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Mathew Hatcher for Mayor

VOTE 1 Group H for Council

- Keeping rates down with sensible and responsible financial management
- Transparency as promised
- Supporting local business
- Proven track record
- Strategies for affordable housing
- Fighting for Health Equity

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Plane door detaches at Moruya

Players at the Broulee tennis courts this morning at 0933 hours, witnessed a door falling to the ground from a light aircraft overhead.

"The aircraft drastically cut its airspeed immediately thereafter and moved from view" they said.

A Council spokesperson:

"A door detached from a private aircraft during flight at about 9.30am this morning. The pilot and passenger made a normal landing, returning safely to Moruya Airport. The door was found in bushland just north of the airport.

The pilot informed airport staff that the door latch was not secured properly and apologised for any anxiety the incident may have caused.

Council has reported the incident to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau who will decide whether to investigate."

Officer charged – Southern Region

A police officer has been charged over the alleged assault of two teens while on duty in the state's south last year.

On 31 October 2023, the officer – a senior constable attached to the Southern Region – is alleged to have assaulted two 17-year-old teenagers.

Both teens were arrested; however, released without charge.

Following an investigation, the officer was yesterday (Tuesday 3 September 2024) issued a future court attendance notice for two counts of common assault.

He is due to appear at Batemans Bay Local Court on 14 October 2024. The officer is currently suspended with pay.

Where to vote – Eurobodalla Council Elections Pre-Polling place

Pre-poll voting is available Saturday, 7 September and from Monday, 9 September to Friday, 13 September 2024 (not available on Sunday).

Hours

- Sat 07 Sep – Fri 13 Sep 2024
- Mon – Wed: 8:30am – 5:30pm
- Thu: 8:30am – 8:00pm
- Fri: 8:30am – 6:00pm
- Sat: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Where:

- Batemans Bay Community Centre 2 Museum Place, Batemans Bay
- Moruya Mechanics Institute 13 Page Street, Moruya
- Narooma Leisure Centre Bluewater Drive, Narooma
- Bega Valley Region Returning Officer's Office Suite 5, 106 Auckland Street, Bega

Pre-poll opens tomorrow: 2024 Local Government elections

Voting in the 2024 NSW Local Government elections will begin across the state from tomorrow, Saturday, 7 September.

Acting NSW Electoral Commissioner Dr Matthew Phillips said voting is compulsory at council elections in NSW, so anyone unable to vote on election day, should plan their vote now.

"Pre-poll voting is open only to those who are eligible.

Eligibility criteria is available on our website, along with opening hours and venues."

"Voting venues, candidates and other key voter information can be found using the address look-up tool at elections.nsw.gov.au," he said.

Dr Phillips said pre-poll locations will operate in each council area from Saturday, 7 September to Friday, 13 September, not including Sunday, 8 September.

"Opening hours will vary, so make sure you check when your chosen pre-poll place will be open before heading out to vote."

"Unlike at State elections, you must vote within your council area or ward at local council elections. There is no absentee voting," he said.

Dr Phillips said the Commission is also responding to strong demand to vote by post, with 376,145 applications received since Tuesday, 6 August.

"It's great to see NSW voters are planning ahead, but don't leave filling out your postal pack to the last minute. If you've received yours, read the instructions carefully and make sure you've completed it before 6pm on election day."

Postal applications close at 5pm on Monday, 9 September.

To be counted postal votes must be completed on or before 6pm on election day and received by the NSW Electoral Commission no later than 6pm on Friday, 27 September.

Dr Phillips said information is available on the NSW Electoral Commission website about [voting in local government elections](#) and [assistance available to voters](#), as well as [information in 24 languages](#).

Election statistics, including pre poll figures and postal votes applied for and returned are [available on our website](#).

For more information go to elections.nsw.gov.au or get more information about voting:

[How to vote by post](#)

[How to fill out your ballot papers](#)



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

Mayoral Candidates

Candidates for Mayor/Vote

- CONSTANCE THE MAYOR, Independent
- HATFIELD, Independent
- WYNNE, Independent
- JESSICA, Independent
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Candidate Meet & Greet

Our City will be hosting a Meet and Greet for the Eurobodalla Shire Council candidates on Sunday 15th September at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on Sunday 15th August 2024 from 2.30pm till 4.30pm.

All candidates will be invited to attend and introduce themselves to the public, take questions from the floor to the public, answer questions and have 1 minute to address your questions. One question per person or, if time permits, follow up questions will be asked.

Remember to sit that pre-poll (early voting) opens Saturday 7th September 2024 and closes Friday 13th September 2024. Election day is Saturday 14th September 2024.

Click **HERE** to read all the Council candidates statement

South Coast Representatives united on radiotherapy

Following last week's MM article "Report leaves no doubt of need for local radiotherapy", the Southern NSW Local Health District responded to questions arising from information in the Prof Michael Reid Report at odds with those of the LHD.

A SNSWLHD spokesperson responded to the Moruya Mail: "Southern NSW Local Health District works closely with the Cancer Institute NSW and NSW Health to ensure patients with cancer in southern NSW have access to the best and most appropriate treatment, as close to home as possible.

The Access to Radiation Therapy Services for Residents of Eurobodalla / Bega Valley LGAs report by Michael Reid and Associates was commissioned by NSW Health to review the viability of radiation therapy services across the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla regions. The report is informing ongoing District planning and negotiations with the Australian Government in relation to the provision of radiation therapy services.

The Report references comparable radiotherapy service developments dating back 10 years, but does not include up-to-date costs for building, maintaining and staffing a new service within the Eurobodalla. The Report's costing examples also do not account for the increase in construction costs affecting the building industry globally. The District continually monitors demand for all health services, including radiotherapy services, and aligns future service delivery with best practice guidelines, safety, sustainability and current and future service demand."

And the MM has now learned that local MPs, Kristy McBain, Fiona Philips and Michael Holland have written to Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care in support of Radiation Oncology Services at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

The letter said, "The report endorses the provision of radiation therapy as a component of an oncology service within the proposed Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. The report determines that this would require a reconsideration of the announced \$260 million capital envelope for the construction of the ERH."

"At the last election the Federal Government committed to radiation therapy services in Eurobodalla, this resulted in an allocation of \$8 million towards services. Since the election the Southern NSW LHD has repeatedly indicated that the cost of radiation therapy services at the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital would be \$100 million. This is contrary to an acknowledgement made in the August minutes of the Southern NSW LHD board meeting in August 2023 where it was estimated that the cost would only be \$30 million with recurrent costs of \$3.5 million / annum. In spite of this Southern NSW LHD has maintained that the cost would be approximately \$100 million."

As elected representatives of our communities, and indeed as members who are always advocating for increased medical services, it is imperative that the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital has the promised Radiation Therapy services delivered by our Labor Governments. We know too many in our communities who have to travel to Canberra, Nowra and beyond to access this treatment; and we deserve to have a location on the south coast that is accessible to all."

THE MAYNE TEAM

MAYNE **1** MAYOR

vote group **D** above the line



Sally Christiansen Karyn Starmer Anthony Mayne Michelle Hamrosi David Grice

- affordability**
actively reduce the risk of a large rate hike
- transparency**
open and accountable decision making
- preparedness**
upgrade emergency facilities across the Shire
- sustainability**
protect our natural environment and outdoor lifestyles
- design and environment**
you decide about building 21 storey tower blocks in Batemans Bay - not property developers

themayneteam.com.au

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It's time to vote for our next Mayor and Councillors

It is vital that our next Mayor and Councillors have skills and experience to deal with complex issues – when considering complex legal, economic, financial and technical matters and making sound decisions.

I am running for Mayor because want to bring my skills, expertise and experience to our community.

My work background spans large and small companies and the Australian Public Service. I have an economics degree, project management and governance qualifications, and study across a range of disciplines, such contract law, interpreting legislation, contract law, accounting, financial analysis, strategic, business and operational planning, budgeting and cash flow analysis, intellectual property, audit and risk management. I am also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I have managed my own business, consulting to small to medium business, developing R & D projects, producing business and operational plans, and securing intellectual property rights and investment.

As VP Strategic Projects in an ASX listed company, I project-managed the build of a complex manufacturing facility. I was also the Company Secretary.

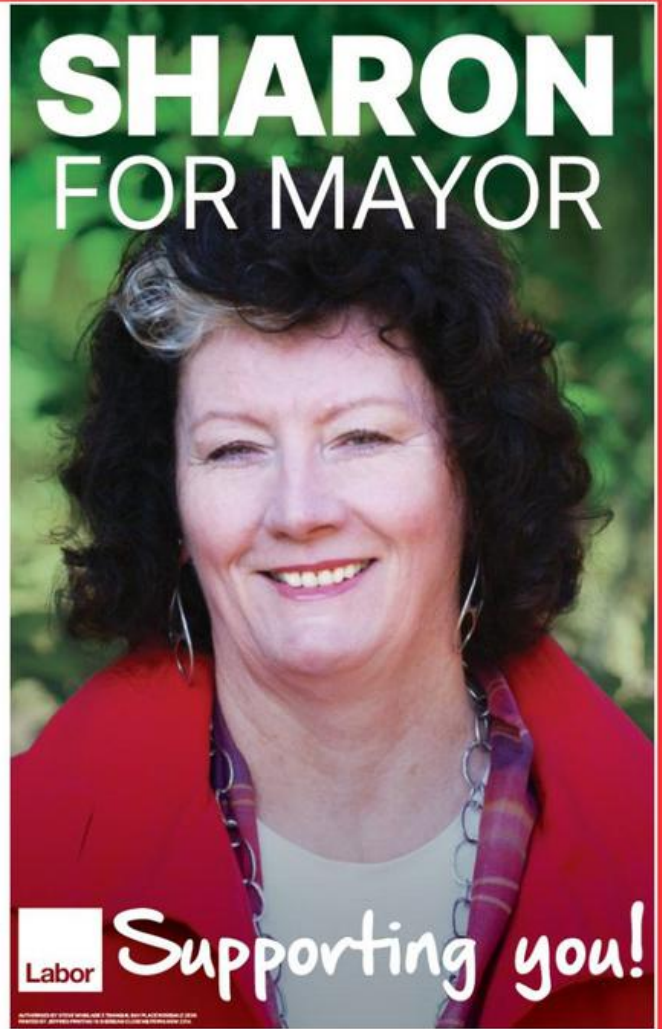
In the Australian Public Service, I managed teams undertaking cost-benefit analysis of large infrastructure projects (including dams). I negotiated the Commonwealth/State infrastructure funding agreements and represented the Commonwealth on project boards overseeing projects up to \$2.0 billion.


