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## Response to Tuross Head Progress Association

The claims made by the Tuross Head Progress Association are disappointingly inaccurate. The Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is an additional federally funded bulk-billed service that I have delivered for the benefit of the region. It is the only Medicare Urgent Care Clinic between Wollongong and the Victorian border, and I have ensured this service is available locally for the benefit of locals. There are many communities that would like to have an Urgent Care Clinic such as the one at Batemans Bay. The Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has already seen more than 7,500 patients, all fully bulk-billed, also providing cost of living relief and helping take pressure off GP wait times. It provides a service for 'urgent' but not life-threatening conditions.

It is designed to complement and help alleviate some pressure off our wonderful local GPs and the Emergency Department, and that is exactly what it has been doing and is a great service for our community. The feedback received from patients has been overwhelmingly positive with strong calls for an expansion of the bulk billed service."

I have delivered on federal funding to enhance our health services across our region which we all should be proud of.

The region now has a headspace at Batemans Bay that also provides outreach, the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, the new Medicare Mental Health Centre at Moruya which is a walk-in centre for adults, a South Eastern Endometriosis Pelvic Pain Clinic, as well as delivered funding towards a radiation therapy service for the Eurobodalla with Expressions of Interest for that service underway. In addition, the state government is constructing a new higher Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital at Moruya.

We know the difficulty that many face getting in to see a doctor and since coming to Government we have been doing everything we can to strengthen Medicare and to attract, train and retain more doctors.

Because of the Albanese Government's changes, our health system has more doctors joining in the last two years than at any time in the past decade.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners now expects to fill every one of the placements it has available, for the first time in years, noting that Australian GP training is fully funded by the Australian Government. This is a big vote of confidence from doctors, and it shows that our reforms to strengthen Medicare are working, after a decade of Coalition cuts and neglect." I am also personally pleased with the Albanese Government funding rural end-to-end medical training places at the University of Wollongong Shoalhaven Campus with medical placements across our region. We know that if more people train locally, they are more likely to stay." (see [Media release: Entire medical training for future doctors in Nowra](#))

The Government funds more than \$1.9 billion a year for programs that develop the workforce and support more equitable distribution of health professionals to areas of need including regional areas like ours. There is \$17.4 million in federal funding in 2024-25 to support health services at risk of closing and extending the General Practice Incentive Fund. It is worth noting that the federal government through the Royal Australian College of General Practice, during 2024 and 2025 is providing additional incentives to attract GPs in training in the Batemans Bay area."

We know there's more to do but we will continue to strengthen Medicare and do everything we can to attract, train and retain more doctors.

**Fiona Phillips**  
Member for Gilmore

## Police Officer dies following a crash at East Lynn last Thursday

South Coast Police District said "It is with a heavy heart that the South Coast Police District acknowledges the loss of one of our own. Detective Senior Constable Carl Wilkinson was tragically killed in a motor vehicle collision on the Princes Highway last Thursday afternoon.

Carl was a dedicated and extremely well-regarded officer who had served the community well since joining the NSWPF in 2009. Carl joined the South Coast Police District team in 2017 and spent time in General Duties, the Proactive Crime Team and Criminal Investigation as part of the Batemans Bay Detectives office. An intelligent, diligent and very likeable man who was passionate about being a police officer and keeping the community safe. More importantly, he was a beloved Son, Brother, Partner, Father and friend. The shock of his untimely loss is being felt deeply by those left behind, none more so than his family. Carl leaves behind a partner and three beautiful young boys whose lives have just changed forever. Our thoughts, prayers and support are with his family, friends and colleagues.

A life of such promise left unfinished. Thank you for your service."

