

The Festival of Sustainable Choices held last Saturday at Riverside Park featured performances by local musicians, showcases of upcycling innovations, and interactive workshops. Highlights included a yoga session and a listening circle that set a positive tone for the weekend. The workshop tent provided valuable insights on worm farming, composting, seed raising, sourdough baking, and sustainable skincare. In the conversation tent there was plenty of chat and know-how on energy bills, fast fashion, eVehicles, permaculture, home design, and ethics of climate action. Pictured are the King and Queen of Green with Council Sustainability Officer Alex King.



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## Lesson from Congo Road Supreme Court Case?

On 29 August 2024 the NSW Supreme Court found Eurobodalla Shire Council had failed in its bid to restore the northern road access to Congo – which has been used by residents and visitors since the 1970's – and awarded costs against the Council.

Congo residents and visitors there, are still left with no escape to any bushfires coming from the South and West. It should be noted that the Supreme Court found, in summary, that there was a legal way for the road to be made, but that Council had not followed due process; a finding which may provide scope for a class action for millions of dollars against Council if lives are lost due to bushfires. It may be argued that the gates to the existing road can be opened by emergency services when a fire is coming. This however, depends on the speed and size of the fire and the availability of emergency services staff – who may well be otherwise committed in such a situation.

As most readers of the Moruya Mail will know, the Congo Road dispute between Council and the landowner involved has been going on for years. At its meeting on 21 November last year, Council approved a new road to Congo and assured us it would be completed before this summer. This approval was made despite an objection by the landowner, who lodged it via counsel in a senior Sydney law firm, Sparke Helmore – which specialises in Local Government law. Our Council General Manager advised the Councillors that all the bases were covered and they could approve the proposed road arrangements. The General Manager, at this stage, will not tell us precisely what he did to obtain legal clearance for the proposed road, but clearly it did not adequately address the issues raised by Sparke Helmore's solicitors.

Despite the risks of Supreme Court Action, it would seem that the General Manager was reliant on general advice from the Lands Department and local legal officers – rather than getting advice from more highly qualified Senior Counsel. No Councillors challenged the wisdom of the General Manager recommending approval without Senior Counsel legal advice.

The net result is that Eurobodalla ratepayers are down hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal costs, everyone else involved has wasted their time, Congo Road remains closed and its residents can only pray if a fire comes their way.

Frank Ross  
Moruya

## Congo Road north Supreme Court decision

ESC Media Release

A NSW Supreme Court judgement has prevented Eurobodalla Council's plan to re-open a northern access to Congo, a coastal village east of the highway near Moruya.

A short portion of the northern access road that runs through private property was closed by the landowner in November 2021 citing potential liability issues, leaving Congo Road south the single entry and exit to the village.

Residents sought support to reopen a northern access and Council worked with Crown Lands to find a solution that centred on a "paper road" that runs through the private property. Crown Lands transferred ownership of the paper road to Council, after which Council attempted to register a survey plan that identified the boundaries of the public road over the formed "track in use" in accordance with sections 18 to 21 of the Roads Act. Success would have allowed the track to be re-opened under Council ownership.

The landowner commenced legal proceedings in November 2023 to challenge Council's decision and the matter was heard in the NSW Supreme Court in February 2024.

Justice Rothman's decision was handed down this month and determined that the track in use is not a public road, and that the boundaries of the new road identified by Council's survey plan did not sufficiently approximate to the paper road.

As a consequence, Justice Rothman concluded that Council did not have the legislative authority to approve the survey plan identifying the boundaries of a public road over the track in use.

The Supreme Court prohibited Council from registering the plan with Land Registry Services New South Wales and undertaking any works required to open a public road over the track.

The Supreme Court did determine that the paper road is a public road, which was transferred to Council in May 2023. From that date, Council assumed responsibility as the roads authority for the paper road. Council is examining the implications of this transfer.

In addition to legal costs of around \$150,000, Council is required to also pay the plaintiff's legal costs for the Supreme Court hearing.

Council's General Manager Warwick Winn said the Supreme Court had provided clarity on the matter.

"It was important to test the potential of the paper road, and the court has now made a clear determination.

"Any future steps will be a matter for the new Council to consider," he said.

"We are preparing a detailed considerations paper for presentation to the incoming councillors, and the land owners have also sought to provide information to the new councillors.

"We will continue to provide updates to the Congo community about any future actions."

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# Hatcher leads in Eurobodalla council election

The elections for Eurobodalla Council show that Mayor Mat Hatcher of the Advance Eurobodalla Group will be returned to the top job of Mayor with almost 38% of the vote so far. Behind him is long standing councillor Rob Pollock on almost 17% followed by Narooma's Phil Constable on almost 15%

In the Councillor elections, the Advance Eurobodalla Group also gained 31% of the vote and looks likely to get three members elected.

This would likely be a Council made up of Mat Hatcher, Amber Schutz, Laurence Babbington, Phil Constable, Rob Pollock, Anthony Mayne, Colleen Turner, and possibly Sophia Keady and Sharon Winslade, all depending on preferences.

Of note was the very high Number of informal votes in the councillor election at 24.57%, however this was not reflected in the Mayoral vote with only 5.45% informal. The NSW Electoral Commission issued a reminder that the number of informal votes in the 2024 Local Government elections will not be clear until much later in the vote count process. We expect all check counts to be completed week commencing 30 September. The website will be updated progressively.

Acting NSW Electoral Commissioner Dr Matthew Phillips said in the Initial count process several types of votes are allocated to the "Informal/Other" category in the NSW Electoral Commission's Virtual tally room.

"At this early stage of the count process, the 'Informal/Other' category does not just include informal votes. It also includes other types of votes that undergo further sorting and counting", said Dr Phillips.

"For example, some candidates' formal, Below the line votes are included in the " Informal/Other" category votes figure category. In the [Virtual tally room](#) these candidates are marked with an asterix."

"During the Check count, these votes will be reviewed and, if formal, moved out of the "Informal/Other" group and included in the formal count numbers."

Dr Phillips said the "Informal/Other" category also includes ballot papers that are unclear ballot papers, and formal ballot papers that are marked both Above and Below the line.

In the Check count, all ballot papers will be data entered into our computer count system where each ballot paper is re-checked for formality and sorted to their correct category.

After the Check count, the "Informal/Other" votes number will reduce as the votes initially allocated to this category undergo scrutiny by election officials.

While the atmosphere at prepoll in Moruya was largely convivial, inspectors from the AEC were called to the Batemans Bay prepoll station after complaints of jostling at voters and illegally placed coreflutes.



Candidate	Party/IND	FP Votes	% Formal Votes
CONSTABLE Phil	IND	3,556	14.83%
HATCHER Mathew	IND	9,035	37.68%
MAYNE Anthony	IND	2,001	8.35%
TURNER Colleen	GRN	1,397	5.83%
POLLOCK Rob	IND	4,070	16.98%
JOHNSON Mick	IND	558	2.33%
MCASH Claire	IND	1,184	4.94%
WINSLADE Sharon	ALP	2,175	9.07%
<b>Total Formal Votes Counted</b>		<b>23,976</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Informal/Other Votes</b>		<b>1,383</b>	<b>5.45%</b>
<b>Progressive Total Votes</b>		<b>25,359</b>	

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/P arty/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal
A	Group A CONSTABLE Phil,	IND	2,868	1.34	14.95%
B	Group B FORD Jason,	IND	784	0.37	4.09%
C	Group C MCASH Claire,	IND	825	0.39	4.30%
D	Group D MAYNE Anthony,	IND	1,731	0.81	9.02%
E	Group E POLLOCK Rob,	IND	2,961	1.39	15.43%
F	Group F WINSLADE Sharon	ALP	2,396	1.12	12.49%
G	Group G TURNER Colleen,	GRN	1,439	0.67	7.50%
H	Group HATCHER Mathew	IND	6,019	2.82	31.37%
	Ungrouped GOW Neil,	IND	165	0.08	0.86%
<b>Total Formal Votes Counted</b>			<b>19,188</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Informal/Other Votes</b>			<b>6,250</b>		<b>24.57%</b>
<b>Progressive Total Votes</b>			<b>25,438</b>		

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## Hypocrisy exposed after failure to support Eurobodalla radiotherapy

**Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** has labelled Andrew Constance a hypocrite after he failed to deliver a radiation therapy service for the Eurobodalla when in government.

“At no time when the Liberal Government was in government at both the state and federal level, when Mr Constance was the state member and a senior cabinet minister, did they ever advocate for, nor deliver a radiation therapy service for the Eurobodalla,” she said.

“In fact, even when the federal Liberal Government in April 2019 announced funding for regional radiation services including in the Eurobodalla, then announced in August 2020 applications were opening, no application was even made for a radiation therapy service.”

Mrs Phillips said, at no time did Constance take steps to ensure an application was submitted for a radiation therapy service for the Eurobodalla.

“What is even worse, and of hypocritical proportions, is that he simply gave up federal funding and gave up any hope for a radiation therapy service,” she said.

“While working on the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, which also included his plans to close the Batemans Bay Hospital and Emergency Department, he didn’t lift one finger to fight for the addition of a much needed radiation therapy service.”

Mrs Phillips said Constance was playing politics with an important community facility and he was attempting to pull the wool over the eyes of vulnerable cancer patients and their families.

“It’s a bit rich of Andrew Constance, after himself failing to deliver a radiation therapy service, to be poo-pooing actual federal funding that I’ve secured and made sure remains available for a much-needed radiation therapy service,” she added.

“I’ve continued to work with our community, and advocate strongly through the Reid Report, instigated by Dr Michael Holland and the Minns Labor Government, for the absolute need for a Eurobodalla Radiation Therapy Service.

“His claims that I have been silent are complete and utter rubbish.

“I have had many positive conversations with the Federal Health Minister and Dr Michael Holland, about delivering the radiation therapy service for the Eurobodalla.

“We are continuing to work together for the best way to deliver the service, as opposed to Andrew Constance who failed to deliver, is all talk and just like Peter Dutton has nothing positive to contribute at all”.

Mrs Phillips knows the people of Eurobodalla desperately need the service.

“I will continue to push from every angle to make sure this service is delivered. I’m not letting this go,” she concluded.

## Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Receives Community Grant from Horizon Bank



The Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild were thrilled to receive a \$1,958 Community Grant from Horizon Bank, enabling the purchase of a chainsaw, case, and helmet set. This essential equipment will enhance the safety and efficiency of their members as they work on local timber projects.

According to Rick Stanford, Vice President of the Guild, the new equipment allows members to safely trim donated tree trunks to fit into their milling machine, resulting in usable timber slabs for various community projects. “This grant will significantly improve our operations and enable us to support even more local initiatives,” Stanford stated in their Grant application.

The Woodcraft Guild has a proud history of providing services to local organisations, including Anglicare, Eurobodalla Council, the Tai Chi Club, and the Moruya Jockey Club. The group benefits from skilled ex-Forestry members who offer safety and usage training, ensuring all members are equipped to handle the equipment responsibly.

Jenny McKenzie, Horizon Bank Moruya Branch Manager, expressed pride in the bank’s commitment to supporting local communities. “The Horizon Bank Community Grants program has delivered over \$22,000 to Eurobodalla-based organisations over the last couple of years. We are excited to support initiatives that make a real difference in the community,” Jenny said.

Recent recipients of the Horizon Bank Community Grants include Careflight, which received funding for emergency trauma training equipment, and Solve-TAD, which utilised their grant for bike trial assessments for children with disabilities, ultimately leading to the design of custom bikes. The Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW Batemans Bay also benefited by upgrading their radio room and vessel through their grant.

