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## Mechanics Institute Hall Mural

This photo shows the wonderfully dynamic dot painting covering the entire internal partition wall in the back room of The Mechanics Institute Hall in Moruya. It was painted around 1999 with skill and care when Teenzone used the building (possibly painted by Brett Carpenter and Sam May).

There were other paintings on the walls of the main room painted by the Teenzone group, mostly Koori.

In a chance visit to the Hall years ago, Gary Smith saw a work crew painting over the wall murals in the main room as part of hall refurbishment.

The dot painting in the back room was still there although planned to be covered over.

Gary immediately put a case to council staff to preserve the dot painting, thankfully and wisely they agreed. It remained proudly in the back room for years.

Moruya Community Film Group screened films there for many years from 2005.

The dot painting in the back room was a welcome mural to view at each monthly screening. As an executive committee member of the Film Club, Gary took a photographic record of all the paintings which were part of the 3rd anniversary Film Club presentation dinner at the hall in 2008.

A visit to an art exhibition there in October sadly revealed the dot painting had been covered over. The wall in the back room is now boring blank, very vanilla and clinical, ironic for a venue often used as an art gallery. An unnecessary and thoughtless act, the decision to paint over this work appears devoid of empathy or consideration for the time, effort, artistic skill and creativity of the painters of the dot mural.

No need to hide it, why not just leave it there for historic reasons or just for people to enjoy?

Perhaps some manual work and paint remover could restore it.

**Gary Smith for Moruya Community Film Group Inc.**

(now screening monthly at The Red Door).

## Council ignore a 910 ratepayer petition on access to Bay foreshore

In March 2024 a petition was presented to Eurobodalla Council requesting impediments to the Maloneys Beach foreshore be removed after a barrier had been placed there by Council.

Council did nothing as a result of the petition except install three sandstone blocks (not local granite) to further restrict access. Only under election pressure has a Councillor initiated a "limited access survey" and no further action is to be taken. The notice of the survey was only sent to property owner in the Maloneys Beach area. No other ratepayers got any notification directly from Council.

The average person in the street is required to search the ESC web site to fill in a survey form – limited to 1000 characters, to find and respond to this so-called survey. There is nothing on public exhibition and no obvious information except an item in the past Council meeting minutes.

Access from the water to the beach and beyond is used extensively by local boaters and visiting vessels from the adjacent sheltered Chain Bay area. This group has never been contacted by Council nor consulted on closing off this very important lifeline to supplies, fuel, water, groceries and spending money in the area.

The boaters come ashore with their tenders and resupply their vessels from the local economy. By restricting vehicular access, the crew now has to carry their equipment and supplies from a distant car park rather than the short distance between the foreshore and water.

A sand boat ramp has been at that location for many, many years and Council has now chosen to restrict access and "decommission" a boater's asset. In their communications to the select group the Director state "...we acknowledge that the community was not fully consulted, and this has led to some concerns."

It appears Council is viewing this as only of concerns to local landholders not the many registered boat-owners who use the waterways around the Bay and seek shelter from the prevailing winds in Chain Bay. There is no other boat ramp east of the Clyde River bar and the bar has not been suitable dredged for even medium draft vessels to traverse.

Maloneys Beach area is the only safe access to the local area.

Boaters say: "Remove the three sandstone blocks and restore access to the informal boat ramp at Chain Bay immediately." Respond by communicating with Council before Tuesday 29 October 2024.

**Harry Watson Smith**

Malua Bay

## Officer charged – Southern Region

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

On Sunday 29 October 2023, police attended an incident at a Batemans Bay shopping centre when an officer – a senior constable attached to the Southern Region – allegedly assaulted three teenage girls – two aged 13 and one aged 17 – and a 49-year-old woman. Following an investigation, yesterday (Thursday 7 November 2024) the 37-year-old officer was issued a court attendance notice for four counts of common assault.

He will appear at Batemans Bay Local Court on Monday 25 November 2024.

The officer is currently suspended with pay.

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# Local Heroes step out at the Mayor's Ball

Eurobodalla's 2024 Local Heroes were announced on Friday night at the Mayor's Fundraising Ball at Moruya Golf Club.

Out of group six finalists, Jan Frikken and Maricel Ceniza, two relentlessly positive Batemans Bay women bringing people together in our community were announced as the 2024 recipients of the award.

The finalists were:

- Maricel Ceniza - Maricel, a Caring Corner co-facilitator, fosters diversity and inclusion by founding the Filipino Community of Far South Coast Group and co-founding the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group.
- Jan Frikken - Jan volunteered her Asian supermarket during bushfires, donating food items for homeless, organizing diversity nights, harmony day events, and implementing monthly dinner groups to combat social isolation.
- Sue Fahey - Sue, since 2007, has been involved in the Salvation Army Red Shield collection, the Dalmeny Connections Café, and the Narooma Quota Club, serving as board member, president, and assistant secretary
- Phillip Smith - Phillip, a life member of Moruya APEX, Broulee Soccer Club, and Moruya Rotary, represented Eurobodalla in the 2000 Sydney Olympic torch relay and is always present at the Rotary stall raising money for those in need.
- Georgie Staley - Georgie led the construction of the volunteer-run Narooma mountain bike trails. Georgie and a small group spent years chipping out trails creating the first 30 kms. Georgie assisted the group to obtain a grant to complete the another 65km of trails, now loved by all.
- Jake Steedman - Jake is a key figure in the local youth community, ensuring a safe environment for the younger generation through programs like Hanging Rock Skatepark Red Frog

All funds raised at this year's ball go to the Mayor's chosen charity, The Family Place.



Mayor Mat Hatcher, with 2024 Eurobodalla Local Heroes Maricel Ceniza and Jan Frikken

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# Healthy update on new hospital development



Brad Scotcher, CEO Margaret Bennett, Dr Michael Holland, Matthew Malone

The Southern NSW Local Health District held a Eurobodalla Planning Update meeting at the Moruya Gold Club last night. About 45 people attended the meeting to hear from CEO Margaret Bennett, Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega, Brad Scotcher SNSWLHD General Manager Coastal Network and Project Manager Matthew Malone from Health Infrastructure. Questions from the Public had been submitted earlier, however there were also questions from the floor.

Straight up Mrs Bennett was asked if the New Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (NERH) would open as a Level 4 hospital, to which she replies "Absolutely yes."

"It's all about the workforce, and I am feeling much more positive than last year" said Mrs Bennett.

Asked about the provision of radiotherapy services she said "The Ministry is linking with us now to develop an Expressions of Interest to test the market for someone to provide radiotherapy." "It's progress that is important. There's been lots of debate about the cost of radiotherapy and we will find out by doing a market test. The EOI will be out early in the new year."

Asked at what point is it too late to add the radiotherapy to the build, Mrs Bennett said "It's never too late. There has been an incredible dramatic increase in health infrastructure cost, so we will wait to see what come out of the EOI."

Brad Scotcher, SNSWLHD General Manager Coastal Network explained the difference between a 'Close Observation Unit' and an 'Intensive Care Unit' which would bring the whole hospital up a level.

He outlined some of the successes in the district such as by the Midwifery Group Practice team at Moruya, who had been recognised at the National Rural Health Awards the previous evening.

Dr Holland was questioned about the loss of the Batemans Bay Accident and Emergency and clearly explained what step up to level four would mean for the Eurobodalla.



Health campaigners Fitzroy Boulting, Dr Arn Sprogis, Mylene Boulting, Peter and Anne McCormick.

He said there would be more beds in the new hospital than the current Moruya and Batemans Bay hospital combined.

Dr Holland acknowledged the concerns of the Batemans Bay people attending but said that "lives are being risked by not having a level 4 hospital."

Dr Holland revealed that they were looking at increasing the house of the Urgent Care Clinic in Batemans Bay. From December it would be 12 hours per day 8am – 8pm. And an expansion is being considered. It was also pointed out that the plans for the NERH were 'non partisans plans.'

Dr Holland said that he had been speaking with the Minister for Health in Sydney the previous day about the addition of radiotherapy for the new hospital.

Matthew Malone, Project Manager with Health Infrastructure talked about the build of the new hospital which has a floor space more than twice the size of Moruya and Batemans Bay Hospitals combined. Other topics discussed were training partnerships with Universities, accommodation for staff, the fate of the older sites and the need for more ambulances.

See the latest images of the build site [HERE](https://eurobodallahs.health.nsw.gov.au/getmedia/6ddb7920-b82b-4b3e-a73a-c55a46cea2ed/241105_BB-and-Eurobodalla_A4_Community-Update_V4_WEB.pdf.aspx)

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# Life Changing Trip for Moruya High School Students



Lunch at Nara Park

By Lee Wall

On 27th September 2024, twenty-five intrepid travellers from the Eurobodalla were filled with a mixture of anxiety and excitement as they prepared to embark on a great adventure. This group was comprised of twenty-one students and four teachers from Moruya High School; for many of these students it was their first time on a plane, as well as their first jaunt to a foreign country.

After nine hours in the air (and a somewhat nerve-wracking flight for some) we landed in Tokyo and went straight to our accommodation to try and get a solid night's rest before a few action-packed days in Tokyo. During our time in one of the world's most bustling metropolises we explored Akihabara and Harajuku, then braved the glorious chaos of the famous Shibuya Scramble. We found peace and respite in the tranquillity of the Meiji Jingu Shrine, catching glimpses of a traditional wedding ceremony and enjoying a delicious and authentic lunch amidst the beauty of the shrine's grounds. The following day, we channelled our inner children and were swept up in the joy and nostalgia of visiting one of the happiest places on Earth at Tokyo Disneyland.

