



Photo of the Week: Friendly locals greeted the Moruya Mail at the Mossy Point Boatshed yesterday.

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## Eurobodalla kicks climate can along for incoming Council

By Alex Rea

On Tuesday Eurobodalla Shire Council voted not to commit to or resolve any action on a Net Zero Action Plan in a Motion brought By Cr Alison Worthington.

The MOTION was

"THAT Council:

1. Acknowledges the NSW legislation, Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023, which legislates State emissions reduction targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, and the obligations of council to meet the regulations relating to that Act.
2. Note the work of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) Net Zero Accelerator Program (NZAP), which aims to assist member councils accelerate emissions reduction and set milestones to achieve net zero emissions.
3. Note that councillors are aware of the content of the CRJO Net Zero Accelerator Program presentation given in February 2024, and the recording shared with councillors.
4. Commits to implementing the actions in the Net Zero Council Guide and the 31 Net Zero Milestones prepared by the NZAP to assist council to improve its emissions data capture and account for their emissions data and actions in emissions reduction.
5. Resolve to develop a Net Zero Action Plan that provides a roadmap to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. "

Several Councillors sought to defer the motion for the next Council (after the elections) as it could incur costs and that they didn't have all the information.

Cr Worthington responded: "sorry Councillors, but you have been briefed on this and there has been a huge amount of work done...and it has all been provided to Councillors.

"While I hear you about the costs, I'm more concerned about the costs of not acting."

After considerable debate the Motion was to defer the motion until the November meeting.

Earlier in Public Forum, South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) President Kathryn Maxwell addressed Council on the matter saying:

"While the Council has set itself non-binding emissions reduction targets, SHASA strongly supports the NSW Government's Climate Change Net Zero Futures legislation as it is a binding target to achieve State emission reduction targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Most importantly it obligates that all Councils including the Eurobodalla Shire Council meet the regulations relating to that Act."

(FULL Submission [HERE](#))

The same day the NSW Government announced the "Latest climate change data helps NSW withstand the heat", illustrating "the need for further action to reduce emissions and for informed planning to improve the resilience of households, communities and businesses to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather patterns."

## Man reported missing from Moruya located

A man reported missing from the State's South Coast has been found safe and well.

The 26-year-old was last seen at a hospital in River Street Moruya about 8pm on Tuesday (20 August 2024).

When he could not be located or contacted, officers attached to South Coast Police District were notified and commenced inquiries into his whereabouts. Following a search, involving officers attached to South Coast Police District, SES, Police Dog Squad, Youth Police Command, Traffic and Highway Patrol, Surf Life Saving and Westpac Life Saver Helicopter, the man was located about 9.30am today (Friday 23 August 2024), in remote bushland safe and well, approximately 15 kilometres from where he was last seen.

NSW SES Teams from Moruya, Batemans Bay, Bermagui and Ulladulla Units banded together to assist in the search for missing South Coast man.




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# Council to advocate for local radiotherapy services at new Hospital

By Alex Rea - In a Motion to Eurobodalla Council on Tuesday, Council unanimously agreed to advocate for Radiotherapy Services at the new Eurobodalla Hospital. Councillor Anthony Mayne moved the motion, "THAT Council urgently seeks clarification on the proposed local radiotherapy service for the L4 Eurobodalla Hospital. That Council joins the community in supporting the inclusion and prioritisation of local radiotherapy services, noting the 5 year interval between the widely subscribed 2022 community Local Access to Radiotherapy Petition lodgement in Parliament and NSW Health's extended delivery date for the new Eurobodalla Hospital in late 2027."

The local health district has repeatedly refused to include radiotherapy services in the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital on the basis of cost and lack of need. In several public forums this year the figure of \$100m for the local radiotherapy service had been quoted by the Southern NSW Local Health District. This figure was questioned by the three passionate speakers presenting to Public Forum on the matter.

Peter Cormick said, "the figures put about were bullshit." "\$100m is 1/3 the cost of the whole hospital." "A Linac (alone) would cost no more than \$8 million and that a bunker, costed at the rate of \$14,000 per sq metre, would result in a total cost of Linac and bunker, of around \$15 million"

Peter added "with further space and equipment provided, the total cost should be no more than \$30 million."

Advocate for the service, Lou Dampney said it was a "no brainer." She said it was "a hell of a journey (to Canberra or Nowra) if you are feeling crook."

She added that radiotherapy was also used for palliative pain management.

Long time campaigner Mylene Boulting said "we can't do anything more ourselves – we need council to stand up with us."

Mrs Boulting said "The Independent Review has still not been released (after almost a year of repeated requests including 2 FOIs), but we have been reliably advised it has indeed confirmed what our community already knew: that a radiotherapy centre IS needed and viable and should be included in the new hospital.

NSW Health have publicly mentioned starting on a radiotherapy centre after the regional hospital is up and running. But we have been told that it would take 2 years to design and build such a centre. This leads us to 2029/2030.

We cannot afford to wait all this time: the community has loudly asked for a centre for the last 4 years, we cannot afford for the process to stall, we need Council to get behind the community's plea, we urge Council to strongly express its support for the inclusion of the radiotherapy centre in the hospital plans NOW, in order to get the development process started in 2025 at the latest and have the centre ready by end 2027."

She also noted that it would be accessed from patients from Bega who had even further to travel.

**The speakers all referred to figures from the August 2023 minutes of the Southern NSW Local Health District Board meeting in which Professor Mick Reid provided an overview of the findings of the review** into the feasibility of establishing a radiation therapy service within the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (ERH). The minutes reported: "CI (Cancer Institute) NSW data for projected cancer cases for the south coast supports up to 1.3 Linear Accelerators (Linac). The review has considered whether people would change their current treatment location, the likely uptake, the consequences for the Canberra and Nowra services, whether the service can be provided safely and sustainability as well as cost implications for ERH.

The review found that people will access a local service. Evidence shows a likely Increase in the rate of Radiation Therapy (RT) treatment if a service is provided locally. Discussion followed about the provision of one Linac, or two bunkers and one Linac as for other areas in NSW to future proof.



Member for Eden Monaro Kristy McBain and Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips accepting the One Eurobodalla Petition from the Late Cathie Hurst on 3 Nov 2021.

Networking arrangements are important to ensure continuity of care. There are significant vacancies in the medical oncology field, with a workforce meeting in Nowra with Canberra service providers planned.

A range of options were considered in the review and while it was included in the review, a separate private service is not a model for recommendation. A further option is a contracted provider such as ICON, or Genesis to provide the service in ERH. The third option considered is a public service, networked with Nowra.

Reversal of flow for NSW residents currently travelling to Canberra was discussed with ACT Health who have indicated no issue as their waiting lists are long. Nowra are managing well, but workforce is a challenge.

Professor Reid noted that the MSC are supportive for a service at ERH but not at the cost of other services.

A Board member asked about Commonwealth RT grants for regional services. ERH has been identified as an area to support. The Commonwealth's \$8M offer is inadequate to fund the capital cost of the service which is estimated to be around \$30M. Recurrent costs are estimated at \$3.5M/annum.

The CE noted the issue of the cost of doing business in Southern, and the concern that the cost of funding an RT service would further add to this. The CE also noted the range of capital risks the District is currently carrying, as well as the imperative for the operational costs of a radiation therapy service to be fully covered, in the event of the service being established.

The review found that the service can be provided in a safe manner, and is a needed service. The population justifies the provision of a single Linac.

A Board member questioned whether the major limiting factor to safe operation would be to staffing of the service, acknowledging the proposed networking with Nowra/Canberra. The review will flag the issue of retention of staff to support the service.

A draft of the Radiation Therapy report will be provided to the Health District when it is provided to Ministry."

In closing Cr Mayne asked "who hasn't had a family member or friend who hasn't been affected (by cancer).

