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Stuart Whitelaw's 'River path autumn', pastel, charcoal, clear acrylic on canvas. from the River of Art exhibition at Gallery Bodalla. Story see page 14.

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Moruya Business Chamber new committee elected



The 2024-25 Moruya Business Chamber committee has been elected at the recent AGM as L-R: Rob Pollock (President), Glenda Collins (Treasurer), Deborah Crowe, Phil Barnes, Tim Dalrymple, Jude Manahan (Secretary), Topaz Conway, Deborah Fulton. Absent: John Murray (Vice President), Rohan Gleeson, Nick Ward.

Speed zone change on the way for Narooma

Motorists will soon experience a safer journey along Wagonga Scenic Drive at Narooma with a reduction in the speed zone from next week.

To improve road user safety in the area the speed limit will be reduced from 100 km/h to 60 km/h for 800 metres on Wagonga Scenic Drive from the intersection with Old Highway.

A Transport for NSW spokesperson said the speed zones were reviewed in consultation with NSW Police and local council and in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Standard.

"The review was initiated in response to community concerns regarding the safety of the rural default speed of 100 km/h," the spokesperson said.

"Reducing the speed limit to 60 km/h aligns with the safe systems approach to road safety and will better suit the road environment and reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes at this location.

"The speed zone reduction will result in a travel time increase of around 19 seconds."

Work to install the new speed zone signs will commence from 8 October 2024. Signs will be onsite to advise of the speed zone changes for two weeks after installation. Traffic control and reduced speed limits of 40 km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists while the new speed zones are being installed. Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

The spokesperson said factors considered when determining the appropriate speed for this stretch of road included the road characteristics and roadside environment such as large trees and dense bushland close to the road and the significant drop-off on the southern side of the road.

"The narrow road width, narrow and unsealed shoulders along this length would make it difficult for a vehicle to recover after losing control and avoid a crash," the spokesperson said.

"The new speed limit will make it safer for all road users including school children walking to bus stops, horse riders, heavy vehicles, and the expected increase in traffic due to planned development in the area.'

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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

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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 -

<u>www.teensafemoruya.org</u> or email garys.home@bigpond.com Gary Smith. Teensafe manager.

Eurobodalla Council elections finalised



Mayor Mathew Hatcher

For those of you not glued to the electoral commission website, the official team of councillors for the new term have been declared

They are: Mayor Mathew Hatcher (returning), Amber Schutz (returning), Anthony Mayne (returning), Rob Pollock (returning), Laurence Babington, Phil Constable (served previously), Mick Johnson, Colleen Turner and Sharon Winslade.

The Council meeting dates for the rest of the year are 29 October, 19 November and 17 December.

To speak at Public Forum: register by email or phone to Council's executive services office no later than 12pm of the business day prior to the meeting. identify the item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting that you wish to speak on, and you may state whether you're speaking 'for' or 'against' the item. speakers are encouraged to provide a written copy of your presentation to Council by 12pm the business day before the Council meeting. If provided, your presentation will be published with the meeting agenda and minutes.



Amber Shutz



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80th Anniversary - VP Day in Moruya

15 Aug 2025 at 09:00 - 17 Aug 2025 at 17:00 Mark your diaries: The Moruya RSL Sub Branch is pleased to present a full weekend of celebration and commemoration, to recognise the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War Two. Features include FREE TOUR of the wartime RAAF concrete bunkers, a FREE TOUR of the Moruya Granite Quarry which not only supplied granite in the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, but also a number of war memorials around New South Wales (including Martin Place, Sydney) + a FREE WALKING TOUR of main street Moruya and how the war impacted on the civil population. Book early as spaces are very limited. Highlight of the weekend will be a 1940's concert in the RSL Hall at Moruya with songs by Vera Lynne and Marlene Dietrich, just to name a few. Once again, bookings will be essential. Historic vehicles and reenactors in period uniforms. Come along, celebrate and commemorate on the anniversary of the date which saw the end of the Second World War. Contact Gary Traynor ph044 969 2401.



Rate peg set for 2025-26

IPART has set core council rate pegs for the 2025-26 financial year, ranging from 3.6% to 5.1%. There is a separate rate peg for each of NSW's 128 councils. Tribunal Chair Carmel Donnelly said the rate pegs limit the amount by which councils can increase their rates income, while allowing them to meet changes in the cost of providing services.

"The rate pegs allow the councils to cover the increasing costs of continuing to provide their services," Ms Donnelly said. "The Tribunal understands that the community has been facing significant cost-of-living pressures and we have taken this into account in our decision making. We continue to make some adjustments to the rate peg over several years to limit the impact on ratepayers. We encourage anyone that is having difficulty paying their rates bill to get in touch with their council to access pensioner concessions and other hardship support." Ms Donnelly said each council's rate peg is the maximum percentage by which the council can increase their general income. It is open to councils to decide not to implement the increase or to delay it.

"Ultimately, elected councillors decide whether to increase rates and by how much," Ms Donnelly said.

"And the rate pegs do not apply directly to individual ratepayers' rates. Councils may increase categories of rates by more or less than the rate peg, provided the total increase in general income remains within the rate peg." IPART applied a population factor to 72 of the 128 councils' rate pegs to reflect population growth. This population growth factor is not expected to drive increases in individual rates because any increase from the population factor is spread among the increased number of ratepayers.

"The population factor allows councils in growth areas to collect the additional rates revenue required to provide services to a growing population, from a larger number of ratepayers," Ms Donnelly said.

"We also made a special adjustment to the population factor for 13 councils to ensure that ratepayers do not pay more than they should. This was for councils with recent population growth, but where we found this to be the population returning to 2019 levels after falling during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Councils receive income from various sources including grants and user fees and charges. The rate pegs apply only to council 'general income' revenue received mostly from rates, which constitutes on average about one third of councils' total income. More information is available on IPART website.



2024 River of Art Prize announced at Narooma Gallery

Annika Romeyn's watercolour monotype print "Passing Through" has won the prestigious River of Art Prize for 2024. Over eighty people gathered at the Narooma Gallery on Friday 27 September for the judges' decision.

The judges, Cath Bowdler and Tony Oates both said, "We can't take our eyes off Ms Romeyn's work," and they were impressed by the artist's use of light, detail and texture.