The male driver of the other vehicle, a truck, aged 57, was not injured in the incident and was taken to Batemans Bay Hospital for mandatory testing.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information or Dashcam footage is urged to contact South Coast Police District or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

There is a fundraiser for the family at <https://www.mycause.com.au/p/361226/maddie-cox-and-her-three-gorgeous-boys>

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# 20th year of Basil Sellers Art Prize 2024



Basil Sellars and 2024 Basil Sellers Art Prize Winner Lexie Watt

## Watt a winner, Lexie's landscape lands \$25,000 art prize

Art lovers flocked to the opening of the Basil Sellers Art Prize where Lexie Watt was announced as the winner of the \$25,000 acquisitive prize for her pencil and watercolour 'Windblown trees Bombo Headland'.

Widely recognised as a career-defining moment, the award was presented to Ms Watt by patron Basil Sellers AM in front of a crowd of hundreds, saying she was humbled by the award.

"This painting took me 18 months to complete – on and off, on and off," Ms Watt says. Ms Watt works across a large range of media – graphite watercolour, porcelain, ink, prints and bookmaking – and has illustrated six published children's books, writing one of them. Her art is grounded in the Australian Landscape.

"Particularly trees that have something to say ... the more weathered and bent the better ... I am fascinated by how the wind determines growth by twisting and entanglement," Ms Watt says.

Natalie Bateman takes out the \$5,000 Eurobodalla Award for her acrylic 'Ochre Puddles'. This award spotlights the exceptional artistic talent to be found in Eurobodalla and surrounds. Ms Bateman is a self-taught Walbanja-Yuin artist who says family and culture are her life and the biggest influence on what she paints.

Senior curator of Australian Art at the Art Gallery of NSW Denise Mimmocchi judged the Prize, commending the winning works for their impact and craftsmanship.

"I am so aware of the number of artists who participated and really acknowledge the amount of energy, angst and – I hope – enjoyment that goes into it," says Ms Mimmocchi. Founded in 2004 as a local competition, the biennial prize has grown into a prestigious national award under the patronage of Basil Sellers. This year's competition attracted a record 485 entries, with the exceptional quality of submissions reflected in the curated selection of finalists on display.



Natalie Bateman takes out the \$5,000 Eurobodalla Award for her acrylic 'Ochre Puddles'

This 20th-anniversary milestone marks a pivotal moment for the Basil Sellers Art Prize, with the team behind the exhibition extensively reviewing art-prize practice across Australia then implementing a cultural shift prioritising artists; setting a new benchmark and positioning the Basil Sellers Art Prize as a sector leader.

The whole exhibition process runs under the eagle eye of Eurobodalla Council's coordinator of creative arts development Indira Carmichael. She says all entrants, regardless of selection, have made not only a significant personal investment but a profound contribution to this year's Basil Sellers Art Prize. Ms Carmichael was delighted to hear patron Basil Sellers announce the 2026 edition of the Basil Sellers Art Prize would be set at \$50,000.

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## Four shades of grey: Painting blitz on Sydney Harbour Bridge ahead of 100th anniversary

A third of the surface of the Sydney Harbour Bridge will be repainted and areas of rust treated as part of a focused, eight-year maintenance program to bring the iconic arch up to scratch in time for the 100th anniversary of its opening. About 150,000 square metres of steel will be repainted by the centenary in 2032, with 12 new full-time painters to be recruited in coming weeks to help the push.

The new recruits will boost the dedicated Sydney Harbour Bridge team to more than 130 painters, riggers, electricians, fitters and engineers.

The Bridge, which weighs 52,800 tonnes and is the widest and tallest arch bridge in the world, takes thirty years to paint and involves four coats of paint, each a slightly different shade. The final coat is the heritage-listed Sydney Harbour Bridge Grey. The bolstered workforce will allow painting targets to be raised by 30 per cent over the next eight years. Some of the hardest sections to access, including lateral pieces of steel high in the arch, have not been painted in three decades.

Rust patches have become increasingly visible to the public, with the target for rust treatment going unmet in recent years. Transport for NSW is assessing a longer-term maintenance plan which includes the delayed use of an arch maintenance unit that was procured under the former Liberal National government.

The NSW Government has asked Transport to present a plan for its implementation.