Our journey then took us to Osaka via Japan's famous bullet train (shinkansen) which was our base for the remainder of the trip. We began our acquaintance with this beautiful city by visiting the historic Osaka Castle, then plunging ourselves into the joyous, neon mayhem that characterises the famous Dotonbori area. More excitement and 'shenanigans' followed with a day at Universal Studios Japan where we immersed ourselves in the magical worlds of Harry Potter and Super Nintendo. The days that followed were a welcome change of pace that included day trips to Kyoto, Hiroshima and Miyajima where students were exposed to culturally and historically significant sites and experiences that gave them a small but valuable glimpse into Japan's spiritual heart.

But possibly the most memorable and enjoyable day for many of the students and staff happened to be the day where we went to school! During our trip we had the immense privilege to visit two elementary schools on the outskirts of Osaka. The staff and students warmly welcomed us into their classrooms and showed us what school life in Japan was like. And whilst there is no doubt that all the amazing sights and sounds of the adventure have made a lasting impression on all of us, our visits to these schools epitomise what this incredible journey was about: expanding our knowledge and understanding of the world as only experiences of travel can do.

When our group of weary travellers finally found their way home it was clear that we were not the same people that we had been when we left. We were exhausted and grateful to return to our own beds, but we were even more grateful that we brought with us the types of gifts and souvenirs that cannot be bought: the memories, experience and bonds that we created and that will last for the rest of our lives.



Sensō-ji Temple



Shibuya Scramble



# On-Country Week in Eurobodalla: a celebration of community connection and resilience



In late October, **Fire to Flourish** program staff – including members of our four partner community teams, research team, Strategic Advisory Committee, backbone and executive teams – came together for On-Country Week in the beautiful Murramarang on Walbunja Country on the south coast of NSW. On-Country Week is held at least once a year as an opportunity to connect as a team, understand the Country that our partner communities live and work on, and to reflect, learn and plan together about how best to continue supporting communities to co-create tailored disaster resilience solutions. CEO Briony Rogers explains the value of coming together for these gatherings.

“This year’s On-Country Week really brought the program and its impact to life for the team in attendance. Visiting one of our partner communities, hearing from locals about the projects that they’ve had funded and feeling such a strong sense of community connection, was truly inspiring for everyone.” Staff collaborated across two days of purposeful workshops and enjoyed a day of Indigenous and community connection and celebration.

Joe Brierley, Community Facilitator for F2F Eurobodalla, took the team on a cultural walk through the beautiful Cullendulla Creek and Mangrove Reserve – generously sharing his Indigenous knowledge and connection to the land.

The program was then brought to life at the F2F Eurobodalla office in Mogo, NSW. We were warmly welcomed by the F2F Eurobodalla team of Kizzy Nye, Barb Rix and Joe Brierley, who spoke with passion and pride about the long-term disaster resilience they’ve been able to co-create with their communities and how they’ve done it.

A group of community project leads, funded by Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla, then shared stories of the projects they’re bringing to their communities and the impact they’re having.

The projects were diverse, innovative and rich in community connection, including an Embers to Essence music festival to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the bushfires; a Bangguri Gadhu food trailer to provide food during times of disaster; a Yarning on Country men’s healing program; and Walawaani on Wheels bike library, track and club for local youth.

Thank you to the F2F Eurobodalla community and team for welcoming us all so warmly, sharing so generously and showing us what community-led disaster resilience looks like in practice.

## Oyster Thefts in Narooma

Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force reports :

Police are investigating the theft of oysters from two farming leases at Narooma on the state's Far South Coast.

Officers attached to the South Coast Police District Rural Crime Prevention Team responded and were told sometime between Tuesday 1 October and Thursday 31 October 2024, a significant number of Sydney rock oysters were stolen from the two leases.

Police are appealing for witnesses or any information on the thefts to come forward to police and to report any suspicious activity.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Rural Crime Investigators at Batemans Bay on 02 44 720 099 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.






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This is how Martin Tye of Broulee, will begin his presentation, "Degrowth to Steady State: Empowering Sustainable" at the Red Door, Moruya on **Saturday 23 November at 3 pm.**

The presentation then goes on to explain why endless growth, as an economic ideology, is no longer fit for purpose in a world now in massive overshoot. It explains why a new ideology, a new system and a new way of thinking is needed and how it can be achieved.

Martin is the Director, Australian Regional Communities Division, for the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy, a USA based organisation promoting a new economic system with deep foundations in the rapidly emerging field of Ecological Economics.

His talk will present you with some interesting concepts to ponder, and will allow plenty of time for Q & A.

A whole new economic system to empower "sustainable"? Is it possible? Why not come along and see what you think? This is a free community event.

## Visitor Economy Working Group

Eurobodalla Council advises that "Seven applicants have been invited to join the new Visitor Economy Working Group that will collaborate with Council to develop a new approach to managing tourism in Eurobodalla.

They are:

- Carrie Taylor: Owner, Tilba Coastal Retreat
- Garry Sullivan: Manager, Beachcomber Holiday Park
- Martin Wisata: Director, Rocky Trail Destination
- David MacLachlan: President, Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber
- Sally Bouckley: Director, Southbound Escapes
- Jamie Clout: President, Batemans Bay MTB Club
- Mark Berry: Owner/Manager, The Bower at Broulee

The new approach will see the tourism sector have greater autonomy over how their industry is supported and promoted. Successful applicants were selected following expressions of interest from motivated individuals with relevant experience - including marketing, hospitality, events, accommodation, tours and product and experiences development - to join a visitor economy working group tasked with finalising a new tourism delivery model for the shire.

A new tourism-delivery model was a priority action from the Eurobodalla Destination Action Plan 2023-28. "This new approach will be a two-year pilot project, with robust governance, measurement and evaluation frameworks wrapped around it, which the working group will help refine," Council's General Manager Warwick Winn said.

The quality of responses to the EOI was high and the level of competition for the limited places available meant that well qualified candidates missed out on the opportunity to join the new Visitor Economy Working Group.

Ultimately, the final selection was based on establishing a balanced visitor economy working group, that had a broad range of 'hands-on' tourism experience, along with key specialist skills. And was, of course, representative of the whole shire.

The first task for the new Visitor Economy Working Group will be to work with Council's tourism staff to refine the terms of reference and present a proposed operating model to the new Council."



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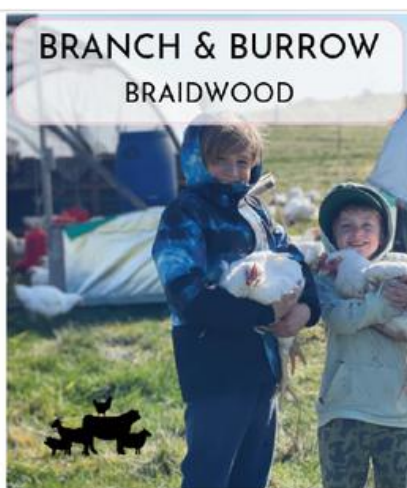
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# First year of Medicare data shows increase to bulk billing in Gilmore

People living in Gilmore have saved more than \$8 million on cheaper scripts over the past 12 months and there have been an additional 61,000 bulk billed GP visits in the electorate during that time.

**Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** said on November 1, 2023, the Albanese Government made the largest investment in bulk billing in Medicare history, targeted to families with children under 16, pensioners and concession card holders.

"Our investments in bulk billing mean more Gilmore residents are getting bulk billed visits at the GP than they were last year," she said.

"It's great that families with children under 16, pensioners and concession cardholders have seen the greatest increase in bulk billing."

Gilmore patients have accessed 875,957 cheaper scripts and 93,997 60-day scripts in the last year saving \$8,120,196. Bulk billed GP visits have increased by 61,898.

Across the country, the federal government's record investment to strengthen Medicare has created an additional 5.4 million additional bulk billed visits since November last year, or 103,000 extra bulk billed visits every week on average.

Australians have saved \$1 billion on the cost of their medicines thanks to our government cutting the cost of medicines, lowering the Safety Net threshold and introducing 60-day scripts.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) called the investment a "game changer" and for the past 12 months, doctors said it has given them the confidence and support they need to bulk bill more often, after a decade of cuts and neglect to Medicare.

A survey of thousands of doctors released by the RACGP last month reported that more doctors say they are bulk billing more of their patients, more of the time.

Families with children under 16, pensioners and concession card holders are now bulk billed much more often: 90.0 per cent of GP visits with children under 16 were bulk billed in the past year.

These 11 million Australians are the patients that see their GP most often: they make up 40 per cent of the population and account for 60 per cent of GP visits, on average.

The historic investment in bulk billing builds on other ways the Albanese Government is strengthening Medicare to make health care more affordable and available:

- Made the largest boost to Medicare rebates in decades, increasing rebates by more in two years than the former government did in nine years.
- Funding and opening 87 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, so Australians can walk in and get bulk billed urgent care, seven days a week, open early to late, without waiting hours in a busy hospital emergency department.
- Added more than 17,000 new doctors to the health system in two years, delivering the most new doctors in more than a decade.
- Boosted the number of doctors training to become GPs by almost 25%, with the Government fully funding the training of 4,800 new GPs between 2023 and 2025.
- Made medicines cheaper, saving Australians \$1 billion by cutting the cost of medicines, lowering the Safety Net threshold and 60-day prescriptions.

Mrs Phillips said the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) continued to provide free, close-to-home urgent care that is bulk billed under Medicare.

"The most common presentations recorded at the Batemans Bay Medicare UCC have been for conditions such as upper respiratory tract infection, ear infection and urinary tract infections," she said.