Ms Romeyn from Wanniassa, ACT, when asked how she interprets her piece, said "This represents breaking my journey at Guerilla Bay, Yuin Country: revisiting place to mark the passage of weather, time, life. Letting the ungraspable blue of the horizon seep into this one-off painterly print."

Described by the artist Cathy Laudenbach, of Moruya Heads, as an imaginary composite photograph, simultaneously evoking beauty and chaos, nature and destruction - the Runner-Up Prize went to her work "What Remains, Remains". The judges said Ms Laudenbach's entry was full of beautiful shifts in tone and its scale assisted in delivering its powerful message.

Highly Commended was a difficult task for the judges of the River of Art Prize, with the quality of this year's entries really impressing Judges Bowdler and Oates. In the end, they agreed to award the Runner-Up prize to Katherine Boland's image known as "Burn Orange No. 1". The artist says the image is a statement on "our inaction on climate change and environmental destruction". Ms Boland is a practicing artist from Merimbula.

Chair of River of Art, Leanne Joyce said, "We are really pleased with the quality of entries this year, as well as the quantity - it's a great way to mark our 20th year. We invite the public to view the River of Art exhibition from now until the end of the long weekend at the Narooma Gallery and in the cottage behind, for the Salon des Refusés."

Entries this year included a mix of paintings, photographs, pastels, watercolours, mixed media, ceramics, sculpture, lithographics/prints, glass, jewellery and textiles. Entrants were from around Australia, but predominantly from the Eurobodalla, the home of the River of Art. The River of Art Prize is supported by the Narooma School of Arts. The River of Art festival runs from 27 September to 7 October from Durras to Bermagui and includes exhibitions, open studios, workshops and performances. The River of Art Prize exhibition is open throughout the festival at the Narooma Gallery. with the Salon des Refusés on exhibition in the cottage behind the gallery. The public are asked to vote on the People's Choice Award in both the gallery and the Salon, with the winners being announced on Tuesday 8 October. Full details of the River of Art Prize exhibition and all the events throughout the 11 day festival

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Runnerup Cathy Laudenbach, What remains. Photo_Cathy Laudenbach.



Highly Commended - Katherine Boland, Burnt Orange No 1.

Image Katherine Boland

Support regional flights: Rex operates as usual

Eurobodalla Council encourages travellers to make the most of Regional Express flights to and from Sydney, which are operating normally despite the airline's cutback on intercity services.

Since Rex Airline's voluntary administration in July, regional routes have not been affected. Council's airport manager Sheldon Jones said the Moruya-Sydney service remains reliable and affordable. His hot tip was to fly Wednesdays and Fridays for the best deals.

"If you book a couple of weeks in advance, there are plenty of options at a good price," Mr Jones said. "Looking at flights later in October it's \$179 to and from Sydney each way. The next step up in price was \$199, so not a big jump."

Mr Jones said passenger numbers at Moruya Airport have been slower since Rex went into voluntary administration. "People may have become uncertain about travelling with Rex, but we believe passenger numbers will bounce back as confidence returns," Mr Jones said.

"There is strong demand for air travel in our region, and we are confident the service will strengthen into the future."

To boost passenger confidence, the Federal Government announced a guarantee it will provide refunds if Rex is unable to fulfill its services.

"In the unlikely instance where Rex ceased to operate, passengers will be entitled to a full refund," Mr Jones said. "We encourage everyone to support our regional service, and hope more people consider the option of flying. "The Moruya-Sydney flight service is a quick and easy way for the Eurobodalla community to visit Sydney and access destinations all over Australia."





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NFF welcomes proposal to delay European Union Deforestation Regulation

National Farmers' Federation (NFF) President David Jochinke has welcomed a European Union proposal to delay implementation of the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) by 12 months for large companies and 18 months for micro and small enterprises.

This proposal is complemented by the publication of additional guidance to provide global stakeholders, Member States, and third countries, with greater clarity to support preparation.

The NFF thanks Government for its support, underpinned by recent bipartisan action in the Senate, in seeking delayed implementation.

"Off the back of increasing international pressure and concern, including from the United States, it is pleasing to see the EU has listened to governments and made a sensible decision to delay implementation," Mr Jochinke said.

"We understand this will be subject to the EU Parliament and we urge that decision to be made swiftly," Mr Jochinke said.

Although this announcement is a step in the right direction, the EU has shown no inclination to repeal the EUDR or to redefine the troubling definitions of what it considers to be a forest.

NFF also understand that a process to establish the next European Commission is currently underway and seeks renewed Government engagement with cabinet leaders once that process is finalised early next month.

"If this proposal is nothing more than a stay of execution then we should be contemplating other avenues of resolution such as the World Trade Organisation processes, in concert with other jurisdictions," Mr Jochinke said.

Join the flock: help protect threatened birds by becoming a citizen scientist

Birds play crucial roles in ecosystems, but many species in New South Wales face threats like habitat loss and predation. The Saving our Species program, supported by citizen scientists, works on conservation projects to protect these threatened birds. Birds are a source of joy and wonder. Their songs start our day. They bring colour and flight and help rid our gardens of pests. Birds play a critical role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, by pollinating plants, dispersing seeds and eating insects. However, birds across New South Wales face many challenges, including habitat loss, predation by invasive mammals and competition with some common species of native birds. Threatened species

In New South Wales alone, more than 150 bird species are threatened with extinction. These include:

- Critically endangered regent honeyeater (Anthochaera phrygia)
- Vulnerable glossy black-cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus lathami)
- Vulnerable superb parrot (Polytelis swainsonii)

Saving Our Species Program

The Saving our Species program works with partners on many bird conservation projects. This helps secure a future for these threatened species.

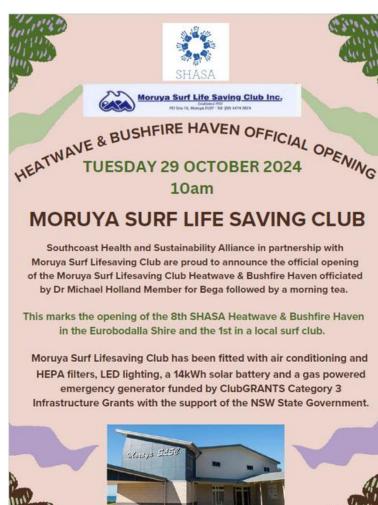
Your role as a citizen scientist

Citizen science plays a key role in delivering several of our threatened bird conservation projects. We need your help. Our citizen scientists support scientific research and contribute to the knowledge underpinning our conservation work. How you can help

Register for one of our 4 bird citizen science projects below to play your role in Saving our Species.

