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## The banning of UNWRA

The United Nations Relief Agency UNWRA has been in operation since the early 1950's and has thousands of employees. Palestinian refugees across the Middle East, but especially in Gaza have been totally reliant upon it for their welfare. A few days ago Israel passed legislation to ban UNWRA claiming it supports terrorism. Israel has supplied no evidence to support this claim.

Let us be abundantly clear. What Israel is intending is against its obligations under international law. What Israel is intending is against its moral obligations as fellow citizens of the human race.

That in any organisation this large, there might be some who do not comply with the organisation's charter is both possible and probable. No different to any large organisation, charitable or commercial, anywhere in the world. However, Israel accuses the organisation of large-scale corruption and malpractice, even supporting terrorism. It has provided no evidence. You may remember Israel gaoled the previous head of World Vision in Gaza under accusations of corruption, and directing funds to Hamas, without providing a skerrick of evidence. Mohammed EL Halabi has subsequently been in an Israeli gaol since 2016. A thorough audit has shown the accusation was simply not plausible. He could have been released had he confessed to something he has not done. He has refused

Similarly, following an audit, the Australian government has satisfied itself that it is safe to continue channelling Australian charitable aid through its large-scale distribution network to the millions of Palestinians in need, believing the Israeli accusation to be false.

To imagine that another network, trusted by Palestinians, can suddenly emerge to distribute the level of aid required is worse than naïve. It takes years to develop both the infrastructure and trust required.

To imagine that Israel's defence force will itself meet this need quickly, generously, and thoroughly is bizarre. Apart from anything else where would trust be found amongst Palestinians to believe and cooperate with the very people who have demolished schools, hospitals, distribution outlets, and blocked safe aid transition for over 12 months. It simply does not work to expect aid from the one who is the cause of your devastation.

If the resolution of the Knesset to ban UNRWA is not rescinded, Israel must be immediately subject to isolation and boycott. The response of so many Australian politicians to the actions of Israel is that Israel has the right to defend itself. This has absolutely nothing to do with defending itself. It has everything to do with an intention to remove by any means possible a whole race of people from their land. The very fact of passing a law with effect in Gaza and the West Bank suggests that the Knesset that assumes it already possesses sovereignty over these occupied lands. It does not have sovereignty. But this is clearly the intention. If it did have legitimate sovereignty, all Palestinians should have full rights as citizens. The West Bank and Gaza are clearly intended to become part of greater Israel – but without a Palestinian population. The situation could not be grimmer, or graver.

We hardly need to be reminded by Dr Martin Luther King or Archbishop Desmond Tutu that those of us who are not affronted by evil become part of it.

Please do all in your power to lift voices in condemnation of a decision, which, if left to stand, could have apocalyptic consequences for the people of Gaza and severe distress for the people of the West Bank.

**Rev Dr George Browning**

## Council's Way Forward for Re-opening of Congo Road

The cloak of silence from Eurobodalla Shire Council since its loss of the Supreme Court Case on 29 August regarding its proposal to reopen Congo Road remains firmly in place. GM Warwick Winn and his Chief Operating Officer Kellee Pisanos still refuse to answer any questions or provide any details on:

1. what was the legal advice that he took to Councillors at the meeting of 21 November last year supporting Council management's proposal to approve a survey plan for a road through Lot 197 at Congo; or
2. the full cost to ratepayers involved in the loss of this Supreme Court case; or
3. what Council now proposes to do to resolve the road issue for Congo residents and others who used the former road which was closed by the owner of Lot 197.

In addition, the fire season is almost upon us and the need for an exit option for Congo residents is also pressing. Given this context, Council management has a responsibility to the safety of ratepayers and the people of Congo in this matter which it cannot duck and weave on any longer.

The way forward for Council was spelt out in the Supreme Court decision on 16 September. In summary, it said:

1. Council was wrong in law with its 21 November 2023 proposal for a road through Lot 197;
2. but there was a way for it to obtain a road to connect North Congo Road from South Head Road Moruya to South Congo through this Lot by either purchase following negotiation with the landowner, or through obtaining the intervention of the NSW Minister for Lands to acquire the required land using his legal powers in such matters.

I am advised that local State Member for Bega, Michael Holland, has recently indicated his support for the latter option if Council wished to support this course of action. A positive, prompt, response from Council would surely be appreciated by all the Eurobodalla community as well as those from Congo. In the recent election campaign, Mayor Matt Hatcher promised greater transparency from Council; this would thus seem to be a good opportunity and time to show he is fair dinkum.

**Frank Ross**  
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# Well attended Playdate with local Emergency Services

By Jacklyn Roque, Moruya SES

The "Playdates with Emergency Services" is a great initiative for all Emergency Services including NSW SES Batemans Bay and Moruya Units on a way to connect with our local Eurobodalla Community especially after the Black Summer Fires of 2019/2020 where we know that children are still being affected by lights and sirens and seeing uniformed Emergency services team members and an opportunity for families with small children to connect and talk with their local emergency services.

The "Playdates" is in its 2nd year with three events held for 2024, Batehaven (21/10), Narooma (24/10) and Moruya (28/10) which were amazing and hugely successful. Batehaven was our busiest and very well attended. Narooma was brilliant, lots of families with small children and infants, Moruya was fantastic and a load of fun with "Paddy" dancing with the children and other local emergency services team members, including our own!

We have an amazing connection with Jenny and Louise from ESC Children Services, Karleen, Michelle and Kate from Australian Breast Feeding Association- Protection of Infants and small children for these events to be successful, informative and enjoyable.

SES Acting Commissioner Debbie Platz visited Moruya for the event along with SES representatives from the Northern River, looking to run similar events.



Moruya SES Unit commander Em with Acting Commissioner Debbie Platz and Playdates organiser Jacklyn Roque.



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# Eurobodalla emergency precinct will house a range of services

An emergency services hub in the Eurobodalla region is one step closer with a new State Emergency Service (SES) headquarters the first building planned for the site at 2876 Princes Highway, Moruya (near TAFE).

The Eurobodalla Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct will bring a range of agencies together under one roof to ensure the community is better prepared and protected from future natural disasters.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said choosing a suitable site, working with stakeholders and co-ordinating the complex requirements of numerous agencies took time, and meant the precinct would provide the best outcome for the community.

Liberal candidate for Gilmore, Andrew Constance accused "the Federal Member for Gilmore and the Prime Minister of comprehensively failing to deliver on their January 2022 commitment to build a critical Operations Centre and in not doing so, also putting lives and communities at risk in future natural disasters."

"It is deeply disappointing that several years on since Federal Labor's announcement nothing has happened to build this critical facility for emergency services. It was first announced with fanfare in January 2022," Andrew Constance said.

"This Centre is critical because during Black Summer agencies such as the NSW Police and local Council were based in Moruya's RSL Memorial Hall 700 metres down the road from Fire Command. I saw how bad this situation was firsthand, with emergency services and key agencies separated and dealing with extraordinary coordination and communication challenges" said Mr Constance.

However, Mrs Phillips said "The NSW State Government, Eurobodalla Shire Council, RFS, SES and Marine Rescue have been working together to progress the Eurobodalla Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct, with the site secured and planning well underway."

She said claims the precinct had not progressed were "misleading for a community that was still recovering from the Black Summer Bushfires".

"I know first-hand just how important this facility is for Eurobodalla residents," Mrs Phillips said. "Which is why I lobbied for a \$5 million federal election commitment which was delivered in Labor's 2022 Federal Budget, unlike the previous government that made no federal funding commitment."

"When Andrew Constance was the State Member he made no commitment to this facility and, if it was up to him, it would not even be on the agenda."

Mrs Phillips said, following negotiations between the parties on how best to progress the Eurobodalla Regional Co-located Services Precinct, the \$5 million federal funding agreement for the project was executed on 13 August 2024 enabling it to proceed on the highway site purchased by Eurobodalla Shire Council in 2023.

"The first stage is for the construction of a new standalone SES on the Eurobodalla Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct site which will allow the move of the SES from the existing facility to the new co-located precinct, as well as providing ground work for other elements including an Emergency Operations Centre and training facilities," she added.

The co-located facility with appropriate technologies, facilities and support systems, is best practice and aligns with recommendations from the Commonwealth Royal Commission, and the NSW Bushfire Inquiry. The brand-new purpose-built precinct would house multiple services including the RFS, NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire and Rescue, Marine Rescue and SES.

"Having emergency services in one place means better communication, bolstered resilience and coordinated response in times of emergencies, including fires, floods and storms," Mrs Phillips said.

"I understand how important it is to have our emergency services connected, which is why I have delivered federal funding and continue to work in a productive way with all stakeholders to ensure the delivery of this much needed precinct" said Mrs Phillips.

## Consultation on Access to Maloneys Beach

At the Eurobodalla council meeting on Tuesday, a MOTION was carried that Council:

1. Consult the community for a period of 14 days regarding their views around removing the sandstone blocks to reinstate access to the former track that was used to access Council's decommissioned informal boat ramp at the east of Maloneys Beach.
2. Receive and consider the community feedback along with a staff report at the November Council Meeting.

Council will be door knocking and letter box dropping information in the Maloneys Beach area.

Cr Shutz explained that the short period of consultation was so that access could be enabled by the school holiday period.

## Cr Mayne elected Deputy Mayor

At the Eurobodalla council meeting on Tuesday, Cr Anthony Mayne was elected Deputy Mayor.

Council also resolved that the term of appointment for the Deputy Mayor's position be for 12 months, and that the method of ballot be secret ballot.

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# Heat Haven opens at Moruya Heads



SHASA's Kathryn Maxwell, Cr Sharon Winslade and club President Mick Hallahan.

The Moruya Surf Life Saving Club Bushfire and Heatwave Haven was officially opened on Thursday morning by Sharon Winslade, on behalf of MP for Bega, Michael Holland,

Kathryn Maxwell, President, SHASA said "This is the 8th Haven opened in the Eurobodalla as part of a network established by the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) in partnership with community owned facilities.

SHASA developed a Heatwave and Bushfire Haven Strategic Plan for the Eurobodalla Shire in 2022. The plan included detailed business cases to upgrade a number of community facilities to operate as Bushfire and Heatwave havens during extreme weather events" During the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires the Moruya Surf Club members offered assistance to the community and in particular to the many visitors that were in town to participate in the George Bass Surf boat Marathon.

In 2023 SHASA, in collaboration with the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club, applied for and secured \$72,590 in funding from Club Grants Category 3.

The upgrade to the Clubhouse includes air conditioning and hepa filters for temperature and air quality control, LED lighting, 10kWh battery and 20 kva emergency power generator to enable the facility to continue to have electricity when the grid goes down.

Micro Energy Systems (MESA) from Bodalla installed the LED lighting, battery and emergency power generator while Climate Control installed the air conditioning and hepa filters.

SHASA has developed a map which illustrates how people from Moruya Heads, Congo, Meringo and Bingi can access this facility during a bushfire.

Just this week an **'Independent review of Commonwealth disaster funding'** commissioned by the National Emergency Management Agency.

The Colvin Review by Deloitte, was commissioned to improve disaster funding arrangements. The review examined how the Australian Government spends money on disasters so that we: reduce risks, are ready for disasters, better respond when they happen, help people recover and make communities stronger.