"More than half the presentations to the Batemans Bay Hospital were for semi-urgent or non-urgent conditions, so the UCC is now taking a lot of pressure off the hospital and local GPs," she said.

Mrs Phillips said the free South-Eastern NSW Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic at the Milton Medical Centre was also providing women from Helensburgh to the Victorian Border with expert, multidisciplinary care.

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# SHASA Celebrates 10 years of community works



South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) members and supporters came together on Friday night to celebrate 10 years of the organisation at the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club.

Vice President – Steve Colman, a founding member of SHASA, gave a short history of the organisation saying it all started with a ringing of the bell at St John's.

"The tolling of the bell was to raise awareness and take action on climate change...So a small group continued to meet. The focus to taking action on climate change. Some of that group are with us tonight Annette Kennewell, Sandy Wilder and Linda Chapman."

"When elected leaders won't act fast enough the community needs to lead. Think Globally Lead Locally!"

"I think the real story behind SHASA is the small but very generous community of office holders and supporters. Everyone comes with generosity, capability and a genuine wish to make a difference" said Steve. Everyone contributes what they can and when they can.

It has been a remarkable journey of community leadership driven by a passion to make Eurobodalla and the world a better place."

President Kathryn Maxwell's thanked the SHASA pioneers for getting SHASA up and running. Kathryn outlined the key climate action achievements in last 5 years:

- 8 Bushfire and Heatwave Havens
- 20+ solar & batteries on community properties
- 3 big EV expos
- millions dollars with 40+ grants
- Dozens of market stalls
- Repair Cafe
- Food Program / South Coast Community Kitchen
- Pet Support Program
- Business partnerships with MESA and Tec Exec
- Community leadership (Regenerate Eurobodalla Program)

As an Alliance, SHASA works with diverse range of stakeholders in Eurobodalla. This includes 350 Eurobodalla, SAGE, Repower Shoalhaven, Renewables Cobargo, CEFE Tathra, Anglican Parish Moruya, Uniting Church Catalina, Marine Rescue Narooma and Tuross Head, CWA Moruya, CWA Narooma, Batemans Bay Heritage Museum, Rally for Recovery, Men's Sheds.



Annette Kennewell and Kathryn Maxwell cut the cake

Kathryn gave a special mention of thanks to: Steve Colman, Rob Shorrock, Suzanne Shorrock, Tony Lowe, Pete Phillips, Frank Eden, Patrick Guinness, Lyn Smith, Andrea Charlton, Andrew Everard, Arno Schaaf, Phil Shorten and Kate Taylor. She thanked to all the other volunteers that make SHASA the dynamic organisation it is today.

Kathryn also outlined the SHASA Vision for the Future – "working for a cleaner, smarter future. We are about climate leadership and adaptation.

We will promote and support actions that help mitigate and adapt to climate change

Advocate for electrifying households, transport and infrastructure to drive a low carbon economy."

Working together for a cleaner,  
smarter future for the Eurobodalla





## Australian Breastfeeding Association's Bushfire Project

The Australian Breastfeeding Association's Bushfire Project has been dedicated to developing evidence-based resources to support families with infants and young children during emergencies. Through research and feedback from families impacted by the Black Summer Bushfires, the project identified critical gaps in disaster preparedness and response. To address these, the ABA Bushfire Project has collaborated with emergency and health organisations to develop tools and resources that better equip both families and responders for future emergencies. We hope these efforts will help create a safer, more prepared environment for young children and their caregivers in times of crisis.

We are now excited to showcase the resources and tools we've developed and invite you to join us for the online launch of our emergency resource collection on Thursday, 14th November, at 7pm.

By incorporating these resources into your emergency toolkits, you can empower families and play a vital role in enhancing their preparedness and safety during emergencies.

Important Links:

- [Launch Registration](#)
- [Quick Guide for Families](#)
- [Emergency Resources for Babies and Toddlers](#)
- [Research Paper](#)
- Follow our campaign: @protectinginfantsinemergencies

**Dr Michelle Hamrosi and the ABA Bushfire Project Team**

## Minimum age for social media access to protect kids

The Federal Government will legislate 16 as the minimum age for access to social media, following endorsement by National Cabinet today. The decision follows extensive consultation with young people, parents and carers, academics and child development experts, community, industry and civil organisations, First Nations youth, and state and territory governments. The Albanese Government will introduce legislation in the next Parliamentary sitting fortnight.

The Bill puts the onus on social media platforms, not parents or young people, to take reasonable steps to ensure fundamental protections are in place.

The Government will continue to work closely with stakeholders in the lead up to the commencement of the law, with a lead time of at least 12 months following the Bill's passage to give industry, governments and the eSafety Commissioner time to implement systems and processes.

We will also use this time to develop guidance for parents, carers and children ahead of the change.

The Bill builds upon the Australian Government's work to address online harms for young people, including the \$6.5 million age assurance trial, establishing an online dating apps code, legislating new criminal penalties for non-consensual sexual deepfakes, and quadrupling base funding for the eSafety Commissioner.

The Government will ensure young Australians retain access to services that primarily provide education and health services, and work constructively with stakeholders to ensure that only services which meet the strict criteria under eSafety's powers are able to be accessed by children under 16.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said "Social media is doing social harm to our kids. I'm calling time on it. We need to do everything we can to keep our kids safe, and wherever I go in Australia, I know one of the biggest issues worrying mums and dads is the impact social media is having on their children's well being.

"I want to thank the Premiers and Chief Ministers for their engagement and support on this issue. This is a national challenge that requires national leadership. That's what our Government is stepping up to deliver."

Minister for Communications Michelle Rowland MP said "Introducing a minimum age for social media access is about protecting young people – not punishing or isolating them – and letting parents know that we are in their corner when it comes to supporting their children's health and well being.

"Our decision to set the minimum age at 16 years is based on extensive consultation with experts, parents and young people. It strikes a balance between minimising harms experienced by young people during a critical period of development."

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# 100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



*The Gilmore family*

08-11-1924

**Mr. A. H. Preddey** received information on Monday from Dorman, Long and Co., requesting him to have his cottage at "Tuffwood" placed in readiness for their manager, who, with his wife and nine children, was leaving by the Bateman's Bay steamer on Thursday.

**Unless good general rains soon fall**, the rural position in the Far South Coast and southern Monaro will be serious. Herbage is rapidly drying off, and crops are making very poor growth. House-hold water supplies are exhausted in many places.

**The Captain of the steamer Narani** says that he never remembers a year like this has been for strong winds. We have now definite information that the "Advance Guard" of Messrs. Dorman, Long and Co's employees will arrive in Moruya early next week. **Mr. J. A. Gilmore, quarry manager, with his wife and nine children**, Mr. Morrison, assistant, with wife and three children, and Mr. Davidson, assistant, will be at Bateman's Bay from 7th to the 11th inst., when they will come on to Moruya. Mr. Martin, the Company's manager in Sydney, Mr. Blake, chief civil engineer, and Mr. Ferguson, chief Mechanical Engineer, will be here on Tuesday, the 11th inst., on a flying trip of general inspection, and to make arrangements for starting work at the granite quarry. Mr. A. Martin writes, under date 3rd November: "Now that we are practically ready for commencing operations down at Moruya, we sincerely trust that a move will be made by builders to erect accommodation."

**Mr. A. H. Preddey and his gracious wife** appear to have a particular penchant for giving pleasure to children, as they simply revel in the enjoyment of the little ones. On Friday of last week these good citizens celebrated the 13th birthday of their only daughter, Marie, by inviting the children of the district to a social afternoon and evening in the Amusu Theatre. ... A large and elaborately iced cake, made by Mrs. L. T. Jenner in honor of the event, graced the centre of the gaily decorated table. After a few hours of dancing and games, Mr. Preddey entertained the little ones, their parents and friends, with some beautiful and interesting pictures, the films unreel being specially obtained for the auspicious occasion. The young hostess, who is a particularly favorite with her school-mates, was the recipient of a lovely assortment of presents.

**Kirton and Earnshaw's sawmill** at Ryan's Creek, which is managed by Mr. Eric Davis, was burnt to the ground on Saturday night between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. Sunday morning. No doubt this will mean a great loss to the owners and contractors connected, but much greater to the men employed at the same.

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



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## A Beer with Bazz #169

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Mick's face was beetroot by the time he reached the bar table and he slammed down the beers.

Bazza rescued his schooner from the puddle of froth, took a sip and leaned back as Mick sucked in a deep breath.

Mick's forefinger was aimed at Bazza's chest.

'It's just not on, Bazza..... It seems if you dress up 'solutions' to complex problems into a simplistic slogan or even a jingle... you get elected. You may as well throw a promise of delivering world peace into the mix for good measure. I am bloody cranky, Bazza.'

Bazza's schooner froze mid air and his eyes were saucers.

'Crikey, Mick, this is a turn up. You were full of confidence last week..... good on you.'

Mick's brow furrowed.

'Don't be ridiculous, Bazza. I said it might be close but there is absolutely no point in running a positive campaign when the opponent refers to you as 'dumb', a 'low life', 'garbage', 'evil', 'scum', 'wacko', 'mean', 'bad', 'sick', 'corrupt' and a 'devil'. When he is not abusing or repeating lies, he is being outright racist. I am not accepting the result, Bazza. I reckon it has been rigged... stolen if you like.'

Bazza's smile widened.

'Go hard, Mick. I reckon you have to accept the result though. It is a pretty emphatic win.'

Mick shook his head.

