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# Letter to the Editor

## WELL PAINT ME GREEN AND CALL ME A PICKLE!

After 20 working days, ESC's Infrastructure Director has finally responded to a 'simple question' (MM Letter, 19 July):

That question being:

*"Due to the release of the 2024 Roads to Recovery funding, with ESC allocated \$9,145,801 (a 43% increase), will council now reconsider the planned reduction in road maintenance for our shire?"*

And ESC's response(21 July):

*"The increase in funding is less than the amount removed from Council's future budgets to ensure Council is financially sustainable and our work programs achievable".*

Mmmmmm, not so simple. I've poked that answer with a stick and flung it round the room a bit, but still can't make head nor tail of it.

The answer appears to be in the negative but the reason is baffling to say the least. Why such obfuscation? Clarification will be sought.

If Snowy Monaro Council did an 'about face' on their intention to reduce road maintenance, when they learnt of their 43% increase in funding, why has it had no impact on ESC's road maintenance program?

After all, \$9,145,801 is no trifling amount, yet no mention of it has been made by ESC, and as predicted, no councillor has responded to a direct appeal to them for information.

The Federal Government's Road to Recovery funding is conditional, in that it can be, "spent only on projects which are identified in the works schedule submitted by the funding recipient," to the government.

Yet in answer to my query, "on which roads does council intend to spend this funding," the Infrastructure Director's response was,

"A list of these projects is not generally displayed on our website as the scheduling is subject to change due to weather and other factors."

Well, I didn't ask for a schedule, I just asked for a list of roads that would benefit from this increase in funding.

As this list has been submitted to Government, it would be a simple process to upload it to council's website or provide it to a ratepayer upon request.

After all, Mayor Hatcher and our General Manager Warwick Winn, continue to applaud council's performance as being open, transparent and accountable – a questionable assertion applicable only to selective issues, it seems.

It most certainly does not apply to the following request that has been made a number of times since 16th Feb. It has been deliberately ignored in all correspondence from council.

The request being:

- \* 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 advice supplied by the General Manager's office on 16th Feb is not being 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).

For council to ignore its own Customer Service Charter, and for Management to issue assurances that it had no intention honouring, is a betrayal of trust impacting on the credibility and integrity of council.

Perhaps the Office of Local Government could provide answers that our General Manager and Councillors will not.

**Patricia Gardiner**  
Deua River Valley

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The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers, hybrid vehicle drivers and those interested in purchasing an EV. We want to share the love of driving our EV's and exchange stories and valuable tips on owning an EV.

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# Country lifeline Rex goes into voluntary administration



Moruya Airport

To the concern of many regional communities, Regional Express Holdings (Rex Airlines) and a number of its subsidiaries have entered voluntary administration with hundreds of employees being terminated. Rex is the only commercial airline flying to the South Coast.

The company said "Regional Saab 340 flights are currently unaffected by the administration and will continue to operate. Prepaid ticket holders will continue to have their tickets honoured by the Rex Group on regional routes. The Rex Group has a long and proud history of servicing regional and remote communities across Australia. Domestic 737 services grounded with Virgin Australia offering impacted Rex passengers free of charge rebooking. Flights between major airports have been cancelled, with the Rex Group's domestic fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft all grounded. Affected customers are being contacted directly by Rex. Virgin Australia has made an offer for Rex customers with an existing ticket on a flight cancelled due to the Administration process the opportunity to transfer their ticket free of charge to the 13 overlapping Virgin Australia services listed below."

Catherine King MP Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government said on Tuesday: "Rex is an important airline for regional and remote communities and Rex's continuation is in the best interests of regional Australians, the travelling public, its workers and the aviation sector.

The Government will work closely with the administrator to determine a path forward that ensures regional aviation has a strong future in this country.

In the short term, we have engaged with a number of airports to seek their continued support for Rex and I encourage all stakeholders, customers, and commercial partners to remain supportive as Rex works through this process.

This will obviously be a distressing time for employees of Rex and it is important the administrators provide timely advice to staff who have been affected.

Both Virgin and Qantas have said they will look into opportunities to support Rex workers affected by today's announcement" she said.

Premier Chris Minns was asked on Wednesday if taxpayers intervene to save Rex and should the Government consider an equity stake?

The Premier said "The Government should consider it. Now we're happy to work with the Commonwealth Government in relation to this. The reason is really straightforward, and that is we've got regional communities that are dependent on Rex for hospital visits into Sydney to see family and friends in other states and territories and if it closes down and goes tomorrow then major regional economies like Dubbo and Orange and Wagga, communities that are actually thriving at the moment could have to suffer real damage.

So, we've seen federal government in particular intervene where there's been threats to QANTAS and other major carriers. This is a big threat. Now I'm hopeful that financing can come in particularly for the regional routes, and we're working closely with the Commonwealth Government to see what the next steps are but I don't think anything could be ruled out because the stakes are massive for regional New South Wales."

The United Services Union General Secretary Graeme Kelly OAM said on Wednesday "The Albanese government must step in and cover the staff entitlements of Rex workers who have been told not only they will lose their jobs but that they will miss out on their legal entitlements, says the union which covers front line customer service staff, the United Services Union (USU).

Rex workers have been told they will miss out on legal entitlements by administrators despite the airline continuing to trade.

It's outrageous workers at the airline will miss out on even one dollar of their entitlements".

Eurobodalla Council said "The Moruya flight schedule remains unchanged.

Moruya Airport's passenger numbers are back at their highest since the pandemic. It's more important than ever we support the Moruya service so any review and restructure show the route remains a profitable one. Rex has previously indicated its desire to increase services to Moruya, showing a confidence in the route and its profitability.

The service is vital to our community for business, family connections and medical services, and we will keep advocating for and supporting it."

The airline advised: "Eligible Rex customers who wish to take up Virgin Australia's rebooking offer, must contact the Virgin Australia Guest Contact Centre on 13 67 89 or visit [www.virginaustralia.com](http://www.virginaustralia.com) by Wednesday 14 August 2024.

Eligible customers will be re-accommodated on Virgin Australia flights as close as practicable to their original time of travel. Holders of affected tickets should not come to the airport until they have rebooked their flights. Rex and Virgin Australia are also exploring opportunities to support regional customers, which include Virgin Australia selling Rex's regional services through codeshare or interline arrangements, and making Velocity Frequent Flyer benefits available to Rex's regional customers.

Further information about these arrangements is available from [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Better Business Practices for Eurobodalla Shire Council

Implementing sustainable business practices by Councils saves money for ratepayers. Our Council has been basically treading water in this area for the last four years and we have missed out on significant savings. We call on all candidates to commit to the following policies.

1. Include climate risk assessments (much like financial risk assessments) in the decision-making process of major investment and infrastructure decisions.
2. Follow the footsteps of Waverly Council, Lane Cove Council, City of Newcastle, City of Parramatta and more to alter your Development Control Plan (DCP) to require new developments (homes and businesses) to be all-electric with no gas and no wood fired heating.[4]
3. Encourage active transport by developing active transport plans including building and maintaining more and higher quality footpaths, bike paths, bike routes, walking routes, signage and connectivity.
4. Install electric vehicle chargers at public council facilities eg. libraries, swimming pools
5. Stop any new developments in high-risk areas affected by sea level rise, flood risk, or bushfire risk.
6. Plan to move critical infrastructure out of high-risk areas and improve resilience for infrastructure that can't be moved.
7. Transition all council vehicles, including garbage trucks, to electric.
8. Reduce long term Waste Management costs by:
  - implementing a Food and Garden Organics waste program (FOGO) to reduce landfill and methane before it becomes mandatory in 2030;
  - upgrading Council recycling shops at all locations so each one caters for the full range of customer's needs, including building materials; and
  - supporting the above initiatives with an ongoing program of ratepayer consultation and education.

**Kathryn Maxwell**

South Coast Health & Sustainability Alliance

### Council candidates meeting Monday 29 July

Last Monday I attended the Eurobodalla Council's information session for prospective Councillor candidates. It consisted of a half hour powerpoint presentation by three senior staff members, with the final one being a large format overhead of Rudyard Kipling's militaristic, patriotic 1895 British Empire poem, "If". It consists of a list of attributes for a "son" of Empire including this curious sentiment:

*'If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch and toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss'  
and concludes with:*

*'If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son.'*

The poem was highly recommended as a summary of attributes for a Councillor - and left on for the entire Q&A session by General Manager Warwick Winn. This was despite him being questioned as to its appropriateness due to its pompous assumptions of male leadership and the British ruling the Earth.

Some of us were surprised by his support of this poem as a recommended reading for Councillors. Anyone can see it is clearly out of date having been written as a response to the Boer War in the late 19th century. While it was particularly popular in Grammar schools in the good old days of the British Empire, they and the rest of the world have moved on. Perhaps it is time for Mr Winn to reconsider and find something more appropriate for today's prospective Councillors?

**Frank Ross**

Moruya

**Dr. Michael Holland MP**  
Member for Bega  
*"Serving Our Community"*

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# Multiplex chat about opportunities with hospital build



Around 100 people turned up to the Moruya Golf Club on Tuesday to hear from Multiplex about employment opportunities with the new Eurobodalla Hospital. These include direct employment with health as well as supply chain contractors. Established in Australia in 1962, Multiplex have delivered over 1,120 projects around the world, with a combined value in excess of US\$100 billion. Contact [euobodalla@multiplex.global](mailto:euobodalla@multiplex.global) for more information.

## NSW EPA Investigating Allegations of Falsified Sample Results

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is investigating environmental consultant Noel Child of N G Child & Associates, in relation to allegations of falsified sampling results in a number of environmental reports across NSW.

The EPA understands that part of Mr Child's role was to test potential development sites and then make environmental assessments for clients as part of development applications to local councils, including Eurobodalla.

"We seized more than 10,000 pieces of data and have finished reviewing 2,460 files and are investigating alleged falsified samples." Following a review of all available data, the EPA confirms that there are no immediate risks to public health and safety. The analysis revealed no history of contamination or exposure pathways that could affect people's health.