Horizon’s Community Grant Program will open for applications in mid-2025. For more information, please visit [horizonbank.com.au](http://horizonbank.com.au).

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# NSW residents urged to 'Get Ready' for the return of bush fires

The Rural Fire Service (RFS) is encouraging residents to dedicate this weekend to preparing themselves and their homes for the upcoming bush fire season.

This Get Ready Weekend (21 and 22 September), more than 300 Rural Fire Brigades will be hosting events across the state. These events will include firefighting equipment displays, information stands and workshops at various community venues such as shopping centres, local parks and fire stations.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said with a return to hot and dry conditions anticipated this summer, now was the perfect time for residents to prepare for the heightened risk of bush and grass fires.

"We can't be complacent. After several years of rainfall and flooding the vegetation has grown quickly and that is now drying out with the warmer weather, adding to fire risk," Minister Dib said.

"Recent research shows that 70 per cent of residents living in bush fire prone areas have some sort of plan for fire emergencies, but alarmingly, less than half have undertaken any preparatory work on their properties. "Volunteer firefighters will be on hand this weekend to discuss simple and cost-effective measures to reduce bush fire risk, such as clearing out gutters, trimming overhanging branches, and completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan."



Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers said volunteers were already hard at work across the state, having responded to more than 1,100 bush and grass fires since the beginning of July.

"While our firefighters are doing everything they can by conducting hazard reduction burns when weather conditions allow, preparation is a shared responsibility," Commissioner Rogers said.

"Our crews do a great job in very challenging situations but we can't have a fire truck at every home, so property owners must also take proactive steps to safeguard their homes and communities.

"Have a plan - know when you should leave, what to take and where you can go to. And look out for your family, friends and neighbours - make sure they, too, are ready and have a plan.

"The time to prepare is now, not when a fire is at your doorstep. That's often too late and could cost the life of a loved one or loss of property."

This year's Get Ready Weekend is on 21 and 22 September with more than 300 community events happening across the state. To learn more and find local events, visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/get-ready](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/get-ready).

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## Students help out planting koala corridor at Mogendoura Farm



Today students from St Peter's School planted hundreds of trees at Mogendoura Farm. The Eurobodalla Koala Recovery Project is working closely with local property owners to reconnect critical koala tree corridors across the region. They are currently planting over 6,000 trees, primarily on grazing lands, and need to install 690 wire cattle guards to protect these young trees. Last week 616 Koala food trees were planted at Wamban. Sharlene Cohen said "We're thrilled the landowners share our passion for helping these endangered marsupials. We've planted a mix of Eucalyptus species, each carefully chosen for the site's unique landscape: Bosistoana (Coast Grey Box), Botryoides (Bangalay), Cypellocarpa (Monkey Gum), Globoidea (White Stringybark), Longifolia (Woollybutt), Muelleriana (Yellow Stringybark) and Tereticornis (Forest Red Gum).

"A big thank you to the Bowantz Environmental crew for their incredible care of our young trees as our planting contractors and to the team at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden for our Eucalyptus saplings." The Coastwatchers Association received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Savings Koalas Fund to undertake this project.

## Playdates with Eurobodalla emergency services

Emergency Services Playdates are back, with three events across Eurobodalla in late October.

Eurobodalla Council's coordinator of children's services Louise Hatton is again welcoming the shire's children and their families to a playdate with a difference.

"Families can meet with disaster experts and hear first-hand vital need-to-know information about how to prepare for and act in an emergency," Ms Hatton says.

"We know families need to take decisive action when facing natural disasters like floods and bushfires, but decisions can be complicated. Throw evacuation centres into the mix and keeping children safe, healthy and hydrated can be overwhelming for parents."

Following the 2019-20 fires, feedback to Council's children's services team showed parents felt rushed packing things really needed for evacuation, and that some children remain apprehensive around emergency services personnel, vehicles and equipment.

"Last year we invited agencies that lead during disasters to meet with families directly in a relaxed setting. Kids can get used sirens and lights and have some fun with the equipment and trucks up close, while parents can speak to experts on the right steps to take preparing for or evacuating from natural disasters," Ms Hatton says "While Council does not lead during a disaster – that's for professionals from agencies like the RFS and SES – we do have an extensive network and good communication channels.

"These Playdates last year were considered a bit innovative but the need was clear; identified by both research and our own knowledge that children learn best through play. And the response was phenomenal so we're following up with another three events this year."



- **Corrigans Beach Reserve, Batehaven, Monday 21 October, 5.30-7pm**
- **Quota Park, Narooma, Thursday 24 October, 5.30-7pm**
- **Riverside Park, Moruya, Monday 28 October, 5.30-7pm**

Participating agencies include SES, Police, Fire and Rescue, RFS, Ambulance, Marine Rescue, Australian Breastfeeding Association and Red Cross.

The Playdates are part of Children's Week activities from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 October. Other Council-run Children's Week events include an [intergenerational picnic](#) at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, a [fun day](#) at Tomakin, and the always popular [science space](#) event at Narooma. Visit Council's [what's on for kids webpage](#) or contact Council's children's services team on 4474 7333 for more information.

## Good news – help for households and small business take advantage of savings from rooftop solar, batteries and energy efficient appliances.

Kathryn Maxwell, President of SHASA, said that for too long the emphasis of government assistance to transition to clean energy has been on large-scale solar and batteries. This is all about to change with the announcement of a package of measures to help households and small businesses reap the financial benefits of transitioning to clean energy. The package of measures is part of the NSW Government's Consumer Energy Strategy: Powering our People and Communities.

Key initiatives include:

- \$1,600 to \$2,400 rebate to purchase solar batteries
- \$250 incentive to sign up to a virtual power plant
- \$238.9m Home Energy Saver program to be launched in mid 2025 to help lower energy bills and emissions across NSW
- \$5m program to help communities participate in the energy transition through community energy projects. This is a good start and SHASA will be encouraging the NSW government to do more to facilitate community-scale and community-driven solar and batteries.
- a range of financial incentives for households and small businesses to install energy-efficient equipment and appliances. This includes lights, air-conditioners, water heaters, pool pumps, as well as motors, pumps, fans and furnaces.
- \$200m to support the roll out of public EV charging stations across NSW
- new home energy ratings from 2025, so renters and buyers have more information about the cost of heating and cooling their potential homes
- \$175m to make energy savings upgrades for 24,000 social housing homes

These measures will help households make their homes comfortable all year round without massive electricity bills, said SHASA President, Kathryn Maxwell. [jm1] This package will help to ensure that everyone can reap the benefits of switching to all-electric and installing rooftop solar and batteries. It's a win-win – cheaper electricity bills and lower greenhouse gas emissions.



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# New rubber crumb plant keeps Shoalhaven's circular economy turning



Tyres once destined for landfill are being repurposed for use in road paving, artificial turf and kids' playgrounds at Australia's first rubber crumb plant located in the Shoalhaven.

**Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** officially opened the rubber crumb plant at Shoalhaven City Council's West Nowra Recycling and Waste Depot on Thursday September 19. "I'm really pleased to open this innovative recycling project which contributes to council's circular economy and provides a very practical solution to tyre waste," Mrs Phillips said.

Council received a \$514,000 grant, co-funded by the Federal Government's Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF) and NSW Government's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

"This facility is a fantastic example of the kind of innovation we need to boost recycling in Australia," Mrs Phillips said.

"Not only is this great for the environment by saving used car, truck and machinery tyres from going into landfill, we are also creating a product that is really useful.

"The plant is producing crumbed rubber and mesh powder that is ready for use in local infrastructure projects, including roads as asphalt and bitumen."

The new plant means council can increase the amount of waste rubber materials and regional tyres it recycles from 58 tonnes each year to 160 tonnes, with potential to increase to 270 tonnes per year.

The crumbing technology removes 99 per cent of all contaminants and provides council with an exceptionally high purity product which is attractive to the recycled products market.

Council aims to continue to increase landfill diversion rates in accordance with the NSW Government's target of an 80 per cent average recovery rate from all waste streams by 2030.

As part of this goal, the new rubber crumb plant supplements council's other additional recycling operations including a MICROfactorie which re-manufactures recycled glass sand and textiles into green ceramics, polystyrene recycling, a baling plant for paper, cardboard and plastics and an electrical cable recycling plant which diverts copper and mixed plastic granules from landfill.

Mrs Phillips said the RMF was accelerating Australia's circular economy so that when a product is no longer useful or required for its initial purpose, it is either reused, recycled or remanufactured.

"Projects already announced are expected to increase Australia's annual processing capacity by over 1 million tonnes, and create more than 3,000 ongoing and construction jobs," she said.

"The Shoalhaven rubber crumb plant is one of 43 RMF projects in NSW, with more than \$35 million in joint funding between the Australian and NSW Governments.

"On completion, these projects are expected to add 197,000 tonnes of recycling capacity each year, support over 790 ongoing and construction jobs, and see over \$122 million invested in recycling infrastructure in the state."

## Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

Narooma VIEW Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Narooma Golf Club Seahorse Room at 11.30 for lunch & a guest speaker. (Except October will be Friday 18th).

It's a social opportunity for women to meet and learn. Visitors are welcome to join us.

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) also raises funds for disadvantaged Australian children through the Learning for Life program with The Smith Family.

The Club would like to reach out to any women of the Eurobodalla and invite them to come along & enjoy a luncheon, guest speaker and a great social outing each month.

"In May we were pleased to have Rachel McInnes present to us on her work with WIRES. Rachel has been a passionate member of the WIRES volunteer network for 10 years, working tirelessly from her home at Potato Point. WIRES focusses on the rescue, rehabilitation & release of native wildlife and volunteers are available 24/7, 365 days. Our region from Lake Conjola to Wallaga Lake has an average of up to 8 callouts each day. In 2023, 50% of calls were for birds, 30% for kangaroos and wallaby."

*Kathryn Harris, President Narooma VIEW Club*



*Di, Rachel and Margaret with pouches used to home injured wildlife.*



# Heritage-listed Plumwood Mountain handed back to Aboriginal community

## Monga, NSW

Historic Landback - Plumwood Incorporated and the Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council are proud to announce that Plumwood Mountain, a 120-hectare heritage-listed private property, has been handed back to the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. This is the first time a private heritage-listed property has been gifted to an Aboriginal community. A landback party will be held on the property this coming Sunday to celebrate this ground-breaking event.

Plumwood Mountain is heritage listed because of its historic, environmental and cultural significance, and its association with a prominent Australian. It was the home of the late Val Plumwood, a famous environmental philosopher, notorious for surviving a crocodile attack, and a fierce forest activist. She protected Plumwood Mountain's Gondwana rainforests under one of the state's first Voluntary Conservation Agreements. She always saw herself as a steward of Plumwood Mountain, not its 'owner', and wanted to share the inspiration it gave to her. For over a decade, Plumwood Inc., a non-for-profit organisation that manages her estate, has carried out her wishes and hosted public events and residencies on the mountain.

This landback marks an important step for Plumwood Inc. Its president, Affrica Taylor, explains. "After the Black Summer bushfires, we sought help and advice from the Walbunja Rangers from Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council. Building a relationship with the rangers and community Elders was eye-opening. We saw that they have the cultural knowledge and practical know-how to care for this Country in ways we will never have. We also realised we couldn't keep promoting environmental stewardship at Plumwood Mountain without returning this land to the descendants of its original custodians."

