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The Back to Learning program which started on August 1 this year is aimed at over 650,000 Gazan children who have not been able to attend school since the beginning of the war. In addition to missing out on learning, these children are severely traumatised surrounded as they are by death, the terror of air strikes, snipers, continual displacement and of feeling permanently unsafe.

The first phase of Back to Learning is a psychosocial program involving teachers and counsellors and includes mental health enhancing activities as well as safety lessons and food support. Included in the program are the arts, music, sports, as well as literacy and numeracy. The safety lessons focus on the risks from explosive ordinance.

As Mais, a 15 year old displaced from her home in Beit Hanoun said:
"I miss my school friends and my normal life. These learning activities bring me joy, helping to fill the void this war has left in me".

In the last few weeks Israel has introduced a new law stopping all activities of UNRWA in Gaza, which runs this program as well as providing the majority of humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza and throughout the Middle East. It will come into effect in January. There has been widespread objection to this move across the world including from Australia. In the meantime, the children of Gaza continue to suffer and their suffering will only worsen.

Patricia Reid
Moruya

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- 10:15 AM: Welcome to Country
- 10:30 AM: Deep River Choir - A Cappella Singing
- 11:00 AM: Mia Lake - Contemporary Solo, "Runaway"
- 11:15 AM: Official Opening by Dr. Michael Holland, Member for Bega
- 11:30 AM: STEPZ Dance Academy & Cheerleading
- 12:15 PM: Express Yourself Inclusive Dance - Tribal Style Belly Dancing
- 12:30 PM: Euro Capella Singers
- 1:00 PM: Express Yourself - Inclusive Dance
- 1:20 PM: Core Gymnastics & Fitness - Gymnastics Exhibition
- 1:55 PM: Thank You
- 2:00 PM: Close

The organizing committee thanks everyone for their participation and sharing knowledge. Special thanks to Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Club Grants NSW, Donate Life ACT, and the Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trial Enabling Program. See you at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on Saturday, 23rd November 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for the Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo! "Get Involved & Get Active"

Vehicular access to Maloneys Beach still blocked



After several long and passionate presentations to Council in Public Forum, pleading for sandstone blocks to be removed and access to the beach be restored, Councillors refused the motion. It was agreed that the access was no longer safe.

Instead, Council agreed to "receive a report at the earliest convenience with a view to provide access to Maloneys Beach to the immediate west of the existing toilet block."

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Council approves plan to increase town density

By Phil Herrick

A plan to make it easier to build a second house on an existing block of residential land has been approved by the Eurobodalla Shire Council on Tuesday. Council will now amend the Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012 to allow Torrens Title subdivision of existing or proposed dual occupancy development in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone. It means many property owners in the R2 zone, which covers most of the shire's urban areas, will be able to more easily split their block of land for a dual occupancy development, increasing the density of houses in towns and villages in the shire. The key change is to allow the new lot to be created with a Torrens Title. Until now, the only way residential lots could be split for dual occupancy was by creating a strata subdivision. Strata title means that there are multiple owners of properties on one piece of land and all owners are responsible for the common areas. Torrens title, also known as freehold, means there is just one owner of the land and building. It is the standard title in NSW for residential land. The change in the rules will only apply to lots with a minimum size of 550 square metres in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone. It will allow a subdivision down to 300 square metres with one dwelling allowed on each lot. The council hopes the changes will encourage residential development in urban areas with existing services and utilities, minimise the demand for new land releases and help increase housing affordability and variety in the shire.

Governor of New South Wales to visit Far South Coast

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, and Mr Dennis Wilson will be visiting Bega, Bermagui, Cobargo, Narooma, Moruya, Mogo, and surrounds from Wednesday 27 November to Saturday 30 November 2024.

The Governor said: "Dennis and I are looking forward to travelling to the Far South Coast to meet the many inspiring locals, community organisations, and business groups supporting and empowering the thriving, innovative, and vibrant communities of this beautiful part of New South Wales."

In Bega, the Governor and Mr Wilson will meet staff from local Youth Justice Community Offices, see Tulgeen Disability Services supported employment programs in action, and tour the Women's Resource Centre and Sapphire Community Pantry, where they will hear about the Southern Women's Group advocacy and community programs.

They will also visit the site of the planned National Circularity Centre to see presentations on the Bega Circular Valley program, before attending a reception hosted by the Bega Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In Bermagui, the Vice Regal Couple will meet members of local CWA branches at the Bermagui CWA Cottage, and tour Australia Oyster Coast's onshore facilities and oyster leases.

They will visit the Tilba Winery and Ale House in Corunna, meet students and teachers at Cobargo Public School, hear from community members involved in bushfire recovery efforts at the Cobargo RSL Memorial Hall, and attend a BBQ with Cobargo RFS members at the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade Station.



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After exploring the beauty of Barunguba-Montague Island with NSW NPWS staff and rangers, the Governor and Mr Wilson will meet Narooma High School students and teachers, hear from Eurobodalla Shire Council members about Council plans, challenges, and initiatives, and meet Elders and members of the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council to learn about the Fire to Flourish and other programs. The four-day visit will be rounded out with a Community Reception in Moruya to celebrate and thank locals and community leaders for their contributions, and a visit to the Mogo Trails to hear presentations from Eurobodalla Shire Council representatives and watch demonstrations by Mogo Public School students.

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Historic Moruya Quarry celebrates Centenary



Christine Greig



The ribbon was cut by Rohan Gleeson, Christine Greig, Rob Pollock and Mayor Mat Hatcher.

Descendants of the Moruya Quarry Foreman John Gilmore, along with Rotarians, the Moruya Business Chamber and members of the public celebrated the 100th anniversary of work beginning at the historic quarry on Monday evening. After an eagle eyed Facebooker posted that November 18 was the centenary, the Business Chamber acted quickly to arrange a small ribbon cutting and cake. Grand daughter of Gilmore Christine Greig spoke about the importance of the work carried out there and amazing feat of producing 170,000 granite blocks for the harbour bridge all cut to size, and not one was incorrect. The youngest descendent of John Gilmore, Isaac Paull was invited to blow out the candles.



Moruya Quarry. Photo Friend of the Moruya Quarry Park



Isaac Paull with Moruya Business Chamber president Rob Pollock.

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Granite Town: A Legacy Carved in Stone



Granite Town Families

Moruya, NSW A century ago, on Monday, November 18th, master stonemason and quarry-master John Gilmore turned the first sod at Granite Town. Gilmore had arrived in Moruya with his wife Mary and nine children from Scotland only a week earlier. Granite Town was to become the epicentre of massive operation to supply granite for the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

At its peak, the quarry employed 250 workers, providing rare job stability in rural Australia during a difficult economic era. Granite Town flourished as a well-equipped settlement, boasting 72 cottages, accommodations for bachelors, a school, a community hall, a co-op store, a post office, and even a swimming pool.

To address a shortage of skilled labour, the company brought in expert stonemasons from Scotland. Meanwhile, several Italian stonemasons also joined the workforce; however, most were already residing in Australia, as the Stonemasons Society strongly opposed the importation of labour.

Over seven years, a monumental 173,000 granite blocks and 152,910 cubic meters of crushed stone were produced. By 1931, the work was finished, and Granite Town faded almost as quickly as it had emerged. Most of the small cottages were sold and relocated, with only one remaining on the original site. While many workers returned to their homes, some, including John Gilmore and his family, chose to stay and build new lives in the area.

Granite Town's story endures through personal accounts and the efforts of dedicated historians, including Christine Greig, the great-granddaughter of quarry-master John Gilmore., John Gilmore's great grand-daughter. The site was memorialised as Quarry Park, established by by Moruya Rotary and Skillshare. Granite Town and its quarry remain a unique and captivating chapter in Moruya's rich history.

For more information about Granite Town including links to many publications and articles, go to <https://blog.mdhs.org.au/granite-town/>



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Shire Housing Strategy deferred by Council

By Phil Herrick

A strategy presented on Tuesday to the Eurobodalla Shire Council for future housing development in the shire was rejected and sent back to the staff for more work.

The councillor's decision came after a number of people spoke in the public forum session, all criticising the draft strategy that had been tabled. Adoption of a housing strategy by the council is a requirement of the NSW government.

Like camel buyers at an Arabian market, the public speakers picked out every flea on the strategy, along with their view that an eye was missing, an ear had been chewed off and the darn thing had only three legs.

Most criticism was directed at the section on affordable housing, a topic that has been dominating the national conversation this year.

Despite the flaws, the document has some interesting data, including the estimation that up to 310 new dwellings need to be built each year in the shire to cater for the expected population growth. It also notes that in the last four years house prices in the shire have doubled.

When it came to a vote, the majority of councillors rejected the recommendation from Gary Bruce, the director of planning and environment, to adopt the strategy and instead voted to send it back to him, presumably marked "could do better, needs more work".

Motion Carried -

That Council defer its decision on the Housing Strategy to allow further detailed discussion with a view to further develop strategies and mechanisms to facilitate and deliver affordable housing, including Social and Community housing and housing that is affordable for the local workforce to buy or rent.

ABE Presentation on the Draft Housing Strategy.

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to address Council regarding PSR24/018 Draft Housing Strategy, and congratulations to new and returning Councillors.

I am presenting as Co-Convenor of **A Better Eurobodalla (ABE)**, a community forum dedicated to having open and inclusive government in our region. ABE has applied our principles of good governance to the draft Housing Strategy, and urges Councillors to reject the recommendation to endorse the draft document at today's meeting.

The draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy (EHS) is intended to fulfil Council's obligations under the 2018 NSW Local Housing Strategy Guidelines, which assist councils in developing their Local Housing Strategies, and provide a detailed outline and template of how to undertake this process. Unfortunately, the draft EHS has largely ignored these guidelines, with many key elements either missing or briefly glossed over.

For example, the NSW Local Housing Guidelines specifically state that the strategic purpose of a housing strategy is "to present council's response for how the housing components of District and Regional Plans will be delivered locally. Where housing targets (including affordable housing targets) are part of Regional or District Plans, these should be addressed in the Local Housing Strategy" This strategic purpose is missing from the draft EHS, which also fails to properly address 3 key housing objectives included in the draft South East & Regional Tablelands Plan. These are :

Objective 17 - Plan for a supply of housing in appropriate locations;
Objective 18 - Plan for more affordable, low-cost and social housing; and
Objective 19 - Improve the quality, resilience and sustainability of housing.

In terms of these objectives, the draft EHS provides a partial response to Objective 17, avoids or pays lip service to Objective 18, and totally ignores Objective 19. It therefore fails to fulfil its key strategic purpose.

The omission of Objective 19 is particularly notable, given that ESC's own Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) includes the strategic priority to "Promote sustainable living" (with specific mention of sustainable building principles), and the draft EHS also fails to mention Council's Climate Change Action Plan, which includes multiple recommendations and initiatives directly relevant to this objective. Sustainable building design and construction are key elements of an integrated approach to housing in general, and affordable housing in particular, as they dramatically reduce the recurrent running costs of housing.

Other notable disparities from the NSW Local Housing Guidelines include :

- failure to include an implementation and delivery plan as required in the Guidelines, which state : The LHS should include an implementation and delivery plan that will identify when and how housing will be delivered over the life of the LHS, what type of housing will be delivered, where it will be located and the mechanism for delivering it.
- lack of a specific monitoring and reporting process which can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy, thereby failing to fulfil Step 4 of the Guidelines.
- the EHS objectives fail to include the amount and type of housing required to address particular needs, including affordable housing, adaptable housing, seniors and people with a disability, local workers and students, even though these categories are specifically required by the Guidelines.

It is striking that people with a disability, seniors, local workers and students are not mentioned at all in the EHS – they have been totally ignored. Furthermore, in terms of affordability, it is noteworthy that all 3 LGAs adjoining Eurobodalla already have Affordable Housing Strategies, with Bega Valley Shire commissioning an Affordable Housing Implementation Group (including community members) which has met regularly since 2022. In contrast, Eurobodalla Shire cannot bring itself to use the word 'affordable' as an adjective describing its own housing strategy, which essentially proposes that Council cannot do anything to improve housing affordability. Why this disparity? What unique characteristic sets Eurobodalla Shire apart from its neighbours when it comes to affordable housing strategies? No clear explanation is given in the draft EHS.

The draft EHS also reflects a flawed approach to the 2 information sources used in its compilation, which are a Local Housing Strategy Background Report by Judith Stubbs & Associates and a Eurobodalla Housing Supply Audit by Gyde Consulting.

The Local Housing Background Report is of excellent quality, with plenty of useful information and ideas for policies and actions (e.g. the appointment of a dedicated Housing Officer to Council), yet most of these suggestions have been ignored or downplayed in the draft EHS without any concrete reasoning or explanation. This omission constitutes a major deficiency in the draft EHS.

In contrast, the Eurobodalla Housing Supply Audit exhibits significant deficiencies which are reflected in the draft EHS. The Audit is a GIS-driven desktop assessment containing contradictory information on the number of dwellings approved per year (28/year in the Executive Summary compared to 310/year in Section 2.3), and is also contradictory in its application of conservation criteria. For example, Table 3 on Page 12 states that E2/C2 conservation areas are "non-mitigable" (and hence cannot be developed), yet Table 8 on page 42 indicates that part of the Broulee site listed for development includes land zoned C2, and is scheduled to be available for development from 2029.

The Audit Report also implicitly assumes that significant environmental constraints (including bushfire and flooding hazards) can somehow be "mitigated" with the passage of 5 or more years of time (see table 3 on page 12). This is an unsustainable assumption, which flies in the face of lived experience in the recent Lismore and western Sydney floods, as well as the catastrophic 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires.