There are well entrenched and understood principles that have served Australia well – principally that emergency management remains the core responsibility of state and territory governments. There has, however, been an evolution in two primary ways: firstly, that the Commonwealth has been more visible and active in the emergency management phases of natural disasters; secondly, that the community expects a far greater emphasis on risk reduction and resilience from all leaders within the disaster management community



Steven Cornthwaite explains the Battery system.

A total of 47 recommendations were made under the following five themes.

1. Commonwealth role and coordination
2. A National Natural Disaster Outcomes Policy
3. An evidence-informed, risk-based approach
4. Program reforms
5. Non-government and community sector.

You can Download the 65 page Report [HERE](#)

## Moruya and Moruya Heads Heatwave and Bushfire Havens





# Mid-air collision south-west Sydney claims life of loved pilot

Former south coast resident and Qantas pilot Gary Criddle, 72 was among three to lose their lives in a mid-air crash outside Sydney last Sunday. Mr Criddle and a 29-year-old man were flying from Wollongong from Cessnock in a Cessna 182 when it was involved in the collision with a Jabiru light aircraft piloted by Khadervali Gagguturu, 60. Gary Criddle was well known in the Moruya district. Gary and wife Sue were married at Tuross Head and owned a tranquil property at Coila in the 2010's.

Gary owned hangars at Moruya Airport and flew his Cessna in and out often.

Gary was an extremely experienced pilot with 20 years in the Navy and Airforce - where he was a member of The Roulettes Display Team.

"As one of Qantas' most respected pilots he was recently awarded his 35-year service badge. He was a mentor to many aspiring pilots and an avid adventurer with plans to sail the world" said Sue. "Gaz was so loved and I've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of grief at this sudden and tragic loss. Gaz was full of fun, laughter and generosity. His loss is immeasurable and he will be deeply missed."

"We have beautiful memories of our time in Moruya" Sue said. "I cannot put into words to how devastated I am to lose the love of my life Gary."



Sue and Gary Criddle

# NSW Government reaches pay agreement for 50,000 health workers

The NSW Government has reached an agreement with the Health Services Union (HSU) to increase wages and deliver benefits from salary packaging for more than 50,000 health workers across the state. The agreement covers a range of professions including allied health roles, hospital cleaners, scientists, security officers, patient transport officers and more.

Under the Government's new Fair Pay and Bargaining Policy, the NSW Government and the HSU have agreed to a one year pay increase of 3.5 per cent plus 0.5 per cent in superannuation.

The agreement will also provide 100 per cent salary packaging, delivering a key election commitment. This will increase the share of salary packaging benefits for eligible workers from 70 per cent to 100 per cent with effect from 1 July 2024.

Under current salary packaging arrangements, the resulting tax savings are split between health workers and NSW Health.

Cost of living protection has also been agreed with a \$1,000, one-off cost of living payment if the 12-month annual average Sydney Consumer Price Index rate exceeds 4.0 per cent in the year to the March quarter of 2025.

The agreement also includes award reform that commits all parties to working together to create modern, fit for purpose awards.

This includes a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that commits to working cooperatively to achieve a 3-year wage agreement on the expiry of the 1-year award.

This deal forms part of the Government's comprehensive plan to deliver the long-term repair of healthcare across NSW.

It follows a 4.5 per cent pay rise delivered last year, which was the highest in more than a decade.

**Dr. Michael Holland MP**  
Member for Bega  
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# 17th Annual Narooma Boats Afloat launches this month

The 17th Narooma Boats Afloat Festival is on weekend of 8-10 November 2024.

On Saturday 9th November, from around noon, the boats and crews will be having their lunch at Narooma Marina in Forsters Bay. The public is welcome to come and have a stickybeak at the boats on the Marina & Boatsheds. Montague Arts and Craft Society will be holding an art exhibition in one of the boat sheds for most of the day in Forsters Bay as well.

President Graham Peachey says around 35 – 40 boats will be participating and 80 sailors.

The boats are mostly very old – one being 100 years old. They have been lovingly cared for and there’s lots of sparkling Huon Pine to see.

One boat is called the ‘Huon Islander,’ used to be the ferry to Bruny Island, was sunk and then restored back to life.

The main prize is the Malcolm McKay Best Boat Award. Peachey says “He passed away, but was on the architect of the festival and highly regarded around boatbuilders.”

There is a gala dinner for participants on Saturday night and auction supported by local sponsors, including a seaplane ride with South Coast Seaplanes over the inlet and Montague Island, a charter boat ride to island, a kayak and other prizes.

On Sunday 10th November from around 10am the boats will cruise to the Mill Bay Boardwalk for the Grand Parade of Boats, and return to Forsters Bay where there will be a further chance for stickybeaking.



## Cruise ships to ride a wave of momentum into NSW ports this summer

The NSW Cruise season is off and sailing with a record-breaking \$4.41 billion 2023-24 season, up 60.4% from the previous financial year.

Data released last week by Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and the Australian Cruise Association (ACA) reveals the 2023-24 cruise season saw the largest economic return to NSW that has ever been recorded – smashing even pre-COVID figures. This growth is expected to continue over the coming summer with 1.2 million passengers and crew from 312 cruise ship visits set to sail into NSW ports.

It’s not just Sydney ports set to benefit from the cruising boom. The Sapphire Coast is set to benefit as 25 cruise ship visits bring 43,000 passengers and 20,000 crew to the Port of Eden, injecting a potential \$12 million into the local economy. Newcastle will see an increase in international visitors with 12 cruise ship visits, bringing 12,500 passengers and 6500 crew who can take advantage of the diverse array of shore excursions to explore the best of the Hunter region and nearby coastal towns. The report also showed a 50% jump in jobs with the industry supporting employment for 13,714 full time jobs in NSW over 2023/24.

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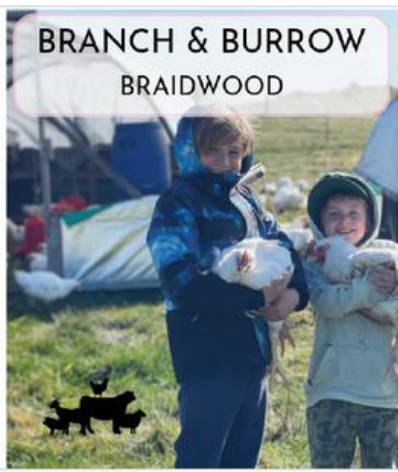
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# Sandbags and seawalls

Eurobodalla Shire Council

“Our current coastal protection work centres around the protection of Council-managed community assets around Batemans Bay.

We’ve been using sandbags at Long Beach to temporarily protect Bay Road from coastal erosion. Our early efforts had many hands grasping big needles to sew shut the sand-filled sacks. We got smarter, more recently buying bags with built-in Velcro closures, saving us time and money, and some blisters too.

Now we’ve compared all the options based on social, environmental and economic factors, finding a rock revetment to be Long Beach’s best long-term solution. It’s cost effective, long lasting, and looks so much better than a concrete wall (or sandbags!). It also allows for the existing Norfolk pines along the shoreline.

McLeods Beach, a low-lying area at the western end of Surfside, is at risk of swamping in coastal storms. We’re designing a raised embankment that protects infrastructure and improves access, with scope to add more height and length in the future. Meanwhile the north end of Surfside Beach needs more sand – Transport for NSW is responsible for that but we’re advocating it be done as quickly as possible.

The sea is also encroaching on Wharf Road at North Batemans Bay, particularly at that sharp bend in the road. Here, a sea wall will reduce wave damage during storms and big seas. It will continue along the beach to join the seawall at Easts Riverside Holiday Park, giving us scope to raise the road in the future. Looking further south still, we’re planning to rebuild bigger and better at Batehaven’s Caseys Beach, where waves are breaking over the current seawall and damaging Beach Road.”

# Three-year award agreement accepted by NSW teachers

On Monday, public school teachers across New South Wales voted to accept the Minns Labor Government’s three-year award agreement, formally completing last year’s four-year pay deal.

This agreement will mean the state’s 95,000 public school teacher workforce will continue to have highly competitive salaries, receiving a three per cent pay increase annually for the next three years.

Further, this agreement offers improved workplace flexibility to improve attraction and retention in the profession. This will include opportunities for job-sharing, part-time employment as well as full-time and part-time leave without pay where requested.

To maximise teaching time, regular after-school meetings will be capped at one hour a week and after-school events will need to be planned in consultation with teachers, with reasonable notice given.

Teachers will also be provided with additional school development days for the duration of the three-year agreement to assist with rolling out the new curriculum with a focus on explicit teaching, while the Department continues to address ongoing staffing challenges.

Today’s agreement follows the once-in-a-generation pay rise given to teachers last year which saw starting salaries lift from \$75,791 to \$85,000 and top of the scale teacher salaries increase from \$113,042 to \$122,100.

The Minns Labor Government was elected with a mandate to scrap the former Liberal National Government’s wages cap and reinvest in the state’s essential workers. The agreement reached today has been funded through the 2024-25 NSW Budget.

The Minns Labor Government’s work to support public school teachers and address the teacher shortage crisis presided over by the former Liberal National Government has also included:

- Converting more than 16,000 temporary teachers and school support staff to permanent roles.

- Banning mobile phones in public schools to improve student behaviour and focus in the classroom.

- Expanding the School Administration Reduction Program trial, to streamline the non-classroom work required of teachers.

These efforts have helped reduce teacher vacancies to a three-year-low of just more than 1,600, with NSW public schools reporting 24 per cent fewer vacancies at the start of Term 3, 2024 than at the same time last year.

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## Time share dog beach regulations start 1st November

Timeshare arrangements for dogs on selected beaches in Eurobodalla are back in effect this Friday 1 November. The 18 Eurobodalla beaches with timeshare arrangements allow dogs before 9am and after 5pm.

Dogs are prohibited on timeshare beaches between 9am and 5pm, until Saturday 30 April.

Eurobodalla Council encourages the community to practice 'dog walking manners' and promote responsible pet ownership.

Most dog-related incidents occur during the warmer months, particularly on beaches. While Rangers do their best to monitor and prevent incidents, it's ultimately up to the community to ensure the safety of both dogs and people, senior Ranger Rory Hogan says.

"As the weather warms up, more people are walking their dogs and Ranger patrols increase. We're out educating and encouraging dog owners to do the right thing," Mr Hogan said.

Over the past year, Mr Hogan said Rangers responded to 406 incidents involving irresponsible dog ownership, where dogs were not under effective control.

"If your dog is being a menace in a designated off-leash area, like a beach, you risk on the spot fines.

"Your dog should reliably come back when called. If they don't respond consistently, you should keep them under control on a leash. Both dogs and people should feel safe when out and about."

Mr Hogan wants to help build the community's understanding of responsible dog ownership, and the importance of keeping dogs under effective control.

