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Tuross Community past breaking point on health access

Demands equitable Healthcare funding on Far South Coast

The **Tuross Head Progress Association** (THPA) is leading the call for funding and delivery of equitable health care for all communities on the NSW far south coast.

Over the last 40 years governments from both major political parties have treated rural communities like Tuross Head with indifference and neglect. They have failed the test of equity. This has resulted in higher death rates and prolonged periods of illness compared to communities in metropolitan areas.

The National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) has also been calling for urgent investment in rural health care in what NRHA Chief Executive Susi Tegen has called the appalling health spending deficit in rural Australia. This has compounded the health problems faced by our rural communities.

The NRHA report in June 2023 quantified the rural health deficit at \$6.55 billion annually or \$850 per person per annum (approx. \$1,000 adjusted for inflation) for a population of more than 7 million people in rural Australia.

This has meant an \$80 million/year deficit for the far south coast, \$1 billion over the life of the Labor and previous Lib/Nat governments. In Tuross Head it is \$2.7 million per year which would have provided three full time resident GPs and three nurses plus some primary care services where we have had next to none.

The proposal by the member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP, to upgrade the Bateman's Bay Urgent Care Clinic (BB UCC)2 when the rest of the region's higher priority needs continue to be ignored was the breaking point for THPA and we resolved to act. The UCC extension is a band aid solution for one small part of the region.

The BB UCC represents an additional expenditure of an estimated \$2-2.5 million per year but the shortfall in government expenditure in Batemans Bay alone is approximately \$18 million per year, a shortfall of \$15.5 million.

The biggest and most urgent issues/gaps are with GP practice waiting times and lack of a healthcare workforce. The backlog of services from GPs in the region is approximately 40,000 per year with no solution provided.

To date, neither political party has put forward any proposal to fully address these issues for the far south coast.

The THPA has been raising funding and access shortfalls for three years and recently wrote to the federal members for Gilmore and Eden-Monaro, "We remain committed to helping the government take the urgent reform actions required to lift the burden of inadequate access to care in our far south coast community."

We received no response. Both major political parties have failed to provide any solutions in real-time.

During the 2025 federal election campaign, THPA will seek support from other far south coast community organisations to call on both major parties to commit to equity of access and funding for medical care.

Our communities must not continue to suffer the excess burden of ill health and early deaths. Our communities deserve fairness in funding and access to healthcare.

Christmas food drive for two Gilmore charities

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has launched her Christmas food drive to assist struggling families in the region.

Mrs Phillips has this year thrown her support behind two services, the Shoalhaven Homeless Hub in Nowra and Pivot Point Outreach in Batemans Bay.

"I know many families and individuals are doing it tough, and I know there are many people in our community who want to help take the pressure off this Christmas," Mrs Phillips said.

Batemans Bay Uniting Church's Pivot Point Outreach service offers emergency assistance and supplies for people facing hardship or during time of crisis.

"By giving to my food drive, people can bring some Christmas smiles to those doing it tough," Mrs Phillips said.

"I know there are people out there that will be going without this Christmas, and every donation, no matter how small, will make a big difference."

Mrs Phillips thanked those who have already given to the food drive, and the many volunteers who continue to give their time to help those less fortunate in our community.

Donations of non-perishable goods can be dropped at the Nowra office, next to the Post Office in Junction Street Nowra, from 9am – 5pm weekdays, and at the Batemans Bay office at 6-8 Orient Street from 10am -2pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Thursday from 10am – 1pm.

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'Beneath the Bay' wins Gold at NSW Tourism Awards



The winners of the NSW Tourism Awards 2024 have been announced during a gala event at The Star Sydney. Winners were recognised with gold, silver and bronze awards for their commitment to tourism excellence. Category winners from the NSW Tourism Awards will now represent the state at the Australian Tourism Awards. The NSW Tourism Awards are the exclusive pathway for NSW visitor economy businesses to qualify for the national competition. Beneath The Bay, from Batemans Bay was awarded Gold in the New Tourism Business Category. Beneath the Bay, is a family-run business founded by Michael and Tammy Bellette, offering unparalleled underwater adventures in Batemans Bay. "We're dedicated to providing unique diving opportunities and are known for our passion, experience and expertise." The NSW Tourism Awards 2024 were supported proudly by the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

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SILVER: Sydney By Kayak, Lavender Bay
BRONZE: Navigate Expeditions, Far South Coast

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SILVER: Blue Mountains Climbing School
BRONZE: Sails Holiday Park, Belmont

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SILVER: Food I Am, Wagga Wagga
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Social media reforms to protect kids online pass Parliament

The **Federal Government** has delivered on its commitment to support parents and protect young people by setting a minimum age of 16 years for social media, with legislation passing Parliament today.

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

The laws place the onus on social media platforms – not young people or their parents – to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 years of age from having accounts, and ensures systemic breaches will see platforms face fines of up to \$49.5 million.

The minimum age will apply to ‘age-restricted social media platforms’ as defined in the Bill, which includes Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, X and others.

Importantly, the bill ensures that the law is responsive to the ever-evolving nature of technology, while enabling continued access to messaging, online gaming, and services and apps that are primarily for the purposes of education and health support – like Headspace, Kids Helpline, Google Classroom and YouTube.

It contains strong privacy provisions, with platforms required to ring-fence and destroy any data collected once it has been used for age assurance purposes. Failure to destroy data would be a breach of the Privacy Act, with penalties of up to \$49.5 million.

The bill also makes clear that no Australian will be compelled to use government identification (including Digital ID) for age assurance on social media. Platforms must offer reasonable alternatives to users.

The bill has been designed following extensive consultation with young Australians, parents, experts, industry, community organisations and National Cabinet, and builds on broader efforts by the Government to hold platforms to account for ensuring the safety of their users.

The new laws will come into effect no later than 12 months from passage of the bill, allowing the necessary time for social media platforms to develop and implement required systems.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said “Social media is doing social harm to our kids. We’ve called time on it. We want our kids to have a childhood and parents to know we have their backs.”

NSW Government welcomes social media ban for children under 16

The **NSW Government** welcomes the Federal Government’s ban on social media for children under 16.

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The Minns Labor Government is pleased that we have a national approach to social media bans. It means we have consistent rules across the country. This follows the joint social media summit held by the NSW Government and the Government of South Australia – the first of its kind.

The Summit in Sydney reached consensus that social media, if left unchecked, uncensored, un-supervised, poses a threat, particularly to young people in our community.

Evidence shows us the links between increases in social media use and greater instances of mental health issues, loss of sleep, less in person interaction, and less practice of social skills.

The social media ban is a welcome measure for many parents, and another of the many measures now in place to help minimise the negative impacts of social media and devices on young people including:

- Banning mobile phones in all NSW Public schools, with a recent survey showing that 86 per cent of principals believing socialising has improved since this came into effect.
- Developing a statewide approach to address bullying in New South Wales schools.
- A \$2.5 million research fund to investigate the impacts of excessive screen time, video games and mobile phone use on young people and their learning.
- Recruiting 250 additional school counsellors as part of the NSW Labor Government’s election commitment to student wellbeing.

Premier of NSW Chris Minns said:

“I want to congratulate the Albanese Government on passing these laws. They are world leading.”

“I’ve said before, social media is this giant global unregulated experiment on children, and we have to change that.

“The parents I speak to and certainly the evidence acknowledges that social media is doing an enormous amount of harm to young people.

“By making this law, at the very least we empower parents to be able to say no to their kids when it comes to social media because it’s now against the law.

“It also means kids can focus on being kids, talking to each other face to face, spending time outdoors and not fixated on their screens.”



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Moruya Maternity wins 'Team of the Year Award'

Moruya's Maternity team has been celebrated for their outstanding contributions to midwifery care, taking home the prestigious 'Team of the Year Award' at the 2024 Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards, held at NSW Parliament House on 25 November 2024.

The Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards acknowledge the passion, dedication and contributions of nurses and midwives, who positively impact the health outcomes of patients, women and families across NSW.

In late 2023, the Moruya Maternity team implemented a Midwifery Group Practice (MGP) model of care, aiming to maximise pregnancy and birth outcomes, and increase satisfaction for women and the midwifery workforce in the **Southern NSW Local Health District**.

The local community overwhelmingly said they wanted MGP at Moruya and to birth with a known midwife.

"They are such a dedicated team," said Sheree Barr, the Midwifery Unit Manager for Moruya Maternity. "They have worked cohesively together to implement MGP to Moruya Maternity."

The MGP model demonstrates robust evidence of lower intervention rates, higher rates of spontaneous vaginal births and a high satisfaction rate among mothers.

The MGP model has also provided higher staff satisfaction and an increased sense of team morale and cohesion, appealing to midwives because it allows for a more personalised and consistent care experience.

The MGP model is collaborative, with midwives working with doctors as needed, providing a functional and supportive model of care that offers women more choice, greater satisfaction, and continued safety for them and their babies.

"Being able to empower women and work to the full scope of midwifery practice is amazing," Sheree said.

"I am so excited for the team."

Southern Clinical Midwifery Consultant Jenny Flaherty was also honoured at the awards, as a finalist for the Judith Meppam Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jenny's nomination read:

"Jenny is an extraordinary midwife and a wonderful human who has dedicated her life to caring and advocating for women and the midwifery profession. Working as a midwife in SNSWLHD for 35 years, Jenny has made a lasting and positive impact on countless colleagues, women and families. Jenny's expert encouragement gives her midwifery colleagues a sense of enthusiasm and passion for their profession; all whilst continually elevating clinical standards across Southern NSW."



Sheree Barr, the Midwifery Unit Manager for Moruya Maternity, who won the Team of the Year Award at the 2024 Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards.



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Chemical cleanout cut short after reaching capacity

Eurobodalla Council's annual chemical cleanout was the most popular to date – with Moruya and Narooma's collection ending early after reaching capacity.

Collection points were at Batemans Bay on Sunday, and Moruya and Narooma on Saturday 9am-4pm.

Council's waste services manager Nathan Ladmore said there was a significant increase in chemical waste being dropped-off compared to last year.

"The collection vehicles were fully loaded before 4pm on Saturday and couldn't take any more; meaning the collection was cut short and some residents missed out," Mr Ladmore said. "It's great that more people are supporting the cleanout and next year we'll increase our capacity to meet this new demand."

To pick up what was left behind, Council's waste team organised another collection run with contractors.