'No way, Bazza. On top of all that, the bloke is a convicted criminal. He is not fit to hold office. What's wrong with you, Bazza? I thought a bloke like you would have a moral compass... you know ... fight for what is right.'

Bazza took a sip and sighed.

'Ahh..... its a democracy, Mick. I have a horrible feeling the world will be warmer and weirder in four years time.'

Mick screwed his eyes.

'What are you on about Bazza?.... I am not waiting four years. I will challenge at next year's AGM. That blood crook, Don rolled me as President of the Men's Shed last night. His slogan 'Make Our Shed A Castle' has delivered him the presidency on top of the name calling. Unbelievable... the membership bought into the lies and have even endorsed the name change to 'Men's Castle' in line with the grandiose promises. He is a convicted fraudster.'

Mick bit his bottom lip.

'And to top it all off. You must of heard me talk about Don's mad mate, Leon?'

Bazza chuckled and took a sip.

'Yeah...the bloke who is using all the men's shed's resources to build a rocket.'

Mick fumed.

'Well.... he is now the Treasurer.'

Have a beer with Bazza at  
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## Who Let The Dogs Out?

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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

About this time each year as Father Christmas raises his white bearded head, red cheeks glowing, I have a fantasy: The famous French philosopher Rene Descartes turns to his royal patron, Queen Christina of Sweden and announces his great discovery: 'Je pense, donc je suis'. (I think, therefore I am.)

Christina is not impressed. She responds: 'I shop, therefore I am.'

I try to pretend it's not happening. My ideal Christmas shopping is a quick dash to the Manuka Arcade the day before with a little list for the immediate family – wife, two sons, (maybe partners) and three lovely granddaughters. That's several perfumes, two shirts, some nice French lippy and I'm out of there.

I used to get cards as well but despite my Prep 1 teacher's repeated smacks with two rulers, I write left-handed down the page (not across) and my message gets messy. And these days the cards make noises. Some of them even play cheesy music off-key each time you open them. They're so elaborate. This year it wouldn't surprise me if some rapper released a ghastly card poem on a Christmas theme: 'Hey, dat Jesus in 'd'manger; He lickin' lamb juice, dat's da danger...

So I type something nice for each one on the computer then spend hours checking to make sure I've put the right message with the pressie. One awful year I gave a bottle of Cointreau to a son and three pairs of men's underpants to his fiancée. (Don't families have long memories for the rare little the mistakes of the paterfamilias.)

My dear wife has an entirely different view. She is a natural born 'giver'. She gets more fun out of Christmas than anyone I know. Nothing beats that look of surprised delight when they open her pressies and say, 'Just what I wanted. How did you know?'

For her, Christmas planning begins in February. It has taken that long to decide just how to improve on last year's effort and stop chuckling about the naughty son who gave his brother a joke tin gift containing the worst smell in the history of the world. It didn't matter that we were celebrating on the front deck, our neighbours on both sides complained and one of the girls nearly threw up...on the prawns!

Anyway, by May she's making little noises about the charms of 'Christmas in July' at mountainous Katoomba which I have resisted manfully these several years and will continue to my dying breath. However, this year her arthritis has meant she hasn't been able to do the usual expeditions through Canberra's shops for that perfect present for everyone.

However, I now realise it's a double-edged sword. The first clue was when she said, 'I'm expecting a delivery today. You're not to look at it.'

I was writing at the time and it drifted over my head.

Not for long. Three days later it was the same warning, and two days after that...I twigged. She'd discovered a catalogue filled with goodies and once you order something that damned internet had been sending her Christmas 'suggestions' for months.

They use fierce little algorithms. They take note of what interests you and then spread a veritable banquet – a Swedish smorgasbord – of goodies before you. Who could resist? Well, I could. But they know that already.

No, no, their target is elsewhere and here's the clue – they are all connected to Amazon! No wonder Jeff Bezos is one of the richest men in the world. How could he lose? He owns Amazon, the mighty tribe of strong women who absolutely take their cue from Queen Christina.

'I shop, therefore I am!'

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# EUROBODALLA PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB



Gold - Q Lily by John Proctor

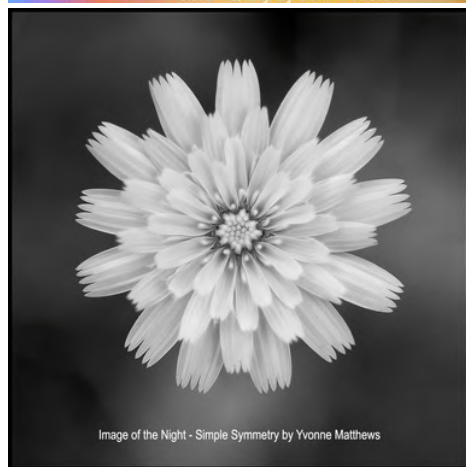


Image of the Night - Simple Symmetry by Yvonne Matthews



Gold - Justicia Brandegeana by Dave Kemp



Gold - Grevillea and Bee by Merrick Bailey

The 22nd of October saw us holding the penultimate club meeting of 2024.

We were very pleased to welcome Gillianne Tedder to be our judge for the evening. She is a professional photographer who works mainly in the commercial field, but who has years of experience in many facets of photography.

Despite having a busy schedule, Gillianne has supported our club for a number of years and it's always a pleasure to listen to her opinions and interesting talks.

The competition subject was "Flowers" and her comments and advice were informative and entertaining. She said that the standard of photography in our club is very high and has continued to improve over the years. She commented on the camera craft displayed by our members.

In addition to the competition we were treated to an excellent short video taken by Brian O'Leary of a Lyrebird singing and doing a mating dance. Brian recalled how he spent many hours sitting on a milk crate waiting for the bird to accept him and allow him to remain and photograph it.

The meeting was attended by 34 people including three visitors who expressed interest in joining our club. If this comes to fruition it would bring our membership up to 60.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### COLOUR

Gold

John Proctor – Q Lily

Dave Kemp – Justicia Brandegeana

Merrick Bailey – Grevillea and Bee

Silver

Peter Keogh – A promise to come

Di Clark – Not so still

Nandini Narayan – Impressionist Florals

Highly Commended

John Proctor – Flowering Gum Village

John Proctor – Flower Twins

Di Clark – Weed or Wonderful

Ken Foster – Crucifix Orchid

Jo Love – Yellow Pansy

### MONO

Gold

Yvonne Matthews – Simply Symmetry

Di Clark – The White Waratah

Image of the night – Yvonne Matthews – Simply

Symmetry

Cont' over



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# EUROBODALLA PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

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On the Saturday prior to the club meeting 16 members visited Mogendoura Farm on the outskirts of Moruya. Apart from the animals and sculptures on the farm, it has "The Loft". This is a covered area filled with a fascinating eclectic collection of objects including flowers, pottery, glassware, mirrors, riding gear, spoons, fabrics and small sculptures which readily lend themselves to still life photography.

Before the photography began, Jo Love gave a very good talk on colour and composition using both commercial photographs and those of some members to illustrate the presentation. She had prepared workbooks for each person to take home so that they could practice the various techniques.

One of the day's highlights was when Emma, the farm owner, brought her white horse into the loft to be photographed. This beautiful creature was well behaved and "posed" for us patiently without any fuss.

The weather was kind and we enjoyed a barbecue of the excellent farm produced beef sausages. All in all it was a day enjoyed by everyone.



From Mogendura Farm by Colin Pass



Mogendura Farm - Fun with Ducks by Beth Westra



Silver - Impressionist Florals by Nandini Narayan



Mogendura Farm image by Ken Foster



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## UOW announces staff and course cuts

The **University of Wollongong** (UOW) has commenced the next stage of consultation with potentially affected staff after announcing a Draft Workplace Change Proposal on Monday.

Following a process to assess the viability of teaching areas, and a Preliminary Phase of Consultation, the University has identified 25 disciplines across its four faculties that will be in scope for the next round of consultation.

Not all disciplines in scope will be disestablished – some may be downsized or consolidated into other teaching areas. The anticipated outcome is a reduction in roughly 90 FTE positions and an estimated recurrent saving of around \$15-20M.

A range of financial and non-financial factors were taken into consideration, and not all unviable teaching activities are in scope. Many will be retained for non-financial reasons.

Interim Vice-Chancellor and President Professor John Dewar AO said the draft proposal would significantly reduce recurrent expenditure by addressing unviable teaching areas.

"No decisions have been made about the future of the disciplines identified. We are committed to a genuine consultation process with potentially affected staff, to determine whether a discipline is disestablished, downsized, or consolidated into other teaching areas," Professor Dewar said.

"The feedback we receive through this consultation process will inform any revisions we make to the proposal. We will be working closely with potentially affected staff so that they have every opportunity to have their say.

"There are some areas of the University with low student enrolment where we can no longer justify maintaining our current levels of staffing. This proposal aims to address that.

"While we have taken some important steps to stabilise this year's budget, these are not long-term solutions. To transform our university, achieve financial sustainability and lay the foundation for our future success by building on our strengths, we must address teaching and research activities that are unviable and significantly reduce our ongoing expenditure overall.

"The decision to initiate this process has not been an easy one. But we must make tough choices now to set the University up for a brighter future."

The consultation process is being conducted in alignment with the requirements of the University's enterprise agreements. For disciplines that are in scope, voluntary redundancies will be considered.

It follows the University suffering a \$35M drop in revenue this year, caused by a significant reduction in international onshore student enrolments.

Affected staff are being provided with personalised, professional, and confidential support through the University's Employee Assistance Program provider, TELUS Health.