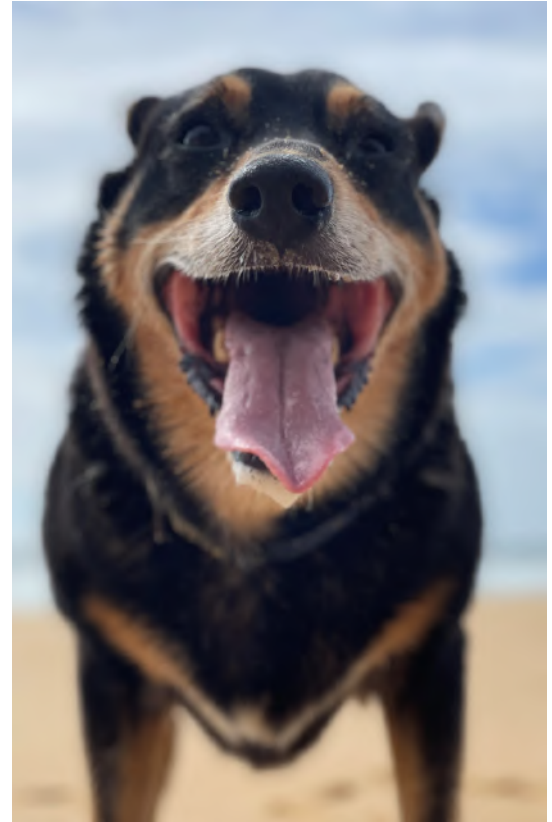
Council created a webpage sharing dog walking do's and don'ts.

Mr Hogan asks the community to help spread the word and practice 'dog walking manners', which is to:

Never let your dog run up to another dog. Check first to see whether your dog can say hello. Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean other dogs are - some may be anxious and react aggressively.

Observe your dog's behaviour and keep it in sight. Owners often mistake dominant behaviours for play. Actions like mounting and excessive barking are unacceptable and are known to be common behaviours on our beaches. If your dog becomes a nuisance or aggressive, put it on a leash.

Respect others' space and always keep your dog on a leash in public places.



Keep early morning and evening noise to a minimum when walking your dog near houses. Take a bag and pick up your dog's poo. Avoid taking your dog to crowded areas and keep it away from children and people fishing. See a map of dog-friendly beaches on Council's website.

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## More Indigenous Rangers for Batemans Bay and Jerrinja as national program expands

Two South Coast Local Aboriginal Lands Councils (LALC) will share in almost \$7 million funding to employ more local First Nations rangers, as part of the Albanese Labor Government's national expansion of the Indigenous Rangers Program.

The Batemans Bay LALC will receive \$3,178,994, while further north, the Jerrinja LALC (located in Jervis Bay & Shoalhaven - Wandj Wandj Country) will receive \$3,743,409 in federal funds to allow their existing ranger programs to grow and evolve.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has welcomed the funding for two organisations in her electorate.

"I'm so pleased this funding has been directed to two wonderful organisations that are encouraging young indigenous men and women to get involved and care for their environment," she said.

"And I'm proud that the Albanese Government continues to support Traditional Owners to manage and protect land and sea Country for future generations."

Batemans Bay LALC CEO Roslyn Carriage said the funding would allow the ranger group to expand.

"This funding means we can employ more rangers and start training up some more young people," she said.

"Our rangers work in estuaries as well as on the land, and carry out weeding, soil erosion projects, traditional burning and surveys for endangered flora and fauna.

"We're trying to encourage more young people to get involved and get back on Country and to help bring the land back to the way it should be."

Jerrinja LALC CEO Alfred Wellington said the funding boost would allow the established ranger team to continue operating with confidence over the next four years.

"We are attempting to close the gender gap a little bit too, so we hope to recruit another three to four female rangers," he said.

"This is very welcome news and means we can build on what we've already achieved."

Mr Wellington said the Jerrinja Rangers have adopted an holistic environmental management plan to care for natural and cultural areas across the local land, lake and river systems.

They already operate a successful native flower nursery and plan to create a mangrove nursery.

The new local recruits will be among more than 1,000 new Indigenous ranger jobs that will be created across the country, with the Albanese Government investing \$355 million over four years to expand the Indigenous Rangers Program.

First Nations women will make up the vast majority of the new full-time, part-time and casual roles, with up to 770 Indigenous ranger positions.

The Albanese Government is investing a total of \$1.3 billion to 2028 in the Indigenous Rangers Program with aims to double the number of Indigenous rangers by the end of the decade.



Batemans Bay Walbunja Rangers

Women Indigenous rangers play an important role in ensuring the protection of sacred women's sites and the preservation of important cultural knowledge and practices.

For more than 65,000 years, First Nations people have been caretakers of Australia's land, rivers, seas, flora and fauna.

Indigenous rangers continue this legacy today, managing Country according to Traditional Owners' objectives combined with modern conservation training.

They use traditional knowledge and cultural practices, and Western science, to manage land, river and sea Country and deliver environmental, cultural, social and economic development outcomes for First Nations communities.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy said expanding the Indigenous Rangers Program would provide more opportunities for First Nations people to share their knowledge and benefit from the social and economic outcomes that come from meaningful employment.

"This expansion delivers on the government's commitment to increase the Indigenous Rangers Program's footprint and bolster activity in existing locations, with new opportunities for women Indigenous rangers who play a unique role in caring for Country," she said.

"I acknowledge the work of all rangers and the care and strength they demonstrate in looking after Country. I also want to show appreciation for all people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who cross paths with and learn from them."

Minister for Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek said by expanding both the Indigenous Rangers Program and the successful Indigenous Protected Area program, the Federal Government continues to support Traditional Owners to manage and protect land and sea Country.

"We are so lucky in this country to have the world's most successful environmentalists to learn from," she said. "First Nations people have actively managed Country for 65,000 years and provide skilled environmental and cultural expertise that benefits all of Australia."

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**Mr. W. Ryan** has vastly improved his butcher shop by having it made thoroughly fly proof.

Public Works officers are in Moruya supervising the erection of crane and gantries, and the construction of wharf and retaining walls at the Pompey quarry for Dorman, Long and Co.

**A ewe purchased from Mr. L. D. Hawdon**, of Kyla Park, by Mr. W. Ryan for his Vulcan Street shambles, turned the scale at 68lbs. Mr. Ryan says that it is one of the fattest sheep he ever slaughtered.

**Very great success** attended the efforts of the committee responsible for the ball held on Tuesday night in aid of the Moruya Brass Band. The Centennial Hall was profusely adorned with black, crimson and white streamers and lattice work which lent an effective setting to the brilliant frocks of the dancers. ... Members of the Bateman's Bay Band also added considerably to the evening's pleasure by their assistance. With his customary geniality and courteousness Mr. C. Carter officiated as M.C.

**Master Leith Stubbs**, of the Dwyer's Creek Public School, scored three prizes in the competitions carried out by the N.S.W. Gould League of Bird Lovers, Sydney.

**Mrs. Flanagan, snr., of Mullenderree**, whose erectness and agility for her age is remarkable, having passed the fourth score, has been suffering from the prevailing epidemic - influenza. For the first time in many years this active lady had to seek medical attention.

**Bodalla.** (From our Correspondent) The Bodalla cricket club suffered a defeat at the hands of the Nerrigundah club last Saturday, the scores being 125 to 54. It was played in a very friendly spirit. The old concrete wicket on the racecourse has been uncovered in readiness for today's match with Moruya. From all accounts Moruya would be doing the wise thing in playing on the single wicket in the village, but they have the choice. The men are hard at work on Trunkety flats putting metal on the roads. The motorists would be glad if they would put some blinding on after, say, a section of 100 yds was metalled.

The school concert which took place on the 24th was a great success financially and otherwise. Mrs. Vandenburg and Brown had charge of the doors and took £11 15s. The hall was crowded and all the items were enthusiastically applauded and many were encored. Roars of laughter greeted Roy Nichelsen as swaggy, Mary Marshall and four little boys in baggy breeches, Bill Lipscombe and Les Templeman as cannibals, and the seven Chinese ladies in 'Allee Samee.'

**Price of Bread.** From today, 1st Nov., Bread will be 6d cash, 6½d booked, monthly only. Signed A. LYNCH, P. MYLOTT

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State of the Climate 2024: Increased Fire Weather, Marine Heatwaves and Sea Levels



Photo: Moruya mail 2020

The State of the Climate Report 2024 has found Australia’s weather and climate has continued to change, with an increase in extreme heat events, longer fire seasons, more intense heavy rainfall, and sea level rise. The report, prepared every two years, was released today by Australia’s national science agency, CSIRO, and the Bureau of Meteorology.

It draws on the latest national and international climate research, monitoring, and projection information to describe changes and long-term trends in Australia’s climate. Scientists found the oceans around Australia are continuing to warm, with increases in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere leading to more acidic oceans, particularly south of Australia. CSIRO Research Manager, Dr Jaci Brown, said warming of the ocean has contributed to longer and more frequent marine heatwaves, with the highest average sea surface temperature on record occurring in 2022.

“Increases in temperature have contributed to significant impacts on marine habitats, species and ecosystem health, such as the most recent mass coral bleaching event on the Great Barrier Reef this year,” Dr Brown said.

“Rising sea levels around Australia are increasing the risk of inundation and damage to coastal infrastructure and communities.

“Global mean sea level is increasing, having risen by around 22 centimetres since 1900. Half of this rise has occurred since 1970.

“The rates of sea level rise vary across the Australian region, with the largest increases in the north and south-east of the Australian continent.”

The amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere continues to increase, contributing to climate change, with 2023 the warmest year on record globally.

Dr Karl Braganza, Climate Services Manager at the Bureau of Meteorology, said Australia is continuing to warm, with eight of the nine warmest years on record occurring since 2013.

“This warming has led to an increase in extreme fire weather, and longer fire seasons across large parts of the country,” Dr Braganza said.

The report describes the shift toward drier conditions between April to October across the southwest and southeast, and reduced rainfall in southwest Australia now seems to be a permanent feature of the climate.

“The lower rainfall in the cooler months is leading to lower average streamflow in those regions, which can impact soil moisture and water storage levels and increase the risk of drought. Droughts this century have been significantly hotter than those in the past,” Dr Braganza said.

“However, when heavy rainfall events occur, they are becoming more intense, with an increase of around 10 per cent or more in some regions.

“The largest increases are in the north of the country, with 7 of the 10 wettest wet seasons since 1998 occurring in northern Australia.”

Although Australian emissions have declined since 2005, Australia is projected to see continued warming over the coming decades, with more extremely hot days and fewer extremely cool days.

The rate of emissions decline will need to accelerate from now to meet Australia’s 2030 emissions targets.

State of the Climate 2024 is the eighth report in a series published every two years by CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology. The findings highlight the importance of ongoing monitoring and help to inform and manage climate risk.

The 2024 report can be found on the CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology websites.



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A Beer with Bazz # 168

With  
John  
Longhurst

Mick's teeth beamed brighter than a LED light bar on a moonless night and his head oscillated like a sideshow alley laughing clown, as he wended his way through the front bar.

He landed the schooners and raised his forefinger, waited for the chorus to the song 'It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine) by R.E.M. and sang along.

It's the end of the world as we know it  
It's the end of the world as we know it  
It's the end of the world as we know it  
And I feel fine\*

"There you go, Bazza. I requested this song as an early celebration of Donald Trump's win. Not long now and we will all be living the dream."