It's a long list – I've had a wonderful career! When the complex matters come to the Council, I have the experience to interrogate the information and identify the gaps. I can support staff to bring matters to Council that are based on sound analysis and rigorously developed and costed plans.

Council must make quality decisions and maximise every opportunity to get every dollar the Eurobodalla deserves.

As Mayor, I can steer our Council through the challenging times ahead.

Sharon Winslade





HOW TO VOTE LABOR

Eurobodalla Shire Council

FOR YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

VOTE 1 - GROUP F (above the line ONLY)

FOR MAYOR

VOTE 1 SHARON WINSLADE

Eurobodalla
ELECTION OF MAYOR
Held on 14 September 2024

DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING

- Place the number "1" in the square next to the candidate of your choice.
- If you wish to vote for any more candidates, place consecutive numbers starting with "2" in the squares next to those candidates in order of your preferences for them.
- Fold this ballot paper so your vote cannot be seen and place it in the ballot box (or in the envelope provided).

CONSTABLE Phil Independent

HATCHER Mathew Independent

2 MAYNE Anthony Independent


3 TURNER Colleen THE GREENS

POLLOCK Rob Independent


JOHNSON Mick Independent

MCASH Claire Independent


1 WINSLADE Sharon LABOR




Maureen SEARSON



Trish ELLIS



Gail VINCENT



Sharon WINSLADE

SUPPORTING YOU

'New tools to stay safer online this Scams Awareness Week

The NSW Government is unveiling new tools to combat data breaches this Scams Awareness Week, with a new resource to help students spot scams and an online portal to check the legitimacy of a breach notification.

According to the National Anti-Scam Centre, there was an almost 20 per cent increase in scams reported in 2023, with a total of 601,000 scams causing \$2.7 billion in losses.

Young people between 18 and 24 are more likely than any other age group to become victims of fraud and scams, and the number of scams reported by people under 18 has nearly quadrupled since last year, according to the Australian Institute of Criminology.

A new online teacher's toolkit designed by ID Support NSW provides students with the tools and guidance to spot scams and protect their personal information, with interactive activities, quizzes, videos and case studies designed to help students from years 9 to 12 develop skills to navigate the online world.

The resource includes tips such as treating a password like a toothbrush – change them often and never share them with anyone – as well as what should and shouldn't be shared online. It also provides tips on how to identify a scam, including checking for unusual domain names, an unusual email format and a misleading hyperlink.

ID Support NSW has also developed a Data Breach Portal to help people who think they might be the victim of a data breach check whether an email they received from ID Support NSW is authentic. ID Support NSW notified almost 200,000 people that their personal information had been compromised in a data breach in 2023 and found that when customers receive a notification, the most common question they ask is whether the correspondence is legitimate.

Anyone concerned about the security of personal information they store can also use ID Support NSW's new Personal Information Risk Assessment Tool (PIRAT) to understand the potential risks in holding customer data.

The tool can be used both proactively and in the wake of a data breach to assess risk from low to extreme based on the information's usage and its appeal to cybercriminals.

Customers who want to access the Data Breach Portal can visit www.nsw.gov.au/id-support-nsw/get-support.

To undertake a risk assessment via the PIRAT, go to www.nsw.gov.au/id-support-nsw/be-prepared/pirat/pirat-assessment.

ID Support NSW also has several resources, tips, tools and webinars available to help people remain safe online. These can be accessed at www.nsw.gov.au/id-support-nsw/be-prepared.

Have your say, flood plans underway for the Bay



Beach erosion at Surfside

Eurobodalla Council has an important role in keeping the community safe by planning for future flooding. A floodplain risk management plan is currently being developed for the Batemans Bay area.

Residents are invited to share their knowledge, experience, and preferences around different options that reduce flood impact. This new plan will build on work done in 2021-23 through the Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study and the Eurobodalla Open Coast Coastal Management Program, with the latest rainfall and runoff guidelines also factored in. Eurobodalla Council's flood planner Cameron Whiting said people can provide feedback in person or by online survey. "While modelling is incredibly useful, the best risk-management options will be backed by local knowledge and experience, with community validation and acceptance. We want to hear from Bay locals with experience of flooding or who have ideas on how risks can be reduced," Mr Whiting said.

"I encourage people to visit Council's community engagement platform [Our Eurobodalla](#) and complete the five-minute survey. Or visit us in person at the Bay Pavilions on Monday 9 September from 1-6pm."

The study area includes the urban catchments of Maloneys Beach, Long Beach, Surfside, Catalina and the Water Gardens, Joes Creek, short Beach Creek and McLeods Creek.

"Following community input, we'll model a range of options to work out which best protect our community – whether by reducing risk by allowing for better emergency planning or by raising parts of the Bay to reduce flood impact. We've already got some ideas that we're happy to discuss with the community during or after the drop-in session."

For more information visit Council's Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan webpage. The project is partially funded by a NSW Government floodplain management grant.

VOTE 1

Colleen Turner

for Eurobodalla shire

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS
14 SEPTEMBER

THE
GREENS

Proposed reforms to stamp out bad councillor behaviour and increase transparency in local government

Minister for Local Government

The NSW Government is proposing reforms to overhaul the broken Code of Conduct system for elected councillors, which is generating thousands of trivial complaints making it almost impossible to act swiftly and fairly on matters of genuine concern. A discussion paper released today proposes a complete rewrite and simplification of the Model Code of Conduct as well as a number of new pathways for addressing poor councillor behaviour.

At over 100 pages long the current code of conduct framework is overly complex, distracts from robust democratic debate and is being increasingly weaponised for political reasons.

There were 4,289 code of conduct complaints lodged over the last three years alone, forcing councils to divert significant time and money from providing local services to resolve these complaints.

Proposed reforms would streamline the code of conduct down to 2-3 pages similar to the State Parliamentary code, and outline clear expectations of behaviour for 1,300 elected councillors.

The new code of conduct system would see minor complaints about councillor misbehaviour dealt with by a councillor's peers and leave serious matters relating to conflicts of interest to be examined by the Office of Local Government.

The government is also putting forward reforms to improve transparency of council meetings to ensure decisions are being made openly and in the best interests of the community as a whole.

Key reforms outlined in the discussion paper, some of which would require changes to the Local Government Act 1993, include.

- Establishing a local government privileges committee of experienced councillors with mayoral experience to assess complaints made against councillors for misbehaviour, consistent with practices in other tiers of government (where the conduct does not meet the threshold for police or referral to another investigative body or tribunal)
- Removing private investigators from the councillor conduct process, while strengthening the investigative capability of the Office of Local Government to investigate and prosecute legitimate complaints (such as issuing penalty infringement notices where conflict of interest declarations have not been made)
- Banning private councillor briefing sessions, except in very limited circumstances
- Strengthening lobbying guidelines for local government
- Giving mayors more power to expel councillors from meetings for acts of disorder and remove their entitlement to receive a fee in the month of their indiscretion

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig said:

"The current councillor code of conduct system is fundamentally broken.

"It is too open to weaponisation, with tit-for-tat complaints diverting critical council resources and ratepayer money from the things that matter most to communities.

"The sheer volume of vexatious complaints being made is preventing the Office of Local Government from focussing its attention on getting crooks out of the local government sector.

"The options presented in this discussion paper put the onus back on addressing and resolving issues of councillor misbehaviour at a local level, rather than escalating complaints for the state government or private investigators to fix.

"It also puts forward options to strengthen the role of the Office of Local Government as the sector regulator, including expanded investigation powers for serious conflict of interest breaches and the ability to issue penalty infringement notices.

"For far too long the system has been abused. It's time to restore public confidence in councils and ensure the dignity of this vital third tier of government is upheld."

The discussion paper is now [open for community and sector feedback](#).

Submissions close Friday, 15 November 2024.

CWA of NSW welcomes National Cabinet announcement of billion-dollar funding package for domestic and family violence

New coercive control laws and an announcement today on a multi-billion dollar funding package for domestic, family and sexual violence support have been welcomed by the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW at the end of its annual Awareness Week campaign.

Gender-based violence has been the focus of the association's 2024 campaign, and **today's agreement by National Cabinet on a \$4.7 billion package** to help address the crisis of domestic, family and sexual violence, and the announcement this week of the first prosecution under NSW coercive control laws that came into effect in July, are positive steps towards addressing the "horrific" rates of violence against women and children, the association says.

"Today's announcement by National Cabinet is so welcome, particularly during our Awareness Week campaign, when all our members have worked so hard to raise awareness of this crisis and bring it to the fore in their local communities," said Joy Beames, President of the CWA of NSW.

"This level of support for the likes of frontline services is a significant measure, and is another positive step forward in helping curb the horrific rates of violence we're seeing, and we look forward to seeing the difference this funding injection can help make in NSW and in the lives of those who are living this nightmare."