## Masses of Seabird washing up



Adrift Lab says "Seabirds are starting to wash-up in large numbers on beaches, particularly in VIC & southern NSW. Just like last year, we're asking folks to send us data. Importantly, we do NOT want anyone to touch the birds: please just take photos and count how many you see.

Instructions, our email address, and important information on #HPAI (avian flu) are here <https://adriftlab.org/.../reporting-seabird-mortalities.../>

Ideally, we'd like one photo per bird.

Why? In some parts of Australia, you might encounter two different species of shearwater that look similar. Both have all-black feathers, but one has a small black beak & the other has a larger white beak with a distinctive black tip - example photos to highlight the difference.

Please send through this information via email to [adriftlab@gmail.com](mailto:adriftlab@gmail.com) or via direct message to Adrift Lab social media.

AdriftLab says "The Bureau of Meteorology has just released the "2024 State of the Climate" report - the oceans section can help us understand some of the reasons why we're seeing so many Beached Birds in SE Australia at the moment.

It states "The greatest ocean warming has occurred off south-east Australia and Tasmania where more rapid warming trends have occurred over the past 4 decades. The East Australian Current now extends further south, creating an area of more rapid warming in the Tasman Sea, where the warming rate is now twice the global average".

This same region is where the shearwaters we are seeing beach-washed are trying to locate food to eat: rapidly warming waters forces their prey to move elsewhere which means it is out of reach of the birds (they can only fly so far, or dive so deep).

- Adrift Lab is a dedicated group of researchers studying all things adrift in the ocean, including plastic, chemicals, and wildlife. Our diverse and supportive lab includes graduate students and post-docs from all over the globe, who offer specialist skills in ecotoxicology, statistical analysis, and marine ecology.



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## Fee-free TAFE is here to stay

As a former TAFE teacher for more than a decade, Federal **Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** has welcomed Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's weekend announcement that, under the Albanese Government, fee-free TAFE would be here to stay.

"I can honestly say I am thrilled that fee-free TAFE will be locked-in and made permanent across the country," Mrs Phillips said.

"We will legislate to guarantee 100,000 fee free TAFE places each and every year and I know first-hand, having taught in Outreach at TAFE for over ten years, that this will absolutely change lives.

"I taught people that had never worked outside of their home before and it was TAFE that started them on a pathway into courses such as aged care and community services.

"We know that fee-free TAFE is working, and has exceeded all expectations, which is why it will be here to stay.

"Since fee-free TAFE started in January 2023 to 30 June 2024, we've seen more than 508,000 enrolments in courses in priority areas, including disability and aged care, digital and tech, construction and early childhood education and care."

Mrs Phillips said fee-free TAFE was helping people from priority cohorts, with 170,000 young Australians, 124,000 job seekers and 30,000 First Nations Australians enrolling in the program.

"It's also really great to see six in 10 places have been taken up by women, and one in three have been in regional and remote Australia, including Gilmore," she said.

Mrs Phillips said the proposal would restore TAFE New South Wales back to its former glory, before it was "decimated" by the former Liberal State Government.

"I was proud to work for TAFE and see how lives were being changed for the better, but after a while, I'll tell you what I saw at TAFE - a Liberal Government that Andrew Constance was a part of, that gutted TAFE," she said.

"Under the Libs, the TAFE Nowra Campus was looking more like a morgue.

"Under the Libs, campuses were closed, courses were slashed, enrolments dropped and more than 5000 teachers were cut from TAFE.

"So, it should come as no surprise that the Liberals labelled our fee-free TAFE 'wasteful spending'

"That is shameful. Shameful because we need tradies to build the housing for our future. We need people to care for our youngest and oldest Australians."

Mrs Phillips said fee-free TAFE was helping fill gaps in industries with high need.

"Since coming to government, I have witnessed how our fee-free TAFE is making a real difference locally - at Nowra, Moruya and Ulladulla TAFE campuses.

"Trade courses such as carpentry and electrical are booming in Gilmore.

"My husband is a carpenter and small business owner who did his training at Nowra TAFE. And I have two sons that are apprentice carpenters. And I can say they are all hugely busy.

"Our fee-free TAFE builds for the future, so we have the tradies to build and upgrade houses, workers to care for people and apprentices to help grow our small businesses.

"Our fee-free TAFE benefits everyone in Australia."

The Albanese Labor Government will introduce legislation to establish Fee-Free TAFE as an enduring feature of the national vocational education and training system, funding 100,000 Fee-Free TAFE places a year from 2027.

This builds on the Albanese Government partnership with states and territories to deliver 180,000 Fee-Free TAFE places in 2023; 300,000 places over three years from 2024; and agreements being finalised for a further 20,000 construction and housing Fee-Free places.

## Forthcoming Events



### Montague Art and Craft Society Inc Boats Afloat Art Exhibition

Yellow Boat Shed, near Salt Cafe, 30 Riverside Drive, Narooma, A display of new artworks from our members, to celebrate this year's Boats Afloat Regatta.

Open from 10am until 4pm Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November

### Writing Workshops with Tracey Lee

If you love to write, then join professional author and educator Tracey Lee in her inspiring workshops. Pick up tips and tricks along the way.

Cost: \$5 per session

Eventbrite bookings essential:

Narooma Library Wednesday 13th November 10.30am-12.30pm

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Moruya Library Thursday 14th November 10.30am-12.30pm

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### Author talks with John Blay

Where: **Moruya Library**, Vulcan Street, Moruya

Thursday 28 November 2024 10:30am - 11:30am

Where: **Batemans Bay Library**, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay

Tuesday 26 November 2024 2pm - 3pm

Where: **Narooma Library**, Field Street, Narooma

Wednesday 27 November 2024 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Cost: free events

Join local author John Blay for a talk on Writing Landscapes. bringing in themes from all his books and showing some dramatic places from across the region.

John says: "Where do we really live? We drive along the highways and only experience a tunnel vision of the countryside in which we live. But there's more to it, lots more".

John's books Back Country, On Track and Wild Nature will be available. Enjoy refreshments and book signings.

Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.

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### Crank it Up Batemans Bay

Crank It Up Batemans Bay is just over a week away, There's a lot happening and there's plenty for everyone. Whether you are a classic car enthusiast, a banging rockabilly fan, or just looking for an awesome weekend, there's something going on for you Click below or jump on the Crank It Up website to download or view

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## Gallery Bodalla - Frances Luke & Keedah Throssell

The sensitive and beautiful works of Frances Luke and Keedah Throssell in 'Trees I have known' feature at Gallery Bodalla commencing Thursday 7 November and run through to Sunday 1 December. Expressed with deep affection and appreciation, Frances and Keedah bring you works in various mediums honouring some of the trees they have been moved and inspired by. "The joy and colour trees bring to our lives cannot be understated. Trees are our silent companions throughout our lives and we take for granted the care and nurturing they give us. This series consists of (some of) the trees that have been a part of my life over the past few decades "...Frances Luke "Trees I've Known is my homage to trees. These works, expressed in various mediums, are all inspired by trees around me, where I live in the bush on the Deua river and my journey home along the Araluen road"...Keedah Throssell Opening drinks with the artists Saturday 9 November at 3pm, with music by guitarist Geoffrey Potter. All are welcome, Valerie ph 0421 238 174. Catalogue of works [www.gallerybodalla.com.au](http://www.gallerybodalla.com.au)

## Crafting Timber by Hand

### Moruya Museum

25 October 2024 - 28 March 2025

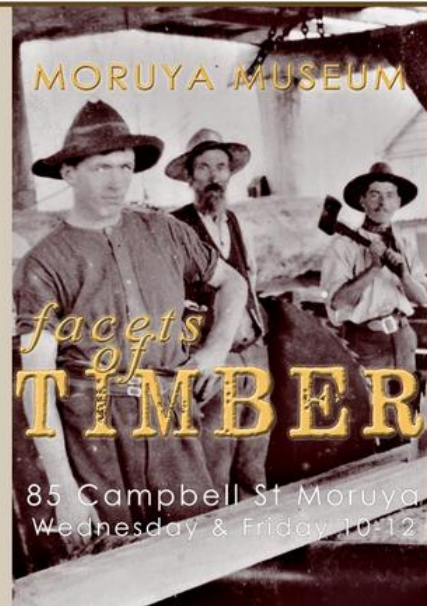
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Long before the advent of power tools and modern machinery, humans relied on time-honored tools and techniques to transform trees into essential products - construction, furniture and decorative carvings.

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## 2EAR FM GIG GUIDE

"LOCAL and mostly LIVE"

### Friday 8th Nov

Tony Wade..... Top Pub, Pambula (6pm)  
Nathan Gorringer..... Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)  
Steve Martin ..... Tathra Beach Bowlo (8pm)  
Live Music ..... Steam Packet Hotel  
Gedupandans..... Bay Soldiers Club

### Saturday, 9 Nov:

Tom Barnes..... Quantum Brewery  
Tony Wade ..... Tathra Beach Bowlo (7.30pm)  
Mojo ..... Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)  
Adam Harvey..... Waterfront Hotel  
Broulee Brewhouse..... Seaquins  
Rockin Rob..... Tilba valley Winery noon  
Shane Howard..... Tilba Valley Winery 5pm  
Support Ron Callo  
Gedupandans..... Bay Soldiers Club

### Sunday, 10 Nov:

Steve Benic ..... Club Tuross (2pm)  
Broulee Brewhouse ..... Steve Durie  
Kara Cohen..... Sunday soul Tilba valley Winery

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## "Spring Flowers" cabbi

Still Life & Watercolour Painting Workshop

Presented by:

Sheryl Miller

Instagram: sherylmiller  
Facebook: Sheryl Miller,  
South Coast Artist



Date : Saturday 16th November 2024

Time : 10am to 3 pm

Venue: The Pavilions, Batemans Bay Wet Room

Cost : \$125

Bookings: email your name and phone number to [workshops@cabbi.com.au](mailto:workshops@cabbi.com.au)

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.

