



# Your Guide to the Candidates for the Local Government Elections for Eurobodalla - 14 September 2024

## Mayoral Candidates



Phil Constable



Matt Hatcher



Anthony Mayne



Colleen Turner

## Candidates for Mayoral Vote

Candidate ballot name, Locality, Affiliation

- CONSTABLE Phil, NAROOMA, Independent
- HATCHER Mathew, TOMAKIN, Independent
- MAYNE Anthony, MOSSY POINT, Independent
- TURNER Colleen, MALUA BAY, THE GREENS
- POLLOCK Rob, POTATO POINT, Independent
- JOHNSON Mick, TUROSS HEAD, Independent
- MCASH Claire, JEREMADRA, Independent
- WINSLADE Sharon, ROSEDALE, LABOR

**Candidate Meet & Greet** 'Our Council Our Say' will be hosting a 'Meet and Greet' the Eurobodalla Shire Council candidates meeting in the auditorium at the **Batmans Bay Soldiers Club on Sunday 25th August 2024 from 2.30pm till 4.30pm.**

All candidates will be invited to attend and introduce themselves to the public. Questions from the floor to a lead candidate from each group will then be taken who will then have 1 minute to address your questions. One question per person or, if time permits, follow up questions will be taken.

A reminder to all that pre poll (early voting) opens Saturday 7th September 2024 and closes Friday 13th September 2024. Election day is Saturday 14th September 2024.



Rob Pollock



Mick Johnson



Claire McAsh



Sharon Greenslade

One Eurobodalla team is putting forward a strong, community-focused platform for the upcoming Council election. They emphasize several key areas:

1. **Service Delivery:** The team prioritizes excellent service delivery, aiming to meet the needs of the community effectively. Including advocating for maintaining the Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department.
2. **Financial Sustainability:** They are committed to ensuring the Council's financial health, which is crucial for long-term stability and growth.
3. **Community Enhancement:** They plan to support and lead initiatives that improve community services, advocate for necessary resources, and drive economic growth.
4. **Ethical Governance:** The team values transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and respect for community input.
5. **Inclusivity and Quality of Life:** They aim to recognize and value the diversity of the Shire's residents and work towards improving their quality of life through strategic governance and planning.
6. **Environmental Stewardship:** Phil Constable highlights their commitment to environmental care, reflecting their dedication to maintaining and enhancing the natural environment.

Phil Constable's statement, "this is a team of well-respected, honest, and capable individuals who value the amenity of where we live and are committed to maintaining continuous environmental stewardship," reinforces the team's dedication to the community and its economic well-being.



**Phil Constable**

**Phil Constable -ESC Councillor (2016-2021)**

Educational Background: Narooma High School, ANU – BSc (For)

Professional Experience: Past President, Narooma Chamber of Commerce, Owner, Mitre10 Narooma (30 years), Former Owner/Operator, Narooma Ice Creamery and T&C Butchery.

Recreation & Health Interests: Golf & Qi Gong

I am deeply passionate about our Shire, its economic vitality, and social fabric. Having navigated previous economic downturns and their community impacts, I understand the importance of Council's role in providing services efficiently and cost-effectively.

With the current pressures of rising living costs affecting all our citizens, it is crucial to constrain Council's recurrent expenditure. This approach helps us avoid imposing Special Rate Variations, which could otherwise reduce disposable income for residents, slow economic growth, and impact rental costs and job opportunities. In addition, we must oppose the proposed closure of the Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department through proactive advocacy to both State and Federal Governments. Given the ongoing population growth in the Batemans Bay Regional Centre and our aging demographic, it's essential to reassess the previous Council's stance on hospital support. Constraining rate rises is vital, especially for young families and those on fixed incomes. Together, we can work towards a more sustainable and supportive Shire for all.



**Mick Johnson**

I bought land in Tuross in my mid-twenties and moved here permanently in my early thirties. My children are born and bred Eurobodallians.

I have been president of the Tuross Head Progress Association, the Tuross Rugby and Bodalla Soccer Clubs. I was on the Kyla Hall committee when the community ran the hall.

I helped build the playground for the old Bodalla Primary and the art studio for the new Bodalla Primary.

I was President of the Master Builders Association in this region and I've been a builder and house designer in the shire for over 35 years.

My children grew up in the Eurobodalla so I've been involved in sporting teams and organisations, school trips and all sorts of community events. My building company sponsored teams and events. I put 8 local kids through their apprenticeships. I've won building awards.

I helped organise and participated in local touch football popular back when the community ran Kyla Hall and oval.

I have travelled the length and breadth of the shire, met many people from all walks of life and, I believe, I have a fair understanding of the lifestyle that brings out the best in this community.



**Trish Helier**

Whilst we have Batemans Bay to the north, Moruya and Narooma to the south I firmly believe we are "ONE" Eurobodalla there should not be a "them and us" attitude. My interest in Eurobodalla Shire Council commenced 2011 when Council changed the zoning of our land without consultation or notification. I was involved with a petition for the Rural Lands LEP. I have attended a number of Council Workshops. I have regularly spoken in Council since 2012 on a number of subjects.

I am a member of Eurobodalla Coast Alliance Inc. (ECA). I am familiar with Councils process and very familiar with Councils Code of Meeting Practice. In 2015 I drove the a petition against the Special Rate Variation which achieved over 11,000 signatures.

In 2015 I organised the largest shire wide meeting at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club with over 500 in attendance. In 2015 I organised a petition and advocated to save Albert Ryan Park from development. I am very passionate about Saving Batemans Bay ED and most recently I lobbied the Councillors on this issue to add a Point 3 to a Mayoral Minute.

In relation to the new Level 4 Hospital at Moruya I am of the view that a Radiotherapy Department should be included in the Hospital. I also spoke in Council a number of times in relation to the issues surrounding Surfside and in particular the erosion that is occurring at the northern end of Myamba Parade.



**Kristy Beecham**

Kristy Beecham is a vibrant and community-focused businesswoman based in Narooma. Alongside her husband, Troy, she co-owns and operates the popular Ice Creamery Café and Narooma Fitness Centre. With 24 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Kristy is particularly proud of the job opportunities she has created and her role in training local youth, giving many their first taste of employment.

Her commitment to community extends beyond her businesses. Kristy and Troy are generous sponsors of nearly all local sporting clubs and have strong ties with both the Narooma Surf Club and the Narooma Rugby League Club. Kristy herself has a fond history with the Surf Club's Nippers Program and takes pride in her two daughters' roles as lifesavers with the club.

