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Photo of the Week: Photographer Josh Burkinshaw captured the amazing aurora this morning from Pretty Point looking towards Rosedale.

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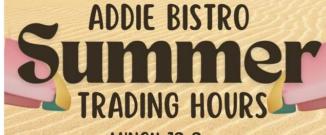
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# Eurobodalla residents invited to health planning update

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) invites Eurobodalla residents to attend and receive an update about the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility from 5.00pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 7 November at the Moruya Golf Club. Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "This invitation is an opportunity for the community to receive clear, up-to-date information on the work happening across the Eurobodalla as we work together to strengthen health services for our community.

"I encourage everyone who can to attend and I am looking forward to engaging with the community and hearing their priorities."

The community update comes after the latest designs for the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility were revealed earlier this week.

The detailed designs show the layout of the new facility including dedicated spaces for consultation, treatment, pathology, group rooms, and a gym.

The designs are available to view on the <u>Batemans Bay</u> <u>Community Health project website</u>.

The Eurobodalla health planning update event panel will include:

- $\cdot$  Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega & Parliamentary Secretary for Health
- Brad Scotcher, General Manager Coastal Network SNSWLHD
- · Margaret Bennett, Chief Executive, SNSWLHD Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said "The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health facility will serve the South Coast region well into the future, providing more health services than are currently available at both the Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals combined."

Panel members will provide project updates and answer questions submitted in advance. Community members are encouraged to send questions in before the meeting via the email link below.

# Event details: Eurobodalla health planning update

Where: Moruya Golf Club, 28A Evans Street, Moruya When: 5.00pm to 6.30pm, Thursday 7 November Questions should be submitted by 5.00 pm Friday 1 November to: <a href="mailto:SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au">SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au</a> No registration or RSVP required.



Join The Big Tick Project hosted by Fiona Whitelaw @ the SAGE Gardens 5pm 17th October 2024. This is a free event about ticks, covering topics like the ecology of ticks, vegetation types, tick hosts and the epidemiology of human tick borne illnesses research including alpha gal syndrome (meat allergy) and Lyme-like disease in Australia.

The coastal area of South East NSW is home to beautiful beaches and bush, but it is also home to a lot of ticks, predominantly the paralysis tick, Ixodes Holocyclus. The Big Tick Project is an informal project by Fiona Whitelaw, aimed at getting some understanding of the effects of tick bites in the local area.

#### The goals are:

- Understand the range of tick bites in South East NSW, specifically on the Far South Coast (Eurobodalla, Bega Shire)
- Spread awareness of ticks and tick borne illnesses, including Alpha-Gal Syndrome/Mammalian Meat Allergy
- Share resources about strategies for limiting exposure to ticks and tick bites
- Share experiences and knowledge with community about safe removal of ticks
- Advocate for people who experience health problems following tick bites
- Get more research funded into ticks and their impact on human health

#### What's being done?

- An information sharing presentation and chat 5pm, 17th October 2024, at SAGE Community Garden, 110 Queen St, Moruya
- A survey, to get some understanding of local experiences of ticks and their bites, in the Eurobodalla and surrounds.

To register on the mailing list, email <a href="mailto:thebigtickproject@gmail.com">thebigtickproject@gmail.com</a> Got questions? Email <a href="mailto:thebigtickproject@gmail.com">thebigtickproject@gmail.com</a> COMPLETE THE BIG TICK SURVEY <a href="mailto:hERE">HERE</a> Your information is anonymous

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# Mayor's second-term focus - planning, housing and clear communication

#### **ESC Media Release**

Mayor's second-term focus - planning. housing and clear communication Heading into his second term as Mayor. Mathew Hatcher wants to see Council consolidate first-term successes, avoid extravagant new projects, and focus community attention on much-needed town planning.

"I think masterplanning for Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma - with appropriate changes to our development control plans - is one of the biggest things facing us," Mayor Hatcher says. "I look at Batemans Bay and, apart from a few odds and ends, it looks the same and it lives the same as when I arrived here 22 years ago. It's critical we get masterplanning for the Bay done quickly, then move straight on to Moruya. With the hospital underway we need a town that's adaptable to the changes that will bring. Narooma will follow.

"It's optimistic but I'd like to see masterplanning finished with this term of Council."

The Mayor says all kinds of positive change is possible when community helps drive the process.

"In my first term we trialled different methods of community consultation, different ways to explain what Council is doing. I believe a lot more people are interested, and they're clearer on what Council can and can't do. We have more community buy-in and many more community ambassadors," he says. "We've worked hard to explain Council's financial situation and the steps we're taking to a firmer financial footing. Rather than fancy new buildings to stick plaques

on, I'd like to see this focus on sustainable government continue. Things like our <u>public toilet upgrades</u> and new grant strategy - these are not high profile but they are very valuable."



Mathew Hatcher was returned for a second term as Mayor with 69.32 of the vote. He says town planning is a high priority for the current term.

The Mayor says the Grant Strategy 2024-28 also sends a strong message to state and federal politicians.

"Don't go making election promises for our shire without talking to us first. We won't be taking your money if it doesn't align with the needs of our community and work we've identified and prioritised. If you want to help, give us another \$10 million for roads, or money to help run some of the big-ticket projects - like the Bay Pavilions - that you wanted funded and delivered," he says.

"Councillors ten years from now should look back positively on our tenure, not be fixing up legacy issues. For that to happen, we must work as a group even when we don't always agree. The community isn't interested in politics, checks and balances, or elected representatives versus paid expertise; they just want to see things getting done."

Mayor Hatcher says he will also continue working for more appropriate and affordable housing options.

"Any changes around housing – building heights, rental time-frame limits, anything – must be clearly presented to and then supported by the community: everything done up front so people know what they are buying in to.

"Like the last, this term is very much about keeping the community informed and engaged in what we are doing. I really believe that for a population of 40,000 people the facilities and opportunities here are fantastic. We are so lucky to live here and shouldn't lose sight of that."

Mathew Hatcher was elected Mayor with 69.32 percent of the vote. Councillors will vote for their deputy Mayor at the first Council meeting of the new term on Tuesday 29 October.



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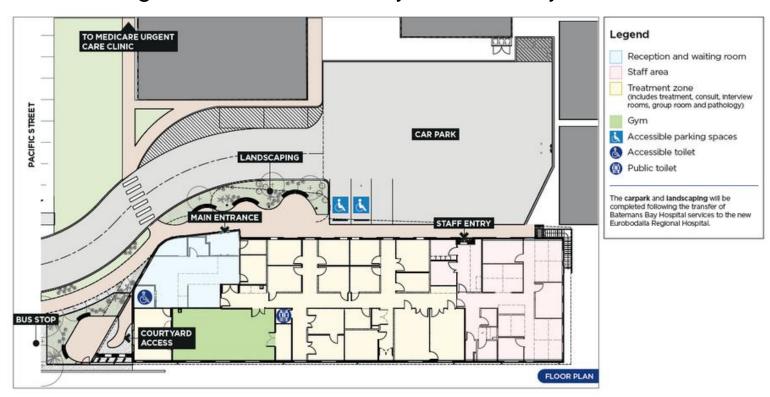


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# Latest designs for Batemans Bay Community Health unveiled



Batemans Bay residents are one step closer to accessing a new health facility with the latest designs for the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility now on display.

The **NSW Government** is investing \$20 million to deliver the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility which will provide modern, integrated and convenient healthcare to meet the needs of the local community.

The detailed designs show the layout of the new facility including dedicated spaces for consultation, treatment, pathology, group rooms, and a gym.

The new Batemans Bay Community Health facility includes:

- Allied health
- · Child, youth and family services
- · Women's health
- Sexual health
- Community nursing and wound management
- Palliative care
- Aboriginal health
- Community mental health and drug & alcohol
- Specialist outpatient clinics
- Pathology

Construction for the new facility is expected to start in 2025, following planning approvals and the appointment of a building contractor.

Batemans Bay Hospital will continue to provide health care services for the community while the Batemans Bay Community Health and new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital are being built.

Regional Health Minister Ryan Park said "The NSW Government is committed to investing in health infrastructure to support better health outcomes for communities across the south coast. "The designs revealed today showcase the internal layout of the new facility which includes contemporary, well-designed spaces to support improved access to a range of community healthcare services.

"Staff, consumers, and the community have played a vital role in shaping the community health facility's design, providing feedback on access for consumers and visitors, onsite parking, landscaped areas and connections to nature, as well as key elements that have been incorporated into the building design."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said "The latest designs give residents a detailed look at the new Community Health Facility which will support local staff and clinicians in providing the people of Batemans Bay with high-quality, integrated, community healthcare.

"As two major investments in our region, the Batemans Bay Community Health Centre and the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be well equipped to support the health needs of the entire Eurobodalla Shire providing the community with access to a broader and higher level of specialist care."

The Batemans Bay and surrounding communities are invited to view the latest designs, meet the project team, and find out more about the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility at drop-in sessions:

- $\cdot$  10am 12pm, Thursday 24 October, Village Centre Batemans Bay
- · 10am 12pm, Friday 25 October, Batehaven shops The designs are also available to view on the <u>Batemans Bay</u> Community Health project website.

Hospital services from Batemans Bay and Moruya will transition to the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital once the new hospital is operational.



# River of Art Prize People's Choice Awards



Congratulations to our winners of the River of Art Prize exhibited in Narooma Gallery.