Working in ink can be messy, so please wear an apron or old shirt and disposable gloves if you wish.

We will send you an online Invoice to be paid in full to secure your booking.

### Workshop Overview:

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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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.

## Quantum Brewery

**Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm**

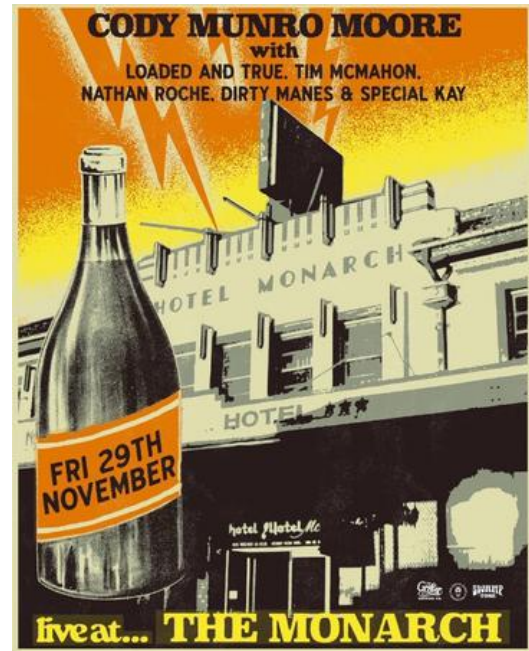


Sat 9 Nov – Tom Barnes (5.30)  
 Sat 16 Nov – Jason Morris  
 Sat 23 Nov – Greg Byng  
 Sat 30 Nov – Richard Lawson  
 Sat 7 Dec – Mac & Glenda  
 Sat 14 Dec – Tom Barnes (5.30)  
 Sat 21 Dec – Tony Jagers  
 Sat 28 Dec – Casey Greene

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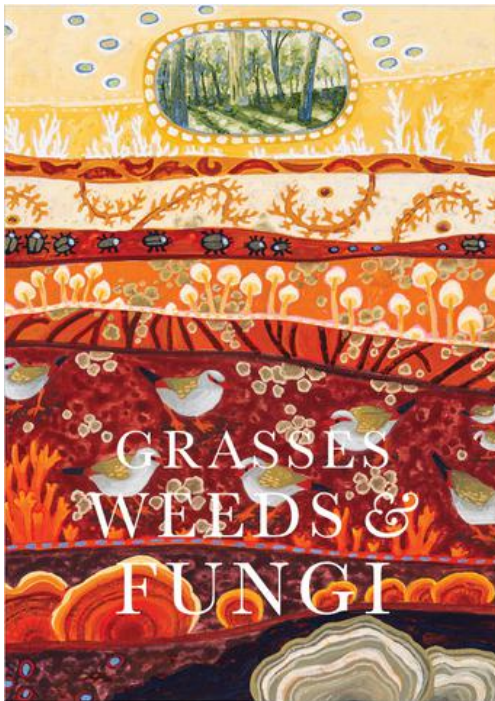
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 Artists' talks Saturday 16 November 11 am  
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 Poetry & refreshments Saturday 23 November 2 pm

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Enquiries  
 Helen Maxwell  
 0439 876 645 [helen@helenmaxwell.com](mailto:helen@helenmaxwell.com)

Annie Franklin, Forest floor, 2024, acrylic and gouache on board (detail)

### BODALLA POETS' BREAKFAST

Sunday 24th November, 9 am

*\*In the Bodalla Memorial Hall\**

*Please come and spend a delightful hour or so listening to our talented local poets. We welcome our audience!  
 Tea, coffee and a biscuit provided at the hall from 8.30*

*-Donations appreciated-*



We welcome participation from poets, experienced and newcomers alike. Present your original poetry in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in our village community hall.

Poets: Please contact Paddy Naughton  
 0450742933 [wpnaughton@icloud.com](mailto:wpnaughton@icloud.com) or Sue Knight  
 0427007649 [aandsknight@bigpond.com](mailto:aandsknight@bigpond.com)

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22, 23, 29, 30 Nov 2024 @ 7:30pm

23, 30 Nov 2024, Matinee @ 2:00pm

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for more information please contact  
 Lyn Sterling

0416181003—[lsterling@bigpond.com](mailto:lsterling@bigpond.com)



## 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 Dhillwaan 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 Auntie 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 Auntie 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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# Media democratisation vs local news: surprising rivals in the battle for healthy democracies

By **Nell O'Shea Carré,**

**Local Independent News Association**

As all eyes turned to the US this week, we reflect on the relationship between news and democracy in this era heavily influenced by social media and big tech.

With the development and rapid improvement of technology — such as phones, the internet and digital platforms including social media — the cost, skill-sets required and other barriers of entry for citizen reporting and the publication of news has decreased.

Initially celebrated for improving the accessibility with which individuals and smaller businesses can create and share news content, this change may have influenced improvements in the platforming of diverse voices and experiences over recent years.

However, this 'democratisation' of the media has not been quite the positive development for communities, governments, and indeed democracies, as anticipated.

Media is no longer viewed as gatekeepers of information. Instead, the digital space has been flooded with unverified, harmful, sensationalised or simply just unnecessary and distracting information, becoming not so much a competition of the most considered or reputable findings, as the loudest and sometimes richest voices.

The resulting increase in mis and disinformation has deepened the polarisation of views, to the point of triggering civil unrest, spreading damaging public health information during the pandemic, and exacerbating threats of propaganda and censorship.

Governments themselves, whose very existence is threatened by these anti-democratic outcomes, have added to these murky floodwaters, seen in recent years in baseless accusations of fake news levelled at reputable media outlets, and slyly disguised PR campaigns (troubling media reports detailed accounts of political parties distributing fake newspapers promoting their candidates in the 2024 UK general election).

Unsurprisingly, audience perceptions of the media have been affected over time. Unfortunately this has led not so much to greater media literacy and healthy scepticism, but rather a deep distrust in the media (not to mention governments and other authorities), often not synonymous with the editorial quality of the publication and their fact verification processes.

This democratisation process has provided fertile ground for major tech companies — think Meta, X (formerly Twitter), etc — to further monopolise the market by building reliance on third-party digital platforms, and the fragmentation of smaller media organisations has resulted in Australia becoming one of the most consolidated media markets in the world. It's a fairly dismal picture of the current state of the 'fourth estate'...

Enter local news publications. Embedded within the communities they report, journalists at these publications are uniquely positioned to counter mis and disinformation and explain voting processes in local regions.

With strong reciprocal trust generated by their personal connections and commitment to their communities, they can quickly identify disinformation, contextualise misinformation or 'half-truths', and improve media literacy so individuals also have the toolkit to perform these roles independently. Local, independent news publications represent the diverse views, voices and experiences of their communities, while ensuring these still pass independent scrutiny and fact-checking processes to filter for harmful, untrue or misleading information.

While some local governments may feel uncomfortable by the extra scrutiny provided by local news, they also benefit from this work. Local, independent news provides a mechanism for governments to receive community feedback, encourages political and democratic participation, and strengthens engagement with local decision-making processes. Not only this but these publications also support emergency preparedness and resilience and builds social cohesion and connection.

Findings from the Digital News Report: Australia 2024 demonstrate that compared with other news topics, "local news has the widest gap between interest and availability", with 64% of Australians most interested in local news but only half of them saying they are getting enough.

While innovation and change is extremely important, perhaps in this instance it's time to return our support to more traditional journalism. This does not mean discrediting journalists or publications that do not conform to "professional" expectations of pay, education level or income. On the contrary, much of the most valuable reporting around the country is being performed by people who have stepped up within their communities to act as journalists, often without pay or formal training. Support from audiences, advertisers, and policy makers, however, needs to be directed to publications that maintain a 'pre-media democratisation' standard of independence and content and editorial guidelines.

With Australia set to follow the US to the polls within the next six months, supporting independent news media has never been more important for our democracy.

*Note: The Moruya Mail is a Member of LINA*

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**Saturday 23 November  
10am to 2pm  
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club**

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Mae



Tessa



Miles

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Mae is a five-month-old sweetheart with a gentle nature, who loves her fellow foster friends but has a special bond with her foster family's dog, with whom she plays and snuggles up. She would do well in a home with a friendly dog, or other cats to play with. Mae has a lovely calico coat. She can be a little shy when first meeting new people, but once she warms up, she's very affectionate and cuddly.

Tessa is truly lovely eight-month-old with a bold, confident personality. She loves being the centre of attention and would be a wonderful addition to a lively household or the perfect companion for someone looking for a cat to be the heart of their home. Tessa will make you laugh all the time while making you feel so special. She loves to play and snuggle. She's great with other cats and dogs. She's not fazed by anything. She's the type of cat that makes ANYONE feel welcome into your home.

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LEE M, 1H 57M, WAR/DRAMA	11.45am 4.25pm	2.05pm 6.40pm	12.30pm 7.20pm	12.30pm 5.05pm		2.05pm 6.40pm	2.05pm 6.40pm
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HERE (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 44M, DRAMA (STARRING TOM HANKS & ROBIN WRIGHT)	2.55pm*	2.30pm*	4.50pm*			2.30pm*	2.30pm*
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SIX INCHES OF SOIL ONE WEEKEND ONLY E, 1H 35M, DOCUMENTARY			3pm	3pm			
GHOSTLIGHT M, 1H 55M, COMEDY/DRAMA ONE-OFF SCREENING	6.30pm for 7pm (Film Society – All welcome)						

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**RED ONE** Dwayne Johnson  
PG| 2hrs 3min ~ Comedy ~ Adventure  
After a villain kidnaps Santa, an E.L.F operative must partner with a tracker to find Santa and save Christmas.