In summary, the draft EHS fails to provide a coherent and logically structured plan to respond to pressing current needs. It relies extensively on a housing audit with unrealistic/unsustainable assumptions embedded in its core methodology, while ignoring many practical suggestions in an excellent Background Report. In addition, it fails to meet key requirements of the NSW Housing Strategy Guidelines, ignores people with a disability, seniors, local workers and students, and does not provide monitoring and review tools to allow evaluation of the strategy's effectiveness. In its present state, the draft EHS cannot be considered an adequate basis for planning future housing activities in the Eurobodalla. It needs to be deferred so it can be significantly reworked to bring it up to standard, and then put on exhibition for genuine community consideration and feedback.

Thank you

Dr Brett Stevenson

Co-Convenor, A Better Eurobodalla, 18/11/24

U3A talks Artificial Intelligence – Friend or Foe ?



U3A's next Saturday Talk, will be held on Saturday 30 November at the Malua Bay Community Centre at 10 am. The session is entitled Artificial Intelligence – Friend or Foe?

Presenter Bruce Munro will give an overview of 'Where world is in the development of AI' and will explain and de-mythologise the terminology.

Bruce's presentation will include YouTube clips introducing and explaining AI. He will also demonstrate ChatGPT in action such as producing a attractive Business card, the use of Socratic-Mirror talk, and forming questions that U3A-members might ask of ChatGPT.

The talk will finish off with asking 'What does the future use of AI look like ... from Robots to AI-artists', the intention being to see that the tool, like any other 'magic' technology has good and untrustworthy potential uses.

There will be ample time for questions throughout the talk and references for further insight will be provided.

Bruce, an active U3A member and tutor is not in pay of any AI or Telsa maker, nor is he a current software developer, just a renegade 1970s IT nerd. He worked on mainframe computers (testing, programming operating, user-interface designing .. for places like Theiss Bros, Mayne Nicholas, Medicare, and others, and still takes a research interest in emerging relationships (AI to human + AI to AI), and the stories/mythologising arising. Bruce's second life-career is as Family/couple counsellor/therapist, with a 10 year overlap to teach such things, at the University of Canberra.

Plans for New Animal Pound at North Moruya

By Phil Herrick

Lost dogs and cats will have a more comfortable time at the shire's animal pound if plans put to the Tuesday meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire Council bear fruit.

The current animal pound at the north Moruya industrial area is 33 years old and is judged as being unfit for purpose under today's standards.

Building a new animal pound depends on council getting a grant to fund the work, but General Manager Warwick Winn sounded optimistic that funds were available and that up to \$3 million would be sought.

The intention is to build the new facility on the same block of land at the intersection of Pollwombra Road and Shelly Road. The site also houses the old sale yards.

Cr Rob Pollock agreed the location for new building was suitable, but was also keen on having a review of the layout of buildings and yards on the block, citing the limited availability of industrial land in the shire.

The council voted to develop the plans and also chase grant funds to take the project to the next stage.

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Pattern book designs released

The Minns NSW Government has revealed six outstanding designs that have been selected as the winners of the NSW Pattern Book Design Competition, helping deliver more well-built homes, faster.

This competition was established to speed up the delivery of homes after the NSW Government inherited a housing supply crisis that has led to Sydney losing twice as many young people as it is gaining, putting us at risk of becoming a city with no grandchildren.

These designs will also deliver homes faster by providing anyone who uses the endorsed pattern book designs with an accelerated approval pathway – meaning builders can get on site faster, and people can move into new homes sooner.

Winning designs, comprising three terraces and three mid-rise apartments, will help shape the future face of housing across New South Wales.

The winning designs were picked because of their accessibility, adaptability to changing lifestyle needs, affordability and environmental sustainability. They respond to the unique Australian climate, including a focus on indoor and outdoor living and how to incorporate shade and ventilation.

These designs will also be brought to life and built on a selection of five NSW Government-owned sites from Homes NSW, Landcom and Sydney Olympic Park Authority, so that the public can walk through and experience them first-hand.

The NSW Pattern Book Design Competition was overseen by a five-person jury of international design professionals, chaired by NSW Government Architect Abbie Galvin and endorsed by the Australian Institute of Architects.

The NSW Government will launch the NSW Housing Pattern Book of housing designs in mid-2025, and anyone who uses one of the designs will have access to the fast-tracked planning pathway.

For more information on the Pattern Book Design Competition and to choose your favourite design please visit <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/government-architect-nsw/housing-design/nsw-housing-pattern-book/pattern-book-design-competition/shortlisted-finalists-and-jury>.

Local Government Conference condemns Minns Government's new planning body

Delegates to the peak local government conference this week have condemned the recent announcement by the Minns Government of a new planning body that will bypass local councils and communities on large housing developments.

The unanimous move was one of the first items of business at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference taking place in Tamworth.

The sector has voiced widespread concern at the Premier's announcement on Friday, which will see a three-person planning authority given responsibility for housing developments over \$60 million in the Sydney region and over \$30 million in rural and regional areas.

Statements in support of the motion referred to the need for communities to retain their voice in such developments via their democratically elected councils.

"The housing crisis is multifaceted and requires all three spheres of government working together," said LGNSW President Cr Darria Turley AM.

"The local government sector is already doing our part and delegates to our conference are keen to work with State Government for further reform. What we don't need though is for councils and communities to be pushed aside and excluded from the process in a move that will only lead to inappropriate overdevelopment and increased profits for developers," Cr Turley said.

"The announcement adds more uncertainty to the planning system and will further delay actual construction of housing on already approved sites. Why would developers build under the many approvals that already exist, when the NSW Government is effectively encouraging them to lodge new applications that exceed local planning controls, and where they can make windfall profits from spot rezoning?

"We call on the Minns government to abandon plans for this undemocratic body and to work with us and with our communities."

The motion passed at the LGNSW Annual Conference:

Motion #4: Addressing the housing crisis – Greater collaboration on planning reforms

That Local Government NSW and councils across the state:

1. reaffirm their support for actions to address the housing crisis and acknowledge the need for new and more diverse housing in well-located areas across NSW.

2. call on the NSW Government to commit to a more collaborative approach in codesigning and implementing planning reforms with councils to ensure:

1. Reforms are responsive to different planning contexts and deliver high quality, liveable and sustainable housing, neighbourhoods and communities.

2. Plans and provisions are made for the funding and timely delivery of both state and local infrastructure needed to support increased density.

3. Changes aimed at increasing development density uplift include the provision of affordable housing in-perpetuity.

4. There is robust, transparent and regular monitoring by the NSW Government of the outcomes of planning reforms with a holistic approach to the roles of all players in the planning and development process.

3. call on the NSW Government to investigate the number of vacant dwellings in NSW and how these can be quickly made available for housing.

4. condemn the NSW Government's 15 November 2024 announcement that it will bypass councils and communities with a new spot-rezoning and state approval pathway, which will deliver windfall gains for developers while removing safeguards that protect communities from inappropriate overdevelopment.

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Consumers ripped off on fresh fruit and vegetables, charged more for loose produce than plastic wrapped equivalent: new report

Australian supermarkets are not doing nearly enough to address the plastic pollution crisis, according to the second review of supermarkets' plastic use released today by the Australian Marine Conservation Society and the Boomerang Alliance, which represents 55 conservation groups. The report, *Unwrapped 2024: Plastic use in Australian Supermarkets*, found that there are perverse incentives for consumers to take home more plastic by charging more for loose fruit and vegetables compared with plastic-wrapped produce 73% of the time. For example, loose potatoes were 53% more expensive than bagged potatoes per kilogram. Buying unwrapped produce is costing the average family \$155 more a year – almost the cost of an average shop.

Woolworths ranked first in the 2024 audit with an overall score of 38%, a marked improvement from its 2023 score of 10%. Metcash has also improved significantly, taking second spot with 23% after receiving 3% last year. Coles was third with 20% (15% in 2023), while Aldi plummeted from top spot in 2023 (with 20%) to last place in 2024 due to a lack of data and delayed reporting. Transparency is a critical area assessed in the audit.

AMCS Plastics Campaign Manager Cip Hamilton said: "Plastic pollution is an environmental crisis, polluting our oceans and waterways, killing marine life and even impacting human health. Recent research shows that as plastic production increases, so does plastic pollution. Recycling just can't keep up with the amount of plastic waste we produce. We need to cut our plastic use, but the supermarkets are not giving us a fair option to do that.

"Supermarkets are a big contributor to the plastic problem, but they are not doing enough to cut plastic packaging and achieve the national packaging reductions targets they have supported. Boomerang spokesperson Jeff Angel said: "We are launching the audit at Manly Cove in Sydney Harbour because it is one of Australia's worst hotspots for microplastics caused by our excessive and irresponsible use of disposable plastics. This is a crisis confronting us right now. Our organisations have urged the Commonwealth to step in and introduce a stewardship scheme for packaging. This should include mandated targets to reduce, reuse, recycle and increase recycled content of packaging."

Ms Hamilton said: "The audit found that overall supermarket performance has improved since our first audit in 2023, but transparency is still a major issue. None of the supermarkets audited disclose how much plastic packaging they use in total, even in their own-brand products, but they do highlight minor efforts to reduce plastic packaging on items, such as the replacement of plastic bread tags with cardboard. This makes it impossible to determine if these efforts to cut plastic on items are reducing their overall plastic packaging footprint.

"What is really disappointing is that Woolworths, Coles and Aldi are charging more for loose fruit and vegetables than plastic-wrapped produce more than 70% of the time, and sometimes the price difference is startling. Loose potatoes cost on average 53% more than bagged potatoes per kilogram.

"In the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, shoppers should not be penalised for buying in smaller quantities and avoiding plastic and trying to reduce food waste, which is a major problem in Australia. It's costing the average family \$155 more a year just to buy loose potatoes, onions and apples – that's almost the cost of a weekly shop."

In Australia we waste 7.6 million tonnes of food each year – or 312kg per person – and 70% of this food is edible. OzHarvest, Woolworths' food rescue charity, encourages consumers to buy loose fruit and vegetables to avoid food waste, while supermarkets' pricing discourages it. Plastic packaging does not improve shelf life either, with a UK report by charity Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) found that plastic wrapping had "no or little meaningful effect on extending the life of fresh produce".

Plastic accounted for more than 80% of the litter collected by Clean Up Australia volunteers in 2023. Much of which was plastic packaging from products found on supermarket shelves. Australia's \$131.7 billion supermarket industry is dominated by four main players, which are well placed to make substantial reductions to Australia's plastic packaging footprint.

The packaging industry acknowledges the problem and has set voluntary targets to cut plastic use, but we are not even remotely close to hitting the 2025 targets. Supermarkets have supported the 2025 National Packaging Targets, which include recovering 70% of plastic packaging by 2025 for recycling or composting, yet we were only recovering 20% by 2022.

Mr Angel said: "We are addressing the plastic crisis completely in the wrong way. Instead of concentrating on cutting plastic use, there is a focus on increasing recycling and composting capabilities, which are just not keeping up with the mountains of plastic waste we produce.

"There has been such a shocking lack of action by businesses that the Australian Government has begun listening to the community to regulate packaging and make businesses accountable for their plastic packaging. The results of the 2024 audit should hasten promised action to regulate plastic producers at the Australian environment ministers' meeting in December leading to real reductions in plastic packaging, more recycled content and reuse options. Next week governments from across the globe will meet in South Korea to try to negotiate a global treaty to limit plastic production, but face stiff opposition from big oil and plastic producing nations."

Merger reforms a solid start

Farmers have welcomed new merger reforms amid supermarket pricing scandals and the cost of living crisis, but warn more work must be done to fix entrenched competition problems impacting families.

On Thursday the House of Representatives passed new merger and acquisition laws in a move to improve competition and productivity across the Australian economy.

NSW Farmers Business, Economics and Trade Committee chair John Lowe said the reforms would mark a positive step forward in addressing the nation's competition problems, but there was still more to be done to protect consumers in the marketplace.

"These laws will be a big step forward for Australia's competition reform, and it's our hope they can be put in force to stop big businesses from entrenching their market power by stealth and forming harmful oligopolies in the future," Mr Lowe said.

"However, farmers and families have already paid the price of extreme market concentration within our supermarket sector – not to mention our dairy and meat processing sectors – and broader reforms are needed to address the market power problems that already exist."

Opening markets up to competition by addressing unfair trading practices, expanding the right to repair to agricultural equipment, and introducing divestiture powers were among the measures Mr Lowe said would complement merger and acquisition reforms and aid a more effective crackdown on anticompetitive behaviour.

"More sweeping reforms would go a long way towards undoing the damage of mergers past, and building a fairer economy for the future," Mr Lowe said.

"There is no silver bullet solution to our market power woes, and we need to be able to draw on a range of tools to regulate businesses in a way that's fair for everyone in the supply chain.

"These laws are certainly the start of positive change on competition, but they won't be the end to all our problems."



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Harsher penalties for vape suppliers as NSW Government seizes 300,000 products

The NSW Government has seized over 300,000 vapes over the past year, as it introduces harsher penalties for suppliers in the NSW Parliament.

Maximum penalties for illegal vape supply are set to soar from \$1,650 to approximately \$1.54 million, with prison sentences increasing from six months to seven years.

The NSW Government has introduced the legislation in the NSW Parliament as it moves to align vaping offences with the Commonwealth's.

Offences will also be added for possession of commercial quantity of vaping products and for retailer possession of vaping products.