Cr Pollock added "for too long we have kept the door too narrow. We shouldn't let the Federal Government off the hook. We should expand out efforts."

**Dr Michael Holland Member for Bega said** "I congratulate Councillor Anthony Mayne and the advocates for local radiotherapy services for bringing this issue to the attention of the Eurobodalla Shire Council. The Council has supported the Notice of Motion unanimously. I acknowledge the overview of Professor Mick Reid's review of South Coast radiation Therapy services which indicates the support and sustainability for at least 1 Linear Accelerator for the Bega Electorate. It has been defined as a needed service which can be provided in a safe manner.

This review has been provided to the NSW Ministry of Health which is engaging with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing on the future provision of radiotherapy services in the Bega Electorate. It vindicates my consistent advocacy for provision of radiation oncology services for our community.

It also confirms the Minns NSW Labor Government's responsible and transparent process of planning for health infrastructure and services. The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Campus Master Plan includes zoning for expansion or inclusion of a radiation oncology unit.

Work has now commenced on the construction of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital which when opened in 2027 with Level 4 services can then support radiotherapy therapy for the residents of the Far South Coast."

# Logging of endangered Greater Glider hotspot in Mogo State Forest



NSW Senator David Shoebridge at Mogo State Forest on Saturday with locals concerned about future logging.

Photo Moruya Mail

Parts of Mogo State Forest could soon be logged despite ten endangered greater gliders being found by infrared drone in this forest earlier this year.

On Sunday 18 August locals joined NSW Senator David Shoebridge and Eurobodalla Greens Council candidates to demand this forest be protected.

The spotted gum forest between Maulbrooks Road, Mogendoura and North Moruya is on the chopping block. The logging operation encompasses compartments 197-200 of Mogo State Forest.

Infrared drone surveys this year found a greater glider hotspot with over 10 gliders in unburnt tall forest on the corner of Larrys Mountain Road and Maulbrooks Road. A map provided by Forestry Corporation NSW to neighbouring residents shows two of these greater glider sightings are in forest to be logged. An accompanying letter stated logging would start in July 2024. Featuring permanent water, locals have sited platypus prior to the fires and an incredible 62m tall spotted gum with a seven metre circumference grows in this greater glider hotspot. Forest conservationist and Eurobodalla Greens Council candidate Joslyn van der Moolen has already found another greater glider emerging from a hollow, requiring a 100 metre circle of protection around this tree.

"This greater glider den tree, is in Mogo State forest and is mapped to be logged. It is essential for this forest, be kept standing to protect wildlife that survived the fires. Instead these big old trees, will be cut down mainly for low value export woodchips, firewood and pallets made at the Narooma mill" said Joslyn van der Moolen.

"Residents will face increased fire risk from logging debris as the entire treetop (> 60%) is left as waste. Logging machinery caterpillar treads, will churn up vegetation over hundreds of hectares, snagging tracks will be bulldozed throughout the forest and multiple logging dumps totally cleared. I have observed much of the logging in southern NSW is done by Forestry NSW contracted Victorian harvesters, sniggers and truck drivers" said Joslyn..

"We celebrate the opening of 70 kilometres of the Mogo Mountain Trails Network by announcing we will work within the key stakeholder, the Council, to protect this forest from logging" Colleen Turner, lead Greens Eurobodalla Councillor said.

"When elected I will ask council staff to map the 4,000 hectares of state forest around the Mogo Mountain Bike Trails Network and Narooma trails. Then I will move a motion for the Council to vote on, to write to Michael Holland to insist these 4,000 hectares to be protected from logging, by being designated as a Forest Preserved Area by Forestry Corporation NSW." Colleen Turner said.

Nature based tourism is our main economic driver with mountain biking in state forests a successful emerging industry. Since the fires local mountain bike trails located in state forests have had \$8 million invested in Mogo and \$8 million near Narooma.

This investment has already attracted the prestigious international Sea Otter event to be held in Mogo State Forest in October 2025 for the first time in the southern hemisphere. Despite this infrastructure investment and event planning the state forest mountain bike trails are not protected from logging. We need to protect these state forests to safeguard this investment and provide certainty to the industry so these mountain bike trails are not logged in the future. Without protection these forests will be closed for months and months for logging and tracks damaged.

"This permanent protection of the state forests, the Eurobodalla Mountain Bike Trails are in, is on top of the Greens priority list. We are working at local government, state and federal levels to protect forests by ending native forest logging. We call on the industry to focus 100% on plantations on marginal cleared land that already provides over 90% of construction timber, thousands of sawmilling jobs and generates a profit." said Joslyn van der Moolen, For more information visit Council's Mogo Trails webpage. The Mogo Trails project has relied heavily on collaboration with Forestry Corporation NSW and was made possible thanks to \$5 million from the Australian and NSW Governments' Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund and \$3 million from the NSW Government's Growing Local Economies Fund.

## WHO TO BELIEVE ON PLANNING FOR LOCAL RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES EXPERT REVIEWER OR SOUTHERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT?

### Better Access To Health Services Series - Dr. Arn Sprogis

Local Radiotherapy Services are a key addition to a Level 4 Hospital in the Eurobodalla and would help service the critical needs of communities all along the far south coast. People in our region who need radiotherapy require long periods of treatment, travel long distances, stay away from home for 6-8 weeks at a time and for many this isn't possible. In Sydney or Canberra people can have the 15-minute daily treatment and go home to continue their lives as normal. The community communication process over the past 4 years around planning for a Local Radiotherapy Service at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital has been one of the worst I have ever seen in any health district in 40 years, with its lack of transparency and which doesn't match public scrutiny of the available data and evidence.

This was brought to a head last year when Prof. Michael Reid (ex-Director General of NSW Health) was brought in by NSW Health to 'Assess the Feasibility of Establishing a Local Radiotherapy Service at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital'. He handed over his report late last year to NSW Health and despite multiple requests by community members the report has not been publicly released.

Part of the latest recent statements by Senior SNSWLHD Executives including Margaret Bennet CEO and Brad Scotcher General Manager Coastal Network at public forums were that the Local Radiotherapy Service would cost \$100 million to build, is unaffordable, has no timeframe for a future build and that it won't be part of the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital at opening.

Imagine my surprise when last week I was sent a copy of the Southern NSW Local Health District 2023 August Board Meeting and in it was the summary of the main conclusions in Prof. Reids Review, presented by Prof. Reid himself which were that there should be a Local Radiotherapy Service as part of the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital with an estimated capital cost of around \$30 million.

You can read it for yourself on:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-11/SNSWLHD-Board-Meeting-Minutes-August-2023.PDF>

For over a year key details of the Local Radiotherapy Services Review have been known and not shared with the community despite multiple requests. Prof. Reid's conclusion about the capital costs of \$30 million have been turned into \$100 million by Southern NSW Local Health District Senior Executives without any details or explanation provided to the community, despite questions on the issue at multiple hospital forums in Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay.

The process around planning for the Local Radiotherapy Services and the obvious major difference between the conclusions of Prof. Reid's review and recent statements by the Southern NSW Local Health District Senior Executive without any explanation to our community of the reason for the difference together with a lack of transparency in decision making has led me for the first time in 40 years of dealing with various NSW Health Managements at multiple senior levels, to a complete loss of trust in any statement by Southern NSW Local Health District about the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Local Radiotherapy Services.

Lack of transparency and no publicly available data on planning has been the pattern for the last 5 years at Southern NSW Local Health District and has succeeded in taking me from always giving them the benefit of any doubt to now always starting with doubt. It will now take a long time and significant efforts for the Southern NSW Local Health District Senior Executive to regain the community's trust.

So, who do you believe on planning for local radiotherapy services? The expert reviewer or Southern NSW Local Health District senior managers?