The uplift in work will be scheduled to minimise impacts on BridgeClimb visitors.

Minister for Roads John Graham said “Sydneyiders could not be prouder of the Harbour Bridge and it is critical that it is looking its best for the centenary of its opening in 2032, but also in the best condition to serve the city for the next 100 years.

“I was not satisfied that the current maintenance plan would deliver that in time for 2032 and beyond and today we outline a much more intensive program for the treatment of rust and painting. This is tough, intricate and time-consuming work. The 12 new permanent full-time workers join one of the best, most-experienced maintenance teams in the country.

“The Bridge remains the city’s most critical road and rail corridor, but it is also a priceless tourism asset which makes this work that much more critical.”



Abigail, Goldie, Olivia, and Rhonnie South, Rotary Youth Director.)

## 2024 Rotary Youth Scholarship Recipients

The Rotary Club of Moruya has proudly awarded the Annual Youth Scholarships to three inspiring young women: Abigail, Goldie, and Olivia. They attended the meeting at Moruya Golf Club with their families, and we were delighted to celebrate their incredible achievements and promising futures.

Each recipient has excelled in academics, community service, and extracurricular activities, showcasing their dedication and talents:

- Abigail (Moruya High School) is a top-performing student in mathematics, chemistry, and physics, and has coached triathlon locally. She plans to study Exercise and Sport Science or Chemistry at the University of Sydney.
- Goldie (St. Peters Anglican College) has demonstrated her artistic and musical talents, volunteering her piano skills in the community. She aspires to pursue a Bachelor of Arts and a career as a museum or gallery curator.
- Olivia (St. Peters Anglican College) is an accomplished surf lifesaver and athlete, with plans to study Primary Education at the University of Wollongong to inspire the next generation.

Each recipient will receive a \$4,500 scholarship over two years to support their academic journeys. We are immensely proud to support these exceptional young women and wish them the very best in their studies and future careers!

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‘Moruya’ Granite to be incorporated in new Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway



Granite pavement designs for cycleway. Photo Transport for NSW



New Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway Design. Photo Transport for NSW

Moruya Granite will once again play a part in Sydney infrastructure in the construction of a new Harbour Bridge cycleway. Work is ramping up on the new \$38.9 million Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway project with major work set to kick off before Christmas. In March, Western Sydney construction company Arengo (NSW) Pty Ltd was awarded the contract to build the cycleway. Around 700 workers will be involved in delivering the project, with materials being sourced and manufactured across Australia.

When complete, the 170 metre-long and 3 metre-wide ramp will link the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Milsons Point, sparing cyclists the hike up 55 stairs and making one of Australia’s most iconic bike routes easily accessible for riders of all ages and abilities.

New renders showcase the final design from Redfern design firm ASPECT Studios, paying careful attention to the historical significance of the site and honouring the heritage of the Harbour Bridge.

Granite for sections of the paving is coming from Moruya on the NSW South Coast; the same granite used for the original Harbour Bridge pylons, tying together the old and the new. The balustrades are being cast by Evermil in Unanderra NSW, structural steel bridge sections are being fabricated by Alfabs in Kurri Kurri NSW, and stone for the artwork paving is being sourced from NSW, Queensland and South Australia.

The pavement will form an Aboriginal artwork design, developed by Aboriginal artists Maddison Gibbs and Jason Wing, drawing on the imagery and themes of Gadigal and Cammeraygal land and waters. The new ramp will connect riders from the bridge to the bike network in Milsons Point. From Bradfield Park, riders can then join a new 150 metre-long and 2.5 metre-wide two-way dedicated cycle path and new shared zones in Milsons Point.

Transport is also contributing to improvements in Bradfield Park, with a \$2.5 million funding grant to North Sydney Council. Pedestrians will benefit from safer connections, with new footpaths and a new pedestrian crossing on Alfred Street South. A new paved plaza area will be created to connect the new cycle path and ramp into Bradfield Park. The plaza will be a welcoming community space with seating, a bike repair station and water fountain, for visitors or commuters heading to Milsons Point station and beyond.