On Thursday, the association hosted a webinar for members featuring Small Steps 4 Hannah ambassador Michael Jeh, who spoke about coercive control and the 'red flags' around this behaviour. The Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation was established in the wake of the murders of Hannah Clarke and her three children. Other webinar speakers included Sergeant Lisa Clemence and Dr Sinead Berry who focused on the recently-introduced NSW coercive control laws.

Joy said the speakers who participated in the webinar had helped participants better understand coercive control and its insidious impacts, but more importantly provided an insight into the signs to be aware of.

Webinar participants were also introduced to the Empower You app, a free safety app for individuals experiencing domestic and family violence. An initiative of NSW Police, the app helps users access support service contacts, send messages with their location to trusted friends, or to gather information about their experiences.

"This webinar really opened a lot of our eyes to the dangers around coercive control behaviours, and how to identify it, so that maybe when we see it we're more confident in reaching out to someone we suspect is experiencing it. Coercive control may not involve any physical harm to a victim, but it's just as devastating as any other form of violence," Joy said.

"We welcome the new coercive control laws that came into effect in NSW earlier this year, and this week we saw a man from southern NSW become the first to be charged under these new laws. It's just another important step in ensuring perpetrators of violent behaviour are brought to account.

"Hearing from NSW Police, too, on the Empower You app was also a valuable insight, and another important initiative in the ongoing efforts to combat domestic violence and its terrible consequences."

Joy said it was the second time in five years the CWA of NSW had chosen to highlight domestic, family and sexual violence against women during its Awareness Week campaign, but given the horrific rates of deaths of women this year, members had felt there was no other choice.

"We've really seen some positive steps forward this week, but we'll continue our advocacy around this issue and do all we can, as an association of more than 8000 women, to help improve the current situation. Our hope is that we never again have to have this issue as an Awareness Week focus."

Are we ready for the next bushfire season?



Moruya Showground in January 2020

By Kathryn Maxwell, President, SHASA

After the mega bushfires of 2019/20 a big issue agreed by nearly all candidates at the last Council elections was the need to be better prepared for future bushfires. We all remember how awful the Evacuation Centres were (basketball stadiums in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma) – no temperature control, no air quality control, hot, smoky, overcrowded and no power when the grid went down.

Since then, there have been very limited improvements to these buildings. The Moruya Showgrounds has seen improvements in the facilities for farm animals and pets, new amenities and canteen building and an upgraded kitchen and toilets*.

The three evacuation centres have had an update to their electrical systems so that diesel generators can be hooked up. However, Shire wide, there are still no:

- independent power systems
- air conditioning or filters.

When the Bay Pavilions was being built it was touted as being a future Evacuation Centre in the Bay. Alas, the residents of Batemans Bay will still have to go to the Basketball stadium at Hanging Rock.

Other adjacent Shires have not been so slack. For example, the Shoalhaven City Council has upgraded over 20 community halls with

- independent power systems,
- air conditioning, and
- satellite communications to operate as community hubs when needed.

At the November 2023 Council meeting, the majority of Councillors including the Mayor Mat Hatcher, voted against establishing designated Heat Havens or associated Heat Haven services at Council halls. In addition, Eurobodalla Shire Council has no community representatives and the community are not informed of the outcomes/decisions of emergency management meetings. By comparison, the Shoalhaven City Council’s Local Emergency Management Committee has two community representatives and provides reports to the community on outcomes of meetings. Other adjacent Shires have led the way in this space, and we hope that the Eurobodalla will be more proactive in its ambitions.

At the upcoming Council election on September 14 we thus need to elect Councillors who will quickly improve our bushfire facilities. They need to be shown that their broken promises and incapacity to show leadership on improving bushfire facilities will not cut it anymore.

SHASA would welcome and appreciate the opportunity to work closer with Council. Our 100 paid members and 700 supporters across our Shire are committed to achieving a more resilient community in the Eurobodalla.

*Councillor Anthony Mayne 10 May 2022 - Successful Notice of Motion- Natural Disaster Infrastructure Recovery – to look at facilities enhancement including new facilities to house smaller animals at Moruya during disasters and 25 July 2023 - Successful Notice of Motion - Upgrades to Evacuation centres.



Please Vote Neil Gow 1 under the line
(and 2,3,4 for 3 other candidates also below the line)
Neil is the True Independent
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Energy grant ignites innovation at Batemans Bay holiday park



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips with East's Riverside Holiday Park managers Pauline Dennehy and Mike Tate.

East's Riverside Holiday Park at Batemans Bay is one of 15 businesses in the Gilmore electorate set to share in more than \$325,000 to power a range of energy efficiency projects.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said the Commonwealth Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises program supported businesses to upgrade or replace inefficient equipment and implement other energy efficiency activities.

The holiday park received a \$23,191 grant which will be used to conduct an energy audit and introduce an energy data management system.

Mrs Phillips said the system would increase the park's energy efficiency in all areas.

"Our government is committed to helping small and medium businesses like East's Riverside Holiday Park reduce their running costs, through lowering energy costs, and investing in new technology. "I'm so pleased that we are helping 15 local businesses use less energy and improve their competitiveness, while reducing their carbon footprint."

Up to \$56.7 million was available over two grant rounds to help businesses fund a range of energy efficiency activities, such as upgrading or replacing inefficient technologies, improving space and water heating systems, conducting energy audits and installing energy monitoring systems.

"These grants are part of the Albanese Government's commitment to ease cost-of-living pressures for Australian businesses by putting downward pressure on energy bills without adding to inflation," Mrs Phillips said.

"They deliver on our election commitment to support small and medium sized businesses to increase the uptake of energy efficient technologies, which will also help Australia reach net zero emissions by 2050."

Other grant recipients include:

- Durras Lake North Holiday Park (\$24,537)
- East's Dolphin Beach Holiday Park (\$25,000)
- Seaperfect NSW – Oysters Australia Moruya Shellfish Hatchery (\$25,000)
- Tuross Head Country Club (\$19,500)
- Milton Dangerous Ales (\$25,000)
- Australian Food and Pharmaceutical Industries (\$25,000)
- Mountain View resort at Shoalhaven Heads (\$21,000)
- The Nowra Motor Inn and Grain & Marble Restaurant and Wine Bar (\$25,000)
- Nowra Anglican College (\$25,000)
- Pheasant Ground Pty Ltd (\$16,500)
- Kiama Leagues Club (\$19,714)
- Caterina in Kangaroo Valley (\$21,803)
- Ponte Bar and Dining (\$24,938)



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\$9m more for Kings Highway Safety Improvements

The Queanbeyan-Palerang region of Monaro will receive \$9,040,775 in new funding to improve road safety as part of the second round of funding for regional NSW totalling \$202 million provided under the Minns Labor

Government's Towards Zero Safer Roads Program. In Monaro this latest round of funding provided under the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program will go towards:

- \$8,150,000 for shoulder widening and safety barrier installation on Kings Highway, Mulloon
- \$890,775 for intersection upgrades at Lascelles Street and Duncan Street, Kings Highway, Braidwood.

Member for Monaro, Steve Whan said "The ongoing job of making the Kings Highway safer got a boost this week with two key safety improvements funded by the NSW Labor Government announced on Thursday. Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, said he was "very pleased to see \$8,150,000 allocated for shoulder widening and safety barrier installation on the Kings Highway near Mulloon and \$890,775 for intersection improvements in Braidwood. "We currently have work underway on a new eastbound overtaking lane on the Kings Highway near Mulloon Creek, this further widening, and barrier installation will continue the process of improving the road. "In Braidwood the Kings Highway intersections with Lascelles Street and Duncan Street will be improved, enhancing safety for locals and visitors. "It is a great credit to Regional Transport and Roads Minister Jenny Aitchison that she has worked closely with me as the local member, and right across regional NSW to make sure we are delivering road safety improvements.."

"This latest announcement builds on millions in additional funding delivered to Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for local road repairs, along with projects like the \$10 million sealing of Nerriga Road and upgrades to Tarago Road. "There is obviously a lot still to do on the Kings Highway, but it continues to be a high priority for the NSW Labor Government. "I want to be clear though, no matter how much we spend on safety improvements and upgrades, motorists still need to drive to the conditions and reduce the sort of risky behaviour too many of us see on that road." Round two of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program spans three years, including the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years, with projects to receive the funding prioritised as needed. For more information and the full project list for regional NSW visit <https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/safesystem/safe-roads>



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Applications Open for Regional Funding Program

Applications are now open for community infrastructure projects to seek funding under the second round of the Albanese Government's \$600 million Growing Regions Program.

For Round 2, \$393 million in funding is available to invest in community infrastructure projects across regional and rural Australia. The program provides funding for capital works projects such as libraries, parks, multi-purpose community centres, and sport and cultural facilities that enhance liveability, bolster social cohesion and support local amenity.

As with Round 1, local government entities and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are able to apply for funding of between \$500,000 and \$15 million through the program, with lower co-funding requirements in place to support First Nations Community Controlled Organisations and low rate-based councils. Round 2 will have a single-stage application process, unlike Round 1 which had two stages. Feedback from the Australian National Audit Office review into the design of the program has also been incorporated into this new round. Potential applicants can check their initial eligibility to apply for the program by viewing the eligibility checklist published on my department's website.

The program is open, competitive and merit-based, with a continued focus on integrity, transparency, accountability and collaboration – to ensure a fair process for Australia's regions. The Albanese Government is committed to investing in our regions to create jobs and boost economic growth and productivity. Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King said: "As a regional MP, I understand the impact that community infrastructure projects such as parks and town halls can have on building connection among locals, and how vital funding is to making them a reality. "It's why I'm proud to deliver the Growing Regions Program, funding 40 projects under our first round and now taking applications for our second. "We've taken time to overhaul Commonwealth grants funding to make it a fairer, more transparent process, and I encourage local councils and not-for-profits to apply." Further information about the program and application process are available on [my department's website](#). Applications open at 9am, Thursday 5 September, 2024.