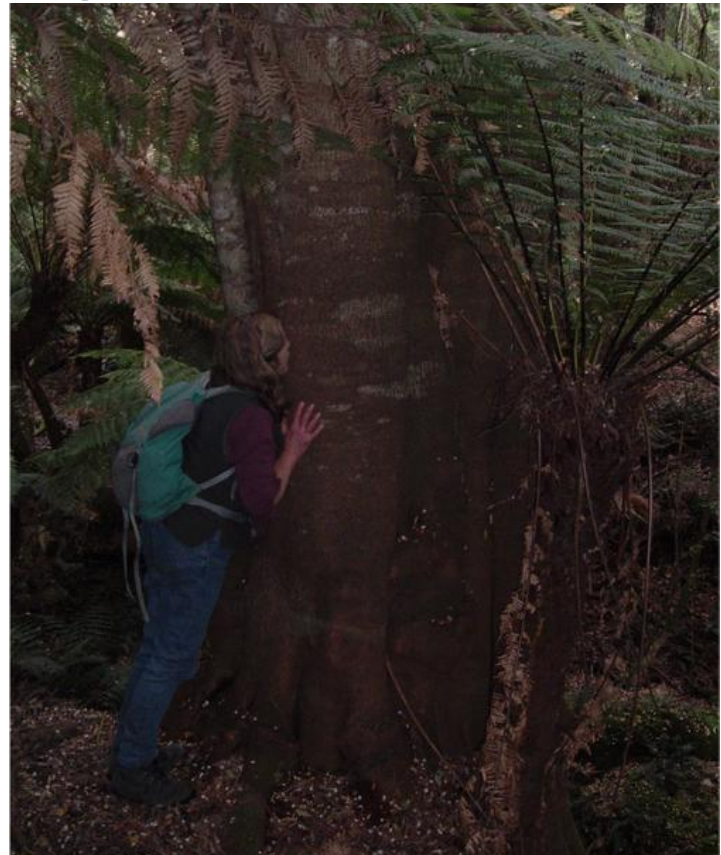
For the local Aboriginal community, Plumwood Mountain is a special place of healing. Ros Carriage, the CEO of Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council, is very aware of its importance. "This Land is part of our songline. It has cultural, spiritual and environmental significance for all Aboriginal people from the coastal and inland areas around here."

The handback is an opportunity to bring people back on Country and ensure the wellbeing of both.

"The Elders are looking forward to taking our young people to Plumwood Mountain to teach them how to care for the land, the plants and animals. It's a place where we can pass on our cultural traditions to the next generation, and ensure them a strong future."

Through their collaborative relationship, members of Plumwood Inc. and the Lands Council have built a shared vision for Plumwood Mountain. They want this landback to be a model for others. They see it as a way of walking the talk and turning good intentions for Reconciliation and Land Rights into a practical reality.

Plumwood Inc. Committee, have launched a new website [www.plumwood.org](http://www.plumwood.org)



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The waratahs at Plumwood in 2010. Photo Alex Rea



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**Our Shire Councillors** and ratepayers should be pleased with the work done during the past week by the two new one-ton Ford lorries. They have each been carrying 20 loads of metal per day from Yarragee quarry to Vulcan Street, each travelling a distance of 60 miles daily. Through having motor power at work the improvements to the road from Campbell St. corner to the Park is only costing 2/1 per yard, whereas with cart and horse it would cost the ratepayers 3/- per yard.

**There died suddenly at her residence, Bergalia,** on Monday morning, Mrs. Nunan, aged 80 years. Deceased was a native of Dapto, being a daughter of the late Mr. William Donnelly, of that town. After her marriage with Mr. John Nunan, who predeceased her eight months ago, she came to this district. The young couple took up land and made their home at Bergalia, where they resided for over half a century, and reared a highly respected family. Some years ago Mrs. Nunan fell and dislocated her hip, and was ever afterwards forced to use crutches. ... She leaves four sons, Messrs. Edward (North Coast), William and John (Bergalia), Fred (Gundry), and six daughters, Mesdames F. Staunton (Mullenderree), Mrs. Watson (Moruya), Miss Nellie and Mrs. R. Love (Bergalia), Mrs. P. Poole (Mynora), and Mrs. E. Hay (Mynora).

**The poison fiend** is at his nefarious work again. The religious orders are, evidently, the targets at this time, Father McCormack's valuable pointer dog, the Convent's pet cat and the Rectory cat having fallen victims to the deadly baits.

**Our Shire Councillors** contemplate the purchase of a road grader in the near future, and an elevator later on. With these and the stone crusher and motor lorries now in use, the Eurobodalla Shire should have one of the most up-to-date road making plants in the State.

**Bateman's Bay's popular baker,** Mr. Fred Ladmore, who was ever ready with his motor cycle and sidecar to convey the sick and wounded to the hospital, was in Moruya on Wednesday in his new Summit motor car.

**Eurobodalla Shire.** The usual monthly meeting was held in the Shire Hall on the 9th inst., all Councillors being present. Correspondence: Letter from the Bateman's Bay Progress Association re closure of cemeteries at Bateman's Bay. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Association that the Council has no power to deal with the matter and advised them to communicate with the local trustees; Letter from A. L. Jeffery asking for permission to erect two public gates on road through his property between the old and new Moruya-Kiora roads. Permission was granted upon payment of 20s per annum and maintenance of approaches.

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## New technology to help communities stay connected following disasters



Communities impacted by bushfires, floods or severe weather events will be able to stay connected after natural disasters, with a \$5 million fleet of new technologies being rolled out by the **NSW Government**.

In a significant step forward as the bush fire season nears, the technologies will provide backup connectivity for communities and emergency responders.

### Cells on Wheels

This includes four Cells on Wheels units, which connect to the internet by satellite to provide free public Wi-Fi access.

Each asset can provide Wi-Fi coverage up to 500 metres away, while units can be linked to cover an even wider area.

Self-powered and mounted on trailers, the units can be dispatched in a matter of hours to provide temporary Wi-Fi connectivity to communities when regular telecommunications infrastructure is damaged or destroyed.

This will provide essential internet access to people so they can contact family, apply for support, access documents, or lodge insurance claims, even when local networks are down.

The Cells on Wheels, also known as COWs, are due to be delivered this summer following the NSW Telco Authority awarding the contract to regional communication specialist Pivotal.

The delivery of the COWs delivers on a Minns Labor Government election commitment as part of the Western Sydney Floods Resilience Plan.

### Portable Connection Units

Additionally, Service NSW has introduced eight Portable Connection Units which will provide Wi-Fi internet access in disaster recovery centres for staff and locals. These are easily transportable and can switch between local mobile networks to provide internet connection for up to 100 devices.

### Satellite-enabled Service NSW vehicle

A new satellite-equipped Service NSW vehicle has now hit the road.

Using Starlink satellite technology, this allows a mobile service centre to be established anywhere at any time, with its own independent broadband connection, ready to help customers.

Along with allowing Service NSW to set up temporary offices anywhere, locals will be able to connect to the internet via a public Wi-Fi hotspot.

### Public Safety Network

In addition to keeping the community online, the Government is also delivering new technologies to help emergency services personnel get on with their vital work.

The Public Safety Network is the communications network used by emergency services and is critical for keeping emergency and essential services connected during a crisis.

Public Safety Network sites are similar to a mobile phone base station, typically featuring a tower and an equipment shelter.

To quickly restore Public Safety Network outages caused by natural disasters damaging infrastructure, three fire-resistant portable communications shelters can now be deployed.

These will be able to replace destroyed shelters within around a fortnight, greatly reducing the time needed to fully restore a site.

The NSW Telco Authority will also position 18 new trailer generators across the state, ready to be transported to Public Safety Network sites which have lost power in an emergency.

Premier Chris Minns said: "Telecommunication networks can be limited, damaged or destroyed during emergencies – at a time when they're needed most.

"We know this adds to stress, with people unable to connect with family members, or access post-emergency information.

"This technology will help people contact loved ones and stay connected in times of need."

Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government Jihad Dib said, "When an emergency or natural disaster occurs, connectivity is crucial, and the new technology we are rolling out will make it easier for people to contact loved ones, access support and even commence insurance claims.

"We already have a reliable radio communications system for first responders, but natural disasters can damage this infrastructure. The NSW Government is delivering innovative technologies including COWs and PCUs to provide an important backup when traditional networks are down.

"Whether it's flooding, fires or extreme weather events, these solutions can be rapidly deployed to impacted areas, helping communities stay connected and get back on their feet."

Managing Director of NSW Telco Authority Kylie De Courteney said:

"NSW Telco Authority is committed to bringing people and communities back online faster than ever when disaster strikes.

"This investment into innovative technologies means the NSW Government can now better respond during and after a crisis and restore connectivity for community and emergency services alike."

Chief Executive of Pivotal Peter Bolger said: "We are immensely proud to be awarded this contract to deploy our broadband Cell on Wheels solution and we commend the NSW Government for leading this groundbreaking initiative in Australia.

"Engineered for rapid deployment, Pivotal's advanced mobile communication units are critical in bridging the communication gap during disasters like floods and bushfires, ensuring access to continuous and reliable communication services when they're needed most."



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

Albo is feeling the pressure. He reminds me vividly of my biographical subject Kevin Rudd (Penguin 2008) after he lost the vote at the 2009 Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen. Instead of pressing his case at home with a double dissolution election – he went to water. Thereafter, his decision-making became so erratic that his Caucus rebelled, and Julia Gillard took his place as PM.

So it is with the man Kevin made his Deputy PM when Julia herself fell from power. Anthony Albanese's disastrous loss of the Voice campaign, after a decent interval of mourning, should have been met with a grand plan. It would begin with truth telling, followed by a legislative barrage of reform that would finally draw a line under the vile colonial treatment of our forebears in the great south land. Instead, just like Kevin, he went to water.

His decision-making since then – from his panicked response to the High Court's migrant detention ruling to his reluctance to confront the gambling industry – has led to his trouncing by Peter Dutton in Parliament. It follows exactly the pathway of his former political patron. And his latest decision to somehow outlaw social media to the young is more of the same. That horse has not only left the barn, it's galloped over the hills and is far away.

'Enough is enough,' is his slogan for the confrontation with the billionaire social media oligarchy. Protecting kiddies is a lovely idea in theory, but until the governments of the world unite in some IT version of the infamous Copenhagen Summit, it's just not going to happen...ever.

The key to any regulatory action lies with the United States and if Donald Trump wins back the Oval Office in November the Albo campaign is a dead duck. Trump himself would willingly perform the funeral rites courtesy of their First Amendment guarantee of free speech. Kamala Harris knows the law, and it's Trump's Supreme Court anyway. Moreover, the IT oligarchs simply cannot understand 'enough is enough' since their whole business model is based on the concept that 'enough is never enough'

Even Australia's boomers – your columnist included – would quietly oppose it. Indeed, we belong to the generation that fought against censorship of any kind. Who among us could forget Customs Minister Don Chipp organising the screening of 'off colour' films for us to see the 'filth' that he was forced to watch before deciding to which ones to ban. It was a veritable stampede to get tickets. It was certainly one of Don's more amusing decisions.

While we're aware that online pornography is the motivation of the religious moralists, the truth is, that stuff been around forever and has been absorbed into the communal experience with no more unhappy side effects than the 'Playboy', 'Man' or even hardcore magazines of yesteryear. Morals are made in the home, mostly by kids emulating parental behaviour. Outside the home, the great dangers appear to be the priestly paedophiles and a few similar creeps among coaching staff.

Online bullying and vicious criticism can be terribly painful to the young and old alike but restricting kids from having phones with untrammelled internet access – which can also be lifesavers in other circumstances – is not a role for one federal government, even if South Australia and Victoria win an occasional concession.