- Glossy black-cockatoo conservation Glossies in the Mist
- Biliirrgan Project Glossy Squad
- Great Inland Glossy Count
- Superb parrot citizen science project





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NSW lowers the recommended breast screening age for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women

The **NSW Government** is increasing breast screening participation among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to improve their breast cancer outcomes.

In an Australian-first, the Putuwa project led by Cancer Institute NSW, has lowered the commencement age of screening from 50 to 40 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and improved the cultural safety of the BreastScreen NSW service.

Participation rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in NSW aged 40 - 49 have more than doubled (7.8% vs 16.7%) since the project began in 2023.

The Putuwa project has been implemented across all NSW BreastScreen sites to address the gap in breast cancer outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who are diagnosed on average four years younger, and yet have more advanced cancer at diagnosis and poorer survival rates compared to the overall female population. The Putuwa project supports the promotion and delivery of culturally safe screening services to Aboriginal women by collaborating with the Aboriginal health workforce; co-developing culturally appropriate communications such as posters and fact sheets; and featuring Aboriginal artwork.

The Putuwa project was established by BreastScreen NSW with support from the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW and has been delivered in consultation with Screening and Assessment Services and key Aboriginal stakeholders and agencies. BreastScreen NSW is a free service. Screening is performed by female staff, takes less than 20 minutes and no doctor's referral is needed.

BreastScreen NSW recommends:

- · Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have a mammogram every two years from age 40.
- · Non-Aboriginal women have a mammogram every two years from age 50. Breast screening is available from the age of 40.
- Anyone with breast symptoms should contact their GP or health worker without delay.
- · Any woman with a family history of breast cancer should discuss their needs with their GP. BreastScreen NSW aims to provide a safe place of care. To book in a breast screen, call 13 20 50 or book online at breastscreen.nsw.gov.au.

SEE A SEAL? LET US KNOW!

The Seabirds to Seascapes (S2S) team is calling on all citizen scientists to record seal spotting's along the coast of NSW with the help of the online Haul-Out, Call-Out platform to further inform future marine conservation efforts. A 'haul-out' is the term given when seals temporarily leave water to rest or reproduce. Haul-Out, Call-Out allows the community to record the location and time of where they have seen a hauled-out seal, as well as several other factors

The platform can be accessed via the Haul-Out, Call-Out <u>landing page</u>. Seal sightings recorded via Haul-Out, Call-Out will be used to complement information collected through ongoing drone surveys along the NSW coastline. The inaugural drone survey took place at Barrenjoey Headland and will be followed by drone surveys at other known haul-out locations in NSW such as Barunguba Montague Island, Seal Rocks Nature Reserve and Steamers Head. These activities are part of the S2S program's broader Seal Survey initiative, which includes tagging and monitoring rehabilitated seals after their release to study their preferred habitats.

Earlier this year, Diaz, a New Zealand fur seal, was the fifth rehabilitated seal to be released under the S2S program. After her release from Sydney Heads, she travelled more than 6,000km down towards Tasmania.

The Seal Survey will inform various marine conservation initiatives in NSW and reduce gaps in knowledge that will assist in mitigating the risks associated with human and seal interactions.

People must keep at least 40 metres from an adult seal and 80m from a pup, as well as keeping their pets under control. The penalty for approaching seals within prescribed distances is up to \$1,320.

The Haul-Out, Call-Out launch coincides with Biodiversity Month, a time to celebrate the value of connecting with and caring for nature in all its diversity. Kate Akkerman, Senior Policy Officer, Seabirds to Seascapes said "Since its inception in 2022, the S2S program has worked tirelessly to restore important habitat in Sydney Harbour as well as supporting the penguin and seal populations throughout the state.

"Resting in haul-outs is incredibly important for seals which spend most of their time foraging at sea. We call on the public to please respect these animals and give them space, as it is the safest thing for both them and us."

Dr Ben Pitcher, Behavioural Biologist, Taronga Conservation Society Australia said "This research is so important because the marine environment is changing rapidly and is facing threats from climate change and human influences such as pollution.

"We really need to know where the seals are and what they're doing so we can understand the threats they face and work to mitigate these threats in the future."

More information on approaching seals can be found via the NSW Government website.

If you spot a sick or injured seal, you can contact NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service on 13000 072 757, or the Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans in Australia on 02 9415 3333 for the animal to be checked and monitored.

The <u>S2S program</u>, launched in August 2022 and is a four-year initiative focused on protecting and managing NSW's marine ecosystems. It unites three key efforts: Project Restore, The Great Big Little Penguin Count, and the Seal Survey.

The New South Wales Environmental Trust funds S2S to help lead and deliver each initiative, with support from its project partners, including:

- ·Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- ·Sydney Institute of Marine Science
- ·Taronga Conservation Society Australia
- ·New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service



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Bergalia School children 1921-22



Sure Fire Flint

4th October 2024

The I.S.N. Company's steamer Narani made several attempts on Sunday to raise the boiler of the wrecked Benandra from the position it was in to one more suitable for transferring it onto the deck, but her efforts were futile. The boiler, which weighs about 30 tons, rolled over, and is now feet deeper in the mud.

Mr. Siddall, of the local freezing works, is advertising for a million pairs of rabbits, for which he is offering 1/- per pair.

Mr. J. Perkins, M.L.A., is in receipt of the following from the Under-Secretary of the Works Department: - "With reference to your representations regarding the necessity for effecting repairs to the Bergalia Public School, I have to inform you that owing to the shortage of funds, the question of proceeding with this work has been deferred for the present. Your correspondent is Mr. F. Bown, Hon. Secretary of the Bergalia Parents and Citizens' Association, via Moruya."

Very sultry heat, accompanied by strong westerly wind, was experience here last Saturday, the town being enveloped in dust until late at night. The wind then changed to the south, since when we have had 31 points of rain.

Complaints have been made about people travelling between Mogo and Bateman's Bay at night without lights on their vehicles. This is an extremely dangerous practice, particularly as the motor traffic is rapidly increasing on the Prince's Highway, and many travel after dark. The drivers of the daily motor services are, of course, ever on their guard, but strangers do not know of the danger ahead, and a serious fatality is predicted. The Ordinance relating to lights on vehicles reads as follows: - "A person shall not drive a vehicle of any kind whatsoever in any public place between sunset and sunrise without displaying a light or lights on the right-hand side of such vehicle. Every such light shall be of sufficient strength and so displayed as to constitute an effective warning to the drivers of other vehicles, and to be clearly visible at night at a minimum distance of 75 yards."