Moruya Garden Club AGM



Incoming Vice President Annette Chapman thanked Barbara Browne for her 9 years as President of Moruya Garden Club. Barbara has over the years helped garden club members to grow and nurture their gardens and cultivate friendships. Barbara's optimism provided members with the thought of lovely things to come from their gardens.

At the recently held AGM, Karen Lomas was elected President, Annette Chapman Vice President, Sharron Perry Secretary and Sally Power Treasurer. Moruya Garden Club meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the Uniting Church Hall, 7 Page Street Moruya at 2pm. New members are always welcome, come along and enjoy "Fun and Friendship in Gardening."

Boosted mobile coverage better connecting Quaama

The Albanese Government continues to improve connectivity in Eden-Monaro regions impacted by natural disasters, with handheld mobile coverage boosted in Quaama.

Through the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP), the Government provided \$85,725 to Telstra to support the roll out of a small cell device in the village. Small cells provide additional network capacity or mobile device coverage to a small, targeted area. They operate at lower power than a traditional mobile phone base station, use smaller equipment, and can be fixed to existing structures, such as sides of buildings or utility poles. Switched on in recent months, this small cell device has been a major boost for Quaama locals, ensuring people can study online and access key services, and supporting the operations of small businesses. This upgrade builds on the Government's significant investments towards improving connectivity and telecommunications resilience across Eden-Monaro.

In addition to thousands of premises in Eden-Monaro being able to upgrade to full-fibre broadband connections, the Government is also investing \$5.4 million to improve mobile black spots in priority areas. **New mobile base stations will be built at Dalmeny, Mystery Bay, along the Kings Highway, on the Princes Highway between Batemans Bay and Eden, and at Talbingo.**

This small cell project at Quaama was delivered under Round 2 of the RCP funding, which committed \$137.21 million for 93 projects across Australia. The RCP is part of our Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia, providing \$656 million to improve mobile and broadband connectivity and resilience in rural, regional and remote communities.

For more information, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/better-connectivity-plan-regional-and-rural-australia>



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What the Blackboard Doesn't Reveal

By Peter Lacey

There is a blackboard on the footpath outside Moruya Books. It lists the current top selling and most highly-recommended books. Over the past few weeks Extraordinary Histories: Amazing stories from the NSW South Coast has commanded top position on that blackboard.

'So what?', you might ask.

Well, it's very rare for a local history book to become a top seller. In fact, as Dr Peter Hobbins, the Vice President of the NSW & ACT Professional Historians Association, recently observed 'typically, sales of local and specialist histories in Australia can be measured in the dozens'.

Extraordinary Histories: Amazing stories from the NSW South Coast, in contrast, has been selling in the thousands, and South Coast History Society, its publisher, is now battling to keep up with demand from the local community.

Extraordinary Histories is the first-ever history of the entire South Coast – the area between Kiama and the Victorian border. That alone distinguishes it from the hundreds of run-of-the-mill local histories that focus on just one town or limited area, and that have been produced by the 22 small history societies that operate in almost every town along the coast.

And, it's certainly not a history in the conventional sense. It's more a collection of interesting stories about the South Coast on topics that have widespread appeal – like the stories of bushrangers, shipwrecks and the challenges that faced the region's early pioneers.

Fortuitously, the histories of different areas up and down the South Coast are remarkably similar, having largely been determined and influenced by the geography of the area. So, there is one basic recurring history theme, relevant to the whole South Coast, that could be easily told, and has now been told, in this book.

Extraordinary Histories became available late last year. 1,500 copies were printed (this quantity was expected to be enough to supply booksellers for several years), these retailed for \$34.95... and the lot sold out in just 7 weeks!! For a self-published history book, that means it (fleetingly) ranked as an Australian 'best seller' book.

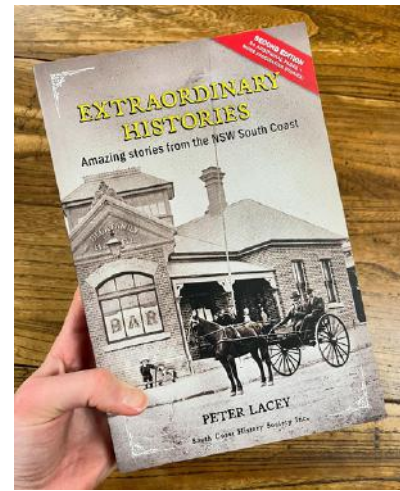
And that is not a bad achievement for a local history society, most of which rarely exhibit marketing expertise.

What the book did – and this is partly the reason for it being so successful – was to fill a significant 'market gap'. Half the people living on the NSW South Coast have moved to the area in recent years – principally from Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne – and, therefore, had never received any schooling about the area's history. The South Coast History Society, the publishers of the book, had determined from its previous activities that these people were eager to learn the basic history of the area in which they had chosen to live, and this is exactly what the book has provided to them.

Astutely, the book also contained sections about all of the towns along the South Coast and identified significant objects or places throughout the South Coast that have survived to this day and have an interesting history connected to them. So, in some ways, the book served as both a history and a tourism guide.

After the initial print run was exhausted, South Coast History Society decided not to simply print more copies, but to revise the book, to add another 64 pages to it, and to include a broader range of topics. Perhaps the most welcomed of these has been a chapter on significant South Coast women, an important subject that was sadly missing in the first edition of the book.

That Second Edition of Extraordinary Histories became available four weeks ago. And already half of that second print run of 1,500 books has sold out! This is creating a headache for the South Coast History Society and challenges for local retailers. Even though yet another 1,500 copies of the book have now been ordered, it is likely the book will again become temporarily unavailable for some months, prior to these new stocks arriving just before Christmas.



Commercial publishers in Australia have absolutely no interest in producing local histories. They view their potential market for such books as being extremely limited, and therefore not worth chasing. And distributing books in only a very small geographical area, like just the NSW South Coast, presents them with enormous logistical challenges, which they have neither the time nor inclination to overcome.

So, the reality is, for a book like this to ever be produced and distributed, it must be produced by a local organization like a local history society, or by a brave entrepreneur.

The publication of this book by a small local history society was a huge gamble – but one that, obviously in this case, has paid off handsomely! But very few of Australia's 1,200 local history societies have the tens of thousands of dollars required to print 1,500 copies of a 384-page book like this – which perhaps also explains why anything like NSW South Coast's Extraordinary Histories has been a very long time coming.

Actually, finding any regional history in Australia is still virtually impossible. Nation-wide histories such as Stuart Macintyre's A Concise History of Australia or Geoffrey Blainey's A Shorter History of Australia and general interest Australiana books like Tim Fisher's Steam Australia are a dime a dozen. As are numerous earnest local histories (with likely limited appeal) such as the Armidale & District Historical Society's Monckton Aquatic Centre: A Story of the Town Pool, NSW Australia. But between these two history genres there seems to be an enormous conceptual desert that, to date, has largely escaped the attention of historians and publishers.

So, the incredible success of Extraordinary Histories could easily now be replicated in other areas within Australia. Many regional areas have interesting, easy to comprehend histories which, as Extraordinary Histories has illustrated, can have widespread public appeal. Areas like the North Coast of NSW, Gippsland in Victoria, or the South-West of Western Australia are obvious immediate candidates for the publication of their own versions of Extraordinary Histories.

Locally, the new, second edition of Extraordinary Histories is available (whilst current stocks last!) from Moruya Books and Polly's Newsagency in Moruya, In and Out at Mogo, Batehaven Newsagency, and the Bodalla Post Office.

The author of this book, **Peter Lacey, will also be giving talks this coming week about significant Eurobodalla women at Batemans Bay Library (2.00pm, Tuesday 10th September), Narooma Library (2.30pm, Wednesday 11th September) and Moruya Library (10.30am, Thursday 12th September) to coincide with History Week.** There is no charge to attend any of these talks, but it is advisable to book a seat in advance by calling the relevant library.