Minister for Transport Jo Haylen said “Around 2,000 trips are taken across the cycleway each weekday, making it not just our only cross-harbour bike link, but one of Sydney’s most heavily used – and we’re expecting those numbers to rise once the ramp is complete.”

“The Harbour Bridge cycleway project has created hundreds of jobs for our state – and what an incredible legacy each of those workers will leave behind. We’re so proud to be bringing our beautiful 92-year-old bridge into the modern age, making it more attractive for cyclists all over the world.”

“Great cities are always evolving, and our Harbour Bridge is no exception. This cycleway will be a modern addition, while honouring its rich history – from the First Nations artwork to the Moruya granite paving; said Minister Haylen.

Major work will kick off in late 2024 including ground preparations for the new ramp and eight new columns in Bradfield Park, with preparation works now underway. Construction has been carefully planned to reduce impacts to the local community as much as possible. Work is expected to be completed by 2026.

**UPDATE : A Transport for NSW Spokesperson told the Moruya Mail that ;** “Transport for NSW is committed to honouring the heritage of the Sydney Harbour Bridge throughout the Cycleway Ramp Project.

This includes the granite paving, for which sections will be transported from Moruya on the NSW South Coast; the same granite used for the original Harbour Bridge pylons, tying together the old and the new.

The original quarry where granite was mined for the Harbour Bridge pylons in the 1930s is not being reopened. While not from the exact same quarry, geologically identical granite is being sourced from a local quarry owner, which produces aggregate from the granite band that spans the far South Coast region.”

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# South Coast in spotlight as international trade mission kicks off



Trade mission dinner at Batemans Bay with Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty welcoming the overseas visitors to the South Coast.

The Minns Labor Government is continuing work to safeguard the future of regional New South Wales, with a three-day international trade mission commencing in the South Coast showcasing all the region has to offer.

On the bigger horizon, International delegates from 13 countries attended a South Coast trade mission, which focused on the region's emerging industries which present investment, trade and industry development opportunities.

As the state's economy grows and changes into the future, building enduring partnerships with international investors and exploring new opportunities for local industries in global markets is vital.

This mission will give the delegates a firsthand experience of the innovation, trade, investment and collaboration opportunities regional New South Wales has to offer.

Representatives from Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom visited Eden, Merimbula, Bega, Moruya, Broulee and Batemans Bay.

The trip included meeting with local industry leaders such as the Alkath Group, Bega Cheese, Broulee Brewery, Australia's Oyster Coast, and Sea Urchin Harvest.

Delegates learned more about how South Coast businesses such as Recycling Technologies Group in Eden are reducing landfill from metal and timber manufacturing by turning the waste into a new, viable energy source.

They also had the chance to soak up the scenery and learn more about the rich Aboriginal heritage of Killalea Regional Park, Jigamy Farm and Snug Cove.

The trade mission is part of the NSW Government's Regional Investment Activation Program, which aims to drive growth, create jobs, and promote investment in regional NSW.

To date, the initiative has supported five trade missions in NSW in regional locations such as the Hunter, Riverina and Central West.

State Member for Bega, Michael Holland said "I am pleased to welcome the international trade mission to the beautiful Bega electorate. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the best of the Far South Coast's primary production from our dairy products to the world's best oyster industry.

Our visitors will experience the Eurobodalla and the Bega Valley's hospitality as well as witnessing innovative manufacturing and tourism industries."

Minister for Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty said "We are saying very clearly to the global community – Regional New South Wales is open for business!

"As well as the South Coast of NSW being a stunningly beautiful place to visit, the region is a hub of opportunity and has so much to offer in terms of established and emerging industries.

"There is no substitute for first-hand experience, and I am delighted that the Consuls-General will have a chance to get outside of the metropolitan areas and get an authentic understanding of this region's economic strengths in person.