An ashen faced Bazza screwed his eyes as the verses of the song gathered pace and reverberated around the bar like an escaped pinball.

"He is referred to as a convicted felon in the United States, Mick. In Australia we would call him a criminal or a bloody crook and chase him out of parliament. Either Americans have no faith in their justice system or have a streak of forgiveness beyond my comprehension."

Bazza took a sip of his schooner and eyed the gathering storm clouds through the front window, as Mick chuckled.

"You are being mean and nasty, Bazza...and not very smart. You are coming across as a total loser and a victim of fake news. The Donald is being persecuted by elites and low lifes ..... you know.... your mates."

Mick paused for a sip of his schooner.

"Come next week, Bazza and it all changes. No more of this wokeism. No more of this political correctness. People will be able to say what they like and in full knowledge their lifestyle will no longer be threatened by foreigners."

The blood drained from Bazza's face and he motioned to speak but Mick raised the volume.

"No...no... Bazza..... listen up. China needs to be pulled into line and by next weekend, the war in the Middle East and the Ukraine will be over."

Bazza gritted his teeth and leaned in.

"But how, Mick? Where are the policies in the bile he spruiks?"

Mick eyeballed Bazza and sighed.

'You are so old school, Bazza! Policies....ha ..... what you need is a good slogan. Kamala Harris does not have a slogan that resonates with the people, whereas the Donald is going to 'Make America Great Again'. It's all about believing..... the vibe if you like. Why would people like Elon Musk get behind him if it was not true?"

Mick paused as a jackpot screeched from a poker machine.

"For Australia ...it begins with the Donald back in the White House followed up with Dutts in the Lodge after next year's election. You need to work out where you are going to sit with all these changes, Bazza."

Bazza rubbed the back of his head.

"Well Mick... I will be locked in the Situation Room."

\*<https://youtu.be/ZOGFRcFm-aY?si=7x27rY5xyeokQf0j>

Have a beer with Bazza at  
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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 week I joined an assembly line whose efficiency would have Henry Ford weeping tears of joy. No, I wasn't one of the mechanics doing his bit before it passed down the line, I was a metaphorical Model-T on the line itself!

I was having my headlights adjusted and, but for one big bump at the start, the whole experience was smooth as silk.

Older Canberrans will have cracked the analogy already. Hundreds and hundreds of them have already joined me on the line to hospitals around the city where eye surgeons are removing cataracts from our cloudy retinas.

Nurse Nardia at my hospital said, 'It's amazing. They just keep coming; and when I think there can't possibly be any more suddenly there's another rush.' The War Babies and the Boomers have coalesced in this gold rush for the Ophthalmology industry and my journey, I suspect, is typical.

I was alerted to the problem by the annual ACT Access demand for a Driver's Licence eye test. While I passed the test, I had trouble with the left eye which took me back to my optometrist, and a referral to specialist Dr Chich-Hung Kuo.

We've never had health insurance, and until the Barr-Rattenbury Government blew the health budget on that idiotic tram it had worked well. Now it's a mess and people like us are caught between insane premiums and waiting forever for so-called 'elective surgery'. (What a horrible word is 'elective' when my dear wife weeps in pain from the sudden onset of two arthritic hips).

Anyway, my driving to the shops and the chemist with my COPD is vital so Dr Kuo's \$2,400 (less \$649.90 Medicare refund) started the process. Then came \$3,208 (no refund) for the hospital and \$600 for the anaesthetist (less \$169.50) from our hard-pressed savings.

Now for the good part. The day before surgery, word arrived that I should report by 11.30am. My eldest son drove up from Sydney and came in with me for an expected four-hour wait (as in the Canberra Hospital). Not so in the new Kent Street Canberra Private. We'd barely arrived before Noah and Wang, recently from Bhutan in their medical scrubs sat with us and checked the details then ushered me into the lift to the third-floor assembly line.

Voila! The blue plastic curtained beds were ranged around the entire floor. Mine awaited, a creased sheet suggesting a former sedan's recent departure. A solicitous Wang brought water and helped me into my gown; I opened my new book on the great Donald Thomson, taking notes for a talk, when Ben, the anaesthetist's assistant (also in scrubs) reminded me what I was there for and wrote an X above my left eye.

In a trice, it seemed, Wang and Noah were back pushing me and my bed into the OT where Ross, the young anaesthetist, inserted a canula into my notoriously uncooperative arm vein and used drops to numb the eyeball. Next the kindly features of Dr Kuo loomed into view; time slowed; soft Huo mutters emanated: 'Good...good...ah, very good.'

All over, I thought.

Not exactly. A big dressing covered the eye and – safety first – had to wait an hour or so in a big comfy recliner on the assembly line floor. And there – I kid you not – they served me delicious fresh sangers with the crusts removed! (The Canberra Hospital version is made from used carpets). And next day I had to visit Dr Huo's rooms in Woden for a regular check-up.

Next morning I removed the dressing and set forth to Kuo's second floor rooms, only to find the lift out of order. Two flights totalling more than 30 high steps stretched skywards. With my COPD it was Everest plus K2. I could have cried. But then a Canberra tradie – fawn boots, in his 30's – stepped from the shadows. "I'm early for my meeting," he said. 'Lean on me and...'

'I couldn't...'

'No worries, mate. Put your arm round here.'

And I did. We made it.

At the top I was so overwhelmed I didn't get his name. I guess he'd say, 'No worries.' I'll remember his face...with both eyes.

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# Literary and Art Salons: a key event on Eurobodalla creative calendar



**By John Longhurst**

Twenty-nine local writers and artists combined over two nights last month to entertain full houses at the Moruya Library for the annual Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salons. Dating back to at least the 16th century, literary salons are gatherings of people who share similar interests in literature, the arts, culture, and such.\* The Eurobodalla Literary and Art Salons pair local artists with writers who in turn compose a piece of literature stimulated by the chosen artwork. After informal drinks and nibbles, the piece of literature is read aloud alongside the displayed artwork and is followed by further comments by both the artist and the writer with questions and discussion from the audience.

The Eurobodalla Salons have been conducted since 2016 and are a key feature on the creative calendar for local writers and artists. A small exhibition of the artwork in Moruya Library precedes each salon, reflecting the broad range of techniques from our artists. Convenor Ms Karen Kentwell's opening comments best summed the purpose of the salons:

"The salon provokes conversation, connection, and community. This fits perfectly with this evening's theme of listening, speaking, and learning from each other.

Leo Tolstoy famously said: 'Art is not a handicraft. It is the transmission of feeling the artist has experienced.'

As we gather for this unique annual event, I encourage you to reflect on how art impacts us as humans, what activates our emotions. It's often the unknown that fuels creativity. Let us embrace that unknown.

As we listen to the writers' stories and poems this evening, they might be far from the artist's initial inspiration, but we will accept them as a new layer, a perspective fuelling creativity."

The feedback from the 2024 Salon has been extremely positive from both a creative's perspective and audience response.



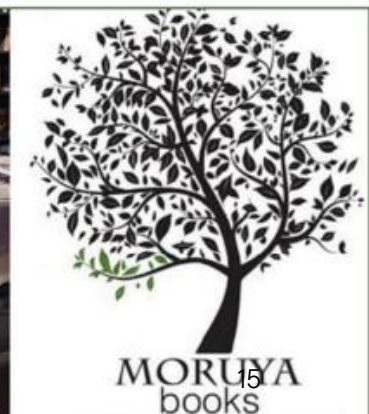
As one local writer commented "It has been even the most rewarding performance writing experience I have been involved with. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore a creative written response to another artist's visual text without judgment and simultaneously forge new friendships."

Ms Kentwell said "Audience feedback this year has been extremely positive. People not only enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate our burgeoning creative talents in the Eurobodalla but an opportunity to engage in thoughtful discussion about literature and art."

### Who is the Eurobodalla Writers' Group?

The Eurobodalla Writers' Group meets monthly. There is a night group that meets from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on the first Monday of each month at a private residence and a day group that meets from 10.30am to 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Red Door Hall in Page Street, Moruya.

Further details at <https://eurobodallawriters.org/contact-us>





## BAS Workshop: Sculpting art from waste with Michelle Slezak

Thinking more about sustainable living these days – finding ways to balance our needs with the needs of the planet? If you've ever wondered how you can combine your love for art with a passion for the environment, this workshop is just for you!

On 9 November, join Michelle Slezak at the Bas for an inspiring hands-on experience in Sculpting Art from Waste. Learn to turn discarded textiles and materials into beautiful, one-of-a-kind sculptures.

During the session, Michelle will guide you through:

- Planning and Design: Understanding how to conceptualise sculptures from recycled textiles
- Preparation: Preparing garments and materials for artistic use
- Construction: Mastering techniques to position and secure elements into a cohesive piece

- Display: Exploring ways to showcase your finished sculpture
- Whether you're a seasoned artist or just curious, this is your chance to bring creativity and sustainability together in the most fun way possible. Saturday Sessions at the Bas are open to adult residents and visitors. No experience is needed. You'll leave with either a unique piece of art or samples you've crafted, ready to inspire your next eco-friendly art adventure.
- When: Saturday, 9 November, 12.30pm – 3.30pm  
Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan and Campbell Streets, Moruya  
Access: Entry via Murray Street up the ramp. The sliding doors are open. Cost: \$120  
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**Friday, 1 Nov:**  
Rick Bamford.....Top Pub, Pambula (6pm)  
Joe Driscoll .....Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)  
Driving Sideway..... Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
Mick McGrath.....Tathra Beach Club (8pm)

**Saturday, 2 Nov:**  
Roddy Reason ..... Tathra Beach Club (7.30pm)  
Driving Sideways .....Soldiers Club (8pm)  
Salt.....Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)  
Felicity Dowd.....Tilba valley Winehouse  
DJ Usual Suspects.....Lynchs Hotel  
Phil Coleman.....Quantum Brewery

**Sunday, 3 Nov:**  
Mick McGrath..... Club Tuross (2pm)  
One Louder .....Club Narooma (3pm)  
Roddy Reason.....Tilba valley Winehouse  
Tony Jaggers.....Steampacket Hotel 1pm

**Tuesday, 5 Nov:**  
Rick Bamford .....Club Tuross (1.30pm)

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# Narooma Arts Centre back on track

Construction of the new Narooma Arts Centre (NAC) goes to tender in late November.

"We're very excited we're now forging ahead with finalising construction plans after what has been a very anxious time for the volunteer Narooma School of Arts committee," said Narooma School of Arts spokesperson Jenni Bourke.

"Our joint Australia and NSW funding of over \$9m was under threat due to cost overruns and time delays. Our Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund grant has now been guaranteed thanks to robust representations made on our behalf by the Member for Eden Monaro Kristy McBain and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland."

Unlike most Arts Centres which are built and run by local councils, the NAC Project is unique in that it is totally a community initiative on community-owned land held by Narooma School of Arts.

The Arts Centre had to be completely redesigned last year because the cost of construction of the original design exceeded grant funds available to Narooma School of Arts. Eurobodalla Shire Council approved the new plans by TAKT Studio for Architecture in late August.