The Opposition on this occasion will probably adopt a low profile and let the oligarchy do the job for them. Albo's Labor Caucus will be preoccupied counting the numbers for possible successors. Over in Washington, Kevin Rudd will also be preoccupied – as ever – lobbying to become Secretary-General of the UN. I suspect his prospects are better than Albo's

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Mick sipped his schooner as his eyes and ears remained trained on Know All Ron.

“Well...you see, Mick, tariffs are good for the domestic economy. They work like a tax on imports which foreign companies must pay to sell their products in the USA. Now... Donald Trump is proposing a 10 to 20 percent tariff on all foreign goods and a 60 percent tariff on goods from China, so you can just imagine the boost to the domestic economy. It's a revenue earner for the government which will take care of their enormous deficit and a huge boost to local manufacturing... so that is why he is on such a winner.”

Mick clicked his tongue.

“By gee, you are on top of things, Ron. If I had a bit more pull, I would nominate you for a Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. No wonder Trump is so popular. You would reckon the Democrats would be more switched on to such innovative solutions to massive economic problems.”

Ron took a deep breath as Bazza's fingers squeezed both eyes, before lowering his palm to rub his chin repeatedly.

“You blokes cannot be serious. For starters, the Democrats do support some of this voodoo economics, just not to the extent Trump sees it as a cure all. Do you for a moment believe a foreign company will just absorb the tariff and not pass it on to consumers through higher prices for their products? Shareholders would string up management for such benevolence. USA consumers will pay higher to keep inefficient local industries competitive. Higher prices drive inflation and, as we well know, interest rates higher. I don't get why people swallow such simplistic solutions.”

Know All Ron shook his head.

“I would say you are being horrible, Bazza! In fact really horrible!”

Mick gritted his teeth.

“Yes... you are not being very nice, Bazza.... not very nice at all. In fact, I would say you are being a bit mean to the future leader of the free world. You spend too much time listening to extreme left wing views such as Vice President nominee Tim Walz, an ex teacher, Bazza. Now...have you ever met a teacher that was not a raging communist? He was responsible for organising free lunches at his school... now... that's is just welfare on a plate. Imagine what he would do if he gets access to the US Budget.”

Bazza's face reddened.

“Mick... spending on child nutrition is arguably as much an investment in the future as building roads and bridges. There's a bloody strong case that, in general, child nutrition programs more than pay for themselves by creating a healthier, higher-earning future workforce\*. In short, a fed kid is easier to educate, ensuring a pathway out of poverty and crime. All very communist, Mick.”

Bazza shook his head before a long pause.

Timeless Tom leaned in.

“Bazza...why would everybody be wearing those MAGA baseball caps if Trump was not going to make America great again? It must be true. It is important we pull you up here, Bazza, before you start accusing him of lying. Anyhow, I want to talk about who is eating the dogs in Ohio.”

Bazza's eyes widened and he chuckled as Tom tut tutted.

“All well and good to laugh, Bazza, but I just read on social media this morning Ohio posties and cars are being chased down the street by illegal migrants and..... and I add.... a local dog food company is laying off staff.”

\*<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/08/opinion/tim-walz-school-lunch.html>

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## Strike gold at launch of Montreal Goldfield film



Montreal Goldfield's Management Committee president Chris Franks.

Montreal Goldfield is a living museum. It is one of only two goldmines developed on a beach in the Southern Hemisphere. Thanks to the extremely hard silcrete, it is the most intact goldfield in southeast NSW. It has not been farmed or grazed since it was clear-felled in 1880 so the seedbank, left undisturbed, has regrown into what Captain Cook would have sailed past in 1770. Some of Montreal Goldfield's fascinating history has been captured in a **film to be launched at Bermagui Country Club on October 10.**

When gold was discovered by Canadian Henry Williams in September 1880 it triggered a true gold rush. At the time there were only perhaps seven families living in Bermagui. Within three weeks of news that gold could be found just a few feet below the sand on the beaches north of Bermagui 2000 people had arrived to make their fortune.

Many came by the steamers that carried cargo from Sydney to the remote Far South Coast. It was likely standing-room only on the 16-hour passage to Bermagui. They clambered into smaller boats at Horseshoe Bay to reach land. Then it was a four-mile walk to the goldfield.

Their first stop was at the Mining Office to register their claim. It cost ten shillings, the equivalent of a week and a half's wages for a labourer, for a year's licence to mine an area 12-foot square.

The gold on the beach was quickly exhausted but some of the smarter prospectors had worked out that the gold was coming from an underground river. They tried digging tunnels in the sand towards Gulaga Mount Dromedary where the first gold reef had been found in 1877. Tunnelling proved to be unstable and dangerous. Instead, they dug from the surface to find the riverbed where the gold was.

It was dirty work and hard work. The storekeepers who sold tools, food and other provisions did very well though, as did the three publicans.

The 40-minute film was produced by local filmmaker Hiromi Matsuoka. It features three of the longest-running tour guides – Judi Hearn, Chris Franks and Bill Southwood – as well as internationally-known mining geologist Carl Swenson of Bermagui. They share just a fraction of their extensive knowledge of the mine's geology, the very special flora and fauna that call the goldfield their home, and what life would have been like in the mine's hey days.

After seeing the film at 6pm on October 10, you will want to go on a guided tour of Montreal Goldfield or even join the merry band of volunteers. Tours run at 2pm, Thursday to Sunday.

**Montreal Goldfield Management Committee**

### Upgrading our fire trails ahead of bushfire season

The NSW Government is undertaking helicopter inspections of fire trails across the state to prioritise maintenance work needed ahead of the summer bush fire season to help protect lives and communities.

Inspections have started in the Sydney region and will work their way around the state throughout September.

Crown Lands is undertaking the inspections together with the Rural Fire Service, with over 540 fire trails being inspected covering more than 2,400 kilometres on Crown land and adjoining lands.

The NSW Government has provided more than \$7.9 million in 2024-25 for on-ground maintenance and upgrades of strategic fire trails on Crown land. The former Government left no ongoing funding in the budget for the maintenance and upgrades of these critical Crown Lands fire trails.

A further \$4.8 million has been allocated for hazard reduction activities including controlled burns and Asset Protection Zone (APZ) maintenance and upgrades to protect communities.

Helicopter inspections are more efficient than ground patrols by vehicles, particularly in remote and less accessible areas and where fire trails cross multiple property boundaries or have other access issues.

Aerial patrols reduce inspection times in these areas from months to weeks and give an overall 'point in time' assessment of the fire trail network.

Helicopter crews monitor the trails from the air to identify whether trees have fallen and require removal, if erosion or vegetation growth has impacted trails, or where creek crossings may need repair.

The helicopter is also fitted with a camera to help record where follow-up work is needed.

Following the aerial inspections, Crown Lands partners with the NSW Soil Conservation Service and the NSW Rural Fire Service to prioritise and undertake any required maintenance works.

The work could include vegetation removal, erosion repairs, drainage and fire trail stability work, and construction and maintenance of vehicle passing and turning bays.

In some areas, this extends to installing signage, gates and bollards to protect fire trails from unauthorised access and rubbish dumping.

If landowners have concerns about a potential bushfire hazard, they should contact the [Rural Fire Service](#).

## Southern NSW Local Health District Annual Public Meeting

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is inviting members of the community to its Annual Public Meeting (APM) from 3.30 to 4.15pm on Tuesday 29 October 2024.

The online Annual Public Meeting will include presentations from SNSWLHD Board Chair Elizabeth Hoskins and Chief Executive Margaret Bennett.

Community members are encouraged to send in questions ahead of the event.

"The Annual Public Meeting is an opportunity for us to share Southern's recent achievements, future plans and community updates," Ms Bennett said.

"The Board and Executive teams are looking forward to hearing from our community and connecting with online attendees."

Anyone wishing to attend the online event should register to receive a Microsoft Teams meeting link:

<https://bit.ly/SNSWLHD2024APM>

A recording of the meeting will be made available after the event.

Questions should be sent in advance to SNSWLHD-YourFeedBack@health.nsw.gov.au

## Eden-Monaro is getting a critical funding boost to protect flora and fauna

The Federal Government is supporting three projects across Eden-Monaro to protect local flora and fauna within the region. The Government has invested \$2.5 million to protect Eden-Monaro's alpine catchments, specifically the alpine sphagnum bogs and associated fens ecological community. An additional \$1,699,998 will improve the condition of river-flat eucalypt forests on southern NSW's coastal floodplains.

This will be achieved through pest and weed control, erosion, and fire management, and by supporting private and public land managers, including Traditional Owners, to address key threats.

The Albanese Labor Government will also invest \$2.5 million to restore habitats for threatened species, such as the Greater Glider and Yellow-bellied Glider, in the south-east coastal ranges through revegetation efforts in partnership with land managers.

These projects are part of the roll out of more than 115 specialised projects, supported by funding from the \$224.5 million [Saving Native Species Program](#) and \$1.1 billion [Natural Heritage Trust](#).

This critical investment supports a range of landscapes, including the 20 priority places in the Threatened Species Action Plan. They help to restore habitat, control invasive species and tackle disease in ecological communities that need it the most.

The projects will mobilise the expertise of First Nations people, natural resource managers, scientists, conservation organisations and community groups.

Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek said "I am committed to protecting the precious habitat of Australia's threatened plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations. As well as protecting more land and sea, we need to better look after the places we are protecting.

"The priority landscapes that are receiving funding are incredibly biodiverse, with many native animals and plants calling them home. But they need our help.

"These large-scale, multi-year projects will maximise benefits for wildlife by improving and restoring their habitat.

"The Albanese Government is making a real difference with this funding lifeline, so we can protect the places we love."

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain said "Eden-Monaro locals are passionate about our wildlife and incredible natural assets – this funding will help protect them for future generations. These projects are particularly important for Eden-Monaro, which has been ravaged by natural disasters.

"I've long campaigned for more support for public land managers – particularly traditional owners – and I'm so pleased to see this funding announced today."

## Cost-of-production crisis and poor returns threaten vegetable industry and food security

Australian vegetable growers are continuing to question their economic viability as more than a year's worth of low or negative margins threaten the long-term sustainability of the industry.

The insights are contained in a new [AUSVEG Vegetable Industry Sentiment Report](#), which affirms that 34 percent of commercial vegetable growers are considering walking away from the sector in the next 12 months.

Rising input costs, poor farmgate returns, workforce shortages, industrial relations changes, lack of funds to invest in innovation, and an overwhelming compliance burden have again been identified as the key factors leading growers to reconsider their future.

AUSVEG conducts twice-yearly sentiment surveys, which have drawn responses from large, medium and small commercial vegetable growers from all Australian states and the Northern Territory to provide a current and cumulative picture of sentiment across the national industry.

Highlighting the intense pressure being felt by commercial vegetable growing businesses, 50 percent of respondents to the most recent survey indicated they were financially worse off compared to mid-2023, and almost 30 percent indicated they expected to be financially worse off in a further 12 months. Challenging business conditions have led to almost 50 percent seeing their future business outlook as either very poor, or poor, and a further 37 percent ranking their outlook as average.

Workforce shortages and labour costs have continued to feature among growers' biggest challenges, with 46 percent indicating they were struggling to source enough staff in full-time, part-time and casual positions, and a range of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled roles.

Labour costs have remained another major issue, averaging 38 percent of a grower's overall cost of production, and reaching as high as 71 percent.

Successive surveys have also reflected changes in the workforce mix.

Following adjustments to workforce schemes relied upon by growers, engagement with the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme has reduced, and reliance on backpackers has increased.