From this review, we have identified 135 different sites that have been the subject of alleged falsified reports. These include:

- 24 early childhood education and care services
- 18 residential properties
- 8 industrial/ commercial sites
- 1 school
- 84 sites yet to be developed

Eurobodalla Council was informed by the EPA on Friday they are investigating the alleged falsifying of sampling results associated with environmental reports across NSW.

A spokesperson for ESC said "The EPA has asked Council to review records associated with these sites and associated development applications, and to satisfy itself of the likelihood of contamination risks. Council will review documentation around the development applications and discuss its findings with the EPA.

The EPA is very clear that from its preliminary investigation no immediate risk to public health and safety has been identified. The sites identified in Eurobodalla are not childcare centres."

As a priority, the EPA has begun visiting the 24 childcare centres today to discuss the issues with the operators.

We are notifying all councils that may have relied on reports produced by Mr Child in approving development applications, and will continue to provide advice and support as they review their records for these sites.

Anyone who has engaged N G Child & Associates to undertake environmental assessments as part of a development application is encouraged to contact the EPA or their relevant local council for advice.

This incident is not related to the asbestos in mulch investigation.

We will endeavour to update our website with information at 10.30am and 5pm each day.

A full list of affected sites and councils that the EPA is working with can be found at the link below:

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/community-engagement/updates-on-issues/investigation-into-alleged-falsified-sampling-results>



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# New public toilets popping up across the shire

ESC - Councillors received an update on the progress of the Public Toilet Strategy at July's Council meeting. The news of new toilets planned for Mogo was welcomed.

So far, Eurobodalla Council has assessed the condition and functionality of the shire's public toilets – 67 in total – and rated them in categories. Category one is considered 'excellent' through to category five being 'poor'. More than 60 percent were rated category four or five.

Toilet upgrades at North Broulee, NATA Oval Narooma and Malua Bay have been completed with South Broulee and South Head Moruya set to be finished soon.

New modular toilet block kits are rolling out; the first was installed at Brierleys Boat Ramp and Mosquito Bay and Lilli Pilli will follow.

Designs are being prepared and permits sought for new toilets at the John Street Reserve in Mogo CBD as well as Mogo Oval.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said Council will be building the John Street toilets this financial year, replacing the public toilets at the Tomakin Road, Princes Highway intersection.

"This is something the Mogo community has called for a long time; it will be great for locals and visitors to have better access to modern facilities in the centre of town."

"It's also exciting to hear Mogo Oval's toilets will complement the Mogo Trails main hub. New features like a mountain bike wash area, bubblers, an outdoor shower and larger toilets that can be used as changerooms will be excellent for mountain bikers and travellers."

Also included in Council's toilet strategy was the recruitment of a public amenities team. Over the past six months the team has actioned 81 callout requests from the community and fixed 169 defects in the shire's public toilets.

Mayor Hatcher said the community was already noticing a difference.

"It has been fantastic having a team who can prioritise urgent requests as they come in as well as address a backlog of issues like leaky taps and cisterns," Mayor Hatcher said.

"With a team on call around the clock, they're able to get to urgent jobs within an hour."

Recently, the team was called out to multiple acts of vandalism at Corrigans Beach and Clyde Street toilets.

"One toilet was blown to bits and another drenched in oil – an extreme act of pollution," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Unfortunately, toilet blocks seem to be commonly targeted by vandals; hopefully by beautifying them, they'll become more respected and appreciated."

Keep up-to-date and read the strategy on [Council's public toilets project page](#). To find nearby amenities, use the [National Public Toilet Map](#).



A modular toilet block



Malua Bay's new toilet block



North Broulee amenities before



North Broulee amenities after



North Broulee amenities after

# Breastfeeding research collaboration launched

A new research collaboration between **Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD)** and the University of Wollongong exploring local breastfeeding outcomes has been launched to coincide with World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August 2024).

SNSWLHD District Midwifery Manager Rebekah Bowman said the study will follow up with women who give birth at the District's five maternity units, when their baby is six months old to find out more about their breastfeeding journey.

"Currently, breastfeeding data is collected when the mother and baby are discharged from our service after birth," Ms Bowman said.

"By following the journeys of up to 1,200 women over the first six months of their baby's life, we will be able to better understand how to improve breastfeeding outcomes in our community.

"This valuable information will help us to enhance our support services and tailor them to meet the needs of women in our communities."

University of Wollongong Professor of Public Health and Deputy Director of Early Start, Lisa Smithers, said the University is a proud contributor to the study, which is funded by the Prevention Research Support Program (PRSP) at NSW Health.

"Breastfeeding is one of the best investments in the early stages of a child's life. For some women, breastfeeding is challenging," Prof. Smithers said. "It takes time and practice for most mothers and babies to learn the skills needed. It's vital that our communities have support networks that empower mothers to breastfeed successfully."



SNSWLHD District Midwifery Manager Rebekah Bowman

"This study will provide valuable insights to improve local breastfeeding support and outcomes in southern NSW." The PRSP is a competitive funding program that invests in research infrastructure and innovation to support NSW organisations conducting prevention and early intervention research.

For more information about Maternity Services in Southern NSW Local Health District visit [www.snswlhd/our-services/pregnancy-birth-and-baby](http://www.snswlhd/our-services/pregnancy-birth-and-baby).

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# Invitation to Community Groups

The Tec Exec is delighted to extend an invitation to Eurobodalla community organisations to participate in our upcoming Digital Skills for Community Groups Workshops. Designed to educate and empower groups to adapt and grow using new technologies. The cost of this course has been met by grant funding provided by Rotary Batemans Bay.

Date: Tuesday 13 August 2024 (5 weekly sessions)  
 Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
 Venue: Country Women's Association (CWA) 158 Edward Road, Batehaven.

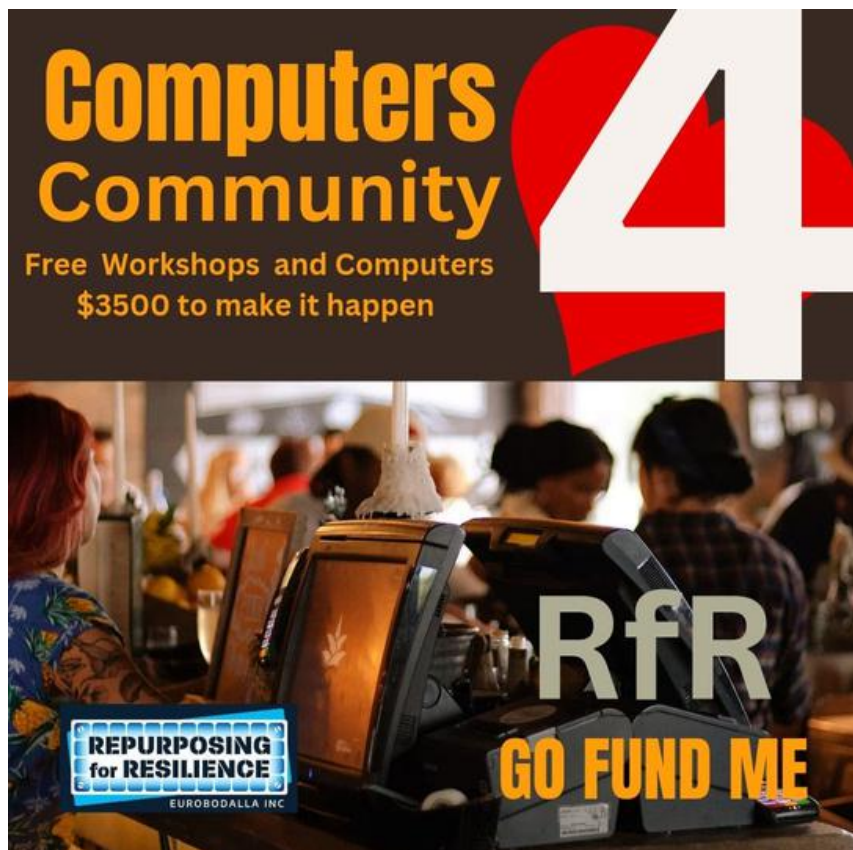
Our workshops will provide a hands-on approach to addressing the key considerations, challenges, and opportunities associated with digital transformation.

Led by Tricia Pye from The Tec Exec, an experienced facilitator and digital strategist, we will explore opportunities to identify and use technology, enabling your organisations to thrive both now and in the future.

**Topics include:**

- Tips on cybersecurity and online safety
- Digital strategy for community groups
- Device overview and data management
- Navigating the internet and cloud storage
- Email essentials
- Planning for the future - Succession planning for digital assets
- Engaging for media events – Presenter: Alex Rea Moruya Mail 3rd September.

Training sessions will be conducted over five weeks and bookings are essential. To find out more about this and other local projects follow our social page at The Tec Exec or call Trish on 0414 442 707.



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# Marli's journey to the World Skate Games in Rome

While eyes may be turned to the Paris Olympics for a few weeks, one of our local heroes whose dedication and talent have earned him a place on the international stage.

**Marli Wallace**, a young scooter rider from the South Coast of New South Wales, is set to represent Australia at the 2024 World Skate Games in Rome, Italy this September. This is a prestigious event, and Marli's journey to this point is truly inspiring.

Marli's path to the World Skate Games has been paved with hard work, determination, and countless hours of practice. His notable achievements began with a standout performance at the Junior Nitro Games in 2022, where he secured an impressive second place. His success continued with a strong showing at the Oceania Championships in Napier, New Zealand, further solidifying his reputation as a rising star in the world of scootering.

What makes Marli's story even more extraordinary is the dedication of his family. Hailing from the South Coast of NSW, Marli and his family face significant challenges due to the lack of local training facilities.