Amusu Theatre. Monday, 6th October. Charlie Chaplin in PAY DAY. Also two features of the best, Johnny Hines in Sure Fire Flint, a picture everybody raves about, and Madge Bellamy in Soul of the Beast. Comedy, On Patrol, and The Sinking of H.M.S. Australia. The finest programme ever screened. Give yourself and your children a treat by seeing this. Admission 2s, Children 1s.

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Narani Model

South East mob take first steps to a career in surfing



First Nations surfers from the South East took the first steps to becoming accredited surf coaches at Pambula Beach this week.

In partnership with the **NSW Office of Sport** and Surfing with the Mob, Surfing NSW delivered the training to 10 local First Nations surfers, providing them with the skills and knowledge to become accredited surf coaches. Participants included a mix of adults and students, with the adults completing the Foundation Surf Coaching Course while the students undertook the Surf Coach Essentials Course.

As part of the Program all participants completed a fitness test comprising a run, swim, run, paddle and run as well as a 200m swim that they were required to finish in less than five minutes.

The Program also included participants learning first aid and surf rescue training.

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said "There are some incredible career pathways available to young people through sport. Today's program, delivered by Surfing NSW in partnership with Surfing with the Mob, provides First Nations surfers from the South East with a pathway to a career as an accredited surf coach."

Member for Bega Michael Holland said "Surfing with the Mob does a fantastic job delivering programs that engage local First Nations youth. "Today's program not only gives them an understanding of the career pathways in the surf industry, but also a pathway to becoming a surf coach." Surfing NSW Education and Programs Manager Adam Seminara said "Surfing NSW is stoked to support the Surfing with the Mob program, empowering First Nations people with essential ocean awareness skills. "By training participants in first aid and trauma response, we equip them with the confidence to save lives in emergencies, whether in the ocean or when dealing with traumatic injuries.

"Additionally, this course opens up opportunities for First Nations individuals to pursue careers as accredited surf coaches or lifeguards, creating pathways for personal and professional growth."

To support Surfing with the Mob to deliver future programs to First Nations surfers in the region, the Office of Sport provided a number of new surfboards, wetsuits and a Surfing with the Mob branded trailer.

Study subsidies strengthening NSW's health workforce

More than 3,900 students across NSW have already benefitted from the Minns Labor Government's \$120 million investment in tertiary health study subsidies, with all subsidies now awarded for the 2024 calendar year. The recipients of the subsidies include 1,840 nursing students, 280 midwifery students, 1,020 allied health, 520 medical students and 262 paramedical students

Students beginning their degrees will receive subsidies of \$4,000 per year over three years. The subsidies, announced as part of the 2023-24 Budget, are also expected to support a further 8,000 healthcare students over the next four years. Students seeking to receive the subsidy in 2025 can apply from mid-January 2025 and must be willing to make a five-year commitment to the NSW public health system.

The subsidies form part of a series of measures introduced by the Minns Labor Government to further strengthen the state's health workforce, including:

- Implementing the Safe Staffing Levels initiative in our emergency departments
- Providing permanent funding for 1,112 FTE nurses and midwives on an ongoing basis
- Abolishing the wages cap and delivering the highest pay increase in over a decade for nurses and other health workers
- Beginning to roll out 500 additional paramedics in regional, rural and remote communities.

The full list of 2025 eligible workforce groups will be available in October 2024 on the NSW Health website here.

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Waminda's Birthing on Country facility will be Australia's first



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips, NSW Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park and State Member for South Coast Liza Butler joined the Waminda team for a tour of the Birthing on Country site.

The first sod is expected to be turned on Waminda's \$22.5 million Birthing on Country facility before the end of the year, with a development application currently before Shoalhaven City Council. **Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** secured funding to build the Gudjaga Gunyahlamai Birth Centre and Community Hub, and today (Tuesday 1 October), joined her state counterparts for a tour of the greenfield site in Hillcrest Avenue, Nowra.

State Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park, Member for South Coast Liza Butler and Mrs Phillips visited the site of what will become Australia's first Aboriginal owned and midwifery-led free standing birth centre.

The Minns Labor Government has committed \$45.5 million over seven years for the hub which will support culturally safe holistic maternity care for Aboriginal women and their families in the South Coast region. Birthing on Country supports Aboriginal women and babies by providing culturally safe continuity of midwifery care including antenatal, birthing and postnatal support.

Mrs Phillips said the Waminda team has been working towards the facility for almost a decade and she was pleased work would commence soon

"I was proud to secure a \$22.5 million commitment from the Albanese Labor Government for the construction of the dedicated centre, and to support Waminda's vision to improve outcomes for local indigenous women and children," she said.

"As a mum of four, I understand that holistic health care and support is critical from pregnancy right through to the early days of welcoming a new, tiny person into your family.

Waminda is a dynamic organisation deeply embedded in our community and they are dedicated to ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and families get the best possible maternity care for generations to come."

Birthing on Country models have been shown to improve maternal and perinatal outcomes, including women attending more antenatal visits, being less likely to have a premature birth and being more likely to exclusively breastfeed on discharge from hospital.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has worked closely with the South Coast Women's Health and Wellbeing Aboriginal Corporation (Waminda) to support the implementation of its Birthing on Country initiative.

Waminda launched the Minga Gudjaga Midwifery Practice with the support of ISLHD in May 2024. This is the first phase of Waminda's Birthing on Country initiative where Waminda's privately practising endorsed midwives provide labour and birth care to women at Shoalhaven Memorial District Hospital. Waminda's Minga Gudjaga and Birthing on Country Manager Melanie Briggs said the facility would cater for women across the south coast and beyond who were seeking to give birth on Country.

"We've worked really hard to get where we are today and the work that we're doing is going to change maternity services for this country," she said.

"Waminda are honoured to continue our ancestors' dreams for birthing that is woman centred, sacred and honours LORE and culture at its core.

"Waminda's Birthing on Country initiative is a key milestone for increasing the First Nations workforce that will fundamentally enhance generational wealth and sustainability for our people.

"It's incredible to think about the women that will be birthing here and that they can feel the sacredness and the powerfulness of Birthing on Country." Melanie said the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people will be significantly improved through care that is culturally safe and respectful through Waminda's Birthing on Country initiative.