As with the Commonwealth vaping reforms, the intent of these offences is to target suppliers over individual users of vaping products. The introduction of new illegal vape penalties comes as the Government has seized over 300,000 vaping products over the past year.

Between 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024, 42,000 products were seized from 362 inspections.

This is compared to the same period the previous year when 153,000 products were seized from 290 inspections.

The lower number of products seized in the most recent quarter may be the result of the disruption in product availability in the market following the introduction of new Commonwealth vaping laws.

The NSW Government announced in October it would recruit an additional 14 enforcement officers to strengthen compliance efforts for vaping and tobacco products across the state.

NSW Health recognises the importance of supporting pharmacists, prescribers, and wholesalers in complying with laws regarding the supply and sale of therapeutic vaping products and has introduced an eCigarette Compliance Program to assist with this. The program's initial focus is on providing support to pharmacists, with a team of specialised compliance officers visiting pharmacies across the state to offer on-site education and guidance.

NSW Health partners with the Commonwealth, NSW Police, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and Australian Border Force on enforcement related to illegal vape and tobacco sales, sharing intelligence, and working on joint operations.

More information on the supply of therapeutic vaping products in NSW is available on the NSW Health website here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/Pages/Nicotine-vaping.aspx>

Share The Spend

MORUYA BUSINESS CHAMBER Christmas and shopping have a strong relationship, they are sweethearts. In November and December locals shop for Christmas, deciding on where to buy and what to buy, for family and friends.

Currently only 44% of local money is being spent in the Shire. (Spend pattern 2018 to 2024, Eurobodalla)

The Moruya Business Chamber's Share the Spend campaign encourages locals to increase their spend with local businesses this Christmas.

The Chamber's President, Rob Pollock said "Spendingly locally helps to create more jobs, strengthen the local economy which in turn creates opportunities for a diverse range of businesses to operate and thrive. Share the Spend aims to grow and diversify our local business community and we all benefit from this."

The Chamber is distributing posters to local businesses, as well promotions through social media, highlighting the benefits of local retail shopping and eating, using local services like gyms, vets and professionals.

This Christmas, Share the Spend and make your money matter in Moruya.



Construction begins on NSW's first 3D-printed social housing project

The Minns Labor Government continues to use innovative methods to solve the housing crisis with construction now underway on the state's first 3D-printed social housing properties in Dubbo.

The development will transform a vacant block of land into two modern two-bedroom duplexes for Aboriginal social housing tenants. This innovative method of construction will reduce costs and cut construction time in half, delivering more homes sooner for those who need them.

The success of the project will help determine whether this modern method of construction can deliver much needed social and affordable homes across the state more quickly and sustainably.

Indigenous company Aboriginal Sustainable Homes is developing the site in partnership with Contour3D and the 3D-printed houses will soon provide Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) tenants a safe and secure place to call home.

The printed concrete structures for the modern duplexes are due to be completed within 16 days using approximately 70 tonnes of bespoke Contourcrete, a proprietary 3D printable concrete pioneered by Contour3D.

Once the 3D-printed structure is complete, the roof structure will be installed and the internal fit out commences, with the homes expected to be ready for tenants to move in by February 2025.

3D-printing produces significantly less waste, and the concrete mix uses eco-friendly recycled materials to produce a robust and energy efficient home with substantially reduced lifecycle maintenance costs.

The total construction time for this project is 16 weeks, while using conventional methods for a similar build could take up to 40 weeks.

With prior experience of working with the AHO, Aboriginal Sustainable Homes (ASH) was contracted to deliver the new, fast and cost-effective development in partnership with Contour3D.

The project is supported by Dubbo Regional Council, who approved the Development Application (DA) in July 2024.

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Did you know you can recycle polystyrene?



The Council waste team at Surf Beach, Moruya and Brou waste facilities have been at it for years, saving space in landfill. In a new video Eurobodalla Council's waste operations coordinator Evan Brooks talks through the recycling process of polystyrene and styrofoam at Surf Beach waste facility. There is a designated section for these bulky, awkward chunks of plastic foam ... they're melted down and sent off to be turned into something else.

Polystyrene is a widely used plastic found in products like packaging, disposable cups, and containers. Styrofoam, a brand name for expanded polystyrene (EPS), is often used for insulation and packaging. While both materials are lightweight and convenient, they can harm the environment if not disposed of properly.

Recycling these materials helps reduce waste in landfills, conserves natural resources, and minimises pollution. When recycled, they can be turned into new products, reducing the need for new plastic production. One cubic metre of polystyrene will actually go down to 100 by 100 millimetres.

Eurobodalla residents can drop it off at our three waste facilities. Make sure items are clean and free from food residue or stickers before recycling.

If you're a business wanting to get hold of a recycling bag, contact our waste team on 4474 1024.

Evan talks through the process on this video [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NX1oNVTzEEw)

Applications open for NSW Heritage Grants

The NSW Government has launched the 2025–27 NSW Heritage Grants Program, offering \$8.5 million in funding!

Funding is available across four key categories:

- \$4.5 million for Caring for State Heritage: Grants of up to \$300,000 to maintain and preserve state significant heritage items.
- \$1 million for Activating State Heritage: A major grant for one project that will revitalise a state significant site, creating new public engagement opportunities.
- \$500,000 for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage: Up to \$80,000 for works to a declared Aboriginal Place or \$30,000 for an Aboriginal Place management document.
- \$2.5 million for Local Government Heritage: Local councils can apply for \$25,000 to fund local heritage initiatives, helping reconnect communities with their heritage.

Applications are now open and close at 10 am on Thursday, 30 January 2025. Those interested in applying can find more information, including eligibility criteria and application details, on the Heritage NSW website or the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder.

Applications are now open and close on 30 January 2025.

To learn more and apply, visit the Heritage NSW website:

<https://www2.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants>

New vessels launched to protect against water pollution

The NSW Government is investing in a fleet of new hazardous materials (HAZMAT) vessels to help limit oil, diesel and other pollutant spills in the state's waterways, with 19 new vessels being rolled out to Fire and Rescue NSW units across the state.

The new locally made vessels replace a 15-year-old fleet and offer larger and more stable platforms for crews to operate from.

The \$1.58 million fleet is part of the NSW Government's \$18.6 million investment in FRNSW's Fleet Replacement Program 2024-25.

Each vessel can tow and deploy absorbent and containment booms to limit hazardous spills. They also carry specialised equipment designed to contain and recover contaminants, reducing environmental harm during an incident.

An initial three vessels have been delivered to locations in Bathurst, Newcastle and Shellharbour, while additional units will be delivered to locations including Batemans Bay, Berkeley Vale, Broken Hill, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Eden, Goonellabah, Leeton, Lithgow, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Tweed Heads and Wagga Wagga over coming months.

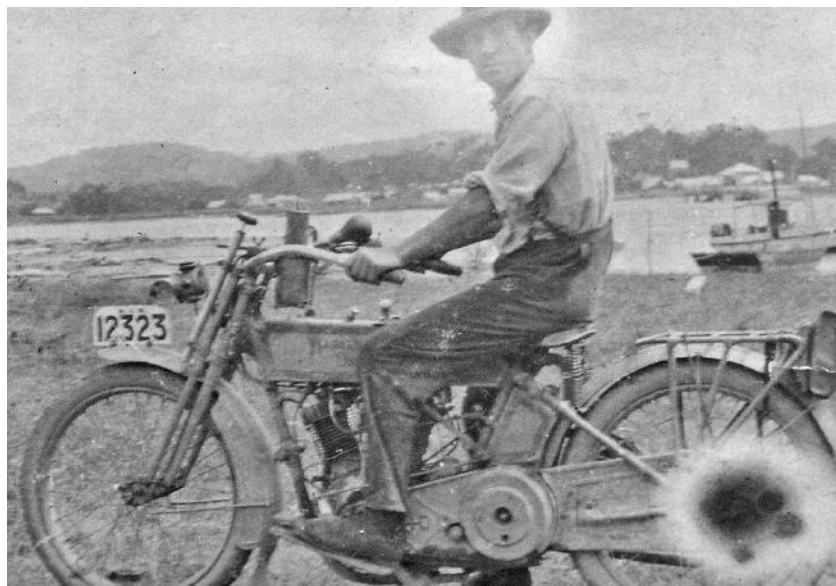
The new vessels are strategically located and can be deployed at any time, with response times of under two hours. They are also fitted with advanced emissions technology using the most efficient controls available to help limit their environmental impact.

Operators of the HAZMAT vessels undergo rigorous training, ensuring crews are prepared for complex incidents. Training is planned for teams in Berkeley Vale by the end of the year with the remaining boats to be rolled out by June 2025.



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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Gus Thomsen riding his Harley Davidson

22-11-1924

Mr. W. McIntosh, jnr., who deserves luck for his enterprise, has invested in a second lorry for his Moruya-Araluen service. The latest purchase is a 2½ ton Vulcan, and is one of the largest lorries in this district.

A motor cycle reliability trial took place on Sunday. The course was from Goulburn via Araluen, Moruya, Bateman's Bay, Nelligen and return. Over 20 cyclists started. Less than a dozen returned. What happened to the rest has so far not been recorded. At the usual monthly meeting of the Moruya District Hospital the House Committee reported every thing satisfactory. The small verandah room has been constructed and requires a ceiling and painting. The footpath in front of the building needs chipping, and about ½ a load of gravel. Two loads of gravel are needed for the back yard. The lawn requires mowing. They recommend that a man be engaged for one day a month to do odd jobs about the place, including splitting up the wood. These matters were left in the Treasurer and Secretary's hands to deal with.

Moruya Progress Association. Monthly meeting – Mr. Hansen agreed to see other men of the committee and have the weather shed at the Heads painted as early as possible; It was also agreed that an endeavor be made to get a public oyster lease granted 500 yards east of the town wharf on both sides of the river; Resolved that the Shire Council be written to asking that an area of about 6 acres at Myrtle Corner along the Kiora road be dedicated as a public recreation reserve. Also that the sign post at Wamban turn at Kiora be repainted; It was also resolved that the Council be asked to have the bad turn, over the other side of Polwamera going to Bateman's Bay, widened.



Unidentified young man with BSA Motor bike.

It is with universal regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Latta, snr., of Bateman's Bay. The deceased lady, aged 76 years of age, had been confined to her bed for the last three months and passed away peacefully on Friday evening last. The funeral, which took place on Sunday afternoon was the largest ever seen at the Bay. ... She was the loving mother of 16 children, all of whom are still living.

Advertisement: IMPORTANT LAND SALE –

Saturday, Nov. 29th – J. L. ROBERTSON has been instructed from Mr. D. H. Lavis to sell by Public Auction at TURNBULL'S HOTEL, MORUYA on the above date AT 12 NOON his Farm known as THE BURRA. Situated at Kiora, containing 148 acres, freehold, with a freshwater frontage to the Deau River. This being an exceptionally good farm, presents a rare opportunity for anyone seeking a comfortable mixed farming proposition, one mile from Kiora Cheese Factory and Public School.

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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

Whether it's the big screen or the latest TV series, the opening scene is identical. The male star returns home, opens the fridge, pulls out a beer, flips the lid and starts drinking. The female star is even more single-minded. She instantly pours a glass of wine – red or white – and takes that first lovingly restorative gulp.

Depend on it. Every single time. 'Ahh...' you can almost feel that lovely sense of relaxation as her cares of the day surrender to the wonders of the booze.

In an earlier era, they also lit cigarettes. Thank goodness that's much less frequent these days. But somehow the alcohol industry – wine in particular – has its claws firmly round the throat of the moving picture world for the best possible placement of their product.

'So what?' I hear you cry. 'That American beer is hardly alcoholic at all. And the wine...well, that's not really booze, it's the nectar of the gods, the mark of true civilization, a glorious libation with a socio-religious history from time immemorial...'

Sure. But how well, I wonder, would it have survived without the very addictive addition of CH₃CH₂OH (ethanol-alcohol). Ask yourself, 'What percentage of wine sales are of the 'alcohol free' brand?'

I rest my case.

This is not the first time I have explored the issue. Like most journalists-cum-authors, I have had my own bout with the booze, particularly during my 30s and 40s. Fortunately, the combination of a resilient and beloved wife and my dedication to the storyteller's art pulled me through.

I once began research for a book on the chequered history of Alcoholics Anonymous with its 100 per cent recidivism. It was helpful to two of my friends, though I decried its demand to surrender to a 'higher power'. I even pretended to be a member and attended an AA meeting. I was surprised to see who else was there and though I declined to speak, half the attendees asked to be my 'sponsor'. I fled, never to return.

My publisher wouldn't give me a sufficient advance to travel to the US where AA found fertile ground among the God-botherers, so I wrote my Australian history books instead. But the fascination remained.

Alcohol is a desperately destructive force in our community. According to the ABS, more than five million Australians are today drinking harmful amounts of booze. Our little village at Waramunga has two stores – one an IGA, the other an Australia Post Office – both packed to the gunwales with wine.

So-called 'fine-dining' restaurants make their profit not from tucker but by overcharging for the wine. And when China raises the wine tariff it's a national tragedy. Yet the drugs like cocaine get all the publicity though their communal effect – aside from corrupting the police force – is minimal.

But Australia is small beer (as it were) in the wine stakes.. Recently we've been watching an international Swedish TV series, The Sandham Murders, a pretty classy production set in the Stockholm archipelago with (mostly) good scripts and a very attractive cast.