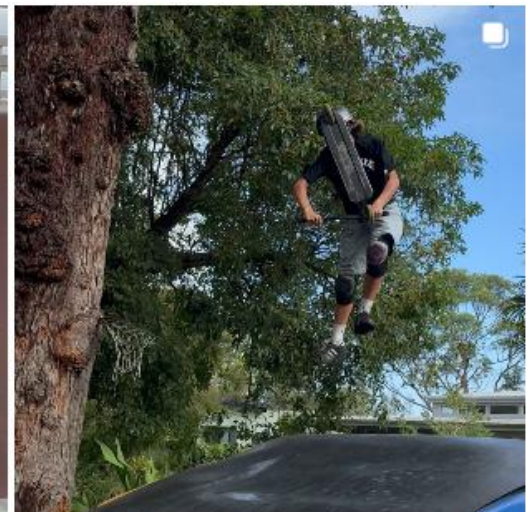
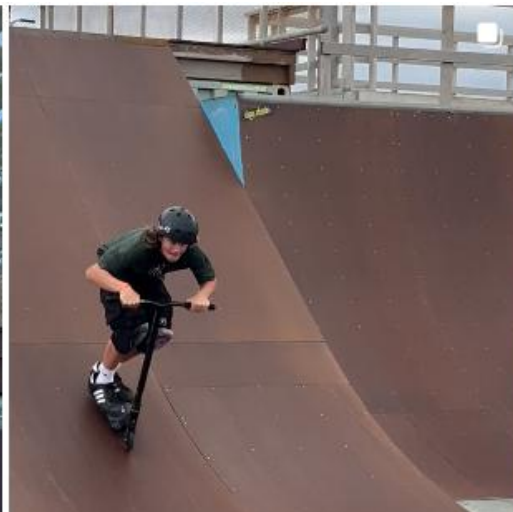
Despite these obstacles, they have made numerous trips both within the state and interstate, ensuring that Marli has every opportunity to train and compete at the highest levels.

Their unwavering commitment is a testament to Marli's passion for his sport and the family's support of his dreams. Their sacrifices, including long commutes and extensive travel, reflect the true spirit of perseverance and dedication that Marli embodies.

Marli's Mum says "As Marli prepares for the World Skate Games, we celebrate his achievements and the incredible journey that has brought him to this point. His success is not just a personal triumph but a source of inspiration for our entire community. We wish Marli the best of luck in Rome and look forward to cheering him on as he continues to make his mark on the global stage."

Lets get behind this south coast super star and help him make Australia proud!

Link to go fund me: <https://gofund.me/387ef194>



# FCNSW fined \$360k for breaking bushfire harvesting rules

## NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) has been fined \$360,000 for breaching conditions imposed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to help the recovery of the Yambulla State Forest, near Eden, after the Black Summer fires.

FCNSW plead guilty to two offences in the Land and Environment Court today after it failed to identify two environmentally significant areas on its operational map, resulting in 53 eucalypt trees being cut down in one of those areas.

These illegal harvesting activities were in breach of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval and the Site-Specific Operating Conditions issued by the EPA after bushland on the South Coast of NSW was ravaged by the 2019/20 bushfires.

EPA Executive Director of Operations, Jason Gordon said breaching these conditions was totally unacceptable and welcomed the Court's conviction.

"These special conditions were introduced to protect parts of the forest that weren't as damaged by fire, giving wildlife and biodiversity an opportunity to recover.

"FCNSW contractors cut down a total of 53 eucalypt trees in an "unburned" environmentally significant area that was home to important shelters and food resources for local wildlife or native plants.

"FCNSW and its contractors have a responsibility to comply with the rules, and in this case, there was a failure to mark the area off-limits in the operational map used for harvesting operations," Mr Gordon said.

The Court found the harvesting operation caused substantial environmental harm and impacted the refuge of various native flora and fauna species. The Court also found the offending conduct potentially harmed the Dusky Woodswallow, Scarlet Robin and the Varied Sitella, being threatened bird species known to inhabit the area. FCNSW was ordered to pay the EPA's legal costs and publish details of the convictions in the Sydney Morning Herald, the Daily Telegraph and Merimbula News Weekly.

# Forestry Corp response to allegations of non-compliance

"Recent media reports have highlighted regulatory actions against the Corporation.

Most of the alleged breaches mentioned in these articles occurred around four years ago.

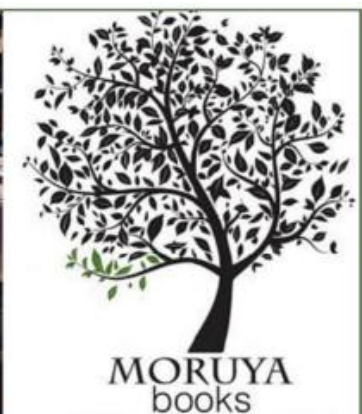
Our commitment to environmental responsibility  
Forestry Corporation takes its environmental responsibility in managing native forests very seriously, adhering to some of the most stringent environmental regulations in the world. These regulations are designed to protect native forests while allowing sustainable timber production.

Forest management is inherently complex, and despite our best efforts, Forestry Corporation acknowledges that some non-compliances have occurred in recent years. Where breaches of regulations have occurred, these have been unintentional errors, and we are committed to learning from these incidents to prevent future occurrences. When concerns arise, Forestry Corporation works closely with the regulator to address these promptly and effectively.

Our Forest Management System is underpinned by continuous improvement, and we review each incident to identify what went wrong and enhance our systems, processes, procedures and training accordingly. Additionally, we have increased staff presence in the forest, upgraded our technology and established a dedicated compliance assurance team. This team continually reviews, improve and automate processes to ensure better compliance.

FCNSW employs highly skilled and professional staff, including ecologists and forest scientists, who are dedicated to the health and sustainability of our forests. We continually strive to exceed the minimum environmental requirements, often protecting significantly more trees than mandated by regulations."

# The Chair and CEO of Forestry corporation have been asked to a meeting today with Minister Tara Moriarty.

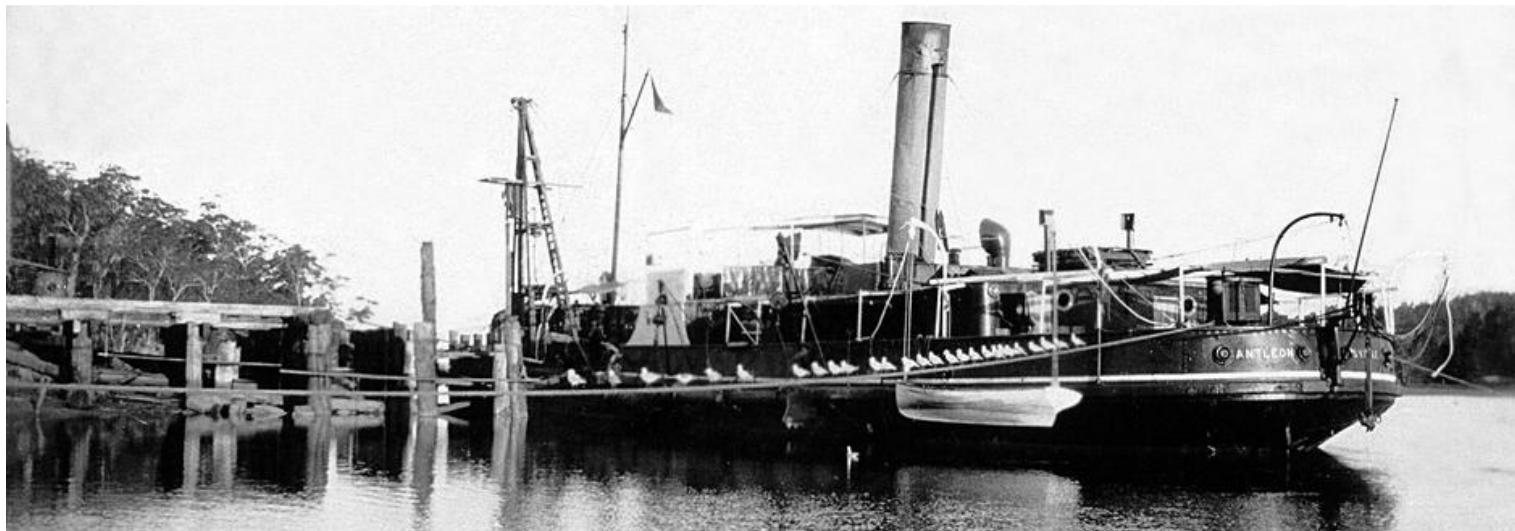


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**The Moruya Dairy Company** received £400 insurance on the cheese and crates wrecked on the s.s. Bodalla and £380 on that wrecked on the s.s. Benandra.

**Our movie picture lovers** are advised not to miss seeing "The Love Gambler" featuring John Gilbert, and "The Girl of My Heart" featuring P. Hyland, on Wednesday night next. These two special Fox pictures are said to be the most thrilling ever presented by Mr. Preddey at his Amusu Theatre.

**Mr. J. A. Perkins, M.L.A.**, has been notified by the Dept. of Local Government that the sum of £1,250 has been made available from the State Main Roads Loan Vote, to the Eurobodalla Shire Council for the construction of a low level bridge across the Tuross River at Silo Hill Farm near Bodalla.

**The Shire Council has commenced the work** of re-forming the road near the Moruya Park on the Prince's Highway. Instead of breaking up the surface with picks, the road was ploughed from end to end, the operation being successfully carried out with the Shire's large plough and Messrs. W. Crapp's and J. Gibbon's team of fine draught horses. The ground was afterwards rolled. The metal and binding are now being brought in by the Shire's gang of men.