Kristy has also been involved in community planning as a former member of the Narooma Oval Committee, contributing to the precincts' upgrade planning. Her passion for fostering youth opportunities makes her a valuable asset to the Shire, and she is well-positioned to serve as a dedicated Councillor.

Jason Ford's group comprises independent candidates from Surfside, Rosedale, Catalina and Nelligen. All team members share a desire to ensure that Council strategy and decision making is balanced and reflects input from the community and consultation with subject matter experts. Each issue should be considered based on its merits, without influence from party-driven politics and narrow-focused party policies. We want practical and common sense outcomes that make best use of Council funds and avoid waste. We will promote accountability and efficient use of Council funds. Ethics and integrity are core to our values. Ultimately, we want to enhance the Eurobodalla region as a place to live, work, invest and holiday. Other key elements of our policies include: · Progress, development and incentivising investment in the Eurobodalla. This will lead to a stronger Council budget position that in turn avoids the need for additional rates increases and reduces cost of living stress while driving jobs growth, improved services and access to services, sustainability and a more prosperous and healthy community. · Northern beaches erosion – expedite solutions under the Coastal Management Program and make best use of Commonwealth and State funding. · Health – advocate to retain the Batemans Bay Emergency Department.



**Jason Ford** is recently retired, highly capable and committed to fulfilling a Councillor position with energy and enthusiasm. Jason's career involved leading in senior Government roles including supporting parliamentarians, service delivery, Commonwealth Government property management, major capital works, call centres and Defence. Jason knows how to navigate and negotiate across all three levels of Government and knows how to get things done. Jason and his wife spent much of their early family time with their two sons at Batemans Bay and always knew they would relocate there eventually. Buying their Surfside home in 2011, their permanent move to the Bay happened in 2020. Jason said that "working as a Councillor has been a long-held ambition for me to pursue post-retirement, when I would be able to give it my best effort. My expertise over most of my career was as a senior Commonwealth public servant. I have significant experience and knowledge leading policy formulation, service delivery and in senior executive decision making. I spent many years working at the Department of Finance where integrity, transparency and accountability to the taxpayer were key." Jason held official roles as an advocate for gender equality, is a passionate Seahawks supporter, a motoring enthusiast and loves spending time in the water. As a Councillor, Jason will provide a voice for community views and will apply a balanced and practical mindset, unaligned to any political party, toward keeping the Eurobodalla as a great place to live, work, invest and holiday.



Marlene Brayshaw

**Marlene Brayshaw** spent each of her childhood school holidays in the Eurobodalla area. After many years working and living nationally and internationally, Marlene and her husband purchased their first coast home in 2019 in Surfside and in search of a bit more land for their animals and hobbies, recently moved to Rosedale. Marlene's career encompasses working for herself, private enterprise and the public service, most recently as part of the Executive team on a high profile government inquiry. At work, Marlene brings a calm approach, applying critical thinking and an in-depth analysis to issues, leads by example, is professional, positive and pragmatic. Her people first approach and drive for continuous improvement, has enabled her to excel in her working life to drive innovative outcomes. In her spare time Marlene is enjoying designing a palace for her chickens, discovering the many great walks that the local area offers and dabbles in flipping furniture. Marlene has joined Jason Ford's team as their vision and values align. With Marlene's people first approach and passion to work within the community, combined with the 2536 Independent team under Jason's leadership, will ensure that council remains consultative, engaged and approachable which in turn will see the Eurobodalla remaining the great place it is to live, work, invest and holiday.



Rosemary Deadman

**Rosemary Deadman** is a long time local, coming to the Bay from Canberra in 1979 to get married to Rod, a local real estate agent and joining her twin sister who was already living here. She worked for a period of time for the Moruya Examiner before having a family who were both born and educated in the Bay and are regular visitors with children of their own. Rosemary and hubby Rod are now retired but have several business interests that keep them busy. Travelling and classic cars are also another love. Back as far as the 1990s Rosemary was involved in a local dune care group who planted grasses on sand deposited at Surfside to replace sand lost and since then has taken a very strong interest in the progressive erosion of Surfside beach in particular. She also has a strong interest in other local issues. She is motivated by a strong love of the area and in the Bay and the south coast generally, remaining a popular tourist destination for the thousands of visitors from the surrounding areas. Consistent with the other candidates in this group, Rosemary is keen to contribute as best she can to ensuring that the Eurobodalla remains a great place to live, work, invest and holiday.



Dave Greer

**Dave Greer** is a semi retired electrician, who moved permanently to the Eurobodalla region with his partner in 2019. Dave is a real family man, having five children and 11 grandchildren keeping them very busy. Dave is passionate about people acting with integrity and about respecting diversity. Dave always makes time for family and friends, often volunteering his time and expertise to help them out. Dave is loyal and supportive, but also not afraid to call out behaviour that is not above board. Dave was interested to join Jason's team as he believes in Jason's capability and holds the same value set in terms of elected officials acting with integrity, transparency, accountability and honesty. As a local tradie, Dave talks to people from all walks of life every day. He understands local issues and the community's expectations of Councillors and the Council. Dave is practical by nature and training and always seeks to achieve common sense outcomes. Dave is absolutely committed to ensuring that running as a candidate and supporting Jason Ford, will contribute to the Eurobodalla remaining a great place to live, work, invest and holiday.



Robert (Rob) Fortuna

**Robert (Rob) Fortuna** is Nelligen born and raised, remaining a south coast local most of his life. Robert has a strong connection to the Eurobodalla and is part of a large local family. Robert and his long term partner work locally in hospitality and retail businesses. Robert has recently restored an old caravan and in his spare time loves taking the van exploring the local beaches and national parks. Robert has lived in Surfside for over 15 years, and absolutely loves the area and in particular the beach front. One of Robert's strengths is his natural ability to connect stakeholders together. And one of his reasons for joining Jason Ford's team is his strong desire to work with stakeholders working to find solutions to the erosion issues impacting the beaches, residences and community land along the northern beaches of Eurobodalla. Robert is pragmatic, sensible, and he has a deep desire to ensure that decisions made by Council reflect input from and are done in consultation with the community. Robert knows Jason's capability, energy and commitment and is looking forward to working alongside Jason and the other candidates to continue to support all those who live, work, invest and holiday in the Eurobodalla.