And here's the clincher. While hardly a scene goes by without their drinking wine, recently there's been a change. Suddenly, instead of white or red, everyone is drinking pink rosé. Men, women, morning, evening, anytime. So I checked with Google. And there, an industry spokesperson boasted, 'As of spring, we are starting to see sort of a bounce-back in rosé consumption in the U.S. as well as around the world.'

QED.

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Jay's Mission Melanoma Walk 2024



Jay will be joined by Mayor Mat Hatcher at 7am Sat 23rd November for a special send off from the Bay.

11 days, 7 walkers, 333km. Parliament House Canberra to Bondi Beach, Sydney.

Thursday 21st November to Sunday 1st December 2024
National Skin Cancer Action Week is the 20-26 November and we are excited to announce the upcoming 333km 'Jay's Mission Melanoma Walk', a remarkable 11-day journey dedicated to raising vital funds for skin cancer research and prevention. The walk will commence at Parliament House in Canberra on Thursday 21st November with Minister for Education Jason Clare MP sharing his skin cancer experience. The walk will conclude at Bondi Beach Sydney on the first day of Summer, Sunday 1st December. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the team along the way, to register and join via the website or make a donation. www.australianskincancerfoundation.org

Australia has the highest rate of melanoma in the world with over 16,800 Australians expected to be diagnosed with melanoma this year. The walk aims to not only raise awareness about skin cancer but also to contribute significantly to research initiatives that will lead to better prevention and treatment options.

Why This Matters:

"Every step we take in this charity walk is a step toward saving lives," said Jay Allen OAM, Cancer Survivor, Founder and CEO of Australian Skin Cancer Foundation. "By participating, we are not only raising crucial funds, but also spreading awareness about the importance of skin cancer prevention and ensure no one goes through a skin cancer diagnosis alone."

At Australian Skin Cancer Foundation, we have taken our mission to save lives from skin cancer to the next level and in June 2023, we launched Australia's first mobile National Skin Check Truck!

This groundbreaking initiative provides free Skin Checks to communities who otherwise may not be able to access a similar service, while further educating them on skin cancer and how to take preventative measures. Money raised from the walk will also go towards funding a second truck which will allow us to provide free skin checks to even more communities throughout Australia. Join us as we lace up our walking shoes and take strides toward a world free of skin cancer. Together, we can turn awareness into action.

Jason Clare, Minister for Education said "A few years ago, I was diagnosed with melanoma. I'm one of the lucky ones. I spotted a mole on my leg, which I noticed had changed colour." "Check your skin, go see a doctor, it's so important."

The Facts:

- One Australian dies from Melanoma every six hours.
- Australian has the highest rates of Melanoma in the world.
- Melanoma is the 3rd most common cancer in Australia.
- It is estimated that 1300 Australians will die from Melanoma this year.
- It is expected that over 16,800 Australians will be diagnosed with Melanoma this year.
- Over 1 million people are diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer each year in Australia.
- Melanoma is the second most common cancer in men, in Australia after Prostate cancer.
- Non-melanoma skin cancer is the most commonly treated cancer in Australia. It includes basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma.



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Fiona Phillips leads petition for expanded Medicare Urgent Care Clinic at Batemans Bay

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has launched a petition calling for extended operating hours and an increased level of care at the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic. Mrs Phillips is encouraging Eurobodalla residents to sign the petition on her website which calls on the state and federal governments to upgrade the clinic that has provided walk-in care seven days a week since December 2023.

"The Batemans Bay community has embraced the fully bulk-billed service at the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, but there is a definite need for an expansion of the service," Mrs Phillips said. "Around 7,500 patients have received treatment for urgent, not life-threatening care at the clinic since it opened almost one year ago, which has taken some pressure off local GPs and our local hospital.

"I have been lobbying for extended hours and a higher level of care, but I've decided to take the next step by launching a petition to give the public a chance to have their say as well." Mrs Phillips said the clinic currently operates seven days a week from 8am until 6pm.

"It would be great to see those hours extended closer to 24/7," she said.

"Once the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital opens at Moruya, the only practical way to have a higher level service in Batemans Bay is to support an expansion of the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.

"If people want to see that happen, I encourage them to sign my petition which is on my website at www.fionaphillips.com.au"

Mrs Phillips said the Albanese Labor Government was making it easier for people in the Eurobodalla to access medical care when they need it.

"If Peter Dutton had his way, he'd close Medicare Urgent Care Clinics - like the one at Batemans Bay - as part of his \$315 billion cuts in spending," she said.

"Last time he was Health Minister he cut \$50 billion from hospitals."

Mrs Phillips said she was also pleased to see that an Expression of Interest was going out for a radiation therapy service for the Eurobodalla.

"I have championed for this services, so it's great to see that moving forward too," she said.

"I'm proud to have secured the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic, the South Eastern Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic and the walk-in Medicare Mental Health Centre at Moruya, and I will continue to fight for improved local health services right across the Gilmore electorate."

A link to the petition is [HERE](#)

FIONA PHILLIPS

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

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I'm proud to be your local voice in parliament and to continue delivering cost-of-living relief, tax cuts and supporting vital projects like the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, Batemans Bay headspace and the Medicare Mental Health Centre at Moruya.

I'm here to help you with issues like Medicare, Centrelink, aged care and pensions, the NDIS, Veterans' Affairs and community grants.

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News in Brief

Community Building Partnership grants available soon to boost local community infrastructure projects

Friday, 22 November 2024

Local infrastructure projects across NSW are set for a boost with the next round of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership (CBP) grant program to open early next year.

Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils will be eligible to apply for grants of between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

Grants can be for building, refurbishing or repairing community infrastructure, or for buying freestanding equipment or vehicles.

Each state electorate receives a maximum of \$450,000 in funding and applications are assessed against other proposed projects within the same electorate.

A total of \$41,850,000 in grants will be available for local infrastructure projects through the CBP program.

Since 2009, the program has awarded more than \$464 million to over 20,900 projects across the state.

Program Guidelines will be available soon at www.nsw.gov.au/cbp.

Applications will be accepted online from Tuesday 28 January 2025 and will close at 5pm AEDT, Friday 21 February 2025. Successful organisations will be announced later in 2025.

Kids Helpline gets \$17.1 million funding boost from NSW Government

The Minns Labor Government is improving access to essential mental health support for young people through a \$17.1 million investment in Kids Helpline, providing greater access to free counselling services for children and young people facing emotional distress or mental health challenges.

Community organisation yourtown who runs Kids Helpline will use the funding to recruit up to 28 additional full time equivalent (FTE) counsellors based in NSW, providing greater access to the service in response to increasing demand.

The funding will upskill counsellors with additional practical skills to help them provide better support and strengthen the integration of Kids Helpline with local, area and state-wide services across mental health, child protection, education, employment and other social systems.

Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800) operates 24/7 and provides age-appropriate online and phone counselling and support for young people aged 5 to 25. Last year, the national service took more than 40,000 calls, mostly from teenagers aged 15-18.

Government expands support for families who lose loved ones to road crimes

The NSW Government last night has passed legislation to deliver on a key election commitment to expand support for families who have lost loved ones in road crimes. The Victims Rights and Support Amendment (Victims Support Counselling) Bill 2024 will make counselling available through the Victims Support Scheme to family members of a person killed in a motor vehicle crash where someone is charged in relation to the crash.

Under the changes, family members will also be eligible for counselling support if charges cannot be laid because the offender has died or cannot be located if there is sufficient evidence to establish that an offence has apparently occurred.

An eligible family member will be able to access 22 hours of approved counselling, with further hours available if approved by the Commissioner of Victims Rights. Currently, most incidents involving motor vehicles are excluded from being 'acts of violence' under the Victims Rights and Support Act.

Family victims of road crime experience the same trauma as any other family who has lost a loved one because of a criminal act. This legislation will ensure they receive counselling as they navigate their loss.

Grants awarded to groundbreaking electrification projects

The NSW Government is awarding more than \$1 million in grants to support groundbreaking projects focused on reducing carbon emissions through electrification.

The Electrification & Energy Systems Network Seed Grant Scheme provides funding as part of the NSW Government's Decarbonisation Innovation Hub. The Hub supports researchers, industry and government stakeholders in critical sectors to increase the uptake of new technologies in decarbonising NSW.

Funding is being awarded to exciting early-stage projects that are working to resolve the technical, economic, social and environmental challenges of electrification technology.

Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 will enable collaborative projects between universities and industry.

The evaluation process, conducted independently by an Industry Advisory Board, has rigorously assessed and identified a selection of high-quality, impactful projects deserving of grants.

The awardees are:

- University of Wollongong - Identifying and Removing Barriers for Electricity System Planning.
- University of New South Wales - Develop device electrification functionality for the APV's SunSPOT solar and battery calculator.
- University of Technology Sydney - Cost effective wireless energy harvesting from high voltage transmission lines.
- Macquarie University - Powering E-Shuttles with Optimized Routes and Magnetised Cement Charging.
- University of Sydney - Recycling of Lithium from Discarded Battery Materials.
- Macquarie University - AI-driven energy management platform.
- University of New South Wales - Open Platform for Real-time Renewable Energy Bidding and Trading.

This initiative is funded by the NSW Environmental Trust and Network Partners: University of Newcastle, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong, University of Technology Sydney.

For updates on these projects and other initiatives visit:

<https://www.decarbhub.au/networks/electrification-and-energy-systems-network/>

Improving access to critical Road Safety Data

The Albanese Government is increasing the road safety data collected in order to better inform responses to road trauma and the concerning increase in road deaths. The new Road Safety Data Hub website which is live from today will have data available and will be a valuable resource not only for governments, but all interested in road safety.

With the finalisation of a new Funding Agreement between States, Territories and the Commonwealth, all jurisdictions have committed to share critical data that will be used to better inform policy decisions and funding allocations under the Road Safety Program. The new funding agreement represents a positive step in cooperation to boost road safety and I thank the States and Territories for the shared commitment to addressing road trauma.

After detailed negotiations, a range of road data, including information about fatalities, hospitalisations, police enforcement and analysis of crash risk will be available. A clear picture, underpinned by data, about where best to target road safety funding will save lives and ensure we are investing in the projects that will make the biggest difference. Through the Hub, this data will be provided in a searchable catalogue on data.gov.au. The Hub website also integrates links to a number of other road safety government websites and includes a submission form for public feedback.

To view the new Road Safety Data Hub website, which has been developed by the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics and Office of Road Safety, visit datahub.roadsafety.gov.au.



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Mogo Land Council home rises from the ashes



A vibrant new community space giving young Aboriginal people on the South Coast the tools to succeed as part of the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council's (LALC) new home, is now officially open.

Mogo LALC was awarded more than \$2.9 million through the Australian and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, after their offices were destroyed by fires that swept through Mogo in December 2019.

The new two-storey building boasts cultural and functional spaces with an exhibition area, café and commercial kitchen bringing the community together on the ground floor. Upstairs meeting rooms on the mezzanine level will be available for hire, offering a fresh space for the community to gather, learn and celebrate.

The 2019 bushfires were devastating for the Mogo LALC, destroying not just their building but also equipment, data from important bush regeneration work and irreplaceable artefacts.

This new structure marks another milestone in Mogo's ongoing social and economic recovery, offering the community new opportunities and an improved economic future.

Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Linda Carson: "It has been such a difficult time since the fires, but this building brings new hope and energy for all of the community."

"This building gives the Mogo Aboriginal community a home, a place where we can meet, paint, sculpt and support each other."

"With its commercial kitchen and café space, meeting rooms and exhibition space it also provides the bedrock for the Land Council's economic future."

"It is the young people of our community that are our future, and this building says to them that we have a bright and meaningful future, it is more than just bricks and mortar."

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said "I'm pleased that I could help restore this vital community building, which will not only help Mogo's ongoing recovery efforts but provides a space for community and cultural connection."



Photos: Fiona Phillips

"The Albanese Government is working with local councils and the Minns Government to deliver essential recovery projects across Gilmore that rebuild community spaces and enhance the economic prospects for those devastated by extreme weather events."

"Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council had the initiative, resilience, and dedication to complete this project. I am delighted by how far along they have come on their recovery journey and to see the potential of this space for the community."

State Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "The new Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council building has risen from the ashes following the December 2019 bushfires."

"This beautiful new building has breathed life back into the Mogo Aboriginal community."

"The former Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council building was a vibrant centre with generational memories of family gatherings and local community business."

"The new building represents a future home for the Mogo Aboriginal community thanks to the cooperation of the Australian and New South Wales Governments, and the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council."



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On the Roads

Moruya Ford Street Roundabout at Queen St

SCHEDULED ROADWORK Resurfacing

Sat 23 Nov 2024 to Tue 26 Nov 2024

Impact (3:00pm to 5:00am) Road closed all directions

Advice - Use an alternative route, plan your journey, check signage.

Other Advice - The roundabout will be closed to through traffic during the following periods:

- 3pm Sat 23 Nov 2024 to 5am Mon 25 Nov 2024
- 5pm Mon 25 Nov 2024 to 5am Tues 26 Nov 2024

Outside of these hours, the roundabout will be open.



Mill Bay pathway closure

Eurobodalla Council will be upgrading the path between the Narooma bridge and Mill Bay to replace the damaged bitumen with concrete. Pedestrians and cyclists will be unable to use the path between 7am on Monday 25 November to 4pm Thursday 28 November.

Broulee Road roundabout

Construction of a roundabout at the George Bass Drive and Broulee Road intersection.

Timeframe: September 2023 to June 2025

Cost and funding: \$2.6 million

- \$2 million from the Australian Government Black Spot Program
- \$600,000 Council contribution.