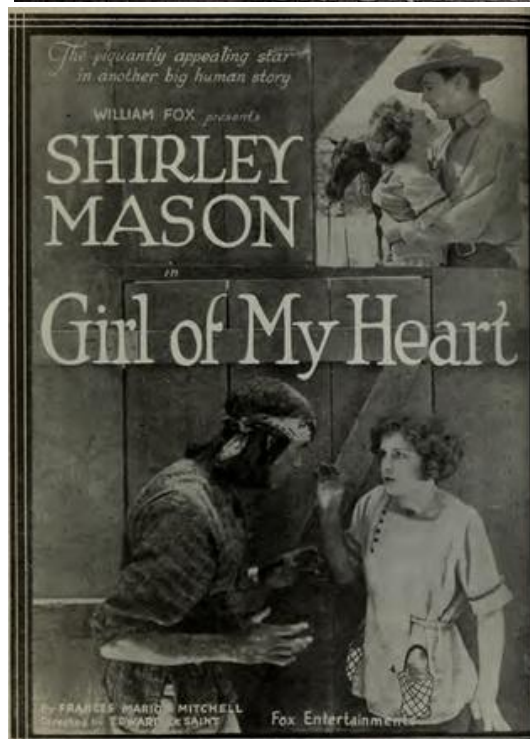
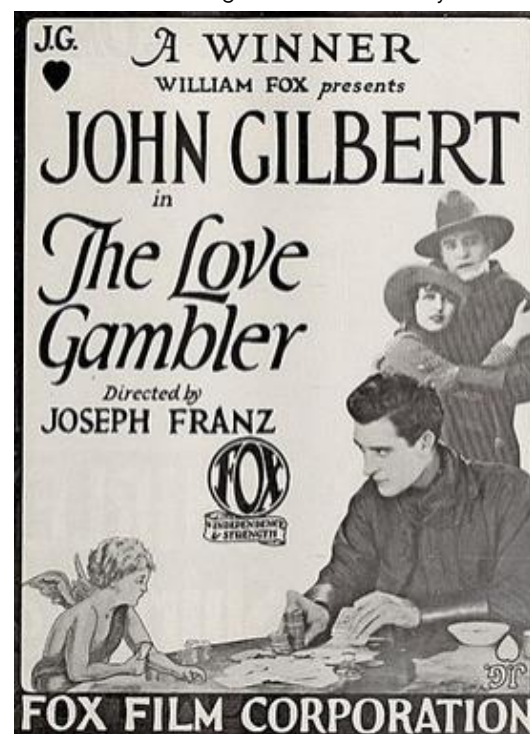
**The dredge Antleon** left on Wednesday for Narooma, where she is expected to remain for three weeks.

Although good work has been done in the Moruya River and at the crossing, the services of the dredge are required for many weeks yet to complete the work commenced, and we hope that now the vessel is in this vicinity the Shire and Progress Association will use their best endeavors to keep her in these parts for some time longer.

**The engagement** is announced of Ethel Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Millikin, of Moruya, and Edward James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McFarlane, of Mascot, Sydney. The first general meeting of the **Belimbla Creek Gold Mines No Liability**, was held on the 16th instant and was largely attended. This Company was formed four months ago for the purpose of working promising reef indications near Nerrigundah, which in the past has been a prolific gold-producing centre.

The Chairman, Mr. C. Napier, stated that splendid progress had been made in opening up the property. Half the ten-head battery was already there and it was expected that crushing operations should commence in October. The tunnel was being driven from the battery site to the main lode so that the huge gold-bearing formation could be attacked by a large number of men. Mining experts were sanguine that the property would prove a good payable proposition to the shareholders. ...

**Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.**





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

In this year of the international test of Democracy versus autocracy, something unexpected is happening – the good side has taken the lead.

At the beginning, prospects looked dreadful. Russia’s murderous Vladimir Putin cleared the field of candidates by jailing the small fry and killing Alexei Navalny by unknown means in a far-off gulag. And Pretend Emperor Xi Jinping eliminated his opponents by charges of corruption as a legal system bent to his will.

And speaking thereof, the US Supreme Court of the United States, which would-be dictator Donald Trump had stacked with reactionary cronies, began giving legal imprimatur to his policies and preferences. The anti-democratic forces looked to be on a roll.

But then in short order came India where the would-be theocratic leader, Narendra Modi met democratic resistance that forced him into coalition with a more reasonable grouping. His faith-filled fantasies fell in a heap.

Meanwhile, the British poll threw out the Tories in favour of a centrist Labour Party; and the remarkable French electoral manoeuvring saw Marine Le Pen’s far-right extremists run into a solid wall of fiercely democratic parties.

Suddenly the 2024 race was looking good for Democracy. In Melbourne Cup terms, our horse had stumbled at the start but had now joined the pack as the runners passed the finish post for the first time.

But then, down the back straight Pretend Emperor Xi secured himself a fourth term from his hand-picked lackies and the also-rans bunched up. However, the weight of Xi’s economic policies were beginning to show the vulnerability of Pretend Emperor rule that will inevitably threaten his Mandate of Marxist Heaven. Some even say his race is run already.

That takes us across the pacific via Xi’s ‘beautiful letter’ to the man who would enact Project 2025. This is the Republican Party plan designed to clip Democracy’s fetlocks and place ‘the entire executive branch under the direct control of the President under the unitary executive theory.’ Indeed, it proposes to replace tens of thousands of federal civil service workers with political loyalists willing to pursue the policies of a President Trump.

Xi’s letter celebrated Trump’s survival from an assassin’s bullet, courtesy of his God; and as they approached the turn towards the home straight it looked very much as though he was odds on to replace his ageing opponent sitting astride the Democratic Party mare.

That’s when the seemingly impossible happened and at the top of the straight, the old jockey surrendered the saddle to his female stablemate. He tossed her the whip. ‘The baton is in our hands,’ she cried. ‘Let’s win this!’

By now it was a two-horse race as they thundered towards the finishing post on that special Tuesday in November. In two mighty strides she overtook distance between them. Punters raced to place their bets - \$100 million in a single stroke.

And then...well, who knows for sure, but Democracy has its nose in front. And if you think about it, even the murderous Putin paid lip service to what Churchill called ‘the worst system of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.’ After all, he didn’t have to bother with an election once he’d killed off his opponents.

Perhaps he knew deep down that the people valued the right to vote, even if it was utterly meaningless...except of course to the little man in the mirror.

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## A Beer with Bazz # 160

With  
John  
Longhurst

Know All Ron rubbed his chin.

"I am not saying they were faster swimmers back in the sixties and seventies,... I just reckon we held our own better. Take a look at the Olympic medal tallies. The likes of Dawn Fraser, Murray Rose and Shane Gould still dominate the top spots."

Various nods of agreement and Ron paused to clear his throat.

"You see the average Australian public swimming pool was built in the 1960's\* and with our climate and lack of things to do, swimming was huge. Swimming clubs popped up and half my class at school was doing laps come 6.00am most mornings. No wonder we were producing swimming gold medalists at the Olympics in the sixties and seventies."

Mick took a decent sip.

"By gee, you are across a lot of information, Ron. Why ask Google when we can just ask Ron? You should really think about going on one of those quiz shows."

Bazza furrowed his brow.

"I reckon Ron is only half right with this one."

An awkward silence as Bazza took a measured sip.

"Going to the local pool was certainly one of the things to do in the sixties and seventies but the real reason we had more gold medalists back then is 'bombing'."

Multiple shakes of heads before Mick eyeballed Bazza.

"What are you on about, Bazza? Stay on topic."

Bazza grinned.

"As kids, the key reason to go to the local pool was to 'bomb' in the deep end. You had the 'Buddha', where you jumped and crossed your legs mid air to create a splash. The 'Peg Leg' which required one knee to be held to the chest and entering the water at a precise angle was a speciality bomb. Now... everybody could master the 'Cannonball' where you jumped and curled yourself into a ball. All good fun with the aim to create the biggest splash."

A low whistle from Timeless Tom.

"Ahhh yes... I remember bombing at the local pool. We had different names for some of those bombs, Bazza. We had one called the 'Nutcracker' which is too painful to describe and another called the 'Jesus' where, after a massive run up, you tried to run across the pool. Now... my favourite was the 'Horsey'... you jumped face down with bent knees, a curled back and palms facing the water. On impact you straightened out the body to create the splash. If you got the timing wrong it could be pretty painful... in fact, more painful than the 'Nutcracker'."\*\*

Know All Ron screwed his eyes.

"I'm confused, Bazza. How does bombing at the local pool translate to Australia winning so many swimming gold medals at the Olympics back in the sixties and seventies."

Bazza pursed his lips.

"I thought it would be obvious, Ron. You see the collateral damage of all this bombing was the serious lap swimmers. In fact, sometimes they were even targeted. It meant they had to swim faster to avoid being bombed. I reckon the bombers at the pools Dawn Fraser, Murray Rose and Shane Gould trained at must have been world class. They really should be recognised in some kind of 'Hall of Fame of Pool Bombers'."

Bazza paused for another sip.

"Swimming went downhill in Australia when they banned bombing at the local pools."

\*[https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/69384/RLS\\_AquaticInfrastructure2022\\_placemat.pdf](https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/69384/RLS_AquaticInfrastructure2022_placemat.pdf)

\*\* <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/sydney-afternoons/regional-pool-bomb-names/13490714>

Have a beer with Bazza at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)



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## \$252 million boost set to deliver 1,300 new apprentices and trainees

The NSW Government is investing \$252.2 million to employ an additional 1,300 apprentices and trainees in the local government sector across the state, the largest state government investment in directly hiring new apprentices in recent memory. This investment will train up the next generation of skilled labour while keeping jobs within local councils, reversing the trend of councils outsourcing jobs to contractors.

The direct investment will go towards hiring new roles created by councils above their current workforce numbers with the new roles to focus on in-demand trades including electricians, plumbers, engineers, civil construction workers, mechanics, planning cadets and many more.

The investment will target trainees, apprentices and cadets making up 15 per cent of local council workforces and follows a number of studies undertaken by the Australian Local Government Association that identified the critical need to boost these workforce numbers.

Local government currently employs more than 50,000 people across the state's 128 councils and many trainees and apprentices who start their career at councils also go on to work in local industry.

With a shortage of skilled labour acting as a significant hand break on the development of new housing and infrastructure across NSW, this will play a key role in training up new apprentices and trainees that will build better communities.