Mr Ladmore said any residents that missed out can drop-off their unwanted chemicals to Surf Beach or Brou waste facilities free-of-charge by 4.45pm on Thursday 28 November.

"Council's waste facilities are not licensed to accept and dispose of liquid waste such as pesticides, fuel, poisons, chemicals, and acids. That's why we provide the annual collection service, and due to this weekend's circumstances, we have arranged a one-time permit to accept this waste for contractors to collect," Mr Ladmore said.

"We have set up temporary storage at Surf Beach and Brou for these hazardous chemicals, which will be safely sorted and transported to a processing facility. Please note, asbestos, explosives, clinical waste and radioactive materials will not be accepted.

Mr Ladmore said Moruya Waste Transfer Station was not suitable for the collection of any liquid chemicals.

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

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.

Public Access Tuesday

Eurobodalla Shire Council welcomes community members to the next Public Access session on Tuesday 3 December, 10am.

The rules : Each speaker gets seven minutes and can present on any Council-related topic, provided it hasn't already been before Council.

Each speaker is required to register with Council's executive services team by midday on Monday 2 December.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Public Access as well as Council Meetings and Public Forum are held monthly.

Council meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm. Public Access is usually the first Tuesday of the month, 10am-11am.

Monthly meetings include the Public Forum session - where community members can address Council about agenda items - within the meeting itself.

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Batemans Bay Heritage Museum wins Award for A Tale of Two Valves

On Thursday 21st November, museums, galleries, and Aboriginal cultural organisations from across New South Wales gathered at Paddington Town Hall to celebrate the announcement of the 2024 IMAGinE Awards. This prestigious annual event recognises the exceptional achievements of cultural institutions and individuals, with this year's winners showcasing outstanding excellence in exhibitions, community engagement, and accessibility initiatives.

The Batemans Bay Heritage Museum won the award for A Tale of Two Valves in the exhibition's category.

This exhibition celebrates the oyster fishing history of Bhundoo / the Clyde River, from the Walbunja Yuin people to modern commercial farmers. A Tale of Two Valves uses artefacts, photos, and multimedia to showcase the industry's cultural significance. By honouring past and present harvesters, the project promotes sustainable practices, strengthens community ties, and highlights the role of oysters in preserving the river's health and local heritage.

The IMAGinE Awards provide an essential platform to celebrate the resilience, creativity, and dedication of museums, galleries, and Aboriginal cultural centres.

This year's exhibitions category was noted for innovative approaches to curation, featuring projects that amplified historically marginalised voices and brought new perspectives to audience's state wide. These efforts exemplify the sector's commitment to fostering community connections and making the arts accessible to all.

Brett Adlington, CEO of Museums & Galleries of NSW, remarked, "The IMAGinE Awards continue to celebrate and champion the extraordinary efforts of our cultural sector. The work recognised this year reflects an inspiring commitment to creativity, inclusivity, and community impact, strengthening the cultural landscape of New South Wales and enriching the lives of our communities."

The IMAGinE Awards remain a cornerstone in acknowledging and celebrating the vital contributions of NSW's cultural sector to the state's rich and diverse tapestry.



President Ken Gray accepting the award on behalf of the Museum.

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Council Code of Meeting Practice amendments rejected

At last week's Council Meeting, a Recommendation to endorse some changes to the Code of Meeting Practice did not sail through in a heavy agenda.

As one of Council's policies that need to be reviewed within the first 12 months of a new Council term, be placed on public exhibition, before being presented to Council for adoption at the Ordinary Meeting of Council in February 2025.

The Code of Meeting Practice proposed amendments included:

1. Clause 2.2 (2), Timing of Ordinary Meetings, changes from third to fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise resolved.
2. Clause 3.3, Public Forums, change from "may state whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item, to "must state". This change is to align with Appendix B guidelines for speakers and is consistent with the OLG Model Code.
3. Clause 3.4 change from "Approved speakers at the public forum are encouraged to provide a written copy of their address to the Council by 12.00pm the business day prior to the meeting" to "Approved speakers at the public forum must provide a written copy of their address to the Council by 12.00pm the business day prior to the meeting". Appendix B also amended to replace "are encouraged to" with "must".
4. Clause 3.25, Public Access, changes from first Tuesday of each month, to second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise resolved.
5. Clause 3.28 as per point 3 above, for public access sessions, replace "encouraged to provide" with "must". Appendix B also amended to replace "are encouraged to" with "must".
6. Update clause 4.2 to include the sentence: "The Chair must be physically present in the Council Chamber except in emergency circumstances."
7. Clause 4.3 change from "If a Councillor is anywhere in the room where the Council meeting is being held, they are considered to be present for the purposes of voting. This means that if they are in the room but do not raise their hand to vote on an issue, then their vote is taken as against the Motion" to "If a Councillor is present at a meeting of Council but fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting, their vote is taken as against the motion." Practice notes 1. And 2. which define the Chamber, have been removed as no longer necessary. This brings the Code in line with the provisions of the OLG Model Code.
8. Update clauses 4.23, 4.24, requiring General Manager approval for councillor participation via audio-visual link. Replaces this with "written notification to the Corporate Manager – Governance and Risk". Remaining requirements remain unchanged.
9. Clause 16.6, Rescinding or altering Council decisions, change requirement for three Councillors to sign rescission motion if less than three months have passed since the resolution was passed or the motion lost, to a one month period.
10. Clause 16.11, Rescinding or altering Council decisions, change requirement for rescission motions relating to development applications to be submitted to the General Manager no later than 12.00pm on the following business day after the meeting at which the resolution was adopted. Previous requirement was 5.00pm.
11. Appendix "I" Petitions, updated to allow any petitions containing less than 500 signatures, to be treated as general correspondence to the council. Minor edits include: • Updated references to the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. • Corrections to referencing and/or numbering errors.

Several speakers addressed Council on the matter in Public Forum.

Trish Hellier questioned the haste of bringing it to the second meeting of the new council saying: "we have 5 new Councillors and this is only the 2nd meeting for this term of Councillors. I firmly believe there is plenty of time for the COMP to be thoroughly reviewed by this group of Councillors."

Ms Helier said "I do not believe that a presenter MUST state if they are FOR or AGAINST an item, (point 2) as depending on what the item is, I MAY have an alternative option to put to Councillors which might be a combination of for and against."

"I do not believe that presenters MUST provide a written statement to Council by 12.00 noon the business day prior to the Council meeting."

"I do not agree changing the 3 months to 1 month, as it may take up to 3 months to see if a resolution is workable."

"I do not believe that petitions containing less than 500 signatures be treated as general correspondence as Councillors may never know that a petition existed– this disadvantages smaller populated areas such as South Durras, Congo etc."

Peter Cormick said "I oppose the recommendation in the strongest terms and implore councillors to NOT endorse the draft amended CMP.

"...Many of the proposed amendments are most certainly not progressive; they are regressive. They seek to wind back hard-won improvements to the CMP: most significantly, the removal of the requirement to provide a written version of a presentation.

Bernie O'Neil from A Better Eurobodalla was also opposed to mandatory written submissions.

"These proposed changes take us back to the arrangements that existed under the unlamented reign of the previous General Manager and the Council before last. They were changed for good reasons. I take no issue with the other recommendation that community members indicate whether they support a recommendation or not. But to the replace the word 'encourage' with 'must' as it relates to advance copies of presentations to Public Access or Public Forums is a significant issue."

The MOTION that Carried was (Councillor Winslade/Councillor Mayne)

1. THAT the following proposed amendments be removed: Amendment 2, Amendment 3, Amendment 5, and Amendment 11

2. Legal clarification be sought on whether the proposed amendments 6 and 9 are consistent with provisions of the Local Government Act 1993,

3. proposed amendment 4 be changed to read: "usually on the first Tuesday" to "usually on the second Tuesday", and

4. the updated amendments Code of Meeting Practice be brought back to Council for decision.

(The Motion on being put was declared CARRIED)

Division For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Cr M Johnson.

Phillips says fee-free TAFE must stay

With this year's final sitting of Federal Parliament underway in Canberra, **Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** is calling on the opposition to support Labor's Fee-Free TAFE Bill.

She said, by not supporting the Bill, the Liberal party was out of touch with young people and ignoring the education needs of people living in regional areas like the South Coast.

"As a proud former TAFE teacher and a mum of two apprentice chippies, I take every opportunity to champion TAFE, and to celebrate the successes of our wonderful TAFE students," Mrs Phillips said.

"Last week I was thrilled to meet two inspiring young locals as we welcomed home the Australian Skillaroos from the WorldSkills International Competition in France.

"The competition shines a light on TAFE students like Michael Bowen, an apprentice at QinetiQ Air Affairs at Nowra who competed in the Industrial Mechanics event. It celebrates the excellence and innovation of TAFE students, like Michael, on the world stage.

"I was also thrilled to meet former gold-medal-winning Skillaroo Jyothi Collins, who works at Georgie's Fine Jewellery at Batemans Bay, and was chosen as the competition's jewellery expert of the year. How good is that! "These two students demonstrate just how learning at TAFE can change lives and put young people on a pathway to success."

Mrs Phillips said, if local school leavers wanted to become a tradies, child carers, nurses, computer programmers or even cyber security experts, TAFE provided that opportunity.

She said the Liberals had "made it clear that they will scrap Fee-Free TAFE". "More than 4,400 people in Gilmore have taken up fee-free TAFE, and I am extremely disappointed, but not surprised, that Peter Dutton and the Liberals will not support our Fee-Free TAFE Bill," she said.

"They are showing their absolute disregard for young people and families in regional areas, and are completely out of touch with the needs of young Australians.

Mrs Phillips recently visited the Nowra TAFE campus with the Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles where they spoke with students in electrical and carpentry classes.

"We heard how our fee-free TAFE is providing that bit of important financial relief, and also allowing people to retrain," she said.

"It's fantastic to see these classes booming in Nowra, and it was very reassuring to hear stories from the students about how and why they chose an apprenticeship and how fee-free TAFE is helping."

Mrs Phillips said she was pleased to see the TAFE Certificate II Aeroskills course was also fee-free and on offer at Nowra TAFE, which encouraged local people to seek a career as an avionics maintainer in the defence industry.

Last month joined the Federal Minister for Skills and Training Andrew Giles to meet apprentice motor mechanics and carpenters in Batemans Bay. "We chatted to apprentices about how TAFE is helping them build the skills needed to meet gaps in the workforce," she said.