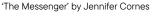
In the gallery - Bessie Nunes won for her work 'SacredWaters,' a handbuilt ceramic and mixed media sculpture, featuring a white bellied sea eagle, school of fish and various forms of marine life. Bessie was also winner of the 2023 River of Art Prize and winner of the 2023 People's Choice Award.

From the Salon de Refuses, in the Narooma School of Arts Cottage - Jennifer Cornes won for 'The Messenger' - a strikingly detailed and beautiful work in pencil featuring the symbolic Willy Wagtail.

Bessie wins a gift from Mogo Framers to the value of \$300. Jennifer wins a dinner for two at The Oaks Ranch.

The River of Art Festival thanked all the artists, sponsors, volunteers and to the hundreds of voters and visitors to the exhibition.











# Hottest year at Braidwood

Braidwood's weatherman Roger Hosking has been reporting on the weather for decades. The following report brings into sharp focus the trends at a single location. Roger reports "The average of daily maximum and minimum temperatures for the twelve months to the end of September at Braidwood is the highest of any similar period on record.

Some twenty six thousand temperature readings have been recorded at the BoM Stn No 069010 since 1986. Bureau of Meteorology equipment and standards have been used for the observations, backed up for many years by an instrument giving ink trace on paper.

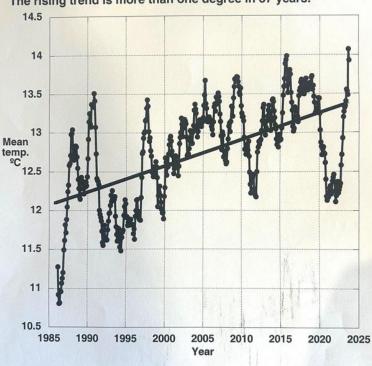
The conditions at Braidwood mean that the thermometers have provided a genuine and stable reading of our surrounding air. There are no hot exhausts from jet aircraft, no heavy industry, and no expansive urban sprawl causing

a 'heat island' effect to distort the figures.

The latest result is not only a record high, but it conforms with a distinct rising trend which is evident over those 37 years. The increase in temperature is more than one degree, more than one third of a degree per decade. For those of us on the tablelands there is a hidden benefit. The length of the winter period during which pasture growth is suppressed by cold is decreasing by about one day per year on average.

Floods and droughts come and go but there is no evidence of climate change trend in rainfall at Braidwood. The records go back 135 years to 1888. It appears that we are close enough to the coast to benefit from warming sea surface temperatures to compensate for the decline seen further inland.

Rolling twelve-month average daily temperature at monthly intervals at Braidwood, about 13 thousand days 1987-2024. The rising trend is more than one degree in 37 years.



The observations at Braidwood offer incontrovertible evidence that something fundamental is happening to our temperatures. It is not some airy-fairy theory. There is no wriggle room. Climate change is real."

Roger Hosking 8th October 2024



# Happy holiday funding boost for three Eurobodalla child care centres

It's holiday time and the Batemans Bay Out of School Hours Care (OOSH Kids) service is celebrating a Federal Government funding injection.

The \$303,750 Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) grant will provide a timely boost for the service operated at Batemans Bay Public School and run by Eurobodalla Shire Council.

OOSH Kids runs after school and holiday programs for kids aged five to 12 years to hang out, have fun and

It is one of eight child care operations in the Gilmore electorate, and three in the Eurobodalla Shire, to share in more than \$1.7 million federal funding to help address barriers to participation, particularly targeting disadvantaged and vulnerable families and communities.

The fund aims to improve early learning, schooling, student educational outcomes and transitions to and from school through access to quality early childhood education and care, support, parent engagement, quality teaching and learning environments. Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said the funding would help services in Gilmore to remain viable and sustainable, and help with the cost of renovating, extending, or building new facilities. "This is great news for OOSH Kids and I'm pleased that, in the Eurobodalla region, I've secured an additional \$400,000 for Eurobodalla Family Day Care and almost \$105,000 for the Moruya After School and Vacation Care program," Mrs Phillips said.

"Batemans Bay OOSH Kids is such a fun place for kids to spend quality time before and after school and during the school holidays, with loads of interesting craft and sporting activities, as well as parties, cooking lessons and excursions.

"When I popped in last week, everyone was having a great time playing games, making boats from recycled materials and, importantly, making new friends. "I'm really thrilled to be supporting eight local child care and early education centres, family day care providers as well as out of school hours care facilities to help improve or extend their services."

Mrs Phillips said, by opening longer hours, or providing additional services, it means parents and carers will be able to have greater choice when it comes to increasing their hours of work or education. knowing their children are being cared for.

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

The funding boost came as the Albanese Government announced a 15 per cent pay rise for Early Childhood Education and Care workers.

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

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

"Early educators are helping shape the youngest generation in my electorate of Gilmore.

"As a mum of four, I've seen first-hand over many years, the significant work local child care and early learning centres do to create better, smarter and more capable Australians."



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips makes boats with the kids at OOSH Kids, Batemans Bay's Out of School Hours Care service.



This marks the opening of the 8th SHASA Heatwave & Bushfire Haven in the Eurobodalla Shire and the 1st in a local surf club.

Moruya Surf Lifesaving Club has been fitted with air conditioning and HEPA filters, LED lighting, a 14kWh solar battery and a gas powered emergency generator funded by ClubGRANTS Category 3 Infrastructure Grants with the support of the NSW State Government.



Recycle right, plastics progress at Potato Point

"Here's the thing. Council can put these white bins for soft plastics recycling out in the community and they're going to get support," says Potato Point's Michael Doyle.

In June this year, **Eurobodalla Council** trialled soft plastics recycling with a dedicated 240 litre bins at the Surf Beach, Moruya and Brou waste facilities. The community was receptive, delivering 1240 kilograms of soft plastics during the three months and proving its appetite for a permanent program since the suspension of REDcycle in 2022.

"Using REDcycle we would go to the supermarket to drop-off our soft plastics. We were so disappointed when it was shut down," says Michael.

"With this new program we know where the soft plastic is going and how it will be processed and used."

Council is partnering with Recycle Smart to deliver soft plastics from Eurobodalla to APR Plastics at Dandenong, Victoria, to be recycled into oil for plastics manufacturing. Gas generated during the process is also reused, fuelling the hybrid generator powering the recycling centre.

Michael wanted to give both the program and his community a boost – with a white 240 litre bin outside his Potato Point home now a local collection point, alongside a red-lid landfill and yellow-lid general recycling bin "so there is no reason to comingle different types of rubbish".

"About a quarter of the village is on board from just one post to our Facebook community group. That was during the trial. Now it's permanent, I'll promote it a bit more," says Michael.

"Council has provided another soft plastics recycling bin for the veranda of the Bodalla Post Office. Lisa from Repurposing for Resilience is kindly emptying them both, taking the contents to the tip for transfer to the recycling centre."

Council's acting manager of waste services Mel Norman says soft plastics should not go in general recycling.

"Things like bread bags, lolly packets, fresh and frozen produce bags, shopping, silver-lined chip bags and zip-lock bags don't' belong in the yellow-lid bin and now they don't have to go in your red-lid general waste bin either," says Ms Norman.

"The bins at the waste facilities – and now, thanks to volunteers like Michael and Lisa, some local villages – mean residents can divert more plastic from landfill confident they will be recycled. Since the program became permanent, we're sending at least 400 kilograms of soft plastics for recycling each month."

Visit Council's <u>soft plastics recycling webpage</u> for more information. If your community group or association would like to participate in soft plastics recycling then contact Council's waste team on 4474 1024.



Valerie Faber from Gallery Bodalla with Lisa from Repurposing for Resilience with the soft plastics bin on post office veranda.



Michael Doyle – alongside fellow Potato Point resident Maureen, and grandson – with the 240 litre white bin outside his home that serves as a soft plastics drop-off point for the village.



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# 100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



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**Mr. Roy Byrne, of Eurobodalla,** has purchased a large Ford motor lorry from Mr. Ray, of Bodalla, and will carry on the Moruya-Bodalla lorry service.

**Mr. L. D. Hawdon, of Kyla Park**, has leased Tuross Estate for 12 months, and has purchased 760 head of sheep from Mr. H. R. McWilliam.

Owing to a severe attack of neuritis, **Mr. D. H. Lavis** has been ordered by his medical adviser to rest for six months. The cure will, no doubt, be worse than the disease to Kiora's energetic farmer.

**Mechanics' Institute.** The usual monthly meeting of the committee of management took place on Monday night last. Present: Messrs. R. L. Dawson (chair), W. Doyle, F. Knight, L. E. Finch, F. King, L. Bartholomew, W. Jermyn, O. J. Armstrong and Secretary C. Carter. ... It was decided to erect a fire extinguisher in the hall and one on the stage. The total cost of the new building was £37. It was also agreed that a time limit be made for the billiard players, for 50 up 25 minutes, snooker 25 minutes, and game of billiards 100 up, 40 minutes.

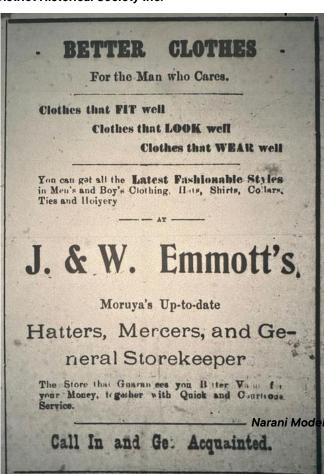
**Turlinjah**. (From our Correspondent) The children attending Turlinjah school were given their annual school picnic on Coila Recreation Ground on Friday last. The weather proved all that could be desired, just such a day as one loves to associate with picnics. Visitors attended from Moruya, Bergalia and Bodalla. Lunch and afternoon tea were served by the ladies, and the children treated to fruit and scrambles of lollies by the gentlemen, who also provided the prizes for the races amongst the little ones. In the evening a dance was held in the local hall, which had been prettily decorated by the young people with greenery and coloured streamers.