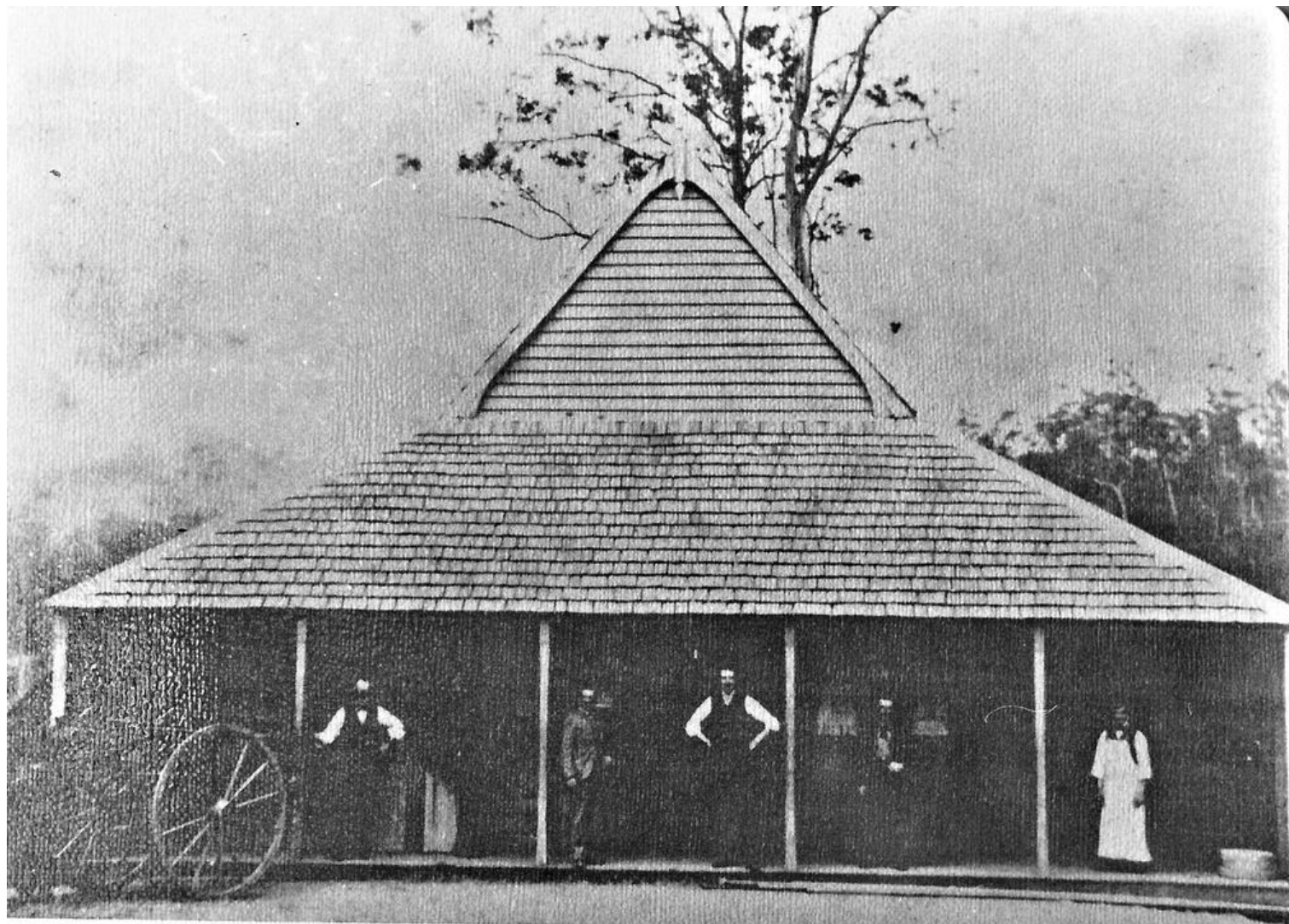


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Owners of dogs are reminded that their canine pets must be registered before 30th Sept. The cattle sale advertised for Wednesday at Bodalla by M. and J. O'Reilly attracted a very large attendance of buyers from Bega, Cobargo, Tilba, Moruya, Araluen, Braidwood and Goulburn. Springers were sold from £5 to £10 10s per head, but fat bullocks were passed in when bidding ceased at £7 7s 6d. A few light and draught horses were sold from £6 to £8 12s 6d.

Jack Cameron, a student of St. Patrick's College, Goulburn, and son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron, of Tilba Public School, died on 29th ult. From pleurisy and pneumonia. Deceased was a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. White, of Nelligen.

Hospital Ball. – After a series of euchre parties, fundraising evenings, golf and tennis tournaments the annual effort for the Moruya District Hospital culminated in a successful ball on Tuesday night. There was good attendance, especially of visitors from Nelligen, Bateman's Bay and Bodalla. The whole of the interior of the Centennial Hall had been hidden by the nimble fingers of the many workers. Overhead were streamers of black and white, adorned with cerise butterflies which gave the necessary touch of brightness to the sombre background. Beneath the proscenium hung Chinese lanterns to tone. The energetic workers on the decorative committee were Mesdames Finch, Starr, Armstrong, Cutler, Anderson, Misses Carden, Luck, Armstrong, Jermyn and Quilter. ...

General regret was expressed when the news reached Moruya on Friday that **Mr. Jack Turner** had passed away that day in Goulburn District Hospital. Deceased, who was the eldest son of the late Mr. George Turner, and of Mrs. Turner of "Lyndwood," was only 38 years of age, and had been suffering from lung trouble for about 12 months. On the advice of Dr. Cutler, Mr. Turner, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. J. Ryan and husband, left the humid atmosphere of the coast for a drier climate of the west, but on reaching Goulburn the invalid was too weak to continue the journey, and was admitted to hospital. In spite of all the care and attention bestowed upon him in that institution for nine weeks, his demise took place as above stated. The body, encased in a leaden and richly mounted cedar coffin, was brought to his mother's residence at Moruya on Saturday. The funeral took place on Sunday, the lengthy concourse testifying to the high esteem in which deceased was held. Besides a widowed mother deceased leaves two brothers, George and James (Moruya), Mrs. Albert Simpson (Kiama), Mrs. W. H. Milliken (Kiora), Mrs. E. Simpson (Bowral), Miss Isabel Turner (Moruya), Mrs. Symon (Kiama), and Miss Philomena (Moruya). ...

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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

A recent column on whether mathematics was an invention, or a discovery drew more email responses than almost any other. I shouldn't have been surprised. The readership of this splendid publication is clearly highly intelligent and of a questing mind.

Those who favoured one or the other split fairly evenly, and after subsequent discussion I find myself more in the 'invention' camp. After all, Pi was unquestionably an invention of Archimedes and it's only an approximation anyway.

It's a human tool. Creatures with much bigger brains than ours – the Sperm whale, for example – have no need of such tools so didn't bother inventing them. The 'discovery' folk are probably guilty of the same homocentric outlook that science has been battling since Galileo dared report the findings of his telescope.

This was a great relief since, as mentioned in the original Gadfly, the question had kept me awake at nights when I should be saving my energy for the daily editing of my next book out in 2025, the hidden story of the co-founder of our National Capital, Charles Weston.

Trouble is, there's another question that leapt in to take its place. It too has fierce proponents on both sides and is even more consequential for our daily lives: Is there really such a thing as 'free will'?

Science is doubtful. Experiments have shown that our brains decide on a course of action some four seconds before we are aware of it. But that's not the whole story. Far from it.

For example: in retrospect, everything that happened in the past was inevitable. This is obvious because all the factors aligned to make it happen. So, how can there be 'free will' when we are all simply responding to what went before? And if we're merely the puppets of yesterday how then can we be blamed for our actions?

It's true that as a society we lay down firm guidelines we call 'the law' to direct our behaviour and hopefully that should be sufficient to keep the place in reasonable running order. But look around. There is a crisis of domestic violence. Massive cartels are making billions trading worldwide in banned substances. And they're corrupting the folk appointed to deter them.

There are wars raging in Africa, the Middle East and the fringe of Europe where it seems only a matter of time before that terrifying American invention, the atomic bomb makes its second entry, stage right.

In fact, war has become such a part of our existence that we've even made laws designed to apply to the utter lawlessness of this mutual murder! And every night on TV the news shows children being bombed, yet we don't rise up as one and demand it cease!

Even if we don't blast ourselves to pieces, our homeland, this beautiful blue planet, is becoming unliveable. And we have no one to blame but ourselves. The guidelines, it seems, were insufficient to discourage the greed, the selfishness and the self-reliance required.

Instead, we preferred to listen to the fables of a shaman-cum-priesthood that promised the same old cure-all to our fear of death. And no matter how extravagant their temples - from the looted pyramids to the empty cathedrals, the blue mosques to the golden buddhas - they stand as sad monuments to our fatal credulity.

It is hard to believe that on a bare canvas, we would opt for the horrors that confront us. Are they really a product of our 'free will'?

Over to you.

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A Beer with Bazz # 163

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“There is no point hiding behind your schooner, Bazza. Come on... name one thing Albo has actually done since being elected that has made our lives better. I mean he is a good bloke and I am sure he could yarn away in the pub all afternoon.”

Mick paused for a sip of his schooner and Bazza motioned to speak.

“Now Bazza... you’re a good bloke but you would be a lousy prime minister. You would be backing every fringe or alternate idea whilst tip toeing around the hard decisions so you don’t offend all your soft lefty mates. Come on... name one thing he has done.”

Bazza rubbed his chin and clicked his tongue.

“Well...Mick, I guess the stage three tax cuts count.”

Mick spluttered his beer.

“Stage three tax cuts... are you joking, Bazza? The stage three tax cuts was not a signature reform. Giving people back money the government has taken from them, only to be swallowed up by cost of living increases anyway, does not excite anyone for long. No one remembers tax cuts. People remember big policy ideas like Medicare, the gun laws, superannuation and the NDIS because they change lives.”

Mick chuckled.

“Bazza... who would of thought all that feel good popularity after the last election would amount to nought reform? I think Tim Walz, the Democrat’s Vice President nomination for the upcoming US election nailed it when he said ‘You don’t win elections to bank political capital—you win elections to burn capital and improve lives’.”

Bazza screwed his eyes, took another sip and leaned in.

“We really should be talking about the finals in the footy, Mick.”

Mick scoffed out loud.

“Nah... you do not get off that lightly, Bazza. I reckon this term of government is a bit like a kid’s birthday party gone wrong.”

Bazza’s eyes darted around the bar and he gritted his teeth.

“You see, Bazza... election night was like the start of the party. All the kids are happy scoffing lollies and sipping the red cordial. Everything is set for a fun afternoon and the birthday boy, Albo, could not be happier. The once hostile migrant neighbours are even willing to join the fun.”

Bazza shifted on his bar stool and his hand cradled his forehead.

“So it is all going well, Bazza... until an uninvited guest and neighbourhood bully turns up at the celebration, criticises some of the games and promises a better party on his birthday. Well... the birthday boy is keen to stay popular and makes changes to his party in accordance with the suggestions and even promises a much better one next year.”

Bazza glowered.

“Ok...ok...enough Mick.”

Mick’s face beamed.

‘Ahhh...almost there Bazza. Anyhow, the party guests are bored with this turn of events and agree with the uninvited guest that it would be fun to swap the piñata for the birthday boy. The uninvited guest is happy to hand out baseball bats instead of sticks.’