"This trade mission is putting regional NSW front and centre for global investors to help us open the door to new opportunities, create jobs, and drive growth in our regions."

Minister for Industry and Trade, Anouack Chanthivong said: "Diversifying our state's trade offerings is central to the Minns Labor Government's plan for our trade economy.

"Showcasing local South Coast businesses to representatives from major international markets including China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom, is not only an opportunity for the local economy but increases the profile of NSW across the globe.

"This is another great example of the Minns Labor Government creating real international trade opportunities for local businesses."

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# Seaweed sector growth could boost economy by \$2.3 billion



Members of the international trade mission at the launch of the NSW Seaweed Prospectus.



(Left) Pia Winberg founder of Phyco-Health, a seaweed business in Huskisson, with Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty.

As part of the State Government plan to develop regional economies in NSW, the **Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty** has launched the NSW Government's Seaweed Prospectus, which forecasts a potential \$2.3 billion boost to the NSW economy through the growth of seaweed related industries.

The prospectus outlines the opportunities available for investors in NSW to tap into the fast-growing seaweed industry.

With the State's ready access to seawater, saline groundwater, abundant land, and skilled labour, economic modelling has shown NSW has the capacity to produce two million tonnes of seaweed each year by 2030, adding an estimated \$2.3 billion to the NSW economy.

This production capacity could help meet growing demand in the global market for seaweed-derived products such as pet food, nutraceuticals, bioplastics, and methane-reducing supplements.

It is estimated the global market for seaweed-derived products could be worth an additional \$16 billion by 2030, with NSW in a position to claim up to 14 percent of the market.

Of the 1,500 native Australian seaweed species, 230 grow in NSW. This includes key species *Ulva* spp, *Ecklonia radiata*, and *Asparagopsis*. Despite Australia boasting 15 percent of global seaweed species, we currently import some A\$40 million of seaweed products.

The prospectus highlights the key opportunities for investment in the sector including:

- Cultivation of seaweed, including co-location with existing aquaculture systems and using nutrient-rich waste streams from food processing and wastewater treatment facilities.

- Processing and manufacturing value-added seaweed products such as cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, biofertilizer.

- Leveraging the State's research and development capacity with partnerships with leading universities and research institutions developing new and emerging seaweed applications and cultivation practices.

Minister Moriarty launched the prospectus in Huskisson at PhycoHealth, a South Coast business that specialises in sustainable seaweed products, during a three-day NSW Government-led trade mission beginning in the region today.

Consuls-General from 13 countries are exploring the region's progressive aquaculture, food and beverage, manufacturing, tourism and clean tech industries as part of the NSW Government's Regional Investment Activation Program, which aims to drive growth, create jobs, and promote investment in regional NSW.

Minister for Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty said "The South Coast trade mission has been a great opportunity to roll out the welcome mat to global markets and launch the NSW Government's Seaweed Prospectus in a region that is already leading the way with its thriving aquaculture industry.

"Regional NSW has a lucrative opportunity to celebrate our natural resources, get ahead of the game and cultivate a strong state economy, and I am proud that this Seaweed Prospectus may help open doors to new investment opportunities."

Minister for Industry and Trade, Anoulack Chanthivong said "With the market for seaweed related products creating a potential \$2.3 billion boost to the NSW economy, the Minns Labor Government is ready to capitalise on NSW's abundant natural seaweed resources.

"NSW is fortunate to grow 230 of the 1500 native Australian seaweed species, which places us in a great position to be an important player in the global seaweed product market which is forecast to be worth an additional \$16 billion by 2030. The Minns Labor Government is focused on diversifying our international trade offerings, and the Seaweed Prospectus will provide a platform to supercharge a rich potential trade stream for NSW industry."

PhycoHealth Founder, Dr Pia Winberg said "With an estimated \$1 billion in sustainable innovation and enterprise from seaweed alone on NSW's doorstep, the opportunity for Australia to lead the way in aquaculture and sustainability is immense.