"Waminda welcomes the Federal, State and Local Governments and their commitment to Birthing on Country to implement and improve the maternal and neonatal outcomes for Aboriginal families on the south coast of NSW," she added.

Waminda currently employs 10 midwives, including six endorsed midwives, and the Gudjaga Gunyahlamai Birth Centre and Community Hub is expected to welcome around 130 newborns once the doors open in late 2026.



A Beer with Bazz #166 With John Longhurst

Mick took a deep breath, swung his right leg onto the bar stool and with bowed face grimacing at his stretched knee, let out a deep groan.

Know All Ron, holding court at the adjacent bar table, paused and all eyes trained on Mick.

'Don't mind me, fellas.... I pulled a hammy during last Saturday's footy feast. I gave the remote control on the television a real workout with the AFL Grand Final, followed by the All Black Test and was all set for the Panthers versus the Sharkies when the batteries died. Well.... I got up off the lounge, considered kicking one of the grandkid's soft toys out of the way with a 40/20 but opted to step off my right foot, to change the channel. Bang... there goes the hammy."

Sighs all round and a chorus.

"Will you be right for the Grand Final in Noel's back shed come Sunday, Mick?"

Mick straightened up.

"Rest assured... I will be there even if I need a painkiller injection. I am icing it daily and booked physio for the rest of the week. Anyhow, Ron what's your synopsis for the big game?"

Know All Ron took a measured sip, paused for silence, cleared his throat and rubbed his chin.

'I am backing the Panthers, Mick, as long as they turn up. Penrith have the players to get the job done. They have trained the house down all week and have played strong and done good this year. Now Mick...you have got to remember it will be a game of two halves, but at the end of the day, the team which scores more points wins."

Mick shook his head repeatedly and his eyes beamed.

'By gee, Ron... you never cease to amaze me... that is a pretty in depth analysis. You sure put the research in. I should be taking notes so I can impress the new neighbour who is a Monday expert on all matters rugby league. We should turn the television volume down on Sunday and go with your commentary."

Ron blushed and sucked in a long breath, straightened his shoulders and deepened his tone.

"Thanks, Mick. I appreciate the compliment and agree some of the commentators fall short on a proper appreciation of the greatest game of all and lean towards the odd cliché. Now, Mick...it is a must win game for the Panthers and it will be all credit to the boys if they can bring home the silverware. It's all possible with Cleary showing more toe than a Roman sandal and, lets face it, the way he is kicking the footy, he can land them on a sixpence. Anyhow, there is a final observation I will make."

Ron paused for a long sip as the others leaned in.

"Rugby League will be the big winner on Sunday."

The loud sigh from Timeless Tom was like a full time siren.

"I think you are overthinking it a bit, Ron. Penrith will win if they remember Rugby League is a team game and all twelve other players concentrate on just passing the ball to Nathan Cleary*."

* Acknowledge:

https://www.espn.com.au/rugby/story/_/id/14157819/greg-growden-remembers-sporting-phenomenon-all-blacks-icon-jonah-lomu

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Gillian Wilde Exhibition: Hope is the Thing with Feathers at The Bas



Gillian at the well-attended opening event on Saturday 14 September, which was opened by Stuart Whitelaw.

"Hope is the Thing with Feathers" is now showing at The Bas. This special retrospective exhibition will showcase the artistic evolution of award-winning local artist Gillian Wilde.

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

Her mastery in watercolours and hand-dyed papers cut into collages, bring her bird subjects to life demonstrating a profound connection to nature. Her artworks have been celebrated for their emotional depth and striking beauty.

Gillian says "My art practice has evolved over the recent decade from a focus on water-colour technique with some collage elements, to using a wide range of collage materials with details added in water-colour. I create my own collage papers using inks and water-colour to dye them. I spend time trying to create natural patterns of colour on the papers, that I then iron before choosing, cutting and shaping the papers to glue onto the work.

Being a collage artist means I turn into a bowerbird collecting a range of interesting papers that I can add to artworks."

"My passion and interest in birds, especially local ones, have been the underlying inspiration. More recently I have been playing with developing similar collage techniques with flowers and landscapes.

One of my main artistic influences has been the Turkish print maker, Faith Mika. His spare graphic images that play with the negative spaces have influenced the way I place my images on the paper. Other influences include several textile artists such as Wen Redmond."

"I like to think I am as much a graphic artist as a water-colour painter or collage maker. I like the space on the paper so that is the focus is clearly placed on the images. Bright bold colours help to intensify the focus. Collage with its depth of tactile effects and variations of tone add to this. Conceptually it helps to crystallise attention on the birds, aiding awareness of their beauty, their personalities, and the threats they are under due to fires and climate change."

Exhibition runs until 12 October Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan and Murray Streets, Moruya Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm



Moments of Awe opens at Gallery Bodalla



Stuart Whitelaw

Moments of Awe opened at Gallery Bodalla last Saturday as part of the River of Art Festival

The joint exhibition of works by Stuart Whitelaw and Ivana Gattegno show their respective interpretations of the local landscape.

Stuart Whitelaw says "The landscape and light of the far South Coast are always changing, in transition. The familiar places transform through wind and tide, water and light. These works are drawn from moments of awe, when I am compelled to just stop and experience a place in time." Stuart works on canvas with pastel and charcoal and clear acrylic.

Ivana Gattegno says "My work is an emotional visual response to an environment or an event. I'm interested in the moment. The exact moment when I feel that wave of excitement and the landscape sings to me, screams to me or cries and howls at me. The far south coast tells me stories that I express with the medium of inks, monoprint and watercolours."