"I've been on the ground talking to students. I've been on the ground talking to employers and apprentices and I can tell you, fee-free TAFE it is working. "I've listened to young people who are training at TAFE's Nowra, Ulladulla and Moruya campuses, and listened to adults who are retraining and gaining new skills. So many people in Gilmore are reaping the real rewards of fee-free TAFE and I want to see that continue."

Mrs Phillips said the Albanese Government's plan to make Fee-Free TAFE permanent with 100,000 free TAFE places each year, would help South Coast kids and reduce the financial pressures on them and their families.

"As long as there is a Labor Government, Fee-Free TAFE is here to stay," she concluded.



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips with jewellery expert, Jyothi Collins from Batemans Bay, during the Skillaroo breakfast at Parliament House.

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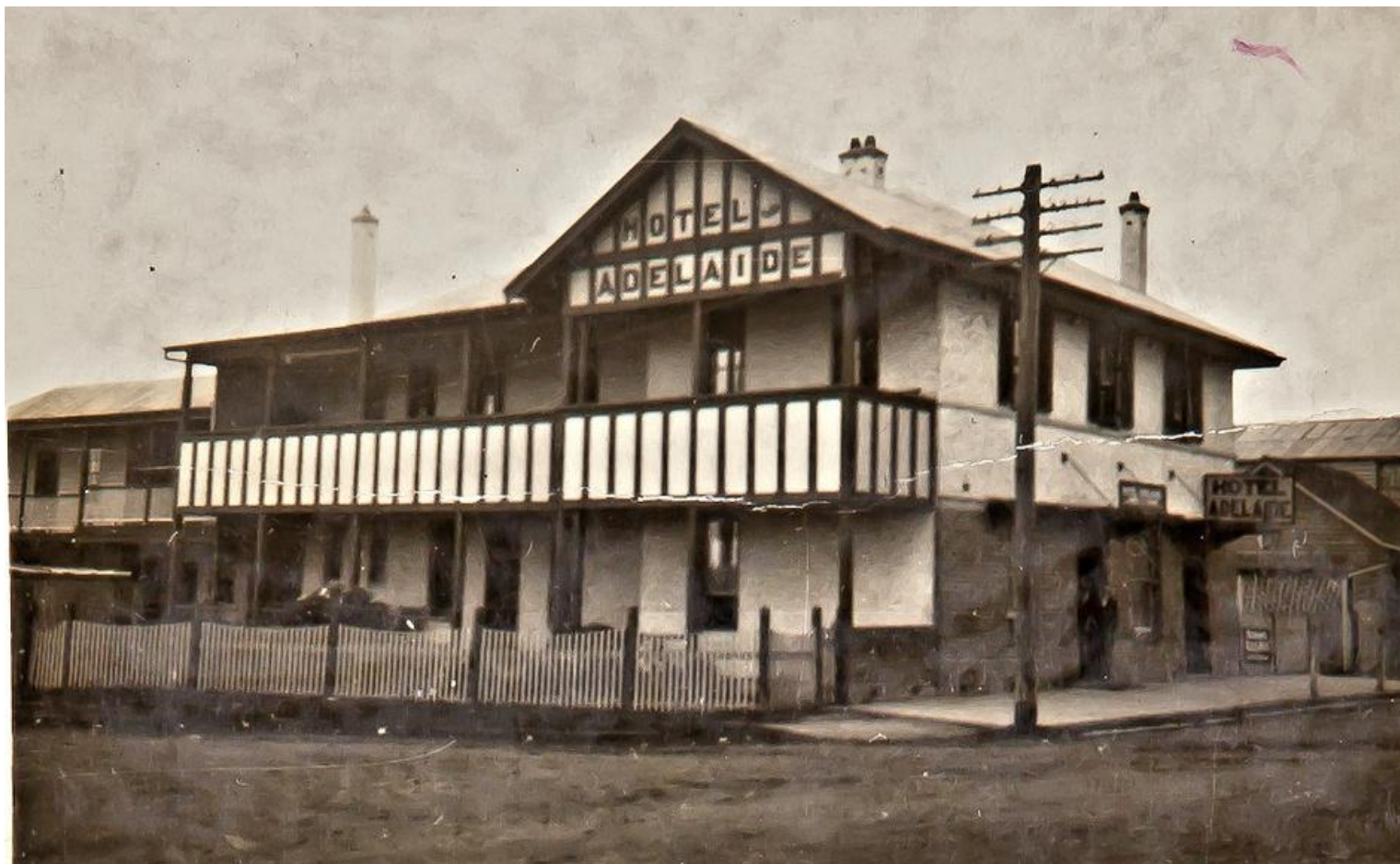
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During the week, **Mr. A. W. Constable** cut a cabbage in his garden at the "Examiner" Office, which weighed 26lbs. The fine specimen was a Swedish Giant and measured 10ft 6in. in circumference.

The work of the Belimbla Ck. Gold Mines goes on apace, though slightly delayed by the wet and by sickness of a few of the men employed. A great effort is being made to have a portion of the stamps in operation at the beginning of the year. While this work is in operation Demonstrator Campbell, the geologist and analytical chemist, who is giving advice at every turn, is busily engaged in examining the rocks of the district and indicating where gold is likely to be found, like the late Rev. W. B. Clarke, the well-known demonstrator of the southern goldfields, in whose footsteps Demonstrator Campbell tries to tread. The tunnel is in 450 feet. An air shaft is being sunk to give sweet air to the toilers, and the saw mill will start cutting the necessary timber next week.

Messrs. C. Carter, L. Finch, A. L. Jeffery and G. Mercer are now connected by the telephone.

At the local Police Court, a townsman was fined £2 for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours, and the host of the Adelaide Hotel had to contribute 10/- for allowing the offence.

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The Bateman's Bay Progress Committee met on Wednesday evening, and decided that owing to an adverse report from the Fisheries Department, to turn down the project of building a public bath. They are now going to give the School of Arts' Committee assistance to build a library and reading room on their present existing premises.

Nurse Maggie Heffernan has gone to Moss Vale for a short holiday. Her sister, Mrs. O'Reilly (Nurse Katie Heffernan), is in charge at the Home.

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Grants now open to assist volunteer community groups in Gilmore

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips is encouraging local community groups to apply for a Volunteer Grant to help foster community connections and enrich our society.

"I am delighted to invite expressions of interest for the Australian Government's 2024-2025 Volunteer Grants program," Mrs Phillips said.

"Volunteers play such an essential role in our community, and these grants aim to support the incredibly important work they do.

"I love all of our local community groups, from scouts and theatre groups, to choirs, social clubs and of course our many, many sporting organisations, and I'd love for them to apply.

"The grants support the work of community organisations by reducing barriers for volunteers and increasing participation in volunteering."

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to help community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers.

Mrs Phillips said grants could be used to purchase items or services that assist volunteers or volunteer-run activities that support the well-being and development of children under 18.

"Thanks to the last round, 25 community organisations across the Gilmore electorate shared in more than \$66,000 to buy small equipment and cover the cost of training courses, fuel and transport," she said.

"I was thrilled that every grant application in the electorate was successful in securing funds."

Previous recipients have included a number of RFS units, the 1st Batemans Bay Scouts, the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club's Special Nippers Program, the Berry and District Historical Society and the North Nowra Girl Guides.

Funds were also awarded to the Conjola Stingrays Outrigger Canoe Club, the Jervis Bay and Community Men's Shed, the Nowra Town Band and the Albatross Musical Theatre Company.

The Gerringong District All Sports, the Lions Club of Gerringong and the Kiama Central Netball Club were also among grants recipients.

"It's fantastic that we were able to provide a boost for these organisations, whether sporting, arts, social or cultural to help cover the costs of storage sheds, scissors and even a new lawn mower," Mrs Phillips said.

"At the end of the day, we want volunteers to know that I am backing them, and I will continue to support their work in assisting our South Coast communities."

Expressions of interests are open until Wednesday 8 January 2025 and the expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

"I encourage groups to apply and if they need more information, they should call my office on 4423 1782 or email me at Fiona.Phillips.MP@aph.gov.au

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A Beer with Bazz # 171

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Mick nodded at the offered schooner and tapped his watch as Bazza arrived.

‘Ahh sorry about that, Mick. The postie is always good for a chat these days. He seems to have a lot more time. It’s more about parcel deliveries than letters these days.’

Bazza took a sip and Mick raised an eyebrow.

“You have got to stick to the schedule, Bazza. I allocate a certain amount of time to have a beer with you each week. I do it out of the goodness of my heart because, lets face it, people are not queuing up to hear your warped view of the world. It throws my timetable out if you are fifteen minutes late.”

Bazza grinned.

“It is very kind of you to allocate time to socialise with me, Mick. You really should of worked for the railways... ah... but then again, they hardly ever run on time in Australia.”

Mick sighed and leaned in.

“You need far more structure in your life, Bazza. Every Monday morning I plan the week ahead, in detail. I make a list of the essentials such as shopping, taking the garbage out, mowing the lawn and the like. The time I spend having a beer with you is classed as essential, as I see it as my bit of community service, so you should value the time. I have another list of the activities which I actually enjoy such as golf, men’s shed, swimming, going to the movies and so on. I then organise a timetable with allocated times, print it off and put it on the fridge. I also keep a copy of the timetable on my phone, in case my memory lets me down. I know where I have to be, how long I spend on the activity and when I am due at the next one.”

Bazza followed Mick’s finger as he scrolled through his phone.

“That is a very structured approach to life, Mick. Why do you need to timetable ‘walk the dog’ and ‘eat breakfast’ each day? I would of thought those activities were a given.”

Mick’s face reddened.

‘Well Bazza... if someone wants to plan an activity with me, I like to take them to the timetable to show them how busy I am. It makes them feel more valued if they think I am squeezing them into my hectic schedule.’

Bazza chuckled and took a sip.

“I tend to wing it a bit, Mick. I can easily get lost in a book and I am also trying to do some writing these days. How about the spontaneity of life?”

Mick took a decent sip and shook his head.

“Bazza, Bazza...Bazza. There is some flexibility for a bit of spontaneity as long as it can be justified. For example, I will not miss a funeral because I have to mow the lawns or I may take an occasional cruise up the middle aisle of Aldi even though I well know none of the items are on the shopping list.”

Mick drained the remainder of his schooner and glanced at his watch.

“Well...that’s you done for another week, Bazza. Now it’s time for something enjoyable.”

Have a beer with Bazza at
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Be part of your local marine park advisory committee

Nominations are invited from community members interested in becoming members of their local marine park advisory committee along the NSW coast.

NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Acting Executive Director Fisheries Peter Turnell said the marine park advisory committees for each of NSW’s six marine parks provide a voice for communities in the management of the marine estate and their local marine park.

“Nominations are currently being sought for membership of the Solitary Islands, Port Stephens-Great Lakes, Jervis Bay and Batemans marine park advisory committees,” Mr Turnell said.

“The committees include members with skills, experience and knowledge in areas such as Aboriginal culture, conservation, fishing, marine science, boating, recreational water use, maritime industry, tourism and scuba diving to ensure the wide range of community values can be considered.

“Membership is voluntary, with one member appointed to provide advice for each knowledge area.”

“The committees provide important local advice to the department on marine estate and marine park management, including local values, threats, issues and opportunities,” Mr Turnell said.

“I would encourage members of the community who have interest and knowledge in the management of their local marine park to nominate to provide a voice for local communities.”

An initial call for nominations will close Friday 20 December 2024. For more information or to submit a nomination form, visit <https://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/advisory-bodies/marine-park-advisory-committees>



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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

The colonists seeking to denigrate our Aboriginal forebears would refer to them as creatures of the 'Stone Age'. It turns out they were only half right. The latest discovery by some British scientists suggests that their culture in 1788 was even older, an era they've dubbed the 'Botanic Age'!

In fact, while the Aboriginal people then and now exploited the amazing capacity of plants to spread their benefits to their community, we sophisticated whitefellas – who have all but wrecked the planet via climate change – are only now rediscovering what the Aboriginal people never forgot.

In so many ways we are returning to the botany that is our only hope to survive and prosper in the decades ahead. And the guidepost pointing the way is a tiny trinket – a wooden toothpick.

Its discovery in 2016 is reported in a recent edition of the New Scientist and its implications are only now beginning to be understood. Leader of the team to find and appreciate its importance was one Karen Hardy from Scotland's University of Glasgow.

The toothpick – of non-edible wood – was found in the fossilised tooth plaque of a 1.2 million-year-old hominin from Atapuerka in Spain. The fragment, she reported, was 'next to characteristic straight scratches on the teeth called interproximal grooves which indicate repeated use of pre-historic toothpicks.'

One of the reasons it took so long to find this metaphorical needle in a haystack is that the botanical remnants – unlike the stone of its 'Age' – have largely rotted away. There is no obvious haystack to search. According to the New Scientist's Sophie Berdugo, 'There is an undeniable logic behind the idea of a Botanic Age. The use of tools made from plants is universal across non-industrialised societies, so it seems inconceivable that ancient hominins overlooked these versatile resources.'

Other researchers have drawn attention to a much earlier use of plants for carrying and storing gathered food and water. Ms Berdugo says, 'This extends to something else that would have been equally important to carry – babies.'

This need stemmed from a uniquely human transition that started more than six million years ago – well before the Stone Age – the move to walking on two legs. Coming down from the trees caused changes to our feet and together with the loss of body hair meant that babies could no longer cling to their mothers. The alternative was to make slings for carrying babies. Berdugo again: 'Baby slings are widespread among contemporary hunter-gatherer populations, with caregivers using organic materials such as plants, animal skins and fabrics to secure infants to their chests or backs.'

In fact Australia's first anthropologist, collected and photographed hundreds of woven organic slings and baskets in Far North Queensland in the 1920s and 30s. However, the benefits of living in a Botanic Age go far beyond the carriage of goods and chattels (and babies). A book just out "Good Nature" by Kathy Willis tells us interacting with nature improves our smell, sound and touch. Our heart rate and blood pressure fall, stress hormones like adrenalin settle down and our brainwave activity reveals that we're calmer and more clear-minded. Most important, perhaps are the trees that populate country scenes.

It's almost as though she's describing Canberra and our surrounds. Those three million trees and shrubs planted by the great arborist Charles Weston – and refreshed by the brilliant Lindsay Pryor – are at last coming into their own.

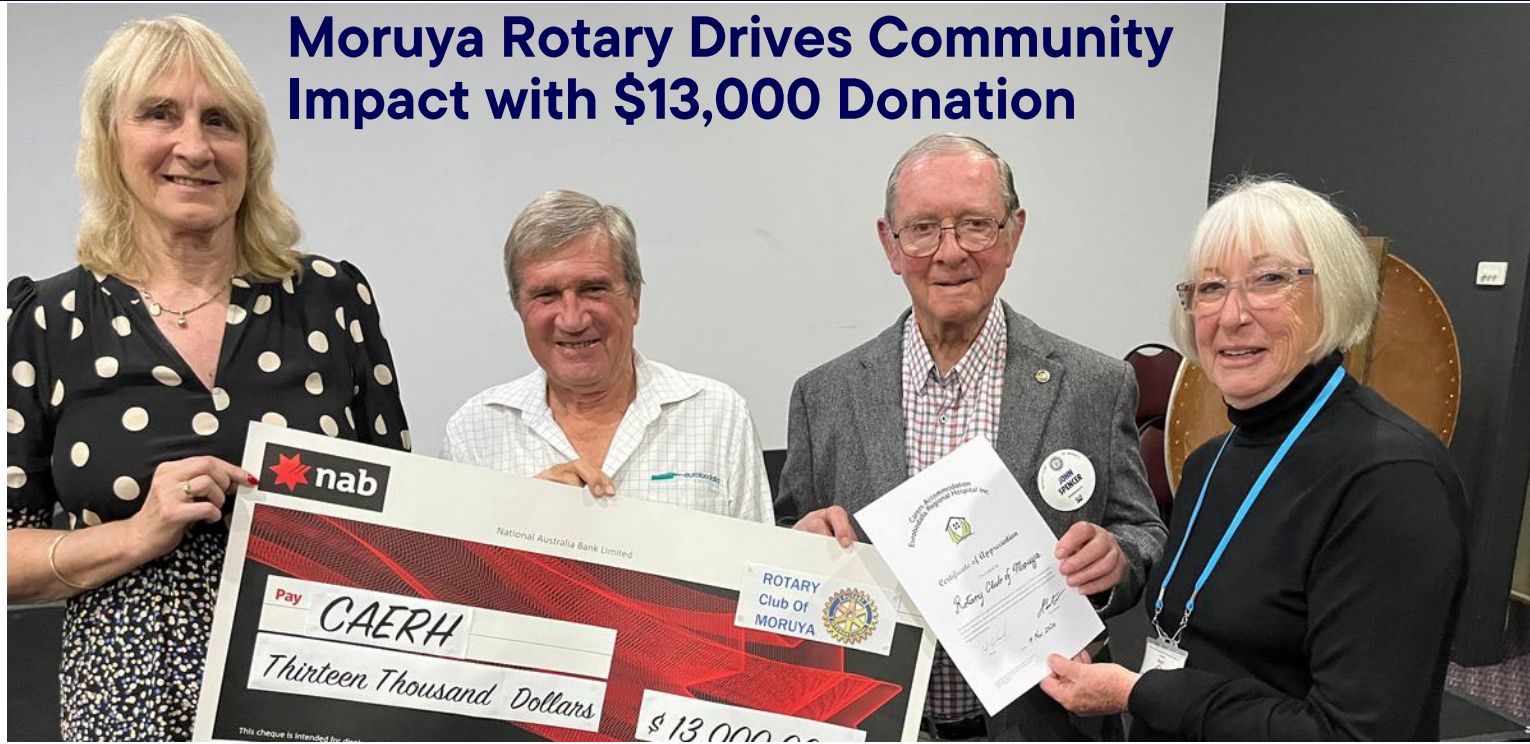
It certainly explains why our Aboriginal compatriots, despite our rejection, keep on keeping on in the land they love. It returns the favour; it loves them back.

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Moruya Rotary Drives Community Impact with \$13,000 Donation



The Rotary Club of Moruya has showcased the extraordinary power of community collaboration with a remarkable \$13,000 donation to the Carers Accommodation at Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH). Presented during the club's weekly meeting on November 19 by Rotarian John Spencer, this contribution will directly support the construction of much-needed accommodation for carers of hospital patients. This initiative stems from a visit by Pambula Rotarian Lynne Koerbin in 2022/23, who shared insights into her club's successful efforts to establish Carers Accommodation at Bega Hospital. Inspired by this model, then Moruya Rotary President Shirley Cornish championed the idea for Eurobodalla's new regional hospital.

The funds were raised during Moruya Rotary's inaugural Charity Golf Day on October 25, 2024. The event combined a day of friendly competition on the greens with a gala dinner and auction, bringing together the community's generous spirit. Local businesses and sponsors played a vital role, donating an array of exciting auction items that ensured the event's success. Thanks especially goes to Moruya Golf Club who, without their expertise, the event would not have happened. A committee of Moruya Rotarians John Spencer, John Gillett and Jeff Proud took on the lead role to make the day the great success that it was.

The CAERH Executive, represented alongside John Spencer at the presentation, expressed heartfelt gratitude. Rob Pollock, CAERH President, highlighted the donation's significance:

"This generous contribution is a testament to what we can achieve together. It brings us one step closer to providing essential accommodation for carers at Eurobodalla Regional Hospital."

Moruya Rotary extends its deepest thanks to everyone who contributed, from golfers and sponsors to auction participants. This collective effort underscores how local partnerships can address pressing community needs.

The success of this initiative serves as a shining example for Rotary clubs across the district, proving that collaboration, creativity, and commitment can leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

If you wish to see more about this project and provide support to see this project through to a successful conclusion, follow the link below that will take you through to the CAERH website.

<https://www.caerh.org>

If you wish to find out more about Rotary and be part of a dynamic Rotary Club, you can contact the Rotary Club of Moruya Inc at rotarymoruya@gmail.com; go to Moruya Rotary's Facebook page [Moruya Rotary](#); or visit Moruya Rotary's website at <https://www.moruyarotaryclub.org.au>







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Winners of the 2024 St Cecilia Music Scholarships announced



2024 St Cecilia finalists with president Jess Ferguson. Front Momoka Tinker, Harry Wilson, Aureyah Lewis, Jess Ferguson, Henry Thapa, O'Shea Clohesy, Julian Dolphin. BACK Sakura Tinker, Zara Hall, Maxine Wilson, Abby May, Danika Edwards.

Winners of the 2024 St Cecilia Music Scholarships have been announced and \$7,500 in prize money handed out.