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\$1.7 million funding boost for Gilmore child care centres

Eight child care operators in the Gilmore electorate will share in more than \$1.7 million federal funding to help them address barriers to participation, particularly targeting disadvantaged and vulnerable families and communities.

The Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) aims to improve early learning, schooling, student educational outcomes and transitions to and from school through access to quality early childhood education and care, support, parent engagement, quality teaching and learning environments.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said the funding would help services in Gilmore to remain viable and sustainable, and help with the cost of renovating, extending, or building new facilities.

"I'm thrilled that we're supporting eight local child care and early education centres, family day care providers and out of school hours care facilities to help improve or extend their services," Mrs Phillips said.

"By opening longer hours, or providing additional services, it means more parent and carers will be able to have greater choice when it comes to increasing their hours of work or education, knowing their children are being cared for.

"Child care services in regional areas like Gilmore are so important, and ensure children can access the transformational benefits of early learning no matter where they live."

ECTARC's Clipper Road Early Education and Care Service in East Nowra will receive \$387,727 to bring together educators and early intervention specialists to support vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families.

Service CEO Anita Kumar said the funding would "make a world of difference to the staff, children and families who utilise the service".

"It will provide us with a child and family practitioner, psychologist and a key worker to further support children and families dealing with vulnerabilities, complex health issues and / or living in disadvantaged children and families," she said.

"This funding will allow us to help shift life trajectories for children so that they have an opportunity to flourish. It will support educators in developing skills, knowledge as well as access much needed allied health support.

"We greatly appreciate this funding, which will help us further strengthen our service to continue to make a positive impact in the communities we serve."

ECTARC has supported the Illawarra and Shoalhaven communities for almost 40 years.

Mrs Phillips said the funding came as the Albanese Government a 15 per cent pay rise for Early Childhood Education and Care workers.

"The wonderful, dedicated individuals that nurture our youngest citizens are some of the most vital workers in our country," she said.

"They deserve our thanks, and they deserve to be paid properly. That's why I wholeheartedly welcome this government's decision to fund a 15 per cent pay rise.

"Early educators are helping shape the youngest generation in my electorate of Gilmore. As a mum of four, I've seen first-hand over many years, the significant work local child care and early learning centres do to create better, smarter and more capable Australians."

Gilmore recipients are:

- Eurobodalla Family Day Care (\$400,000)
- Moruya After School and Vacation Care (\$86,000, \$18,981)
- Noah's Mundamia Early Learning Centre (\$49,000)
- ECTARC Clipper Road Early Education and Care Service (\$387,727)
- Shoalhaven Family Day Care (\$80,000)
- One Tree Defence Childcare Unit Tingira (\$148,958)
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Congratulations to Little Sellers Art Prize winner Alison Muller and scholarship winner Sarmaya Te Kowhai. This year's theme, "You're the Voice," was chosen to inspire young artists to explore and express their creativity. Each year judges use the same criteria as the Basil Sellers Art Prize: technical skill, originality and creativity, and overall impression in the context of the theme. With so many amazing entries, selecting winners is always a challenge. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up who received vouchers to Amanda's of Mogo. We love seeing kids experience the gallery. Our arts manager Indi Carmichael says: "a young person who visits a gallery today is an adult who appreciates art tomorrow".

Read more about the art prize on the Bas website: www.thebas.com.au/bas-kids/little-sellers-art-prize

Award recipients

- Elora Ball, runner up for the year category 1 – 4.
- Arnhem Nunes, winner for the year category 1 – 4.
- Deua Nunes, runner up for the year category 5 -7.
- Sabine Smith, winner for the year category 5 -7.
- Amelia Hick, runner up for the year category 8 - 10.
- Alison Muller, winner for the year category 8 – 10.
- Lotus Turner, runner up for the year category 11 - 12.
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Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre

Mark your calendars and get ready to witness the magic of Gillian Wilde’s art!

Before we know it, “Hope is the Thing with Feathers” will be here. This special retrospective exhibition will showcase the artistic evolution of award-winning local artist Gillian Wilde.

Gillian has captivated audiences and rightfully garnered acclaim since winning the River of Art Prize in 2014, and more recently, the Eurobodalla Award through the Basil Sellers Art Prize in 2022.

Her mastery in watercolours and hand-dyed papers cut into collages, bring her bird subjects to life demonstrating a profound connection to nature. Her artworks have been celebrated for their emotional depth and striking beauty and you will see why when you visit the exhibition in just a couple of weeks.

When: 14 September – 12 October

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Market stall applications for Crank it Up Batemans Bay 2024 are now OPEN! This year, we’re adding an additional market stall area to bring you even more variety—think arts and crafts, local goodies, unique collectibles, and mouth-watering treats. Preference will be given to stalls that can trade both Saturday and Sunday. But hurry, we’ve only got 30 sites available, and they’re sure to fill up fast! Apply now to secure your spot and avoid disappointment! Apply online <https://crankitupbatemansbay.com/Markets/>

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NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is excited to announce it is hiring 7 new employees to fill vital roles on the beautiful South Coast.

Stretching from Wollongong to the Victorian Border, NPWS South Coast Branch manages 96 national parks, flora reserves, nature reserves and other protected lands along more than 400 km of spectacular coastline, and its staff are its backbone.

The NSW South Coast is rich in experiences, from walking on the world's whitest sand at Jervis Bay to rainforests in the Southern Highlands, as well as countless spots for swimming, birdwatching and hiking.

As a member of the NPWS, each working day is a new adventure: one day you might be working on the Light-to-Light walking track, the next undertaking weed control in a protected rainforest area, the next heading out to sea as part of a whale disentanglement operation.

NPWS is looking to fill multiple field roles including Field Supervisors and Senior Field Officers, and recruitment is open now.

NPWS South Coast Field Supervisor Nicki said 'I've experienced some incredible days on the job, from working at the remote Green Cape Lighthouse visitor precinct to remote area firefighting and delivering pest and weed programs, no two days are ever the same.'

NPWS South Coast Director Julie Peterson said 'We are on the hunt for problem solvers who have a passion for the outdoors, who can use initiative and think on their feet and who will bring a good practical approach to their work.'

'I'm hoping to see some passionate locals throw their hat in the ring for these exciting roles and become a vital part of protecting more than 2 million ha of National Parks land on the South Coast.'

For more information on these roles or to submit an application, please visit [I work for NSW](#).



Creatives come together :

Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon

Moruya Library

Salon 1: Thursday 10 October 5.30 to 7.30pm

Exhibition dates: Monday 30 September to Thursday 10 October

Moruya Library

Salon 2: Thursday 24 October 5.30 to 7.30pm

Exhibition dates: Monday 14 October to Thursday 24 October

Join us at Moruya Library for unique events showcasing the work of two local art communities. In partnership with Eurobodalla Writers, Moruya Library presents the 2024 Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon, where writers and visual artists come together to spark each other's creativity.

Local writers will create a new literary work inspired by the work of a local artist. Writers and artists will present their work over two evening events. We invite you to an elegant twilight function with light refreshments, to experience this fascinating creative collaboration. During the month of October the artworks will also be displayed in Moruya Library.

Free event. For evening Salon events, bookings essential via Eventbrite

For more information on our Library events please visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events



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Report confirms cattle can't be climate scapegoat

A new government report has further demonstrated the need for a comprehensive approach to climate accounting that uses modern science and acknowledges the difference between enteric methane emissions and carbon dioxide from fossil fuels.

The Climate Change Authority Sector Pathways (CCASP) report, released yesterday, confirms that safeguarding Australia's food and fibre production is critical for food security and economic growth, and that food production and land management are interlinked with societal and environmental issues.

"Primary producers actively manage their landscapes in a way to ensure environmental health, livestock health and productivity priorities can be met," **Cattle Australia CEO Dr Chris Parker said.**

"The role primary producers play in managing more than 50% of the nation's landmass should be better supported and encouraged, and the CCASP report acknowledges this by stating that technologies that reduce agricultural emissions and simultaneously achieve productivity benefits are a priority."

However, Dr Parker rejected the report's claims agriculture would struggle to reach net zero and implored regulators to apply modern, fair and appropriate accounting for the red meat sector.

"Biogenic methane emissions are short-lived and part of a natural cycle – it is utterly ridiculous to suggest that people need to reduce red meat consumption and compromise a healthy diet to support environmental outcomes," Dr Parker said.

"Livestock are a critical source of food security and cattle producers play a crucial role in biodiversity management. Scapegoating the livestock industry by asking farmers to give up land to offset the emissions of the fossil fuels sector puts these at risk."

Cattle Australia has consistently pointed out to government the scientific evidence showing methane emissions are part of a 12-year, short-lived biogenic cycle. They therefore have a different impact on global warming than emissions from fossil fuels which are additional to the atmosphere and persist for thousands of years.

"There are serious ramifications from the current approach to carbon accounting, not just for our sector but society as a whole," Dr Parker said.

"This report bells the cat on the need for an urgent rethink of carbon accounting so that comprehensive policies can be developed that take into consideration global food security, human health, biodiversity and land management."

Weed spraying underway at sportsgrounds and reserves

Annual weed spraying is underway at Council reserves and sportsgrounds, continuing through to October.

During work certain areas will be closed off to the public so weeds such as bindii and clover can be sprayed and left to dry. Signs will be in place asking people to stay off the grass, with details of the time, date and herbicide used.

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Climate change report highlights challenges for agriculture in reaching net zero

The release of the Climate Change Authority Sector Pathways (CCASP) report today provides a timely reflection on the challenges facing the agriculture sector in Australia's transition to net zero.