ESC water crew have been on-site for a few weeks moving underground pipes to make way for the new roundabout. All going well, we'll start building the roundabout in February 2025, at the start of the school year.

We are working to:

- design and build a four-leg roundabout at the intersection of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road
- include islands and paths within the roundabout to assist pedestrians and cyclists crossing the roads
- replace a water main and relocate other underground services such as Telstra
- upgrade lighting of the intersection.

Project updates 2024

- preparing the site by moving services including Telstra cables and water pipes.
- design team worked on the detailed design for the intersection.
- conducted initial checks at the site to assess environmental and Aboriginal factors.

Funding flowing for local road safety projects

Additional funding is set to support new road safety projects across Eden-Monaro, under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program. Both the Australian and NSW governments are providing significant contributions of \$218.6 million, for a joint investment of \$437.3 million.

This funding boost for road safety upgrades in Eden-Monaro will ensure greater levels of safety at each of project locations, reducing the risk of crashes that cause fatal or serious injuries. Among the projects are pedestrian infrastructure upgrades including wombat crossings to busy areas near various primary schools, as well as:

- \$3,501,981 for upgrades along the Snowy Mountains Highway (between Cooma and Princes Highway intersection, Bega)
- \$1,780,613 for traffic signals at Princes Highway and Field Street, Narooma
- \$1,072,948 for upgrades along the Princes Highway at Acacia Ponds, near Pambula

The program will also upgrade 174 signalised intersections across NSW to enhance pedestrian safety.

These upgrades will include improving pedestrian crossings, installing additional signals, and adjusting left and right-turn signal phasing to provide greater protection for pedestrians while crossing.



Araluen Road slope stabilisation

November 2024 to June 2025

The work will impact vehicle access, with long delays and road closures unavoidable over several months. Traffic information is available on Live Traffic NSW.

With the major landslides on Araluen Road taken care of, we are now focusing on seven additional sites where slope damage poses a risk of road collapse. We are also planning to repair two sites on Larrys Mountain Road.

Council are working to:

- install soil nails to reinforce the ground beneath the road
- remove unstable sections of road
- build retaining walls to support the road
- reinstate the road

The work will be completed in two main stages: reinforcement and construction, each essential to securing long-term safety and stability.

Previous slope stabilisation work on Araluen Road highlights the narrow space available, demonstrating why these works will significantly impact travel along the road.

November update

- Tree contractors started removing vegetation in preparation for the slope stabilisation work.

Specialised contractors arrived on site to begin reinforcing the slopes. This work will impact traffic over the next few months, particularly where space is limited by the width of the road. Commuters should be prepared for delays of up to one hour.

For the latest information, visit [LiveTraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com)

Batemans Bay Princes Highway between Glenella Road and Deep Creek Dam Road

SCHEDULED ROADWORK Maintenance

Sun 24 Nov 2024 to Mon 2 Dec 2024

Every Night (7:00pm to 3:00am) Traffic affected both directions

Reduced speed limit (40km/h), expect delays.

Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions will be in place and traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

Motorists are advised to allow approximately 10 minutes of additional travel time.



Kirsty showing off how little construction waste they have generated.

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Hemp House at the Heads

A block of land classified as seriously vulnerable to attack from fire (BAL FZ), a budget tighter than a python's hug, and a missionary zeal to be as gentle on the natural environment as possible, have all led Kirsty and Dom to taking on the building of their small Moruya home themselves. With minimal building experience (Dom once built a tree-house for the kids) they are finding the learning curve to be ... well... perpendicular! 'But' says Dom, 'even if I won a million dollars tomorrow, I'd still want to do it'.

They are both loving the challenges of learning on the job, and their research (aka googling and visits to the amazingly well-stocked Moruya library) has uncovered a bunch of interesting materials that measure up pretty well when it comes to environmental cost.

Kirsty, in particular, is proud of the small amount of construction waste generated: 'As my work has been in the world of waste and resource recovery, I know the building sector sends about 20 MILLION tonnes of waste to landfill every year – I'm chuffed that so far our build has generated less than half a cubic metre' This is because materials have been made to measure before arriving on site.

They tried to avoid using concrete (the cement industry is one of the two biggest producers of carbon dioxide) but needed a bit to hold up the footings, so they chose 'greencrete' which replaces the raw materials in concrete with recycled glass and fly-ash.

What about the walls, which will go up shortly? 'We loved the look and feel of hemp, but knew we wouldn't have the time to learn the skills needed to make a traditional hemp house.'

Instead, they are building with ready-made HempBlocks, an interlocking system that does not require mortar.

Hemp is fire, mould and termite resistant. It has low thermal conductivity, making it an excellent insulator (which means less energy used for heating and cooling) and it continues to absorb carbon dioxide from the environment for its whole life, making it a carbon negative material!

Kirsty and Dom are really excited to get going with the walls, and the supplier is running an on-site training course at the beginning of December for anyone interested in this ancient (and also very contemporary!) technique (see below for details).

Kirsty has been documenting the journey, and both she and Dom love talking to people who are looking for alternatives to traditional, energy-intensive building.

Big Spotty walk

Shoalhaven Shire has its own World Champion in "Big Spotty", the tallest of the Spotted Gums. At 72 metres tall it's estimated that Big Spotty is over 500 years old and would have been a mere sapling when Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa.

A group of around 25 people from around our region visited Big Spotty on the weekend and looked on in awe while on an excursion supporting the Australian Conservation Foundation's 'Save our Big Backyard' campaign. The group experienced the irreplaceable magic of the forest gully immediately surrounding Big Spotty high up in North Brooman State Forest behind Termeil. The group expressed how privileged they felt to be in the presence of Big Spotty but were also concerned that planned logging close to the giant tree would destroy its surrounding environment, compromising Big Spotty's continuing survival and trashing the awe inspiring landscape.

Not only that, Big Spotty is becoming wildly popular, and to allow other people to enjoy the unique experience for generations to come, there is an urgent need for a decent forest preserve to be declared and visitor infrastructure such as boardwalks to be created so Big Spotty being doesn't end up being 'loved to death'. The tourism potential of having a world champion growing in an undisturbed local South Coast forest was highlighted to the group with the massive New Zealand Kauri Pine held up as an example of the lucrative nature-based tourism market.

Attendees on the weekend were keen to know who to lobby and where to donate to the campaign. They were urged to contact their state member Liza Butler MP who happens to live nearby on the coast and who can play a pivotal role in setting aside the forest compartment in which Big Spotty grows.



Coming up in the theatre at the Bay Pavilions

- 26 Nov - The Spooky Men's Chorale in Concert
- 27-28 Nov - Boombox
- 29 Nov - Marina Prior and Michael Cormick
- 7 Dec - Studio Blue Dance
- 8 Dec - Kicks Danceforce
- 14 Dec - Stepz Dance Concert
- 15 Dec - Element Cheer and Dance Concert
- 21 Dec - Daniel Connell: Little Aussie Battler
- 19 Jan - Illusionist Anthony Street
- 7 Feb - Kath and Kim Drag Bingo
- 8 Feb - Pink Floyds wish You Were Here
- 15 Feb - Sons of Sun (Elvis, Jerry Lee Johnny and me)
- 22 Feb - Baby Boomers live Comedy Tribute of Music Legends and more
- 8 March - Get Rhythm 2025 (Johnny Cash and June Carter)
- 22 March - Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)
- 29 March - Diesel Bootleg
- 9 May - Robertson Bros 60's Variety TV Show
- 13 May - Ross Noble
- 23 May - The Roy Orbison Story
- 30 May - The Eagles Story

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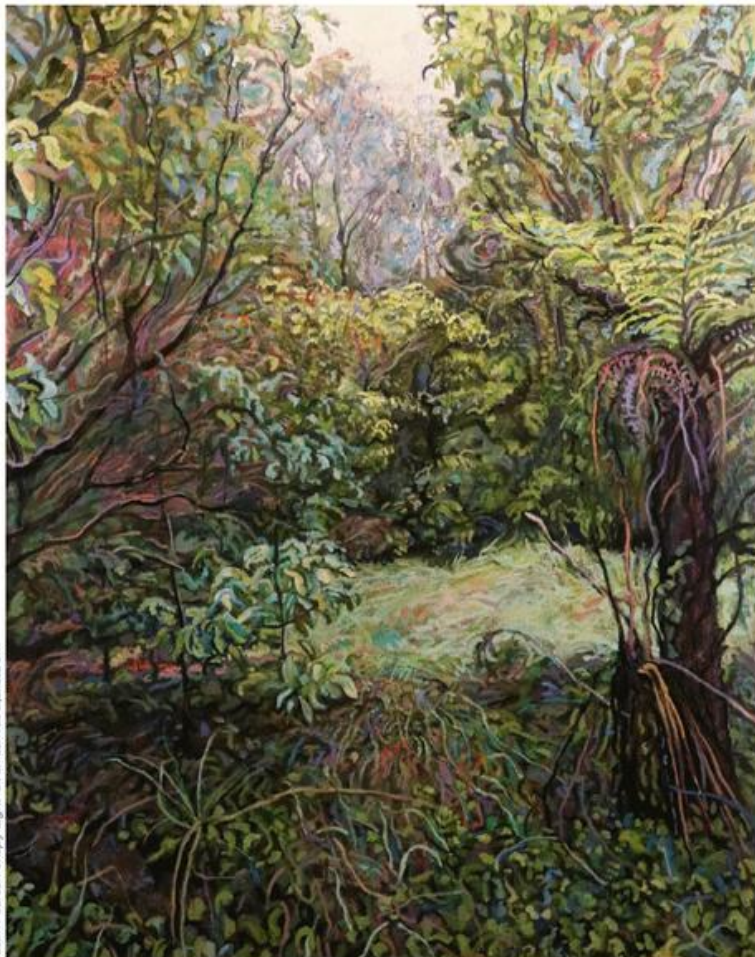
MARINA PRIOR & MICHAEL CORMICK 'CENTRESTAGE'

With an astonishing 50 stage productions combined, music theatre stars, MARINA PRIOR & MICHAEL CORMICK come together for their first full length tour titled 'CENTRESTAGE'. Marina and Michael will be performing at **Bay Pavilions**, Bateman's Bay on November 29, 2024 and **Club Sapphire Merimbula** on November 20, 2024.

Having been friends for decades, first performing together in the production of CATS in 1986, it's now time they take their remarkable voices and stage craft on tour around the country. Touring Metro and Regional cities, in a 2-hour show, accompanied by renown pianist Andrew Ross (Barry Humphries, Dame Edna, Moulin Rouge, Miss Saigon), Marina & Michael will perform songs from their hit musicals, there will be gorgeous duets, iconic show tunes plus their own personal and crowd favourites. The onstage chemistry is captivating.

Marina Prior is regarded as Australia's leading lady of musical theatre. Awarded with a Member of the Order of Australia in 2023, Marina is best known for her roles in Phantom of the Opera, Pirates of Penzances, Cats, Les Miserables, Die Fledermaus, Anything Goes, West Side Story, The Secret Garden, Show Boat, The Merry Widow, The Witches of Eastwick, Annie Get Your Gun, Guys & Dolls, Mary Poppins, The Sound of Music, Hello Dolly, Dream Lover, 9 To 5 The Musical but to name a few and performances with Richard Harris, Jose Carreras and Il Divo. It's just not Christmas in Australia until Marina takes the stage at the annual Carols By Candlelight at the Melbourne Myer Music Bowl now notching up over 30 performances. Marina also starred in the ABC television series The Divorce and released 14 albums thus far in her acclaimed career. Since 2017, Marina along with David Hobson have performed over 200 sell-out shows of their concert The 2 Of Us around the country.

Michael Cormick, is an internationally renowned singer and actor with a diverse career throughout Australia, the United Kingdom and Europe. In Australia, he originated the role of The Beast in the original Australian production of Beauty & The Beast opposite Hugh Jackman. His other stage credits include The Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Sunset Boulevard, Grease, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Mamma Mia!, Eureka, La Cage aux Folles, Blood Brothers, The Rocky Horror Show, Annie, Into The Woods, Cabaret, Jesus Christ Superstar and Pirates of Penzances. In the West End and internationally, Michael has performed in Phantom of the Opera and Lloyd Webber's The Woman in White, Calamity Jane, Romeo & Juliet, Evita, Time and Chess. Whilst in London, he had the incredible opportunity to sing with Freddie Mercury and Cliff Richard and had the honour of performing for Her Majesty the Queen at the Royal Command performances.. Michael's TV credits include The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Reef Doctors, Sea Patrol, City Homicide, Prisoner, Superwog, Bluebird AR, The Don Lane Show, The Bert Newtown Show, The Mike Walsh Show, Hey Hey It's Saturday and The Terry Wogan Show.



Justin Pearson Crispy Light oil on canvas 142x112 cm

JUSTIN PEARSON



Justin Pearson Planted in the 70s oil on canvas 130x150 cm

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~ What's On ~

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

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. T: 4474 1333 E: Moruya Library W: Book online

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1 DECEMBER 2024

This is your chance to get into the swing of Christmas early with an afternoon of live music.

The Tuross Head Anglican War Memorial Church in Craddock Road, Tuross Head, is venue for a concert of Christmas music on Sunday 1 December, at 2pm.

Local Brass Musicians 'The Crowd' and Steve Johnston, well known local tenor, are performing a selection of Christmas Music, Classical, Jazz and 'Bits and Bobs'.

See the Tuba, valve trombone and trumpet in action and feel the energy.