**Nerrigundah.** (From our Correspondent) A ball held in the local School of Arts on 3rd inst. was well attended, the sum of £10 being taken at the door. The hall was neatly decorated with coloured streamers and burrawangs. A prize of £1 was given for the best fancy dress, Miss L. Egen "Target," being the winner. Miss Egen donated the prize to the funds. Other fancy dresses were worn by Miss Vera O'Toole, "Good Luck," Miss Pearly Richards, "Irish Colleen," and Miss Doreen Richards, "Queen of Diamonds." ...

Turlinjah School c1937

The music was supplied by Mr. W. Jessop, his son Willie and daughter Jean, and was all that could be desired. Miss Coppin played some extras and also sang a song that was much appreciated. Mr. W. Sutherland was M.C., and Messrs. Eric Sutherland and E. Jessop attended the door

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



# New study reveals Australian honeybees' favourite legume flowers



A bee favourite - Balansa Clover 2

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (NSW DPIRD) has released a new report revealing the pasture legume flowers that are the most attractive to Australian honeybees.

NSW DPIRD senior research scientist and Clover4Bees project leader, Dr Richard Hayes said primary producers have always had the option to use forage legumes that support honey production, thereby enhancing resources for honeybees and fostering collaboration with apiarists. However, little was known of the relative value of the range of pasture legume species for honey bees – until now.

The two-year pilot project, funded by AgriFutures Australia, evaluated 23 different pasture legume species across four NSW DPIRD research stations, focusing on their flower attributes, bee preferences, and nectar characteristics.

"Out of 23 pasture legume species, six leading contenders were selected based on their flower attributes, bee preferences, and nectar characteristics," Dr Hayes said.

"Species like subterranean clover and biserrula were found to have low nectar yields and sugar concentrations, resulting in few bee visits

"Meanwhile, our top performers were woolly pod vetch and arrowleaf clover, which showed high potential due to their attractiveness to bees."

Balansa clover, gland clover, Persian clover, and crimson clover were also identified as highly enticing for honeybees, making them excellent candidates for supporting honey production and pollination.

Dr Hayes said the Clover4Bees project highlights the need for further research and collaboration with other agricultural sectors to enhance the use of these legumes.

"The results have come at a crucial time as environmental challenges and limited access to public lands have prompted the honeybee industry to explore alternative floral resources," he said.

"By creating a more pollinator-friendly landscape, all Australian agricultural industries can collectively ensure the sustainability of honey production and support the health of bee populations in the face of challenges like the varroa mite."

To view the report, please visit the AgriFutures website.

# First Nations statement on 'Nature Positive'

First Nations people from across the continent have gathered on Gadigal Land/Sydney this week for the inaugural Global Nature Positive Summit hosted by the Albanese government.

A joint statement, co-written by First Nations advisers at ACF and WWF-Australia and signed by more than 40 groups and individuals, calls on government and business representatives to engage Indigenous peoples on all 'nature positive' decision-making processes and outcomes.

"Nature Positive may sound like a new concept, but First Peoples have been nature-positive for millennia. We call it caring for Country. Whether it's land, sea or sky, caring for Country has been part of our stories and songlines for generations. It's driven by one simple principle: leaving Country better than you found it."

Australian Conservation Foundation's First Nations Lead Josie Alec said: "First Nations voices need to be at the forefront of the Albanese government's nature law reform, approvals process and environmental planning for the future.

"This has to be done through meaningful, respectful and transparent dialogue.

"The Global Nature Positive Summit is a start, but in order for it to progress beyond a talk-fest, the Albanese government needs to meaningfully take action to be nature positive – and that means no more reckless approvals for coal and gas that destroy our lands and waterways.

"First Nations people have knowledge passed down through our stories and ancestors for over millennia." "The Albanese government has a responsibility to the people of this country to start protecting the land and sea from destructive industries and business by utilising and implementing traditional knowledge into its environmental laws. We are crisis point. It's about sustainability and longevity of all life on earth." WWF-Australia's First Nations Principal Adviser Cliff Cobo said "Nature positive is not a new concept for First Nations peoples. It's in our DNA. We have a physical and

spiritual connection to nature. It's our inherent right and

we've been doing so for thousands of generations. "First Nations communities bear disproportionate exposure to the impact and trauma of the climate

responsibility to look after and care for Country and

"Governments, civil society and Traditional Owners working together on climate change decisions from the outset is the way forward.

"A Nature Positive future is our cultural authority and Knowledge being recognised and valued as a vital part of nature-based solutions to the climate crisis. It always was, and always will be."

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

# Gadfly

Last night, I turned off the 7 o'clock News in disgust during the headlines. Finally, I'd had enough. Since I spend my days at the computer, any breaking news arrives via the daily and weekly CityNews supplemented occasionally by the digital NYT.

The weekend intake is a different matter – it features the sheer joy of the ABC's Landline, and especially the New Scientist magazine. They do what the other news outlets signally fail to do – they tell, respectively, the optimistic story of Australian ingenuity, and our exciting human progress. I will return to their virtues shortly, but that's not the main reason for my rejection of the traditional ABC television news. The sad truth is that the national broadcaster is caught in a paradox of its own making. Like other TV news program, its producers are obsessed with the vile, the criminal and the foolish things men do, but they censor themselves in their reportage and thereby 'normalise' such behaviour.

This is blindingly obvious in their coverage of the wars that begin every bulletin. In Gaza for example, some 40,000 people, including at least 12,000 children, have been torn to pieces or buried alive by the bombs supplied by America and deployed by Israel. Yet our TV reports only ever show the surrounds of a fuzzed-out 'casualty' or a reassembled one in a neat package of white sheets ready for burial.

The anonymous perpetrators are never shown in their aircraft taking aim and releasing the deadly bombs or missiles. They are not even called the Israelis. Instead, it's the anodyne 'IDF' with a neat, uniformed spokesman explaining that the enemy – a 'terrorist' so-designated by our own government – was hiding beneath the hospital or school or apartment block they demolished.



It's not that I want to revel in the horror pictures of death and destruction. On the contrary, I abhor the entire, execrable activity. But for that very reason, neither do I want war – the ultimate human obscenity – to be airbrushed by the censors. The reason is simple. If we were exposed to the reality, the vile mass murder of children in all its bloody horror, we would rise as one and demand its immediate cease.

However, turn the coin, and in wonderful contrast, the latest Landline features great stories beginning with the explosion of new Brussel Sprouts varieties grown in South Australia. They are changing our vegetable diet across the country. Then comes the revival of the vast native oyster colony in the waters of Eyre Peninsular after its destruction over a century from 1840. That's followed by the transformation of the lupin flower crop of northern Victoria into a breakfast cereal of such nutritional value (and good taste) that dieticians report great results from Australia's Aged Care residents. And finally, a French and Australian couple are joyously raising their two little girls on a 215,000 hectare conservation property on the Queensland edge of the Simpson Desert.

The current New Scientist discovers multitudes of both benign and threatening microbes in the human brain. It carries an Australian peer reviewed analysis revealing that the Wuhan market of wild animals really did cause the Covid 19 epidemic. (So much for Scomo's racist fantasies and the millions lost in the barley, wine and lobster exports to China.)

But my favourite is the interview with British Astrophysicist Jo Dunkley who has not only explored the milli-seconds after the Big Bang, she is also headed to the imminent opening of the Simons Observatory in Chile. And with a little luck, that will lead to a vision of what went before!

Puts the 7 o'clock news in its place, doesn't it.

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# Moruya Mail

# The Broulee Gang-gang gang

# By Giovanna Hounsell

It is common belief that Broulee has always had a resident population of Gang-gangs. After the Black Summer fires, having lost a lot of their natural habitat, Gang-gangs started appearing quite openly in the unburnt areas of Broulee, starving and desperate for food. They were easily spotted, feasting on the long, brown seed pods of the Coastal Wattle, along the bike path and in other coastal spots.

The following year, in early December Dr Susan Rhind asked me to observe a hollow from which Gang-gangs were about to fledge. The regular observer was away during the critical week between the chicks' daily appearances at the entrance to the hollow and their fledging, when they leave the hollow for good.

There is so little data on Gang-gangs, especially in coastal areas, that information such as day and time of fledging are essential additions to our knowledge of them. That got me totally hooked! I photographed every Gang-gang I saw after that and sent my information to iNaturalist and Susan Rhind at ganggangfarsouthcoast@gmail.com. I had not, at that point, done any systematic observations though, until one morning, late January 2024 that all changed when Bill arrived on the scene. Bill Platts, a High School Science teacher and bird-watching enthusiast has an analytical mind and a thirst to learn more about the hidden curiosities of the natural world. We both appeared on COP one morning, he with his binoculars and me with my camera and we realised what an amazing opportunity we had to learn more about this fascinating group of birds, that were starting to appear in quite significant numbers, on our patch. We joined forces, and together did lots of observing, photographing, collecting, searching, researching, analysing, discussing and asking ourselves lots of questions.

The big question was, why this significant number of Ganggangs's (up to 22 at that time) had chosen this area to mate, find a hollow to breed, and raise their young.