National Farmers' Federation President David Jochinke welcomed the report as a balanced and detailed document that reinforces the realities previously highlighted by the sector: net zero emissions by 2050 is not achievable for Australian agriculture under current conditions.

"The report adopts a multi-scenario approach, including analyses from the CSIRO, and makes clear that none of the scenarios achieve net zero for agriculture by 2050.

"The most ambitious of these, which factors in 5 million hectares of vegetative offsets, raises significant concerns.

"Achieving offsets through land reallocation on this scale would have a profound and detrimental impact on food and fibre production."

The report aligns with these concerns, acknowledging that climate change is likely to increase competition for suitable land, and underlines the importance of safeguarding food and fibre security. It also highlights the ongoing need for technological advancements to help the sector decarbonise, outlining a range of innovations that need to be progressed to enable a reduction in emissions from the agriculture sector, including:

- Feed supplements;
- Slow-release or nitrification-inhibiting coated fertilisers;
- Improved herd and pasture management;
- Manure management; and
- Renewable or electric vehicles and machinery.

"Farmers are already doing the hard yards in these areas, but there's still a lot of work to do to make sure these innovations are affordable and effective."

However, the report recognises that the widespread adoption of these technologies is not expected until after 2035.

Mr Jochinke said one element of concern in the report was the suggestion of changing dietary preferences away from red meat.

"The NFF strongly opposes this notion, maintaining that a balanced and nutritious diet includes red meat.

"The idea that alternative animal proteins could replace red meat in Australia's unique rangelands is severely misguided."

The report also identifies several significant barriers that must be addressed if Australia is to successfully transition to net zero. It highlights the following:

- Slow and complicated development approval processes for renewable energy infrastructure;
- A lack of community support for key clean energy projects, such as wind and solar infrastructure and transmission lines;
- Supply chain constraints for low-emission technologies;
- The cost of low and zero-emissions technologies;
- Workforce shortages in regional areas and in new industries;
- Gaps in data that hinder effective planning for decarbonisation and investment decisions.

"Agriculture faces substantial challenges in meeting infrastructure demands, particularly for renewable energy and new transmission lines," Mr Jochinke explained.

"The report rightly acknowledges that maintaining 'social licence' is critical for the success of these projects. This should be a wake-up call for project proponents to engage early and meaningfully with regional communities."

"This report aligns with the views expressed by Ministers Watt and Bowen during the Sustainable Agriculture Summit – agriculture cannot be the solution for other sectors' emissions through offsetting.

"Innovation, respect for land use, and careful planning will be key in ensuring agriculture can continue to thrive in Australia's net zero future."

There's stalls and activities to explore and plenty of informative presentations and discussions.

Bookings are required for some workshops.

Where: Riverside Park Amphitheatre, off Ford Street, Moruya

When: Saturday 14 September 9am to 5pm

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

Lunch: Be well, eat well, choose well - Moruya

Friday 13 September 2024 11:30am - 2pm

At The SAGE Gardens, 110 Queen Street, Moruya **Cost:** \$10
Join us for a mouth-watering long table community lunch. Savour locally grown and sourced seasonal produce prepared by SAGE Catering and get inspired to make sustainable food choices to eat well and be well. Guest speaker Ian Martin from Martins Ridge Farm will share his journey of creating a chemical free, sustainable regenerative farm, raising pigs and cattle on pasture. You'll learn about Martin's natural free range mixed farming practices and how biodiversity flavours his meat. SAGE volunteers will then take us on a tour of the garden to demonstrate the elements of a sustainable local food system. You'll also see how much you can achieve on a small suburban block by creating a diverse and productive garden.

Things you need to know

- Lunch options include vegan and gluten-free salads.
- Martins Ridge Farm pork and beef sausages are gluten-free.
- Bread from Honorbread is not gluten-free.
- Bring your own drinks - water is provided.

Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal kindly funded this event. Bookings are required

You'll need to book your spot as places are limited:

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More information contact Alex King: 4474 1083

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BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE M, 1H 44M, COMEDY/HORROR	2.30pm 6.15pm*	2.30pm 6.35pm	3pm 7.10pm	3pm 7.10pm		2.30pm 6.35pm	2.30pm 6.35pm
THELMA M, 1H 38M, COMEDY/ACTION	6.30pm for 7pm (FILM SOCIETY ALL WELCOME)	12.30pm 4.20pm*	1pm 5.10pm	1pm 5.10pm		12.30pm 4.20pm*	12.30pm 4.20pm*
THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE M, 1H 32M, FRENCH COMEDY ONE WEEK ONLY (FOREIGN FILM FEST)	2pm* 4.40pm	12pm* 4.40pm	11am 4.35pm*	11am 4.35pm*		12pm* 4.40pm	12pm* 4.40pm
ALIEN: ROMULUS MA, 1H 59M, HORROR/SCI-FI	3.55pm*	1.55pm* 6.20pm*	6.30pm*	6.30pm*		1.55pm* 6.20pm*	1.55pm* 6.20pm*
IT ENDS WITH US (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 10M, DRAMA/ROMANCE			11.30am*	11.30am*			
DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE (LAST WEEK) MA 15+, 2H 7M, ACTION/COMEDY			2pm*	2pm*			



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TAKE MY HAND M 102 MIN	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	11:15 AM		1:30 PM	1:30 PM
THE FABULOUS FOUR M 99 MIN	3:00 PM	1:15 PM				3:00 PM	1:15 PM



BETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE
M| 1hr 45min
~ Comedy ~ Fantasy ~
Michael Keaton, Jenna Ortega & Winona Ryder
Beetlejuice is back! three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid, accidentally opens the portal to the Afterlife.



A HORSE NAMED WINX
CTC| 1hr 57min
~ Documentary ~
Chris Walker, Andrew Rule, Hugh Bowman & Winx
A Horse Named Winx tells the inspirational story of one of our greatest athletes. At the height of her fame, Winx became known as the "people's horse"—an Australian icon who transcended her sport—joining the realms of fellow legends like Cathy Freeman and Sir Donald Bradman.



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.



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.



AFRAID M| 1hr 24min ~ Horror
Katherine Waterston & John Cho
Curtis' family is selected to test a new home device: a digital assistant called AIA. AIA learns the family's behaviors and begins to anticipate their needs.



IT ENDS WITH US Blake Lively
M| 2hrs 10min ~ Drama ~ Romance ~
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2024 Diary Dates

- 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**

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Change the date

Lions Club of Moruya High Tea will now be held on Saturday 9th November. High Tea in honour of Mary Kell at the CWA in Moruya Cost \$30 per person More details to follow


NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moruya Business Chamber Incorporated will hold its 2024 Annual General Meeting from 6:00pm on Thursday 19 September 2023 at Moruya Golf Club, Committee Room. All association members are invited to attend and participate in elections.



Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help to raise funds for your Hospital would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm. To find out more email mgha@7mail.com or OP Box 469 Moruya 2537



COMMUNITY PICNIC ALL WELCOME

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM 12:00-14:00

Russ Martin Park Moruya

Event by [South Coast Community Kitchen](#)

Russ Martin Park Moruya

All welcome to this Free Community Picnic. Hosted by volunteers from Stone River Church.

Anyone can be struggling financially at any time. We started these picnics in 2019 as a way for people to come together, have a nice meal, in a safe space without judgement. No matter your situation, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

CWA Tilba High Tea

CWA Tilba is proud to support our local community including Central Tilba Public School, Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool and Central Tilba Rural Fire Brigade-NSWRFS. After the huge success of our Vintage Garden Party High Tea, we will be running another High Tea, this time with French champagne as our major fundraising event. It will be held on Sunday 27 October from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Historic Henkley Farm. Strictly limited numbers with only 50 tickets at \$70 each. To book your tickets or reserve your table, contact [Helen Thomson](#) by text 0407 100 710 or email hthomson0@gmail.com

Looking for Rose Kelly

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Monday 16 September 2024

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MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

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Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarship

Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarships 2024. Applications are now open for students planning to commence tertiary studies in 2025.

These scholarships help with some of the financial costs of university expenses.

Applicants for the scholarships must live in the area defined by Tomago River in the North and Tuross River in the South. Applicants should be in their final year of secondary studies, year 12 or equivalent, and attend a high school in the defined area, e.g. Moruya High, Carroll College, or St Peters College. Applications Close 1 November 2024.

For more information, please download the Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarship Guideline and Application Form from the Moruya Rotary website:

<https://www.moruyarotaryclub.org.au/page/youth-projects>

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Youth climate summit - Moruya

Thursday 24 October 2024 9am - 4pm

Where: RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street, Moruya Cost: free

Young people aged 12 - 24 in Eurobodalla are invited to join

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year's theme 'All for One' with other young leaders and

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For more information contact Sustainability Coordinator Alex

King: T: 4474 1083

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Tuesday, 10 September
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Commencing at Sunrise

Join us at either of our walk locations

- Hanging Rock Sporting Complex Batemans Bay
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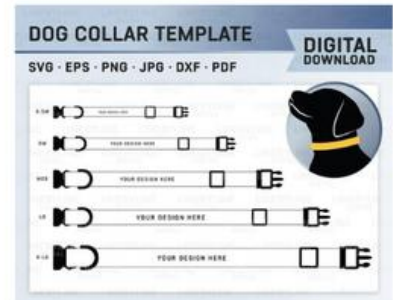
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COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP
10/65 QUEEN ST MORUYA

Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Ken Hush with Vice Captain Paul Ferguson.



Winners: Samantha Dryden, Gail Rogers and Kerrie Sands.