Geoff Martin

**Geoff Martin** is described by all who know him as a genuine good bloke. Geoff and his late wife Colleen bought their home in Surfside in 2017, where Geoff moved permanently after Colleen lost her battle with cancer in 2018. Geoff was a truck driver by trade, and a skilled jack of all trades who always shares his skills and experience with anyone who needs assistance. Geoff loves living in the Eurobodalla. He has two sons, their wives and six granddaughters, half of whom live locally and the others close by in the Shoalhaven. Geoff volunteers his time with charities, and always has time for a chat with the locals. Geoff is passionate about acting with integrity, transparency and respect. He has joined Jason's team because he is fair dinkum about walking the talk and standing up when it matters. He wants to see that the people who live locally are supported by local people who operate in a way that aligns with his values and not influenced by party politics and party policy. He wants to ensure that long into the future, decisions made by Council are done in a balanced way to ensure the Eurobodalla remains a great place to live, work, invest and holiday.

### Team Independent Eurobodalla: A Platform for Sustainable Development

Team Independent Eurobodalla is committed to fostering a future where sustainable development meets the needs of every community member. Our team, deeply rooted in local values and driven by a passion for progress, is dedicated to creating a balance between growth and environmental stewardship.

We believe that sustainable development is more than just a buzzword; it is a promise to future generations. Our platform prioritizes responsible land use, renewable energy initiatives, and water conservation projects to ensure that Eurobodalla remains a beautiful, thriving place to live. We also focus on social sustainability, advocating for affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and education opportunities that empower our residents.

Our team's diverse expertise and strong community connections enable us to approach these challenges with innovative solutions tailored to the unique needs of Eurobodalla. We are not just running for office; we are running for a cause—to protect and enhance the quality of life for all residents, now and in the future.

By supporting Team Independent Eurobodalla, you are choosing a path of responsible progress, where the wellbeing of our people and the environment go hand in hand. Together, we can build a sustainable, vibrant Eurobodalla for everyone.

#### Claire McAsh

Claire McAsh is a seasoned professional with 20 years of experience in engineering, design, drafting, and GIS mapping. Over the past decade, she has also played a key role in her family's oyster farm and has built a complimentary business to the farm - Signature Oysters. And worked for Oceanfarmr, another complimentary business that supports the management of the farm.

Her career includes extensive work on infrastructure projects, such as subdivision planning and stormwater management, where she has consistently demonstrated her commitment to sustainability and innovation.

Growing up in Eurobodalla Shire, Claire has always been passionate about her community. As a candidate for the local council, Claire is dedicated to fostering sustainable development, improving infrastructure, and enhancing water management systems. She advocates for responsible growth that balances environmental stewardship with the needs of the community.

Claire's decision to run for council is driven by her desire to give back to the region that has shaped her. She believes in transparent governance and is committed to ensuring that residents' voices are heard in council decisions.

Electing Claire McAsh means choosing a candidate with the expertise and dedication to ensure that Eurobodalla Shire thrives now and in the future.



**John Hawke** - I spent my early life in Sydney, living in Matraville, near LaPerouse. I joined the Australian Air Force in 1986, and since retiring I've lived in our beautiful Shire. My seven children regularly remind me how important it is to ensure they have the same opportunities to enjoy our coast as I have had.

My passions are target shooting, surfing, and fishing. It's very important to me that we work together to maintain our beautiful coastline so future generations can enjoy it as much as I have.

Contributing back to the Shire is important to me. I am a volunteer coach with disabled kids in the Olympic Swimming and Bowling teams, which includes being their driver to events.

If I'm elected to the council, I would be a strong advocate for a Shire which meets the needs of all the people who live in this beautiful part of the world.



**Krystal Tritton** - A Moruya local for the past 25 years, attending school here & now raising two beautiful daughters in the picturesque Eurobodalla Shire.

After becoming blind at the age of 18, I experienced first-hand the difficulties faced by those in the community who cannot access information as readily as others.

Whilst working in the Anglicare Homelessness Service for 11.5 years I gained crucial experience working with various members of our Shire, developing projects which identified gaps in support for those who need it most. This deepened my focus toward advocacy and community services.

Currently I am the CEO of roundsquared, a peer-led NFP organisation that supports NDIS participants in managing their NDIS plans to live their best lives.

As a potential councillor, I will be prioritising disability issues in our wonderful Shire in my ongoing effort to ensure we become a truly inclusive community.



**Gary Traynor** - Gary Traynor brings a wealth of experience from his diverse and impactful career. A former police officer in Moruya, Gary has spent years serving and protecting the community, fostering strong relationships, and understanding the needs and concerns of residents.

Now a historian with a deep passion for Australia's war history, Gary's commitment to honouring those who served is unwavering. He has made a solemn promise to a veteran of the 2/33rd Battalion to walk the Kokoda Trail 33 times in their honour, a testament to his dedication and respect for our nation's military heritage.

Gary's leadership and organizational skills have been evident in his role as the driving force behind the Moruya Mardi Gras and Carols By Candlelight. He is actively involved in the RSL, currently writing a history of the World War 2 Airstrip on George Bass Drive and runs a non-profit website returning missing war medals to families. His commitment to youth is also reflected in his work running the PCYC, Friday Fun and Fitness in Narooma and Batemans Bay Archery, where he has mentored countless young people, helping them build confidence and a sense of purpose.

In addition to his many roles, Gary volunteers at the Jockey Club and the Speedway.

As a council candidate, Gary Traynor is ready to bring his deep community ties, leadership experience, and is passionate about preserving the character of Moruya while ensuring it remains a welcoming and thriving place for all.



The Mayne Team - Our Shire is at a crossroads and needs professional, creative leaders – free from conflicts of interest – to safeguard our treasured way of life through this time of change. The Mayne Team has the skills and experience to protect our Shire's unique beauty, while putting our communities first, ensuring we all grow and prosper. We need to actively reduce the risk of large rate hikes. Councils around us are requesting Special Rate Variations of up to 50%. Yet this council is silent on the issue. We have seen a disturbing creep of power from Councillors to executive staff. The role of Councillors is to represent the community. We will champion true community consultation, have the courage to ask the hard questions and be more than a show of hands. The Mayne Team will work to balance housing, transport, parks and community facilities while preserving our outdoor lifestyle. We will work to find ways to create affordable, sustainable housing that fits with the character of our coastal towns. It is not good enough to simply leave this to private interests. Over the last five years we have had fires, floods, and a pandemic. But memories are short and the impetus to prepare seems to have faded. Climate change is an ongoing threat to the community and to Council's business operations. The Mayne team will ensure the Climate Action Plan is updated, work at Narooma and Batemans Bay is undertaken, as it has been in Moruya, so that we are prepared.



