a big positive for access and quality. Pharmacy is the one area where health funding and access is the same as for capital cities and it's puzzling why the government persists with underfunding medical care when pharmacy clearly shows that if the government gets the funding and structure right, then access to medical care could be equivalent to cities as well.

General Practice Workforce

In a rural coastal area like ours the GP workforce, who mainly live permanently in the area, are the backbone of medical care locally, as well as providing the continuity of care which is a critical part of the health care system. The GP workforce numbers remain below an acceptable level and its only through the hard work and commitment of our local GPs that we have maintained a good standard of care. Urgent action is required at Federal Government level to improve the situation.

Medical Specialists

You may be surprised to know that there are more than twice as many medical specialists in Australia in 2023 than there were GPs, and this gap is widening annually with most medical specialists living and practising in major cities. Many of us who occasionally see a medical specialist know that much of the time we must travel to Canberra, Sydney, Nowra and its mostly a full day or more effort. A significant part of this specialist gap is picked up by local GPs meaning there is even less capacity for important GP level work. The whole issue of transport and accommodation which for our community is part of access to healthcare remains poorly resolved.

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New Eurobodalla Hospital

The key event in 2024 is the NEW Eurobodalla Hospital and the big change is that there are trucks, diggers, workers, portable loos etc onsite and occasionally a few politicians with shovels on the ready just in case a few holes needed to be dug. Work has begun so this is a real step forward for the community.

The only negative is that the community has not seen an updated Hospital Clinical Services Plan despite multiple requests over 2024 meaning there is no data available for the community to confirm that what has been said at the various hospital forums and in political press releases is in a current written plan.

Local Radiotherapy Service (LRS)

From a community perspective the process around this important, lifesaving unit was not the previous governments finest hour and potentially is heading the same way with the current government. In 2024 the position is that the consultant engaged by NSW Health to review the LRS finalised a report in late 2023 which is rumoured to take a positive view about establishing a LRS in Moruya at the New Hospital site. Despite repeated requests for all of 2024 the report has never been released to the community with no reason given and no indication if it will ever see the light of day. At the forum on the New Hospital in Moruya, Michael Holland clearly stated that the LRS will not be part of the New Eurobodalla Hospital on opening and gave no indication what the future of a local LRS would be. We were so near and are now so far away from a local LRS with no explanation from those responsible. This is simply not good enough.

Batemans Bay Hospital and ED.

Since late 2023 I have watched at first with some surprise and then with great concern as this issue deteriorated with little or no detailed information or data provided to the residents of Batemans Bay on how the loss of the hospital/ED would be managed. In 2024 this remains a festering issue and has now joined the partisan political arena which is the worst place for this matter to be resolved. There needs to be much more clarity and detail provided to the Batemans Bay community guiding them step by step through the issues they have raised and how they will be resolved. A divided Eurobodalla is not a healthy Eurobodalla.

Hospital and ED Performance Data

A pleasant surprise for me in 2024 was that I had a very close look at the Batemans Bay and Moruya Emergency Department data for the first 3 months of 2024 and was really surprised by some areas of ED performance which were markedly better than some of the doom and gloom you usually hear and a lot better than in many large city hospitals (I will review 6 months of data in August and do a more complete report on it then). Congratulations to the hard-working staff at both hospitals.

Next Health System Stocktake will be when the Commonwealth Election looks imminent and both major political parties start releasing their rural health policies.



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Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot)



Steve Whan MP - Member for Monaro and Minister for Skills and Training reports: Aboriginal Rangers have been getting hands-on with drones this week at TAFE NSW Batemans Bay CLC, as part of their Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot) training. "Bringing together technology and culture to care for Country, the program equips the rangers with the skills to remotely map traditional lands, identify native plants and wildlife, help identify areas for cultural burning, and monitor cultural burns. Using drones will enable the rangers to cover much larger geographic areas and to map and monitor otherwise hard-to-reach lands. By completing the Certificate III, these First Nations rangers are also able to apply for a Remote Pilot License to fly drones commercially, opening up new career opportunities. The rapid uptake of drone technology is projected to create up to 10,000 jobs by 2040."

Moved recently? Update your enrolment by 5 August 2024

The NSW Electoral Commission is encouraging NSW voters to check their enrolment before 5 August 2024 to make sure they are ready to vote in the 2024 Local Government elections. The elections will be held in NSW on Saturday, 14 September 2024. Voting is compulsory. The electoral roll used at the election cannot be updated after 6pm on Monday, 5 August.

Acting NSW Electoral Commissioner Matt Phillips reminded voters that at council elections voters must attend a polling place in their council area or ward. "If you've moved recently or aren't enrolled to vote where you currently live, update your details now so you can vote at a polling place near you on 14 September." "You cannot vote outside your local government area at local council elections, so it's important your details on the electoral roll are correct." Mr Phillips said NSW has the highest enrolment rate in the country but it is everyone's responsibility to maintain the electoral roll's accuracy. "NSW can be proud of its 99 per cent enrolment rate but if your details change, you must update them on the electoral roll. Visit elections.nsw.gov.au to find out how." "I encourage anyone who has moved recently to put updating your electoral roll details on the top of your to-do list."

Mr Phillips said it is compulsory to enrol to vote in NSW elections if you are eligible and aged 18 or over.

"All you need to enrol is a driver's licence or similar identification document or you can have someone who is already enrolled confirm your identity."

Further information about enrolment and about the 2024 NSW Local Government elections is available on the Electoral Commission website.



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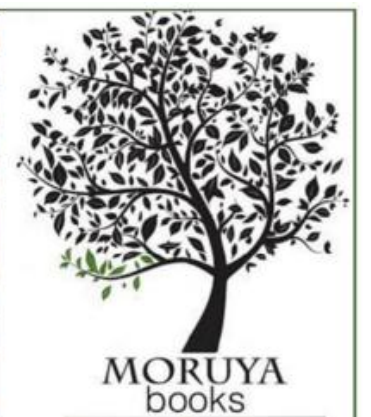
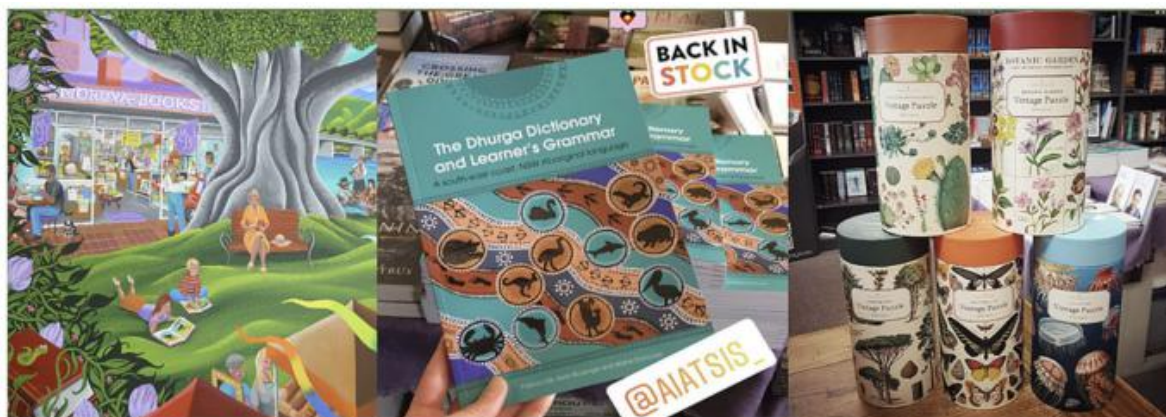
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The continuous telephone service at the local exchange commenced on Tuesday, Master Frank Walker being on duty at night and Misses L. Spinks and Ethel Cowdroy in turn, during the day.