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Country Arts Support Program (CASP)

Now Open

South East Arts is offering arts groups, organisations and LGAs the opportunity to apply for funding to the Country Arts Support Program to support projects within the South East Arts service region.

This service area includes the following local government areas of Bega Valley, Eurobodalla and Snowy Monaro.

CASP can be accessed by artists' groups or collectives, not-for-profit organisations, museums, and galleries. Local Government can also apply where Council offers a co-contribution of 50% or greater.

The 2024 Round is to support projects that will take place in 2025, between the date range of 1 February to 31 December 2025.

The scope of how the CASP can be used is broad and allows for activities such as projects that deliver broad community benefit, small capital grants for local galleries, museums and community organisations to improve their facilities, as well as delivering workshops, professional development and arts and cultural events.

Aims:

The objectives of the CASP are to:

- Support arts and cultural activities and projects to drive community and social benefits
- Assist locally determined community arts and cultural activities
- Increase opportunities for regionally based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs
- Enables communities to explore and express their cultural identities

CASP will not fund:

- Core administration costs, office costs
- Competitions
- Fundraising events
- Prizes
- Activities that have already been funded by South East Arts
- General operating expenses
- Projects that have commenced or are completed
- Sporting activities
- Activities which could be considered part of the curriculum for schools or tertiary institutions

Category Guidelines:

Projects

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to support activities or projects that engage and benefit a section of the community in the South East Arts Region.

To be eligible for this grant you must:

- Be based in the South East Arts region
- Be an arts organisation, group or local council
- Your request must be arts related
- The request must offer a way of helping your community's arts practice, engagement or experience
- Projects, purchases or activities supported by the funding must be completed within the calendar year
- Organisations or groups must be a legal entity to apply or be auspiced by a legal entity (eg. incorporated organisation).

This funding can be used for a range of costs or activities, such as:

- Small-scale projects or events
- Workshops
- A collaborative project bringing together multiple groups or practitioners
- Small capital projects or equipment costs
- Exhibitions
- Marketing
- Collections, curation and skills development
- Local Government applications must be supported by a minimum of 50% cash co-contribution.



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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

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Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



Sat 23 Nov - Greg Byng

Sat 30 Nov - Richard Lawson

Sat 7 Dec - Mac & Glenda

Sat 14 Dec - Tom Barnes (5.30)

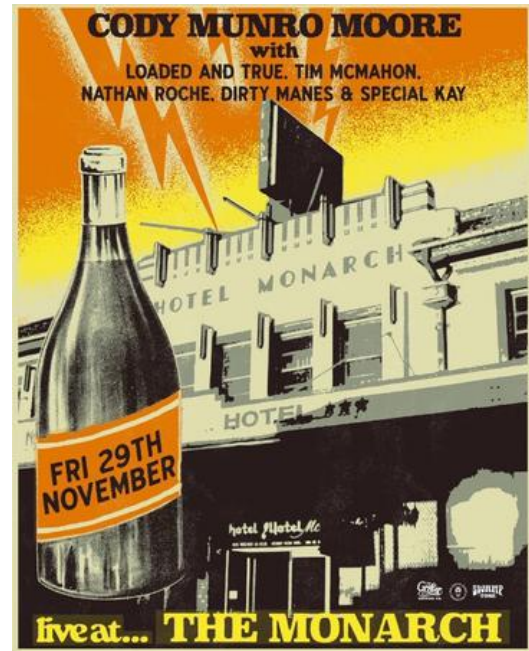
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BODALLA POETS' BREAKFAST

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 or Sue Knight
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SUNDAY 1st December
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for more information please contact
 Lyn Sterling
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Who Let The Dogs Out?

Sunday 24th of November 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Batemans Bay Foreshore Clyde Street

Fun games with great prizes to win. Races, obstacle courses, talent shows and a best dressed competition.

Food and market stalls. Knowledge and support to gain from our local professionals.



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Who Let The Dogs Out?

- Sunday 24 November 2024, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Foreshore Park Batemans Bay

Who Let The Dogs Out? is a family and pet friendly event. Inviting owners and their dogs to participate in fun and exciting games for your dogs to win great prizes. The games include races and obstacle courses, separated into heats for small, medium and large dogs. There will also be a talent show and a best dressed show for your dogs to dress up and show off their awesome talents. There will be dog themed market stalls on the day as well as food vans. Local professionals will be there on the day to share their advice and support for our dog owners. Registration starts at 10:00 am. Dogs must be on leashes at all times unless told otherwise and no aggressive dogs will be allowed on the day.

This event was conceived and organised by yr 12 Batemans Bay High School Student Breanna Shepherd as a Major Design Project for her design and technology unit.

Mogendoura Swing Ensemble Performance

Sunday 8 December 2024 at 2pm

Mogendoura Swing Ensemble is performing on Sunday 8 December, 2pm at Batemans Bay Uniting Church. Entry by Donation. A wide variety of songs: Swing, Classical, Traditional Marches, a couple of Christmas Carols, and Soloists.

The jazzy trio ensemble 'The Crowd' will also perform, creating another twist of music choices. The ensemble performed at the Merimbula Jazz Festival in June.

Come along, bring friends and enjoy a lovely entertaining afternoon. Donations will support the Moruya and District Band, and Pivot Point Welfare. Batemans Bay Uniting Church, 2 Catlin Ave, Batemans Bay



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Everyone's welcome



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

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

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

WEEKLY FOOD SHARE DATES — SPRING 2024 TO WINTER 2025

1st Sunday of the month
10–11am

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

2nd Tuesday of the month
11.45am–12.45pm

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

3rd Saturday of the month
9–10am

SAGE Garden, Queen Street Moruya

4th Friday of the month
9–10am

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

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2EARFM GIG GUIDE "LOCAL and LIVE"

Friday 22nd November

Joe Driscoll	Top Pub, Pambula (6pm)
Steve Martin	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Coastal Fringe	Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
Coda	Tathra Beach Bowlo (8pm)
Open Mic Night Broulee Brewhouse	

Saturday, 23 Nov:

TonyJaggers	Foxdog Distillery 2pm
Drive Time	Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)
Greg Byng	Quantum Brewery
Jacob Poyner	Broulee Brewhouse
Kelvin Smith	Tilba Valley Winery

Sunday, 24 Nov:

Ross Wilson and thePeaceniks (Suport King Canyon plus)
Tilba Valley Winery Gates open at 11am
Mick McGrath Club Tuross (2pm)
Keith Zehr Broulee Brewhouse

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Further boost for South Coast NFPs

Thirteen South Coast not-for-profit organisations (NFPs) are sharing more than \$166,000 in funding for projects aimed at strengthening their capacity to support their local communities.

The substantial investment has been announced through FRRR's Investing in Rural Community Futures (IRCF) program, in partnership with Snow Foundation and Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Foundation.

Toolbox grants are available at any time throughout the program and the most recent grants will be some of the final awarded as part of IRCF, which has been operating across the region since 2020.

Earlier this year, each community came together at "roadmapping" workshops, reflected on what had been achieved to date and then identified their shared priorities for this remaining funding. This process has guided FRRR and its partners on how to prioritise and direct investment throughout the program. Carolyn Ardler, FRRR's Program Manager for the IRCF South Coast program, said that the funding will support collaborative community-led projects, as the program enters the culmination phase.

"The IRCF program has fostered tangible outcomes in the community sector and we are so thrilled with the way organisations have engaged with these opportunities to develop their skills and share resources.

"Our community facilitators have worked closely with participating groups in each locality to provide time for collaboration, discussion and submission. It's wonderful to see initiatives put forward that will benefit the whole community," Ms Ardler said.

"Through the program, local not-for-profits have formed connections with other groups and access to additional resources, which means they can face challenges together with a solutions-led approach, which has been empowering for community," Ms Ardler said.

Georgina Byron AM, CEO of the Snow Foundation, reflects on her father's enduring legacy, Terry Snow AM, the Foundation's co-founder, and his deep connection to the South Coast.

She describes the latest funding initiative as a meaningful tribute to his commitment to supporting local communities in the region.

"My father loved the South Coast and was very proud to be able to support so many wonderful community-led organisations through the IRCF program. It's wonderful to know that this funding will strengthen local groups even further, so they can continue to make the South Coast a vibrant place to live, work and play," Ms. Byron said.

Ulladulla projects

In the Ulladulla area, six projects are sharing \$93,082 thanks to Snow Foundation. These projects are focussed largely on networking, storytelling and strengthening youth and cultural initiatives.

Batemans Bay projects

Four projects in Batemans Bay area will share \$53,402, also with the support of Snow Foundation. The projects funded have a focus on skills development which will improve volunteer capacity, cultural awareness and succession planning. Additionally, engagement of a coordinator will provide direct support for existing networks to continue to flourish as they build capacity, social cohesion and resilience for the future.

Bay & Basin projects

In the Bay & Basin area, three projects are sharing \$19,986, thanks to the support of Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Foundation. These projects have a focus on increasing cultural capacity, youth leadership skills and improving platforms for community collaboration.

David Impey, CEO of the Community Enterprise Foundation, said supporting projects that the groups had identified as they continued their ongoing recovery from the Black Summer bushfires were going to be of real benefit to the broader community.

"As the program has progressed, the confidence of local organisations to lead projects in a sustainable way has clearly grown."

"The Foundation is glad to back initiatives that will see effective collaboration in the community and continued engagement of young people," Mr Impey said.

The full list of organisations and projects supported is on FRRR's website.

Batemans Bay Projects

- Clyde River and Batemans Bay Historical Society Inc Turning Windows into Doorways - Toolbox training online marketing for NFPs. \$4,916
- Clyde River and Batemans Bay Historical Society Inc Future Proofing our Organisations - Toolbox training for Batemans Bay NFPs the funding process and diversifying income for creative and cultural organisations and succession planning. \$7,716
- Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn Parish of Moruya - Strengthening Volunteer Capacity in Batemans Bay - Toolbox training for NFPs Accidental Counsellor, Conflict Management and Koori Smarts. \$10,770
- Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance - Eurobodalla Community Support Network Coordinator - Engage a coordinator to support the ECSN network to ensure it continues to function and flourish to provide social cohesion, capacity building and future resilience. \$30,000

Government delivers world-leading legislation to protect children online

Today the Federal Government has introduced world-leading legislation to enforce a minimum age of 16 years for social media.

The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 will deliver greater protections for young Australians during critical stages of their development.

It will require social media platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent under 16s from having accounts.

The law places the onus on social media platforms – not parents or young people – to take reasonable steps to ensure these protections are in place.

The Bill and the associated rules will ensure young Australians have continued access to messaging and online gaming, as well as access to services which are health and education related, like Headspace, Kids Helpline, and Google Classroom, and YouTube.

The Government will introduce stronger penalties for online safety breaches, which will see digital platforms face fines of up to \$49.5 million for systemic breaches.

The Bill creates a new definition of 'age-restricted social media platforms. This will include Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, and X, amongst others.

It will contain robust privacy provisions, including requiring platforms to ringfence and destroy any information collected to safeguard the personal information of all Australians.

The law is designed to be responsive to changes in technology and services.

The Bill has been designed following extensive feedback from young Australians, parents, experts, industry, community organisations and state and territory governments.

It builds on broader efforts by the Australian Government to hold platforms accountable for ensuring the safety of their users.



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Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla



Brindie



Squish



Freya

This week, we have two fantastic pups and a gorgeous adult dog available for adoption.

Brindie is about six months of age, a brindle and white Mastiff cross. He's a confident, playful pup who has settled in quickly with his foster carer. He is other dog friendly and chook friendly. He is house and crate training very well.

Squish is an eight month old black female Foxie mix. Despite an uncertain start to her life, Squish is an affectionate bundle of energy. She is well-behaved, responsive to training and has settled in well with her foster carer. She sleeps in a crate. She is other dog friendly but not tested with cat or chickens.

Freya is a lovely six year old black Labrador. Freya is well-trained, obedient, friendly, house trained, and a good watch dog. She would be great for someone who is looking for a mature, well-behaved dog.

Please contact AWL on 0410 016 612 if you can help or would like further information.

And don't forget, get your pet photographed with Santa on 7 December at Moruya Markets!

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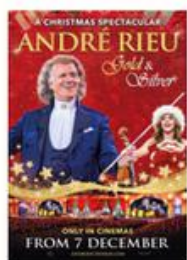
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WICKED PG, 2H 40M, FANTASY/MUSICAL	11.45am 6pm	11.45am 6pm	10.45am 6.55pm	10.45am 6.55pm		11.45am 6pm	11.45am 6pm
STRANGE CREATURES MA 15+, 1H 27M, AUSTRALIAN DRAMA	12.05pm*	12.05pm*	1.15pm* 5.20pm*	1.15pm* 5.20pm*		12.05pm*	12.05pm*
GLADIATOR II M, 2H 30M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	3pm 6.30pm*	3pm 6.30pm*	1.45pm 7.15pm*	1.45pm 7.15pm*		3pm 6.30pm*	3pm 6.30pm*
LEE M, 1H 57M, WAR/DRAMA	1.55pm*	1.55pm*	11am* 4.35pm	11am* 4.35pm		1.55pm*	1.55pm*
RED ONE (LAST WEEK) PG, 2H 3M, ACTION/COMEDY	4.10pm*	4.10pm*	3pm*	3pm*		4.10pm*	4.10pm*



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GLADIATOR II

M| 2hrs 28min

~ Action ~ Adventure ~

Paul Mescal & Denzel Washington
From legendary director Ridley Scott, Gladiator II continues the epic saga of power, intrigue, and vengeance set in Ancient Rome. Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus, Lucius (Paul Mescal) is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist. He must look to his past to find strength and honour to return the glory of Rome to its people.