**Anthony Mayne**

**Anthony Mayne** has a track record for championing engagement and transparency. He is passionate about containing rate rises, advocating for safer roads and more diverse housing and greater affordability while enhancing a key pillar of our tourism economy, our natural environment.

Anthony wants to actively engage and work with the community so that together we can balance growth with the environment we all call home.

Anthony moved to the Eurobodalla in 2001 with his wife Linda Chapman, a previous resident. A People Manager with companies such as BlueScope Steel and Aurizon, Anthony spent 6 years with Southern Phone in Moruya as their People Manager. He now provides career counselling and coaching support.

A current Eurobodalla Councillor, serving for nearly 8 years, Anthony served two terms as Deputy Mayor. He chaired Council's Roads and Traffic Committee for 5.5 yrs, has been the Council's representative with the South East Australian Transport Strategy Group for 8 years and is a member of the Gulaga Board of Management.

Anthony is actively engaged in our local community. A former member of the Australian Army, Anthony now serves as Moruya RSL Executive Committee member, is the founding President of the Moruya Red Door Theatre Company, a member of the Broulee RFS, served on local boards including St Peter's Anglican College, a former President of the Eurobodalla Cycling Club and has been a JP for 18 years.

Anthony continues to actively engage and work with our community so that together we can build a better future.



**Karyn Starmer**

### **Karyn Starmer**

An effective communicator and efficient organiser, Karyn is seeking election to council because she believes the Eurobodalla is at an important crossroad in its history.

Karyn says, "If we do not act now to change the way our council plans for growth, serves its community and protects our natural assets and our relaxed way of life, we will end up as yet another sprawling, unfriendly, urban environment. The Eurobodalla deserves better local government and a better future."

After escaping Sydney in the 1990s, Karyn and her husband Neil Starmer, a local GP, settled in Moruya with their two small children in 1999.

An ex-financial markets trader, Karyn is now a journalist working for Region Media, publishers of About Regional and The Riotact.

Committed to her local community, Karyn has held positions in many local school, club and community organisations including Moruya SLSC, Broulee Dolphins RUFC, South Coast Anglican Schools Board, Mirrabooka Riding Club and the Moruya Jazz Festival.

Karyn believes councillors should have the skills to understand the complexities of government, covering the broad range of issues impacting residents and have the courage to ask the hard questions, to be more than a show of hands to wave decisions through.



**Michelle Hamrosi**

### **Michelle Hamrosi**

Michelle is a dedicated family doctor and mother of three from Broulee, passionate about health, the environment, and social issues. She is committed to building a stronger, healthier, and more resilient community.

As a family doctor, Michelle prioritises the health and well-being of her patients and community. For the past 2.5 years, she has led a groundbreaking project to understand and reduce the impact of emergencies on babies and young children and their caregivers, driving change and promoting community resilience.

Beyond her medical practice, Michelle is a group leader and volunteer counsellor with the Australian Breastfeeding Association (Eurobodalla Group), a mentor and lecturer for ANU medical students, and an advocate for rural medical practice. As a working mother, she understands the challenges families face and strives to make a difference.

Michelle believes that a connected community enhances well-being. She takes a collaborative approach to leadership, giving a voice to those less heard. Her approachability and genuine care make her a trusted and respected community figure, dedicated to fostering a supportive and thriving community for all.



Sally Christianson

### Sally Christiansen

Sally's background in advocacy, policy, and volunteer support, including five years working for a large student union, has taught her the importance of transparency and collaboration. Having grown up in Mystery Bay and attending school in Narooma, Sally has deep roots in the area. She returned to the Eurobodalla with her family so her children could also enjoy the special place she enjoyed growing up. A passionate advocate and spokesperson for Dalmeny Matters, Sally supports quality, sustainable, and affordable development. As the South Coast enters another growth period Sally believes it is important that growth benefits the community while protecting our natural environment and waterways. She says the southern end of our Shire needs an informed, approachable representative with a deep understanding of local issues. "I have firsthand experience with the challenges of living in the Eurobodalla, including healthcare access, housing affordability, and opportunities for youth. By running for Council, I aim to advocate for sensible development that protects the character of our coast."



David Grice

### David Grice

David has a passion for long-term decisions that benefit our community and environment and believes a local Council can offer tangible benefits. David joined The Mayne Team after repeatedly observing the short-term decisions of other councillors that now have major, long-term and dire implications for our finances and environment. David was raised on a rural property in Queensland and fully appreciates the joys and challenges of farming and grazing enterprises. He and his wife moved to Long Beach 16 years ago after falling in love with our unique area. David is a former CSIRO Wildlife and Ecology scientist where he worked for 30 years. His research resulted in numerous scientific publications on wildlife ecology and management, conservation biology, vegetation communities in a large catchment, and pest control and management. David has a firm view that councillors must make decisions independently and based on weighing up all the information, whether from everyday people with a lifetime of experience or from rigorously tested evidence. With The Mayne Team David will continue to push for reason and try to outweigh the interests that do not align with community wellbeing.

## Group E Rob Pollock Team



Rob Pollock

An experienced councillor, long regarded as the 'Voice of Reason' in council's deliberations. A considered and measured approach, balancing economic development and job creation with environmental sustainability and social awareness. I have all the necessary skills to lead the Eurobodalla community and with my diverse team, we will deliver projects that make a real difference to our quality of life and well-being. I have been a successful businessman in both Bodalla and Batemans Bay over 20 years. Additionally, I chaired Regional Development Australia and South Coast Regional Tourism for over 15 years. I know how to get results through State and Federal government. I lead the Moruya Cancer Carers to raise over \$250,000 locally and succeeded in getting a new oncology and renal unit at Moruya Hospital. I make no outlandish promises, my team will continue to prioritise a common-sense approach which will lead to the greatest good for the greatest number. Ratepayer money will be spent wisely, guaranteeing reliable provision of road maintenance, water supply and waste services. ROB POLLOCK - ON BEHALF OF GROUP E Key role as mayor - Provide strong independent leadership prioritising sound money management to ensure reliable road maintenance and efficient water services. Don't involve in promises outside local government roles and responsibilities. I live in the real world and local issues are the key. Whilst dealing with cost pressures, we must retain vision for the future needs of the shire in 20- and 50-years' time.