"We are proud to be one of the leading aquaculture ventures in New South Wales, working alongside other remarkable initiatives, such as the largest shellfish industry in Australia and oyster and mussel leases dotting the state's coastline.

"Seeing the government acknowledge the importance of what we are building here makes our work all the more meaningful."

The Seaweed Prospectus is a key deliverable under the NSW Government's recently released Aquaculture Vision Statement. To view the Seaweed Investment Prospectus, go to: [investregional.nsw.gov.au/seaweed](https://investregional.nsw.gov.au/seaweed).

### Latest information on Australian Schools now live on ACARA's My School Website

Parents, carers and wider school communities can now access the latest information on schools in their area on the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) [My School website](https://www.myschool.edu.au), which has been updated with 2024 NAPLAN data and other school-level information.

"With detailed information on around 10,000 schools right across Australia, ACARA's My School is the only website that provides parents, carers and the community with clear and transparent information on every Australian school," said ACARA's CEO, Stephen Gniel.

"ACARA's role is to provide detailed, accessible, timely and meaningful school education performance information. ACARA's My School provides that through the publication of nationally consistent, school-level data for all Australians to see.

"We need to know how our schools are doing, but it is also important that this information is presented in a way that considers the individual circumstances of a school, especially its level of socio-educational advantage, which our reporting takes into account.

"That's why the full suite of data on ACARA's My School is so valuable for Australian parents and carers as well as the broader community."

"On ACARA's My School, you can look up any school to find out information about the school from the principal and look at how many students and teachers are at the school. As well as its NAPLAN results, you can also explore attendance rates, as well as financial information for 2023, including funding levels and sources," Mr Gniel said.

"This helps parents and carers understand the full value and quality of a school, inclusive of NAPLAN results within the broader context in which each school operates."

Find out information about schools in your area at [www.myschool.edu.au](https://www.myschool.edu.au)

### Testing falls short as drug driving climbs to second leading factor

A report by the NRMA has revealed one-in-10 NSW drivers tested positive for illicit drugs in 2023 as roadside drug testing continues to fall short of its target.

The [NRMA's Driving High report](#) has called on the NSW Government to increase roadside drug testing to meet the target of 200,000 tests per year set in 2018 as fatalities on NSW roads rise. Last year the state fell 40,000 tests short of this target.

Drug driving is now the second leading cause of fatalities in NSW, surpassing fatigue, drink driving and non-seatbelt use.

The Driving High report comes as fatalities on NSW roads continue to rise with 79 people losing their lives in drug related crashes in 2023, 24 more than the previous year. It calls for:

- 200,000 roadside drug tests to be conducted by 2026
  - Resourcing for Police to ensure high visibility policing, especially on country roads
  - Publicly release roadside drug and alcohol testing enforcement data sooner
  - More public education on the effects of drug driving, including medication
  - A review of warning labels on medication that could impair driving
- In nearly 70 per cent of drug driving related crashes, the drug in the driver's system was cannabis, followed by methylamphetamine (43%) and cocaine (7%).

The overwhelming majority of drivers involved in fatal crashes who had drugs in their system were males (85%) and drivers or motorcycle riders aged 20-29 years old (31%) were the largest cohort. Also, nearly 50 per cent of drivers who tested positive were in age cohorts 30-49.

NRMA spokesperson Peter Khoury said drivers who combined illicit drugs with alcohol with were 23 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash. "It is extremely alarming that one-in-10 drivers pulled over for a random drug test on the side of the road tested positive at the same time that we are seeing a huge spike in deaths – jumping 44 per cent in one year," Mr Khoury said.

Driving High also calls for a review of warning labels on medication and further research into the effects of medicinal cannabis on driver impairment. [Read the full Driving High report here.](#)

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# NSW Governor's four day tour of the South Coast



The NSW Governor and Mr Wilson visited Baranguba (Montague Island) , met with Australia's Oyster Coast and with Kizzy Nye in Mogo. Photo Facebook.