Geoff McVeigh, an enthusiastic bird photographer based in Canberra, joins us when he is in Broulee and has contributed many photos, videos and observations to our ever-increasing data bank.

#### **Family Groups**

We identified a few family groups. A family group usually consists of one or two immature birds and the adult parents. Some Gang-gangs pairs may have 3 young in a season but we haven't seen any of these yet. The immature males are easy to spot as their red crest is less well developed than the adult males, in most cases. The females are a lot more difficult as they are very similar, although after a while they are easier to spot. The juvenile males are grey all over but they do have some red in their crest. The immature males (1-3 years old) are grey with a red crest and mottled grey and red 'face'. This can vary between individuals. The juvenile females are slightly smaller, lack the orange and pale yellow colouring on their chest feathers and usually have a less curved and twisted crest. The juveniles may have a smoother, whiter beak than the adults but this isn't always the case.

The parents feed their young for up to a year after fledging and this also helped us identify some of the juvenile females. Some of the family groups we identified were: 'Baldy Family' comprising Little Baldy (juvenile male), Bella (juvenile female), male and female parent, 'The Red Family' comprising Little Red (immature male but not a juvenile), Regina (juvenile female), male and female parent, 'The Solo Family comprising Solo (juvenile female), male and female parent. Initially the family groups we observed mostly stayed together during the times we observed them, but occasionally the juveniles would separate out and explore the environment together, chew bark around hollows and play fight. As we headed towards breeding season the adults would often fly off separately, during the day, and explore hollows, sometimes leaving a small group of immature birds on their own. Different family groups would often feed and drink near each other but when finished would take off in their group.



We believe Little Baldy, Bella, Regina and Solo fledged near the end of last year as we observed them being fed by a parent bird, but Little Red wasn't observed being fed so we assumed he was born the year before.

## **Activity:**

As mentioned before, the Gang-gangs we have been observing aren't always in a large group, although there are times they would gather together such as for the morning feed or the evening roost. We usually observed them as pairs, families or occasionally larger groups, doing lots of different things, together or separately.

#### Feeding

The Broulee Gang-gang-gang's staple throughout all the time we have been observing is the seed of the Blackbutt (Eucalyptus Pilularis), although they have taken advantage of other foods as they've become available throughout the season.

During January it was the Cedar Wattle seed. Bill collected material they discarded while eating and analysed the way they extracted the seeds from the pods.

Next came the Red Bloodwood (Corymbia gummifera) flowers which were prolific this year, late January through FebruaryThey would snap off a little bunch chew a few of the sugar-rich stamens and discard the rest. Bill collected material as it was being dropped and even noted how the stem was chopped off at a 41-42 degree angle. They were still eating Blackbutt seed during this time.

When the Red Bloodwood finished flowering they returned to Blackbutt fruit which seems to be their favourite as they've been eating it almost exclusively until now. Once again Bill collected discarded material and watched videos of them eating. He was able to determine the different methods they used to extract the tiny seeds out of the casings. The fruit of the Bangalay were next. Bill found remnants of Bangalay fruit under a feeding female which showed a 'top-off" eating style, similar to that used on Blackbutt fruit, except that the top 'ring' removed was much thicker (the seeds are deeper in the fruit) and the ring was commonly broken in the process. There appear to be some seeds left in the remnants (not the clean removal seen in Blackbutt fruit) They also, on occasion, extracted seeds from Angophora (possibly Angophora floribunda) and Red Bloodwood. Lerp on Bangalay (Eucalyptus botryoides) leaves was another food source for a brief period of time. At the end of July, Little Baldy was seen snapping off the leaves of a Norfolk Island Pine and licking the sap that dripped out of the end. Late August they were observed sampling Sydney Golden Wattle (Acacia longifolia) flowers and in September, sampling, not eating, green Black wattle (Acacia mearnsii) seed pods and Sunshine Wattle (Acacia terminalis) seed pods. September Bendethera Wattle (Acacia

We can identify the trees in which the Gang-gangs have been feeding by the debris lying under them. The colour of the debris gives us an indication of how long ago the Gang-gangs were present, as the debris changes colour as it ages in a similar way it does for the Glossy-black Cockatoos.

During our observations we have not seen them eating any exotic

covenyi)seeds and brownish Black Wattle seed pods.

species or feeding from bird feeders.

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# **Drinking**

The Gang-gangs have found a range of drinking sources, but when available, have preferred drinking hollows in Blackbutts, Angophora's and Red Bloodwoods. During dry periods, when the hollows dry out, they have drunk from birdbaths, puddles and the top of a water tank. The drinking hollows are quite high up in the trees and have a much smaller opening than breeding hollows. Because the openings are smaller, we usually saw only one bird at a time drinking hollow. Occasionally there would be two, and this was done to a pecking order. If the order was not followed, the superior bird would fly down and displace its inferior. While waiting their turn, the other birds would sit in tree branches close by and swoop down when ready. Low, restless flying would often occur when birds were waiting to drink. You can tell when a hollow is being used for drinking as the bird dips their head down to collect water in their bill then tips their head back allowing the water to travel down their throat.

#### Communication

Loud creaky noises while flying: iik!

lik sound while chewing, (especially around hollows) soft occasional iik while eating which gets louder and more pronounced when it's time to move, louder iik calls when confronting perceived danger.

Conversation: During Gang-gang conversation an iik will often be responded to by an iiek

Grooming: Adult/adult. adult/juvenile and juvenile/juvenile. Gang-gangs spend a lot of time preening, especially first thing in the morning, as part of their wake-up routine and also after a feed. They also allopreen, which is preening the skin and feathers of other birds. This usually occurs between bonded adults but we have observed it between parents and juveniles, and between juveniles.

Feeding: juvenile will sidle up to adult, rocking back and forth when they want a feed, making a continuous 'churring' sound. Beak-to-beak exchange between siblings (perhaps play fighting) Adult female to a juvenile they did not want to feed (This might happen if an adult is attempting to wean one of their young)

#### Chewing, spring cleaning and pruning

While not eating, drinking, grooming, roosting and flying, the Gang-gangs spend a lot of time chewing, spring cleaning and pruning. Even out of mating season they would do this as if preparing for the future. We have many photos and videos of them chewing the dead bark around the outside of hollows, or chewing sticks sticking out from the trunk. A mature pair we named 'The Home Renovators' spent a lot of time on a favourite Blackbutt. They'd separate from the group after the morning feeding and drinking and set to, chewing around and inside the many hollows, cleaning out fungus from the hollows, chewing and trimming dead sticks and pruning away some of the immature growth. The young would also spend a lot of time chewing and exploring hollows high up in the canopy.

## Roosting

After a few months of observations we discovered where they roosted at night so, just before sunset, we'd position ourselves by their favourite trees and count them as they flew in., usually after sunset. Sometimes they'd noisily announce their arrival, other times they would be totally silent. Initially on arrival you could see them settling into their spots and once they were fully settled they became totally invisible. The Little Baldy family used the same branch in the same tree, in the same position (left to right) almost every night for 3 months May to August.

### **Importance of Connected Corridors**

Over the 700+ hours we have observed the Broulee Ganggangs we have rarely seen them fly over large, open spaces. They will use tree corridors wherever they can. They tree-hop, flying over the top of or along the side of the trees, taking a sharp, 90 degree turn to follow a line of trees around a rectangular space. Exceptions are flying over roads such as George Bass Drive.



So, while we answered some of the original questions we asked ourselves, what we hadn't found up until recently, was where their breeding hollows were. We believed their hollows couldn't be too far away as they needed somewhere close to feed, train and socialise their young. We surmised they would be in a cluster somewhere close by as Gang-gangs choose hollows within a few hundred metres of other breeding pairs. We had seen some Ganggangs 'working' on hollows since January but as breeding season drew closer we saw adults separating from their young, pushing them away when they were begging for food and regular roosting spots become abandoned.

#### Then it happened...

September 25, 2024, 8:23:49 am! We saw two Gang-gangs mating! We know they mate very close to their chosen breeding hollow so we know of one hollow we need to keep a close eye on. Now we need to locate the others!

# Spin offs:

- Contributions to Lucy Aplin's Al Gang-gang identification project
- Contribution of feathers to Stacey Taylor for DNA identification
- Input into Michael Mulvaney's survey guidelines for locating Gang-gang nest trees and important foraging locations
- Presentation on The Broulee Gang-gang gang for Stage 2 BPS students
- Contribution to and participation in Dr Susan Rhind's community Gang-gang presentation in Broulee



Photos by Giovanna Hounsell

# U3A Saturday Talk 26 October 10 – 12 noon Malua Bay Community Centre

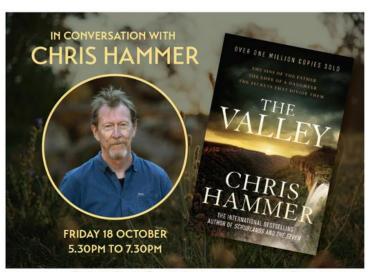
Interested community members are invited to attend the next in Batemans Bay U3A's Saturday Talk Series when Andrew Skeoch a professional wildlife sound recordist and author of 'Deep Listening to Nature' will guide you into hearing the languages of nature, developing your auditory awareness, identifying species by ear, recognising behaviours and repertoire, and finding empathy with the voices of other beings. Deeper listening allows us to hear the integrity of entire ecosystems and reveal what the communications of the biosphere tell us about how nature functions to achieve sustainability.