The exhibition runs until 27th October, open Thursday to Sunday 11am to 4pm and by appointment. See more at www.gallerybodalla.com.au

River of Art Festival

continues this weekend For more information see last week's edition for the program or go to www.riverofart.com.au



Ivana Gattegno



Creatives come together:

Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salon

Moruya Library

Salon 1: Thursday 10 October 5.30 to 7.30pm Exhibition dates: Monday 30 September to Thursday 10 October

Moruya Library

Salon 2: Thursday 24 October 5.30 to 7.30pm Exhibition dates: Monday 14 October to Thursday 24 October

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

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

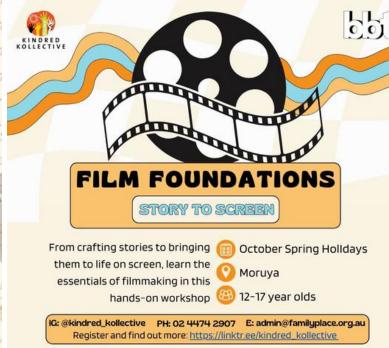
Free event. For evening Salon events bookings essential via Eventbrite For more information on our Library events please visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events



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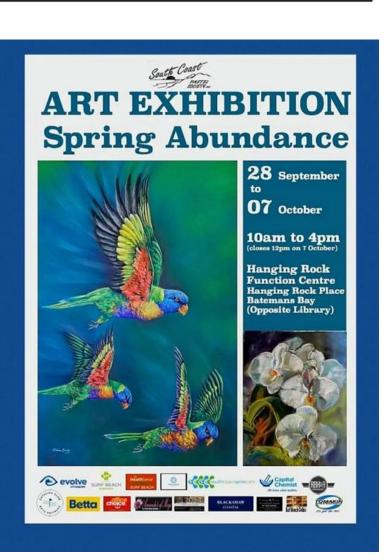


This 5-day intensive workshop runs from the 7th-11th of October in week 2 of the holidays



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THE WILD ROBOT PG, 1H 42M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	10am	10.55am*	10.55am*	10.55am*	10.55am*	10.55am*	3.25pm*	
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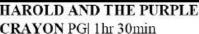
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Arthur Fleck institutionalized at Arkham is awaiting trial for his crimes. While struggling with his dual identity, Arthur not only stumbles upon true love, but also finds the music that's always been inside him.



~ Family ~ Adventure ~ Comedy Zachary Levi & Zooey Daschanel A young boy named Harold embarks on a magical mission with the help of his purple crayon.



BOOKWORM Elijah Wood

PG | 1hr 43min ~ Family ~ Adventure In the midst of a family crisis, a washedup illusionist and his long-estranged daughter venture into the New Zealand wilderness in search of a mythical black panther.

OCTOBER 10th - THE CRITIC



~ Animation ~ Family ~ Action ~

An origin story set on Cybertron, home of both the Autobots and the Deceptions.

The film is said to focus on the relationship between Optimus Prime and Megatron.



RUNT PG 1hr 32min ~ Family ~

Lily Latorre, Celeste Barber & Jai Courtney
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of 11yr old Annie and her best friend
Runt, an adopted stray dog.



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.



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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Moruya

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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 District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local 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 mdha@7mail.com or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537

Willinga Park Escape ARTfest
Picture this, strolling through stunning botanical gardens, exploring breathtaking sculpture installations, enjoying live music from three local musicians throughout the day, savouring delicious offerings from a variety of food trucks, discovering local artists displaying their works, and hopping on bus tours to explore even more—all in one place. It's all happening as Willinga Park joins Escape ARTfest for a day filled with art, music, food, sips, and nature!

Date: **Sunday, 13 October** Time: 11am to 5pm \$10 per person. Kids under 15 are free! Want to stay longer? We have a special offer on our luxury accommodation—50% off the second night! There's so much to experience... Head to our events page to explore more and book your tickets before they're gone!



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.

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

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).

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WEEKLY FOOD SHARE DATES - SPRING 2024 TO WINTER 2025

1st Sunday of the month

Next to the Nourished Sovereign coffee and food van at Riverside Park Moruva

2nd Tuesday of the month 11.45am-12.45pm

Outside the Red Door Hall, St Johns Parish, Page Street Moruya at the weekly Community Lunch

3rd Saturday of the month

SAGE Garden, Queen Street Moruya

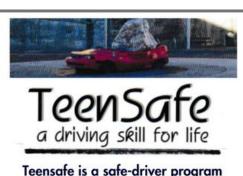
4th Friday of the month 9-10am

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OCTOBER 5 & 6 2024 Braidwood **Open Gardens** Mona Farm The Doncaster Dovecote 18 Coronation Ave Old Post Office, Araluen Gardens open 10am - 4pm \$10/garden, under 18s free Day and weekend passes available braidwoodgardens.com.au Buy your tickets here: **Braidwood Open Gardens** @braidwoodgardens Bendigo Bank





Poppies for Diggers

Moruya Library

Tuesday 12 November, 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Calling all crafters! Join Moruya Library and the Moruya RSL Sub-Branch in crafting handmade poppies for the "Thank a digger with a poppy" Community Project. The project aims to unite the community as we create 3000 handmade poppies, which will be used to emulate a 'Flanders of Moruya,' 'Flanders of Bergalia,' and 'Flanders of the Bunkers' for display at memorial services held at each location throughout the years ahead.

Vicki Mennie, Moruya RSL Sub-Branch Volunteer Coordinator, will be hosting this session and will show you how to make felt poppies for donation to the Moruya RSL Sub-Branch. These will be incorporated into the Flanders Fields.

Each poppy will represent a 'Digger' a family, a child, a nurse, and animals affected by the destruction of war.

Poppy-making materials will be provided but customers are asked to bring along their own needle, black thread and fabric scissors.



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Michael Coloe

Hole in One: Allan Langford

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 28th September 2024

A field of 59 players registered for a Medley Stableford event. It was a lovely Spring day with excellent results achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Michael Coloe (16) with 40 points

2nd: Shane Gschwend (15) with 37 (countback) Greg Booth (14) with 37 points (countback) 3rd:

Allan Langford (15) with 37 points 4th:

John Eglitis (11) with 36 points (countback)

Great Score: Allan Langford Hole in One on the 4th!

Nearest to the Pins

Nick Brice 4th: 5.12 A Grade

0.00 B Grade (Hole in One) 4th: Allan Langford

6th: Paul Ferguson 3.71 A Grade 2.17 B Grade Michael Coloe 6th: Ethan Wong 2.67 C Grade 6th: 1.02 A Grade 7th: Paul Ferguson 7th: Peter Hogan 1.17 B Grade

Balls went to: Frank Pomfret 36, Paul Ferguson 36, Paul Pereira 36, Cate O'Brien 36, Ethan Wong 36, Graeme Sindel 35, Stephen Swanbury 35, Paul Scholze 35, Peter Hogan 35, Peter Coffey 34, Stephen Gardner 34, Lars Gaupset 34, Richard Kelly 33, Ian Lawson 33 and Ron Rogers 33.