Maxine Wilson, a 16 year old pianist, and Abby May, an 18 year old singer guitarist and songwriter, were the big winners of the 2024 St Cecilia Youth Music Scholarship on Sunday, November 24. Maxine won the \$1000 Senior Classical prize and Abby was the recipient of two awards: Senior Contemporary and the David Harding Tertiary Scholarship, totalling \$2000. Twelve finalists, aged 10 to 18, performed for a delighted audience who filled the St Bernard's Church in Batehaven before the winners were announced and the awards presented. And the students of music could not have been happier.

"It was wonderful space to perform in, with great acoustics," said Abby May. "It was so nice seeing all the people who were there to support young musicians like us."

Abby, who had earlier in the day performed in Bermagui, will go on to study music next year but has a busy schedule of folk festival performances to fill in her summer.

Maxine was pleased to receive the prize money as motivation to keep playing and practising as well as cover the costs of lessons, as there are three musicians in her family.

There was a collegial vibe in the room as players stepped up for their performances and many of the young musicians commented that they enjoyed watching each other perform and grow in confidence.

The St Cecilia Scholarship was started by Maria de Rocco almost 30 years ago and was designed to provide performance opportunities as well as funds for lessons and development. It is open to young musicians from Eurobodalla, Bega and Shoalhaven Shires. The program has continued with the help of donors who each year contribute to the pool of prize money. The committee is grateful to The Moruya CWA, Batemans Bay Rotary, South Coast Music Society, Eurobodalla Shire Council and a number of individual donors for their generosity in supporting young musicians.



St Cecilia winner in 2 categories, Abby May performs her own composition for an appreciative audience.

Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips - who is a pianist and violinist - congratulated the students on their hard work and encouraged the finalists to continue to develop their musical skills. These skills will be helpful in many aspects of your lives, she said. St Cecilia President Jess Ferguson, herself a past winner, was grateful for all the support and for the dedication of the students. She encouraged them all to apply again in 2025 and to continue sharing their talents with the community.

And the winners are:

Senior Classical

- First – Maxine Wilson (\$1000)
- Second – Zara Hall (\$750)
- Third – Sakura Tinker (\$500)

Senior Contemporary

- First – Abby May (\$1000)
- Second – Jemima Lloyd (\$750)
- Third – Danika Edwards (\$500)

Junior Classical

- First – Henry Thapa (\$500)
- Second – O'Shea Clohesy (\$300)
- Third – Momoka Tinker (\$200)

Junior Contemporary

- First – Aureyah Lewis (\$500)
- Second – Harry Wilson (\$300)
- Third – Julian Dolphin (\$200)

Abby May was also awarded the David Harding Tertiary Scholarship of \$1000 for use in future studies of music.

Grants now open to celebrate Aboriginal cultures across New South Wales

Aboriginal community organisations and groups across NSW are now invited to apply for grants to support events and activities that celebrate and promote Aboriginal cultures.

The NSW Government is offering grants from \$500 to \$20,000 to support, strengthen, protect and maintain traditional and contemporary expressions of Aboriginal culture.

The Cultural Grants Program 2024-2025 will be an open, rolling program where Aboriginal organisations can apply until the \$800,000 in funding is exhausted or the round closes on 21 March 2025 – whichever comes first. Last year's Cultural Grants Program supported 66 projects across NSW. Past grant projects have included dance, song and language workshops on Worimi land in Newcastle, a culture camp for Aboriginal children in north-west Sydney and art workshops hosted by Gomeroi artists in Tamworth.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty David Harris said "These grants are designed to empower Aboriginal community organisations to run events which celebrate culture and facilitate sharing of Aboriginal cultural knowledge and skills through generations.

Aboriginal Affairs NSW held a free online Cultural Grants Community Information Session on Thursday 28 November. A recording of the session will be published on the website after the event. For more information on how to apply visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/cultural-grants-2025>.

Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award 2024 launch at SECCA

Following a four-year hiatus, the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award will be launched at SECCA (**South East Centre for Contemporary Art**) on Friday evening, 29 November.

Acting Gallery Director, Jasmin Brown said 50 finalists from almost 200 entries from across Australia have been selected for the highly regarded portraiture exhibition.

"The winner of the non-acquisitive award will receive \$50,000, thanks to the ongoing generosity of Peter and David Hannan of the Hannan family and Shirley's niece, Lisa Herbert," Ms Brown said.

"A gifted Bega Valley portraiture artist herself, Shirley Hannan was a staunch supporter and generous patron of the arts and the biennial award, which has been running since 2002 is held in her memory.

"The calibre of work entered this year is incredibly high, presenting the judges - acclaimed artist Jude Rae, and independent curator, Dr Sarah Engledow - with a challenging task.

"The final selection of portraits is testament to the breadth of talent in this medium across Australia.

"We're proud to showcase these remarkable artworks at SECCA and provide a platform for the community to engage with and celebrate realistic portraiture.

"I'm sure visitors to the gallery will be struck by the uncannily accurate depictions of some well-known subjects the artists have chosen.

"We're also going to announce the winner of the inaugural Sherbies Kids Portrait Prize for young artists, whose artworks will be displayed in SECCA's Shirley Hannan Project Space."

The Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award 2024 launch event will run from 6pm to 8pm. The exhibition proper will open on Saturday 30 November and will continue to 1 February 2025.

This is a ticketed exhibition: \$10 for adults, \$7 concession, or summer multi-pass \$25 (unlimited entry). Children and young people under 16 years have free entry.

Free entry to this exhibition for the community will be held on Saturday 14 December, with extended opening hours to 3pm.

The SECCA summer program includes the return of late-night programming and a wide array of creative workshops for adults and children. A number of free film screenings have been scheduled in partnership with the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre, some of which are courtesy of the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia.

For more information on the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award or to check out the exciting summer program, [visit the SECCA website](#).

Basil Sellers Art Prize 2024 exhibition

Opening next Friday evening 7th December, and marking its 20th year, the Basil Sellers Art Prize stands as a testament to extraordinary creativity and artistic achievement. This prestigious event, supported by the generous patronage of Mr Basil Sellers AM, showcases Australia's finest 2D artworks in painting, drawing and printmaking.

When: Saturday 7 December 2024 to Saturday 1 February 2025

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm
Cost: free

Opening night - Enjoy a evening with fellow art enthusiasts, collectors and community members as you witness the unveiling of the winning pieces and meet the artists behind these remarkable works. (We are rapidly reaching capacity for RSVPs. Avoid disappointment and RSVP very soon.)

[RSVP for opening night - Friday 6 December, 5.30pm](#)

'Moment In The Sun'

COREY LEGGE ALBUM

'Moment in the Sun' is the highly anticipated fourth studio album from prolific Bega-born, Wollongong-based singer-songwriter Corey Legge.

Recorded with producer Nash Chambers and co-produced by Syd Green, this upbeat 10-track album encapsulates Corey's musical journey in a nutshell. With a unique mix of rock, blues and alt-country, this album is Corey's most diverse offering yet, featuring nine originals and one cover song.

This album showcases Corey's signature guitar licks, soaring vocals and catchy songwriting, with the album title track providing a powerful mission statement with a positive outlook. Featuring the popular singles 'Friday Nights', 'West Coast', 'I'm Coming Back', 'Moment in the Sun' and 'Rain Down on Me', this album is Corey's best yet.

Catch Corey at Smokey Dans, along with Spindrift Saga on 7 December.

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The Dance Collective Moruya - First Anniversary Showcase



At the beginning of November, The Dance Collective Moruya celebrated their first anniversary as a studio by holding their first ever showcase at Carroll College in Broulee with nearly 400 in attendance!

It was a spectacular day with routines from each of The Dance Collective's classes spanning from the littlest "Movers & Groovers" (2+ years) to their primary and high school dancers - and special appearances from both their Adult Ballerinas & Adult Tappers. Dance styles taught at the studio include: ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and contemporary. The show displayed all the hard work, growth and dedication these dancers have put into their time at TDC and was a testament to the beautiful dance community they've built over the past year. Studio Owners, Erika Hazelton & Rebecca Sellick, have been floored with the support for their little boutique studio and look forward to the year ahead!

Want to Join TDC In 2025?

Details: The Dance Collective Moruya - 70 Vulcan St, Moruya
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"Darling Christmas EP released by The Sweet Cohorts

The Sweet Cohorts brand new Christmas EP "Darling Christmas," is out now on all streaming services! Listen now on your favourite streaming platform. Local music producer Linda Ferrier says "Get ready to fill your holiday season with joy, love, and festive tunes. Whether you're decorating the tree or wrapping gifts, these songs are the perfect soundtrack.

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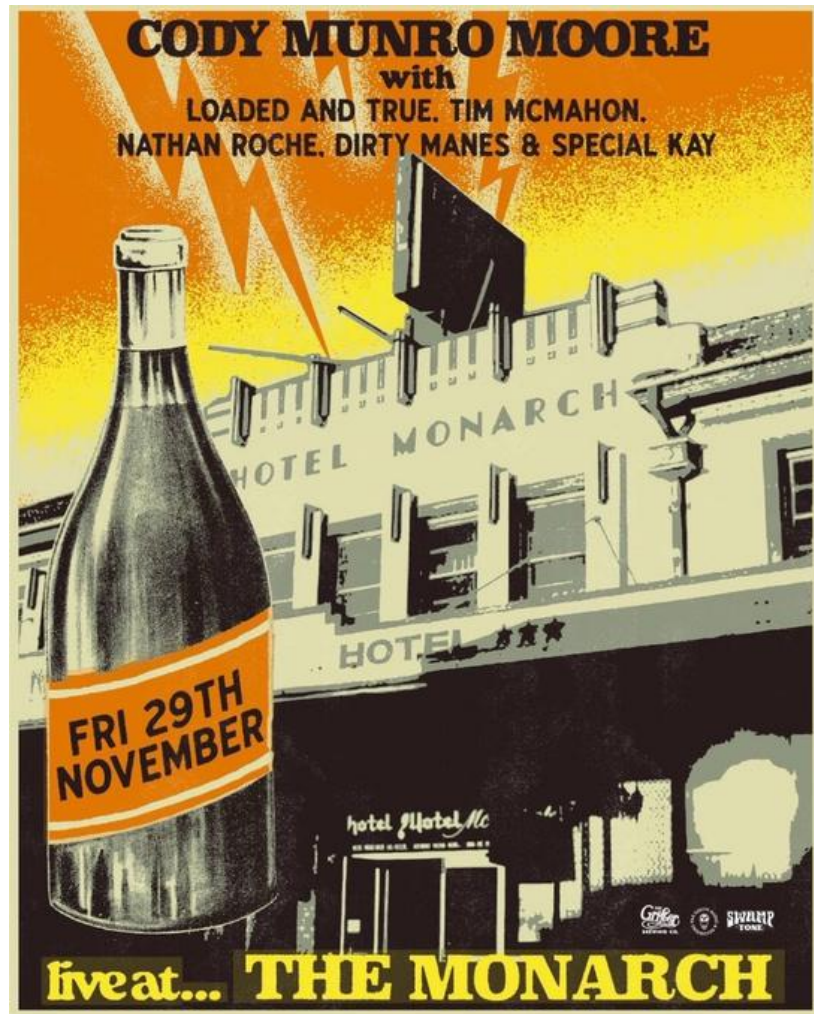
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- 8 Feb - Pink Floyds wish You Were Here
- 15 Feb - Sons of Sun (Elvis, Jerry Lee Johnny and me)
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- 22 March - Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)
- 29 March - Diesel Bootleg
- 9 May - Robertson Bros 60's Variety TV Show
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Daniel Connell: Little Aussie Battler

Daniel Connell could easily be described as the ideal Aussie comedian; affable, loveable and hilarious. Daniel grew up in Batemans Bay so he'll be sure to bring his A game to the hometown show! This is the last show at the Yuin Theatre for 2024! So, don't miss this one.