A large crowd congregated at the Court House corner on Saturday when the Moruya Brass Band gave its first public recital. The selections rendered were a revelation of what the conductor, Mr. H. Parbery, has been able to do with his players during the brief period they have been assembled. The delightful blending of the various instruments, was a pleasure to all music lovers who gathered to hear the band, and despite the cold, all were sorry when the program was finished.

A big fire was narrowly averted at Mr. A. H. Preddey's garage on Wednesday afternoon, through the combined efforts of a number of townsmen. It appears that the engine of a motor car in the shed was being cleaned with benzine by Mr. Preddey, when by some means the current short circuited and burst into flames. The alarm being given, Messrs. W. Thomson, A. W. Constable, Alexander McIntosh, Bert Coppin, Chas. Stewart, and Roy Coppin, who were working nearby, were quickly on the scene, and with buckets of water, attempted to extinguish the flames, but the smoke was so intense that they were almost suffocated. In the meantime, Mr. Preddey had procured a fire extinguisher, and reducing the flames, the firefighters were able to push the car out into the street, where they were successful in extinguishing the fire before the vehicle was completely consumed. ... It was indeed fortunate that so many helpers were in the proximity, as otherwise the large Amusu Theatre which adjoins the garage would certainly have been razed to the ground.



Preddey's garage.

Mr. James Adams, of the Adelaide Hotel, has purchased through Godfrey Hanscom, one of the latest Delco Light plants procurable. In addition to supplying 40 lights to the hotel, the plant will drive chaffcutters, saw benches, etc. The electricians commence on Monday to install the plant, and expect to complete it in about three weeks time.

The death of Mr. Robert Innes, of Mogo, took place in Sydney on Monday last. Deceased, who had not been in good health for some time, was taken away by his brother George on the 5th instant and admitted to the Sydney Hospital, where, after medical examination, it was found that the patient was too weak to operated on. He gradually sank and passed away at the age of 62 years. The body was brought by car to Moruya, the remains being incased in a beautiful cedar coffin, doubly lined. ... His wife, who was a sister of Mr. Josiah Taylor, of Kiara, predeceased him a few years ago.

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Behind the Scenes at the Moruya Museum – Making the “News from 100 Years AGO”



Yvonne Thomson & Julian Armstrong review microfilm records to select stories.

For over 25 years, the Moruya and District Historical Society (MDHS) has taken readers on a captivating trip back in time with its "News from 100 Years Ago" initiative. Now published weekly in the Moruya Mail, the project was spearheaded by John Sewell in 1998. A dedicated team in our Research Library continue the work of extracting the weekly news, and annual compilations have been published since 1999.

What's fascinating is how relevant these historical news stories can be. While the specifics may have changed – NBN replacing telephone exchanges, and COVID-19 taking the place of the 1918-1920 influenza pandemic – the core issues often mirror our own concerns. Development approvals, communication advancements, roadworks, public health scares, and even social gatherings – these topics transcended time, offering a glimpse into the cyclical nature of modern life.

The MDHS Research team meticulously combs through microfilmed copies of the Moruya Examiner (1881-1939). These physical records acquired from the NSW State Library require a special reader to access.

However, the future holds a digital transformation. The NSW State Library is committed to digitizing all historical NSW newspapers for the Trove system, making them readily available online.

But even with digital marvels like Trove, a human touch remains irreplaceable. While automated translation offers convenience, it can be unreliable. The MDHS team's true value lies in their ability to curate these historical gems, selecting the most captivating stories from the past that resonate with today's audiences.

The MDHS "News from 100 Years Ago" is a testament to the enduring power of local history. It's a window into the past, offering a deeper understanding of our community's roots and the remarkable continuities that bridge the gap between then and now.

Read more about this on our blog:

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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin is a regular contributor to the Moruya Mail. The Gadfly Papers, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.

Gadfly

There is a certain mad logic behind Toowoomba's murder and manslaughter trial of fourteen members of the Christian sect who preferred prayer over insulin to treat eight-year-old Elizabeth Struhs' type 1 diabetes.

Mad? Yes. But it's a madness that is practised in its various forms by at least half the nine billion of our fellow Homo sapiens. And while the death of an innocent little girl is heart-rending, she is only one casualty of the lizard brain that still exists at the base of our consciousness.

According to their trial testimony, the fourteen members – including Elizabeth's parents and elder brother – sat around her lifeless body for 36 hours singing hymns and praying before calling triple 0.

Their leader, Brendan Stevens, 62, has called the trial 'religious persecution' since 'the Bible is filled with Jesus Christ working miracles. Every person who came to Jesus for a healing was healed.'

Well, you can't argue with that. According to that book of fables and fanatics, Jesus certainly pulled off some neat healings, including the raising of Lazarus from the dead. And the fourteen Toowoombans really don't care about the verdict. 'We do not wish to fight the charges,' Mr Stevens said. 'We are being used; we are happy in that sense to suffer the persecution that has come to us because the Bible says that all that believe in God will be persecuted.'

So it finally revolves around an argument about the power of prayer. And that depends on the existence of a 'God' with sufficient interest to monitor the prayers from the billions arriving from at least one universe we know of, let alone choosing between their conflicting requests. It raises an extraordinary vision of a call centre that stretches almost to infinity.

This is where the mad logic takes us. Christians pray for the cure of people who are ill; but they also pray for people who have recently died. It's as though their God needs reminding what a nice person she or he was when they were alive; but surely their God would have known that via the monitoring system.

Or maybe God guided the hand that developed insulin.

Then there's America. Oh boy, that's where the heavenly call centre works overtime. First of all, God is endlessly entreated to 'Save' the entire country, but then He's implored to back every political hack who ever runs for elected office. The losers never blame Him. In fact, they happily saddle up for a second or third try; and if they ever actually crack a winning streak like, say, Joe Biden, they'll stick around until they hear Him call 'game over'.

By then they're deaf to His pleas and something far more drastic than a heavenly megaphone is required. Even a failed assassination on a rival, one where the bullet just nips his ear, wouldn't do the trick, even if it made the rival

a certainty to be elected in November.

Of course, it's laughable that God wants Donald back in the White House, but try telling that to Trump's evangelical base. And here's the divine punchline: now that the Republicans are on the way to the Oval Office, a compliant Senate, House and Supreme Court to boot, no young Democratic contender in her or his right mind would want to take Joe's place.

It would be the hospital pass in spades, a career sacrifice from which he/she would never recover...unless of course they pray.

Happily, we in Australian don't have that problem, except, perhaps, in Toowoomba. In fact, while our current Prime Minister never denies his Catholic upbringing, I watched the swearing in of himself and his ministry. And to my pleasant surprise he chose to affirm rather than swear by any god, Catholic or otherwise.

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Retrofitting low-income homes a \$17bn boon

ACOSS

Australia's economy would be up to \$17 billion bigger with an accelerated rollout of thermal efficiency upgrades, electrification and rooftop solar to low-income housing, according to a new Deloitte Access Economics report.

ACOSS and the State and Territory Councils of Social Service (the COSS Network) have used the Deloitte report to call on federal, state and territory governments to substantially and urgently increase investment in home energy upgrades for low-income housing. This investment is vital to plug the gap in Australia's energy transition that risks leaving millions of people in low-income housing behind undermining social licence for change.

The COSS Network has written to Energy Ministers ahead of the Ministers' meeting this Friday calling for the Federal Government to establish a national fund in the MYEFO budget to accelerate upgrades. It would start with \$2 billion in the first year, scaling up each year with contributions from other sources.

The ACOSS-commissioned Deloitte Report concludes that an accelerated home energy upgrade program could drastically reduce energy poverty for people struggling to heat and cool their housing. Large scale investment would deliver ongoing and significant energy bill savings, create thousands of jobs and supercharge the energy transition.