Winners: Maree and Paula Coffey

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 31st August 2024

A field of 43 players registered for a Medley Stableford event.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ken Hush (14) with 44 points
- 2nd: Graeme Bell (22) with 39 points
- 3rd: Mark Haberkorn (15) with 38 points
- 4th: Allan Langford (17) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pin

4th: Frank Pomfret 3.0 B

Grade

Balls went to:

Paul Medwin 35, Greg Maloney 35, Martin Booth 34, John Phyland 34, Frank Pomfret 34, Peter Engelbrecht 34, Matthew Kennedy 34, Colin Houghton 34, David Schmid 34, Steven O'Shea 33, Peter Hogan 33, Stephen Swanbury 33, Shane Gschwend 33, Ruth Gschwend 32 and Jenny Reilly 32.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results Tuesday 3rd September 2024

22 ladies signed up for a Par event today. The sun was shining and the game was enjoyed by all.

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Gail Rogers +1
- 2nd: Pauline Nash -1 (countback)

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Samantha Dryden +1
- 2nd: Cate O'Brien -1

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Kerrie Sands +3
- 2nd: Maree Coffey 0

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Chris Wratten 0 - 35
- 7th: Kerrie Sands 36 - 45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Marilyn Bingham
- 15th: Leonie Snodgrass

Place Getters:

Paula Coffey -1, Chris Wratten -1, Leonie Snodgrass -3, Jenny Reilly -3, Jane Eglitis -3 and Teri Swanbury -3.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 4th September 2024

A field of 34 players registered for a 2 person Stableford multiplier event today. It was a beautiful Spring day and the course in great condition.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Maree and Paula Coffey with 49 points
- 2nd: Ken Hush and Ross Hendy with 31 points
- 3rd: Rob McKirdy and Jane Eglitis with 29 points
- 4th: Steve Swanbury and Rob Nash with 24 points
- 5th: Tony Crook and Warren Hodder with 23 points
- 6th: Paul Pereira and Ron Hanlon with 22 points
- 7th: Bruce Martin and Steve Johnston with 20 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Steve Collins (2nd shot In The Hole)
- 6th: Peter McRae (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Maree Coffey (2nd shot)
- Mens: Ian Manton (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Mike Birks

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Driving Change

Tackle World Moruya

Moruya River.

The days are certainly starting to warm up, and looking at the sea surface temperature charts, there appears to be a slightly warmer current starting to push its way down the coast. This warmer water is what will really kick the fishing off. Spring does however bring a mixed bag of weather conditions, the wind is something we are going to have to deal with for the next month or so. A forecast day time top of 31deg today, will certainly help push up the water temps over the sand and mud flats up today. Fishing these flats as the tide starts to turn and run out, will give the sun the most opportunity to have warmed the water that covers them up, making the fish more active on the run out tide. Be sure to look at the drop off areas or small channels that drain off a flat, as flathead and bream will both patrol these areas looking for a feed.

There are several areas like this in the Moruya system, the airport flats, back of the hole in the wall, Garlandtown flats, the dirt boat ramp north of Malabar creek, under the town bridge, the flats around the hospital and finally the flats around Yarragee. So there are plenty of options available for you to explore. Some can be accessed from the bank, while others require the use of some type of water craft. Check google earth and have an explore.

Up in the fresh, the bass have started to become more active. With days forecast like today, the fish will become even more active as the waters upstream warm up. My go to for bass early season is spinner baits slowly retrieved hard into cover.

Tuross river.

There have been good reports of some nice consistent flathead captures in Tuross this last week. Much like the above mentioned areas, the shallow sand and mud flat areas have been producing the most fish towards the top of the tide, and the run out tide. Smaller presentations this time of year are the best course of action when throwing lures. 2.5" soft plastics or smaller profile hardbody lures will work a treat when retrieved slowly over likely area. Concentrate the drop offs and drain or channels in these areas for fish laying in an ambush position.

Tuross has the advantage of a much bigger system than Moruya, and has a lot more areas that can hold active fish. Given the size of the area, a boat really is the best option to get out and explore Eurobodalla's premier fishery, as land based options are considerably less.

Rock and beach.

There are still good numbers of salmon and tailor off the beaches this week, but the wind has definitely made it more difficult to find a sheltered spot. The forecast for Sunday is looking to be the pick of the days, both for wind strength and predicted rainfall, not there is much for Saturday rain wise. We could however do with a few mm of rain to get the spring growth to come through.

Offshore.

Snapper and flathead are still readily available for those that like to fish the inshore reefs. Good reports have come from depths ranging in as little as 15m of water out to 50m of water. So there should be options for everyone this weekend. Just be sure to keep an eye on the weather forecast, as the wind can't seem to make up its mind which direction it wants to come from this weekend.

The bait freezer is stocked up again, we did get a limited amount of 1kg salted pilchards on Wednesday, so everything is available at this stage.

I have both the old model Daiwa TD Black and Shimano Zodias rods at cost price at the moment, that equates to \$100 dollars off both models!! Come in and grab yourself a bargain.

If you can, please consider supporting my daughters walk for suicide prevention. There is a pinned link at the top of the page, if this is something you are able to help with. Any support is appreciated.

What ever you get up to this weekend,

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results – Saturday 31st August 2024 – Finals

- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 19 defeated Braidwood "Redbacks" 14

One of the best games 2024 with both teams in an arm wrestle the entire game. A yellow card against Braidwood in the final 10 minutes gave Jindabyne the edge to win

- Bungendore "Mudchooks" 41 defeated Yass "Rams" 33

Bungendore continued their strong finals footy with another strong performance to move them into next weeks Grand Final

Next weekend – Saturday 7th September 2024 – Grand Final

- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" v Bungendore "Mudchooks" @ Jindabyne – kick off 2.30pm

Competition table

• Jindabyne "Bushpigs"	68
• Braidwood "Redbacks"	47
• Hall "Bushrangers"	46
• Bungendore "Mudchooks"	42
• Yass "Rams"	40
• Taralga "Tigers"	34
• Crookwell "Dogs"	33
• ADFA ACT	23
• Cooma "Red Devils"	23
• Batemans Bay "Boars"	0

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Friday 12th July 24 - Tuross / Bodalla Race Day

AUGUST

Sunday 18th August 24 - Registered Clubs Race Day

Friday 30th August 24 - Pubs Day

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 17th September 24 - Hospitality Day

OCTOBER

Friday 4th October 24 - Legend Of The South / Batemans Bay Cup

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5th November 24 - Big Dance / Cup Race Day (Non TAB)

DECEMBER

Sunday 22nd December 24 - Narooma Cup / Christmas Cup

JANUARY

Monday 6th January 25 - Moruya Cup

Friday 17th January 25 - Family Race Day

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NSW aquaculture industry targets \$300 million future



NSW Oyster Conference Best Dressed Oysters and Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW Tara Moriarty with Pip Boyton General Manager of Marine Operations at Australia's Oyster Coast. Photos Tara Moriarty



The NSW Government has committed to working with industry to double the farm gate value of the NSW aquaculture sector to \$300 million by 2030 through innovative research, continual investment in breeding programs and a commitment to water quality improvements.

The launch of the **NSW Aquaculture Vision Statement**, which outlines an overarching approach to the development of the State's aquaculture industries, came as more than 300 state, interstate and international delegates attended the national Oyster Industry Conference in Port Macquarie.

The Vision Statement is a joint industry and government initiative built on a shared approach to seafood production, developing bioproducts and climate change adaptation.

Key to delivering a doubling in the farm gate value of the NSW aquaculture industries will be industry and government supported initiatives including:

- Managing oyster industry risk through a breeding program, plus alternate species
- Innovative research at DPIRD research stations and with partners
- Opening up new areas for marine aquaculture (mussels, oysters, algae)
- Promoting the environmental benefits of aquaculture – e.g. algae, oysters and mussels all take up excess nutrients and help improve water quality
- Streamlining aquatic biosecurity rules to facilitate access to interstate spat supply
- Protecting and enhancing water quality
- Providing opportunity for Aboriginal people to participate in aquaculture businesses.

The Government and industry will develop a detailed roadmap that will guide implementation of the target initiatives of the Vision Statement to reach the target of \$300m by 2030.

The oyster sector, which underpins the aquaculture industry, is the fastest growing seafood segment in NSW, having increased in farm gate value by 30 percent in 2022/23 to \$78m.

In addition, the oyster industry contributes more than \$30 million to the NSW by employing thousands of people across production, wholesale, processing, retail and agri-tourism.

The oyster industry also prides itself on their commitment to water quality monitoring and protection of the marine environment.

The Minns Government has recently announced it is investing more than \$3 million to provide much needed upgrades at the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute to enhance breeding and research facilities for shellfish, including oysters and finfish, for innovation in seafood production to support the industry vision.

The Government has also provided financial support for aquaculture and commercial fishing businesses with fee relief as they were impacted by natural disaster and aquatic disease – the White Spot prawn virus, and QX disease in Sydney Rock Oysters.

Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty said "These past few years have been tough for oyster farmers with NSW estuaries having suffered from storms, floods, harvest area closures, disease and climate change impacts.

"Despite this, the increasing output of produce highlights the strength of the industry and the people who work in it.

"The NSW Aquaculture Vision Statement is the result of the hard work of oyster farmers and the aquaculture industry, working in collaboration with government, looking to a future where NSW grown oysters are enjoyed across Australia and in every country around the world.

"The Government is investing in research infrastructure and collaborative activities to drive industry growth, the sustainable development of our natural resources, and to support innovation so that industry can manage the risks and take advantage of opportunities for the coming decades." Brandon Armstrong, Chair of the NSW Farmers Oyster Committee said "Our growers are embracing new opportunities and innovation, and we're excited to see the industry grow in line with our Vision Statement launched today.

"This conference is a great way to bring the industry together to share, learn and connect with other farmers and industry stakeholders.

"The Mid Coast region has experienced a lot of hardship the past few years, but the industry is recovering well."



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