More than 62 percent of grower respondents to the survey also indicated that the removal of the 88-day specified work requirement for working holiday visa extensions would have a severe or critical impact on their business.

The impact of some of these challenges on Australia's food security have been somewhat masked by recent favourable weather conditions and fewer supply chain disruptions. However, ongoing margin squeeze and difficult conditions, combined with any further set-back, could easily trigger a cascade effect that results in reduced production, higher consumer prices, and increased reliance on imported product.

AUSVEG CEO Michael Coote, said the report presented a concerning picture. "While the economic challenges and uncertainty which have hit the wider Australian community have played a role in the difficulties facing commercial vegetable growers, many of the issues contributing to this crisis in vegetable farm viability are the result of legislative, regulatory and policy settings that have been imposed upon the industry," said Mr Coote.

"Our industry is in an extremely tenuous position, with growers leaving, considering leaving, or just one more set-back away from leaving.

"With more than a third of respondents continuing to consider leaving the sector, it is clear that growers have, and will continue exiting until the situation improves. Without that meaningful improvement, there are serious implications for the viability of Australia's vegetable industry, as well as our longer-term food security.

"Workforce is one example – with nearly half of growers this year experiencing workforce shortages, it is only due to their resilience and perseverance that they have managed to continue producing the vegetables, potatoes and onions that Australians depend on.

"A suite of carefully considered, fit-for-purpose solutions are needed from Government, to ensure Australia's vegetable industry remains viable, now and into the future."

A focus on bolstering Australia's waning vegetable consumption is among the solutions proposed by AUSVEG, to help reverse the industry's fortunes.

Recent industry research has identified that Australians may be eating as little as 1.8 serves of vegetables per person per day when wastage is taken into account – less than the already low average of 2.4 serves reflected in official statistics.

That same research has identified that by lifting vegetable consumption by just one serve per person per day by 2030, there is potential to achieve a \$3.3 billion net vegetable supply chain economic benefit, and \$1.4 billion in healthcare system savings due to reduced dietary-linked disease burden over time.

## NEW FUNDING FOR COUNCILS TO GO FOGO

### NSW Environment Protection Authority

The third round of the NSW Government's \$46 million Go FOGO grants program is now open, supporting councils across the state to roll out food organics and garden organics waste collection services to residents.

Councils can claim up to \$50 per household to support the transition to FOGO, with additional payments available for areas with a high proportion of multi-unit dwellings. Funds can be used to support the roll out of infrastructure such as green bins and kitchen caddies, education and staffing.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has also launched 'Starting Scraps', a free FOGO education program co-designed with councils and Monash University's BehaviourWorks to ensure households can make the most of their new service.

NSW EPA Executive Director of Programs and Innovation, Alexandra Geddes said the new resources are a fantastic way for councils to get the message out and help communities use FOGO well.

"FOGO recycling has great benefits for communities, councils, and the environment, but we know that asking people to change their habits at home can be challenging," Ms Geddes said. "This is the biggest change to household waste services since the introduction of the yellow lid recycling bin. That's why we've worked closely with educators and behaviour change specialists to create resources that can help people feel confident to recycle their food and garden scraps.

"FOGO is not only a great circular solution for food waste, but it also drives down emissions. For every tonne of food waste we divert from landfill, we're also preventing 1.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide reaching our atmosphere."

Almost half of NSW's councils already have or are planning to roll out their FOGO service. The NSW Government is reviewing feedback on a proposal to mandate FOGO recycling statewide.

Applications to Round 3 are open until 19 November 2024.

For more information about the EPA's Go FOGO grants, go to: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/organics-infrastructure-fund/go-fogo-grants>

## New bridge completed in Currowan State Forest

A new bridge has opened to traffic in Currowan State Forest near Batemans Bay replacing an old timber bridge that was damaged by flooding. **Forestry Corporation** has recently completed the Lyons Road bridge project.

The bridge replacement has occurred under the Forest Infrastructure Repair Program (FIRP), a \$60 million NSW Government fund, which is completing the largest ever infrastructure program rolled out across the NSW State Forest estate. FIRP has seen more than 160 road, bridge and culvert projects planned, constructed and completed in State Forests since 2022.

Forest Operations Planner Anthony Peake said the long-awaited Lyons Road bridge replacement became a focus for the FIRP team in Batemans Bay to restore essential forest access and improve the habitat of the site.

"After the old timber bridge was damaged by flooding, the site became a bed-level splash crossing. However, due to the size of the river system and high flows, the site required ongoing maintenance and attempts to install a permanent causeway structure failed in heavy flood conditions," Mr Peake said.

"The new concrete bridge stands as a symbol of the FIRP project's success here on the South Coast," he said.

FIRP projects across NSW have improved public and emergency firefighting access in State forests and generated regional returns through public infrastructure investment for local communities with local contractors engaged to undertake the construction works.

Across NSW, Forestry Corporation maintains a 60,000km road and fire trail network that complements the public road network providing access for community use, forest management and fire protection.

After years of significant weather damage, a statewide audit found more than half of the State forest road network was in areas heavily impacted by flooding.

Consecutive weather events damaged between 10,000 and 50,000km of forest roads prompting the creation of the State Government-funded FIRP program.



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## 2024 Anzac Community Grants applications open

Applications are now open for the 2024 Anzac Community Grants Program. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for projects that commemorate and educate local communities on the service and sacrifices of current and former military service personnel. Activities that support the wellbeing of veterans in New South Wales are also eligible for funding. The \$100,000 program is open to individuals and not-for-profit organisations, including local government authorities, ex-service and non-governmental organisations, educational institutions, and Local Aboriginal Land Councils. Grants cover four categories: local community historical research and education; preservation or display of war memorabilia; public commemorative events; and support the members of the NSW veteran community. The program has delivered more than over \$560,000 in grants funding. since its establishment in 2015. The 2024 grant round closes at 5pm on Monday 11 November 2024. More information and details on how to apply can be found on [www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/ACGP](http://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/ACGP)

## NCOSS welcomes disaster funding to build community resilience in Eurobodalla and Bega Valley

The NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) has welcomed a \$744,500 funding injection from the Disaster Ready Fund to build disaster preparedness and resilience in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley. With partners, AbSec and the Local Community Services Association (LCSA), NCOSS' Community Organisations Disaster Adaptation (CODA) project builds disaster resilience and preparedness in communities across NSW and is focused on communities most vulnerable to disaster impacts. The CODA project will build connections between the community, local social service delivery organisations and Emergency Management authorities to take action to reduce local disaster risks. NCOSS CEO Cara Varian said this funding is an important step towards properly integrating social services into the disaster management response. "Natural disasters disproportionately impact the most vulnerable members of society," Ms Varian said. "A person's income, health, disability, age, geographic location and other factors impact their ability to respond when a disaster strikes. "To date, the social service sector has had a limited formal role in responding to emergencies. But the last five years has demonstrated that social services are intrinsically embedded in a disaster response before, during and after an event. "This funding will show the value in expanding and formalising the NGO sector's role in all phases of disaster management. "We look forward to delivering greater disaster resilience for communities through collaboration and a strengths-based approach. This project will inform sensible recommendations to the Government and prove the value of the social service sector in the full gamut of disaster preparedness and response." Can Yasmut, Executive Officer of the Local Community Services Association (LCSA) said the organisation welcomes the funding and the recognition this gives to the increasing role Neighbourhood Centres have been taking in disaster management. NCOSS will deliver this program in conjunction with two local partners Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services, and Eden Community Access Centre. CODA will be rolled out in four locations across NSW: Hawkesbury, Northern Rivers, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley on the South Coast, and the Snowy Monaro.



Stuart Whitelaw COLL offer the rain pastel charcoal clear acrylic 84x65.10mm

STUART WHITELAW

## IVANA GATTEGNO



Ivana Gattegno Finding Finding sculpture of Cornel Roch Hypa colour acrylic 96x68.0mm

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with artists sat 28 sept 3pm

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**2 EARFM “Live and Local “ Gig Guide Friday 20th**

Garry Carson Jones..... Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)  
 Driving Sideways....Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
 Totum.....Steampacket Hotel  
 Open Mic.....Broulee Brewhouse  
 Val Moogz.....Lynchs Hotel

**Saturday, 21 Sep:**

Driving Sideways.....Soldiers Club (8pm)  
 One Louder.....Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)  
 Bleue Mallee.....Steampacket Hotel  
 Dave Nolan.....Tilba Valley Winery  
 Mayfair Lane.....Broulee Brewhouse  
 DJ.....Lynchs Hotel

**Sunday, 22 Sep:**

Chris McGrath ..... Club Tuross (noon)  
 Chris O'Connor Blues..Steampacket Hotel  
 Just Us.....Tilba Valley Winery  
 PunkaHoller.....Dromedary Hotel  
 Jack Rose.....Broulee Brewhouse



We are looking for local artists, artistic folk, and children\*, to embellish an axe handle with whatever medium they choose. Paint, Felt, Carving, Crochet, wood burning, mosaic, the choices are endless!!

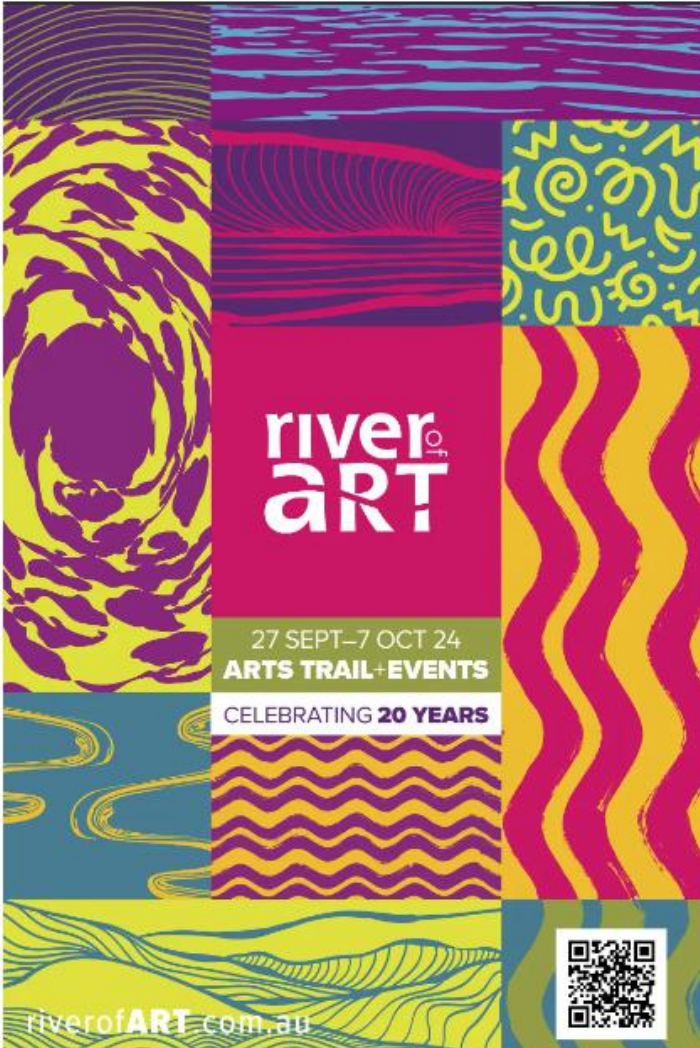
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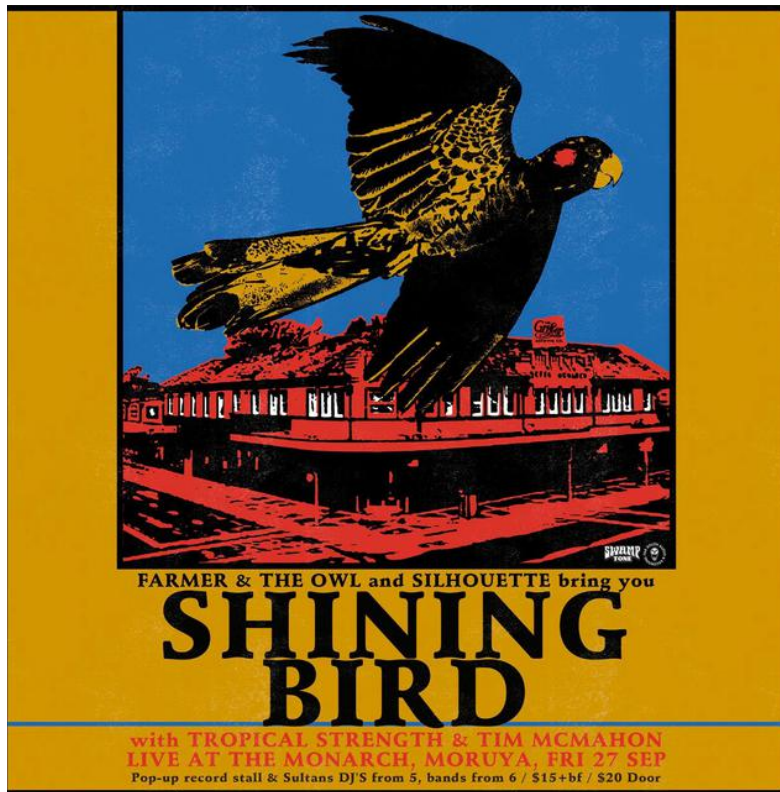
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## ART PRIZE 2024