Sofia Keady

I have lived in the shire for over 16 years and hold several qualifications and a diverse professional background in psychology, nutrition, and business. For several years, I owned small businesses and currently, I run my private practice as a Nutritionist and work as a Marketing Manager for a health shop in Batemans Bay. I am passionate about serving the community and have founded Batemans Bay Community Picnic. This volunteer-run social-eating initiative works towards breaking down the barriers of social isolation and improving the community's health and well-being. I am also on a committee of the Batemans Bay Filipino Community, and a Batemans Bay Sailing Club social member. I am standing for council so that residents and ratepayers get the voice they deserve. If elected, I will promote a stronger culture of accountability by ensuring that the council's decision-making processes are transparent, efficient and community-focused. I will be a strong voice for our people and will tirelessly work to advocate for our community. I am dedicated to helping our residents by facilitating initiatives that cater to the needs of our ageing population, youths, and other vulnerable groups. I would also love to see a more active and vibrant shire similar to other thriving towns on the coast. We can achieve this by stimulating tourism activities to boost our local economy. On election day, remember me as someone eager to serve the Eurobodalla residents and ratepayers with the highest level of integrity and be a resilient advocate for putting people first.

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**Jack Tait**

Jack Tait long-term resident and business person within the Eurobodalla. He considers it has been a great honour to work for the people of the Eurobodalla Shire and has been a strong advocate for the recreational fishing community. Jack believes that Eurobodalla Shire Council, as a largely independent council, has achieved so much for the ratepayers and the broader community. Jack's goal is to keep Eurobodalla Shire Council free of political puppets. He will work to ensure that Council represents ratepayers. Jack has previously proven himself to be a diligent Councillor and his thorough homework led to many considered outcomes for the community.



**Keira Marchini**

Keira Marchini is a young Narooma local who has grown up right here in the Eurobodalla. She spent a lot of her upbringing volunteering as a Rural Firefighter, working at many of our local businesses and attending Narooma Preschool, Narooma Primary and Narooma High School. She has volunteered her Wednesdays at Monty's Narooma and is currently the President of the Narooma Chamber of Commerce which is also a volunteer position. She was also a volunteer coach for the Narooma She Devils after being a keen player herself since childhood. Keira is now a small business owner and excited new mum. She currently lives on a farm and knows the struggles of farmers, small business owners, new parents, and young people trying to make a life for themselves in a small town with sparse resources. Keira has decided to step into politics to help the town and region she loves and is extremely passionate about finding solutions to the various struggles our locals are facing.



**Emily Zahra**

Having grown up in Eurobodalla Shire and chosen to raise her family here and currently works as a local builder. Emily has a deep connection to our community. As a wife and mother, Emily understands the importance of nurturing both family life and community engagement. Her past work with the Moruya Business Chamber and local community groups has given her valuable insights into the diverse needs of the community. Emily is particularly interested in addressing the needs of younger professionals and families, ensuring that the region supports a vibrant and inclusive future.



**James Thomson**

James is a fifth-generation sheep and cattle farmer on Belowra Station on the Tuross River. He was a Eurobodalla Shire Councillor (ESC) from 2016-2021, during which time James sat on two boards and many committees. James served during the difficult but rewarding time as ESC governed through the 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires and Covid 19. James also currently works with people with disabilities in a disability employment company. He has a previous 10-year active membership in the Moruya Rodeo committee and has volunteered in many roles during the George Bass Surfboat Marathon. He was the Ministerial Appointment to the Gulaga Board of Management (Aboriginal Land Management Board), twice elected as a NSW representative to the Australian Coastal Council Committee, and ESC Delegate on floodplain management from 2016-2021. James understands that living on the land can be a struggle but has always thought it is worth the effort. James is running so that he can help make a positive difference.



**Lindsay Brown**

Lindsay Brown has been a longtime Narooma resident of over forty years. He is also a retired businessman and was a Mayor and Councillor for thirteen of those years. Lindsay's has a strong interest in supporting the community and volunteering. Past volunteer roles have included the Narooma Oyster Festival (since its inception eighteen years ago), and volunteering at the Narooma Evacuation Centre during the Black Summer bushfires. Lindsay is currently a committee member for the Narooma Oyster Festival and a board member for the Lyrebird Foundation, which supports women from disadvantaged backgrounds, both nationally and internationally.



Sharon Winslade

### Sharon Winslade – Mayoral Candidate

Sharon is dedicated to the Labor values of access, equality and equity for everyone regardless of where we live. What attracts her to running for council is knowing the direct impact Council has on people's lives. She knows it is important to listen to residents and make sure that large organisations such as Councils help the most needy in our community. She will say we have to focus on the "we" and not the "I". For Sharon it's all about what she, working with the Council and Councillors, can do to make this a better place to live and work.

Sharon is also trained and experienced. She has worked in her own consulting business, in the corporate world, and Australian Public Service. She has the skills and experience we need in Council and can provide the leadership to make this Council smarter and more focussed. She has financial, governance, economic, business planning and project management skills, and has worked as a company secretary on an ASX listed company. Over her career she has sat on many boards and committees and over-sighted large infrastructure spends.

Sharon's formal education and training includes a BAppEc (economics/management), Grad Dip Governance, Dip Project Management (PMBOK) and Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course. What this background brings to the Council is expertise in contract law, interpreting legislation, financial planning and analysis, audit, risk management and negotiation, and business economics and planning. All critical to running a professional Council.



Maureen Searson

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I have lived in the Eurobodalla for over 40 years, first settling in Nelligen and then moving to Catalina 30 years ago. My childhood holidays were spent around Dalmeny, Narooma and Tathra. My husband Paul and I moved from Sydney to the Eurobodalla to establish a new life and raise our family. I am a proud mum of five and nan of fourteen grandchildren.

I studied at Batemans Bay TAFE and then completed a degree in Community and Environment at the University of Wollongong Batemans Bay Campus. I am an electorate officer in the Batemans Bay office of Fiona Phillips MP, and assist local residents with a range of issues including accessing health services, aged care, NDIS, and state and council issues.

Eurobodalla Council is the closest level of government to the community. Councillors should reflect the diverse needs of the whole community and advocate in the whole community's interests.