Michael Coloe (Secretary) congratulating Winner Dianne Brown



Paula Coffee was awarded the Founder's encouragement award by Margaret Turner.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 1st October 2024Today 21 ladies signed up for a Stableford event which was sponsored by Harry and Rouge. It was a lovely Spring day and the greens challenging after recent sanding.

A Grade Winners were:

1st: Chris Wratten (31) with 38 points 2nd: Annette Manton (26) with 33 points

B Grade Winners were:

1st: Marilyn Bingham (35) with 40 points 2nd: Shirley Quinlan (37) with 39 points

C Grade Winners were:

1st: Kerrie Sands (42) with 41 points 2nd: Maree Coffey (41) with 40 points

Golden Hole winners:

7th: Shirley Quinlan 0 - 38Kerrie Sands 39 - 45 7th:

Nearest to the Pins:

6th: Chris Wratten 15th: Kerrie Sands

Place Getters: Julie Barningham 37, Jenny Reilly 36, Elsa Shearer 35, Jennifer Gray 33 and Jane Eglitis 32.

The AGM was held after the presentation at which the previous committee were thanked and the new committee welcomed in by Margaret Turner. The presentation of 2024 Awards were made.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 2nd October 2024

A field of 40 players registered for a 2 person Irish Team Stableford event today. The weather was perfect and the game enjoyed by all.

The Winning Teams were:

Greg Bush and Cody Bush with 27 points

2nd: Sandra and Ron Hanlon with 24 points (countback)

Shirley and Ted Quinlan with 24 points 3rd:

Jeanette and Ian Miller with 23 points (countback) 4th: Frank Pomfret and Steve Collins with 23 points 5th:

Julie Barningham and Chris Wratten with 22 points

(countback)

7th: Jennifer Gray and Steve Johnston with 22 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Ted Quinlan (2nd shot) 6th: Terry Milliken (1st shot) 7th: Ladies: Gail Rogers (2nd shot)

Mens: Herb Muriwai (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Sandra Hanlon

Bradmans: Derek Hoare and

Graham Moore



Winners: Greg Bush and Cody Bush





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Tackle World Moruya

Moruya River.

With the school holidays in full swing, and a long weekend this weekend, town is buzzing. There is plenty of traffic, and plenty of families out fishing. Just what we like to see!!

There have been some very nice fish caught this week also. Young Harry Schofield and his family from Cootamundra have done well this week. Harry managed a cracking 85cm flathead this week down around the airport flats, I have seen the measured pics, and can confirm it was a beast. Harry, his dad and sister them continued their success down around the spur wall with some nice Luderick and bream. Pics will be attached.

One of our local kids managed a nice flathead on the flats behind the hole in the wall on a his new Malosi Echo 60 in Miso colour, his pic will also be attached below.

The rest of the river, is also starting to get going. Your best bet is to concentrate on the warmer shallower areas on a high tide.

We have some good tides of an evening this weekend, so trying under the town bridge after dark should also be a good option.

With the holidays in full swing, I am getting reports of families fishing the Malabar creek weir, guys please be aware that this is a sanctuary zone, and fisheries will not be understanding if you get caught here. You only have to be walking through this area with a rigged rod to be fined! Do the right thing and don't fish in the sanctuary areas, they are all well sign posted, and there isn't any excuse to be doing so.

Tuross River.

With a dark tonight, and summer getting closer, it's time to dust off the prawning gear. Coila lake opened to the ocean over winter for a much needed flush and restock, so the chances that there will be a prawn or two over the shallow flats after dark is pretty good. We are well stocked with prawning lights, nets and waders, so we have you covered if this interests you.

The main system itself is fishing pretty well at the moment, with good reports of Luderick, flathead and the odd bream being reported this week. Tuross is known for its big flathead, and the shallow back bays are where to be looking for a good fish right now. These areas warm quicker the the main channels as they aren't subject to the cooler water that flushes them out each tide change. Soft plastics, hardbody lures or baits are working a treat.

Give the new limited edition Daiwa Double clutches a look at, they are very nice, along with the new Berkley Gulp Salty Nipper soft plastics for bream, flathead, estuary perch and even Luderick in the rivers.

Rock and Beach.

There are still good numbers of salmon to be caught all along the coast this weekend, as usual, it's a matter of finding where they are active. Moruya breakwall will be popular this long weekend, as will all of the local headland ledges.

There are also a few bream starting to turn up along the beaches, so give this close gutters a look for both bream and flathead. It is still a little early in the season for the whiting, but it won't be long.

Offshore.

Conditions don't look to be too bad this weekend for those who prefer to soak a bait in slightly deeper waters. Sunday seems to be the pic of the days weather wise, but as usual, please check the weather reports before committing to an offshore session.

The bait freezer is missing hawksbury prawns due to the flooding that that region has had recently, and it will be a little while before the prawns are running again up there. Everything else is in stock in the bait freezer though, so we have something for you this weekend. Come in and check out the new additions to the lure wall, there are a few bits and bobs to look at.

We do have a special on the Supex King sized Action chairs this long weekend, 2 for 1 all this long weekend!! They retail at \$105.50, so now is a great time to get yourself a good chair for summer.

Long weekends bring double demerit points on the roads, the highway patrols are out in force, and looking to help relieve you of your hard earned, do the right thing and keep it your wallet! Stay safe this weekend and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

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Sail la Vie

Batemans Bay sailing report

By Lachlan Brown.

"It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the opening race of the 2024/25 keelboat sailing season. 5 yachts ventured forth together with race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill". The start line was heavily boat end biased but even so the start was barely contested with most skippers adopting a gentlemanly "you go first" attitude. The course was shortened to a work to Chain Bay, a reach out to the Marine Park middle mark then a broader reach to the leeward mark at Caseys Beach then a windward and return leg followed by a work to the finish line at Chain Bay. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) led around the first mark then ambitiously attempted to fly a spinnaker on the shy first reach. The "Accolade" crew managed to get to the wing mark after several round ups with the spinnaker still flying. The spinnaker then got completely tangled around the forestay on the gybe and had to be lowered.

Meanwhile the remainder of the fleet sensibly eschewed spinnakers on the first reach.

"Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) made up considerable ground under spinnaker on the second reach. After a poor first leg when she was crossed by "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne), "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop) got going on the windward and return legs as the sea breeze strengthened, overtaking "Moonmist" on the last work. Meanwhile "Sail La Vie" (John Dunlop) was also improving as the race went on and got past "Cool Change". "Accolade" went on to take line honours but it was "Sail La Vie" which won on PHS from "Cool Change" and "Wishful".

Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au. The next BBSC Bay Cup race will be on October 12th. BBSC was founded in 1974. There will be an extensive program of 50th anniversary celebrations on the weekend of October 25th to 27th. See www.bbsc50.info for more info."

PHOTOS: Terry Paton.

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'Jack & Angie - Beat the Bite' is an entertaining story about two youngsters who love playing in and exploring the great outdoors while staying safe from mosquito bites.

More than 77,000 books have been printed and are being delivered to schools, early childhood and education centres and local councils across NSW, with 430 public and independent schools, 103 early childhood and education centres, 66 councils already having opted in to receive books. Other services such as Aboriginal health and immunisation services, scouts and guides across NSW have also ordered books.

The statewide distribution is an expansion of a popular Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) initiative which saw more than 43,000 books distributed across Murrumbidgee, Southern and Western NSW.

Mosquitoes can transmit diseases that are spread to humans through mosquito bites. In NSW they can carry viruses such as Japanese encephalitis (JE), Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE), Ross River, and Barmah Forest virus.

These viruses may cause symptoms ranging from tiredness, rash, headache, and sore and swollen joints to rare but severe symptoms of seizures and loss of consciousness.

Protective measures to avoid bites, include:

- · Wear light, loose-fitting long-sleeved shirts, long pants and covered footwear and socks
- Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk
- · Apply repellent to all areas of exposed skin, especially those that contain DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus which are the most effective against mosquitoes
- · Reapply repellent regularly, particularly after swimming. Always apply sunscreen first and then apply repellent
- · Use insecticide sprays, vapour dispensing units and mosquito coils to repel mosquitos. Mosquito coils should only be used outside. A vaccine is available to protect against Japanese encephalitis virus, which is available for free to those at greatest risk of exposure. For more information on eligibility visit

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/jevaccine

Services interested in receiving 'Jack & Angie - Beat the Bite' can contact the Surveillance and Risk Unit, Environmental Health Branch at HSSG-EHBSurveillance@health.nsw.gov.au



Community ride day



Tour the fresh Mogo Trails

Grab your bike and join the community ride day. exploring some of the first 80 kilometres of the newly opened Mogo Trails.

Starting at the Botanic Garden Trailhead, Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club will lead the way, hosting guided tours on Sunday 20 October, 10am - 1.30pm.

Riders can fuel up with a BBQ fundraiser to support the Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club. Local bike shops will also offer test rides of demo bikes on the day. Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club president Jamie Clout was gearing up for the event.

"We will have some club members who know the trails really well to show everyone around on three different loops," he said. "It will be a great day for local and visiting mountain bike riders to come and meet other riders and check out the trails if they haven't had the chance yet."

The cruisy green loop will be perfect for families, the blue loop will be an adventure for those with more experience, and a black loop will challenge the experts. Jamie said group rides are the go: "It'll be awesome to get a party-line down the trails - sitting right behind, chasing each other is part of the fun."

Register to join the ride before Wednesday 16 October, 4pm. Spaces are limited; register on Council's website.

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COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP 10/65 QUEEN ST MORUYA

Club Malua Stingrays Bowls

There were 32 ladies on the Green on a sunny but windy day to keep us all on our toes! Club Consistency Round 2 a delayed match, Yvonne Huddleston defeated Lisa Grice.

Semi-finals, Patricia Weekes defeated Sue Palmer. Sue Beavan defeated Yvonne Huddleston.

Final, Sue Beavan defeated Patricia Weekes. Welcome to new bowler Julie Knorpp on her first day of ladies social bowls. Winners, Bev Keatley, Joan Rimmer and Kim Giannasca. Runners-up, Tricia Wheeler, Colleen Ashby, Noleen Taylor.

Lucky Losers, Gai Gibson & Rae Fayle. Money Club, 13 Rae Fayle, 55 Margaret Bridges. Birthday greetings to Noleen Taylor and Kim Giannasca.

Congratulations to Yvonne Huddleston, Noleen Taylor, Sue Morgan, Anne O'Dwyer second place winners on Wednesday at annual carnival held in Braidwood each year.

Contributed by Trish Wheeler

Thank you to all Umpires & Markers in this event pictured above.

TUROSS HEAD BOWLING CLUB RESULTS







Marcel Kors - all smiles after a nail biting Semi Final win!

The finalists of the Men's Major Pairs Championship have been decided after two extremely close semi finals were played. The result of both matches were not determined until the last bowl was played!

Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors had to withstand a spirited fight back from Mark Velder and Allen Etheredge before sneaking home in their game. The earlier ends were shared with Fletcher and Kors holding a 7 – 5 lead after 7 ends. They then dominated the next third of the game winning 5 of the 7 ends to open up a good 19 - 12 lead. Velder and Etheredge struggled in this period and only stayed in touch when they picked up 6 shots on the 10th end.

It was Velder and Etheredge's turn to dominate for the next section of the game so much so that they trailed by just one shot at 21 – 20 after 19 ends. With just two ends to play it was anyone's game. Fletcher and Kors won the 20th end but their 22 - 20 lead was still shaky. Velder and Etheredge actually won the last end but could only manage a single shot giving Fletcher and Kors the narrowest of wins! In the second semi final two ends proved to be the difference between Jim Macklan and Bruce Lidbury and Peter Macdonald and John Fahey. Macklan and Lidbury had a 12 – 7 lead after 9 ends despite only winning four ends! Their lead was based on one end where they scored 6 shots and another where they scored 4 shots! The remainder of the match was very close with the lead changing four times!

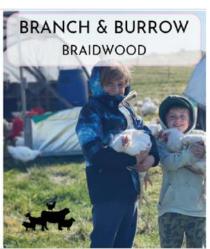
Macdonald and Fahev won four ends in a row to move to a 14 - 12 advantage after 13 ends. By the 15th end Macklan and Lidbury had regained the lead at 16 - 14. However, by the 19th end Macdonald and Fahey were back in the lead at 18 -17! Again the game was anyone's! Macklin and Lidbury held their nerve and managed to win two very closely fought ends. They scored 2 shots on the second last end to regain the lead at 19 - 18. They consolidated this lead when they scored a single shot on the last end. They won 20 -18 despite losing 12 of the 21 ends! The date of the final has not yet been due to other Club and player commitments.



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