Over the last thirty years, Andrew has documented the sounds of environments around the planet, and through his label 'Listening Earth', published over one hundred recordings allowing listeners to immerse themselves in wild soundscapes from around the world.

His recordings have been heard in documentaries, installations and feature films such as Peter Gabriel's soundtrack to 'Rabbit Proof Fence'.

If you are interested in attending this talk please contact Andrew Elek on <a href="mailto:drewzzelek@gmail.com">drewzzelek@gmail.com</a>.U3A members should enrol on UMAS.

U3A Batemans Bay which has almost 600 members has been providing courses and social activities for the over 50s in the Eurobodalla for more than 25 years. Details of all courses can be found by clicking the Courses tab on our website <a href="http://u3abatemansbay.org.au">http://u3abatemansbay.org.au</a>. Alternatively our newsletter, which contains details of the program, is available for perusal in the Shire's libraries. Like what you see? Membership is \$50 per annum with a one off joining fee of \$10, however you can join now for the



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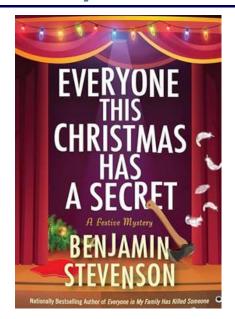
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# Best-selling mystery author talks festive secrets

Library-goers are in for a treat this October, when Benjamin Stevenson visits Eurobodalla.

The well-loved author and comedian will attend Moruya and Narooma libraries for inconversation events discussing Everyone This Christmas Has A Secret, his new festive addition to the bestselling Ernest Cunningham mysteries.

This latest in the popular series sees a Christmas show take a dark turn after a magician's quillotine trick goes awry. And who should be in the front row? After solving the cases of his murderous family and an ill-fated train trip filled with crime writers, Ernest Cunningham finds himself slipping back into the shoes of detective to unravel not one, but two, tricksy crimes. Eurobodalla Libraries coordinator Samantha Fenton says Benajmin's visit is the latest in a series of well-known authors appearing at the libraries this year.

"Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone and Everyone On This Train Is A Suspect have been enormously popular," Ms Fenton savs.

"We're thrilled to welcome Benjamin to Eurobodalla Libraries and hear about his latest- in classic Stevenson style we have suspense and devious puzzles, fun and humour, all tied together with a neat bow." When Benjamin isn't writing mysteries, he's an award-winning comedian who has sold out live shows from Melbourne's International Comedy Festival to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Attendees can expect to engage in lively discussion, ask questions, enjoy refreshments and purchase books signed by the author.

Benjamin will be in town on Thursday 24 October, at Moruya Library from 10.30am and at Narooma Library on from 5.30pm. Bookings essential through the Eurobodalla Libraries' events webpage or contact Moruya Library on 4474 1333 or Narooma Library on 4476 1164.

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Sage, 2024. Mixed media collage, 50x60cm (detail)

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# Frozen Flowers Create Amazing Images ~ Eurobodalla Photographic Club



A recent workshop was held by the Eurobodalla Photographic Club where flowers of all varieties were frozen in water in various shapes and then photographed. Images from the Workshop were shown at the September meeting of the Eurobodalla Photographic Club. It was fascinating to see the effects that resulted from encasing the flowers in ice. Workshop participants enjoyed exploring new techniques and discovering unique ways to capture the delicate beauty of flowers.

A smaller than usual number of members enjoyed the very entertaining September meeting. The monthly competition was "Open" and remotely judged by Linda Fury, an FCC accredited judge from the Shoalhaven. Linda critiqued each of the entries in the competition making suggestions where images could be enhanced, particularly with the aid of cropping.

## Awards for the monthly competition: Colour:

- Gold Bruno Fabbo, John Proctor and Beth Westra
- Silver Peter Keogh, Brian O'Leary, Anne Brown and Colin Pass (2 awards)
- Highly Commended Yvonne Matthews, Gary Jones, Jeanette Robben and Dave Kemp

#### Mono:

- Gold Lisbeth Westra
- Silver Yvonne Matthews
- Highly Commended Anne Brown and Dave Kemp

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The Image of the Night was Bruno
Fabbo's Boats at BB

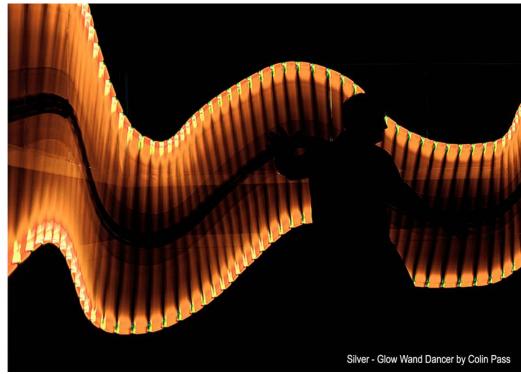
Ken Foster gave a very entertaining Power Point presentation of his 2023 trip to Norfolk Island with beautiful images interlaced with a brief history of the Island. Norfolk Island was originally a penal colony and evidence of its presence is still very evident. After the penal colony was closed down the Island was given by England to the descendants of the Pitcairn Islanders, who were the descendants of the HMS Bounty mutineers. Many descendants of these people still live on the Island.

Recently, the club had exhibitions on display at the Moruya (Birds) and Batemans Bay (Insects) Museums which were part of Science Week. The exhibition at Batemans Bay Museum will be on show until 2nd November. The Club is also hosting an exhibition at the Batemans Bay Library from 21st October until 11th November. There is no particular theme for this exhibition so be prepared to enjoy an eclectic mix of images from our very talented photographers.

In the coming weeks, the club is hosting a number of events and workshops for members. If you would like to find out more about our club and its activities, just log on to Eurobodalla MyPhotoClub (https://eurobodalla.myphotoclub.com\_au/). You may also like to join us at our monthly meeting every 4th Tuesday in the month at 7.00 pm at the Tomakin Community Hall. We also have practical classes for members wishing to hone particular skills which are held on 3rd Saturday of every month.

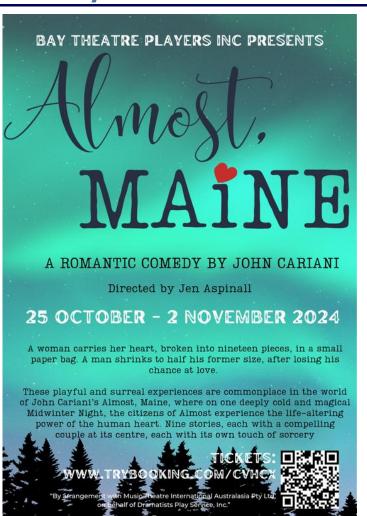












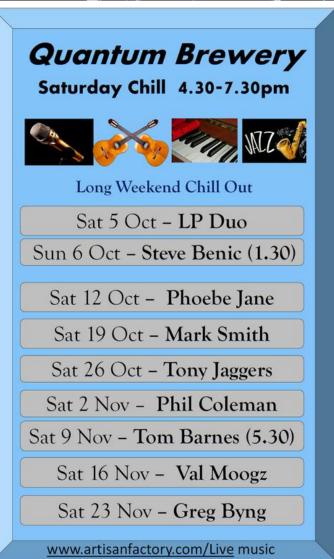
# Almost Maine

Opening night for the The Bay Theatre Players next major production, Almost, Maine, is less than 2 weeks away. Running for a limited 8-show season from 25 October to 2 November 2024, this delightful romantic comedy will provide a wonderful night of entertainment Almost, Maine is a play by John Cariani, and is set in a small town in rural Northern Maine, USA. The play is a series of eight loosely connected stories, each with a charming couple at its centre, where a night of magic and unexpected events plays out under the Northern Lights. Love is the theme at the heart of every story, and the audience will see and experience the characters falling in and out of love, in all sorts of funny and not-so-funny ways.

The Director of Almost, Maine is Jen Aspinall, who is making her directing debut for the Bay Theatre Players. Jen has a number of years experience as an actor with the Players, but is now delighted to be taking on a new role. Jen says "Directing Almost, Maine has been a wonderful experience. The cast is very talented and supportive, and it's been great to welcome some new faces to the stage. It's a very lovely, funny and unusual play, and we are looking forward to transporting our audiences to a snowy, winter wonderland to meet the beautiful characters of Almost, Maine"

As well as being a great story, the play will be a visual treat for audiences. The Northern Lights will be making an appearance during the play, and the cold and snowy set will make you believe it's the middle of winter. Jen says "Bring your scarf and beanie along to support the Bay Theatre Players for their final show of 2024. Local support has kept our theatre going for many years, and we are thrilled that in 2025, Bay Theatre Players will be celebrating their 50th anniversary of providing local theatre"

Almost, Maine is on stage from 25 October to 2 November at The Playhouse, 33 Gregory St Batemans Bay. Matinee and evening performances are available. Tickets are on sale now at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com">www.trybooking.com</a> or <a href="https://www.trybooking.com">www.baytheatreplayers.com</a>





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# Moruya Mail Arts

Moruya Community Film Group The film club's next screening is on 26 October 2024

# Movie: Empire of the Sun

Where: Red Door, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page St, Moruya When: Saturday 26 October 2024 Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm Showtime

#### About the movie:

Empire of the Sun is a 1987 American epic coming-of-age war film directed by Steven Spielberg and written by Tom Stoppard, based on J. G. Ballard's semi-autobiographical 1984 novel of the same name.