I am proud to stand with my Labor colleagues. We need more women in on Council. I am a passionate advocate for the community, protecting the local environment and supporting the transition to a net zero carbon economy. I am a member of Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) and served on the Disability Inclusion Committee of Eurobodalla Shire Council. I campaigned for a Level 4 Hospital to provide the full range of health and hospital services currently not available to the community here in the Eurobodalla and volunteered as a mentor for a High School in Batemans Bay High School.



Trish Ellis

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Patricia (Trish) Ellis OAM is a respected Aboriginal elder of the Brinja Yuin people of Moruya. She is a recognised community leader in the Eurobodalla who shares her cultural knowledge and language to her community, and the communities and groups down the South Coast. Trish has worked at TAFE NSW for over 40 years, and also teaches language and culture at Carroll College and St Bernards. She founded Minga Aboriginal Cultural Services in 2018 and is one of the most prominent tour providers in the Eurobodalla.

Trish is the past Chairperson of the Eurobodalla Shire Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee for several years. She is a board member of the NSW Aboriginal Languages Trust Board, which promotes revival and revitalisation of Aboriginal languages in New South Wales. She previously held the position of joint management co-ordinator for handback of Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks.

Trish was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to the Aboriginal community of the Eurobodalla Shire. Trish and her siblings have revitalised the local Aboriginal Dhurga language, traditionally spoken by the local Yuin people from Nowra South to Wallaga Lake, and inland to Braidwood and Araluen.

"I have spent my adult life giving to the community because many people here in the Eurobodalla are invisible – I want to give them all a voice for this reason."

"I am proud to be part of a team of women with broad education, skills and experience, and strong community values."



Gail Vincent

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Gail Vincent was born in country NSW and has lived in the Eurobodalla for 15 years and regularly contributes to discussions about issues that impact the Batemans Bay community. She understands the impact that health and disability can have on quality of life, and is a champion for people with chronic illness, disabilities, and those with responsibilities for children and grandchildren.

Gail has an Honours degree in Art History, qualifications in Counselling and Psychotherapy and has worked in a wide range of administrative areas, both public and private. Gail is a long-term member of the University of the Third Age (U3A) here in the Eurobodalla, a keen researcher of history and genealogy, and has a Diploma in Family History from the University of Tasmania.

Gail was a foundation member of the local community action group protesting against Council's decision to close and sell the Batemans Bay Community Centre. She was also a member of the group which for many years lobbied for a covered swimming pool in Batemans Bay.

"I am saddened by the lack of facilities where our community members can meet – families, young people and interest groups."

"I am dedicated to re-opening the Batemans Bay Community Centre, as is the whole Labor team. This wonderful, accessible facility was the 'heart' of the community and built from funds raised by the community so it should go back to the community."





**Charlie Bell**

**Colleen Turner**

**Niall O'Donnell**

**Joslyn van der Moolen**

A vote for a Greens councillor is a vote for Healthy, Happy and Housed. These ideals are interconnected: being healthy and happy is reliant on being securely and affordably housed.

**Healthy** - Eurobodalla must take action to minimise harm from climate change. Council has a Climate Action Plan - it must be implemented.

We support the level 4 hospital in Moruya. Council must monitor usage of the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic. Improve health, aged and disability services and tackling domestic and family violence are key priorities.

**Happy** - Protecting the natural beauty and biodiversity of our shire will contribute to everyone's health and happiness. We will work to develop a connected local community and advocate for improved mental health care services.

**Housed** - We need affordable, sustainable, environmentally friendly housing. Prioritising urban infill, uses existing infrastructure and minimises greenfield land releases. Development of an Affordable Housing Strategy and Eurobodalla's Housing Strategy 2024-2041 is our goal.

We will work with local organisations and government to address homelessness and address the causes: poverty, domestic violence and health issues. Economy - We support building on our existing 'Nature Coast' image and tourism industry and the emerging Mountain Bike Trails economy. We support growing Indigenous Knowledge activities.

**Lead Candidate - Colleen Turner**

As your local representative I will continue the Greens legacy of championing for the community since 2012. Eurobodalla Greens Councillors Gabi Harding, Pat McGinlay and Alison Worthington have worked tirelessly to ensure progressive sustainable policies are implemented.

My professional background is as a psychologist and manager of Community Services. I've been privileged to work with families, children, young people and older people including in Multicultural and Indigenous organisations for over 20 years. I'm proud to have chaired an organisation dedicated to ending homelessness for most of that time.

Green's policy platform for Eurobodalla in 2024 is Healthy, Happy and Housed. We will work to ensure affordable housing and address homelessness. Without affordable housing local people are susceptible to unemployment, poverty, and related mental health issues.

I will draw from the Greens proven environmental track record to protect the natural beauty and amazing biodiversity of our beaches and forests. Together we can implement effective climate action by maximising renewable energy, supporting nature based tourism and ending native forest logging. Our forest friends need housing too and we all benefit from living in harmony with furry and feathered friends.

**Joslyn van der Moolen**

As an experienced environmental Project Manager (with the federal and South Australian governments) I am skilled at sourcing funding and delivering on-ground outcomes for the community. After the Black Summer fires I implemented bushfire recovery projects in the Eurobodalla, including tree planting on rural properties. Another key project I initiated with Council is the first NSW trial of virtual fencing on Cullendulla Drive, Long Beach following with a second stretch on Dunns Creek Road. The installation of these warning devices activated by car headlights has markedly cut wildlife fatalities.

To celebrate the opening of 70 kilometres of the Mogo Mountain Biking Trails Network, we will work with council, to call for the immediate protection of 4,000 hectares of state forest around the Mogo Trails Network and Narooma Trails. Protecting this forest from logging is essential to safeguard the \$16 million invested.

When logging of Eurobodalla's native forests ceases (as already requested by our Council), 246,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions will be avoided annually. This is equivalent to 56% of annual shire emissions from electricity, transport, waste and agriculture (<https://zerose.space/by-lga-2>). Having lived in the fire prone Adelaide Hills for 23 years I support asset protection and rapid response aerial firefighting capability.

**Charlie Bell**

Before retiring to Eurobodalla, I worked at CSIRO as a plant geneticist and tree breeder. Now I want to build on the work of past Greens Councillors to implement Greens policies to protect our native flora and fauna and to make Eurobodalla a more sustainable Shire.

Eurobodalla needs better development planning to maintain urban tree cover, provide better walking and cycling paths, and to improve affordable housing options. It is clear that our current urban development caters for retirees and holiday makers, and that local workers are being left behind. I want us to look after locals and our current lifestyles as well as thinking about the future and business challenges. We need to cater for all our different groups of ratepayers.