The Deloitte analysis looked at 'modest' thermal efficiency upgrades and electrification, plus rooftop solar, for 1.2 million homes over seven years. Economic activity generated by construction, indirect employment and household bill savings would generate up to \$17 billion in Gross Domestic Product over the life of the upgrades.

This would create an average of 12,700 full-time equivalent jobs annually across the construction, installation, manufacturing and services sectors peaking at 22,550 in 2028. It would also shave \$3,350 off the average household's annual energy bill.

'Quick fix' thermal upgrades and electrification alone, without rooftop solar, would still generate up to \$10 billion in Gross Domestic Product. It would create an average of 7,160 jobs, peaking at 12,630 in 2028 and would lead to an average national bill savings of \$1,650 per household a year.

Quick-fix upgrades would also achieve emissions reductions equivalent to taking 750,000 cars, roughly 5% of the country's registered vehicles, off the road and avoid \$3 billion in emissions abatement costs.

ACOSS CEO **Dr Cassandra Goldie AO** said "Inefficient homes that cost thousands of dollars to heat and cool are leaving people in energy poverty, making them sick and standing in the way of the energy transition.

"While tens of billions of dollars have been pumped into industrial clean energy, households are the missing piece of the puzzle.

"We can't keep prioritising investment in profitable big industries ahead of people who are doing it tough and struggling to afford housing, energy, transport, medicine and put food on the table.

"The \$300 million provided to roll out energy upgrades to 60,000 social housing dwellings (15% of all social housing) is a welcome step in the right direction. But the government cannot afford to stop here if it wants to put people who are struggling as its first priority, and build the social licence needed to accelerate the energy transition. First Nations housing must be a first priority, alongside large scale rollouts for public, community and private rentals and low income home owners.

"Scaling up and accelerating home energy upgrades to cover 1.2 million low-income homes will combat energy hardship, reduce illness caused by extreme temperatures and alleviate strain on the healthcare system.

"Targeted funding will bring down the upfront cost of upgrading low-income housing, create jobs, lower emissions and strengthen the economy."

Deloitte Access Economics Partner Claire Ibrahim said "Energy upgrades for low-income households present a \$10 to \$17 billion opportunity to accelerate investment in decarbonisation while lowering energy bills and emissions.

"Households have been largely neglected in efforts to decarbonise Australia so far. But retrofits and ensuring new dwellings are climate smart will be essential to reaching net zero."

"Well designed energy upgrades for low-income housing will ease the cost of living and drive sustainable economic growth as Australia shifts to a green economy."

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PLANNING AND DESIGN PROGRESSES FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE MILTON ULLADULLA BYPASS

The Albanese and Minns Labor governments' Milton Ulladulla bypass project has marked another milestone and continues to move forward.

With the first environmental studies now complete, the project will move to the concept design phase, which involves exploring corridor refinements needed to ensure the project best delivers improved connectivity and reduced travel times.

A local access strategy will also be developed to ensure the bypass provides access to properties and businesses when local roads may be impacted by construction and operation of the bypass.

Development of the strategy will involve consultation with Shoalhaven City Council, property owners, businesses and community groups to ensure the design options meet the needs of locals and the wider community.

Once built, the bypass will improve road safety and reduce travel times on the Princes Highway and improve trip reliability, by bypassing Milton and Ulladulla town centres.

As the concept design phase continues, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement will also be developed to ensure construction of the bypass does not unnecessarily impact on local wildlife, while protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

While planning on the bypass continues, Transport for NSW is also considering other short-term opportunities in and around Milton and Ulladulla to make improvements to footpaths, signage and lighting.

The Transport for NSW project team is inviting the community to drop-in sessions in July and August to learn more about the project and provide any feedback.

The team will be at:

- Ulladulla Civic Centre on Saturday 27 July between 10am and 12pm

- Milton Village Markets on Saturday 3 August between 9am and 2pm

and at the Mollymook Surf Club on Wednesday 21 August between 3pm and 6pm.

Transport for NSW will continue to keep the community updated as work progresses on the Milton Ulladulla bypass as well as plans for any short-term improvements.

Quotes attributable to Federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King:

"The Australian government is investing \$752 million in the Milton Ulladulla bypass.

"The Albanese and Minns Labor governments are proudly progressing the Milton Ulladulla bypass, and ensuring we undertake the research and planning required to build this once-in-a-generation infrastructure project properly."

NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said "The Minns Labor government is investing \$188 million in the Milton Ulladulla bypass and I'd like to thank Liza Butler and Fiona Phillips for their ongoing advocacy and support for this much needed South Coast roads project that will transform the region.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said "I encourage every community member to attend a drop-in session and have their say.

NSW Member for South Coast Liza Butler said "This project will play a key role in improving safety and efficiency along the Princes Highway. In the meantime, we are committed to consulting with the community to help identify opportunities to upgrade footpaths, signage, lighting or reduced speed limits in and around Milton and Ulladulla that may be achieved in the short-term.

"I will continue to advocate for my community and look forward to attending the upcoming consultation sessions."

Explore Nature on the South Coast During Science Week!



Mystery Bay & Gulaga - Phil Warburton

Dive into a South Coast nature adventure this August for Science Week 2024! The Budawang Coast Atlas of Life (BCAL) is hosting a variety of family-friendly events designed to explore the region's incredible biodiversity and engage citizen scientists.

Uncover hidden wonders and become a citizen scientist!

- Learn about nature and iNaturalist: Join us for informative talks, and learn valuable iNaturalist skills – Nowra, Sunday August 11, 10am
- Explore Nature in Bomaderry Creek Be guided by experts through this beautiful bushland oasis – Bomaderry Creek Regional Park, Sunday, August 11, 1pm
- Gondwana Coast Fossil Walk: Travel back in time and discover a treasure trove of marine invertebrate fossils with an experienced guide. Ulladulla, Friday, August 16, 10am
- Mystery Bay Bioblitz: Explore the diverse ecosystems of Mystery Bay, learn from experts, use the iNaturalist app to contribute valuable data, and connect with fellow nature enthusiasts. Evening spotlight walk Saturday August 17, 6:00pm, followed by morning 9:30am and afternoon walks 1pm, Sunday August 18.

What is a Bioblitz?

A BioBlitz is a fun-filled, action-packed event where people of all ages and experience levels work together to uncover the amazing diversity of life in a specific location, all within a set time limit.

No experience necessary! Whether you're a seasoned naturalist or simply curious about the wonders of nature, the Mystery Bay Bioblitz welcomes everyone. There will be experts on hand to guide you and answer your questions.

The Importance of Citizen Science:

Australia's unique biodiversity is vast, but much remains unknown. Citizen science is bridging this gap by allowing everyday people to contribute valuable data by recording wildlife observations through apps like iNaturalist. These records help scientists track species distribution, monitor environmental changes, and inform conservation efforts.

Join the Budawang Coast Atlas of Life!

BCAL is a community network dedicated to exploring nature on the NSW South Coast. They share information, host events, and use iNaturalist to record discoveries. With over 112,000 observations of nearly 7,000 species, these citizen scientists are a powerful force for good.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore nature, learn valuable skills, and contribute to science during Science Week!