**+ FESTIVAL LAUNCH**  
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

2024 Art Prize winners announced at the launch  
Friday 27 September from 5pm  
Art Prize - Narooma Gallery 10-4pm daily  
Festival runs 27 September - 7 October  
People's Choice announced 7 October

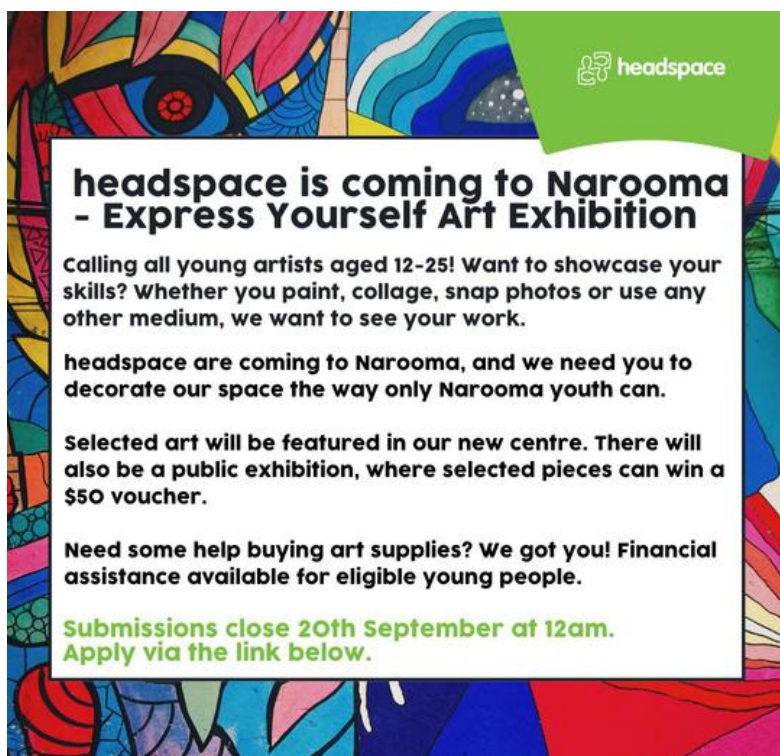
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**LIVE AT THE MONARCH, MORUYA, FRI 27 SEP**  
Pop-up record stall & Sultans DJ'S from 5, bands from 6 / \$15+bf / \$20 Door



**headspace**

## headspace is coming to Narooma - Express Yourself Art Exhibition

Calling all young artists aged 12-25! Want to showcase your skills? Whether you paint, collage, snap photos or use any other medium, we want to see your work.

headspace are coming to Narooma, and we need you to decorate our space the way only Narooma youth can.

Selected art will be featured in our new centre. There will also be a public exhibition, where selected pieces can win a \$50 voucher.

Need some help buying art supplies? We got you! Financial assistance available for eligible young people.

**Submissions close 20th September at 12am. Apply via the link below.**



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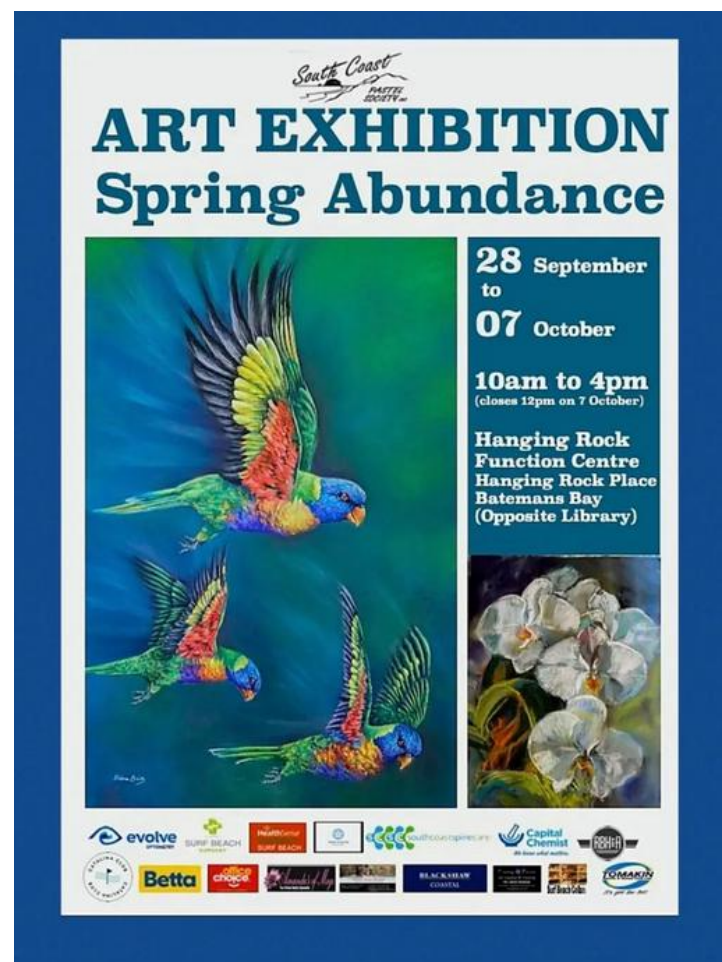
## ECHOES

EFTAG EXHIBITION

**OPENING EVENT**  
4-6 PM, SAT 28 SEP

Moruya Mechanics Institute

**Moruya Film Club screening:**  
21 September (not the usual last Saturday of the month)  
Movie: The Merger  
Where: Red Door, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page St, Moruya  
When: Saturday 21 September 2024  
Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm Showtime



*South Coast*  
ARTS SOCIETY

## ART EXHIBITION

### Spring Abundance

**28 September to 07 October**  
**10am to 4pm**  
(closes 12pm on 7 October)

**Hanging Rock Function Centre**  
Hanging Rock Place  
Batemans Bay  
(Opposite Library)

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Capital Chemist  
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**Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla**




Rosie

Backpack


Gorgeous Backpack is still available for adoption by some lucky person or family. This boy is a real standout. He's a handsome, 20 month old Kelpie x Labrador, and he has the makings of a wonderful, loving companion. Backpack is really smart, good with children and loves other dogs. He is crate trained and doesn't seem to mind being on his own for reasonable periods of time. He is keen to please and will benefit from ongoing training, to bring out his full potential. Backpack loves travelling in the car and enjoys meeting new people with treats. He is not tested with cats or pocket pets. If a female furry friend is what you're after, we can help you there, too! Rosie is a Jack Russell X Red Heeler, and is also 20 months old. She's a clever girl, sits for treats, and is very trainable. Rosie is playful, affectionate and full of energy. To meet Backpack or Rosie, please call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410016612. Also, we are in need of foster carers – for cats, kittens and medium to large dogs. Can you or someone you know help us help animals to transition to a new life? There is no cost involved and full support is provided. Foster carers are the backbone of what we do, so please think about whether you, a friend or neighbour can help us out. Call AWL on 0410016612 to volunteer or to get more information.

**Applications for Round 7 of Australian Heritage Grants are now open**

The Australian Heritage Grants program provides support for National Heritage-listed places. \$5.3 million is committed each year to successful applicants. The program aims to: improve recognition, conservation, preservation and access to National Heritage listed places values increase community engagement and raise awareness of listed place. Places recognised for their natural, Indigenous or historic heritage values can apply. To apply: <https://brnw.ch/21wMLyc>



**Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary**  
 If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help to raise funds for your Hospital you would be most welcome.  
 Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm.  
 To find out more email [mgha@y7mail.com](mailto:mgha@y7mail.com) or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



**COMING 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**- HAROLD & THE PURPLE CRAYON**  
**WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM**

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19 <sup>TH</sup> – 25 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTMEBER	THURS 19 <sup>TH</sup>	FRI 20 <sup>TH</sup>	SAT 21 <sup>ST</sup>	SUN 22 <sup>ND</sup>	MON 23 <sup>RD</sup>	TUES 24 <sup>TH</sup>	WED 25 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>THE WILD ROBOT</b> PG, 1H 42M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	4.45pm	2.30pm 6.30pm	12.55pm 6.55pm	12.55pm 6.55pm		12pm* 6.10pm	12pm* 6.10pm
<b>RUNT</b> PG, 1H 32M, DRAMA/FAMILY	1.15pm* 6.45pm	11am* 4.30pm	11am 5pm	11am 5pm		12.20pm 4.15pm	12.20pm 4.15pm
<b>SPEAK NO EVIL</b> MA 15+, 1H 50M, PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER/HORROR	5.45pm*	12.50pm*	12.35pm*	12.35pm*		4.30pm*	4.30pm*
<b>KID SNOW</b> MA 15+, 2H 8M, AUSTRALIAN DRAMA	3.15pm*	2.55pm*	4.45pm*	4.45pm*		2pm*	2pm*
<b>BETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE</b> M, 1H 44M, COMEDY/HORROR		7.15pm*	2.45pm* 7.15pm*	2.45pm* 7.15pm*		6.40pm*	6.40pm*
<b>THELMA</b> M, 1H 38M, COMEDY/ACTION	2.45pm	12.30pm 5.20pm*	10.40am* 3pm	10.40am* 3pm		2.15pm	2.15pm



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 <b>A HORSE NAMED WINX</b> CTC 118 MIN	12:20 PM 4:50 PM	12:20 PM 4:50 PM	12:20 PM 4:50 PM	11:25 AM 4:50 PM	CLOSED	12:20 PM 4:50 PM	12:20 PM 4:50 PM
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 <b>DEADPOOL &amp; WOLVERINE</b> MA15+ 128 MIN	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	3:35 PM		4:30 PM	4:30 PM
 <b>HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON</b> PG 90 MIN	1:00 PM 3:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:00 PM	1:00 PM 2:45 PM		1:00 PM 3:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:00 PM
 <b>IT ENDS WITH US</b> M 130 MIN	4:50 PM	4:50 PM	4:50 PM	4:35 PM		4:50 PM	4:50 PM
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**SPEAK NO EVIL** MA| 1hr 50min  
~ Thriller ~ *Scot McNairy, Mackenzie Davis & James McAvo*  
A family takes a dream holiday to an idyllic country house, only to have the vacation turn into a psychological nightmare.