Councils are also currently experiencing declining workforce numbers with serious skill gaps and a large portion of experienced professionals who have worked in the sector for decades are also likely to retire within the next five years.

Guidelines are being developed for councils with the first batch of apprentices and trainees to start their new careers early next year.

## Sheriffs walk off the job over staffing crisis and poor pay

**PSA** - Sheriffs stopped work for two hours and protested outside Wollongong courthouse yesterday over a staffing crisis and poor pay.

This action affected 18 courthouses across the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and adjacent districts including Port Kembla, Kiama, Albion Park, Nowra, Milton, Bateman's Bay, Moruya, Narooma, Bega, Eden, Bombala, Queanbeyan, Braidwood, Cooma, Yass, Crookwell, Goulburn and Moss Vale.

The strike action also affected 6 courthouses in Southern and South West Sydney including Campbelltown, Camden, Picton, Sutherland and Kogarah. The Office of the Sheriff has difficulty recruiting and retaining Sheriffs due to the poor pay.

While Sheriffs' duties have ballooned over the last decade their pay has failed to keep pace.

Sheriffs, (formally 'Sworn uniformed Sheriff's Officers'), both enforce the law and provide court security.

Sheriffs are a crucial part of law enforcement. They enforce orders issued by NSW Local, District and Supreme Courts, the High Court, the Federal Court and Family Court.

Sheriffs enforce writs, serve warrants and Property Seizure Orders issued under the Fines Act 1996.

Their security duties involve maintaining the security of court complexes, many of which have airport-style perimeter security and scanning to ensure the safety of judges, magistrates, lawyers and the public.

There are over 300 Sheriffs across the state attached to over 170 courthouses. Only 24 courthouses will be affected by today's action.

Sheriffs have tried to play by the rules, said Stewart Little, General Secretary of the Public Service Association which represents Sheriffs, but they have just been ignored for over two years.

"In mid 2022 there was an agency restructure and the senior leadership of the Office of the Sheriff got a significant pay bump," said Mr Little.

"In 2023 there was a review of Sheriffs' pay but the report was never released under 'cabinet in confidence'.

'Sheriffs waited patiently, and were told the matter would be resolved in the 2024 budget, but when it was delivered in mid June nothing happened, and now they've been fobbed off again with some other made up bureaucratic process, so Sheriff's have just had enough.

"Sheriffs are highly trained in what is risky and stressful work.

"Sheriffs need a solid pay bump to reflect the dangerous work they do, when enforcing court orders they'll be entering people's properties wearing stab proof vests, carrying capsicum spray, batons and handcuffs. It's difficult work.

"Sheriffs put their lives on the line in courthouses to make sure judges, lawyers and members of the public are safe from crooks and criminals, yet they are paid the same as people with desk jobs and administration roles at the courthouse, it's just not on," said Mr Little.

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# Narooma Rotary wins back coveted Trivia Trophy



The scene at the annual Trivia Challenge between Narooma Rotary and Moruya Rotary for the Cinders Trophy on Thursday, hosted this year by Narooma at Narooma Golf Club.

Narooma Rotarians are thrilled to have won back the coveted Cinders Trophy from Moruya Rotary after their annual Trivia Challenge last week.

Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley said it is always a fun night.

"We enjoyed great camaraderie with Moruya Rotarians and guests, made even sweeter of course by the fact that Narooma won the night," she said with great glee. "It's been a few years... "Our quiz master Chris O'Brien excelled with challenging and varied questions that were also fun, and our fabulous support team of David McInnes as MC, Lynn Hastings as quiz assistant, and Rachel McInnes with IT ensured the evening flowed smoothly and efficiently.

"It was a top night."

Mrs Hartley has already dropped the Trophy off to the jewellers to add Narooma Rotary's name, ready for proud display at the next meeting.

For more information on Narooma Rotary, please see [www.naroomarotary.org.au](http://www.naroomarotary.org.au)



Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley raises a celebratory salute after receiving the coveted Cinders Trophy from Moruya Rotary President Allan Veness at the Clubs' annual Trivia Challenge on Thursday night at Narooma Golf Club.

## NEW TO NAROOMA - Justice of the Peace pop up

A great initiative by Narooma Chamber of commerce: Please feel free to share this..

Need your signature witnessed? Planning a holiday overseas and applying for a passport? Need something witnessed by a JP? Can't find a JP during business hours? Well we can help you with that!

Narooma Chamber of Commerce have joined up with some local Justices of the Peace to have a JP Shopfront every Saturday at Narooma Plaza from 9 am to 11 am outside Raven Cafe..

So every Saturday two local JPS swill available to witness your signatures unless advised otherwise.

Check the Narooma Noticeboard each week for any updates.

The shopfront will be starting this Saturday 3 August "



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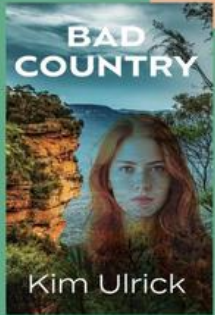
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Kim Ulrick Sharon Halliday



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*Bad Country* is an Australian gothic tale that explores the deep connection between people and place.

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### Geoff Odgers presents Creative Techniques in Collage

Geoff Odgers, a celebrated artist from Eurobodalla, NSW, specialises in capturing the region's natural splendour through his masterful use of oils, watercolours and collage. Geoff's work, characterised by vivid colour and dynamic composition. Geoff offers a workshop in collage at Art Central, sharing his expertise in tone, colour application, and collage techniques. We are privileged to have him share his passion and skills with aspiring artists. Book now places are limited.

**Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm 22 September 2024**  
 Cost: Workshops \$70 members/concessions, \$85 non-members. Please email Art Central ([artmoruya@artcentral.org.au](mailto:artmoruya@artcentral.org.au)) to register your interest.

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# Ceramics Program launch at Art Central Moruya



The Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc (ACE) was delighted to launch its new ceramics program on Saturday 21 July at Art Central. "Our kiln, 'Big Bertha', has been out of action for some years, but thanks to generous donations and hard work by volunteers she is now in working order and doing what she does best" said ACE's President, Mandy Hillson. Mandy thanked Mathew Hatcher representing the Milkcrate Foundation, a major donor, and Tracy Watt, representing Bunnings Batemans Bay for their donations and support. "The new ceramics program marks a milestone in the refurbishment and revitalisation of our community arts centre and there is more to come.", said Mandy.

Overlooking the picturesque Moruya River and adjacent to Riverside Park, Art Central is a welcoming community arts centre which provides people of all ages and abilities an opportunity to explore and extend their creative self. Exhibitions, hands on days, tuition and vacation classes are just some of the centre's cultural activities. There are several weekly classes, workshops and courses on offer including drawing, painting, music, printmaking, life drawing, collage, mixed media, bookmaking and now....ceramics.

Art Central is a community arts centre created and run by the Arts Council of Eurobodalla Inc. All our tutors and team are volunteers who are passionate about making art and providing our community with access to creative learnings with others who share the same interests. If you would like to volunteer in some way please get in touch with us. We would love to hear from you. Or if you have an art skill for any age group you would like to share, why not be part of our term program and hold a weekly class, weekend workshop or school holiday activity.

## The Ceramic courses we are running for Term 3 are:

### CLAY CREATIONS

Hand building in Ceramics

This six-week ceramics course will involve pinch, coil and slab building of small sculptural forms. Glazing will focus on underglaze painting, topped with a clear glaze. Let your imagination go wild and get your hands in the mud!

Thursdays: 10.00am - 12pm 5, 22, 19, 26 September  
two week break then 17, 24 October 2024.

Six-week course \$360 includes materials.

with Alda Rudzis

### FROM CLAY TO CUP

Hand building a Tea Set

with Sarah Ludowici (This course is FULL)

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Debra Smith (left) and Megan Dixon Dawes (right) at the opening.  
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**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.

Exhibition runs until 24 August

•Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre,

•Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm

**Montague Visiting Artists 2024**  
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Venue: Banksia Room Cost: \$60

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 Drive Time.....Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
 Ricky Bloomfield.....Lynchs Hotel  
 Aaron Pollock.....Steampacket Hotel

### Saturday, 3 Aug:

Drive Time .....Soldiers Club (8pm)  
 Tony Jagers.....Quantum Brewery 4pm  
 Don John.....Lynchs Hotel  
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 Harrison Clynes.....Broulee Brewhouse

### Sunday, 4 Aug:

Chris O'connor..... The Drom Hotel Tilba  
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Showcasing exquisite puppetry, an enigmatic host, audience interaction and a world of rare and exotic animals, ARC is a profound experience that embraces the natural world and the creatures that cohabit this place we call Earth. ARC presents intimate, magical encounters with rare and vulnerable species, raising important questions about our collective and individual relationship with nature and loss. Renowned as innovators of physical and visual theatre, for the past three decades Erth's body of work has explored the depths of the past. With ARC, they look unblinkingly to the future, as this menagerie of animals transforms the stage before your very eyes. "If you get the opportunity to experience any of Erth's work - go! ARC is a quality offering from one of Australia's most exciting companies." - Theatre Travels

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- Batemans Bay Library Monday 12 August, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
- Narooma Library Tuesday 13 August, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
- Moruya Library Thursday 15 August, 10am to 1pm

## Calling all Visual Artists!

Create NSW says : Applications for the 2025 NSW Visual Arts Fellowship (Emerging) program are now open! The 2025 Fellow will receive \$30,000 for mentorship and professional development in whichever direction they choose. We want everyone with talent and drive to have this opportunity, so we urge all up-and-coming artists to apply! Find out more: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/.../2025-visual-arts-fellowship...>

## Saturday Sessions at the Bas

Create your own earrings with Virginia Aland. The talented Virginia Aland presents another of her ever-popular workshops. Using her handcrafted beads, dive into the art of assembling unique earrings under Virginia's expert guidance. These workshops always book out quickly so get in fast. Bookings essential. Book through Eventbrite. Cost: \$120 Saturday 14 September 2024, 12.30 to 3.30pm. More information :T: 4474 7355



Slightly Bent Choir  
and  
Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra

present

### Songs for the Earth



An uplifting hour of song and music from around our precious globe to fill your heart and soul.