"I know that once the Centre is completed our community will wonder how we ever did without it," Mrs Bourke said. "It will be such a vibrant centre of creativity, learning and gathering that will benefit the whole region, as well as bring economic benefits from cultural tourism, training and job opportunities."

Member for Eden Monaro, Kristy McBain said the revitalisation of the Narooma Arts Centre is a testament to the resilience and determination of the community, and it will play a crucial role in fostering recovery and growth in the region.

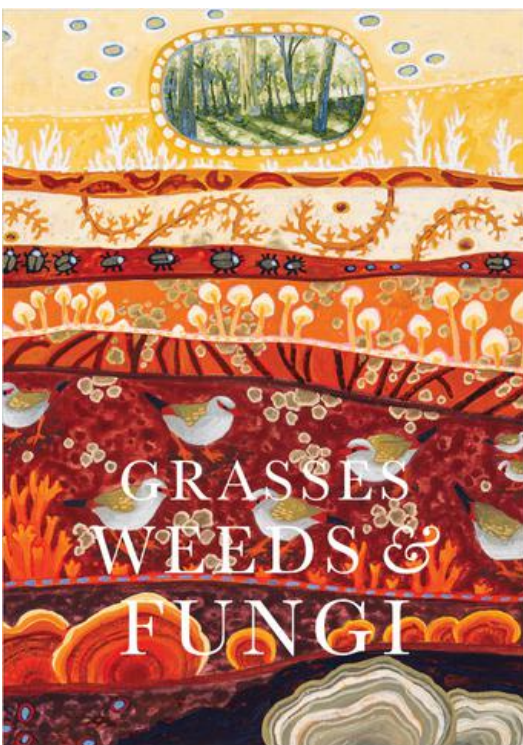
"This project demonstrates a major investment in infrastructure and underscores our dedication to helping communities on their path to recovery. "Three levels of government are working together - with the community - to deliver this project and I commend all involved who are working tirelessly to see it delivered."



Sharing the delight that the Narooma Arts Centre Project was back on track were Member for Eden Monaro Kristy McBain, left, Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke, and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland at the recent launch of the River of Art Festival.

Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said the Narooma Arts Centre is an example of the Australian and NSW Governments' commitment to building stronger more resilient regional economies. "Narooma Arts Centre's new gallery, event and office spaces, studios, and café will further boost the economic recovery of Narooma and the surrounding region," Ms Moriarty said.

"This project highlights how we are supporting the long-term development of regional communities, by ensuring they have the cultural infrastructure and services needed to grow and thrive." The NAC Project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.



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 Artists' talks Saturday 16 November 11 am  
 Deep River Choir performance Sunday 17 November 2 pm  
 Poetry & refreshments Saturday 23 November 2 pm  
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Annie Franklin, Forest floor, 2024, acrylic and gouache on board (detail)

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Instagram: sherylmiller  
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 South Coast Artist



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Cost : \$125

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Materials: Sheryl will supply Artist quality Inks, Watercolour paints, and all other materials needed for this workshop. So just come along and enjoy the day while learning new experiences in making artworks.

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Workshop Overview:

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A fun and enriching way to spend a few hours with like-minded people. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced. You will begin with learning the technique of using a brush with ink, then creating a Still Life composition. At the end of this workshop, you will take home your very own original designed artwork.

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## Giiyong Festival full program released

Giiyong Festival, the largest multi-arts Aboriginal cultural festival in southern NSW, will take place on Saturday 9 November 2024 at Jigamy, between Pambula and Eden, NSW. The event organisers, South East Arts, Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council look forward to welcoming visitors to the Aboriginal-owned property "Jigamy", home of the Thaua people.

The full program for Giiyong Festival has now been released, and offers a huge day of live music, dance, speakers and presenters, workshops and Cultural demonstrations. It's a true celebration of the rich cultural history of the region, as well as presenting high-profile Aboriginal artists from across the country. 'Giiyong' means 'come to welcome' in the languages spoken by the Elders of the south coast and everyone is welcome to attend the event.

The program includes performances and interactive sessions that will appeal to all ages. Whether it's native plants, language, bush tucker, hip hop or country music that takes your fancy, the lineup has something for everyone. There are many hands-on activities including painting, spear and tool making, weaving and more.

Joint Interim CEO of Twofold Aboriginal Corporation, Alison Simpson says, "People who attend Giiyong Festival often experience a 'moment' - that one thing they encounter at the event that really moves them. In 2024, from experiencing the power of Australia's hip hop queen BARKAA and the soulful tunes of Benny Walker to the awe-inspiring Dhilwaan Yarrkural (Nightfall Dance), and everything in between, visitors will be spoilt for choice."

"We are really pleased to have a huge range of regional content this year, alongside some of Australia's leading Aboriginal identities including Sean Choolburra, Clarence Slockee, Chef Mark Olive, Bush Tucker Bunjie and Aunty Amanda Jane Reynolds. Local musicians and dancers will perform, including children from schools in Eden and Pambula, and we will hear from up and coming young Aboriginal leaders in a special panel discussion with hip hop star, Nooky and former Bega resident Juanita (Polly) Scott-Funaki," Ms Simpson said.

There are three zones at Giiyong Festival including the Uncle Jimmy Aldridge stage (live music), the Uncle Phillip Manton Ganya (Cultural presentations and dance) and the Aunty Elaine Thomas stage (speakers and discussion). Add to that the Guganyala Arts Market showcasing over 30 stallholders and the range of food trucks, the event is definitely a feast for the senses.

Festival Director, Jazz Williams from South East Arts says, "As well as our outstanding team and contractors, we can't pull off this event without the support of our army of volunteers. They come from all walks of life and as far away as Queensland, we really appreciate the effort they go to and their commitment to what has become one of the premiere Aboriginal cultural festivals in the country."

Giiyong Festival, first held in 2018, provides a rare opportunity in south east NSW for the entire community to come together in celebration of Aboriginal arts, culture, reconciliation and resilience. Giiyong Festival is made possible by funding from Create NSW and local sponsors. Get your tickets now and download the full program and site map at [www.giiyong.com.au](http://www.giiyong.com.au)



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## KEEDAH THROSSELL



~trees I have known~  
 thurs 7 nov to sun 1 dec 2024  
 please join us for opening drinks  
 with the artists sat 9 nov 3pm

gallery bodalla



# There's a New Show in Town

It's November and it's time for a new Red Door Theatre Production! If you enjoyed our production of 'Lend Me a Soprano' in 2023 and Strip Poker in 2024, you are going to love our new show 'Move Over Mrs Markham'. 'Move Over Mrs Markham' is a classic comedy/farce, written by one of Britain's best, Ray Cooney, together with John Chapman. The setting is an upmarket city apartment belonging to Philip and Joanna Markham, in the 1970's. Philip is a straight-laced publisher of children's books, and he shares an office with his business partner, Henry Lodge, on the ground floor. Reluctantly, Philip agrees to let Henry borrow his apartment for the evening to 'entertain' his latest girlfriend. At the same time, Joanna Markham is persuaded by Linda Lodge, Henry's wife, to let her borrow the apartment, so she can entertain her lover. What nobody knows is that the interior designer who had been decorating the apartment for the past three months has decided that this was the night he and the au pair girl would try out the new round bed! When all three sets of people converge on the apartment expecting to find it empty, chaos and confusion ensues. With four night shows on 22, 23, 29, 30 November, and two matinees on 23, 30 November 2024. Night shows feature seating at tables, great for a Christmas Party! So, book a single seat or up to eight per table. And remember to bring your nibblies and drinks! Matinees feature theatre style seating. All shows are at the Moruya RSL Hall.

The Cast  
 Front Row left to right seated: Nichola Creighton, Kersten Davis, Lynne Hunter & Stefanie Foster  
 Back Row standing left to right: Camilla Barr, Anthony Mayne, Michael Sanford, Ben O'Connell, David Taylor & Liz Fisher.



**Moruya Red Door Theatre Company**  
presents

## Move Over, Mrs Markham

a comedy in two acts by  
Ray Cooney & John Chapman

**Moruya RSL Hall, Page St, Moruya**  
 22, 23, 29, 30 Nov 2024 @ 7:30pm  
 23, 30 Nov 2024, Matinee @ 2:00pm

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**Quantum Brewery**  
Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm

- Sat 19 Oct - Mark Smith
- Sat 26 Oct - Tony Jagers
- Sat 2 Nov - Phil Coleman
- Sat 9 Nov - Tom Barnes (5.30)
- Sat 16 Nov - Jason Morris
- Sat 23 Nov - Greg Byng
- Sat 30 Nov - Richard Lawson
- Sat 7 Dec - Mac & Glenda
- Sat 14 Dec - Tom Barnes (5.30)
- Sat 21 Dec - Tony Jagers
- Sat 28 Dec - Casey Greene

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**The Write Stuff: 2-Day Writing Workshop with Paul Cullen**  
 Do you have a story or memoir you've always wanted to write but don't know where to begin? Join our two-day workshop led by experienced writer Paul Cullen, who will guide you through the process of getting your words on the page.  
 When: Sundays, 24 November & 1 December 2024 Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
 Where: Art Central, 24 Church Street, Moruya  
 Cost: \$50 (members/concessions), \$65 (non-members) per session  
 For more info and bookings, visit our website: [www.artcentral.org.au](http://www.artcentral.org.au)  
 Secure your place today and start telling your story!

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## Almost, MAINE

A ROMANTIC COMEDY BY JOHN CARIANI  
Directed by Jen Aspinall

25 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 2024

A woman carries her heart, broken into nineteen pieces, in a small paper bag. A man shrinks to half his former size, after losing his chance at love.

These playful and surreal experiences are commonplace in the world of John Cariani's 'Almost, Maine', where on the deeply cold and magical Midwinter Night, the citizens of Almost experience the life-altering power of the human heart. Nine stories, each with a compelling couple at its centre, each with its own touch of sorcery

TICKETS:

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## BLUEBERRY JAM

Recipe:

- 7 swing musicians
- 3 cups of Latin rhythm
- 1 Tb of French jazz
- a sprinkle of bossa nova
- Stir Spanish, Portuguese & French in Mandarin
- Best served while dancing

Saturday 23rd November  
7pm (doors open 6.30pm)  
Moruya Golf Club

Tickets available at Moruya Golf Club or scan QR code.

early bird discount  
\* \$20 pp

\*Tickets will be \$25pp after 16 November.



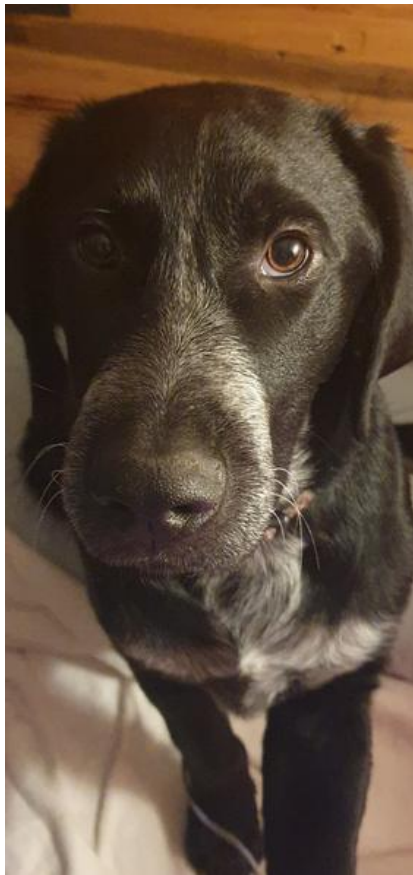
## Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla

This week, we would like to talk about two ten-month-old brothers, Mr Tee and Humphrey. They are Maremma x German Shorthaired Pointers and are very sweet and friendly, and good with other dogs.