VOTE 1

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**COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
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GREENS**

# THE **MAYNE** TEAM

**On 14 February 23 your Council voted 8:1 to proceed with negotiations on proposals for 70m high towers in Batemans Bay.**

**There has been no community consultation on this. Only Anthony Mayne voted against.**

**Batemans Bay could look like this if the Mayor and current Councillors have their way.**



**The community should decide about building 20 storey tower blocks in Batemans Bay – not property developers**

**vote** **1**

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## ESC has let us down on climate action and it has cost ratepayers dearly

**By Kathryn Maxwell**

Council has pretty much been treading water since 2020 on sustainability measures that would save ratepayers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Before the Sustainability Coordinator left, he informed SHASA (South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance), that **transport** was the fastest growing source of emissions. Sadly, they still only have one electric vehicle. When SHASA representatives met with the Mayor and General Manager in May to offer to develop a detailed business case on the benefits (economic and environmental) of switching suitable vehicles to electric, the General Manager said it was not a priority. Funding is available from the Federal and State Governments to assist with switching to electric – sadly this Council has not yet taken up these opportunities.

Let's look at **electricity**. The last thing the Sustainability Coordinator did before leaving the Council was to organise a power purchase agreement to lock in a good price for electricity from renewable sources. He wanted it to cover 100%. In their wisdom this was reduced to 80%. With the Bay Pavilions becoming operational this dropped to 58%. The result is more emissions and more financial cost to Council. When representatives of SHASA met with the Mayor and General Manager, we raised the idea of a solar car park at the Pavilion and that one option was community financing if they did not want to fund the capital costs up front. Again, the General Manager said this was not a priority. It has been brought to SHASA's attention, through the recently prepared GHD Report, that the Council spends nearly \$1m a year on electricity bills for the Bay Pavilions. Why has it taken till now for the Council to start focusing on sustainability features at the building. Why wasn't a much bigger solar array installed when it was built? Why weren't timers put on lighting and appliances when it was built? We can tell you why, because this Council does not prioritise emissions reduction. Thereby incurring a greater cost to the ratepayers of the Eurobodalla.

**Waste.** A major source of Council emissions is methane from the rotting of organic matter. Unlike a number of other regional Councils, Eurobodalla Shire Council has delayed bringing in food organics, gardening organics or FOGO for short. As a result, we still have food waste rotting away at the tips and releasing methane – a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than CO2.

While ESC has a **Eurobodalla Climate Action Plan**, and strong targets. The plan does not have a budget. The draft Climate Action Plan was significantly watered down with extensive use of vague terms like advocate, investigate, consider. Council's Sustainability Team staffing resources are totally inadequate, only 1.6 FTE. Council's strong emissions targets are only as good as the policies that underpin them and require resourcing, i.e. money to develop the policies and to embed procedural items supporting them across the Council's operations.

**As the NSW government has identified, the Council needs to do including:**

1. An emissions inventory – it's vital to track progress with emissions. We currently have no way of knowing if progress is being made in achieving the emissions reduction targets.
  2. Embedding emission reduction targets into all Council strategic documents, processes and programs.
  3. Adopting a Fleet Transition Plan with Targets.
- Sadly, this Council has been basically kicking the can down the road re emissions reduction/climate action. It continues to this day as reflected in the Councils 2024/25 Operational Plan where under Strategy 1.3. Activity 1.3.1 Reduce Council's contribution to the effects of man-made climate change through the Implementation of the Climate Plan there are two actions.
- 1.3.1.1 Design and implement programs for planting, and or, artificial shading of strategic urban landscapes, council car parks and playgrounds
  - 1.3.1.2 Facilitate a Climate Change Advisory Group
- Once again, minimal actions to reduce emissions.

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— on —

**Wednesday, 17th September, 1924**

**H. J. THOMSON** has been instructed by Mr. J. Staunton, who is leaving the district, to sell as above, his property at Congo, consisting of

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1 Saddle,  
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6 Heifers (springing),  
8 eighteen months heifers,  
6 Steers (2 yrs.),  
1 Bull, 1 horse (trotter)

The cattle are a particularly choice lot.

**23-08-1924**

**The band** will play at the corner of Vulcan and Church Streets tonight, Mr. Weatherby having kindly offered to install a light in front of his garage for the benefit of the bandmen.

**Mr. T. Batt has completed the erection of a new library** at the Mechanic's Institute. The committee appointed and Secretary Carter are now busy cataloguing the books and setting the new addition in order.

**The euchre party held at Mrs. P. Lynch's residence, "Glenella,"** on Tuesday night in aid of the Moruya Band Fund is said to have been one of the most successful ever held in the district. There was close on 150 people present, over 100 taking part in the tournament which resulted as follows: - Pair spurs (presented by Mr. F. Knight) Mr. P. Strahan; dessert spoons and forks (donated by public) Mr. Tom Honan; pipe (presented by Mr. J. Jordon) Mr. Jim Honan; knife (presented by Mr. Lex Johnson) Mrs. A. Ison; bottle perfume (presented by Mrs. A. F. Emmott) Miss M. Morris; prize value 5/6 (presented by Mrs. J. R. Milne) Miss Turner. A jazz band of local artists supplied sweet harmony for the dancing. ... The takings amounted to £12, which is indeed gratifying and which reflects great credit on the promoters, Mesdames P. Lynch and J. R. Milne, and Messrs. P. Lynch and E. Collett.

**The sad intelligence** reached here on Monday that Moruya girl Miss Jessie Boyd, aged 18, a knitter of Callan Street, Five Dock, had been knocked down by a motor lorry in Central Square that morning. She was on her way to work, and was crossing the street when the lorry struck her. The Civil Ambulance took her to Sydney Hospital, where she was pronounced extinct by Dr. Standish. Her neck had been broken. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Boyd, formerly of Mogo and Moruya, and the grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Hellams, of Mogo.

The following cable appeared in Monday's "Sun": - **LONDON, Monday Night.** "Midshipman A. E. Good and J. W. Bull, of the Australian Navy, with Midshipman Jones, an Englishman, all students of the Naval Engineering College at Devonport, were sailing in a five-ton yacht in the Channel when it founded in a heavy squall. A tug dashed out and, after a good half an hour's search found Bull and Good swimming, supported by an oar. They were rescued and taken to hospital. Jones was drowned." Midshipman Bull, who is a son of Dentist and Mrs. R. N. Bull, of Moruya, was, with his comrades, about to take a trip to Calais in the yacht. We are pleased to state that Mr. and Mrs. Bull received re-assuring news from the Naval Department on Thursday that their son is recovering from the shock and immersion.

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# No plan to stem huge losses at Bay Pavilions

By Phil Herrick

Since the Batemans Bay Pavilions opened just over two years ago ratepayers have spent nearly \$11 million just to keep the doors open – and a new report says it's not going to stop. Last year, ratepayers lost \$17.56 every time a patron walked through the door.

By 2034 ratepayers will, in total since opening, have put over \$70 million, including depreciation, into subsidising operations of the theatre, gym and pool. The cash subsidy will be around \$35 million.

At last Tuesday's Eurobodalla Shire Council meeting the staff tabled a Sustainability Plan that claimed to "to optimise business outcomes for the facility, while maintaining positive community benefit".

In bad news for ratepayers the document offers plenty of strategic themes and actions but no indication the losses will reduce, with the council aiming to continue to take around \$3 million in cash every year from the General Fund to subsidise the losses at the Pavilions for at least the next 10 years.

The council has already slashed the road maintenance budget to keep the Pavilions open and this hit to community safety and amenity looks likely to continue.