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Wilson spent the first two days of their visit to the Far South Coast in Bega, Bermagui, and Cobargo. Included were tours of Australia's Oyster Coast in Bermagui, morning tea with local recipients of National Emergency Medals and Bega Valley Shire Council members and staff, seeing the wonderful supported employment and art programs at Tulgeen Disability Services' Riverside Nursery and Art in the Garage, and touring the Women's Resource Centre and Sapphire Community Kitchen, in Bega. They also heard about Bermagui CWA's seniors housing project at a morning tea with members of local CWA branches, met students and staff at Cobargo Public School, learnt about bushfire recovery projects in and around Cobargo from local community leaders, and enjoyed a BBQ with members of the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade.

The Governor and Mr Wilson spent the final two days of their visit to the Far South Coast in and around Narooma, Mogo, and Moruya. Highlights included a spectacular tour of Barunguba-Montague Island Nature Reserve with NSW NPWS rangers and staff, meeting Elders and members of the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council to hear about the Fire to Flourish and other programs, and visiting Narooma High School, which included a smoking ceremony and a tour of the school. On the final night, the Governor and Mr Wilson hosted a Community Reception at Moruya SLSC, where they thanked and celebrated the extraordinary contributions of so many in the community. Weather prevented a visit to Mogo Trails on the following morning, but the Vice Couple did get to catch up with Eurobodalla Shire Council representatives and other stakeholders to hear about progress on this important local project, at Grumpy & Sweetheart's Cafe, in Mogo. Thanks to all for a fantastic welcome over the four days. Beautiful place, beautiful people!"

Source Facebook Governor of NSW



Moruya High School Students Abigail (Year 9) and Hannah (Year 11) had the opportunity to meet Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Wilson at the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club.



Marine Rescue Tross Moruya Deputy Unit Commander Darren Nicholls, the Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley, Unit Commander Blaise Madden.

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The master, Mr. O. J. Armstrong informs us that as a result of the recent permit to Enroll Examination, the following pupils of Moruya Public School have passed the final primary test, and are entitled to enter upon a super primary course. The passes in order of merit are: Royce Clarke, Joyce Mills, Alyce Colefax, Keith Parbery, and John Burke.

The largest consignment of wool ever seen in this district came from Messrs. T. M. Royd's and Hyland's Back Creek properties last week. The "golden fleece," which weighed about 12 tons, was brought down in Nom Chong's two large motor lorries, and shipped to Sydney by the Narani.

Some excitement was caused in town on Monday, when a horse attached to a sulky owned by Mr. Don Rose, bolted from the front of Mr. P. Connor's shop in Queen St. Careering along Vulcan Street the parcels of groceries in the vehicle being scattered in all directions, the frightened animal safely negotiated the corner near the park, but came to grief at the bridge near Braemar, where the sulky was left a wreck. The horse escaped serious injury. In honor of her approaching marriage with Mr. H. C. Manfred of Goulburn, Miss Kathleen Jermyn was entertained at a "kitchen tea" on the 28th inst. at "Arnside," the home of Mrs. Quilter, who, with Mrs. Finch, graciously acted as hostess on the occasion.

The bride-elect, who wore a pretty frock of green moracaine with a chic hat, was presented with a dainty basket of roses, penstemons and asparagus fern. For winning a "Hidden Word" Competition, Miss Pearl Collett was rewarded with a cut-glass vase and mat. From tables adorned with rich carnations and slender Iceland poppies the guests were served with dainty refreshments, after which the numerous presents of useful kitchen ware were viewed.

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Our lock-up has been well occupied this week through a number of locals lubricating themselves too freely. Two more names have been added to the local exchange list. You can now ring up Mr. J. D. Ward on 'phone 60, and Mr. F. Luck 59.

Miss Marie, the clever little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Preddey, delighted the audience with her violin solo at Rev. Campbell's lecture on Monday night.