Both Maremmas and GSPs are large dogs, with high energy levels, so Mr Tee and Humphrey will be looking for a home with lots of opportunity for exercise. Maremmas are an ancient stock-guarding breed with an independent nature. Pointers are traditionally hunters (care needed around small animals) with high intelligence and loyalty.

Like all AWL pets, these boys come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and flea, tick and worm treated.

If you would like to arrange a meeting with Mr Tee or Humphrey, please call us on 0410016612.



Mr Tee



Humphrey

## FREE LEGAL ADVICE FACE TO FACE APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE MORUYA ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

A solicitor from Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre will be visiting your area for legal outreach appointments.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre provides free legal advice to residents of the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Monaro & Queanbeyan/Palerang Local Government Areas.

Shoalcoast solicitors are experienced in resolving many types of legal problems.

**When: Thursday 7th November 2024**

Where: The Family Place, Court House Arcade, 62-64 Vulcan St Moruya Times: Between 10:30am to 2pm

Appointments are essential – please call 1800 229 529

Appointments can be made for many types of legal problems – Shoalcoast deals with most non-commercial areas of law, including consumer credit and debt, family law involving children and separation, victims' compensation, personal safety or domestic violence issues, Centrelink problems, employment and tenancy. Shoalcoast also offers telephone advice & information.

Phone our staff to complete a client intake and a solicitor will call you back or an appointment will be made for the next time we visit your area. Shoalcoast can also provide community legal education for groups and organisations.

**COMING 7TH NOVEMBER**  
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31ST OCTOBER – 6TH NOVEMBER	THURS 31ST	FRI 1ST	SAT 2ND	SUN 3RD	MON 4TH	TUES 5TH	WED 6TH
HERE M, 1H 44M, DRAMA (STARRING TOM HANKS & ROBIN WRIGHT)	11.40am	10.30am 4pm*	11.35am 4.35pm*	11.35am 4.35pm*		11.35am 4.35pm*	11.35am 4.35pm*
THERE'S STILL TOMORROW M, 1H 58M, ITALIAN DRAMA	2.35pm*	12.30pm 4.45pm	1.40pm	1.40pm		1.40pm	1.40pm
SMILE 2 MA 15+, 2H 7M, HORROR	12pm* 7pm*	1.25pm* 6.10pm*	2.10pm* 6pm	2.10pm* 6pm		2.10pm* 6pm	2.10pm* 6pm
VENOM: THE LAST DANCE M, 1H 49M, ACTION	1.50pm 5pm*	11.15am* 7pm	12pm* 6.35pm*	12pm* 6.35pm*		12pm* 6.35pm*	12pm* 6.35pm*
THE CRITIC (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 41M, DRAMA/THRILLER	3.50pm	2.50pm	4pm	4pm		4pm	4pm
HOCUS POCUS (1993) PG, 1H 36M, FAMILY/COMEDY	6pm						
THE SIXTH SENSE (1999) M, 1H 47M, HORROR/MYSTERY	8pm						

**FRIGHT NIGHT**  
**OCTOBER 31ST**

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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER	THU 31	FRI 1	SAT 2	SUN 3	MON 4	TUE 5	WED 6
<b>ASSASSIN'S PLAN</b> MA15+ 114 MIN	2:15 PM	2:15 PM	2:15 PM	1:25 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED DAY	2:15 PM
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 <b>SMILE 2</b> MA15+ 128 MIN	2:20 PM 6:30 PM	2:20 PM 6:30 PM	2:20 PM 6:30 PM	11:10 AM		6:30 PM	2:20 PM 6:30 PM
 <b>THE CRITIC</b> M 99 MIN	12:15 PM	12:15 PM	4:30 PM				12:15 PM
 <b>THE WILD ROBOT</b> PG 102 MIN	4:15 PM	4:15 PM	2:10 PM	1:20 PM			4:15 PM
 <b>TRANSFORMERS ONE</b> PG 104 MIN	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	12:15 PM				4:30 PM
 <b>VENOM: THE LAST DANCE</b> M 109 MIN	12:10 PM 4:50 PM 7:00 PM	12:10 PM 4:50 PM 7:00 PM	12:10 PM 4:50 PM 7:00 PM	11:15 AM 1:40 PM 3:40 PM		6:45 PM	12:10 PM 4:50 PM 7:00 PM
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<b>YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE YESTERDAY</b> M 80 MIN Q & A with film director				4:00 PM			



**HERE** *Tom Hanks & Robin Wright*  
M| 1hr 44min ~ *Romance ~ Drama* ~  
A generational story about families  
and the special place they inhabit,  
sharing in love, loss, laughter, and  
life.




**WEEKEND IN TAIPEI**  
*Luke Evans*  
MA| 1hr 40min ~ *Action ~ Thriller* ~  
John Lawlor, a pit-bull DEA agent. There's  
not a bad guy he can't stop, nothing he  
won't sacrifice to close out a case.




**VENOM: THE LAST DANCE**  
*Tom Hardy*  
M| 2hrs 8min ~ *Action ~ Adventure* ~  
Tom Hardy returns as Venom, one of  
Marvel's greatest and complex charac-  
ters, for the final film in the trilogy.




**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.



**YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE YESTERDAY**  
Sunday 3rd Nov 4pm  
M| 1hr 20min *Australian*  
~ *SURF FILM* ~ Q & A with film  
director *Jolyon Hoff*  
Hundreds of hours of lovingly-  
restored 16mm surf film footage  
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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.*



**SMILE 2** *Rosemarie DeWitt*  
MA| 2hrs 8min ~ *Horror ~ Thriller* ~  
About to embark on a world tour, global pop  
sensation *Skye Riley* begins experiencing  
increasingly terrifying and inexplicable events.



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



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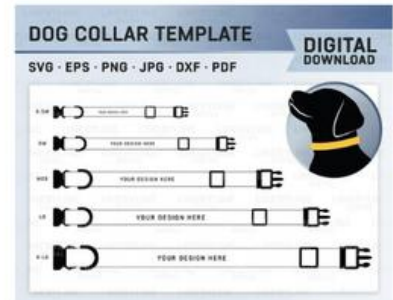
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## 2024 Diary Dates

- 15 November - **Crank It Up Batemans Bay**
- 23 November **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 23rd November - **Moruya Colour Run to support Youth Against Domestic Violence** Register from 9am
- 22 December **Carols by Candlelight Moruya**
- 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**
- 22-26 October 2025 - **Sea Otter Australia MTB Event**



**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.

### 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.

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### 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).

## Rally for Recovery

### Ainslie Parade Tomakin

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## 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

### CWA Tilba High Tea

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



## Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo 2024

**SATURDAY  
23 NOV**

10am to 2pm  
Batemans Bay  
Soldiers Club

**Free  
Event**

With thanks to

### 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](mailto:mdha@7mail.com) or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



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## 121 Garage Sales listed across South East

Eurobodalla and Bega Valley communities are invited to host their own sale, bag a bargain and embrace a circular future as Garage Sale Trail hits next month. Across 9-10 and 16-17 November more than 121 garage sales are happening across our shires, with thousands more across the nation.

From vintage purses to furniture, rare vinyl and collectibles, this is Australia's ultimate second-hand shopping spree. More than 2,100 garage sales are registered across NSW, with over 778,600 pre-loved items for sale. With less than 12 days to go, don't miss out on Australia's biggest second-hand treasure hunt.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said: "More than 6067 items in the Bega Valley and 2,660 items in the Eurobodalla will be up for sale. Buying second-hand opens the door to quality finds, such as designer clothes, furniture, cookware, vinyl, kids' items, and tools—all at a fraction of retail prices."

Minister for the Environment Penny Sharpe said: "We know people across NSW are doing it tough with the cost of living. Buying and selling second hand is not only great for the environment but also a savvy way to turn things you no longer need into extra cash and give items a second life for a fraction of the price."

"Getting involved in your local Garage Sale Trail is a great way to come together as a community and a chance to declutter, keeping items out of landfill and off our streets."

"A recent audit by the NSW EPA found 43% of items dumped on the kerbside could have either been reused, recycled, or diverted from landfill. By taking part in this event, you are embracing our transition to a circular economy, keeping items in use for as long as possible and protecting our environment for future generations."

Garage Sale Trail is funded by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as a Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy initiative.

Registrations to host or join a local group sale are open until 17 November. Residents can take part over one day or across both weekends.

To discover garage sales happening near you or to register your sale, visit: <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/Eurobodalla-Shire>; or <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/Bega-Valley>.

### UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

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

**DECEMBER**  
Sunday 22nd December 24 - Narooma Cup / Christmas Cup

**JANUARY**  
Monday 6th January 25 - Moruya Cup  
Friday 17th January 25 - Family Race Day

### Repair Café EUROBODALLA

## REPAIR CAFE

Every Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Red Door Hall  
St Johns Church, Page Street, Moruya

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## BIN IT? No Way!

We assess items for repair fix them if we can. If not, we advise of local repair options. \*S donations welcome\*

- minor ceramic breakages and more!
- small electrical items
- lamps toasters vacuum cleaners
- some string instruments
- clothing repairs
- patches buttons mend holes

**REPAIR**  
**Upcycle**  
**REPURPOSE**  
**Reuse**

inquiries and to volunteer: [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com) or Kathryn Maxwell 0467558645

## WANTED - SOMEONE TO RUN TEENS SAFE

**Would you like to do something useful ?**

Teensafe is a respected safe driver training program for teenage L and P licenced drivers. The popular program has been providing behind-the-wheel driver courses for nearly 30 years.

The courses are in school holidays at Moruya Speedway using a fleet of cars garaged there. Teensafe is a volunteer community group and a committee of Moruya Motor Sport Club Inc. Gary Smith has been the manager of Teensafe for 20 years and is keen to hand over the keys. There is a competent support group of volunteers to assist at each course. The position is on a volunteer basis with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. This job is ideally suited to community minded people with organisational skills. Or an opportunity for a group to combine skills to manage Teensafe into the future. For further infoplease email - [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)  
Thank you and safe driving, Gary Smith.  
Teensafe manager. [www.teensafemoruya.org](http://www.teensafemoruya.org)

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## The Braidwood Airing of Quilts 2024

23 & 24 November

BRAIDWOOD MUSEUM



## TeenSafe

a driving skill for life

**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](http://www.teensafemoruya.org) or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)

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## Eurobodalla Multicultural Group

presents

### 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  
**SMS to May or Cel 048 777 0602**  
**Email : efscmg@gmail.com**

**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**

## Nelligen Time Capsule

Nelligen Progress Association is collecting items suitable for the Time Capsule which will be sealed and buried on 14 December 2024.