The councillors meekly accepted the plan, with only Cr Mayne dissenting. More than half of them are heading for the exits before the coming election and they were happy to kick the problem down the road to the next council. Those standing for re-election, including the mayor, will no doubt hope their lack of action does not affect their chances.

As revealed in the Moruya Mail, the plan confirms no action to cut the cash losses has been completed, with extended delays in executing the recommendations from KPMG, GHD and InConsult that outlined a savings path over a year ago.

The council data shows the new theatre is a white elephant that sat empty for over 300 days last year with just 62 shows, having to compete with the Soldiers Club, the Bay Theatre Players and the cinema for patrons and demonstrating how oversupplied Batemans Bay is with performance and entertainment spaces.

The council did not share data on gym usage. The gym competes with two private enterprise gyms less than 500 metres away.

A review of ways to cut costs by closing parts of the Pavilions that are underutilised or compete with local businesses is not included in the Sustainability Plan

In a puzzling move, reducing the cost to ratepayers by finding new revenue sources has been made a "medium priority" in the Sustainability Plan, to be done some time in the future.

It underlines how the council sees no urgency in reducing costs. It's easier to keep reaching into ratepayers pockets to pay for losses – as long as ratepayers are prepared to accept cuts to road maintenance and other services.

Finding new revenue streams and making decisions on the viability of the Pavilions seems to be in the "too hard" basket.

Ideas suggested around the community for new revenue streams include reopening part of the site to a mini golf operation similar to the one that successfully operated for many years.

Another suggestion is to approach a fast food company like Hungry Jacks to see how the site can be reconfigured to house an outlet, as travellers heading north find it very difficult to access the outlets now available on the eastern side of the highway.

Another option heard mentioned is for council to strata title the property, keep the pool as a vital community service and sell the rest of the building.

However, the Sustainability Plan does not put forward any options – just the easiest one – to keep funding the losses with ratepayers money, a decision that will lead to either more service cuts or increased rates.



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

## Gadfly

I have never met an Aboriginal of any age and either sex whom I didn't like...immediately and thereafter.

The first bloke I met was a boundary rider on a far northwest Queensland sheep station where I was a rouseabout in the property's shearing team. My mate, the team's wool presser, Alan Blunt and I were hunting plain turkeys in his VW when we crossed paths on the boundary line.

We stopped and after a while he climbed down from his old mare, and we boiled the billy. Turned out he'd had a small part in Jedda the movie and we had a good old yarn. I met his family later and his father showed me how to throw a killing boomerang, the kind that flies flat, doesn't come back, but can break a kangaroo's neck at 70 paces.

After that I met the poet Kath Walker who became Oodgeroo Noonuccal when she expanded her artistic and political range beyond her poetry that at the time was only fair to middling. No, I tell a lie; it was awful. But she was a lovely person, and I was a Cadet journo on The Courier-Mail. I wrote a piece that helped get her started on her activist path.

Since then, as private secretary to a Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Ralph Hunt I've met and talked with very many of our Continent's forebears; other times as a documentary video maker; then as a Canberra Times columnist initiating our own reconciliation walk across Commonwealth Bridge; and finally while researching my last two books.

I've never been disappointed once.

I'm not suggesting they were all paragons of virtue. When the men get a taste for the whitefella booze that offers an escape from the reality of their place at the bottom of the Australian totem pole, they can lash out at the nearest person to them – usually a wife and mother of their children – just like the wife beaters in our own community.

No one's perfect, but I've constantly felt a unique gentility and an instant generous connection that is all their own. Then four years ago, I began work on the biography of a whitefella who gave his life to the Aboriginal cause, a man of immense courage and deep sensibility, named Donald Thomson. Our first home-grown anthropologist, Donald spent most of his adult life with them and his experience was similar to mine. The book was a joy to write because he felt exactly the same about them.

He was also a writer and newspaper columnist for much of his life. I used a lot of his work in the book and though he died in 1970 it often felt as though we were sitting side by side, writing together. It was an absolutely joyous experience. But here's the thing we can't understand – and I invite you to answer the question: Why do our white compatriots so easily forgive the British for not just stealing the Aboriginals' homeland but then trying to wipe them out?

And now that the land and its treasures have made us rich, why are they so reluctant to welcome them into the great councils of government? Why do they select just the 'stolen generations' to offer an apology, rather than a treaty and some decent recompense to the survivors of the holocaust our kind visited upon them?

How do they suppress a bitterly ironic laughter when our Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from both sides of the political aisle, berate other nations for their human rights' shortcomings while standing up for 'our Australian values'?

I can think of a few answers but none that really makes sense. The Aboriginal people are our own patriotic forebears in the great south land. They are good people.

Why do we hate them so?

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# Broulee student awarded Youth Parliamentarian of the Year



The Honourable Zahlia Kelly (Member for Bega) presenting and debating a bill for Housing and Homelessness for NSW Youth



MUNA photos of Zahlia and her team below with Rotary representatives – Zahlia with the peace prize trophy. (Photos care of NSW Youth Parliament Program).



The Honourable Zahlia Kelly (Member for Bega) at Government House meeting the Governor for NSW – Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley.

**By John Longhurst**

17 year old Broulee resident and Year 11 student at St Peter's Anglican College, Zahlia Kelly, has been awarded the prestigious 2024 NSW Youth Parliamentarian of the Year.

Youth Parliament is the Y NSW's flagship youth leadership and engagement program and has been operating for over 20 years in NSW. With a focus on leadership and advocacy, the program enables high school students in years 10 to 12 to build confidence, develop leadership skills, engage with civic leadership, policy development, and democratic parliamentary debate.

Each year's cohort receives training over a six month period that includes in-person camps and online workshops. Participants create Youth Bills with recommendations on issues for change.

These are debated during a mock sitting week in NSW Parliament House with Members of Parliament invited to chair. It's an opportunity for young people to advocate, grow skills and make life-long connections.\*

Zahlia applied for the program in February.

Zahlia said "I enjoy advocacy and wanted to do something outside of the school environment. I was accepted into the program in April and took on the title, The Honourable Zahlia Kelly (Member for Bega)."

Since April, Zahlia joined 70 participants from around the state have worked on 'youth legislation' from the portfolios of Education, Women's Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs, Arts Music and Culture, Rural and Regional Affairs and Housing and Homelessness.

Zahlia said "I joined the committee from the Housing and Homelessness Portfolio and we were tasked with presenting a bill to "Provide a just transition from Out-Of-Home Care into stable and affordable housing". I would spend up to six hours per week on committee work."

The NSW Youth Parliamentarians then converged on NSW Parliament house in Sydney for their 'Parliament Sitting Week' during the July school holidays to present and debate their bills to be introduced into 'youth legislation' across the portfolios. Zahlia said 'Our bill was passed following robust debate and without amendments.'

The Honourable Rose Jackson (NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness, and Minister for Water, Mental-Health and Youth) was very impressed with the bill and debate and highlighted the possibility of incorporating parts of it into real legislation.

Zahlia's efforts earned her NSW Youth Parliamentarian of the Year. Out of 70 other participants from around the state this award is presented to the candidate who 'displays the most outstanding qualities of leadership, citizenship and engagement during their time as a Youth Parliament participant'.

Zahlia is now using her advocacy skills at the local level and was also the driving force in organising the Winter Soulstice Youth Event. She collaborated with Eurobodalla Council and Headspace and gained the support of Mayor Hatcher and Dr Michael Holland who spoke at the event.

Last weekend Zahlia represented St Peter's Anglican College (funded by Bateman's Bay Rotary) at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) held in Old Parliament House, Canberra. Her team of 3 students was the 'Solomon Islands' and they were successful in winning the Totenhofer Peace Prize awarded to the delegation who contributed to world peace most consistently during the MUNA sessions.