Saturday August 17th - 2 pm

Moruya Anglican Church (50 Campbell St)  
Free. Afternoon tea served at the conclusion of the concert.

**Club Tuross**  
**ARTS EXHIBITION**  
Explore the wonders of nature  
6th, 7th & 8th September  
The theme is River, Land, Sea  
\$10 entry fee  
Paintings, Mixed media, Photos  
Artwork size no larger than 60cm X 60cm  
All artworks will be for sale



**FREE Salsa**  
SOCIAL DANCE SUNDAY  
1st Sunday of the month  
TUKKA Licenced Cafe  
57 Vulcan St Moruya  
**SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST**  
**2-3.30PM**  
Family friendly!  
*Need lessons?  
Come at 1.30pm for a salsa  
lesson by Elise May  
\$10pp.*



## LOST: CAST, CREW & COMMUNITY SCREENING

An evening of **Yuin Short Films**:

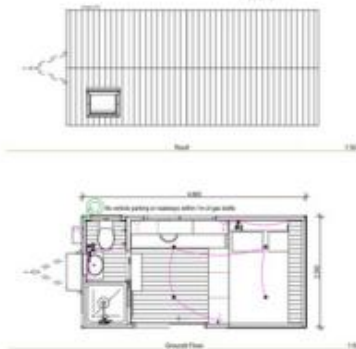
- Walawaani & Our Way (Djinama Yilaga)
- Bunaan (Warren Foster Snr)
- LOST (Jane Gordon & Warren Foster Snr)

## THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 5PM NAROOMA KINEMA

enquiries to: [mirringamafilms@gmail.com](mailto:mirringamafilms@gmail.com)  
Jane 0427 046 486

Limited extra tickets available online here or at the door:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CTPLR>





# Your very own tiny home



**\$ 96,500**

## Brand New from Designer Eco Tiny Homes,

The Independent Series 4800 is the perfect design for a weekend getaway, an extra room at home, an AirBnB opportunity or the potential to be fully equipped for simplified full-time living. This 4800 (pictured) has been thoughtfully customised, featuring a raked ceiling, matte black fittings, a skylight in the bathroom, and a frameless L-shaped window. Gas hot water system ready to go. Bio toilet option. This tiny home on wheels is designed and built by Designer Eco Tiny Homes with 10 years' experience building quality homes. Currently available Ex -Canberra \$96,500 including GST. Assistance with delivery. Call to view

Contact Catherine for more information about other designs available and how you can order or customise your own tiny home from the factory in Ulladulla.

**Canberra Dealer**

Email: [catherine@designerecotinyhomes](mailto:catherine@designerecotinyhomes)

Website: <https://designerecotinyhomes.com.au/>

Mobile: 0452 201 885



### Prime Features

- Reverse Aircon
- Raked Ceiling
- Under bed Storage
- Double Glazing

# Apprenticeships at Eurobodalla Council

Eurobodalla Council is recruiting multiple open-aged civil construction apprentices and plant operator apprentices plus one open-aged horticulture apprentice to join our team in 2024. We want to help you apply! Come along to one of our information sessions on Tuesday 13 August to hear about:

- what the jobs involve
  - what the employer is looking for in an application
  - navigating Council’s application process
  - hints and tips for resume writing
  - how to respond to selection criteria and interview questions
  - information about the apprentice sign-up process.
- After the information session, job seekers living in Eurobodalla can access free individual support from Council’s Job Shop team (that’s us) to apply for the vacancies.

We are running two How to Apply sessions:

- Tuesday 13 August, 10am to 11.30am at the Job Shop, 53 Queen Street, Moruya
- Tuesday 13 August, 5.30pm to 6.30pm online

Bookings are essential

Contact Eurobodalla Council Employment Projects Officer Amy Kovacs on 4474 7380 or email [amy.kovacs@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amy.kovacs@esc.nsw.gov.au) to book.

Information on the job vacancies can be found at: [www.esc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au)

## Introduction to Computers for Adults

South Coast Community College - RTO 6558 . .

Tis Introduction to Digital Literacy is a NON-ACCREDITED hands-on course that will enable participants to develop basic computer skills and confidently navigate common software applications. It includes the development of skills to operate a computer as well as navigate the internet and send and receive emails.

Entry Requirements

This course is subsidised by the NSW Government, and you may be eligible for funding if you are:

- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen;
- living or working in NSW. If you are under 17 you must be no longer enrolled in school and with a pathway to transition to further training.

Specific funding criteria applies to course entry and an initial eligibility form must be completed and supported with documentary evidence to confirm you qualify for funding for the course.

DATE: to be determined, pending interest

VENUE: South Coast Community College, Training Room 2, 42 Orient St, Batemans Bay

Full details about the course can be found on our website.

<https://southcoastcolleges.edu.au/introduction-to-.../>

Register or for more details, contact us on

02 4472 9202 or email

[admin@southcoastcolleges.edu.au](mailto:admin@southcoastcolleges.edu.au)

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admin@getajob.au  
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# Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla



Three absolute gorgeous kittens are available for adoption from Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla.

Millie, Moo and Bailey are all 5 months old. Millie and Moo are all-white girls and Bailey is a handsome tabby boy. All three are sweet, affectionate and funny as only kittens can be. They're also well socialised with both dogs and cats, and Bailey loves to snuggle with his carer's dog if a human lap is not available. Millie loves to "make biscuits" on you until she falls asleep in your arms, and Moo loves to tap you softly on your back for pats.

These lovely felines are ready to move into their forever homes right now, so listeners can call AWL on 0410016612 to arrange a meeting.

**COMING AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> - IT ENDS WITH US**



# THE KINEMA



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**WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM**

NAROOMA

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1 <sup>ST</sup> AUGUST - 7 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	THURS 1 <sup>ST</sup>	FRI 2 <sup>ND</sup>	SAT 3 <sup>RD</sup>	SUN 4 <sup>TH</sup>	MON 5 <sup>TH</sup>	TUES 6 <sup>TH</sup>	WED 7 <sup>TH</sup>
THE PROMISED LAND MA 15+, DANISH ACTION/DRAMA, 2H 7M	6.30pm for 7pm (FILM SOCIETY - ALL WELCOME)		2pm*	2pm*		4.10pm*	4.10pm*
KINDS OF KINDNESS MA 15+, COMEDY/DRAMA, 2H 44M	3.30pm	1.15pm* 6.35pm*	11am* 6.35pm*	11am* 6.35pm*		1pm 5.40pm*	1pm 5.40pm*
DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE MA 15+, 2H 8M, COMEDY/ACTION	6.20pm*	1.30pm 6.15pm	1.30pm 6.15pm	1.30pm 6.15pm		12.40pm* 6.40pm	12.40pm* 6.40pm
TWISTERS (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 2M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	3.50pm*	4.20pm*	4.20pm*	4.20pm*		3.15pm*	3.15pm*
DESPICABLE ME 4 PG, 1H 35M, ADVENTURE/COMEDY			11.30am	11.30am			
THE HARDEST LINE: THE STORY OF MIDNIGHT OIL M, 1H 45M, MUSIC/DOCUMENTARY		4pm	4pm	4pm			



**FILM SOCIETY**  
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A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE M 100 MIN		12:25 PM			CLOSED	12:25 PM	
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**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.



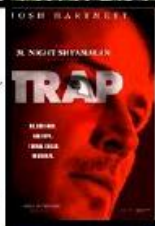
**THE FABULOUS FOUR**  
 M| 1hr 39min ~ Comedy ~ Megan Mullally, Susan Sarandon, Bette Midler & Sheryl Lee Ralph  
 Three lifelong friends travel to Florida to be bridesmaids in a surprise wedding of their college girlfriend.



**TWISTERS** M| 2hrs 2min  
 ~ Action ~ Adventure ~  
 Kiernan Shipka, Glen Powell & Sasha Lanerdy  
 An adrenaline-pumping, seat-gripping, big-screen thrill ride that puts you in direct contact with one of nature's most wondrous and destructive—forces.



**DESPICABLE ME 4**  
 PG| 1hr 34min ~ Animation ~ Family ~  
 Will Ferrell, Steve Carell & 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.



**TRAP** M| 1hr 45min  
 ~ Horror ~ Mystery ~ Thriller  
 Josh Hartnett, Alison Pill & Hayley Mills  
 A father and teen daughter attend a pop concert, where they realize they're at the center of a dark and sinister event.



**INSIDE OUT 2** PG| 1hr 36min  
 ~ Animation ~ Family ~  
 Amy Poehler & Kensington Tallman  
 Riley navigates the complexities of teenage life, with her emotions—Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust—returning to guide her.



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**8th – IT ENDS WITH US & 200% WOLF**  
**ALSO SCREENING - FLY ME TO THE MOON & A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE**

## Experience Narooma

Whale Watching  
Community Raffle 2024  
Tickets \$2.00 Each



Drawn: Saturday 7th September, 2024, Narooma Charters, Town Wharf, Narooma  
Proceeds: Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and other Community groups

Prize package: Winner Takes ALL

- Whale Watching Tour for two - Narooma Charters, date by arrangement
- 2 nights' Waterfront Cabin Accommodation\* - Easts Holiday Park
- 2 x 4hr E-Bike hire with Gourmet Picnic - Southbound Escapes, Narooma
- 2 x \$70 Meal Vouchers - Club Narooma & Club Dalmeny
- \$30 Voucher - Montague Coffee, Narooma



**TICKETS from** WIRES, Tilba Public School's P & C, Narooma Lions, Southbound Escapes, Bodalla Soccer, Oz Harvest, Narooma Junior Rugby League Football Club, Montague Art & Craft Society, and Narooma Rotarians.