**LEE** Kate Winslett  
M| 1hr 57min ~ Biography ~ Drama ~  
Oscar winner Kate Winslet stars in this fascinating portrait of the great American war correspondent Lee Miller, whose singular talent and ferocious tenacity gave us some of the 20th century's most indelible images.

**VENOM: THE LAST DANCE** Tom Hardy  
M| 2hrs 8min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~  
Tom Hardy returns as Venom, one of Marvel's greatest and complex characters, 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**AUDREY**  
MA| 1hr 36min ~ Comedy ~  
Self-appointed Mother of the Year, Ronnie has given her daughter Audrey everything, so when Audrey selfishly falls into a coma, Ronnie has no choice but to keep their dreams alive by assuming her identity.



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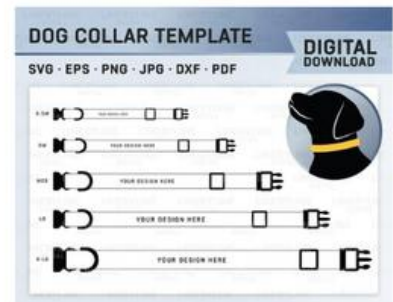
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## 2024 Diary Dates

- 9- 10 November - **Narooma Boats Afloat**
- 9 November - **Giiyong Festival Eden**
- 15 November - **Crank It Up Batemans Bay**
- 23 November **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 23rd November - **Moruya Colour Run**
- Sunday 24 November **Tomakin Community Day**
- 22 December - **Carols by Candlelight Moruya**
- 28th Feb - 2 March **2025 Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 2 - 3 May 2025 **Narooma Oyster Festival**
- 1 - 8 June 2025 - **Sculpture for Clyde**
- 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

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### Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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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



## CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

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At our annual Household Chemical Cleanout you can drop unwanted pesticides, gas bottles, paints and varnishes, lightbulbs, oil, pool chemicals and lots of other nasties that can hurt people and hurt the environment if not disposed of safely. The drop-offs run from 9am-4pm. This year's locations and dates are:

~ Narooma Library car park, Graham Street, Narooma, Saturday 23 November

~ **Gundry Oval car park, Campbell Street, Moruya, Saturday 23 November**

~ Hanging Rock boat ramp, Batemans Bay Sunday 24 November.

For all the details, including what is and isn't accepted > <https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/.../Annual-chemical-cleanout>

## The Braidwood Airing of Quilts 2024

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Vicki Mennie, Moruya RSL Sub-Branch Volunteer Coordinator, will be hosting this session  
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## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report



President Steve Hogan welcomed 24 Twisties also Kel Archer from Cootamundra on a warm overcast day. Steve received an email from Doug Sheehan thanking Twisties for the Donation to Motor Neurone Disease and how appreciative they were. It was also decided to make MND our Charity again for the coming year. The Christmas party will be held on 8th December. Winners on Highest Winning Margin +30 Peter Crowe and Ruth Ebsworth. (Photo) Runners-up +20, Bob Starkovski and Alma Scott. Other winning teams: Pat Sly and Kel Archer. Margaret Carney and Michael Voce with Karen James. Tricia Wheeler and Pat Jones, Laurie Masterson and Steve Hogan. Ruth selected Rink 10 to try for Jackpot of \$500, Winning Skip Jamesy cut cards and found the Joker so four very happy bowlers. Lucky number winners 10 Madge Elliott, 21 Karen James, both in the money!

Ruth Ebsworth & Peter Crowe

## Narooma Surf Life Saving Club upgrade

Dr Michael Holland MP - Member for Bega represented the Minister for Sport, Steve Kamper, to celebrate the upgrade to the Narooma SLSC. Through the NSW Office of Sport, Surf Club Facility Fund 2023/24, the club received funding for a new roof.

Dr Holland said "The club building, built in the 1980's had new roof sheets with insulation installed, along with upgraded fascia and gutters. This initiative is a win-win for club members and the whole community! It'll help keep the noise down, boost insulation, and make our facilities safer for everyone. Thanks for a brilliant morning and here's to a safe start to the season."



## Want to try Pickle Ball?

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

### Moruya River.

The river has been fishing well this past week, with good reports coming from all along the river. The lower reaches, that are warmer than the upper reaches, have been producing the better fish. Preddy's wharf and the hole in the wall area have been holding some good numbers of salmon and Trevally, with a few nice flathead coming from this area also. Now that the water temps are pushing 20 deg along the coast, and even warmer out wider, the river temps are going to start climbing quickly. Expect the fishing to really ramp up overhead next few weeks. Bring on the whiting over the flats please!

The town bridge flats also have been holding some nice flathead, bream and the odd whiting. All of these can be seen working the flats in the middle of the river, from the height advantage given to you when viewing the flats from the bridge itself. Live nippers dropped in front of an unsuspecting bream, whiting or flathead can result in a few nice fish for the table.

After a long drive last weekend up the Araluen valley, the Deua river and the valley itself are in need of some good rainfall. The river is looking low in places and the valley could do with some precipitation.

### Tuross river.

Reports from Tuross have been good this week, with flathead, bream and mulloway all being reported as the river temps continue to improve the further you move upstream. The shallow back bays, and sand flats towards the front of the system, have been the most active areas for anglers chasing flathead, while the extensive systems of oyster racks this waterway is known for, have been producing some nice bream. I personally like throwing lures at fish working the racks on a rising tide. The bream can be seen chasing crabs and the oysters themselves on top of the racks as the rising tides gives them access to this food rich environment. Surface lures or very shallow running hard body lures as well as lightly weighted soft plastics all work a treat in these areas. Be prepared to do battle with a fish, that already has the advantage of a sharp oyster encrusted home to get away from. Tighter than normal drags and heavier handed techniques can be required to stop a good bream from getting back into cover. Expect to lose some lures if you choose to fish the racks.

The top, fresh sections of the Tuross system, are also very low at the moment, with rainfall required to get things flowing again. This can concentrate the bass into the deeper holes, which in turn increases the pressure on them. Remember your size restrictions and bag limits if you are going to take a feed. I personally prefer to put bass back, as I enjoy being able to catch them again next time I go out.

### Rock and Beach.

The salmon continue to be the main stay along the beaches and break walls at the moment, with the only dampening factor being the incessant wind, that won't ease up of late. The weekend doesn't appear to be offering any let up of the wind, with it forecast to be southerly one day, NE the next the southerly the day after that! This makes planning a trip onto the beaches more challenging. For those happy to get out there, salmon, tailor and the odd bream have all been reported along the local beaches, with the fish being where you find them.

### Offshore.

The winds have made getting offshore more difficult this last week, with those getting out early having the best success. Snapper and flathead have all been on the cards, with the snapper starting to move into slightly deeper water as the temps start to climb. Start looking in the 30-40m mark or deeper for the reds.

Looking at the sea surface temp charts, a good amount of warm current from up north has moved in, so we can expect the game crews to start turning up a few game fish any time now. Lets me know how you go, if this is your kind of fishing.

The bait freezer is well stoked if everything except hawksbury prawns. Like you a lot of you, I am also waiting on the, to become available again. I'll be sure to let you know when they are back in the freezer.

Come in and check out the new Pro Lure Hybrid Shrimp lures, these will be excellent on the bream along the local breakwalls, bridge pylons, snag structure and even over the flats. I have grabbed a couple for myself and will be trying them out as soon as I get some spare time over the weekend.

The shop continues to get stock for the rapidly approaching silly season, with more on the way. We have a good sized delivery from Kings late last week, so we are well stoked for the summer season. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**





## Tuross Head Golf Results



Sponsor John Eglitis with A Grade Medal Winner William Steenbergen

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 2nd November 2024

A field of 52 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly medal event. The event was sponsored by John Eglitis. The weather was fine but windy and there were some great results.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

- 1st: William Steenbergen (13) with Nett 68 Medal  
2nd: Michael Walsh (13) with Nett 69

B Grade:

- 1st: Steve Collins (17) with Nett 69 Medal  
2nd: Frank Pomfret (18) with Nett 70

C Grade:

- 1st: Terry Milliken (25) with Nett 70 (countback) Medal  
2nd: Derek Hoare (30) with Nett 70

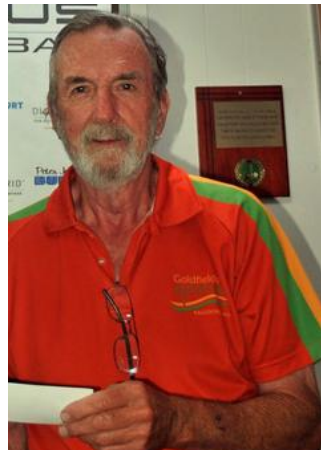
Hole Prize: Tim Watson on the 11th hole 2.6

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| 4th: Colin Houghton  | 2.18 | A Grade |
| 4th: Graeme Bell     | 4.42 | B Grade |
| 6th: Ken Hush        | 2.35 | A Grade |
| 6th: Wayne Fullerton | 2.80 | B Grade |
| 7th: John Eglitis    | 8.04 | A Grade |
| 7th: Steve Collins   | 8.50 | B Grade |

Putting Comp Winner: Colin Houghton

Balls went to: Greg Maloney 71, Lars Gaupset 71, Matthew Kennedy 71, Paul Scholze 71, Colin Houghton 72, Ken Hush 73, Richard Kelly 73, Steven O'Shea 73, Paul Ferguson 73, Allan Langford 73, Ethan Wong 73, John Phyland 74, Martin Booth 74, Jim Wade 74 and David Gray 74.