The capsule will remain buried for 30 years. This means that the opening of the capsule in 2054 will be 200 years from the date Nelligen was established. Some items have already been put in the capsule and will be on display in the Nelligen Hall on Saturday 9 November.

There is still time for more items to be added so come along on Saturday 9 November and bring your contribution along or just come and be inspired about what items you have that would be suitable for adding to the collection.

The Nelligen Time Capsule is intended to show what day-to-day living was like including:

- working
- transport,
- socialising,
- travelling
- history that gave us what we have today.

Items collectively, will show an image of our time.

For more information contact Rita 0429822864, or Christina 0419697258.

## 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 Eurobodalla Agricultural Show*

**6:30pm start**



**Tickets**

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

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

### Moruya river.

Ocean temps along the coast are now pushing up towards 19-20deg, while the temps further offshore are over 20deg. A great sign for the estuary's. The flathead have been the main go to over the flats this past week, with some nice fish taken, particularly around the airport flats and the spur wall area.

The Preddy's wharf area has some nice salmon and Trevally lurking around on a rising tide. With the run out tide offering the opportunity at a flathead or two.

I have been asked multiple times, where the hole in the wall is, so I will include a screen shot from google maps the area in question. The pic does show the area at low tide however, so the pic will need a bit of imagination to show its potential.

Further upstream the quarry wharf has been producing some bream, flathead, trevally and the odd school mulloway. The town bridge area also has been holding some good numbers of flathead, bream and the odd early season whiting. Live nippers fished over the flats here are a gun bait. As the water temp increases, the areas further upstream will also start to kick off. The holes in front of the hospital, and the flats and holes around Yarragee will also start to produce more fish.

### Tuross River.

Flathead have been the stand out species this week, with good fish to 80+cm being caught. The silver ghost, or mulloway have also made an appearance for those that are keen enough to put in the time and effort. Fish over the 1m mark have been reported in the various deep holes that are known to hide in.

Coila lake has early season prawns running with last nights dark. This will continue for the next week, until the influence of the fuller moons puts them down. There isn't alot of size to them yet, but they make for the lack of size in their sweetness. We are well stocked with prawn lights and scoop nets, if prawning is something that interests you. I do however need to restock on drag nets.

Keep an eye over the shallow flats for the whiting that are due to turn up any day now. We have plenty of surface lures in stock to tempts a hungry aggressive surface bite.

### Rock and beach.

Salmon have been well and truly on the cards this week, with the wind being the only reason making fishing the beaches less than ideal. Sunday is looking pretty good at this stage to get some sand between your toes. There are a few bream also starting to be caught, with worms, nippers or pipis your best bait options.

Moruya breakwall, has been a bit hit and miss this week, with moving schools of salmon not always along the wall.

### Offshore.

Snapper are still readily available, with deeper drops starting to become the norm as the warm currents push down the coast. Flathead are also still available over the sandy areas between reefs.

It won't be long before the game crews, start to get into the yellowfin and marlin that the warmer currents herald.

Hawksbury prawns continue to be unavailable, while the bait freezer is fully stocked with everything else, ready for the weekend.

Keep an eye out on our socials, as we have the new Pro Lure Hybrid Shrimp coming. We are only running 6 of the 9 colours available, and 2 of the 5 replacement leg colours. I am looking forward to seeing these in person.

Stay safe every one and remember, "Everyday's a good day for fishing..."

### Team Tackle World Moruya.

#### FINDING FAMILY — A WALK, A TALK AND A CUPPA

Clare and Sue, from the Araluen Valley History Group, have finished the huge job of mapping the two Araluen cemeteries.

Many people have connections to Araluen, and we'd like to invite you to join us for a walk around the Anglican and the Catholic Cemeteries on **Sunday, 24 November 2024**, and for morning tea at the Federal Hall.

We'll meet at the campground at **9.30am**, and carpool from there, and meet up again at the Araluen Federal Hall for morning tea at **11.00am** where you can interrogate the website, the history researchers, and the paper maps of the grave locations.

If you let us know you'll be coming, we can make sure we have enough cake.

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## Batemans Bay Sailing Club report



It was a great day for sailing on Saturday October 26th when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the third Bay Cup race of the season. The occasion also marked the 50th anniversary of BBSC. Two sprint races each of about an hour's duration took place around a two lap course. The format meant that close results were guaranteed, with an emphasis on slick crew work.

Six yachts headed out to race as well as John and Julianne McCloskey's magnificent Seawind 11.6 catamaran which had a relaxed sail around the Bay. Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain aboard the committee vessel "Dave Magill" set a true start line. In the first race "Attitude" (Simon Byrne) grabbed the boat end start. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) was just to leeward and soon forced "Attitude" to tack off. "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) had the legendary Peter Walsh on tactics and a gun combo of Celia Davey and Matty Walsh running the foredeck. She made up a lot of ground on the downwind legs, able to run straight to the mark while the yachts with asymmetrical spinnakers had to gybe back and forth.

Meanwhile, John Drummond and Steve Masterton on "Sail La Vie" and the crew of "Cool Change" (Richard Dunne) were adopting a more cruisey, spinnaker free approach. Peter Patterson had his hands full sailing "Avior" single handed. "Moonmist" was just behind "Accolade" at the last leeward mark and, carrying a more favourable handicap, looked to be in control of the race. However, she lost ground on the final leg after some uncharacteristically loose calls from Walsh, handing the race win to "Accolade".

At the second race start, "Moonmist" was at the boat end. "Accolade" was again in the leebow position and soon got through to the lead. Brown misjudged a gybe angle on the last downwind leg, allowing "Moonmist" to close right up at the leeward mark. This time "Moonmist" made no mistake, crossing the finish line 14 seconds behind "Accolade", but well ahead on handicap. Full results are up on the BBSC website [www.bbsc.org.au](http://www.bbsc.org.au).

## Excitement Builds for the 2024 Australian Jumping Championships at Willinga Park

Willinga Park is proud to host the 2024 Australian Jumping Championships from 6th to 10th November 2024, offering an unforgettable showcase of Australia's top showjumping talent. With over 500 horses and increased participation across all classes, especially in the children's categories, the event is set to be one of the most prestigious on the equestrian calendar. Over four days competitors will compete for highly coveted titles, including Senior Champion, Junior Champion, and Young Rider Champion. In the Senior Championship, 21 experienced riders will vie for top honours, with placements determined by experience and skill rather than age.

"We're proud to offer a world-class venue for this prestigious event, with competitors ranging from juniors to seasoned professionals," said Nadine Young, Sales and Marketing Manager at Willinga Park. This year, spectators can look forward to the Peachester Lodge Australian Speed Championship, held under the lights on Saturday night, which promises to deliver edge-of-your-seat excitement. The day's events will also include the Australian Senior Championship Final, making Saturday, 9th November, a day not to be missed. For those unable to attend in person, Willinga Park TV will be livestreaming the event, giving audiences unparalleled access to the action. "We are pleased to offer live coverage directly through Willinga Park TV," said Young. "It's a fantastic opportunity for equestrian fans to enjoy the championships from the comfort of their homes while staying connected to the excitement."

Expanding on this, Willinga Park has partnered with ClipMyHorse.TV, leading equestrian video platform, to broaden the reach of the championships. After the event, key highlights from Willinga Park TV will be featured on ClipMyHorse.TV, making the most exhilarating moments of the competition accessible to a global audience. "This partnership allows us to reach a wider audience and ensures that the Australian Jumping Championships are showcased on a global stage," added Young.

For attendees, the Bunker Café will be open from 7 AM to 3 PM from Wednesday to Sunday, featuring a delicious menu supplied and catered by local favourite Rabbit & Co Catering. In addition, The Stables Bar will be open from 3 PM to 9 PM, and a variety of food trucks will be on-site, offering even more lunch and dinner options for everyone to enjoy throughout the championships.

In addition to the competitions, the Trade Village will offer a selection of exhibitors, each showcasing innovative solutions, expert advice, and the latest equestrian products. The Trade Village provides attendees an inviting space to explore niche offerings and connect with equine industry specialists. Additionally, exclusive access to the Triple Bar Lounge will be available on Saturday, 9th November from 12 PM to 4 PM. Guests in the lounge will enjoy roaming canapés and panoramic views of the showjumping arena, providing an intimate and laid-back experience while taking in the day's competitions. Tickets only.

The Triple Bar Lounge will be open during all other days where everyone can enjoy a drink, soak up the sun and watch the showjumping from the comfort of the lounge. Spectators are also invited to enjoy Willinga Park's self-guided sculpture walk, a beautiful outdoor experience showcasing stunning artworks throughout the grounds. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads at all times.

"With over 500 horses, and Australia's top riders, this is truly a can't-miss event," Young concluded. For tickets, full program details, and exclusive access to the Triple Bar Lounge, visit [www.willingapark.com.au](http://www.willingapark.com.au).



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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: John Phyland

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 26th October 2024

A field of 58 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was fine and the scores excellent. The Winners were:

- 1st: John Phyland (20) with 36 points (countback)
- 2nd: Cathy Milliken (39) with 36 points
- 3rd: Mark Schenk (11) with 35 points (countback)
- 4th: William Steenberg (15) with 35 points (countback)
- 5th: Stephen Swanbury (17) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Jim Wade 2.60 A Grade
- 4th: Peter Engelbrecht 3.41 B Grade
- 4th: Cathy Milliken 5.55 C Grade
- 6th: Paul Ferguson 2.33 A Grade
- 6th: Steve Pritchett 0.71 B Grade
- 6th: Shelley Pritchett 4.14 C Grade
- 7th: Ian McManus 2.10 A Grade

Balls went to: Ross Hendy 35, Paul Scholze 35, Steven O'Shea 34, Jim Wade 34, Greg Booth 33, Bruce Martin 33, Leigh Coloe 33, Shelley Pritchett 33, Anthony Mellick 32, Steve Collins 32, David Gray 32, Stephen Gardner 32, Ian Kingston 32, Michael Walsh 32 and Ian Lawson 32.



Captain Lars Gaupset with Winner Jim Wade

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 24th October 2024

A field of 41 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The rain held off until the afternoon and there were some great scores. The Winners were:

- 1st: Jim Wade (13) with 42 points (countback)
- 2nd: Kerrie Sands (38) with 42 points
- 3rd: Leonie Snodgrass (16) with 38 points
- 4th: Paul Medwin (21) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 10.5 A Grade
- 4th: Paul Medwin 9.5 C Grade
- 6th: Jim Wade 6.08 A Grade
- 6th: Teri Swanbury 2.65 B Grade
- 6th: Paul Medwin 2.7 C Grade
- 7th: Martin Chalmers 0.21 A Grade
- 7th: Chris Wratten 0.8 B Grade
- 7th: Bruce Lidbury 5.45 C Grade

Balls went to: Maree Coffey 36, Bruce Martin 35, Chris Wratten 35, Bruce Cleeve 35, Jim Madden 35, Ray Ballard 34, Stephen Swanbury 33, Lars Gaupset 33, Steve Johnston 33 and Kevin Reilly 33.