Saturday 21 December, 8:00pm
\$30.00 (Concession \$28.00)

Sons of Sun

A ROCK 'N' ROLL play about the man who discovered Elvis Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Howlin' Wolf. The story of Sun Records, Memphis, and the famous artists that started their careers there.

Saturday 15 February, 7:30pm
\$54.90 (Concession \$49.90)



Pink Floyd's Wish You Were Here

Australian Pink Floyd tribute band Run Like Hell celebrates the 50th anniversary of the release of Pink Floyd's ninth studio album Wish You Were Here. Accompanied by visceral video and imagery, strobing lights and laser show curated specially for this production.

Saturday 8 February, 8:00pm
\$79.00 (Concession \$74.00, Child \$49.00)



Baby Boomers Live Comedy Tribute of Music Legends & More!

Audiences cry with laughter as Brian Bull and Sandra McRae, the Royal command stars of this Live Comedy Tribute take you on a hilarious journey packed with pop star parodies, reinvented rock, twisted lyrics, magnificent music from the mid 60's into early 80's with tall stories and short one-liners.

Saturday 22 February, 2:00pm
\$49.00 (Concession \$44.00)

Arts therapists concerned for vulnerable clients as NDIS funding changes without consultation

Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) advised the Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association (ANZACATA) on Monday 25 November that arts therapy will not be continued as a Therapy Support after 2 December 2024. On 26 November the NDIA posted different guidelines on its website without consultation or explanation. The NDIA has left the profession reeling from its poor process, lack of consultation and different advice from one day to the next. The unexpected removal of art therapy from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) approved services list will leave hundreds of Australians living with a disability without access to crucial therapeutic support.

Dr Kate Dempsey, CEO of ANZACATA, the peak professional association for Creative Arts Therapies in Australia, New Zealand and Asia, said the organisation and its members are shocked and dismayed at the lack of transparency, poor process, absence of fairness and the lack of communication surrounding this change.

"We were not consulted and the reason given for our sudden exclusion (that art and music therapy are not evidence-based therapies) is incorrect.

"We have been given nothing in writing to explain why after more than a decade, art therapy is to be excluded from the NDIS. There has never been mention of a review and no paperwork has been provided to us," stated Dr Dempsey.

Arts therapy is a proven, evidence-based treatment modality, currently providing essential support to NDIS participants who often struggle to engage with conventional therapeutic approaches. The proposed changes will affect vulnerable Australians nationwide, including those with complex communication needs. Art Therapy has been a funded therapeutic support since the NDIS commenced.

"This decision will have devastating consequences for NDIS participants who rely on arts therapy as their primary means of therapeutic support," says Dr Dempsey.

"Many of our members' clients cannot effectively engage with traditional talk-based therapies, making arts therapy their vital link to therapeutic support."

Key impacts of the proposed changes include:

- Loss of a key therapeutic support for hundreds of NDIS participants
- Potential closure of numerous small healthcare practices across Australia
- Job losses for Masters-qualified Arts Therapists
- Reduced access to disability support services, particularly in regional areas
- Significant disruption to existing therapeutic relationships.

Arts therapists in Australia complete rigorous clinical training specifically designed to support people with disability. This professional workforce has developed specialised expertise in making therapy accessible to vulnerable community members who may otherwise be unable to access appropriate support services.

"The removal of arts therapy services contradicts the NDIS's founding principle of providing choice and control to people with disability. It represents a significant step backward in Australia's commitment to providing accessible disability support services," commented Dr Dempsey.

ANZACATA calls on the government to:

1. Maintain arts therapy as an approved NDIS service
2. Engage in consultation with practitioners and service users
3. Review the extensive evidence base supporting arts therapy's effectiveness
4. Consider the broader economic and social impacts of this decision

Congo Crafts

39th Annual Exhibition

Pottery and Paintings by Jim Simms. Opens on Sunday December 1st at 11am. Then daily 11am-5pm til December 15th. (Closed Tuesdays).

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Montague Choristers Nine Lessons and Carols



7 pm, Friday December 20

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**NEW
DATES**



Moruya Community Film Group

November movie to be screened by the Film Group

Movie: **The Big Night**

Where: Red Door, rear of St John's Church, Page St, Moruya

When: Saturday 30 November 2024

Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm Showtime

About the movie: This film achieved a rating of 97% on Rotten Tomatoes! As one reviewer put it "A wonderful film about how the simple pleasures of life -- food, family, friends -- aren't so simple." The movie has a great cast including Stanley Tucci Tony Shalhoub, Isabella Rossellini and Minnie Driver. (poster attached) Please feel free to bring a cushion to make the chairs in the hall more comfortable for you - we are working on raising money to buy new chairs for your comfort next year

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

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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FOOD SHARES

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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

Please check
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cancellation notices



2EARFM GIG GUIDE "LOCAL and LIVE"

Friday, 29 Nov:

Joe Quennell	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Dennis Milsom	Top Pub, Pambula (6pm)
Allan Watts	Tathra Beach Bowlo (8pm)
Platinum Duo	Bay Soldiers Club
The Hoops	Club sapphire Merimbula

Saturday, 30 Nov:

Salt	Club Narooma (5.30pm)
Strutt	Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)
Sam Fletcher Band	Tilba Valley Winery
Dan Gallo	Broulee Brewhouse
Platinum Duo	Bay Soldiers Club
Phoebe and Don	Smokey Dans
Spindrift Saga	Goulburn Workers Club
JC and the Tree	Longstocking Brewery Pambula

Sunday, 1 Dec:

Ian Treloar	Club Turoos (2pm)
Midnight Special	Club Narooma (3pm)
Tony Jagers	Tilba Valley Winery
Chiara and Harry	Broulee Brewhouse
Greenside Grooves	Moruya Golf Club

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Speaking of kittens, a reminder that NSW law requires that all cats be desexed by four months of age. If you are on a pension or benefit and need help with the cost of desexing, please call us on 0436816718.

Animal Welfare League is in need of foster carers. Carers are vital to our rehoming work, so please think about whether you can help. Call us on 0410016612 to volunteer or get more information. Full support is provided, there's no cost, and it's a wonderfully rewarding experience.

Christmas is just around the corner, and Santa would love to have his photo taken with your pet. Bring your furry friend along to the Moruya Markets on 7 December, and get a happy snap to share with family and friends.

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

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MOANA 2 PG, 1H 40M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	11.15am 6.45pm	11.15am 3.50pm*	10.20am 3.25pm 5.45pm	10.20am 3.25pm 5.45pm		11.15am 6.45pm	11.15am 6.45pm
HERETIC MA 15+, 1H 52M, HORROR/THRILLER	3.40pm*		8.15pm*	2.40pm*		3.40pm*	3.40pm*
WICKED PG, 2H 40M, FANTASY/MUSICAL	1.20pm	1.20pm	10am* 5.15pm*	10am* 4.50pm*		1.20pm	1.20pm
STRANGE CREATURES (LAST WEEK) MA 15+, 1H 27M, AUSTRALIAN DRAMA	11am*	11am*	12.55pm*	12.55pm*		11am*	11am*
GLADIATOR II M, 2H 30M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	12.50pm* 5.55pm*	12.50pm*	12.35pm 7.55pm	12.35pm		12.50pm* 5.55pm*	12.50pm* 5.55pm*
LEE M, 1H 57M, WAR/DRAMA	4.20pm					4.20pm	4.20pm

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MOANA 2

PG| 1hr 40min

~ Family ~ Animation ~

DWAYNE JOHNSON
After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure.



GLADIATOR II

MA| 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.



HERETIC Hugh Grant

MA| 1hr 52min ~ Horror ~ Thriller ~

Two young missionaries are forced to prove their faith when they knock on the wrong door and are greeted by a diabolical Mr. Reed.



VENOM: THE LAST DANCE

M| 2hrs 8min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~

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- 14th Dec - **IDOPWD Celebration**
- 22 December - **Carols by Candlelight Moruya**
- 15th 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**

Summer Solstice @ SAGE

Sunday 15 December - sausage sizzle, salads and new SAGE Summer Ale - SAGE Garden 110 Queen Street, Moruya
Gates open at 4.30pm, buffet dinner served around 5.30pm
Online bookings only ~ No tickets at the gate

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A tasty SAGE Summer Ale, brewed by Malt Man from Bodalla will be available to purchase.

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Tickets available online only until Friday 13 December or until sold out.

(our event volunteers appreciate early bookings)

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We look forward to seeing you there! [Book my ticket now](#)

The event is a fundraiser for SAGE NSW Inc.



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
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Batemans Bay coastal protection info session - Long Beach

Tuesday 10 December 2024 - 4pm - 6:30pm

Where: Long Beach RFS shed, 348 Cullendulla Drive, Long Beach.

Come along to find out about plans to build structures to protect low-lying areas along Bay Road, Long Beach at McLeods Beach, Surfside and Wharf Road, North Batemans Bay.

Session times:

- 4pm to 4.30pm: Wharf Road seawall plans
- 4.30pm to 5.30pm: Long Beach seawall plans
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm: Surfside levee plans

Our consultants have been working on the plans in line with our Coastal Management Program.