The film tells the story of Jamie "Jim" Graham (Christian Bale), a young boy who goes from living with his wealthy British family in Shanghai to becoming a prisoner of war in an internment camp operated by the Japanese during World War II.

Please feel free to bring a cushion to make the chairs in the hall more comfortable for you.

The Moruya Community Film Group is run by a small group of film enthusiasts, and we would love to see you at this screening – please spread the word as we are keen to attract new members, especially as we now have state of the art equipment. Keep up to date by checking our Facebook page

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# Willinga Park joins Escape ARTfest this Sunday

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!

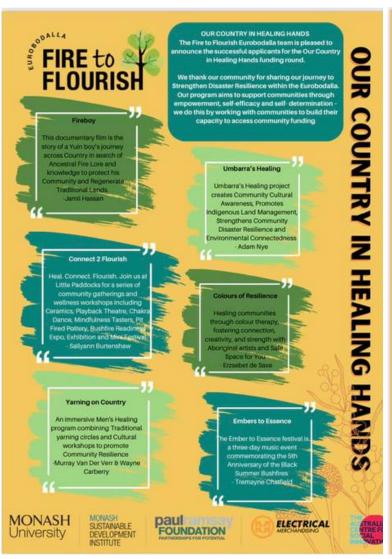
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- Learn about the National Gallery collection and exhibition program from curators and educators.
- Take part in artist-led studio workshops. https://nga.gov.au/learn/summerartscholarship/





# **Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla**

AWL Eurobodalla is bursting at the seams with some adorable cats and kittens, ready to move into their new homes. Here are some of them: Tessa is an adorable little 6 month old diva who loves to be the centre of attention. Whether she's snuggled up for long one-on-one cuddle sessions or engaging in playful antics, Tessa will make sure you're never bored. She's full of energy and loves to get into mischief with her fellow fosters, but no matter what, she always needs to be right where the action is—especially if that means keeping a close eye on what you are up to. Tessa would thrive in a home where she can either be part of a lively furry family or shine as the queen of the household. If you're looking for a sweet yet sassy companion who will always make her presence known, Tessa is the perfect addition to your home! If you're looking for a big bundle of furry affection, Miles is for you! He is a chunky, gentle 3 year old black and white boy, who is ready to be your most loyal companion. Miles loves to snuggle up on the couch and will happily be scooped up for big cuddles like a baby. He is curious by nature, and loves to be where the action is. Miles is playful and is accepting of other cats, but would also thrive as the only man about the house. This big, beautiful boy is looking for someone to love. Is that someone you?







We also have gorgeous kittens Buster and Todd, two nine week old tabby brothers. Together they are double trouble! Buster is quieter in nature and loves to head-bump and snuggle with his carer, while Todd, also a smoocher, is more spirited and mischievous. The boys love to romp and play, then curl up together for a snooze. These two cuties are amazing with other cats and dogs, so would be suited in homes with other pets, by themselves or together. The brothers will be ready for their forever homes at the end of October.

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| JOKER: FOLIE A DEUX<br>MA 15+, 2H 18M, THRILLER                        | 2.50pm<br>7.20pm   | 2.50pm<br>7.20pm   | 3.45pm*        | 3.45pm*        |          | 2.20pm*<br>6.25pm | 2.20pm*<br>6.25pm |  |
| HAROLD & THE PURPLE CRAYON<br>(LAST WEEK)<br>PG, 1H 29M, FAMILY/COMEDY | 3.25pm*            | 3.25pm*            |                |                |          |                   |                   |  |
| THE WILD ROBOT<br>PG, 1H 42M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE                         | 12.45pm<br>5.10pm* | 12.45pm<br>5.10pm* | 3.55pm         | 3.55pm         | 6        | 12.15pm*          | 12.15pm*          |  |
| RUNT<br>PG, 1H 32M, DRAMA/FAMILY                                       | 10.45am<br>5.30pm  | 10.45am<br>5.30pm  | 2pm<br>6.25pm* | 2pm<br>6.25pm* |          | 2pm<br>7.05pm*    | 2pm<br>7.05pm*    |  |







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# NOW SHOWING

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| BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE M 105 MIN      | 7:00 PM                        | 7:00 PM                        | 7:00 PM                        |                     | CLOSED    | 7:00 PM                        | 7:00 PM                        |
| BOOKWORM PG 104 MIN                    | 12:45 PM                       | 10:45 AM                       | 12:45 PM                       |                     |           | 10:45 AM                       | 12:45 PM                       |
| DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE MA15+ 128 MIN     | 4:45 PM                        | 2:45 PM                        | 4:45 PM                        |                     |           | 2:45 PM                        | 4:45 PM                        |
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# THE CRITIC

Gemma Arterton & Ian Mckellen

M 1hr 39min ~ Crime ~ Drama

JOKER: FOLIE A DEUX

Joaquin Phoenix & Lady Gaga

MA | 2hrs 18min ~ Action ~ Drama

Arthur Fleck institutionalized is awaiting

trial. He stumbles upon true love, and also

finds the music that's always been inside him

The story of ambition, blackmail and desire with a dazzling anti-hero at its dark heart. A whodunnit which winds tighter & tighter.



# TRANSFORMERS ONE

PGI 1hr 44min

~ Animation ~ Family ~ Action ~

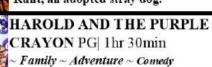
An origin story set on Cybertron, home of both the Autobots and the Decepticons.

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



# RUNT PG 1hr 32min ~ Family ~

Lily Latorre, Celeste Barber & Jai Courtney
From Craig Silvey's best-selling novel
RUNT is the heartfelt and hilarious tale
of 11yr old Annie and her best friend
Runt, an adopted stray dog.



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



# 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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# YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE YESTERDAY

Sunday 3rd Nov 4pm

M | 1hr 20min Australian ~ Documentary ~ Q & A with film director Jolyon Hoff Hundreds of hours of lovingly-restored 16mm surf film footage with a salt-infused soundscape and wisdoms from Australia's Gurus, to tell the story of a wild community who took off up the coast and discovered a whole new way to live. Tickets at the cinema or on line.

OCTOBER 17th - SMILE 2

ALSO SCREENING - SPEAK NO EVIL/ BOOKWORM/ BEETLEJUICE 2/DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE/ THELMA

# Ticket on sale for Eurobodalla Mayor's Charity Ball

Mayor Mathew Hatcher invites the community to celebrate all things Eurobodalla on Friday 1 November, at Moruya Golf Club.

Eurobodalla's 2024 Local Hero will be announced, and all proceeds from the night will go to the Mayor's chosen charity this year, The Family Place Moruya.

"This is one of my favourite events of the year where we all get together to celebrate the people that make our community so wonderful," Mayor Hatcher said. Mayor Hatcher said the charity ball will raise funds for families facing challenges in the community.

"The Family Place is a great organisation that has been around for 30 years supporting people who are experiencing homelessness - which is an issue I am passionate about.

"Each year, I will continue the theme of these charity balls to assist those in need."

Tickets are on sale for \$120 which includes drinks on arrival, a three-course meal and a boogie to DJ Matt Brown. Twenty dollars from each ticket sold will be donated directly to The Family Place Moruya.

"We're pumped to have 2EC and PowerFM on board as our media partner again this year. They will help us get the word out because the more funds we raise, the more The Family Place and the people they support will benefit," Mayor Hatcher said.

A highlight of the night will be the announcement of the Eurobodalla 2024 Local Hero Award. Mayor Hatcher welcomes 2023 winner David Oliphant back to return as a judge this year.

"We've got a strong field of nominations already, but more are always welcome," Mayor Hatcher said.

Council's website has details on how to nominate a Local Hero. Nominations close this Friday 11 October. Get your tickets for the Mayor's Charity Ball at Council's website or <u>Eventbrite</u>.





# Playdates with Emergency Services

Come along and meet your local Emergency Service providers at this free event.

- Get up close to emergency vehicles
- · Activities for the children
- BBQ dinner
- Information stalls

#### More information

Contact Council's children's services team:

- 44747333
- www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events

#### Batehaven

When Monday 21 October, 5.30-7pm
Where Corrigan's Beach Reserve,
Beach Road

# Narooma

When Thursday 24 October, 5.30-7pm
Where Quota Park, Riverside Drive

#### Moruya

When Monday 28 October, 5.30-7pm Where Riverside Park, Ford Street





Eurobodalla Children's Services

OOSH, Family Day Care, 3Bs Playgroup, Embracing Participation

# BAY-POOL SERVICES

Phone: (02) 8529 8974

A new Pool and Brew shop has opened at 4/7 Cranbrook Road Batemans Bay (next to 3d shade sails). We are your exclusive dealers for Dolphin pool cleaners. Stockists of pool and spa chemicals and Coopers and Morgans HOME BREW supplies. We also service swimming pools from North Durras to Moruya from \$65 a service plus chemicals.

Open 9 to 4 Monday to Friday and 9-12 on Saturdays

Address: Unit 4/7 Cranbrook Rd, Batemans Bay NSW 2536 baypoolservices@outlook.com



# Could your organisation benefit from having a central meeting space in Moruya?

Repurposing for Resilience Eurobodalla Inc. is making the solar reuse centre available to community groups, free of charge, for meetings & workshops on a Friday and Saturday.

"The Centre is off grid and lovingly built by volunteers, almost entirely from waste, as an example of what true grass roots solutions are all about. We'd love to share the space with like minded groups.

Catering hire is available.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch for more information."