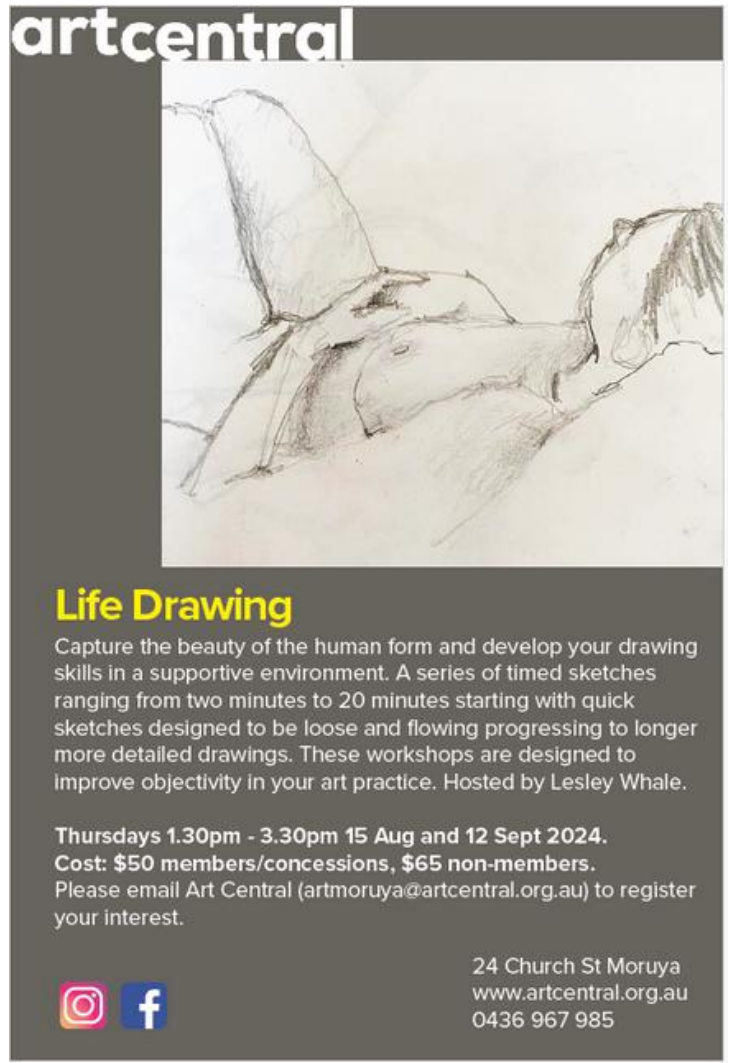
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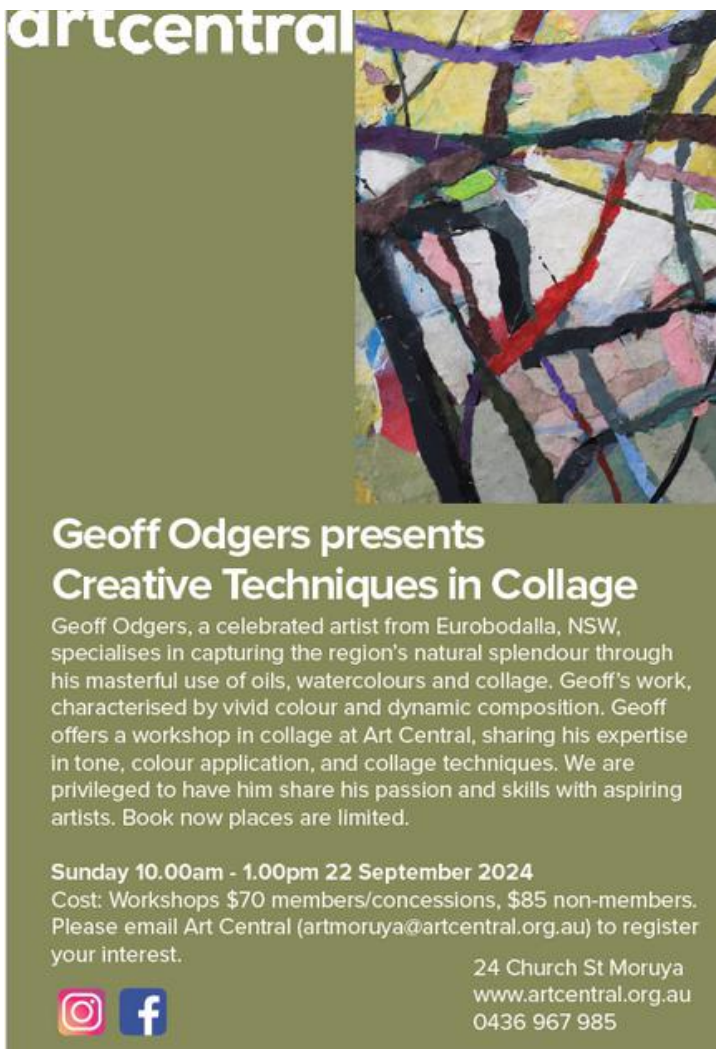
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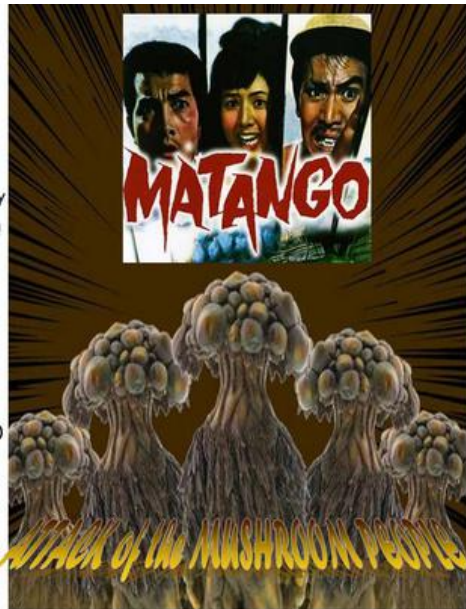
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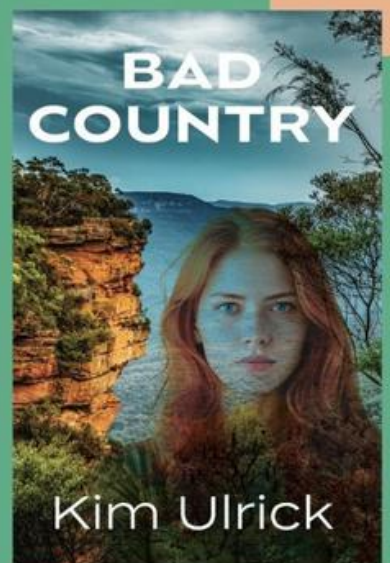


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 This month is led by members Ann Espinoza and Kate Wall.



Bold Buildings & Beautiful Birds - Megan Dixon Dawes and Debra Smith

Art exhibition at The Bas

Eurobodalla artists Megan Dixon Dawes and Debra Smith hold great admiration for one another's creations. Their collaborative efforts have culminated in an exhibition showcasing regional birds and buildings - some of which will be recognisable to locals. Dawes' acrylic artworks depict outback landscapes and still-life paintings of houses. Mid-century art and the many apparently luxurious beach holiday houses inspire her creations. A cubist/modernist influence is clearly seen in the rendering of broad planes of flat colour and heavy black/white lines. Living on a conservation block, Smith strives to reduce the effects of urbanisation on birds and raise community awareness about their requirements. Her life-like pastels combine the accuracy of the photorealist with the knowledge and care of the bird-lover.

- Opening night: Friday 26 July 2024, 5.30-7.30pm
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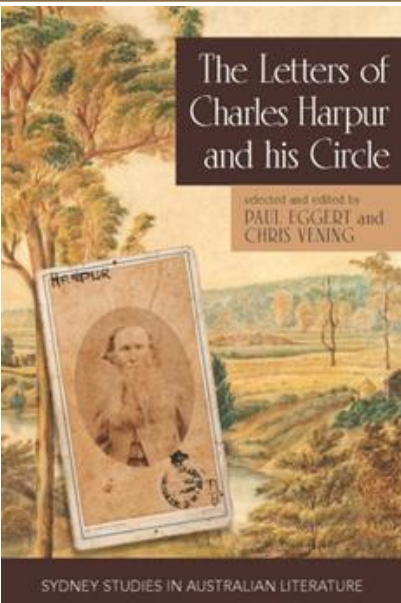


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History Talk: The Letters of Charles Harpur and his Circle

The Moruya & District Historical Society is hosting a presentation by the authors of a new Sydney University Press publication on the renowned Australian poet, Charles Harpur (1813-1868) who had a close association with the Moruya district. The Letters of Charles Harpur and His Circle (SUP 2023), selected and edited by Paul Eggert and Chris Vening is the first collection in print of the letters of Australian colonial poet, Charles Harpur and his circle - including the poet Henry Kendall and future premier of NSW, Henry Parkes. In his later years Harpur lived on his farm 'Euroma' on the Tuross River while serving as a gold commissioner on the Nerrigundah goldfield. His widow Mary Harpur, outlived him by thirty years and continued to farm at Euroma while fighting to publish his poems.