Batemans Bay coastal protection works

Protecting Eurobodalla's northern beaches and low-lying areas from coastal erosion and inundation.

- \$6 million, National Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Ready Fund, for Caseys Beach
- \$5 million, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, to be shared between Long Beach, Surfside and North Batemans Bay
- \$1 million, Council contribution
- Additional funds will be required for construction work.
- For more information T: (02)4474 1391
- E: council@esc.nsw.gov.au
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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary



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SECURING THE VICTORIAN FOOD SUPPLY INQUIRY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION 27: That Agriculture Victoria work with the Victorian Farmers Federation, PrimeSafe and commercial abattoirs to negotiate small livestock producers' ongoing access to kill facilities in the short-to-medium term.

The Victorian Government amend the Meat Industry Act 1993 (Vic) to specifically provide for and define micro-abattoirs and the Victorian Planning Provisions to introduce micro-abattoirs (including mobile micro-abattoirs) as a Section 1 use in the Farming Zone, Rural Activity Zone, Green Wedge Zone and the Green Wedge A Zone.

The Victorian Government support small scale livestock producers to establish micro-abattoirs (including mobile micro-abattoirs) in communities which can demonstrate a need for this critical shared agricultural infrastructure.

AFSA News

Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance

"We are THRILLED that after years of lobbying by AFSA and its ally organisations, the Victorian Government has included our recommendation to ensure small-scale farmers have access to abattoirs in the short to medium term, and more importantly, to specifically provide for and define micro-abattoirs and the Victorian Planning Provisions to introduce micro-abattoirs (including mobile micro-abattoirs) as a Section 1 use in the Farming Zone, Rural Activity Zone, Green Wedge Zone and the Green Wedge A Zone. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the Victorian Government for listening and responding to the needs of small-scale food producers, and congratulate all organisations who provided submissions to the Inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply. Now, let's get these recommendations enacted through legislation! We encourage all state governments across Australia to take the same steps towards recognising and supporting small-scale livestock farmers in the face of abattoir closures."

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The Repair Cafe Moruya will be taking a well earned summer holiday break!
Our final day for 2024 will be Friday December 13 and we will return in 2025 on Friday 31 January.

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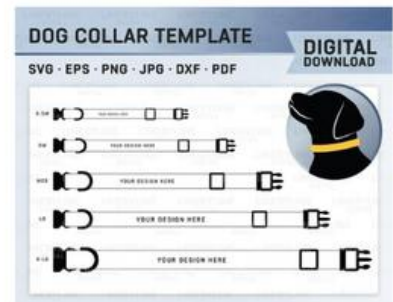
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COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP
10/65 QUEEN ST MORUYA

Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary Annual Christmas Street Stall will be on **Saturday 7th December 2024** outside Harris Scarfe Vulcan Street Moruya from 8.30am. Our ever popular homemade Bakes, Jams, Pickles, Craft, Books and Plants will be there to tempt you. Great items to buy knowing you are supporting Moruya District Hospital. Eftpos will be available. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the 7th December 2024. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and good luck. The Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers look forward to seeing you on the day, saying hello and thank you for your continued support.



South Coast History Society Inc. *Recollections*

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New edition OUT NOW

The 'Hive'

The Wreck of the 'Hive'

If you've ever wondered why Wreck Bay, just south of Jervis Bay, got its name, have a look at the box below that lists the vessels that were wrecked in or very near the bay between 1805 and 1922. There were 16 of them!

The Wreck Bay coast, quite simply, was a trap for ships sailing too close to the shore. Once inside the bay, ships had no room to manoeuvre and, therefore, were frequently driven ashore.

This was certainly the case for the 'Hive', which ran aground on 10th December 1835 – becoming the only ship that was carrying convicts to be wrecked on the Australian mainland.

Two other convict transports had been wrecked off Tasmania earlier in 1835: on the 12th March 1835, the

'George III' was wrecked in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, near the mouth of the Derwent River, and 134 of the 294 on board lost their lives. 128 of those who lost their lives were convicts; and on 13th May 1835 the 'New' was wrecked on the north coast of King Island in Bass Strait. It had 239 on board at the time – mostly women convicts and children – of whom 224 died.

The 'Hive' had, in 1834, transported 250 male prisoners to Port Jackson. That voyage lasted 123 days and, at times, the temperature below deck reached over 38°C (100°F) prompting the humane ship's Surgeon to arrange for 60 prisoners to sleep on deck, changing shifts every four hours.

The 'Hive's' second, ill-fated, voyage was transporting 252 Irish male prisoners that had been collected from Dublin

Fantastic Reads

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MORUYA WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Wednesday, 20th November 2024

The sixth and final Hamper round was played under sunny skies with a field of 21 players participating.

The winners were: 1st Place: Jan Lumsden with 37 C/B points, 2nd Place: Marie Muriwai with 37 points. Balls went to: M Douglas (33), V Goodwin (31), L Gibbs (30 C/B), E Jones (30 C/B), S Noy (30 C/B), R Hawkins (30 C/B)

Nearest the Pins:

Div. 1 5th Hole Marie Muriwai

Div. 2 5th Hole Edith Jones



Cindy Becker and Angie McMillan

MORUYA WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Wednesday, 27th November 2024

A Canadian Foursomes round was played with a field of 18 players participating.

The winning team were Angie McMillan and Cindy Becker, with a magnificent score of 75.

Balls went to: N Cowdroy & B Kennedy (78.125), J Hosking & V Goodwin (80.175), B Roberts & V Moore (82.625), L Doolan & P Nash (83.375)



An enjoyable morning of bowls was had by all present, a nice breeze so no

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

President Steve Hogan welcomed 32 Twisties on a hot and windy Sunday morning. Oak Flats travelling bowlers will be with us this weekend. Saturday on the Green at 1pm, Sunday morning the day will start off with a barbecue breakfast, a morning of bowls then Lunch together in Club Tomakin. Presentation for both days will be made after lunch.

Winners with Least Winning Ends, Beth Whittington and Rob Ireland. (Photo)

Runners-up, Max Gurtner, James and Karen James. Rob selected Rink 11 to try for Jackpot, Steve cut cards but no luck finding Joker this week.

Lucky Number winners, 8 Ruth Ebsworth, 14 Steve Hogan. Other winning teams, Milka Starkovski and Clive Beadon. Ute Krook and Brian Wheeler. John Signor and Steve Hogan. Bob Starkovski and Jennie Hogan. Tricia Wheeler, Margaret Carney, Michael Voce and Patrick Wheelahan. Thanks as always to Terry Montgomerie for the great job he does, collating our score cards each week, selecting winners, runners-up and lucky numbers.



Shane and Julie Quinlivan winners of Club Championship Mixed Pairs also Gayl Vidgen and Vic Patrikka as Runners-up.

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report

An enjoyable morning of bowls was had by all present, a nice breeze so not as hot as was forecast. Lovely to have Paula Hancock with us on the Green, welcome back Paula.

Congratulations to Shane and Julie Quinlivan winners of Club Championship Mixed Pairs also Gayl Vidgen and Vic Patrikka as Runners-up. (Photo)

Winners, Di MacPherson, Anna Stewart and Noleen Taylor.

Runners-up, Paula Hancock, Wendy Geary and Nancy White.

Lucky Losers, Helen Rees, Sonia Frey and Jan Shalders. Lucky numbers Rae Fayle and Gay Biggs. Money Club, 32 Julie Knorpp, 23 Rae Fayle.

Today we said Farewell to our very popular Club Operations Manager Manuela with thanks and a Presentation made by Gayl. (Photo) Manuela thanked everyone reminding us she took this position after our Club was destroyed in the bushfires. The times we spent together in "The Marquee" until the new Club Malua was constructed. We all wish Manuela the best for the future as she joins Willinga Park at Bawley Point, what an exciting time it will be for her at this fantastic equestrian venue.



Operations Manager Manuela with a Presentation made by Gayl.



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Kevin Reilly with Secretary Michael Coloe



Winner Mark Forrest with sponsor Anthony Mellick



Winners: Jeanette Miller, Cate O'Brien and Dorothy Madden



Winning Team: Bruce Martin, Leonie Snodgrass and Jennifer Gray (missing Steve Johnston)

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 21st November 2024

A field of 39 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was sunny and there were some great scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Kevin Reilly (19) with 37 points
- 2nd: Lynette McDonell (42) with 36 points (countback)
- 3rd: Rob Green (3) with 36 points
- 4th: Wayne Fullerton (20) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Paul Scholze 6.70 A Grade
- 4th: Greg Maloney 2.34 B Grade
- 4th: Mark Jackson 2.03 C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 4.38 A Grade
- 6th: Norm Redgrove 2.60 B Grade
- 7th: Kerrie Sands 5.52 B Grade
- 7th: Mark Jackson 2.34 C Grade

Balls went to: Mark Jackson 35, Robert McDonell 34, Bruce Lidbury 34, Anthony Mellick 34, Gail Page 34, Kerrie Sands 33, Ray Bollard 33, Colin Houghton 33, Graeme Bell 32 and Jenny Reilly 31.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 23rd November 2024

A field of 53 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was hot and there were some fantastic scores. Well done Ruth Gschwend winning the Jackpot prize!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Forrest (15) with 44 points
- 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (18) with 40 points
- 3rd: Bruce Handley (15) with 39 points
- 4th: Peter Garn (22) with 38 points (countback)
- 5th: Ethan Wong (27) with 38 points (countback)

Hole Prize:

Ruth Gschwend Jackpot prize 6th hole: 0.69

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ruth Gschwend 0.54 A Grade
- 4th: Wayne Fullerton 0.43 B Grade
- 6th: Ruth Gschwend 0.69 A Grade
- 6th: John Phylant 1.23 B Grade
- 7th: Michael Walsh 4.42 A Grade
- 7th: Peter Hogan 2.21 B Grade
- 7th: Peter Coffey 3.30 C Grade

Balls went to: Jed French 38, Bruce Martin 37, Michael Walsh 37, Robert McDonell 37, David Gray 36, Steve Pritchett 36, Ray Bollard 35, Derek Hoare 35, Jesse French 35, Peter Coffey 34, Daniel Webster 34, Greg Booth 34, Shelley Pritchett 33, Ian Kingston 33 and Brad Doolan 33.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 26th November 2024

A field of 25 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today which was the 6th Christmas Countdown. The event was sponsored by Maree Coffey. The day was hot with some great results achieved.