**Niall O'Donnell**

I'm stepping up to run for the Eurobodalla Council in support of our amazing Greens team. I'm proud to be a member of our local community, and am prepared to 'walk the talk' in protecting and restoring our magnificent South Coast environment. The residents struggling in a cost-of-living crisis, unable to afford escalating rents, or to find housing for their families, need our support now more than ever.

The Greens are aware, the Greens care. I'm an Emergency Room Registered Nurse, and so witness on a daily basis the profound health effects and trauma of rapidly accelerating climate change on our community.

We need conscientious and proactive representation at a local level to drive the changes needed to tackle the decimation of our native forests, and to restore vital sanctuary zones in our marine parks. We need to support and protect our most vulnerable citizens, the elderly, and our children, from the ravages of fire, heatwaves, flood, and pollution. There is also the need to protect our unique ecosystems from 'zombie' developers, and hold accountable those showing a flagrant disregard for our environment and community.



**Mathew Hatcher Amber Shultz Laurence Babington Ron Meek Carrie Taylor Rebecca Mahon Charles Stuart**

We are looking to build on the work we have done over the past 2 1/2 years to change the culture at council and work side by side with community. Being fiscally responsible with your money we have avoided a rate rise like our neighbouring shires. Behind the leadership of our current Mayor Mathew Hatcher we have seen council be more transparent in its reporting as well as more support and collaboration for Associations, Chambers and community groups. Promises made before last election have been kept. The focus of this next term will be to keeping rates down, continue building on our engagement with community, continued support for local business, more advocacy for affordable housing and a push for better health equity across the region. We have a fantastic team of community leaders ready to deliver.

### Mathew Hatcher

Current Mayor of the Eurobodalla. Mathew's career is extensive in business management and hospitality having owned restaurants and cafes in the past and currently owner of Guerrilla Roasters, a small business based in Moruya. Founder of SoCoDoLo, an organisation that handled logistics in the aftermath of the bushfires. The 2020 Eurobodalla Local Hero as well as recipient of the National Emergency Medal for service to the country during the Black Summer Bushfires. He has spent years volunteering in our region raising funds for numerous organisations including: RFS, Art Central, MilkCrate, Man Walk, Muddy Puddles, Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and many more. He has set a new path for the council in his short time as Mayor and brought back confidence and trust. Working with fellow councillors showing respect and a willingness to bring the community along.

### Amber Schutz

Current Councillor at Eurobodalla Shire Council. Amber Schutz is a local Architect with over 10 years of experience in the profession. She is committed to continuing to build on the trust between Council and the Community and ensuring there is meaningful and genuine engagement. Amber is a volunteer with the RFS and actively seeks opportunities to be involved in the community. She cares about listening to and learning from people and would love to help create a region that is a unique place for everyone to enjoy.

### Laurence Babington

Laurence Babington has an extensive background in both business and community work. He is an advocate and supporter of PCYC and has hosted many camps for youth. He has volunteered with both National Parks and Wildlife Services and Tilba Tilba Landcare. A member of Narooma Rotary and Marine Rescue he believes volunteering is the glue that holds the community together. He is passionate about caring for our region, its people and environment and is very keen to play his part in advancing open government.

### Ron Meek

I'm honoured and excited to stand for the 2024 Eurobodalla council elections with Mayor Hatcher. I am a current resident of Long Beach, am married to Sandra for going on 36 years and we together have two sons and two beautiful granddaughters. We have lived in Long Beach for 5 years and prior to this, on property outside of Canberra. I am currently involved in the LBCA as treasurer and an active member of the community in organising and assisting at community events including Xmas fairs where you may have seen me wearing a big red suit. Our recent achievement was to provide all funding for the erection of shade sails over the community playground. Other things that keep me busy within our community are playing golf, assisting where I can with local rugby and on the executive of the ACT Junior Rugby Union, volunteering for the NSW Cancer Council as a driver of patients to treatment and occasionally working at the BawleyVale Estate with their wedding functions. Professionally, I bring with me many years' experience in senior management level in Federal Government departments, ATO and Immigration and with private enterprise, Mt Isa Mines and Icon Water, as a permanent employee and as a consultant. I've also had experience working for a State Government department with the ACT Revenue Office and a 3 year stint with the PNG Internal Revenue Commission. I know I can add value to our community, building on the great foundation Mayor Hatcher has already laid. I bring understanding of Government, an ability to listen and prioritise, an understanding of budgets and impacts of costs on our community. I bring the ability to deliver and to ensure we continue to have open, honest and transparent communication between our people and our Council.

### Carrie Taylor

Carrie is an experienced inspirational leader with a proven track record of delivering organisational success through operational excellence fundamentals. MBA qualified, she is well rounded, strategic, yet pragmatic and knows how to get things done. Specialising in transformational leadership, project management, change management, continual improvements and operational effectiveness. -Managing Director at Tilba Coastal Retreat -Former GM at Narooma Rocks -Strategic Project Consultant for Tilba Chamber of Commerce

### Rebecca Mahon

A resident of Batemans Bay. Together with her husband they own and manage a successful building and home improvement company. Rebecca has been a member of the executive team on the Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber since 2020. She has been an active volunteer in the community at all levels. Rebecca is mother to two young children and her passion is helping create an environment that will grow with them and a voice for young families in Eurobodalla.

### Charles Stuart

A former corporate banker with thirty years' experience, following which I established two small businesses in the electrical and communications industries and finally retired to Batemans Bay in 2008 after having owned a family property here since 1960. I am the current treasurer of the Batemans Bay Business & Tourism Chamber (former Vice-President) and treasurer and one of the five executive committee members of Sculpture for Clyde. I have been a member of 'Variety the Children's Charity' for the past 32 years which led me to establish a not-for-profit organisation called The Bay Push which culminated in the building of the Variety Inclusive Playground at Corrigan Reserve, Batehaven at a cost of two million dollars, which was raised through grant funding. I have a passion to support the families of children with a disability. My latest project was to gain approval and funding for a disability hoist at the new floating pontoon wharf and shortly there will be sea planes operating from the same pontoon wharf with commuter services to Canberra and Sydney to follow. My strengths are in finance and business management and I am keen continue the excellent regeneration and restructuring of the council by Mayor Mat Hatcher and I am proud to have been selected to be a member of the Advance Eurobodalla team.