# 80th Anniversary - VP Day in Moruya NSW - The End of WW2



## 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.

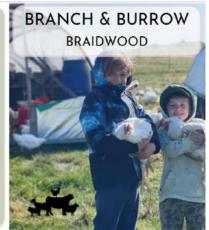
Come along, celebrate and commemorate on the anniversary of the date which saw the end of the Second World War.

All military re-enactors welcome ... do you own a historic military vehicle? If so, we would like to hear from you.

There will be the first in a series of short videos, to advertise this event. FREE GUIDED TOURS. Plus a 1940's Singalong Concert in the Moruya RSL Hall on Saturday 16th August. 2025.

See HERE Fred 'Pulk' Pelder and the Dutch Defenders of Moruya https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_uz7QNpXW\_E&t=4s For more information, please contact Gary Traynor ph. 044 969 2401







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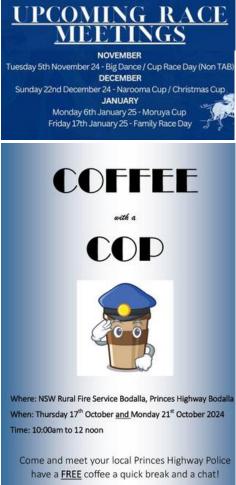
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stallholders including Southern NSW Local Health District, TAFE NSW and primary health network, Coordinare.

"I encourage any community groups or local businesses to get in touch if they are interested in getting involved. We are always looking for new stallholders and sponsors," Mr Rossiter said.

The Eurobodalla Health and Community Expo promises to be a fun day of connection, education and entertainment, offering something for everyone.

For more information contact Brad Rossiter on 0458 534 470 or email eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com



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

Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway. Each course runs for 1 day. Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80. Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank. For details, pics and rego forms go to

www.teensafemoruya.org

or email garys.home@bigpond.com



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inquiries and to volunteer: contact.shasa@gmail.com o Kathryn Maxwell 0467558645



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US?

Come along to our Registration Day on Wednesday 24th of January at The Soldiers Club from 10:30 to 12:30

Or visit our website at u3abatemansbay.org.au Or Phone us on 0474 483 678

SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:

For those people who are unable to attend The Soldiers Club on Wednesday, Joe, Allan and Lyn will be coming to the Moruya Library on the day after, that is Thursday 25th of January.

We'll be there to:

- · tell you about U3A
- · discuss our courses
- help you to join us or to renew your membership, and
   help you to enrol in classes

Where and When: In the Gubar Baran room from 11:30 to 12:30

So don't sit at home .... come and join us today!

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# 2024 Diary Dates

- 25 October Mogo Mania Gravity Enduro Stage Race
- 15 November Crank It Up Batemans Bay
- 23 November Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo
- Sunday 24 November Tomakin Community Day
- 28th Feb 2 March 2025 Cobargo Folk Festival
- 2 3 May 2025 Narooma Oyster Festival
- 15 17 Aug 2025 80th Anniversary VP Day in Moruya

# 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

# 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).

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 moré—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!

# Moruya RSL Sub Branch

Don't forget Moruya RSL Sub Branch monthly meeting takes place next Tuesday 15th October at 2pm at the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya.

For discussion is the upcoming Remembrance Day on the 11th November. Members of the Moruya Sub Branch wish to remind our Community badges are being sold in Moruya at the usual places. Watch out for members selling on Thursday & Friday from the 24th October until 8th November.

Also check the happenings next year for the 80th Anniversary for VP Day in the Moruya RSL Facebook pages. We welcome any veterans or visiting personnel from the Defence Forces to the meeting so please come in & introduce yourselves.

# 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 <u>Helen Thomson</u> by text 0407 100 710 or email hthomson0@gmail.com

# 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.

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

# LIONS CLUB OF MORUYA HIGH TEA

Our High Tea and Second Hand Clothing Fashion Parade is getting closer so if you haven't got your tickets yet you can call Jenny on 0499 831 151 or Julie on 0416 473 824 to book a table or you can purchase tickets from following shops in Moruya Felt and Stone, Boom Lawyers, and Moruya Book Shop.

Saturday 9th November 2pm to 4pm CWA Hall Moruya







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# Personalised Gifts





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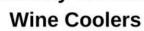
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**Tea Towels** 

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Dog Tag









COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP 10/65 QUEEN ST MORUYA



# Everyone's welcome







# Food shares provide a space for the community to connect, share their backyard excess, and foster local food resilience.

Food shares are held 4 times a month in Moruya from Spring to the start of Winter. You don't have to be a backyard grower to come along, in fact, coming empty handed is encouraged!

You're welcome to drop off your produce if you can't stay. You might gain variety and inspiration to your diet, backyard growing ideas, and you'll be going green by lowering food miles and reducing plastic waste. And you're likely to pick up food grown without chemicals — and that's a win for your health!

# WEEKLY FOOD SHARE DATES - SPRING 2024 TO WINTER 2025

# - SPRING 2024 TO WINTER 2025

#### 1st Sunday of the month 10–11am

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

#### 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

9-10am SAGE Garden, Queen Street Moruya

# 4th Friday of the month

Repair Café, Red Door Hall, St Johns Parish, Page Street Moruya

#### Please check

www.sageproject.org.au for specific dates and cancellation notices





# Eurobodalla Multicultural Group

# **DIVERSITY NIGHT 2024**



Saturday, 9 Nov 2024 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start At St Johns Greek Church Hall 1 Clyde Road North Batemans Bay

# LIMITED SPACE

DOOR DONATION
Ticket to be collected at
JJJ Oriental Supermarket
For more information please send
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Delicious Multicultural food available
Feel free to bring food to share
BYO alcohol
Soft drinks can be purchased at the venue



This event is supported by Batemans Bay Greek Community

# Eurobodalla Ag Show Fundraiser

# SILENT AUCTION

# DANCE

# SUPPER PROVIDED

Please join us for an evening of entertainment. Grab your friends for a night of dancing, an opportunity to dress up and to help raise money for our next Eurbodalla Agricultural Show

# 6:30pm start





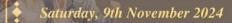
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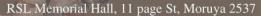
#### ADULT (16 yrs+) \$40.00 CHILD (under 16yrs) FREE

Tickets will be capped at this event We suggest that tickets are purchased online before the event as there is no guarantee of tickets being available at the door.

Tickets strictly online via Ticketebo ONLY. Tickets will NOT BE SOLD on any other site.

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# **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

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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# Outreach

# Free legal advice appointments for the Eurobodalla

# **Batemans Bay**

- Tuesday 3 September and 17 September
- Tuesday 15 October and 29 October

# Moruya

- Thursday 12 September and 26 September
- Thursday 24 October

For more information regarding these outreach dates contact us at:



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Come and join us for PADDLE 4 CLIMATE!
SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER
KYLA PARK BOAT RAMP
COILA LAKE
TUROSS HEAD
be ready to paddle at 9am

# 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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# Tackle World Moruya

# Moruya River.

I can't believe we are already over a week into October! While the winds this week haven't felt like we are moving into summer, the fishing is slowly, but consistently picking up. Those chasing flathead have benefited from fishing the warmer flats of an afternoon, while the morning session have not over the same flats have not produced. This is a testament to the fact that the flathead are up there enjoying the warmth the sun is providing. We have had reports of fish up to 80+cm, with the majority of flathead brining in the that 40-55cm range. Great signs as we move into the warmer months. Most of the fish have been taken on either smaller soft plastics, 25-75mm, swimbaits in the smaller 100-120mm sizes or hardbody lures like the Diawa Double Clutch in the 75-95mm sizes.

There has also been a report of some nice sized whiting up to 40cm taken in behind the hole in the wall. I can't say if they were on surface lures or baits, as that info wasn't disclosed. Definitely worth a look though. The early season success I was having on the bass has eased up, as the bigger models have definitely started to push further and further upstream, spreading themselves out throughout the upper limits of the Duea river. Exploration will be the key to finding fish this weekend, hopefully the barometer looks better than last weekend.

#### **Tuross River.**

Consistently improving has been the theme of the reports I have received this past week on the Tuross system. With good flathead being reported over the shallow warmer sections of the river this week. Those back bays, that have less tidal movements are where a lot of the fish are being found. Soft plastics and hard body lures are the go to this time of year, worked slowly and methodically over the same ground in the hopes of getting a reaction bite. The flathead are still a bit quiet, and are not super aggressive this time of year, so don't expect screaming drag burning runs, it be prepared for a more dogged low and slow style fight. Keep the rod tip low so as not to have a good fish wear through your leader material. The bottom sections around potato point will see an increase in both bream and whiting as the ocean temps warm up and push into the system itself. We really need the water temps to start hitting the 20-22deg mark to

see the whiting really come on, it won't be long now. I haven't had any reports from the upper section of the Tuross river bass wise, but no doubt the fish are moving further upstream, making further exploration needed to find them. While checking out Google Earth, it was interesting to see the progress being made on the Eurobodalla Dam that is going in, construction seems to be well under way.

# Rock and Beach.

Salmon have continued to be the main stay of the beach activity this past week. Although with the winds we have been having, and are forecast to keep having, finding a sheltered beach or rocky headland, has been the challenge.

We are starting to hear reports of bream becoming a more regular capture, along the beaches this week. A sure sign of the water temps coming up, and it won't be long before the whiting join them.

We have the perfect range of new season rods from Shimano to target bream and whiting in the suds in store, come in and check them out.