Winners: Leonie Snodgrass, Maree Coffey and Jennifer Gray

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 29th October 2024

A field of 22 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today which was round 3 of the Christmas count down. The event was sponsored by Di Brown. The day was sunny with some great results.

Division 1 Winners were:

- 1st: Leonie Snodgrass (16) with 39 points
- 2nd: Pauline Nash (26) with 32 points (countback)

Division 2 Winners were:

- 1st: Maree Coffey (39) with 35 points (countback)
- 2nd: Samantha Dryden (36) with 35 points

Division 3 Winners were:

- 1st: Jennifer Gray (44) with 30 points
- 2nd: Margaret Downey (45) with 29 points

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Leonie Snodgrass 0-38
- Jenny Reilly 39-45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Jennifer Gray
- 15th: Leonie Snodgrass
- Place Getters: Julie Barningham 33, Dorothy Madden 32, Cate O'Brien 32, Pam Alexander 30 and Chris Wratten 30.



Winner: Margaret Downey

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 30th October 2024

A field of 40 players registered for a Par event today. The weather was beautiful and the course in great condition.

The winners were:

- 1st: Margaret Downey +3
- 2nd: Barry Hoban +2 (countback)
- 3rd: Jane Eglitis +2
- 4th: Jeanette Miller +1 (countback)
- 5th: Terry Lunn +1
- 6th: Graham Moore square
- 7th: Dorothy Madden square

- 8th: Paul Pereira square
- 9th: Mike Birks square
- 10th: Blaise Madden -1
- 11th: Richard Kelly -1
- 12th: Derek Hoare -1

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Graham Moore (2nd shot) In the Hole!
- 6th: Ian Manton (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd shot)
- Mens: Bruce Martin (2nd shot)
- Accuracy: Steve Collins (5th hole)
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# Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report



President Steve Hogan welcomed 34 Twisties on a lovely warm Sunday morn. Steve announced that long time bowling friends Doug & Bev Sheehan would be present after bowls to receive Twist Tops donation towards research into Motor Neurone Disease which Doug is suffering from.

Winners on Least Winning Ends 4/14 Mad Max & Chocolate (< photo) Runners-up 6/12, Sumpy & Ute. Chocolate selected Rink 9 to try for Jackpot, this was her own Rink but no luck finding Joker. Other winning teams, J.H. & Dobbo. R.&R.& Bread roll. Bob the Builder & Magpie. Lois & Scottie. SusieQ & Jonesy. Laurie & Kaz. Megooley, Maggie Noodles & Smoothie. Spike & Hot Lips with Hoges.

Lucky numbers, 19 PowerPoint, 6 Sumpy. It was lovely to have Doug, Bev & family with us. Bev thanked Twist Tops for donation of \$1,100 which MND are always grateful for. Their son recently did a Marathon of 3,650 kms to raise much needed funds, what an effort.

## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



A beautiful sunny day on the Green on Tuesday for 40 ladies, with a little bit of a breeze.

Thanks to Gayl and Yvonne who took over proceedings, also selecting teams using sticks and bowling in 6 Triples and 1 Pairs game .

Winners Rink 9, Gayl Vidgen, Jenny Blyth and Bev McKague. (photo)

Runners-up Rink 11, Lynn Gowans, Bev Feehan and Yvonne Huddleston.

Other winning teams, Wendy Geary, Tania Calder and Sue Bevan.

Di Wotherspoon, Joan Rimmer and Sue Morgan.

Di MacPherson, Fran Lucas and Nancy White.

Lorraine Humphreys, Bev Keatley and Kim Giannasca.

Julie Quinliven and Noleen Taylor.

Lucky number winners, 13 Tania Calder, 21 Lyn Hardy.

Money Club winners, 56 Marlou Rollinson, 17 Raija Johnston.

Gayl Vidgen , Jenny Blyth & Bev McKague.

## MORUYA WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS



Wednesday, 30th October 2024

The third Hamper round was played under sunny skies today with a field of 20 players participating.

The winners were:

1st Place: Barbara Kennedy with 36 points

2nd Place: Marie Muriwai with 35 points

Balls went to: G Brown (34C/B), J Ellis (34C/B), A McMillan (34), S Noy (32C/B), P Reid (32)

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Div. 2 5th Hole Phyllis Reid

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# Tuross Head and Bodalla Darts Competition Results



The Raptors: John Eglitis, Peter Englebrecht, Anthony Mellick, Paul Blacker and Peter Boaten. Michael Taylor with competition organiser Adam Husband

After 28 weeks of competition, the winners were the Raptors beating the Wizards 6 games to 2. Best and fairest player Michael Taylor scored 2 x 180's and 72 x 100's. The Final was held at the Tuross Head Country Club on Wednesday 23 October 2024. Over \$3000 of prizes were awarded and the competition culminated in a presentation at the Bodalla Bowling Club on Sunday 27th October 2024. If you are interested in playing or want to get a team together, we want more players to compete in the competition next year, starting in March 2025 and finishing in September 2025. Contact Adam if you are interested in playing on 0427 463 931.

## Stephanie Dennett Wins Minor Singles Championship

The final of the Tuross Head Women's Minor Singles 2024/25 Championship has been played with Stephanie Dennett taking out the title. She was made to fight for the victory against new bowler Sandra Mather. Mather started very well and after 11 ends she was in front 10 – 6. The next five ends proved to be crucial in the game. Dennett started to become more consistent. In this period she had 3 big scoring ends picking up 2 scores of 4 and one of three to move to the lead 17 – 15.

As the game continued it was this consistency that held Dennett in good stead. She was able to put Mather under pressure forcing her to play some low percentage shots in an effort to stay in the match. Dennett won five of the next six ends to win the game and Championship 21 – 16. Congratulations to both women who played very good bowls to reach the final. Dennett showed the advantage of her extra experience but both women have a good future in the sport.

Meanwhile the finalists of the Men's Minor Singles have been decided after two very competitive matches. Mark Velder and Ben Hewison had a very close match with both players putting down some excellent bowls.

Hewison had the better of the early ends and after 13 ends had a handy 13 – 7 lead. Velder made a move on the 14th end, and despite dropping 3 shots on the 19th end, he was able to grab the lead on the 23rd end by 18 – 17! This seemed to spring Hewison into action as the quality of his bowls seemed to go up a notch. He won the next five very competitive ends to move to a 24 – 18 lead – only one shot from victory. The standard of Velder's play stayed high as he battled to stay in the match. He played a number of excellent bowls under pressure. He grabbed a shot back on 29th end but the relentless pressure from Hewison saw him take the match 26 – 19.



2024\_25 Women's Minor Singles Finalist - Sandra Mather and Stephanie Dennett

Neil Mather played Phil Welsh in the other semi-final with Mather having the better of the early ends. He lead 7 – 3 after 5 ends. However, by the 12th end Welsh had hit back and managed to sneak in front by 10 – 9. He consolidated his lead when he picked up 3 shots on the 14th end to increase his lead to 14 – 9. Mather struck back on the next end with 3 shots of his own to see him trail by just 2 at 12 – 14. From this point Welsh was able to dominant the game with his consistency. He was able to bowl 4 good bowls every end while Mather found the tricky windy conditions hard to handle. While the remaining ends were close, Welsh was able to win six ends in a row to see him run out victor by 25 – 12. Both players, in their first year playing competition bowls, should be happy with the way they played. They are to be congratulated.



Mark Velder acquitted himself well in Minor Singles Semi-Final

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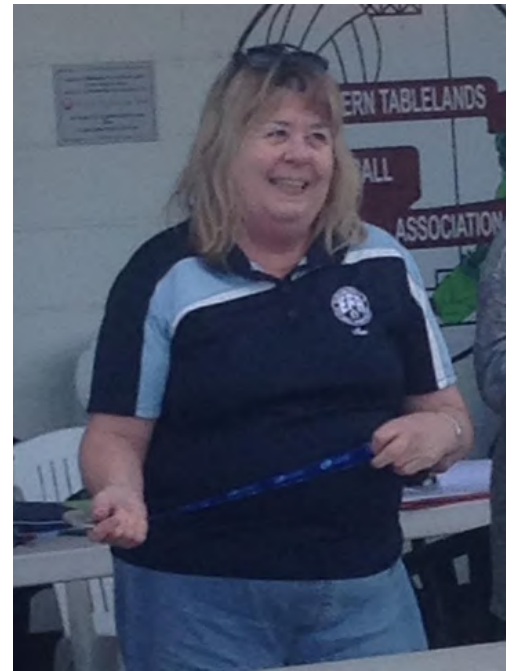


## Eurobodalla Football's Sue Badenoch Kinsey named awarded George Churchward Medal



'Sue Badenoch Kinsey at the Awards Night.

Photo Football NSW



'Sue in action at the Southern Branch Championship round held in Goulburn

Eurobodalla Football Association's Sue Badenoch Kinsey was awarded the prestigious George Churchward Medal at **Football NSW's** State Dinner was held at the Novotel at Sydney Olympic Park last weekend.

Football NSW Directors and Life Members all came together to recognise and acknowledge the elite few who have provided consistent and invaluable service at community level.

The night's final and most honoured award, the George Churchward Medal, presented annually to an individual who has exemplified an outstanding commitment to the sport was awarded to Eurobodalla Football Association's long serving administrator Sue Badenoch Kinsey.

The 2024 season marked 50 years of involvement in football for Sue which began in March 1975 when she served with the now defunct North St. Mary's Soccer Club and contributed to several roles in the club over the next 4 years.

In 1979, Sue came onboard with the new St. Clair Soccer Club under the leadership of Brian Embury. There the loveable administrator was involved with almost everything at the club including Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Canteen Manager to name but a few. Sue also became involved with the Nepean Association, although not on the Board of the Association, Sue often worked with the late Barbara Horley.

However, it wasn't until Sue and her family moved to the South Coast in late 1988 that she became deeply involved with the Batemans Bay club and then the Eurobodalla Association when word got out that she was involved in sport for many years.

Sue introduced new systems at the Association which included player photos, proof of age I.D.s as well as a basic weekly fixture list. Sue's roles on the Board of Eurobodalla Football covered all aspects of community football including refereeing for over 35 years with the Eurobodalla Association.

The experienced administrator has been the Rep Convenor for Southern Branch for over 20 years and enjoys watching the juniors flourish at the next level of their football pathways.

As a Director on the Southern Branch Board, Sue became the delegate to the Football NSW's Association Standing Committee, serving on this Board for four years. The liaisons and camaraderie Sue experienced with Staff at FNSW as well as delegates from all over NSW has been a highlight of her involvement.

It was a fitting end of the evening as Sue received a standing ovation by the many in attendance.

Sue told the Moruya Mail, "It was a huge surprise to be awarded the George Churchward medal. Whilst you never start the journey looking for accolades, it was very humbling to know your input has been appreciated.

However, we do not achieve this status alone, I have been lucky to have many colleagues along the way, both past and current, that have been a great support to me and I thank them. My collaboration with people from the grassroots point at club level, regional level, and all the way through to liaising with the staff at Football NSW, has been not only enjoyable but enabled me to make long lasting friendships.

I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the nomination for me to receive this prestigious award" said Sue.

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