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## Bega Valley and Eurobodalla experienced strong surges in population growth

Australia has entered a new era of internal migration according to the newly released Regional Movers Index (RMI), with data indicating the nation's love of regional living is becoming a sustained population trend.

**Regional Australia Institute** (RAI) CEO Liz Ritchie said data shows that, during the June 2024 quarter, 27 per cent more people moved from cities to regions than in the opposite direction, building on the pattern seen in previous RMI releases. "Regional Australia has become the nation's new frontier. This analysis is clearly showing the population movement we're seeing is a sustained new trend, that is higher than pre-Covid migration patterns. The regional Australia we have now, is quite different to the regional Australia of five years ago," Ms Ritchie said.

"The emergence of this new era signifies how important the regions are to the future of our nation. The regions will be at the heart of Australia's net zero transition, and it is vital the infrastructure and services our growing regions require are met to ensure long-term prosperity and sustainability of our country." The data shows despite a seasonal dip in overall movement across the country in the June quarter, the Australian population remains highly mobile, with city-to-regional relocations tracking 16 per cent above the pre-Covid average, and regional-to-regional relocations 10 per cent above.

The RMI is a partnership between the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) and the Regional Australia Institute (RAI), which analyses quarterly and annual trends in people moving to and from Australia's regional areas.

The latest report also shows the emergence of new regional hotspots, with Lake Macquarie, north of the NSW Central Coast, one of Australia's most popular destinations for movers, securing an almost 5 per cent share of net internal migration over the past year. When it came to growth hotspots, the neighbouring NSW South Coast Local Government Areas (LGAs) of **Bega Valley and Eurobodalla both experienced strong annual and quarterly surges in movement.**

Mr Fowler said: "The coastal appeal of regional hubs like Lake Macquarie, Bega Valley and Eurobodalla offer an attractive lifestyle with convenient access to quality healthcare and education services, as well as employment opportunities, further bolstered by major industry investments like the Snowy Hydro 2.0 project in Southern NSW."

New analysis this quarter also provides valuable insights on movement on a state-by-state basis, with the top five LGAs by share and growth in net internal migration revealed across the country.

The **picturesque far south coast LGA Bega Valley** emerged as the fastest growing regional LGA this quarter, with a four-fold increase on the back of its popularity amongst city movers. While quarterly growth was up by 63.2 per cent to record the third highest quarterly growth rate of the Top Five.

The **adjoining LGA of Eurobodalla** also experienced rapid growth. Unlike its south coast neighbour, regional movers were the key contributors to this growth, which also increased on a quarterly basis (87.1 per cent).

Ms Ritchie said around three-quarters of city dwellers who made the move to the regions in the past three months had settled in either regional New South Wales or Victoria, reflective of capital city net migration data which shows Sydney, and to a lesser extent Melbourne, continue to shed the largest number of people.

"With so many people settling in our southern states, it's critical governments, industry, business and community work together on ensuring regional cities and towns are supported during this phase of expansion. The regions provide so much: affordability, a sense of community, fulfilling career options and green space. Let's ensure this new era of regionality is met with vision and leadership to drive a more decentralised Australia," Ms Ritchie said.

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## Cultural burning at Wimbie Beach

ESC Media - Cultural burning will take place at Wimbie Beach reserve this Friday to help remove an invasive weed, reduce the fuel load, and protect the cultural significance of the area. The burn began on Friday 23 August. Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC) is jointly managing the burn alongside Eurobodalla Council.

Andrew White of Batemans Bay LALC said Walbunja Rangers have run test burns and prepared the area to manage the on-ground component.

"This Walbunja land is very significant to the mob," he said.

Council's invasive species and biosecurity supervisor Paul Martin said the burn will clear the area and make access to the invasive weed, boneseed, much easier.

Under NSW's Biosecurity Act, Council's Invasive Species team has been controlling boneseed by hand since 2011.

"We inspect every property in the Wimbie Beach area and hand pull all boneseed we find," Mr Martin said.

"It's a highly invasive plant that will completely take over the bush if allowed. It could potentially destroy habitat and food sources for native birds, animals and invertebrates."

Mr Martin said fire will encourage boneseed germination which will be easier for his team to pull out post-burn.

The burn area will be approximately 15-hectares and slopes steeply from east to west.

"Fire travels slowly downhill; this is an ideal location to conduct this activity," Mr Martin said.

"Walbunja Rangers have been hard at it, establishing containment lines and clearing around bases of rough-bark trees to prevent fire from climbing the trunks."

Mr Martin reassured residents who may feel nervous at the sight of smoke.

"The fire will not be a wall of flame, rather it trickles along the ground and is personally tended to by the Rangers," he said.

"RFS have been notified, and we do not expect to use water, but it's there if required."

Cultural burning is also known as cool burning, where the burned area becomes cool to touch after the fire has trickled through.

"Animals and birds are able to move to unburnt areas as the fire moves along and repopulate the burned area once the fire has moved through," Mr Martin said.

Mr Martin said it was the first time Council has undertaken the Aboriginal cultural burning practice at Wimbie Beach. Also this month, Council and Walbunja Rangers successfully conducted cultural burns at Dalmeny-Kianga headland.

"We have been provided with the opportunity to listen to and learn from the Walbunja people using cultural practices that have been established for over 60,000 years," Mr Martin said.

"It is ultimately going to help reduce the soil seedbank of a control-order weed, enhance the vegetative condition of the reserve, reduce fuel loads and re-introduce Aboriginal cultural burning practices to a hugely significant area for the Walbunja people - it's a win-win for everybody."

Mr Martin said fire can only be used to manage Council's bushland reserves at specific times of year and on certain soil types.

"Our reserves are highly diverse with different vegetation; we must be careful and take everything in balance," Mr Martin said.

"If burns take place at the wrong time of year or in the wrong conditions, it can result in an increase in fire-favouring plant species, which can potentially make areas more susceptible to bushfires in the future."

Mr Martin said the weather forecast was ideal for burning with light winds, cool nights and mild days ahead.

"There will be some white smoke, but it shouldn't be significant," he said.

"The team will keep an eye on the weather over the weekend to determine the go ahead on Monday."

The Newth Place car park and access to the reserve will be closed during the burn which is expected to take up to two days. Nearby residents have been notified about the cultural burn by letter from Council.

Council has also established taped lines, known as transect lines, throughout the reserve to monitor vegetation changes over time.



Walbunja Rangers create containment lines and clear around rough-barked trees.

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## Authors throng to Eurobodalla Libraries

If you like to know the stories behind the stories then Eurobodalla's libraries are the place to be, with a bevy of bestselling authors visiting through spring. Libraries coordinator Samantha Fenton says the much-anticipated series of talks will cover authors writing across the range of genres, kicking off with a revealing look at our local landscape with Helen Moody.

"Her book *South Coast Islands – New South Wales* reveals the scenic beauty and the hidden stories of 61 islands off our coast. Hear more from Helen about Aboriginal connections, early European exploration, flora and fauna, shipwrecks and more. It's sure to inspire you to discover new local wonders," Ms Fenton says.

"Then we welcome bestselling rural romance author Fiona McArthur to discuss her latest hit *Back to Birdsville*, a novel that celebrates outback women – always there for each other – and the men who stand beside them, all set against the fun of the famous Birdsville races."

Then in mid-September, as part of History Week, president of the South Coast History Society Peter Lacey will share stories about some of Eurobodalla's most remarkable women.

"From our early pioneers to a world-renowned economist, we need to know more about the women of our region. Don't forget to bring along your own stories of significant women to honour and share," says Ms Fenton. "Fantasy fans can enjoy an evening of fairy tales and folklore with bestselling author Kell Woods. Her debut hit *After the Forest* was an exciting rewrite of the Hansel and Gretel tale and she'll present a sneak peek of her upcoming novel *Upon a Starlit Tide*."