WICKED

PG| 2hrs 40min

~ Family ~ Musical ~

Ariana Grande & Cynthia Erivo
Two students meet at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. Glinda's desire for popularity sees her seduced by power, while Elphaba's determination to remain true to herself, will have unexpected and shocking consequences on her future.



RED ONE

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

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.



YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE YESTERDAY

M| 1hr 20min Australian ~ Surf Film ~

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2024 Diary Dates

- 23 November **Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo**
- 23rd November – **Moruya Colour Run**
- 23rd November – **Braidwood Quilt Event**
- Sunday 24 November **Tomakin Community Day**
- 22 December – **Carols by Candlelight Moruya**
- **22nd February - Rock On For Climate Action**
- 28th Feb – 2 March **2025 Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 8 – 16 March – **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 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**



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CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

Eurobodalla Shire Council says : Keep your conscience clear by ridding yourself of unwanted chemicals without harming your family or the environment.

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

~ **Gundary 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>

Thrift Alley Sunday + Felt & Stone 1st Birthday

Sunday 24 November 2024 from 08:00-13:00

Felt & Stone Moruya (2/45 Vulcan street, Moruya).

Pop-up Thrift market through the alley next to Felt & Stone!

Wander through a selection of stalls with second hand clothing & treasures, arts, freshly brewed chai, live music and more...as it will also be the 1st birthday of the shop Felt & Stone!

Come celebrate our creative space from 8am until 1pm at Felt & Stone Moruya.

Free Legal Advice - Eurobodalla Areas

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre is coming to Batemans Bay & Moruya to provide face to face appointments.

Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay,

Tuesday 26th November 2024, 10:30am – 3pm

The Family Place, Court House Arcade, 62-64 Vulcan Street

Moruya, Thursday 5th December 2024, 10:30am – 2pm

Our solicitor will be providing free legal advice appointments in person & by telephone.



Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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

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Tuesday 3pm Moruya

sagefarmersmarket.org.au growing the community

Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm To find out more email mdha7@mail.com or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



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THIS MONTH'S FILM BIG NIGHT

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Big Night is a 1996 American comedy-drama film co-directed by Campbell Scott and Stanley Tucci. On the Jersey Shore in the 1950s, two Italian immigrant brothers from Calabria own and operate a restaurant called "Paradise". One brother, Primo, is a brilliant, perfectionist chef who chafes under their few customers' expectations of "Americanized" Italian food. Their uncle's offer for them to return to Rome to help with his restaurant is growing in appeal to Primo. The younger brother, Secondo, is the restaurant manager, a man enamoured of the possibilities presented by their new endeavor and life in America. Despite Secondo's efforts and Primo's magnificent food, their restaurant is failing to gain success and recognition. They host an evening of free food at their restaurant in an effort to allow it to gain greater exposure.



Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film quiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months/\$40 for 6 months. Guests are welcome.



Follow us on Facebook at
Moruya Community Film Group.

MORUYA CAMPDRAFT

Entries Open
7pm 6 November



Affiliated with the Southern Campdrafting Association

30 NOV - 1 DEC, 2024

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER - DAYLIGHT START

- Maiden A - sponsored by Chester & Smith Bega
- Maiden A Final
- Maiden B - sponsored by Nicholson Tyres Moruya
- Maiden B Final
- Open 4 Open - sponsored by ECM
- Open (Novice and Open) - sponsored by Brett Borger
- Open (Novice and Open) Final
- Open 4 Open Final



SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER - DAYLIGHT START

- 'Mullenderree' Feature Novice sponsored by Waterhole Angus
- Junior (2 run limit) sponsored by Coastal Concrete
- Juvenile (2 run limit) sponsored by Coastal Concrete
- Ladies (1 run limit, no Juveniles) - sponsored by Candor Town Planning
- Ladies Final

Conditions of Entry

- Entries open 7pm, 6 November 2024 for 24 hours via Campdraft central
- SCA General rules and conditions apply.
- Restricted to 400 first round runs.
- Successful competitors will be emailed and invoiced by Campdraft Central. Payment due 15 November 2024.
- All competitors must be Full SCA financial members prior to the draft. Please ensure this is done well before the draft.
- Approved Helmets must be worn whilst competing (refer to SCA Rules 'Helmet Requirements'). Under 18yrs must wear a Helmet at all times whilst mounted.
- 60% Payback, Ribbons to 6th place.
- All refunds and prize moneys will be paid by direct deposit after completion of the Campdraft to your specified account.
- Cattle Levy of \$20 included in the entry fee.
- Refunds will not be given for scratching's received after 5pm 22 November 2024.
- Any changes to Nominations to be completed via Campdraft Central by 5pm 27 November 2024.
- The Moruya Campdraft committee reserves the right to alter the program at any time without notice.

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Would you like to do something useful ?

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

The courses are in school holidays at Moruya Speedway using a fleet of cars garaged there. Teensafe is a volunteer community group and a committee of Moruya Motor Sport Club Inc. Gary Smith has been the manager of Teensafe for 20 years and is keen to hand over the keys. There is a competent support group of volunteers to assist at each course.

The position is on a volunteer basis with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. This job is ideally suited to community minded people with organisational skills. Or an opportunity for a group to combine skills to manage Teensafe into the future.

For further info please email -
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Thank you and safe driving, Gary Smith.

Teensafe manager. www.teensafemoruya.org



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Each course runs for 1 day.

Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.

Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.

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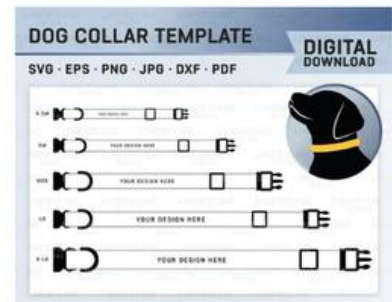
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Applications open for NRMA Insurance Community Cricket Club Grants

NRMA Insurance, has launched its 2024 Community Cricket Club Grants Program, to help local clubs build community connection. NRMA Insurance, now in its third year of partnership with Cricket Australia, is celebrating the important role that grass roots cricket plays in building community connection and resilience right across the country.

On the eve of what is expected to be a blockbuster summer test series, NRMA Insurance is offering twelve \$5,000 grants to local cricket clubs, encouraging winners to use the funds to further bring their community together, and to foster and strengthen connection- through events, gala days or family days.

Australian test cricketer great Nathan Lyon, speaking at a recent community cricket event, highlighted the importance of community cricket clubs in his life and the contribution they make to local communities across the country: "Community cricket is where I planted my roots, I learnt so much in those years playing for my local clubs in country New South Wales and Canberra, especially the importance of teamwork and enjoying the game. I made some great friends, and we were a close-knit community who supported each other through the wins and losses, both on and off the cricket field."

NRMA Insurance Chief Customer and Marketing Officer Michelle Klein said: "Helping our customers and their communities is at the heart of A Help Company. It is wonderful to have another opportunity to see first-hand the positive impact our Cricket Grants can have to further support local cricket clubs and communities."

"Since 2021 NRMA Insurance has been thrilled to award Cricket Grants to local clubs that pride themselves on fostering community spirit, celebrating their love of the sport and developing young talent who will shape the future of Australian cricket."

Local cricket is at the heart of the community, and we're excited to see how this year's Grants will be enjoyed by local clubs and communities across the nation.

Our goal is to help communities be closer connected, stronger and more resilient, which is particularly important during extreme weather events. That's what A Help company would do."

NRMA Insurance invites local clubs across the country to apply for their Community Cricket Club Grants Program by visiting: www.nrma.com.au/cricket/community-grant
Applications close 31 January 2025.

Outreach

Free legal advice appointments for the Eurobodalla

Batemans Bay

- Tuesday 12 November
- Tuesday 26 November
- Tuesday 10 December

Moruya

- Thursday 07 November
- Thursday 21 November
- Thursday 05 December

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Lynn Gowans, Robyn Butcher and Jenny Blyth

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report

Thanks to Gayl Vidgen and Robyn Butcher who took over proceedings also selecting teams 5 Triples, 1 Fours game. Birthday greetings to Gay Gibson, Lorraine Humphreys & Paula Hancock. Winners Rink 9, Lynn Gowans, Robyn Butcher and Jenny Blyth. (Photo). Runners-up Rink 8, Michelle Adler, Gay Biggs & Yvonne Huddleston. Lucky Losers Rink 11, Bev McKague, Olga Geshwend and Gwen Ware. Lucky number winners, Gai Gibson and Gayl Vidgen. Money Club Winners, 5 Joan Rimmer, 6 Margaret Bridges.



Sue Innes, Karen Signor, Alma Scott and Trevor Innes

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report.

President Steve Hogan welcomed 31 Twisties on a very warm day so nice to have a breeze to keep us cool. Steve welcomed Colleen & Clive back from their lovely holiday, also to Milka & Bob Starkovski's grandchildren who enjoyed the morning of bowls with us. Bowlers from Oak Flats will join us on Saturday 30th Nov. & Sunday 1st Dec. Winners on Lowest Losing Margin-4, Alma Scott and Trevor Innes. (Photo) Runners-up -7, Sue Innes & Karen Signor. Trevor selected Rink 11 to try for Jackpot of \$500, Losing Skip Steve Hogan cut cards and found the Joker so four happy Twisties, Hoges, Bung, Dobbo & Trish. Lucky number winners, 1 Colleen Beadon, 21 Tony Dobson. Other winning teams, Bob Starkovski, Max Gurtner and Nicholas. Anthony Robinson and Karen James, Leonie Cornelly and Jennie Hogan. Tricia Wheeler and Tony Dobson, Ruth Ebsworth and Clive Beadon. Margaret Carney, Michael Voce with Brian Wheeler.

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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner Tony Brown with Sponsor Ian McManus



Winners: Jeanette Miller, Maree Coffey and Cate O'Brien

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 16th November 2024

A field of 52 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was fine but very windy and the scores excellent.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Tony Brown (21) with 39 points
- 2nd: William Steenbergen (12) with 35 points
- 3rd: Colin Houghton (3) with 34 points
- 4th: Ethan Wong (27) with 33 points (countback)
- 5th: Stephen Gardner (17) with 33 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Mark Haberkorn	1.00	A Grade
4th: Peter Hogan	3.15	B Grade
4th: Steve Johnston	7.58	C Grade
6th: Ian McManus	6.50	A Grade
6th: Michael Coloe	9.70	B Grade
6th: Gavan Wheelahan	4.10	C Grade
7th: Colin Houghton	4.67	A Grade

Balls went to : Nick Brice 33, Michael Coloe 33, Derek Hoare 33, Michael Hogan 33, Ian Miller 32, John Phyland 32, Steven O'Shea 32, Peter Hogan 32, Martin Booth 32, Robert McDonnell 32, Paul Scholze 31, Ian Kingston 31, Mark Haberkorn 31, Kevin Reilly 31 and Ross Hendy 31.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 20th November 2024

A field of 39 players registered for a Stableford event today. The day was overcast but there were some great results.

The winners were:

- 1st: Norm Redgrove with 21 points (countback)
- 2nd: Herb Muriwai with 21 points
- 3rd: Greg Smith with 18 points
- 4th: Di Brown with 17 points
- 5th: Des Jackson with 16 points
- 6th: Blaise Madden with 15 points
- 7th: Jennifer Gray with 15 points
- 8th: Dorothy Madden with 15 points
- 9th: Neil Bridge with 14 points
- 10th: Bruce Harding with 14 points
- 11th: John Cox with 14 points
- 12th: Chris Wratten with 13 points (countback)

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 19th November 2024

A field of 20 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today which was the 5th Christmas Countdown. The event was sponsored by Jane Eglitis. The day was fine with some great results.

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Maree Coffey (33) with 37 points
- 2nd: Gail Page (24) with 35 points

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Cate O'Brien (34) with 36 points
- 2nd: Gail Rogers (34) with 34 points

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Jeanette Miller (42) with 38 points
- 2nd: Wendy Schmid (45) with 33 points (countback)

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Gail Page 0-38
- 7th: Jenny Reilly 39-45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Jennifer Gray
- 15th: Pauline Nash

Place Getters: Leonie Doolan 33, Jennifer Gray 33, Pauline Nash 32 and Shirley Quinlan 31.

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Bruce Ware (2nd shot)
- 6th: Chris Wratten (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Leonie Snodgrass (2nd shot)

Mens: Ian Manton (2nd shot)
Accuracy: Ian Manton (5th hole)
Bradman: Ray Downey



Directors Martin and Julianne Wisata and Gavin Williams.

2024 Innovate with nbn® Grants Program winners announced

The Rocky Trail Group has been awarded an Innovate with nbn Grant.

Now in its fifth year, the Innovate with nbn® Grants Program is designed to support regional and remote Australian businesses and aims to recognise and highlight individuals, businesses or organisations that are innovators, champions of digital adoption and advocates of their local communities.

There was a total prize pool of \$125,000 – category winners received \$15,000 and the overall champion another \$20,000. More than 150 entries were submitted nationally for an opportunity to win in seven categories including Health, Education, Agriculture, Tourism, Arts, Women in Regional Business, and Indigenous Business.

The awards were held in Sydney and presented in partnership with the Regional Australia Institute. Rocky Trail Destination Pty Ltd (Malua Bay, NSW) The Rocky Trail Group is a leading Australian mountain bike event promoter and destination development company. Rocky Trail Destination (RTD) is at the forefront of the group's innovation offerings, specialising in nature and trail-based tourism. RTD is currently developing the 130-kilometre Mogo Trails network in Batemans Bay, NSW, which will host the Sea Otter Australia event in October 2025.