Where: Moruya Golf Club

When: Saturday 20 July 2.00pm

(The advertised time of 3.00 pm in the 14 June edition of the Moruya Mail was incorrect)

Cost: Free but donation appreciated

More Information: Email: moruyamuseum@gmail.com Tel: Secretary on 0427738300
<https://blog.mdhs.org.au/harpur/>



THIS MONTH'S FILM

THE SALESMAN

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 27 TH JULY AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM SHOWTIME

The Salesman is a 2016 Iranian-French drama film written and directed by Asghar Farhadi and starring Taraneh Alidoosti and Shahab Hosseini. It is about a married couple who perform Arthur Miller's 1949 play Death of a Salesman on stage. When the wife is assaulted, her husband attempts to determine the identity of the attacker, while she struggles to cope with post-trauma stress. Farhadi chose Miller's play as his story within a story based on shared themes. A co-production between Iran and France, the film was shot in Tehran, beginning in 2015.

The Salesman was very well-received by film critics, who mainly praised Farhadi's direction and writing, and won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, being his second win after △ Separation (2011).



Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film quiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months/\$40 for 6 months. Guests are welcome.

 Follow us on Facebook at Moruya Community Film Group.

2EARFM GIG GUIDE

FRIDAY 19TH

Ricky Bloomfield.....Tura Beach Club 7.30
RiffBay Soldiers club (7.30PM)
Alex Clark !!!!!!!.....Steampacket Hotel

SATURDAY, 20 JUL:

Riff – Bay Soldiers Club..... (8pm)
Rick Bamford–.....Mogo Oval (11.15AM)
Joe QuennellCamel Rock Brewery (5PM)
Mojo..... Merimbula RSL Club (8PM)
Casey Greene & Lionel Robinson ..Quantum Brewery 4.30pm
Jacob Poyner.....Broulee Brewhouse
Sam Rees.....Steampacket Hotel
Bob Mettam.....Moruya Markets
Minh Ha.....Tilba Valley Winery

SUNDAY, 21 JUL:

Rick BamfordClub Tuross (noon)
Tony Jagers..... Camel Rock Brewery (12.30pm)
Phil Coleman..... Broulee Brewhouse
Glen Whitehall.....Steampacket Hotel
Jacob Poyner.....Tilba Valley Winery

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Coming up at the Pav

The Names Bond: the music of 007 - 27 July, 8pm

For ONE NIGHT ONLY, experience every Bond theme meticulously arranged (shaken, not stirred) and performed with spectacular vocals and instrumentation by Canberra's award-winning show band Smooth Ops.

Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase 2024 - 3 Aug, 7.30pm

The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour will be tearing up the freeways of Australia. Boasting a line-up of festival favourites and some of the freshest emerging talents, this jam-packed night of pure entertainment is bringing the best of the fest direct to you!

ANH DO - The Happiest Refugee LIVE Tuesday 3 Sept 2024, 7:30PM

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.

Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra presents 'POETRY IN MUSIC'

Save the Date! Sunday August 4th 2pm-5pm.

A special event, escape to **Mogendoura Farm** to celebrate the talents of our local orchestra and poets. Complimentary welcome drink included, pack some nibbles and a friend or two. Settle down on the grass in beautiful surroundings, gather around the fire pits or indulge in a game of croquet. All the time rejoicing your senses.

Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra presents POETRY IN MUSIC - An afternoon of delightful music and poetry. Local poets present their own work, inspired by music. *'If Music be the Food of Love, play on'* - Shakespeare Tickets on sale soon

NAVA welcomes review of Amusement Award for better visual arts coverage

The **National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA)** welcomes the Fair Work Commission's (FWC) proposal to vary the Amusement, Events, and Recreation Award. This will ensure the award clearly and adequately establishes minimum terms and conditions for workers in the visual arts, addressing long-standing issues of inadequate recognition and remuneration. These proceedings are set to begin in September 2024.

The FWC's Modern Awards Review 2023-24 report, which includes a focus on the arts and culture sector, follows two weeks of in-person discussions in January 2024. NAVA facilitated the participation of nearly 20 visual artists and arts workers, who highlighted the lack of adequate award coverage and its detrimental impact on work and practice. Written submissions were also made late last year.

Key findings from the report indicate that the classification structure in Schedule A of the Amusement Award does not effectively cover the work performed by arts workers. The current classifications fail to recognise the multidisciplinary nature of work in the visual arts, and the range of specialised skills required. This leads to confusion over payment rates and working conditions, resulting in unpaid or underpaid work. The report proposes addressing these issues by expanding the classification definitions in the Amusement Award to include the roles or duties typically performed by arts workers, provided such roles are not excluded based on seniority. It suggests that most arts workers possess qualifications or experience at a diploma level or above. Any variation could include the introduction of indicative roles or duties within grade 8 of the award. To further address confusion and systemic non-compliance, it is also suggested that the award title could be varied to explicitly recognise art as work. NAVA's Executive Director, Penelope Benton said, 'This is a significant step forward for arts workers who have long struggled with inadequate recognition and fair remuneration for their work. The decision by the Fair Work Commission to initiate proceedings to consider variations to the Amusement Award is a positive outcome that we hope will lead to substantial improvements to working conditions in the visual arts.'

'While this decision represents an important step forward, NAVA recognises that much work remains to ensure comprehensive protections for practitioners. Many visual artists work long hours for less than minimum wage, often as independent contractors or sole traders. The FWC report notes that a significant proportion of artists fall into this category, highlighting the need for broader reforms beyond the scope of the current award system. NAVA also welcomes the new 'unfair contract terms of services contracts' jurisdiction, which may offer some relief to artists facing unfair contract terms from August 2024.'

'While we celebrate the Fair Work Commission's decision to review and potentially expand the Amusement Award, it is clear that this is just one step in addressing the broader challenges faced by artists. Many artists are still working under precarious conditions and earning less than they deserve. We will continue to advocate for more comprehensive protections and adequate remuneration for artists.'

NAVA looks forward to the upcoming proceedings and remains committed to advocating for the rights and recognition of visual artists and arts workers across Australia.

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Fiona Phillips MP reports: What an honour to witness the South Coast Police District - Medals & Awards Ceremony this week. Such extraordinary dedication and commitment to keeping our communities safe. Congratulations to all medal and awards recipients and their families, and new probationary Constables. Special mention to Detective Sergeant John Robertson APM, from Batemans Bay, who is now the longest serving police officer in NSW with 56 years of service this year. How amazing is that! Well done all and thank you each and every day for your service.”



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Fungi Finale Week of Fungi Festival 2024

The last week of Fungi Festival 2024 is packed with exciting events, workshops, and fun(gi) activities. Dive into the enchanting world of fungi with special workshops on the medicinal properties of mushrooms, starting your own mushroom business, and a fungi art class for kids. And don't miss the freaky fun(gi) evening featuring a fungi horror movie! Here's what's fermenting for the final week: 'Small Business Success Growing Mushrooms'. Gary Akers and Michele Wearing Smith from Shoalhaven Gourmet Mushrooms will reveal their secrets to creating a thriving mushroom business at Club Narooma this Thursday 18 July. Learn about the health benefits of Lion's Mane, Chaga, Reishi, and more from visiting mushroom grower Terry Ross. Join him on Saturday 20 July in Batemans Bay or Sunday 21 July in Bega. Join Fungi Festival team in Moruya on Saturday 20 July for a freaky fungi film night. See the horror movie, a cult classic, Matango – Attack of the Mushroom People. Dress up in your funkier fungi fashion and win amazing prizes in our trivia quiz!