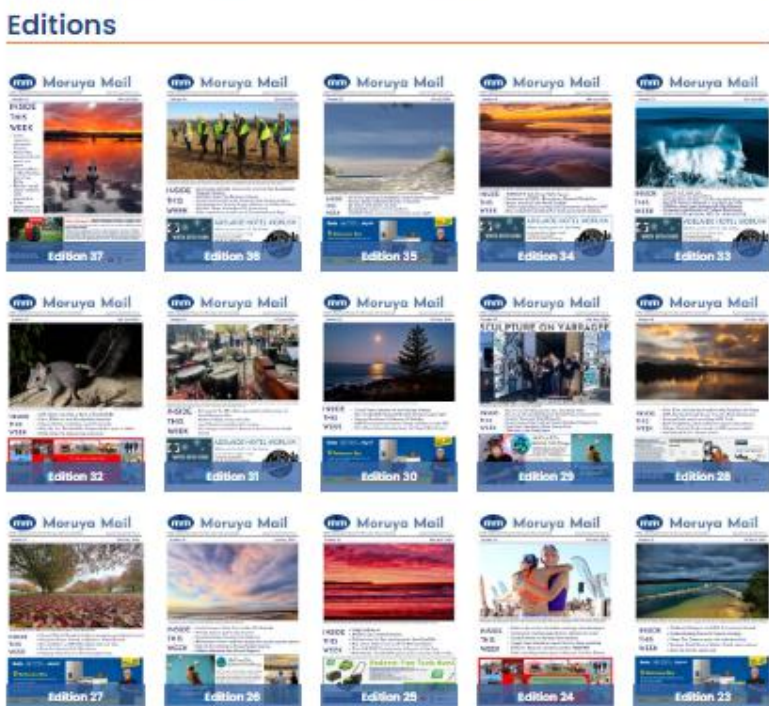
**Ungrouped candidate** Neil Gow, LONG BEACH, Independent



I hereby announce my candidacy as an Independent Councillor for the Eurobodalla Shire Council elections to be held on 14 September 2024.  
 I have been a ratepayer in Longbeach since 2002, and a resident ratepayer since 2010. I am involved in several community groups, including Landcare, the Batemans Bay Tennis Club, the NSW Sea Kayak Club and am a hobby beekeeper.  
 I have worked in a range of teaching, training and research roles, been a commercial beekeeper, run a rural contracting and carrying business, occupied executive office in a range of community associations, served as a board member and worked as a government relations manager, interacting with all three levels of government.  
 I am standing as the only ungrouped and Independent because I believe that the community is better served by a diverse council rather than one dominated by groups and political parties.  
 My core interests are:  
 1. Achieving sound governance and prudent financial management by Council.  
 2. Addressing the wide range of environmental challenges in the Shire.  
 3. Enhancing access to both passive and active recreational facilities including sports fields, libraries, cycleways, beaches and community gardens.  
 4. Promoting a committed and productive workforce (including volunteers) to deliver Council's ambitious operational plans.  
 5. Promoting sustainable development and tourism activities which respect indigenous heritage.  
 I look forward to a campaign which highlights the key issues for our Council and community and how best they can be represented and advanced.  
 Authorised by Neil Gow, 52 Sandy Place Longbeach NSW 2536

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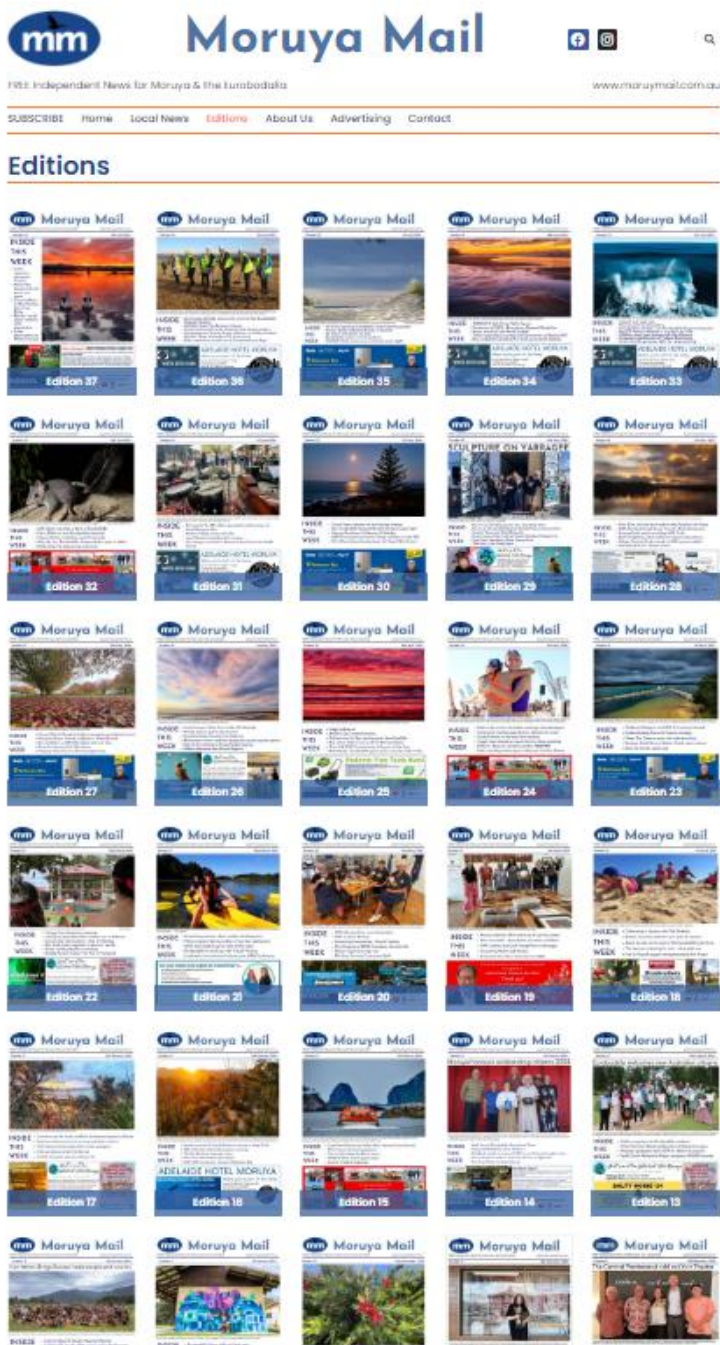


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