\*Condition: The Narooma Easts Holiday Park prize can only be redeemed outside school holidays.

## Eurobodalla Annual hard waste collection

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

### Monday 5 August 2024

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

### Monday 12 August 2024

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

### Monday 19 August 2024

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

### Monday 26 August 2024

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

### Monday 2 September 2024

Denhams Beach from Burkes Way, Sunshine Bay, Batehaven

### Monday 9 September 2024

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

### Monday 16 September 2024

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

### Monday 23 September 2024

Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras



## Teensafe

a driving skill for life

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

Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway.

Each course runs for 1 day.

Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.

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

For details, pics and rego forms go to

[www.teensafemoruya.org](http://www.teensafemoruya.org)

or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)

Repair Café EUROBODALLA  
**REPAIR CAFE**  
Every Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Red Door Hall  
St Johns Church, Page Street, Moruya

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We assess items for repair fix them if we can. If not, we advise of local repair options. \*\$ donations welcome\*

- minor ceramic breakages and more!
- small electrical items
- lamps toasters vacuum cleaners
- some string instruments
- clothing repairs
- patches buttons mend holes

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**Reuse**

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## 2024 Diary Dates

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

## Moruya Community Workshed

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

## 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>

## 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](mailto:eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com) today and request a registration form Our Thanks to the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club & Donate Life ACT



## SAGE Farmers Market Tuesday 3pm Moruya

[sagefarmersmarket.org.au](http://sagefarmersmarket.org.au) growing the community

## CWA FSCG events

- Monday 19 August CIA (Cultural/International/Agriculture & Environment) Day at Cobargo School of Arts. Best time to come is lunch time as there will be a French banquet. This year's CWA of NSW Country of Study is France.
- 1-8 Sept CWA of NSW Awareness Week
- Monday 21 October FSCG AGM in Narooma

## SAFER DRIVER'S Upcoming courses

Book in now so you don't miss out!

<https://www.pcyedrivereducation.org.au/book-a-course>

> **Batemans Bay 9th Aug @ Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.**

> **Merimbula 14th Aug @ Club Sapphire.**

> **Narooma 30th Aug @ Club Narooma.**

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## MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm  
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Face painting | Food trucks | Merchandise stalls  
DJ music

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**Wednesdays: 10am - 11.30am**  
**Thursdays: 5pm - 6.30pm**  
**Saturdays: 8.30am - 10am**

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**Moruya Showground - 2024**  
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**FOOTBALL NSW REGIONAL ROADSHOW - EUROBODALLA -**

**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

VIA ONLINE LINK  
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**Phone: (02) 8529 8974**

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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Ruth Gschwend congratulated by Secretary Michael Coloe

### Tuross Head Golf results Saturday 27th July 2024

A field of 53 players registered for a Medley Stableford event. The weather was perfect and high results achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ruth Gschwend (17) with 41 points
- 2nd: Frank Pomfret (18) with 39 points (countback)
- 3rd: Tony Brown (24) with 39 points (countback)
- 4th: Martin Booth (12) with 39 points
- 5th: Matthew Kennedy (21) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: B Grade: Paul Scholze 1.70
- 6th: C Grade: Ethan Wong 6.0
- 7th: A Grade: Martin Booth 6.65

Balls went to:

David Schmid 37, Mark Jackson 37, Michael Coloe 36, Ray Bollard 36, Jim Wade 36, Paul Scholze 36, Ethan Wong 35, Peter Johnston 35, Grant Kiely 34, Simon French 34, Bruce Martin 34, Cathy Milliken 34, Graeme Bell 34, John Phyland 34 and Ian Lawson 33.



Club Championship Medal Winners: Chris Wratten and Marilyn Bingham

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 30th July 2024

A field of 21 players registered for the 3rd Round Club Championships and daily Stroke event today. The weather was cool to start then turned into a lovely sunny day.

**The Winners were:**

- Overall Winner: Chris Wratten (34) net score of 69 (Medal)
- A Grade Winners:
  - 1st: Annette Manton (26) 77
  - 2nd: Pauline Nash (25) 79
- B Grade Winners:
  - 1st: Chris Wratten (34) 69
  - 2nd: Samantha Dryden (35) 81
- C Grade Winners:
  - 1st: Maree Coffey (43) 78
  - 2nd: Jenny Reilly (44) 81

Hole Prize:

- 7th: A Grade: Gail Rogers
- 7th: C Grade: Shirley Quinlan

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Maree Coffey
- 15th: Elsa Shearer

Ball Winners:

Teri Swanbury 80, Dorothy Madden 81, Leonie Snodgrass 81, Cate O'Brien 82 and Elsa Shearer 82.

The Club Championship Winners after 3 rounds were:

**Division 1:**

- Gross winner was Leonie Snodgrass with 280
- Gross runner-up was Annette Manton with 306
- Handicap winner was Chris Wratten with 219
- Handicap runner-up was Leonie Doolan with 226

**Division 2:**

- Gross winner was Cate O'Brien with 342
- Gross runner-up was Marilyn Bingham with 342
- Handicap winner was Dianne Brown with 230
- Handicap runner-up was Elsa Shearer with 235



Winner: Richard Kelly

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 24th July 2024.

A field of 35 players registered for a 2 person ambrose event. The morning was cool to start but turned into a nice sunny day.

The Winning teams were:

- 1st: Frank Pomfret and Steve Collins with 31 net
  - 2nd: Mike Birks and Steve Collins with 31.5 net (countback)
  - 3rd: Paula Coffey and Peter Coffey with 31.5 net
  - 4th: Ken Hush and Neal Watson with 32.75 net
  - 5th: Jane Eglitis and Rob McKirdy with 34.5 net
  - 6th: Graham Moore and Des Jackson with 36 net
  - 7th: Blaise Madden and Steve Gardner with 36.25 net
- Nearest to the Pins:
- 4th: Frank Pomfret
  - 7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis
  - Mens: Steve Collins

Accuracy: Paul Pereira

Bradmans: Gail and Len Rogers  
The game was followed by a delicious lunch enjoyed by all, many thanks to all involved.

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# Driving Change

# \$2 million recreational fishing program announced

The NSW Government has today announced a new \$2 million recreational fishing small infrastructure grants program, as well as the largest ever survey of NSW recreational fishing licence holders.

The grants program is part of the Government's plan to ensure more of the licence fees collected from recreational fishers is invested back into the small infrastructure that makes fishing accessible, safe and convenient.

In addition, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) will undertake a state-wide survey of recreational fishers to enable them to provide direct feedback on potential future investment from the Recreational Fishing Trusts who hold the licence fee income.

The NSW Government will provide greater support to the recreational fishing community by:

- Making the grant applications processes clearer and simpler, so fishers and fishing clubs have the best opportunity to receive funding.
- Demonstrating through the Recreational Fishing Trust's Annual Reports that the DPIRD and the Trust have reinvested license fees back into practical fishing initiatives.
- Strengthening communications with all fishers and clubs so that they know when and how to apply for grants to improve their local areas.

## \$2 million recreational fishing small infrastructure grants program

The new \$2 million recreational fishing small infrastructure grant program will make it easier for fishing clubs, community groups and other organisations to apply for funding for projects such as fishing platforms, fish cleaning tables and other fishing facilities.

Eligibility criteria and funding guidelines for the new program will be developed over the coming months and will be included as part of the next Recreational Fishing Trust grants and funding round.

Applications for grants of up to \$200,000 will be open soon.

## Major survey of NSW recreational fishing licence holders

The Department survey will provide recreational fishers with greater input on the way fishing fees are spent while at the same time reinforcing the Government's commitment to the transparent and accountable management of public funds.

The survey will seek input from fishers on new initiatives for potential future investment, including current programs:

- Fish stocking and fish breeding
- Fishing platforms and fish aggregation devices
- Artificial reefs and habitat improvements
- Education programs to teach young fishers about safe and responsible fishing.
- Fishing regulation awareness

Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty said "I want to revamp the process to make it easier for grass roots fishers and fishing clubs to be able to fund the infrastructure they would like to see in their local area.

"The fees that fishers pay each year must continue to be used effectively to improve fishing for everyone.

"The fishing infrastructure grant fund will ensure more money gets to grassroots recreational fishing groups.

"I understand that many of the small fishing groups and clubs might struggle to provide all the information needed to successfully get money from the Trust. I want to make it easier for grant applications to be successful.

"The survey is an important way for the Government to understand how recreational fishers would like to see licence fees spent."

Local Labor Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said:

"I commend the Minister for Agriculture and the Minns Labor Government for their commitment to the recreational fishing sector.

"I look forward to the \$2 million small fishing infrastructure grant program and the Government's interest in our recreational fishing licence holders' opinions on current programs and future investments.

"Recreational fishing is an important part of our local culture and attracts thousands of visitors to this beautiful electorate.

"It contributes significantly to the health and economy of the Bega electorate."

## New boating program to support safer and more accessible waterways

Much-needed boating infrastructure and dredging works will be delivered across NSW, with a \$44 million funding boost from the NSW Government to improve safety and accessibility for all water users.

The new Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme was announced today by NSW Transport Minister Jo Haylen at the Sydney International Boat Show. The program will allocate \$28 million towards public boating amenities over four years and \$16 million for dredging at key locations along the NSW coast.

### The scheme consists of infrastructure and dredging sub-programs:

- Boating Infrastructure for Communities – this grants program will target improved access for older boaters and boaters with a disability.
- Boating Infrastructure Maintenance – a grants program providing funding for minor repair and maintenance works on boating infrastructure owned by councils and community groups across NSW.
- Boating Infrastructure Emergency Repair Scheme – funding support to repair and replace assets impacted by natural disasters and severe weather events.
- Dredging Program – funding to deliver new dredging projects at priority sites critical to boating and safe waterway navigation, as well as continuing committed dredging projects at Swansea, Myall River, Ettalong and Coffs Harbour.

Registrations of interest for the grants programs will be open later this year, with successful applicants to be announced in 2025.