Enrol your primary aged kids in an imaginative fungi art class with Caitlin Brown in Bermagui on Saturday 20 July. For outdoor adventures, book a family truffle hunt in Dignams Creek on Friday 19 July or Sunday 21 July. Join Kai, the scent-trained truffle dog, in unearthing hidden truffle treasures. For fabulous fungi feasts, savour a truffle dinner at The Oaks Ranch in Mossy Point on Friday 19 July, or enjoy a truffle lunch at Mimosa Winery on Saturday 20 July. Chat with local truffle producers Gulaga Gold at both events and get all your fungi questions answered.

Taste a variety of fungi dishes along the coast from Batemans Bay to Eden. Indulge in truffled cheese, mushroom pies, soups, and toasties in Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba, mushroom risotto in Cobargo, and smoked truffled seafood in Eden. Don't miss the highly praised truffle-butter and mushroom toasties at Coco in Cobargo.

Discover the winning entries of the Fungi Festival's photo competition at Coco, then explore the art exhibition next door at Lazy Lizard Studio in Cobargo. Check out Tika Robinson's ceramic wall sculptures at Bateman's Bay Library and unwind with a Mushroom Watercolour Paint and Sip in Bodalla on Sunday 21 July.

Don't miss the finale week of Fungi Festival 2024. Book your tickets now at www.fungifestival.com.au

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Demerit point scheme put under the spotlight by Taskforce

The Minns Labor Government has set up a taskforce, comprised of Transport for NSW, NSW Police and Revenue NSW, to crack down on drivers exploiting the demerit point system.

The Demerit Point Integrity Taskforce has been established to identify any fraudulent behaviour in the demerit point scheme, such as drivers racking up high numbers of demerits and those selling demerit points online, including on Facebook Marketplace.

It will investigate any gaming of the legitimate process for nominating another driver to take demerit points for an offence.

The NSW Government is beefing up the system to make it more robust after a recent high-profile case where a French national had more than 200 demerit points applied to his licence.

There are 6.9 million NSW driver licence holders, but the Taskforce will focus on a tiny fraction (0.005%) of drivers who have 20 or more demerit points.

The Taskforce will review the suitability of current penalties, suspensions and what extra measures are available to deter people who rack up extremely high demerits.

For example, a driver with 13 demerit points receives the same five-month suspension as a driver with 20 or more.

The Taskforce will also examine:

- Who is eligible to opt for a good behaviour period in lieu of a suspension, based on how many demerits they have
- The ability for a driver to be back on the road between suspensions. This can occur when, for example, a driver is first suspended for unpaid fines. When that suspension is lifted, a driver with excess demerits will then be served with notice to suspend but is able to drive in the intervening period before the next suspension starts
- Better enforcement options in the case that someone owns a vehicle, does not drive it, but still receives the infringements associated with the vehicle
- Rental companies accessing demerit balance or driving history before approving a rental

The Taskforce will initially run for three months and report its findings to Government.

In light of a rising number of lives being lost on roads across Australia, the NSW Government is committed to improving road safety to keep communities safe.

Earlier in the year, the Minns Labor Government closed the loophole left by the Liberal-National government to ensure all motorists driving on a foreign licence will now have a maximum of six months to convert to a NSW licence.

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- ✗ **BREAD** can ferment in the crop/stomach and lead to digestive problems and can disrupt the healthy ecosystem of ponds.
- ✗ **SUGAR/HONEY MIX** do not provide the correct type of sugar that nectar-eating birds obtain from blossoms.
- ✗ **SUNFLOWER SEEDS** are very high in fat - look for seed mixes with no or very little sunflower.
- ✗ **GRAIN & SEED** can cause gum problems in possums, kangaroos and wallabies (including Lumpy Jaw).
- ✗ **COMMERCIAL FRUIT** is not easily digested by most wildlife and holds little nutritional value.
- ✗ **MEAT/MINCE** is high in protein and low in calcium, which can lead to malnutrition and deformities in birds.
- ✗ **FEEDING YOUNG BIRDS** when they come with their parents prevents them from learning to find their own natural food.
- ✗ **ENCOURAGING WATERBIRDS ONTO LAND** to feed can shorten their lifespan by causing life-threatening foot infections, increased risk of dog attacks and vehicle strikes, and developmental deformities like angel wing from a high-carbohydrate diet.

If you really must feed wildlife, please observe the following.

- ✓ **KEEP ALL WATER AND FOOD STATIONS CLEAN** - thoroughly clean and disinfect daily.
- ✓ **KEEP FOOD OFF THE GROUND** to reduce the spread of disease.
- ✓ **KEEP FOOD SOURCES AWAY FROM PETS** - position in open areas which will allow wildlife to flee quickly if danger arrives.
- ✓ **FEED INFREQUENTLY** in small amounts, and at varying times, to reduce their reliance on humans for food.
- ✓ **REMOVE UNEATEN FOOD PROMPTLY** - do not allow it to spoil and prevents rats and mice being attracted to your yard or house.
- ✓ **REPLACE SUGAR/HONEY WITH NECTAR MIX** - commercially available nectar mixes are more nutritious (Wombaroo Honeyeater & Lorikeet).
- ✓ **MAGPIES, BUTCHERBIRDS ETC** - Feed mealworms or rolled oats instead of mince meat.
- ✓ **WILD DUCKS/GEESE/SWANS** - healthier options include duck/chicken pellets, halved grapes, peas, corn kernels, chopped lettuce & oats.
- ✓ **KANGAROOS/WALLABIES** - Macropod pellets - available from produce stores. Feed only a small amount every few days.



NSW agriculture industry set to benefit from \$5 million AgSkilled extension

The State Government is helping futureproof the State's farming industry and support regional economies by extending a program focused on upskilling the State's agricultural workforce.

AgSkilled is an industry-led training program designed to upskill and better prepare the agricultural workforce for fast-moving changes driven by innovation, research, and technology.

In the past year, the program delivered 601 courses across 145 locations in NSW, with 2,536 participants. An impressive 95% of these participants completed their courses, showcasing the program's effectiveness and popularity.

With the extension of AgSkilled, the program aims to:

- Attract, develop and retain a productive agricultural workforce.
 - Support career progression, entry pathways, and employment outcomes in agriculture.
 - Increase agricultural farm efficiency, productivity, and profitability.
 - Develop industry capacity to adopt new technologies and sustainable farming practices.
 - Leverage research and development to ensure training is relevant, current, and meets industry needs.
- Popular and priority courses, based on industry feedback, include honeybee biosecurity, chemical risk management, biosecurity training for managers/supervisors and farm workers/employees, farm business planning and operating and managing remote pilot aircraft systems.

AgSkilled is delivered by Training Services NSW in partnership with industry associations, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, and the Agriculture, Food, and Animal Management Industry Training Advisory Body (ITAB).

This collaboration ensures the program is designed to meet the evolving needs of the agricultural sector. More information on AgSkilled 3.0 and how to participate in the training programs, can be found [HERE](#).

Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty said "The NSW Government is supporting a resilient and innovative agricultural sector.

"It's great to have programs like AgSkilled to further assist agricultural workers to stay up-to-date with research and developments, new technologies and help increase agricultural farm productivity."

Minister for Skills, TAFE, and Tertiary Education Steve Whan said "This \$5 million extension of AgSkilled reflects our strong commitment to supporting and advancing the agricultural sector in NSW.