Winner: Ron Rogers

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 31st October 2024

A field of 43 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was nice and there were some great scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ron Rogers (18) with 41 points  
2nd: Dorothy Madden (24) with 40 points (countback)  
3rd: William Steenbergen (14) with 40 points  
4th: Kevin Reilly (20) with 37 points

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| 4th: Ashley Lamb     | 4.43 | A Grade |
| 4th: Wayne Fullerton | 3.26 | B Grade |
| 4th: Terry Milliken  | 4.53 | C Grade |
| 6th: Brad Doolan     | 4.23 | A Grade |
| 6th: David Schmid    | 7.80 | B Grade |
| 6th: Bruce Lidbury   | 3.62 | C Grade |
| 7th: Mark Haberkorn  | 6.65 | A Grade |
| 7th: Dorothy Madden  | 0.82 | B Grade |
| 7th: Paul Medwin     | 2.38 | C Grade |

Balls went to: Nick Brice 36, Ray Bollard 36, Terry Milliken 36, Colin Houghton 36, Greg Maloney 36, Grant Kiely 35, Stephen Gardner 35, Elsa Shearer 35, Gavan Wheelahan 34 and Bruce Harding 34.



Winners: Maree Coffey and Chris Wratten

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 5th November 2024

A smaller field of 16 ladies signed up for a Melbourne Cup Stableford event today perhaps due to some attending Melbourne Cup lunches and races. The event was sponsored by Haven Beauty & Spa. The day was overcast but there was excitement in the air and some fabulous results were achieved! Best of Luck to all on the big race!

Division 1 Winners were:

- 1st: Chris Wratten (29) with 35 points (countback)  
2nd: Leonie Snodgrass (15) with 35 points

Division 2 Winners were:

- 1st: Maree Coffey (38) with 47 points  
2nd: Jennifer Gray (44) with 36 points

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Marilyn Bingham 0-38  
Jane Eglitis 39-45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Chris Wratten  
15th: Leonie Snodgrass

Place Getters:

Jane Eglitis 34, Marilyn Bingham 34, Elsa Shearer 33 and Pam Alexander 31.



Winner: Bruce Ware

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 6th November 2024

A field of 36 players registered for a Stableford 3 Club event today. The game was very challenging but the sun was shining and there were some fantastic results.

The winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Ware with 17 points (countback)  
2nd: Ken Hush with 17 points  
3rd: Greg Thornton with 16 points (countback)  
4th: Greg Bush with 16 points  
5th: Ross Davidson with 15 points (countback)  
6th: Maree Coffey with 15 points  
7th: Don Russell with 14 points (countback)  
8th: Frank Pomfret with 14 points  
9th: Ian Manton with 14 points  
10th: John Cox with 14 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ken Hush (2nd shot)  
6th: Ken Hush (1st shot)  
7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2nd shot)  
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Accuracy: Ross Davidson (5th hole)

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# Tuross Head Bowling Club Stages Successful Carnival



Lakeside Triples Winners Khol Smith, Bob Craven and Ian Whybrow with Hallmark's Marlise Woodford



Minor Singles Finalists Phil Welsh and Ben Hewison

Tuross Head Bowling Club has held a very successful Lakeside Triples Carnival. It has been the highlight of the last week at the Club but coming in a close second was the final of the Men's Minor Singles Championship Final.

Twenty two teams competed for \$4,020 in prize money over two days in the Lakeside Triples. While the number of entries were a little down on last year the quality of the field was still very good with all the major winners comprising Pennant Grade 1 and 2 players. The Carnival was made possible by the generous sponsorships from long time supporters Hallmark Real Estate, AMH Motoring Group and Platinum Luxaflex Window Furnishings.

The teams played six games of two bowl triples over the two days with two sides winning all three games. The 'Canberra Raiders' – Khol Smith and Ian Whybrow from Weston Creek and Rob Craven from Queanbeyan RSL – collected first place and \$1500 with an accumulated 'shots margin' of plus 68! The Ulladulla side of Dave Stephenson, Charlie Fucile and Nick King came second (\$900) with plus 38.

The Merimbula team of Jack Boon, Don Angel and Boris Schneider also remained undefeated for the weekend but finished third (\$600) with 5 wins and a draw! The strong Malua Bay side of Jason Hossack, Darren White and Shane Quinlivan had 5 wins with a plus 68 margin to finish fourth (\$300). Another Ulladulla team – Mark Sommerville, Mike Frame and Chris Godwin – also had 5 wins and picked up the last major prize of \$240.

The Tomakin side of Helena, Greg and Brett Magee had the best last game on Saturday to earn \$240 while the local side of Geoff Lee, Graeme Garner and Doug Williams won Sunday's best last game. A big congratulations to the Club's Bowls Organisers, Marcel Kors and Rose Farrington, and their hard working team for doing a great job in pulling the carnival together. A big thank you to the sponsors and Club Tuross for their marvellous support.

Experience and consistency proved to be the difference when Ben Hewison took on Phil Welsh in the Minor Singles Final. The first ten ends were tight as the players settled into the match with Welsh holding a narrow lead 8 – 6. Hewison then took control. His very consistent draw bowling put enormous pressure on Welsh that saw him win 7 of the next 8 ends to set up a 22 – 9 lead. Welsh kept on fighting, including scoring 4 shots on the 23rd end, but Hewison's experience proved the difference and he closed out the game 25 – 16.

Congratulations to both players for reaching the final. It is a great boost for the Club to have the talented Hewison looking to play more often as his work and family commitments allow him to play. He was a very well-deserved winner. In his first year of competitive bowling Welsh has taken to the game like a duck to water and he is a great addition to our ranks. Well done!

## 2024 Tuross Head Men's Golf Open

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# Faster response times for lifesavers in Durras



Durras resident and Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club member Geoff Perrem with duty officer Anthony Bellette and surf club president Kate Hunt.

ESC - Drownings on remote beaches north of Eurobodalla have prompted lifesavers, Council, and the community to come together in search of a solution.

In the past five years Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club has responded to 61 rescues outside of general patrol duties. For callouts to Durras, that means a 30-minute trip, hauling gear from the surf club at Malua Bay. Branch duty officer Anthony Bellette said Bondi Surf Lifesaving Club donated an inflatable rescue boat (IRB) which was a good start toward getting necessary gear closer to the action, sooner.

"We have been passionate about increasing lifesaving coverage across the northern part of our branch," Mr Bellette said.

"Durras is a beautiful area of national parks and remote camping, but no patrolled beaches and there have been fatalities. We've had several callouts to Pebbly Beach over the years, and a recent drowning prompted us to find a better solution.

"The IRB has already proven its worth being tasked to help two people out of a rip last weekend. But it's parked at the house of one of our members - that isn't ideal."

Mr Bellette contacted Eurobodalla Council and the Durras Community Association, looking for a suitable facility to store rescue equipment.

Council's recreation development coordinator Tina Smith said the vacant sportsground facility was a perfect fit.

"This building has sat dormant for about 20 years - since the last time it was used by the local soccer club," Ms Smith said.

"We've replaced the roof and will give it a tidy up - remove the graffiti and upgrade the toilets. We are also negotiating with a local playgroup to see them use the other half of the building."

Ms Smith said Council fast-tracked the license so the surf club could begin improvements to the building in time for Summer.

"It's exciting to get the building back in use and we'll help make it fit for purpose," Ms Smith said.

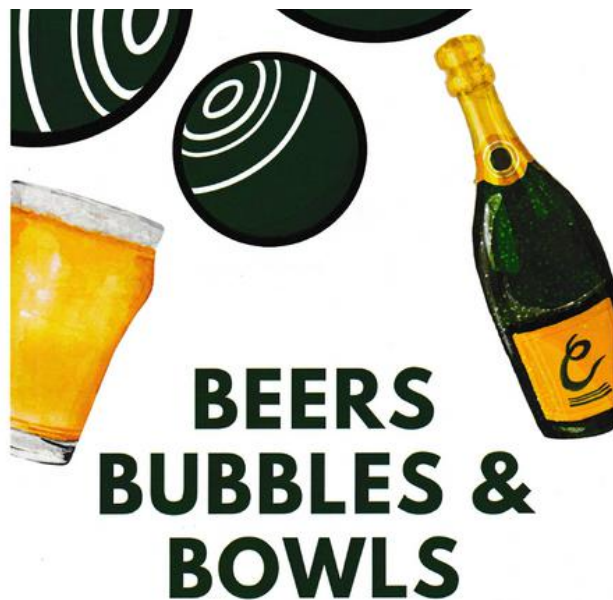
The Durras Community Association put \$5,000 towards lifesaving gear, Reflex roller doors donated a garage door and Camerons Hardware donated construction materials. Mr Bellette said volunteer tradies were already lined up to do the work.

Quick access to the IRB and emergency resuscitation equipment will be great for surf rescues, but also for bushfire evacuations.

"With one way in and out of Durras, we can help people evacuate by water if the road gets blocked like it did during the 2019-20 bushfires," he said.

Ahead of Summer, Mr Bellette was keen to recruit more people to join the Durras call-out team, which will respond to incidents as far as north as Dolphin Point. Any interested Durras locals can contact

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