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Dorothy Madden (23) with 41 points
- 2nd: Pauline Nash (26) with 39 points

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Cate O'Brien (34) with 42 points
- 2nd: Shirley Quinlan (37) with 36 points (countback)

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Jeanette Miller (41) with 36 points
- 2nd: Wendy Schmid (45) with 32 points

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Leonie Snodgrass 0-38
- 7th: Wendy Schmid 39-45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Pauline Nash
- 15th: Wendy Schmid

Place Getters: Kerrie Sands 36, Pam Alexander 35, Samantha Dryden 35, Teri Swanbury 34, Chris Wratten 32, Gail Rogers 32 and Marilyn Bingham 31.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 27th November 2024

A field of 40 players registered for a Coloured Ball Team event today. The day was warm and the sprinklers going added an extra challenge and at times some relief from the heat of the day.

The winning teams were:

- 1st: Jennifer Gray, Leonie Snodgrass, Steve Johnston and Bruce Martin with 39 points.
- 2nd: Paula Coffey, Peter Coffey, Rob Nash and Ross Hendy with 38 points.
- 3rd: Gail Rogers, Len Rogers, Ron Hanlon and Greg Thornton with 36 points (countback).
- 4th: Ken Hush, Greg Smith, John Cox and Neal Watson with 36 points.
- 5th: Herb Muriwai, Mike Birks, Frank Pomfret and Derek Hoare with 34 points.

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ken Hush (2nd shot) In the Hole!
- 6th: Don Russell (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Paula Coffey (2nd shot)
- Mens: Peter McRae (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Chris Wratten (5th hole)

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Batemans Bay sailing report ~ Saturday November 23rd



The Bay Cup race start taken by Terry Paton.

"It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the 2nd race in the lady skipper/crew skipper series followed by the 5th Bay Cup race of the season. There were sunny skies and a building nor'easter as the boats headed out.

The lady skipper/crew skipper race featured a handicap start where the slower boats were given a head start based on past performances. Theoretically all the boats would finish at the same time. It was a one lap course from the start line at Caseys Beach to Chain Bay, Wimble Beach and back to Caseys. There was only one lady at the helm, namely Michelle Grybaitis sailing her yacht "Horizon", who went on to score a convincing win in the the lady skippers' race. In the concurrently run crew skippers' race "Cool Change" was first out of the gates, skippered by Aaron Dunne. "Moonmist" was next off with Geoff Perrem at the helm. Damien Samios was steering "Attitude" for the first time ever. "Accolade" was last to go with veteran crew member Tony Bonouvrie in command.

"Cool Change" held a good lead at the Chain Bay buoy, but the motivated "Moonmist" team got past on the next leg and sailed away for the win. Dunne was kind enough to allow "Accolade" through to leeward just before the finish but held on for third place. For the first time helm on "Attitude", getting around the course safely was a success in itself.

"Horizon" headed back in after the first race while the remaining yachts were joined by "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Dunlop) and "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) for the Bay Cup race. The course was triangle/windward and return/triangle. Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain set an excellent start line aboard the committee vessel "Dave Magill". "Wishful Thinking" and "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) got the best of the start. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) was delayed at the start by an untimely override on the headsail sheet and had to tack away to find clear wind. "Attitude" (Simon Byrne) was late at the start and never really got going. "Wishful" held the lead around the top mark at Chain Bay. "Accolade" nipped inside "Moonmist" at the rounding to get through to second.

The "Wishful" crew made an ambitious decision to run a spinnaker on the reach out to the marine park middle mark. Things soon turned pear shaped with a series of round ups, so the spinnaker was lowered. Meanwhile "Accolade" hoisted the spinnaker but managed to carry it to the middle mark despite some struggles before gybing and overtaking "Wishful" on the broader reach to the leeward mark at Caseys. "Accolade" spent the rest of the race defending against "Wishful" which had a boatspeed advantage having just been freshly antifouled. "Accolade" took line honours by just under 2 minutes.

The main drama of the day happened after the finish when "Moonmist" was unable to lower her spinnaker. She was able to motor clear of the lee shore at Caseys Beach while the spinnaker streamed out behind the boat like a scene from Priscilla. The Moonmist crew headed for shelter in the lee of Square Head where skipper Tony Sutton was hoisted up the mast and managed to unclip the spinnaker halyard from the head of the spinnaker. It turned out that the spinnaker halyard sheave had failed, allowing the halyard to hacksaw its way down the front of the mast. It was a gnarly situation which the crew handled well.

Meanwhile "Sail La Vie" had a hassle free, spinnaker free sail around the course to finish half an hour behind the leaders, but three minutes ahead of "Cool Change". On AMS calculations "Accolade" won from "Wishful" and "Moonmist". On PHS "Wishful's improved performance was rewarded with the win ahead of "Sail La Vie" and "Moonmist". Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au

Since the last sailing report where it was noted that the Acheron Ledge outer cardinal mark had moved and was in the wrong position, NSW Maritime has gone out and moved it back to where it is supposed to be indicating the position of the hazardous Acheron Ledge reef near Maloneys Beach. NSW Maritime is to be commended for their prompt action."

Lachlan Brown

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

The river has been fishing well this past week, with the water temps up, the fish activity continues to increase. The lower areas around Preddy's wharf and the hole in the wall, continue to hold trevally, flathead, bream, salmon and the odd tailor. The airport and Garlandtown flats have both been a good place to look for flathead, bream and whiting and to also pump some nippers for live bait. Quarry wharf holds its usual bream, trevally, flathead as well as the odd mulloway.

The area under the town bridge has been holding some nice flathead, bream and the odd whiting.

The water temps are pushing right up the river at the moment, and the swimming holes around Yarragee will be popular for both swimmers and fishos alike.

I personally managed some nice bass last Sunday with 4 from 6 fish landed mostly on surface presentations, soft plastic frogs being the preferred option.

Tuross River.

Flathead have been on the top of most anglers catches this past week, with the mighty mulloway still making its presence known for those willing to put in the time to find them. The lower system flats areas have been holding the most active flathead this past week, and hopefully that continues this weekend.

Coila lake has been producing some cracker sized prawns both up the back northern sections and down towards the mouth area. The dark was only a few nights ago, so they will continue to be active for a few more nights. Get in and get your prawning gear for this summer period.

The fresh upper reaches have started to slow a little on the bass front, this could be due to the pressure these fish have been experiencing, hopefully the forecast weekend rain gets a bit of flow going, and reinvigorates them.

Rock and Beach.

Good numbers of salmon continue to work the coastline, with a few tailor mixed in for good measure and a the odd bream and whiting. No particular beach has been producing any better than another, just get out there and explore.

Offshore.

Good numbers of both snapper and flathead have been reported, with the snapper starting to occupy the waters from 40m and deeper, while the flathead can be access a lot shallower than that. Start looking at the 15-20m mark. Good news for the game boat crews, with some nice yellowfin tuna around the 59kg mark being reported out around the shelf this week.

Or Black Friday sale started today and will continue till close of business Monday, there are lots of good savings to be had this weekend.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with major bit of news from Tweed Bait this week, untill further notice, Hawksbury prawns are unavailable. There are some stores in Sydney that have gone direct to the commercial fisherman and are buying up everything they can get their hands on, at more than what Tweed Bait pay, a price Tweed cannot afford to match. So untill these stores stop buying up everything they can get, or untill there are so many prawns that Tweed can get their hands on them, we won't be seeing any Hawksbury prawns for the foreseeable while.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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New \$80k vessel to protect against water pollution at the Bay



The NSW Government is investing in a new hazardous materials (HAZMAT) vessel to help limit oil, diesel, and other pollutant spills in the Far South Coast, with a new vessel at Batemans Bay one of 19 being rolled out to Fire and Rescue NSW units across the state. The new vessel replaces a 15-year-old boat and offers 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.

The Batemans Bay vessel will be operational from next year, along with vessels already deployed to Bathurst, Shellharbour and Newcastle.

Vessels will also be delivered to locations including Broken Hill, Goonellabah, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Eden, Leeton, Lithgow, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Tweed Heads and Wagga Wagga next year.

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.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said: "The upgraded vessels reinforce our commitment to protecting communities, and these new and improved vessels are not only safer for crew members but are also fitted out with advanced emissions control technologies to help reduce impacts on the environment."

"Over coming months, these vessels will be positioned across the state in locations that enable rapid deployment, helping protect our waterways from hazardous materials and pollutants."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said: "This new vessel is a great addition for Batemans Bay and the whole far south coast community." "With our beautiful waterways, this modern vessel will help keep them clean and reduce its environmental impact through emissions controls."

Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW Jeremy Fewtrell said: "These upgrades will help strengthen FRNSW's response as the combat agency for HAZMAT."

"HAZMAT operators undergo rigorous training to meet the Australian Maritime Safety Authority standards, ensuring our crews are equipped with the best practices and tools to tackle complex maritime incidents."

\$500,000 available now for Aboriginal fishing projects

The NSW Government is continuing to invest in Aboriginal fishing and provide fishing-related business opportunities for Aboriginal people, with the next round of grants from the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund (AFTF) now open, NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Deputy Secretary, Fisheries and Forestry, Sean Sloan said.

A total of \$500,000 is on offer to provide opportunities for Aboriginal communities in commercial fishing, tourism, Aboriginal cultural fishing, and research and education related to fisheries resources throughout NSW.

"This is the seventh funding round from the AFTF, which has provided just over \$1.4 million in funding for 43 projects across NSW since 2017," Mr Sloan said.

"We recognise the significance fishing has to Aboriginal communities and the NSW Government will continue to support the Trust, to ensure it promotes Aboriginal cultural fishing and provides fishing related economic opportunities for Aboriginal people."

"These grants can significantly assist Aboriginal commercial fisheries and tourism related businesses, as well as fisheries research and cultural education that aim to promote and protect Aboriginal cultural fishing across NSW."

"The protection and enhancement of Aboriginal cultural fishing and economic outcomes related to the aquatic resource in NSW is a key priority of the NSW Government," Mr Sloan said.

"It is fantastic to see the intent of the Trust Fund being realised and we look to continue supporting projects that make a meaningful difference to Aboriginal communities across the state."

"We encourage Aboriginal businesses and communities who could benefit from an Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund grant or loan to apply in the current round."

The call for applications for the seventh funding round from the AFTF will close on 16 February 2025.

An overview of the AFTF, guidelines and application forms for applicants and information on projects that have been funded to date can be accessed on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund webpage.



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