"By investing in the skills and training of our workforce, we are ensuring that our farmers and agricultural workers are well-prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

"AgSkilled is not just about training; it's about building a resilient, innovative, and highly skilled workforce that can drive productivity and sustainability in our agricultural industries."

Soft Plastics recycling

[RecycleSmart](#) are very excited to announce that we have partnered with Eurobodalla Shire Council. As a resident, you are able to drop off your soft plastics at your local community recycling center in July!

We collect the soft plastics and deliver them to our recycling partners where they will be transformed into feedstock oil which enables it to become soft plastic again.

Find out more about the process here:

<https://www.recyclesmart.com/soft-plastics-recycling-process>

The soft plastics can be dropped off at your local recycling centre at the Surf Beach, Brou, Moruya.

Be Well Eat Well - Food and cooking workshops



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Workshop dates

- Friday 2 August 10am to 1pm
- Friday 9 August 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday 13 August 2.30pm to 5pm

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July Desexing Month continues! Everyone can get financial assistance with the cost of desexing their cat or dog; just book them in at the vet of your choice, then contact Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0436816718.

Gorgeous Nova is still available for adoption. A medium-sized Bull Arab cross around one year old, Nova is a sweet-natured, affectionate girl who's good with children and other dogs. She's keen to please and will benefit from ongoing training. This lovely dog is just waiting to make someone very happy. To meet Nova, call AWL 0410016612.

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GARFIELD (LAST CHANCE) G, 1H 41M, ANIMATED COMEDY	12.50pm	1.35pm	12.50pm	12.50pm			
FLY ME TO THE MOON M, 2H 12M, COMEDY/ROMANCE	2.35pm* 7.20pm*	2.35pm* 7.20pm*	6.30pm*	2.35pm* 7.20pm*		11.10am 5.35pm*	11.10am 5.35pm*
TWISTERS M, 2H 2M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	12.15pm* 7pm	12.15pm* 7.50pm*	11.30am* 7pm	12.15pm*		1.45pm 6.10pm	1.45pm
THE BIKERIDERS (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 56M, DRAMA/CRIME	5.10pm*	5.10pm*	4.10pm*	5.10pm*		3.15pm*	3.15pm*
THE MOUNTAIN (LAST WEEK) PG, 1H 29M, NZ ADVENTURE/DRAMA	10.30am*			10.30am*		1.25pm*	1.25pm*
DESPICABLE ME 4 PG, 1H 35M, ADVENTURE/COMEDY	10.50am 4.55pm	11.30am	10.50am 4.55pm	10.50am 4.55pm		11.30am*	11.30am*
INSIDE OUT 2 (LAST WEEK) PG, 1H 36M, FAMILY/COMEDY	2.55pm	3.40pm	2.55pm	2.55pm		4.10pm	4.10pm
ALADDIN (1992) \$12 TICKETS G, 1H 30M, FAMILY/MUSICAL		6pm					
DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE MA 15+, 2H 8M, COMEDY/ACTION							6.30pm



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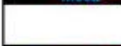


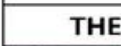

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DESPICABLE ME 4
 PG| 1hr 34min
 ~ Animation ~ Family ~
 Will Ferrell, Steve Carell,
 Sofia Vergara & Kristen Wiig
 In the first Despicable Me
 movie in seven years, Gru,
 the world's favorite
 supervillain-turned-Anti-
 Villain League-agent,
 returns 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.



TWISTERS
 M| 2hrs 2min
 ~ Action ~ Adventure ~
 Kiernan Shipka, Glen Powell &
 Sasha Lanerthy
 No warning No escape!
 This year, the epic studio
 disaster movie returns with
 an adrenaline-pumping, seat-
 gripping, big-screen thrill
 ride that puts you in direct
 contact with one of nature's
 most wondrous—and
 destructive—for ces.



DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE
 MA| 2hrs 8min
 ~ Comedy ~ Action ~
 Ryan Reynolds & Hugh Jackman
 Wolverine is recovering
 from his injuries when he
 crosses paths with the
 loudmouth Deadpool.
 They team up to defeat a
 common enemy.



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Monday 29 July 2024

Kianga, Dalmeny, Potato Point, Bodalla

Monday 5 August 2024

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

Monday 12 August 2024

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

Monday 19 August 2024

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

Monday 16 September 2024

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

Monday 23 September 2024

Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras




Repair Café EUROBODALLA

REPAIR CAFE

Every Friday 9:30am – 12:30pm
Red Door Hall
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MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo

Calling exhibitors, store holders, sports clubs, activity based groups, schools, performers & more,,,,, Join us in celebrating health, wellness, and community at our upcoming Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo.

We invite you to register and share your unique talents, products, and services with a diverse and vibrant audience.

When- **Saturday 23rd November 2024, Where- Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Time 10am to 2pm**

“This is a Free event”

Please Note- No sales or fundraising permitted
Whether you offer health products, wellness services, or inspiring performances, there’s a place for everyone at our expo.

This is more than just an event—it’s a movement to raise community awareness and promote well-being for all. Let’s come together to educate, inspire, and support each other in building a healthier, more connected community.”

Email eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com today and request a registration form

Our Thanks to the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club & Donate Life ACT

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

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Sat 20th July 10.30-2.30pm

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To book a stall TEXT 0415 0415 117 472

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>

Thrift Alley SUN-DAZE

SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024 AT 09:30 @ Felt & Stone Moruya

This is an event for all the thrift lovers and op shop pirates. Come from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm to shop a range of second hand, pre loved and vintage items from an array of stall holders. The alley way beside the shop will be lined with mini market stalls, a sausage sizzle and live music! Free entry. All Welcome.

Bay Pavilions New Operational Hours

Changes to the centre's operating hours and waterslide schedule, effective from Monday, July 22nd.

New Centre Operating Hours:

- Fridays: The centre will now close at 7:00PM
 - Saturdays and Sundays: The centre will now close at 5:00PM
- Waterslide Schedule: Now only operating on weekends and school holidays from 11:00AM - 5:00PM

Please note, these changes will not affect gym access for members, this will remain available 24/7 for our members



SAGE Farmers Market Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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Free legal advice appointments for the Eurobodalla

Batemans Bay

- Tuesday 23 July and 6 August

Moruya

- Thursday 1 August and 29 August

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12th Aug

Monday 12th August

Gundry Oval, Moruya

5:45 - 6:45pm | Roadshow Coaching Workshop
For coaches in the Junior to Youth spaces.

7:15pm - 8:45pm | Roadshow Club Development
For club committee members to start your club development journey setting you up for long term sustainability & success. Please ensure you bring a laptop or tablet to club development session.

Run by FNSW:
Norm Boardman - Regional development officer
Trevor Huxley - Club changer & club development
Aaron Dibdin - Head of community & member service







Moruya Memorial Pool IS HIRING!

Moruya Pool Captain - The Pool Captain will manage the day-to-day operation of the Moruya Swimming Pool throughout the operational season. They are ultimately responsible for the safety and experience of all staff and customers and the financial performance of the facility. They will be a visible leader of this important community facility throughout summer, take pride in managing such an important community asset and ensure it is presented immaculately and maintained to the highest standards at all times. To apply or view the full job description visit <https://richmond.fc.elmotalent.com.au/.../Ali.../job/view/174>



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Driving Change

Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Graeme Bell

Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 13th July 2024

A field of 56 players registered for a Medley Stableford event. The event was closely contested but in the end some high scoring results, well done to all!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Graeme Bell (23) with 44 points
- 2nd: John Eglitis (12) with 42 points
- 3rd: Herb Muriwai (26) with 40 points
- 4th: William Steenbergen (17) with 39 points
- 5th: Hayden Smith (34) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Paul Scholze 1.29
- 6th: John Eglitis 1.67
- 7th: Mathew Kennedy 2.40

Balls went to:

- Bruce Martin 36, Teri Swanbury 36, David Schmid 36, Troy Kingdom 35, Peter Garn 35, Michael Coloe 35, Greg Smith 35, Paul Scholze 34, Colin Houghton 34, Dorothy Madden 34, David Gray 33, Bruce Harding 33, Martin Booth 33, Grant Kiely 33 and Ian Kingston 33.