Ms Fenton says that's just September, with dingo-crime phenomenon Chris Hammer and the always hilarious Benjamin Stevenson visiting the libraries and a livestreaming of some of the biggest names at the [Headlands Writer's Festival](#) during October. Bookings are essential. Find all the details on the [Eurobodalla Libraries events webpage](#).

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Mr Reese.....Lynchs Hotel  
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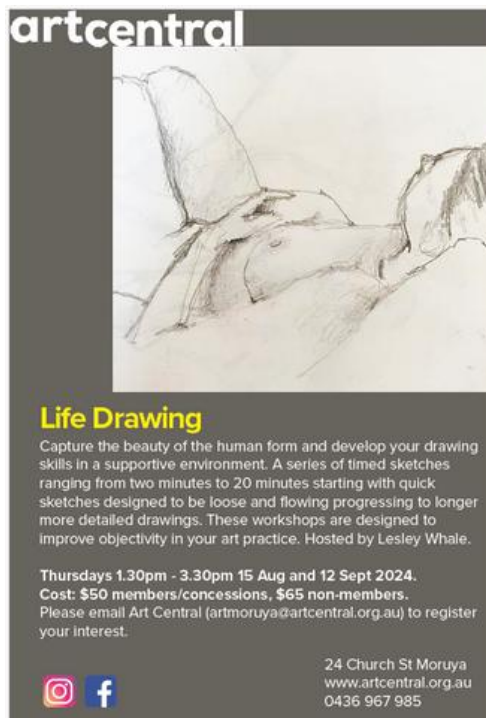


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## \$4m Aboriginal Languages boost as new grant round opens

The NSW Government is delivering on its ongoing commitment to revitalise Aboriginal Languages, with the announcement of more than \$4 million in grants to fund 74 Aboriginal Language projects across the state.

This new funding builds on the \$3.9 million delivered in 2023, double the Coalition Government's spend in 2022.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty David Harris announced the funding while visiting one of the grant recipients, First Linguists, in the town of Brewarrina on Thursday.

First Linguists, supported by Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council, will receive a \$15,000 grant to develop workshops to revitalise and preserve the Ngemba, Ualarai, Murrawarri and Kimilaroi Languages.

The NSW Government investment, via the Aboriginal Languages Trust (ALT), will empower Aboriginal people and organisations across the state deliver events, initiatives and projects tailored to the needs of their communities.

Aboriginal languages are central to Aboriginal culture and vital to sustaining traditional knowledge.

The growth and strengthening of Aboriginal Languages and Culture is also a key outcome for Closing the Gap, a national commitment to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

NSW remains the only jurisdiction in Australia to enact legislation that recognises the importance of Aboriginal Languages and establishes mechanisms for a focused investment in their revitalisation.

In 2023/24 the Aboriginal Languages Trust offered six grant programs, including a new Educational Scholarship Program, which aims to contribute to the growth of Aboriginal Languages by supporting individuals to pursue languages training and education.

Among the many projects the grants will support, include:

- Warren Performing Arts and Language Place Incorporated will record four original songs in the Wayilwan Language and deliver Community Language workshops at Warren in central-west NSW
- Walhallow Local Aboriginal Land Council near Tamworth will create an animation to tell the Dreamtime story of Yurrandaali, the main totem for Aboriginal people of the Liverpool Plains
- Elders will deliver on country language workshops for Aboriginal young people on Bundjalung Land in northern NSW
- Leeton and District Local Aboriginal Land Council will create four 360-degree interactive videos filmed on country and digitally animated to explore a world using Wiradyuri/Wiradjuri Language in 3D
- Newara Aboriginal Corporation will employ an Anaiwan Language Project Officer and Facilitator, a role vital to supporting Newara as the primary Language organisation and hub for the Anaiwan community in Armidale
- Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation will employ two Language support workers, a contract Linguist and Archivist, to develop Language learning materials for Community use
- Blake Cusack will be one of six recipients of the Aboriginal Languages Education Scholarship Program. Blake currently works full time as a Gumbaynggirr language teacher at Gumbaynggirr Giigana Freedom School in Coffs Harbour.

### Apply for a NSW Aboriginal Languages Week 2024 grant

Aboriginal organisations and groups in NSW are now invited to apply for grants to hold events and activities celebrating NSW Aboriginal Languages Week 2024 from 20 to 27 October.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available for initiatives to celebrate Aboriginal Languages across NSW, including community events, exhibitions, language classes and language workshops.

In its second year, NSW Aboriginal Languages Week aims to celebrate and promote languages with a broad range of stakeholders and audiences through a series of events, programs and promotional activities.

NSW Aboriginal Languages week also recognises the passing of the Aboriginal Languages legislation, which came into law on 24 October 2017.

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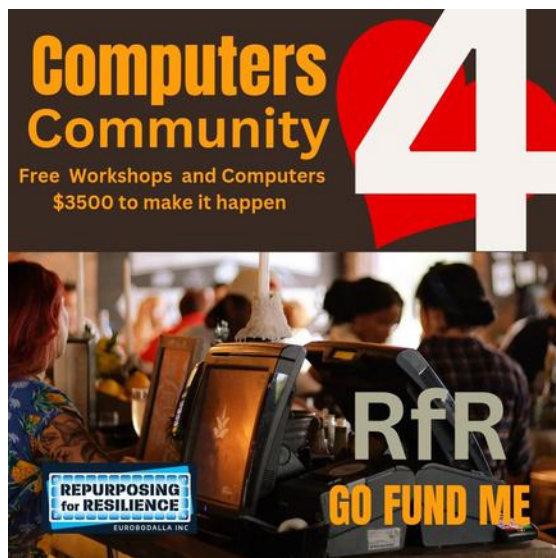
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We would like to introduce your readers to two stunning kittens that are currently available for adoption through AWL Eurobodalla.

Three month old **Nugget** is a gorgeous ginger boy with a cheeky personality and a loud purr motor. He’s playful and funny and will absolutely melt your heart.

**Tessa** is only four months old but is quite the princess. She’s a beautiful tuxedo girl who’s a delightful mix of feisty and snuggly. She showers her humans with sweet cuddles and loving purrs, which is probably why she always seems to get her own way.

Please call Animal Welfare League on 0410016612 to arrange a meeting with Nugget or Tessa.

AWL encourages cat owners to keep their pets contained within their property, with suitable enrichment such as toys, to keep their beloved felines safe and to protect wildlife.

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- ALIEN: ROMULUS

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22ND AUGUST – 28TH AUGUST	THURS 22ND	FRI 23RD	SAT 24TH	SUN 25TH	MON 26TH	TUES 27TH	WED 28TH
MR BLAKE AT YOUR SERVICE PG, 1H 50M, FRENCH COMEDY ONE WEEK ONLY (FOREIGN FILM FEST)	12.20pm 5.20pm*	12.20pm 5.20pm*	11.40am 5.20pm*	11.40am 5.20pm*		11.30am 4pm*	12.20pm 5.20pm*
BLINK TWICE MA, 1H 42M, THRILLER/SUSPENSE	1.20pm* 7.30pm*	1.20pm* 7.30pm*	1.20pm* 7.30pm*	1.20pm* 7.30pm*		12pm* 6.05pm*	1.20pm* 7.30pm*
TRAP M, 1H 45M, MYSTERY	3.20pm*	3.20pm*	3.20pm*	3.20pm*		2pm*	3.20pm*
THE FABULOUS FOUR M, 1H 38M, COMEDY	2.30pm	2.30pm	11.20am*	11.20am*		1.40pm	2.30pm
IT ENDS WITH US M, 2H 10M, DRAMA/ROMANCE	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm		3.45pm	4.30pm
DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE MA 15+, 2H 7M, ACTION/COMEDY	7pm	7pm	1.55pm 7pm	1.55pm 7pm			7pm