**THELMA** M| 1hr 38min  
~ Action ~ Comedy ~  
*June Squibb, Clark Gregg & Parker Posey*  
When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken.



**BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE** M| 1hr 45min ~ Comedy ~ Fantasy ~  
*Michael Keaton, Jenna Ortega & Winona Ryder*  
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| 2hrs 1min ~ Documentary ~  
*Chris Walker, 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.




**HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON** PG| 1hr 30min  
~ Family ~ Adventure ~ Comedy  
*Zachary Levi & Zoey Daschanel*  
A young boy named Harold embarks on a magical mission with the help of his purple crayon.



**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 an enemy.



**TRANSFORMERS ONE** PG| 1hr 44min  
~ Animation ~ Family ~ Action ~  
An origin story set on Cybertron, home of both the Autobots and the Decepticons. The film is said to focus on the relationship between Optimus Prime and Megatron.



**THE WILD ROBOT** PG| 1hr 42min ~ Animation ~ Family ~  
"The Wild Robot" follows Rozzum 7134 ("Roz" for short), a futuristic robot that washes ashore on a deserted island. A tale of survival and discovery begins.



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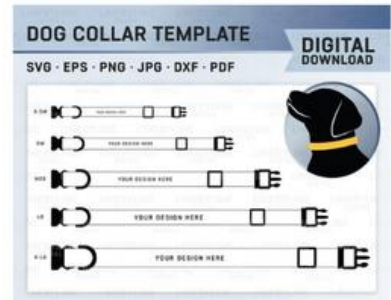
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Dog Tag



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## 2024 Diary Dates

- 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.

## Moruya Lions High Tea

The High Tea is in honour of the late Mary Kell lifetime member of the Moruya Lions Club and The Red Door Theatre Company. There will also be a 2nd hand fashion parade with the clothing on sale after the parade selling for \$5 an item or less. Tickets \$30 per person

## Teensafe Safe Driver Training for Teenagers

The next Teensafe course is in the school holidays on

**Tuesday 8 October at Moruya Speedway.**

### Safe Driving Tip for new drivers:

To familiarise yourself with car behaviour under severe braking, when on a quiet back road with no traffic, apply the brakes quickly and firmly as in an emergency stop. Make sure there are no cars behind. The car should stop quickly in a straight line if your car has ABS brakes ( Antilock Braking System) because the wheels will not lock or skid.

All newer cars have ABS (you will see an ABS logo light up on dashboard when ignition turned on), some older cars without ABS will skid because the front wheels lock up and there may be no steering control under emergency braking. ABS is a safer braking system allowing more control in emergency braking.

Teensafe recommends cars with ABS brakes and Air Bags for safer driving. This is one of many safe driver tips at a Teensafe course.

For info and rego form - [www.teensafemoruya.org](http://www.teensafemoruya.org) or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)

Gary Smith. Teensafe manager.

## 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](mailto:hthomson0@gmail.com)

## Eurobodalla Annual hard waste collection

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

**Monday 23 September 2024**

Long Beach, Maloneys Beach, South Durras

## WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

COORDINARE says

Whooping cough cases are rising across Australia. The disease is serious for babies but can affect people of all ages.

Free vaccination against whooping cough is available under the National Immunisation Program for: children aged 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 18 months and 4 years

adolescents aged 12-13 years through school-based vaccination programs

pregnant women (ideally between 20-32 weeks).

For more information visit [bit.ly/3TzOZZH](http://bit.ly/3TzOZZH)

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**Every Wed and Sat**

**8.30 - 12.00**

**CHEAP!**

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Spring / Summer

## Fashion Parade

With fashions provided by

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Where: Club Narooma  
When: Saturday 19th October from 2.30 to 5pm  
Entry Fee: \$25.00 includes one glass of 'Bubbles' and afternoon tea  
Bookings required by 11th October. Phone: Wendy on 0427 794 102  
Payment to Quota service account BSB 062652 Account Number: 00900679  
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## SAGE Spring Equinox

Sunday, 22 September | Gates open at 4pm for 5pm dinner  
SAGE Garden | 110 Queen Street, Moruya  
Bookings essential | No tickets at the gate.

Honour the season with a feast in the garden. This in between season is often referred to as the hungry gap, when many winter crops are finished, and some of the spring crop isn't quite ready. Pizzas are always on the menu at the start of Spring as it allows us to be creative in using what's available, transforming the produce into delicious pizza toppings! You'll enjoy our legendary pizza with local produce for the toppings, and we are thrilled to welcome back fabulous local music by Val Moogz, as we gather with friends and community! We will also be selling SAGE limoncello made from the abundance of lemons harvested from the SAGE orchard with Absolute vodka. BYO drinks, plate and cutlery, chair and/or picnic rug.

\$25 pp adults \$15 kids under 13 \$70 for families of 4 (2 adults and 2 kids) Online bookings only - book tickets

## MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

6th Form 1974 and 4th

Form 1972 are holding a 50 year School Reunion at the Waterfront Hotel Moruya on September 14 and we are seeking all former students from those years who would like to attend.

It promises to be a great day of fun and friendship.

## Free green waste from 16 - 29 September

Now's the time to clean up all those leaves and twigs from your gutters, prune back your trees and shrubs, and prepare for the hot bushfire months ahead of us. Eurobodalla Council is waiving fees for green waste from Monday 16 September to Sunday 29 September. The free drop-off ties in with the Rural Fire Service's annual Get Ready Weekend on 21 and 22 September - so get moving and get bushfire-ready! Green waste is accepted at Brou, Moruya and Surf Beach waste facilities. Please see opening hours on our waste facility web page.

## 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 us for the 2024 youth climate summit. You will explore this year's theme 'All for One' with other young leaders and activists. Bookings required by 4pm, Wednesday 23 October For more information contact Sustainability Coordinator Alex King: T: 4474 1083



350 Eurobodalla  
**PRESENT FOREST OF FLAGS**



**ST JOHN'S COMMONS MORUYA**  
crn Page and Campbell St Moruya  
On display as part of River Of Art  
Sat-Sun 28-29 September 10am-4pm  
Sat-Sun 5-6 October 10am-4pm

Local artists have repurposed and painted old sails to portray our forests as places of great beauty and biodiversity. Forests also play a vital role as carbon sinks.

**PROTECTING OUR NATIVE FORESTS IS CRUCIAL IN MITIGATING CLIMATE CHAOS!**

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**RISING TIDE**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR THE PADDLE OUT!**  
Sunday 20 October  
be ready to launch by 9am  
Kyla Park Boat Ramp  
Coila Lake  
TUROSS HEAD

**A call out to all sailors, paddlers, canoeists, kayakers and surfers!**

Co-hosts 350Eurobodalla and Rising Tide invite you to join with Nature Coast Marine Group, SHASA and other environment groups as we farewell local paddlers who are heading to the Rising Tide blockade of Newcastle Harbour, the world's biggest coal port.

People will raft up for a group photo on the water!

For those not paddling bring a sign to hold to focus on the climate chaos already affecting the Eurobodalla.

Bring your own picnic, BBQ available.

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**when** Tuesday 24th September 2024  
 9.30 am - 12 noon

**Where** Malua Bay Community Hall  
 George Bass Drive, Malua Bay

**\$5.00 entry**

(Please note: there are no epos facilities – cash only please)

**Come along and join in the fun!**

**Yummy Morning Tea, Trading Table, Quilt Display,  
 Show and Tell, Lucky Door Prize, Raffle Quilt**



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Applications Close 1 November 2024. For more information, please download the Moruya Rotary Youth Scholarship Guideline and Application Form from the Moruya Rotary website:  
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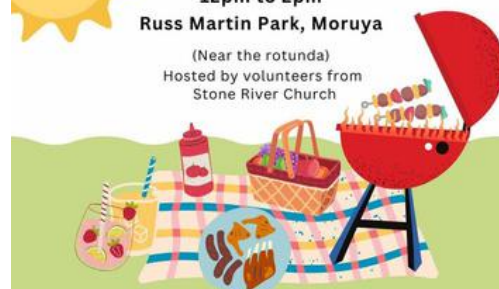


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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Allan Langford with Committee member John Eglitis



Winner: Graeme Sindel with Vice President Paul Scholze



Winners: Judy Apps, Pauline Nash and Cate O'Brien.



Winner: Derek Hoare

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 14th September 2024

A field of 52 players registered for a Medley Stableford event. The weather turned from Spring to Winter conditions, but great results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Allan Langford with 39 points
- 2nd: Paul Pereira with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: Bruce Cleeve with 38 points (countback)
- 4th: Adam Husband with 38 points
- 5th: Greg Maloney with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Nick Brice 3.73 A Grade
- 4th: Bruce Martin 0.77 B Grade
- 4th: Michael Hogan 2.04 C Grade
- 6th: John Eglitis 4.64 A Grade
- 6th: Adam Husband 1.16 B Grade
- 7th: John Eglitis 8.57 A Grade
- 7th: Steve Collins 3.07 B Grade
- 7th: Ross Hendy 19.0 C Grade

Balls went to: Bruce Martin 37, Anthony Mellick 36, Cathy Milliken 36, Paul Scholze 35, Jim Madden 35, Nick Brice 35, Tony Brown 35, Steve Collins 35, David Schmid 34, William Steenbergen 34, Peter Hogan 33, Stephen Gardner 33, Steven O'Shea 33, Mark Schenk 33 and Michael Walsh 33.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 12th September 2024

A field of 26 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. It was a windy, cold and wet day but some great scores achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Graeme Sindel (29) with 42 points
- 2nd: Lars Gaupset (15) with 40 points
- 3rd: Stephen Swanbury (18) with 39 points

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- 4th: Nick Brice 6.43 A Grade
- 4th: Mark Haberkorn 1.94 B Grade
- 4th: Jim Madden 10.01 C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 0.34 A Grade
- 6th: Lars Gaupset 2.63 B Grade
- 6th: Graeme Sindel 3.88 C Grade
- 7th: Brad Doolan 4.29 A Grade
- 67th: Paul Scholze 4.29 B Grade

Balls went to: Stephen Gardner 38, David Schmid 38, Greg Maloney 38, Nick Brice 37, Brad Doolan 37, Colin Houghton 36, Allan Langford 36, Ron Rogers 36, Teri Swanbury 35 and Paul Scholze 34.

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 17th September 2024

22 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The weather was lovely and the game was enjoyed by all.

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Pauline Nash with 37 points
- 2nd: Gail Rogers with 33 points

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Cate O'Brien with 34 points
- 2nd: Shirley Quinlan with 33 points (countback)

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Judy Apps with 35 points
- 2nd: Maree Coffey with 34 points (countback)

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Chris Wratten 0 - 35
- 7th: Margaret Downey 36 - 45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Pauline Nash
- 15th: Margaret Downey

Place Getters: Kerrie Sands 34, Jeanette Miller 34, Jane Eglitis 33, Samantha Dryden 33 and Annette Manton 32.

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 18th September 2024

A field of 41 players registered for a Special Par event today. This is an event unique to Tuross Head Veterans Golf where scores below handicap earn bonus "+" points. Again we enjoyed a beautiful Spring morning and the course is drying out and in great condition.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Derek Hoare.
- 2nd: Neal Watson.
- 3rd: Sandra Hanlon.
- 4th: Chris Wratten.
- 5th: Mike Birks.
- 6th: Rob Nash.
- 7th: Frank Pomfret.
- 8th: Greg Thornton.
- 9th: Steve Collins.
- 10th: Shirley Quinlan.
- 11th: Ray Downey.
- 12th: Julie Barningham.