#### Offshore.

The snapper bit is starting to slow up a little, and it won't be long before you will have start heading out a little deeper to find them, for the time being though, they have been readily available in the 20-30m mark along with the ever present flathead.

The bait freezer is looking pretty used and abused this weekend, we are out of several baits as a result of a long weekend and school holidays. Salted pilchards are out, and will be restocked next week, Hawksbury prawns are still out while we wait for the condition in the Hawksbury region to clear up. IQF pilchards are also out for the moment. We do have other options available though, so come in and check out what we have.

We have a range of the new Izalus and Dynaflare rods from Shimano in store now, these are a shore spin beach and rock targeted range of rods, with a few estuary models also available, both priced below \$200, they will be popular models to be sure.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



make new friends





# TOMAKIN

Winners on a countback Jennie Hogan and Milka Starkovski.

# Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report.

There were 32 Twisties on the Green on a warm sunny Sunday morning & the start of Daylight Saving.

A warm welcome was given to Sam grandson of Robbo who came along to bowl with us. No Award given this week as Smiley who received it last week forgot to return Medal!

Money raised for Charity Motor Neurone Disease will be presented on 27th to Doug who is suffering from this awful disease.

Winners on a countback Jennie Hogan and Milka Starkovski.

Runners-up, Suzie and Smiley.

Milka selected Rink 14 to try for Jackpot, Patty Manning cut cards but no luck finding the Joker.

Lucky number winners, 19 Smiley McGregor , 24 Tony Birmingham Everyone welcome to Sunday Twist Tops names in by 8 am, 4474 2019



# Club Malua Stingrays Bowls Report



The team of Yvonne Huddleston, Noleen Taylor, Sue Morgan and Anne O'Dwyer were congratulated on coming in second in Braidwood Carnival.

There were 34 ladies on the Green on a much cooler day after the lovely weather on the long weekend. Welcome to new bowler Lorraine Humphreys.

The team of Yvonne Huddleston, Noleen Taylor, Sue Morgan and Anne O'Dwyer were congratulated on coming in second in Braidwood Carnival.

Winners, Lorraine Humphreys, Judy Davis and Noleen Taylor.

Runners-up ,Julie Quinlivin , Janis Loneghan visitor from Cronulla and Kim Giannasca.

Money Club Winners, Sue Morgan and Judy Armstrong. Results of Open Triples Carnival

1st - D. Thomas

2nd - B. Morethorpe

3rd - K. Carmichael

4th - C. Depasquale

5th - K. Malone

Thank you to all supporters, umpires and volunteers for a great weekend of bowls.



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# Tuross Head Golf Results



Medal Winners: Paul Pereira and Tim Watson.

## **Tuross Head Golf Results** Saturday 5th October 2024

A field of 58 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly medal event. The weather was perfect and great results achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

Tim Watson (5) with 66 Medal 2nd: Brad Doolan (7) with 67 (countback) B Grade:

1st: William Steenbergen (16) with 65 Medal

2nd: Peter Hogan (18) with 71 C Grade:

Paul Pereira (31) with 63 (countback)

Medal 2nd: Graeme Bell (21) with 63

Great Score: Tim Watson: Hole in One! Hole Prize: Tim Watson on the 6th (Hole in One) Jackpot Prize, Tim Watson on the 11th Golden Shot Moruya

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Tim Watson 1.14 A Grade 4th: Stephen Gardner 0.80 B Grade Tony Brown 1.70 C Grade 4th: 6th: Tim Watson 0.00 A Grade 1.18 B Grade Stephen Gardner 6th: Graeme Bell 0.92 C Grade 6th: A Grade Tim Watson 472 7th Anthony Mellick 9.43 C Grade Martin Booth Putting Comp Winner: Balls went to: Ian Sheppard 67, Mark Haberkorn 67, Ken Hush 67, Ross Hendy 69, Ian Kingston 69, Greg Booth 69, Jonathan Coffey 70, Derek Hoare 70, Martin Booth 70, Tony Brown 71 Peter Coffey 71, Ethan Wong 72, Peter Garn 72 and Darrell Kildey 72.



Winner: Steve Johnston

#### **Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 3rd October 2024**

A field of 42 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was fine but windy with some great results achieved. The Winners were: 1st: Steve Johnston (23) with 43 points (countback) 2nd: Jesse French (13) with 43 3rd: Rob Green (3) with 39 points (countback) 4th: Peter Hogan (19) with 39

points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Ray Bollard 1.53 A Grade Ron Rogers 1.22 B Grade 6th: Nick Brice 6.02 A Grade Michael Coloe 5.37 B 6th: Grade 6th: Steve Johnston Grade 7th: Stephen Gardner 1.07 B Grade 7th: Cathy Milliken 1.65 C Grade

Balls went to: Ron Rogers 38, Lars Gaupset 37, Jim Madden 37, Colin Houghton 36, Ray Bollard 36, Michael Coloe 36, Ian Manton 35, Brad Doolan 35, Jim Wade 35, Nick Brice 34, David Schmid 34, Nigel Barling 33, Terry Milliken 33, Greg Maloney 33 and Paula Coffey 33.



Winners: Pam Alexander and Julie Barningham.

#### **Tuross Head Ladies Golf** Results - Tuesday 8th October 2024

A smaller field of 14 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today which was sponsored by Trussworx. The day was cool and overcast but some good results achieved.

Division 1 Winners were: Pam Alexander (32) with 39 1st: points 2nd: Annette Manton (26) with 35 points

Division 2 Winners were: 1st: Julie Barningham (39) with 34 points 2nd: Maree Coffey (40) with 33 points

Golden Hole winner: 7th: Cate O'Brien

Nearest to the Pins: 6th: Marilyn Bingham 15th: Jeanette Miller

Place Getters: Dianne Brown 31, Elsa Shearer 29 and Beverley Theobald 28.



### **Tuross Head Vets Golf Results** Wednesday 9th October 2024

A field of 35 players registered for a single Stableford event today. The weather was cool but sunny and some good results were achieved.

The winners were:

Ken Hush with 20 points 1st: 2nd: Ross Davidson with 19

points

3rd: Peter Coffey with 18 points Ross Hendy with 17 points 4th:

(countback) Mike Birks with 17 points 5th:

6th: Ian Manton with 17 points 7th: Warren Hodder with 16 points 8th: Paul Periera with 16 points

9th: Ray Downey with 16 points Neal Watson with 16 points 11th: Margaret Downey with 15

points (countback)

12th: Rob Nash with 15 points 13th: Annette Manton with 15

points

Nearest to the Pins 4th John Cox (2nd shot)

Des Jackson (1st shot) 6th: 7th: Ladies: Annette Manton

(2nd shot)

Mens: Steve Collins (2nd shot)

Accuracy:

Maree Coffey (5th

hole)

Bradmans: Maree Coffey





# Moruya Jockey Club - Racing NSW Country Club of The Year

The Moruya Jockey Club, supported by the Eurobodalla community, has been recognised for its outstanding contributions to local racing. The 2024 NSW Country Racing Awards were presented at the Racing NSW Country annual Racing Conference held on Friday, 4 October. The club not only delivers exceptional race days but also creates events with a focus on local cuisine, well-maintained facilities, and a top-quality racing surface.

Under the leadership of Ken Brown and his dedicated team, the club hosts a variety of race day and non-race day events that draw in people

Despite Moruya's small population, the club engaged over 12,000 patrons across 13 meetings last year, setting new records for attendance, bar sales, membership renewals, and sponsorships. Their ability to unite the community and provide great experiences sets them apart and makes the Moruya Jockey Club deserved winners of Category B&C Club of the Year.

The Award recipients of the various categories were announced and acknowledged for their significant contribution to country racing. The Country recipients of the Awards for 2024 are:

- · Simon Nivison Special Achievement Award Terry Carroll (Grenfell Jockey Club)
- · Country TAB Race Club of the Year (Cat A) Murrumbidgee Turf Club
- · Country TAB Race Club of the Year (Cat B & C) Moruya Jockey Club
- · Outstanding Achievement Award (Community & Picnics) Cooma-Monaro Race Club
- · Special Recognition Award Dubbo Turf Club
- · Country Trainer of the Year Brett Cavanough
- · Country Jockey of the Year Aaron Bullock
- · Country Apprentice Jockey of the Year Braith Nock
- · Country Approved Rider of the Year Leandro Ribeiro



# Moruya Rotary Golf Day ~ Golf & Dinner Charity Event!

# Friday, 25th October at Moruya Golf Club

Get ready for a fantastic day of golf, delicious food, and incredible prizes, all in support of building Carers Accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH).

With fun activities, raffles, a huge auction, and a chance to win amazing prizes, this is a local event that you won't want to miss!

Golf - 9 Holes (4 Person Ambrose) 1 PM tee off - \$20 per player Rotary fundraiser BBQ from 12:30 PM Charity Dinner – 6 PM arrival \$50 for a 2-course meal

Raffles and auction with prizes worth thousands! Here's just some of the amazing prizes.

Raffle: luxury accommodation voucher, essential oil diffuser, sheet set, wine packs, golfing novelties, electrical appliances and more!

Auction: a smart TV, BBQ, workshop and cordless power tools, fire pit, various restaurant and accommodation vouchers, art work, collectibles and a whole lot more! Golfing Prizes: vouchers and even more prizes for the winning team, the longest drive and nearest to the pin! Package Deal:Play golf and enjoy the dinner for only \$60! Book Now via email: events@moruyagolfclub.com.au or call 4474 2300 by 15th October 2024.

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# SAGE Farmers Market Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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