To enhance regional adventure tourism and trail-based activities, RTD is working on a new Destination Zone portfolio, a transformative digital platform to make regional destinations more accessible and well-managed.

By leveraging data on trail usage, conditions and visitor demographics, its objective is to enable trail network stakeholders to make informed decisions to improve trail sustainability, optimise maintenance and demonstrate return on investment through increased tourism spend. It will empower travellers to explore, plan and book adventures to ultimately enhance both the visitor experience and regional visitor economies.

nbn Chief Development Officer, Regional and Remote, Gavin Williams said, "Throughout the last five years, we've been privileged to share the stories of past program winners, help them on their journey, and see them achieve their vision and beyond. At nbn, our purpose is to lift the digital capability of Australia, and it's a purpose we share with all our innovate finalists and winners."

Triples Championships decided at Tuross Head Bowling Club



2024_25 Men's Triples Champions - Bruce Magilton, Doug Williams and Jonathan Green



2024_25 Women's Triples Champions - Dianne Newell, Lorraine Johnston and Sue Fahey

Both the Women's and Men's 2024/25 Triples Championships at Tuross Head Bowling Club have been decided over the last week. On Saturday the semi-finals were played followed by the Women's Final on Tuesday and the Men's Final on Wednesday. The remaining Women's semi-final was played between Rita Downie, Di Challice and Carol Williams and Jenny Marks, Dagmar Voges and Jenny Madden. Team Williams had a great start and at the half way point they had set up a very commanding lead of 21 – 5. Madden's side then made a game of it with a stirring fight back. They gradually narrowed the gap but when they scored successive 'fours' on the 19th and 20th ends they had closed the gap to just two shots at 22 – 20! Williams steadied things over the next 3 ends to make the score 27 – 20. Madden won the 24th end by a shot and had the upper hand in the last end but could only manage 2 shots to go down by 27 – 23.

The Men's semi-final could not have been more different. Jim Macklan, Bruce Lidbury and John Fahey were forced to pull out all stops to get the better of Bruce Kennedy, Mark Velder and Allan Etheredge. Fahey started well to lead 8 – 3 after 6 ends but by the 10th end Etheredge had moved in front by 9 – 8 with the relatively inexperienced Kennedy and Velder putting great pressure on their seasoned opponents. From here both teams had periods of domination. Fahey moved to 13 – 9 in front before Etheredge drew level at 13 all. Etheredge then nudged ahead at 16 – 14 with just four ends to play. It was here that the experience in Fahey's team came to the fore. In four keenly fought ends they managed to grab the spoils. Fahey scored a very entertaining match 20 – 16.

The second semi-final was very one sided with Jonathan Green, Bruce Magilton and Doug Williams too good for Alan McLeod, Ray Downey and Peter Macdonald. They won ten ends in a row from the 4th end with all three team members playing their part. By the 17th end they led 27 – 3. Macdonald's team then had some success winning the next 5 ends to put an end to the one way traffic. However, they could only narrow the margin to 27 – 11. Fittingly, Williams won the next end to run out convincing winners at 29 – 11.

In the Women's final Di Newell, Lorraine Johnston and Sue Fahey played Rita Downie, Di Challice and Carol Williams. Play was very even for the first 9 ends with Williams holding a slender 6 – 5 lead. Fahey, lead by some wonderful bowls from Johnston, then managed to have a period of dominance. By the 15th end they had built a strong 16 – 8 lead. The Williams team had more success in the next period of play but some excellent defensive bowls from Fahey's team managed to keep them in front. Every time Williams narrowed the margin Fahey would strike back to keep their advantage. In the finish Fahey's side were very deserved winners at 21 – 14. Congratulations to both sides for playing very good bowls in trying conditions. The Men's final on Wednesday also started with an even battle. Williams made the first move when his side picked up 5 shots on the 6th end. They consolidated the position and after 10 ends led 11 – 7. Fahey won a couple of ends to draw level at 11 all after 13 ends. The next two ends proved crucial to the outcome. Some great lead bowling from Jonathan Green backed up by well placed bowls from Magilton and Williams saw them pick up 3 shots on both ends to create the biggest lead of the game at 17 – 11 after 15 ends.

Fahey made a mini comeback on the next two ends but his side could only cut the margin by 2 shots. When Williams scored 6 shots over the next four ends, Fahey's task became even harder trailing 23 – 13. Fahey managed to pick up 3 shots on the 22nd end to keep the dream alive but Williams was able to hang on to win 24 – 17. Overall Williams' side managed to hold the upper hand for much of the game built on excellent lead play by Green, with great support from Magilton and Williams. They were clearly the better side on the day! Congratulations to both sides for making the final!

2024

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

There hasn't been a lot of change from last week in Moruya to report, with the water temp still climbing, the fish activity climbs with it. The airport flats and spur wall have still been fishing well for flathead and Trevally, while the area around the hole in the wall, has been holding some Luderick, bream, flathead and the odd whiting. The quarry wharf area has been holding the odd mullet, bream, trevally and flathead. Under the town bridge, whiting have been spotted following the small rays that reside over the flats there, flathead and bream have also been spotted working the flats on a high tide. Live nippers or soft plastics sight cast to working or cruising fish from the bridge is a great way to get into some action. Up in the fresh, the river levels continue to drop, locking fish into any holes they happen to be in. This is a double edged sword however, once you find them, you were they are and are easier to target. Once they've been caught a few times, they will get lure shy however, making them harder to catch, or if they get taken out of the system, they are no longer there to catch at all.

Personally, with low flows, I like to limit my session's on the bass to give them a bit of a reprieve and concentrate more on the salt, but that's just what I like to do.

Tuross river.

Flathead continue to be plentiful in the Tuross system this past week, along with some very nice mullet. Several of our local juniors have scored on the mullet front, with some nice 90+cm models coming to the bank. A bit of time and effort goes into getting these fish, as bait presentation and quality does make a difference in success rates.

The oyster leases have been fishing well for bream this week, and with the cicadas doing their thing this time of year, surface presentations are a great way to get a bite on the bream. Yes bream will take cicadas off the surface also.

One of my regular customers from Canberra has managed several nice 50+cm bass over the last few weeks, as water levels drop and these fish get more pressure, capture rates will more than likely also drop.

Rock and beach.

There continue to be good salmon along all the local beaches this week, with their location depending on where they have swum to. They will be where you find them. Sundays is looking the better of the days wind wise, with Saturdays forecast wind a bit stronger. Expect to see the whiting starting to make a presence along the beaches any time now as the join the bream in gutters in close along the coastline. Live nippers, worms or Pipies will be the gun baits for some light tackle surf action.

The Moruya breakwall hasn't been fishing too bad, with capture rates depending of the travel patterns of both the salmon and tailor. Bream, flathead and Trevally are all potential catches from the wall also.

Offshore.

Good numbers of snapper in about 40m of water have been reported by those that have been able to get out, flathead are also on the cards as well. I haven't had any reports from the game crews as yet, but the yellowfin should be starting to get around as the water temps climb.

The shop is starting to look like Xmas is just around the corner. I have a shipment of dive gear arriving next week, to fill the wall back up. We also have our Black Friday sale on next weekend, starting Friday 29th November and continuing through to Monday 2nd December. There will be store wide 20% off RRP with some better deals to be had on select Shimano rods with a 2 for 1 deal going. There will be a bonus \$50 gift card for the first 20 customers that spend \$199 on Shimano product over the 4 days. This gift card has to spent on the day it is given however.

There is also a much bigger prize pack coming for the month of December, but that can wait till after the Black Friday weekend sale. Stay tuned for more details. The bait freezer was restocked last week, and is still nicely stocked with everything except hawksbury prawns and blue bait. It should be too much longer before we see stocks of hawksbury prawns back in stock.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya

\$5 million in latest round of recreational fishing grants now open

The NSW Government has opened the next round of Recreational Fishing Trust Grants, with \$5 million available for fishing clubs, community groups and other organisations to run projects which improve and promote recreational fishing in their local area.

For the first time, applicants in this round will be able to access the \$2 million recreational fishing small infrastructure grants program announced by the NSW Government in August.

This program will make it easier for local fishing clubs, community groups and other organisations to apply for funding for projects such as fishing platforms, fish cleaning tables, fishing access tracks, kayak launching platforms and other fishing facilities.

Applicants are encouraged to contact dedicated Department staff to discuss their ideas and for assistance in applying your small infrastructure grants. As well as small infrastructure, funding is also available to promote participation in the sport and the mental health and well-being benefits of fishing, such as for free fishing events, fishing workshops, come and try fishing days, fishing for therapy initiatives, and the development of educational material to promote sustainable and responsible fishing practices.

Grants are available for both large projects valued at more than \$10,000 in funding and small projects involving less than \$10,000.

Applications will be open for the next six weeks, until 18 December 2024.

Following the recent review of the Recreational Fishing Trust, the NSW Government will continue to provide greater support to the NSW recreational fishing community by:

- Strengthening communications with all fishers and organisations to encourage them to apply for grants to improve fishing in their local areas.
- Providing more support for applicants to discuss ideas for projects and assist with developing their applications through the dedicated Recreational Fishing Trust grants assistance phoneline.
- Making the grant application process clearer and simpler, so groups have the best opportunity to receive funding, including streamlining the application form.

This round of funding follows the recent announcements of some \$20 million in grants and program funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust to enhance recreational fishing across the State. Funding guidelines and the new online application form are available here at -

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds> or you can email

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Catalina Club Director of Golf Rodney Booth named Australia's PGA Club Professional of the Year at the 2024 PGA Awards



From left- General Manager of GolfNSW Olivia Wilson, Catalina Club Director of Golf Rodney Booth, PGA of Australia Chairman Ian Baker-Finch and Director of PGA of Australia Richard Lazar



Rodney Booth accepting the 2024 PGA National Club Professional of the Year Award on 19.11.24. Photo by PGA of Australia Facebook

For the second time in as many weeks, Catalina Club's Director of Golf Rodney Booth has secured a career-defining win. On Tuesday, November 19, Rodney was named the Australian PGA Club Professional of the Year for 2024 at the prestigious PGA Awards event at Brisbane City Hall.

One week earlier, Rodney brought home the distinguished NSW/ACT Club Professional of the Year Award at Sydney's Crown Barangaroo after being named a finalist for three years in a row. With his state award in tow, Rodney became a nominee for the national award hosted by PGA of Australia.

The event is famously attended by the best Australian and international golfers, and this year attracted the likes of three-time Australian PGA Championship winner Cameron Smith and Australian professionals Jason Day, Min Woo Lee and last week's NSW Open winner Lucas Herbert.

This year, the prestigious Greg Norman Medal was awarded to Hannah Green for the second time. Rodney said his experience of accepting his award alongside his wife Maggie was "surreal": "In the space of eight days I have had the most unbelievable ride. From not expecting to win the state award to being crowned with the national title is something I will treasure. To be recognised as the Australian PGA Club Professional of the Year will certainly sit as a highlight." "All other nominees [for the national award] have been in the industry for many years and carry with them different levels of expertise and experience. To be named as the award winner on the night made the experience even more special as the room was filled with dignitaries from across the Australian PGA landscape." Speaking to ABC News Melbourne on November 20, Rodney said his experience of "walking into the room to see golfers I've watched for 40 years on TV" was incredible.

"My family has been there for my entire journey: from my parents in the early years, to learning the game with my brother and life skills I have learnt from the entire family through my upbringing. I have been lucky enough to work under some amazing CEOs of Clubs across my journey and have had, and still have some of the best employees. The support I receive at Catalina Club is phenomenal. I am a firm believer that service is key to my success and showing a genuine interest in members and golfers that walk through the door of the shop.

Personally, I don't see that anything I do in my professional career is anything other than I would expect myself, but I ensure my professionalism and approach remains consistent to every customer at every stage of the day.

Golf is such a big part of my life. To be able to do this as a job doesn't carry the burden of a typical job – I just come to work every day and do what I love."

Catalina Club's President Cathie Flynn has expressed on behalf of the Board of Directors her congratulations on Rodney's success: "Rodney's dedication and professionalism has raised the golf experience at [Catalina] Club to a new level. It is fitting to see him recognised and revered at a national level. The cadet and junior programs, management of both social and competitive golf and engagement with his team and members are all testament to the fantastic job Rodney does." Rodney began his golfing career over 20 years ago at Club Tucumwal in the New South Wales Riverina and recently marked his 20-year career as a golf professional after receiving a renowned PGA pin.

In 2024, Rodney has helped to foster a record number of new cadet, junior and ladies' members at Catalina Club. In September, hundreds of amateur and professional golfers converged upon the Club for the NSW Open Regional Qualifier South Coast Open. The Club has also celebrated the talent, skill and passion of golfing members at the recent Catalina Ladies Open, Catalina Classic and the Batemans Bay Open. More recently, the Club's partnership with Golf Australia's 'Get Into Golf' program has seen a heightened interest in women kickstarting their golfing journey, with weekend clinics and sessions quickly selling out.

Since Rodney joined Catalina Club in 2021, he has been working closely with promising local talent, 18-year-old Sophie Eppelstun who has recently secured a place at the Ohio State University in 2025 where she will continue to excel in her professional sporting career.

Catalina Club was also recognised at the 2023 NSW Golf Industry Awards as the Jack Newton Junior Golf (JNKG) Junior Club of the Year.



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