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Teri Swanbury (2nd shot).
- 6th: Chris Wratten.
- 7th: Julie Barningham (2nd shot).
- Ken Hush (2nd shot).

Accuracy: Frank Pomfret  
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# Driving Change

## \$5 million available for NSW Surf Clubs

NSW Surf Life Saving Clubs are set to receive a boost with the NSW Government opening the latest round of its Surf Club Facility Program. Surf life saving clubs can apply for \$5.4 million in funding for new and upgraded facilities with grants up to \$1 million available.

The Program aims to keep surf life saving clubs modern and accessible, helping surf life savers to better protect beachgoers.

Projects that encourage the participation of women and girls, people with disability, First Nations peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and LGBTQIA+ are a priority of the Program.

Grants will be awarded across three categories for projects that involve the upgrade, restoration or construction of new surf life saving facilities.

Category 1 offers grants up to \$100,000 for facility improvement projects and closes on 14 October 2024. Category 2 offers grants up to \$400,000 for small-medium construction projects and Category 3 offers grants up to \$1 million for large construction projects with both closing on 11 November 2024.

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said “With the surf life saving season just a few weeks away, we’re providing an additional \$5.4 million to our surf life saving clubs to help them protect swimmers and keep people safe at the beach.” “This is part of a four-year \$16 million commitment from the NSW Government to ensure NSW Surf Life Saving Clubs continue to deliver a world-class service.

“This program is making a real difference with more people from all sections of the community now participating in surf life saving.”

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said “As the weather warms up we know that the red and yellow flags on our beaches will be a welcome sight and this investment will support our volunteers by providing them with club facilities they need to support communities.

“The NSW Government is investing in new equipment, safety campaigns and upgraded facilities to support surf lifesaving volunteers and the work they do to keep swimmers safe.”

President of Surf Life Saving NSW Peter Agnew said “We are pleased to see the NSW Government acknowledge and support the amazing contribution made by our volunteer lifesavers and surf clubs in NSW.”

“Our lifesavers and Nippers deserve safe, secure, and accessible facilities. We have 129 clubs across the state, with over 78,000 members, and this program allows those members, who do such important work volunteering at our beaches, to focus on saving lives.”

For further information and to apply visit: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/surf-club-facility-program>

## Eurobodalla Spring Horse Show

Sat 5th Oct from 8.30am

There will be classes for Hack and Stockhorses, both Led and Hack classes. Entries online at [Globalentriesonline.com](http://Globalentriesonline.com).

## Life-saving defibrillators available for Bega Electorate sports facilities

Sports facilities in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla can apply for their share of \$500,000 in funding from the NSW Government for new life-saving defibrillators.

The equipment is funded under the NSW Government’s Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program which provides up to \$3,000 to eligible sporting organisations for the purchase of automated external defibrillators at sports facilities.

Since the Program commenced, more than 2,000 defibrillators have been installed at sports facilities across NSW.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said “Participating in sport and active recreation is vital in ensuring a healthy community. It’s critical that sports facilities in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla are equipped to respond to these potentially life-threatening incidents. The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program supports the Bega Electorate sporting organisations to purchase and install this equipment.”

Applications close 27 November 2024 or when funding is exhausted.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, please see the Program guidelines at: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

## Free spring Holiday Break activities now on offer for young people

The NSW Government is offering a range of exciting and free activities for young people this Spring school holidays thanks to the hugely popular Holiday Break program.

With more than 120 programs on offer covering everything from radio courses to cultural experiences and sporting workshops, young people will be able to expand their horizons, be entertained and stay engaged during the holidays all throughout NSW.

The NSW Government’s strong relationships with councils and community organisations means it has been able to facilitate a diverse suite of activities for young people encouraging creativity, skill development and community involvement.

Minister for Youth Rose Jackson said “The spring school holidays are a great time for young people to broaden their perspectives by learning new skills and hobbies, getting out into nature and meeting other young people.

“With so many great programs offering hours of entertainment and development opportunities, there’s bound to be something to suit every young person no matter where their interests lie.

“We’re thrilled to be able to facilitate these free activities to ease the financial burden on families, as we know how expensive it can be to keep young people during the school holidays.”

Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said “I’m proud to see a wealth of activities available to young people in regional areas during the spring school holidays.

“This is the kind of program that shows our dedication to creating rich and fulfilling experiences for young people in the regions who might otherwise miss out due to costs and the tyranny of distance.

“The Holiday Break program allows young people to foster stronger connections to their local environment and the communities they belong to and with our increased support for travel in remote areas these opportunities are open to even more youth in New South Wales.”

To make planning easier, young people and their parents or carers can find activities near them using the program’s interactive map.

To find activities in your local area, go to: [www.nsw.gov.au/HolidayBreak](http://www.nsw.gov.au/HolidayBreak).



**SAGE Farmers Market**  
**Tuesday 3pm Moruya**

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growing the community

## Tackle World Moruya

### Moruya River.

Moruya has been a mirror of last weeks activity, fish wise. There have been slow but steady improvements in both the water temps and the corresponding fish activity. The lower, shallower areas, yet again have seen the most improvement, with plenty of flathead and the odd bream starting to get into the summer mood.

The local kids are doing well behind the hole in the wall, with bream, Luderick and flathead all being regular catches. Preddy's wharf has seen a few nice salmon and tailor, along with the usual bream and flathead. The flats under the town bridge are also finding a few nice flatheads, if you can get away from the seals that seem to have moved into the system.

Up in the fresh, the Bass are well and truly on their move backups to the top areas of the Dueda River. A little more rain, to bring the river levels up, will help them navigate the numerous rock bars.

### Tuross River.

Fingers crossed; the winds will ease up a bit this weekend and make getting out onto Coila Lake a viable option. I know the boss had plans last weekend, but 45kph winds put a quick end to them. There will be some nice bream moving around Coila, along with a few nice flathead as Coila is a relatively shallow lake, and will be warming up quickly.

The main system itself has been fish pretty well, with plenty of flathead being taken this last week. As we move into the school holidays at the end of the month, we can expect to see more fish being caught, both from an increase in angler traffic and water temp increases.

The Tuross system has the advantage of being a big system. This offer visiting and local anglers plenty of spots to explore. Get out and find your own secret spot.

Moving up into the fresh, much like Moruya, the bass will be making their March back into the top sections of the Tuross system. Now is the time of year I like to try and get a few nice big bass before they disperse throughout what is a long system.

### Rock and beach.

Congo creek is looking really good at the moment, with its mouth being wide and well defined. This will allow a good movement of clean saltwater to get in and out each tide cycle. The whiting, bream and flathead will all take advantage of this and start to camp up for the summer. Whiting in Congo creek have always been a favourite of mine, as there are easily accessible shallow flats in the creek, that provide the perfect environment for them.

The salmon continue to be the main stay along all the beaches, headlands and breakwalls this week despite the winds. They will be where you find them, and a bit of exploring is sometimes required to hunt them down.

### Offshore.

Good reports of both snapper and flathead continue to come through the shop. The water temps a slowly climbing as more and more warm current is starting to push down the coast from up north.

The bait freezer is back to capacity at the moment, with salted 1kg bags back in stock, along with everything else.

If you haven't seen, we are now a stockist of Malosi Lures, and have their micro series range on the wall. Check out the video I posted earlier this week on our FB page.

I have also just received the new Shimano Vanford 500 sized reel, this will be perfect for the trout guys wanting to fish tight streams on ultra-light gear. Come and check the new additions this weekend.

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

### Team Tackle World Moruya.

## Marine Rescue NSW volunteers complete second-busiest August on record

Marine Rescue NSW's 3,400 volunteers across the state performed 263 search and rescue missions last month, the service's second-busiest August since 2022, when volunteers completed 267 missions.

Marine Rescue NSW crews safely returned 526 people to shore last month with 88 of the 263 missions emergency responses. In August, Marine Rescue NSW volunteers kept watch over more than 22,000 people on Logged On vessels.

"Logging on with Marine Rescue NSW provides peace of mind for boaters and their families, knowing that our dedicated volunteers will keep watch for their safe return. Logging on is quick and can be done via the free Marine Rescue NSW app or VHF Channel 16. It only takes a minute to protect a lifetime," he said.

Five MAYDAY and three PAN PAN calls were received last month, with Marine Rescue NSW volunteers managing 18,465 radio calls through local unit bases and the Marine Rescue Sydney State Communications Centre at Belrose.

**In the MONARO** – 15 search & rescue missions including 9 emergency response with 16 people safely returned to shore across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama. Number of search and rescue missions in locations of highest demand:

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# Happenings at Tuross Head Bowling Club



2024/25 Women's Major Pairs Champions - Doreen Monks and Sue Fahey



Major singles Women Sue Fahey 2024-25



Winner Mens Major Singles 2024-25

There has been an important development at Tuross Head Bowling Club over the last couple months.

Tuross Head has followed the lead of the State and Regional bodies by amalgamating the Men's and Ladies' Clubs and now is known simply as the Tuross Head Bowling Club. A new Committee has been elected with Irene Macdonald chosen as the inaugural President. Over the coming months the Committee will have the task of rationalising the policies and procedures of the previous committees for the betterment of all the members.

At the same time the 2024/25 Championship season has started with the Major Singles already decided. Sue Fahey has emerged as the Women's Champion getting the better of Dagmar Voges in the final. Marcel Kors is the Men's Champion with an impressive win over the ever improving Jonathan Green in the final. The Women's Major Pairs Championship has been completed while the Men's has started with the first round matches completed.

Sue Fahey has continued her great form teaming with Doreen Monks to take out the Women's Major Pairs. They combined well to take out the final against Di Challice and Lorraine Bird. It was a very interesting game with the final score not reflecting the closeness of the tussle. In the end Monks and Fahey were able to convert their chances with 3 high scoring ends. When Challice and Bird picked up 5 shots on the sixth end the scores were locked at 10 all. From there Monks and Fahey proved to be too consistent and won the game 25 - 14.

In the Men's draw Marcel Kors and Col Fletcher had to pull out all stops to get the better of new comer Phil Welsh and the very talented Ben Hewison. Hewison has not been able to play as often as he likes because of work and family commitments but he really showed his skills in this match.

The conditions were challenging with gusty winds adding to the speed of the green to keep all players on their toes. On the back of some great play from Hewison his pairing had a narrow 9 - 8 lead after 7 ends. Fletcher and Kors seemed to have grabbed the initiative when they opened up a 17 - 12 lead after 15 ends. But as the weather deteriorated Welsh and Hewison fought back. With just two ends to play they had cut the margin to just 2 shots at 19 - 17 in favour of Kors. Here experience came to the fore with Fletcher and Kors able to grab single shots on the last two ends to win 21 - 17.

Mark Velder has carried his great form in the Major Singles into the Major pairs when he teamed with Allan Etheredge to record an excellent 28 - 10 win over Warren Hodder and Noel Downie.

In the final match the very experienced Jim Macklan and Bruce Lidbury did not have it all their way when they played Chris Codington and new member Neil Alexander. In a very even start Codington and Alexander had a narrow 9 - 7 lead after 8 ends. Slowly but surely Macklan and Lidbury grabbed the upper hand. After 17 ends they led by 18 - 11. By the end Macklan and Lidbury recorded a 24 - 12 victory.



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