BORN AT HOME

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING 6.30PM TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST. TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM DEMAND FILMS

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## NOW SHOWING

AUGUST	THU 22	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25	MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28
200% WOLF PG 97 MIN				11:00 AM	CLOSED		
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<b>DESPICABLE ME 4</b> PG 94 MIN			1:25 PM				
<b>INSIDE OUT 2</b> PG 96 MIN				12:50 PM			
 <b>IT ENDS WITH US</b> M 130 MIN	11:50 AM 2:05 PM 6:45 PM	11:50 AM 2:05 PM 6:45 PM	11:40 AM 2:05 PM 6:45 PM	11:40 AM 1:45 PM		11:50 AM 2:05 PM 6:45 PM	11:50 AM 2:05 PM 6:45 PM
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<b>THE FABULOUS FOUR</b> M 99 MIN		2:35 PM					2:35 PM
<b>TRAP</b> M 105 MIN	2:55 PM			4:40 PM		2:55 PM	
<b>TWISTERS</b> M 122 MIN		4:35 PM	2:05 PM				4:35 PM



### 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.



### IT ENDS WITH US *Blake Lively*

M| 2hrs 10min ~ Drama ~ Romance ~  
Lily Bloom has always known the life she wants. While living in Boston, she meets neurosurgeon Ryle Kincaid and believes she may very well have found her soul mate.



### BLINK TWICE MA| 1hr 42min

~ Mystery ~ Thriller ~ Channing Tatum, Geena Davis & Christian Slater  
Frida is a young, clever, Los Angeles cocktail waitress who has her eyes set on the prize: philanthropist and tech mogul Slater King.



### TAKE MY HAND M| 1hr 42min

~ Drama ~ Romance ~  
Rhada Mitchell & Meg Fraser  
Living in London, top of her career, a mother of three is diagnosed with MS. Following the sudden death of her husband and the loss of her job, she moves back to Australia.



### THE FABULOUS FOUR

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



### ALIEN:ROMULUS

MA| 1hr 59min  
~ Horror ~ Sci Fi ~  
Cailee Spaeny, Isabela Merced, Archie Renaux & David Jonsson  
While scavenging the deep ends of a derelict space station, a group of young space colonizers come face to face with the most terrifying life form in the universe.



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**August 29TH – BOOKWORM**

**ALSO SCREENING - TWISTERS/ 200% WOLF/TRAP/  
BORDERLANDS/INSIDE OUT 2 & DESPICABLE ME 4**

## 2024 Diary Dates

- 24 August - **Horizon Apartments Narooma Forest Rally**
- 14 September. - **Sustainable Choices Festival Moruya**
- 14 September - **Local Government Elections**
- 27 Sept- 7th Oct **River of Art Festival**
- 6 October - **Mogo Festival Day**
- 25 October - **Mogo Mania Gravity Enduro Stage Race**
- 15 November - **Crank It Up Batemans Bay**
- 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.

### Thrift Alley Spring Edition

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM 08:30-13:30  
2/45 Vulcan street, Moruya, NSW, Australia  
[Felt & Stone Moruya](#)

### CWA FSCG events

- 1-8 Sept CWA of NSW Awareness Week
- Monday 21 October FSCG AGM in Narooma

**Got an event coming up ?**  
Let the Moruya mail know  
[hello@moruyamail.com.au](mailto:hello@moruyamail.com.au)

## HELP US CELEBRATE DAFFODIL DAY

Saturday 31st August at Moruya C.W.A.

A special morning tea will be served between  
9am-11am for \$12  
\$4 of sales will go to raise money for Cancer Research.

There will be lucky door prizes, raffles and a cake stall.  
Money from these will go to Cancer Research.

## Rally for Recovery

### Ainslie Parade Tomakin

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**Every Wed and Sat**  
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Small bric-a-brac to furniture  
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## GRAND FINAL - SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST



**VS**



## 1 PM RESERVE GRADE

**BILL SMYTH OVAL NAROOMA**

### Moruya Community Film Group

Movie: The Road to Nhill Where: Red Door Hall rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page St, Moruya  
When: Saturday 31 August 2024  
Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm Showtime

### FUNERAL NOTICE

#### Roger Nicol

24 August 1943 - 16 August 2024

Loved son of Bessie and Charles (both dec)

Dearly loved husband of Gerri

Cherished father of Michelle and Shannon (dec),  
and step-father of Amber and her partner Cameron  
Adored Poppie of close granddaughters Calleigh and Anya.  
Much loved brother and brother-in-law of Elizabeth and  
John, Peter (dec) and Mary, and their families

*Forever loved and in our hearts.*

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral service  
to celebrate Roger's life at the Ack Weyman Oval in the  
Moruya Showground on 26 August 2024,  
commencing at 11am.

We encourage you to wear footy apparel (of any code).  
Roger's coffin and a commemorative book can be signed  
prior to the service.

Guests are invited to the reception at the Adelaide Hotel  
Moruya after the service. Family will follow after a private  
burial where Roger is being laid to rest with his son,  
Shannon.

In lieu of flowers a donation in Roger's memory to the  
Lung Foundation Australia would be appreciated.  
Envelopes will be available at the service.



**Batemans Bay Funerals Est 1969.**

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You are invited to attend the Dhurga Language Package Launch  
for Early Childhood Services in the Eurobodalla Shire

Sponsored by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Venue: Club Narooma

Time: 5:30 for a 6:00pm start

Canopies and Drinks Served throughout the event.

At the event each service in attendance will be gifted a basket of Authentic Yuin Language Resources to the value of \$5,000.00

R.S.V.P by 22/8/2024 Narooma Preschool: 0419922323



Rotary Club of  
Narooma Inc

## NAROOMA ROTARY MARKET

Sunday 25 August

9.30am — 2pm

(later start and finish over winter)

NATA Oval, behind Narooma Visitors' Centre



Produce, barbecue,  
crafts, great coffee, cloth-  
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### Eurobodalla Annual hard waste collection

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

#### Monday 26 August 2024

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

#### Monday 2 September 2024

Denhams Beach from Burkes Way, Sunshine  
Bay, Batehaven

#### Monday 9 September 2024

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

#### Monday 16 September 2024

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

#### Monday 23 September 2024

Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras

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Centre Tours

Free tea & coffee

Behind the scenes theatre Tours

Free goodie bag for new members

**BAY PAVILIONS**

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Saturday 31st August 2024  
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Free evolt scans



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Teensafe is a community group operating for  
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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)

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Dancers

Come along to our community day!

**Moruya DAY**  
**Community**  
Sunday 1  
September

10 am

**Cobowra Land Council**

We will be planting native trees, creating  
a garden, and engaging in cultural  
activities!