Winner: Peter Nikolic congratulated by secretary Michael Coloe.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 18th July 2024

A field of 31 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Peter Nikolic (27) with 40 points
- 2nd: Colin Houghton (1) with 39 points (countback)
- 3rd: Ian Miller (18) with 39 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Brad Doolan 4.40
- 6th: Steve Gardner 1.04
- 7th: Ian Lawson 9.0

An Eagle was scored by Bruce Harding! Well done Bruce.

- Balls went to: Anthony Mellick 38, Allan Langford 38, Ian Lawson 37, Bruce Harding 36, Teri Swanbury 36, Peter Coffey 35, Jim Madden 31, Stephen Gardner 35, Peter Garn 35, Graeme Sindel 34, Brad Doolan 34, Nigel Barling 34, Stephen Swanbury 34, David Schmid 34 and Wayne Fullerton 31.

South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results – Rd 12 – Saturday 13th July 2024

- Jindabyne “Bushpigs” 104 beat Batemans Bay “Boars” 0
 - Jindabyne have not lost a game for 2 years and despite a good fight by Batemans Bay in the first half Jindabyne ran riot in the second half
- Braidwood “Redbacks” 24 beat Bungendore “Mudchooks” 12
 - Braidwood found some of their early season form to claim a good win away from home
- Hall “Bushrangers” 24 beat Cooma “Red Devils” 15
 - Cooma out in a strong effort but Hall proved to strong later in the game
- Taralga “Tigers” 19 beat Crookwell “Dogs” 13
 - Always great rivalry between these 2 neighbouring towns and this didn’t disappoint again
- Yass “Rams” won on forfeit from ADFA ACT

Competition table

- Jindabyne “Bushpigs” 53
- Yass “rams” 35
- Hall “Bushrangers” 34
- Braidwood “Redbacks” 31
- Taralga “Tigers” 28
- Bungendore “Mudchooks” 27
- Crookwell “Dogs” 23
- ADFA ACT 18
- Cooma “Red Devils” 11
- Batemans Bay “Boars” 0

NOTE both Braidwood & Batemans Bay has a deferred game

Next weekend – RD 13 – Saturday 20th July 2024

- Hall “Bushrangers” v Batemans Bay “Boars” @ Hall
- Braidwood “Redbacks” v Yass “Rams” @ Braidwood
- ADFA ACT v Bungendore @ Dorsett Oval ACT
- Jindabyne, Cooma, Crookwell & Taralga all have a BYE

UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

Sunday 11th August 24 - Registered Clubs Race Day



What’s your sporting club up to?



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BAY POOL SERVICES

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A new Pool and Brew shop has opened at 4/7 Cranbrook Road Batemans Bay (next to 3d shade sails). We are your exclusive dealers for Dolphin pool cleaners. Stockists of pool and spa chemicals and Coopers and Morgans HOME BREW supplies. We also service swimming pools from North Durras to Moruya from \$65 a service plus chemicals.

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baypoolservices@outlook.com

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

With what appears to be a good looking weekend, what are your plans for finding a fish or two this weekend? The river for the most part is still fishing pretty slow, with the majority of the action being concentrated around the spur wall and the hole in wall/Preddy's wharf area. Salmon and Trevally have been the major species encountered allows these stretches of the Moruya river this week. My stocks of metal slugs, have certainly taken a beating this winter, as they are a popular choice when chasing salmon and tailor.

If you can get your baits or lures past the salmon, there is a chance at finding a flathead or bream in some of the deeper holes at the moment. These however are still a few weeks off from waking up, and are waiting for the warmer waters of the upcoming summer season to kick off.

If you are keen to try and snag a flathead, then look towards the sun exposed flats areas, these areas are hopefully a degree or two warmer, and will be starting to attract a bit of piscatorial interest.

Tuross River.

Much like the Moruya system, the lower sections of Tuross are also seeing a bit of salmon action, with the mouth and the boat shed areas the best to start looking for a bit of action. Small metals are your best option for a bit of fun fighting and landing some hard pulling, jumping fish.

The top areas of Tuross hold some very productive muddy flats areas, that are warming faster than other areas in Tuross this time of year. A few anglers in the know, are starting to see some good numbers of flathead taking advantage of the ever so slightly warmer water that these flats are holding. A boat or kayak will be required to get into these areas, as land based access is not feasible. Check Google earth, and do some research.

Rock and beach.

Yet again, the beaches are where it is at this winter. Large schools of hard fighting Australian salmon can be found all along the coast at the moment. The fish are topping out around the 70-80cm mark, and at this size, can present a good challenge to land, particularly when fishing from the rocks. 12' rods in the medium to heavy range will be required to lift fish onto the ledge you are fishing from. NEVER, go down to the waters edge to try and land a fish, your safety is priority when fishing the stones.

The beaches are where you can fish as light as you like, as you have the surf to help wash fish up the beach to land them. If you are fishing light, which is a lot of fun on Australian salmon, be sure not to pull against a receding wave when trying land a fish on light gear.

Good luck and enjoy, please feel free to share your capture here on our fishing report, we love seeing what you have been up to!

Offshore.

While conditions have been a bit bumpy, with some large swells working the east coast, the Blue fin tuna have been around in some good numbers. Fish to 70kg have not been uncommon, and I don't believe that they have been too far offshore, please correct me if I am incorrect here.

For those not wanting to venture out wide, the snapper and flathead over the inshore grounds continue to keep boaties happy, with some nice fish hitting the cleaning tables locally. Start looking in around the magic 20-40m marks to find some fish. After what was a successful 20th birthday celebration last Saturday, the bait freezer is reasonably stocked, we are low on some items, but should have an alternative if we do sell out this weekend.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped celebrate 20 years of being open, and congrats to Aaron again for winning our major prize pack that was worth around \$2500! Thanks to all our major sponsors that made it possible. Daiwa Australia, Atomic Fishing, Rapala Australia, Mako Eyewear, Adventure Kings Gear, Tackle Tactics Australia and Australian Underwater Products! Thanks again!

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

ROUND 13- SUNDAY 21ST JULY

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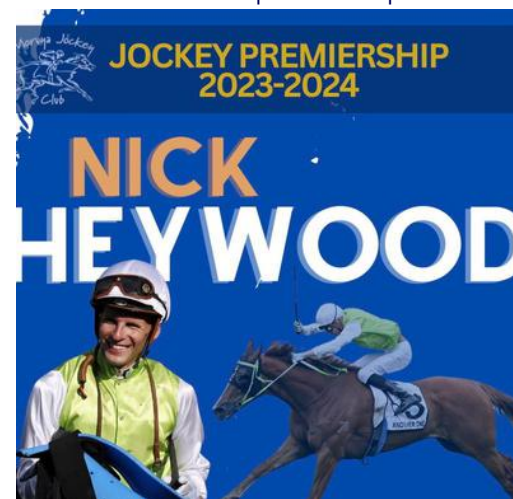


12:45 PM RESERVE GRADE

2:30 PM FIRST GRADE

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Moruya Jockey Club announces the 2023-2024 season wrap up and congratulates the winners of the premierships titles.





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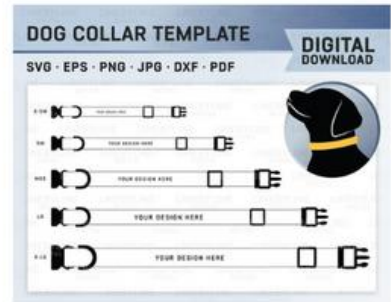
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