The funding boost improves upon the previous Boating Now program, following an independent review completed in September 2023, which heard from the boating community on a wide range of matters.

Transport for NSW Maritime, in partnership with Marine Rescue, NSW Police and the Boating Industry Association, have committed to working towards a target of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW Waterways by 2056. For more information on the new Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme, visit [Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme](#) | [Transport for NSW](#).

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report Moruya River.

Not a lot has changed this week. The fishing continues to be slow throughout the Moruya system. The lower reaches of the river will be your best chance at finding either a flathead over the warming flats, or the salmon that have made them selves at home this winter.

The wall along the front of the hole in the wall, should also be holding a bream, trevally or Luderick for those either in a boat or willing to walk out along that section of wall.

The rest of the river is fishing hard at the moment, just waiting for some warm waters to start pushing in.

### Tuross river.

Big seas this week, 4.5m at their peak, have seen some new water push into Coila lake over the sand bar at the entrance. This will help spark fish activity in the lake, as there is nothing like some clean salt water coming into a land locked lake.

There should be a few nice black bream and flathead around the entrance area this weekend.

The Tuross system itself, is much the same this week, with slow winter conditions being the predominant factor. As started last week, the muddy bottomed lakes that Tuross has in areas are still holding a few nice pre-season flathead. While the rest of the system is still pretty quiet.

### Rock and beach.

With the aforementioned big seas finally starting to drop, the salmon activity on the beaches and rock ledges should increase this weekend. It really will be a case of finding out on which beaches they are holding. Get out and explore the local area to try and find the fish.

### Offshore.

This past weeks big seas have kept most people's oar on trailers this week, and as such I don't have much to report. The snapper do like a big swell to stir things up, so we should expect to see some good fish landed this weekend.

The bait freezer is ok at the moment. I am out of salted pilchards at this time. Fingers crossed a tweed have more when they come through next week.

We have the brand new release on the Shimano Vanford 2500 & C3000 in stock as of today, with the rest of the range to be released over the next few months. As a result, we are clearing out the old models at 30% off RRP. Come in and check them both out as stock is limited on both old and new models.

We also have some limited release Shimano Sophia Squid jigs that are surplus JDM only issue colours.

These won't last long and are very nice.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

## South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

### Results – Rd 14 – Saturday 27th July 2024

- Braidwood "Redbacks" 19 beat Crookwell "Dogs" 10
- Braidwood continue their recent good form to win a way from home and stay in contention for a top 2 spot
- Hall "Bushrangers" 17 beat Taralga "Tigers" 12
- A very hard physical game but Hall got away with an important win away from home
- Yass "Rams" 30 beat Cooma "Red Devils" 24
- Despite the close scoreline Yass had control of the game for most of the game
- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 72 beat ADFA ACT 12
- Jindabyne just don't know how to lose with another undefeated dominant performance
- Both Batemans Bay "Boars" & Bungendore "Mudchooks" had a BYE

### Competition table

• Jindabyne "Bushpigs"	53
• Hall "Bushrangers"	43
• Braidwood "Redbacks"	40
• Yass "Rams"	40
• Bungendore "Mudchooks"	32
• Taralga "Tigers"	29
• Crookwell "Dogs"	23
• ADFA ACT	18
• Cooma "Red Devils"	13
• Batemans Bay "Boars"	0

### Next weekend – Rd 15 – Saturday 3rd August 2024

- Taralga "Tigers" v Yass "Rams" @ Taralga
- Hall "Bushrangers" v Braidwood "Redbacks" @ Hall
- Cooma "Red Devils" v Bungendore "Mudchooks" @ Cooma
- ADFA ACT v Crookwell "Dogs" @ Canberra
- Jindabyne & Batemans Bay have a bye

## Moruya Sharks RLFC

### SEMI FINALS ROUND 1- 2024

With the first round of the semi finals kicking off this weekend the U18's travel to Pambula on Saturday to take on the Bay Tigers after finishing 5th on the ladder. Well done boys and all the best for the game this weekend.

Our reserve grade and first grade teams travel to Jindabyne on Sunday. Reserve grade take on Eden Tigers after finishing 2nd on the ladder. First grade take on Snowy River Bears after finishing 3rd on the ladder.

Get behind our Moruya Sharks teams

Check out the kick off times for Saturday at Pambula Beach Sporting Complex:

U18s - 10:30 am - Moruya Sharks vs Batemans Bay Tigers

Check out the kick off times for Sunday at JJ Connors Oval Jindabyne:

Reserve Grade - 1:15pm - Moruya Sharks vs Eden Tigers

First Grade - 3:45pm - Moruya Sharks vs Snowy River Bears

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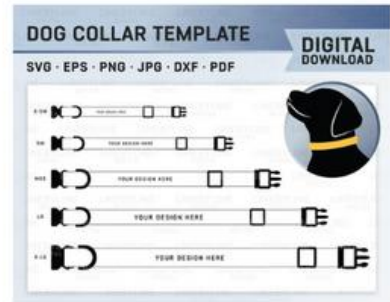
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# Beginner kayaking for over 50's with RegionX



By Amanda De George

A kayak school on the pristine NSW Eurobodalla Coast proves age is just a number when it comes to enjoying an adventurous life.

Region X, based at Mossy Point, is running a kayak school that is specifically designed for grandmas, grandpas and those of a more, shall we say, mature persuasion. And it's anything but run of the mill. They're taking beginners onto the water and out of their comfort zones. Zipping them into life vests and showing them what their bodies and minds are capable of. And ultimately challenging the perceptions around what growing older should look like.

Mossy Point's Tomaga River, literally lapping at the doorstep of the Region X headquarters is where lesson 1 kicks off, the program then visits lesser known waterways for the following 5 sessions. Mossy Point is beautiful, locals sit around in BYO camping chairs, drinking coffee, and chatting. Huge, steel-grey smooth rays patrol the water's edge, unworried by the local dogs bouncing around them, waiting for the scraps as the fisherman clean their haul.

### An unexpected lesson

When I arrive, David Decorte, in his wide brim hat and sunglasses looking every bit the guide that he is, asks, "Have you got 10 minutes to actually go through a little program? We'll put you in a lifejacket and out on the water?" It seemed an innocent enough question and so I nodded, pretending that I was game for anything when I was most certainly not game for anything. Around me, a dozen or so people milled about smiling and chatting, their faces flushed, their eyes sparkling. They'd all just completed their first two-hour lesson and not only seemed to have survived but were buzzing from the experience.

I scanned his face for a reaction as I sheepishly asked, "Which end of the kayak is the front? Is it the pointy end?" If he was having second thoughts, he didn't show it. And so, I sat with a thump and a wobble on the sit-on-top kayak, all the while practicing some deep-breathing so I wouldn't drop everything and run in the opposite direction. I kept one eye on those who had just finished their lesson, as they grabbed coffees and each other's details.

Honestly, they just didn't look like the kind of people I had expected to find at a program aimed at seniors. They appeared fearless or at least happy to face their fears head on. They clearly were keen to try new things. They did not look 'old'. At least, not in the way I had thought older people looked. There was some grey hair, sure. One or two wrinkles. But there were no hobbled bodies. No walkers or canes tucked off to the side. No one was hunched over, clutching at their backs. In fact, they all looked a hell of a lot healthier than I did. Turns out, I had a bit of perception problem. Not only of what I thought aging looked like, but also how it feels and how it affects the things you can do.

### Programmed for success

The Young at Heart program was the brainchild of guide and Operations Manager, Garran Carnall, he does love an outdoor activity, and aside from guiding with Region X, he's been both a scuba and mountain bike instructor. Based in the Eurobodalla, he spends much of his time soaking in the local flora and fauna and learning about the history of the region. But he noticed that there was a whole segment of the local population who just weren't taking advantage of the area or their time. He says, "I was sitting around in a cafe with my mum and dad and I was watching all of these senior, retired people and I was going, 'They're not doing anything. They need to get out.'"

And by 'get out', Garran means, go all out. This is a course entailing six two-to-three-hour lessons, that takes folks in their 50s, 60s and older, most of them kayak novices, and teaches them not just the basics so that they can go on a leisurely paddle and explore the local region, but that has them creating makeshift sails from tarps, performing rescue drills and managing some seriously challenging weather. No cancelled classes for choppy weather here.

What really stands out for 67-year-old Sherryn Bellis, is the rescue drills. "We learnt how to save others in distress, how to get back into our kayak if we fell out. This involved being tipped out in the middle of the river" she says. "It also made us realise we are stronger than we think we are and can do things we all thought were beyond us."

"Everybody needed to know what it is like to have to rescue themselves or rescue others," Garran explains. "The rescue day was a huge day, and it wasn't easy for everyone, but everyone was happy that they got to do it and learn some valuable skills."

As to why he'd create such an intensive course, it makes sense when you learn a bit more about the people who raised him. His dad already paddles a kayak, and Garran says his mum was part of the inspiration for the program. "I taught my mum to scuba dive at the age of 60 and she's a left leg amputee. And she's been to places where she's gone through shipwrecks, caves and she just paddles through. She's done some amazing trips and that's what gave me the idea to say, you can do this, doesn't matter what age you are. You can get out there and do some really cool stuff."

### Age shall not weary them

While the idea of doing cool stuff sounds good, bodies, even very healthy bodies, do slow down with age. There's the expected aches and pains and injuries acquired over the years. Garran says the low impact nature of the sport and the ability to choose your location makes it a sport for everybody, literally. "Doesn't matter if you've got a disability or not, you can paddle. Or you can go out and be with someone who can paddle. It's inclusive for everybody."

### Fact Box

Region X: Josh and Kate Waterson run Region X and, along with their experienced guides, offer a true one-stop shop for a wide variety of kayak adventures and classes in the Eurobodalla region. From half- to full-day (and longer) paddling trips, to expert tuition, to camping trips and hiking adventures, free clean up events, bird watching paddles and more! Region X has something for everyone.



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