BBQ provided

*Moruya Golf Club*

## A DAY FOR ROO CHARITY FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST**  
LET'S HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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**Out of the Shadows Walk**

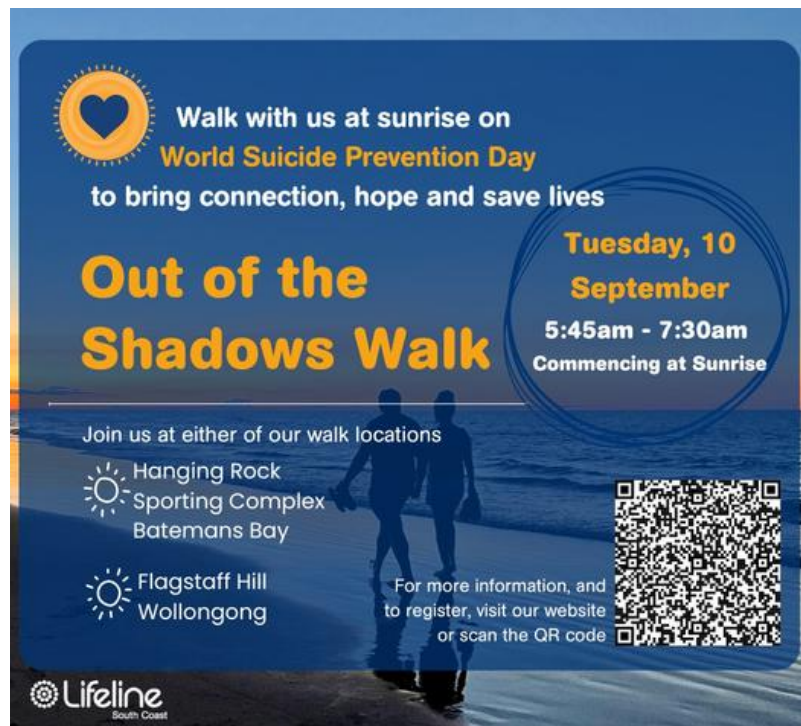

**Tuesday, 10 September**  
5:45am - 7:30am  
Commencing at Sunrise

Join us at either of our walk locations

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## Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo 2024

**SATURDAY 23 NOV**  
10am to 2pm  
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

Free Event

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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Michael Hogan with Secretary Michael Coloe

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 17th August 2024

A field of 54 players registered for a Medley Par event. Fun was had by all!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Michael Hogan (23) with +2
- 2nd: Jim Wade (13) with +1 (countback)
- 3rd: David Schmid (18) with +1 (countback)
- 4th: Greg Booth (14) with +1 (countback)
- 5th: Tim Watson (5) with +1 (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: David Schmid 2.64 B Grade
- 6th: Terry Milliken 3.40 C Grade
- 7th: Tim Watson 2.21 A Grade

Balls went to: Paul Scholze +1, Michael Coloe 0, Peter McCrae 0, Paul Pereira 0, Matthew Kennedy 0, Ian Kingston -1, Graeme Sindel -1, Ken Hush -1, Bruce Martin -2 and Paul Medwin -2.



Winners: John Eglitis, Jane Eglitis, Tony Mellick and Ray Bollard

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 20th August 2024

A Fundraiser Ambrose game was held by the Tuross Head Country Club Lady golfers. The event was in teams of 4 and was a Medley event. 52 Players signed up to play and proceeds were raised for the Tuross Head Country Club. The event was kindly sponsored by Jim Wade from the Tuross Head Post Office and Peter Gready from the Tuross Head Pharmacy.

The Winning Teams were:

- 1st: Jane Eglitis, John Eglitis, Ray Bollard and Tony Mellick with 53.625 nett.
- 2nd: Wendy Schmid, David Schmid, Beverley Theobald and Steve Gardner 56.75 nett.
- 3rd: Kerrie Sands, Michael Coloe, Pam Alexander and Elsa Shearer 59 nett.

Nearest to the Pin for the men was won by Brad Doolan.

The Accuracy award was won by Terri Swanbury.

The Tuross Head Golf Club Professional, Rob Green, contributed to the day by raising money with his huge drives for a gold coin donation.

After the game there was lovely BBQ food cooked and served by the Marine Rescue, raffles drawn with lots of beautiful prizes donated by the lady golfers and delicious sweet treats made by Annette Manton. Some fun games were played after the presentation.

The General Manager of Tuross Head Country Club, Annette Smith, thanked the lady golfers and players for the funds raised which were over \$2000.



Winner: Rob McKirdy

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 21st August 2024

A smaller field of 34 players registered for a Par event today. The weather was warm and sunny.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Rob McKirdy +2 (countback)
- 2nd: Henry Anderson +2
- 3rd: Barry Hoban +1 (countback)
- 4th: Terri Swanbury +1

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Leonie Snodgrass
- 6th: Steve Gardner
- 7th: Ladies: Terri Swanbury  
Mens: Greg Smith

Accuracy: Terri Swanbury

Bradman's: Steve Gardner

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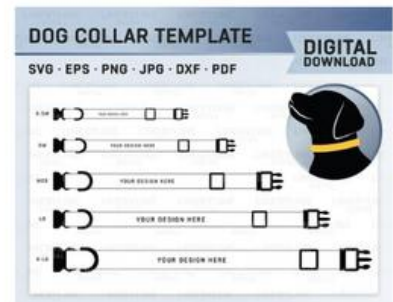
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## Tackle World Moruya

### Moruya River.

With the AFTA trade show done and dusted for another year, I can get back to my regularly scheduled fishing report. The show was an eye opener, and there will be a few new brands showing up in the shop, I won't say who till we have confirmation, and there is some nice new stuff from the regular suppliers that has been ordered for stock. So stay tuned, and I'll let you know as it arrives.

The Moruya river continues along its cold slow lazy way this week, with reports from the estuary itself being pretty sparse. The ocean temps are still fairly low at the moment, and the only real source of warmer water, will be that of the shallow sand flats, that are benefiting from longer and warmer days. I would be targeting a few lazy flathead or bream around these areas with small soft plastics or slowly worked crank bait style hardbody lures. Bait as always, will work for you also. Live nippers are a prime option when the fishing is slow, you just need to be able to tolerate getting wet feet this time of year to get some.

The lower sections of the river, the spur wall and Preddy's wharf area, are all good options at the moment.

### Tuross River.

The back areas of this system with dark muddy substrate, will be the best areas to look for a flathead or two. The likes of Borang and Bumbo lakes both fit this bill nicely, and are already starting to produce some fish. With the forecast this weekend, Sunday is looking a little better than Saturday with less wet stuff predicted. It that there is a lot of rain forecast for Saturday though.

Tuross has plenty of shallow side channels that are prime spots for both bait, and predators. The four ways area is a great one to look at this time of year, with lots of snarky spots to get into if you have the means. Kayaks are a great option this time of year.

I haven't heard any reports from Coila lake this week, so I'm not really sure what is happening in there at the moment. Feel free to make a comment here if you guys have any good oil on what's happening. Pics are always encouraged also.

### Rock and Beach.

Congo creek I'm told is running clean and clear after the big seas last week, and has some nice gutters running along the beaches also.

Salmon continue to be the mainstay along the coast this time of year, and their range is extensive. With no particular spot better than any other spot, you will just need to get out and find where the fish are. Looking at the Moruya Bar Cam, there is absolutely no swell running at the moment, making the Breakwall and local rock ledges a safe proposition to fish.

After last fortnight's tragic events up Kiama way, always err on the side of caution!! No matter how far you have travelled or how short your fishing window is, risking your life in bad conditions is a really dumb thing to do. If you don't intimately know the ledge you plan to fish, and it's wet, FORGET IT! Find somewhere safe to fish. PLEASE.

### Offshore.

With good looking conditions, there should be a few boats heading out to either try and find a tuna or snapper this weekend.

The snapper have been happily playing ball this week from all reports, with fish being found in and around the 20m mark out to 50m, so there are options depending on how close to shore you fish to stay. The flathead have also been readily available over the sand between drifts. I am unsure as to what is happening further out wide for the game crews, but hopefully if you are planning on getting out this weekend, you are successful.

The bait freezer is stocked with everything other than 1kg Salted Pilchards, but I am told they should be available next run.

Keep an eye on our socials, for any news on new accounts and stock arriving in store. Until then, Stay safe everyone and remember "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**



# PUBS RACE DAY

FRIDAY 30th AUGUST



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

### Mayoral Candidates



### 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 **Batemans 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.



Phil Constable



Matt Hatcher



Anthony Mayne



Colleen Turner



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-focussed 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.

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.



Sofia Keady

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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

### Maureen Searson

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

### Trish Ellis

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

### Gail Vincent

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 at 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 Corrigans 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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