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# Digging for Answers on the Bay Pavilions Catastrophe



*Happier days -cutting the ribbon to open the Bay Pavilions in 2022*

By Phil Herrick

## Picture this Scenario

A new business launched by an ASX listed company is in financial trouble, so they call in KPMG and a specialised risk consultant to tell them how to get back on track. The consultant's report, and some risks in the new business have been identified as extreme, with catastrophic financial consequences to the company if they are not fixed.

The Board adopts the consultant's recommendations and staff are tasked with implementing them.

Over a year passes and losses of the new business, originally forecast at \$563,000 a year will now pass \$6 million for the year and the CEO tells the Board total losses will pass \$50 million over the next 10 years. This leads shareholders to question if the CEO has completed the tasks meant to cut the losses. What would you expect the Board to do the next time it meets?

## Sound Familiar?

Swap the company for our local council and you could be describing the rolling financial disaster that is the Bay Pavilions.

In October last year InConsult delivered a risk assessment to council.

An extreme risk was the unsustainable business / service delivery model. The consequence of this risk was catastrophic.

Council is planning a loss of \$6.2 million this year at the Pav, but the most recent quarterly performance report showed income is 30% below the annualised target, so losses will balloon further. The predicted catastrophe has arrived.

## Seeking Answers

The Moruya Mail has been following the story because of the impact the Bay Pavilions losses have on the broader community as council cuts road maintenance and other services to pay for it. The Pav is now on track to consume 10% of the General Fund rates.

Two weeks ago, we asked council for assistance to provide an update to readers on progress being made to improve the financial performance of the Bay Pavilions.

In particular, we asked about some actions recommended by InConsult last year to mitigate risks that were extreme and financial consequences catastrophic.

We hoped the actions were completed and it would be easy for council to respond. We have yet to get a response.

## The Questions We Asked

InConsult advised: In the absence of Bay Pavilions being able to achieve a positive cashflow and net surplus, Council must set a loss tolerance level and manage the asset accordingly.

*The Mail asked: InConsult were very firm on this point, using the word "must" Has the loss tolerance level been determined? What is it?*

InConsult advised: Conduct a 'lessons learned' workshop where Council and Aligned Leisure can discuss strengths and weaknesses in the current arrangement with an objective of minimising the financial exposure to Council.

*The Mail asked: Risk 19 on Reputation also recommended a workshop. Was the workshop conducted? Are there any outcomes that have been delivered?*

Note: Aligned Leisure (AL) are the company council has contracted to operate the Pavilions.

InConsult advised: Currently all expenses are borne by Council and a set management fee is paid to AL. There is no 'skin in the game' for AL, no penalties for poor performance and no rewards for improving performance. Council should re-assess the value proposition and in particular how AL can enhance revenue.

*The Mail asked: Has the value reassessment been completed? Have enhanced revenue opportunities been put in place? Have poor performance penalties or rewards for improved performance been set?*

InConsult advised: Investigate the possibility of more flexibility to fees and charges to allow AL to promote the BP more effectively.

*The Mail asked: Has any greater flexibility been given to AL? Can AL's promotion of the Bay Pavilions be measured as being more effective as a result?*

InConsult advised: Investigate opportunities for AL to work closer with Council's tourism team to align the Bay Pavilions strategic plan and business plan to Councils and regions tourism strategy.

*The Mail asked: Have Tourism and AL started to work together? Any outcomes to date?*

InConsult advised: Review the Marketing Plan and Business Plan drafted by AL and provided to Council at the start of the Contract to establish realistic marketing and financial targets. At the heart of any future strategy should be key strategies to increase patronage/more users.

*The Mail asked: Has council accepted revised Marketing and Business Plans from AL?*

And finally, we asked about an action plan listed in council's Sustainability Plan for the Pav:

Action: Review and consider renegotiation of current contract with Aligned Leisure.

*The Mail asked: Has a renegotiated contract been agreed?*

## We'll get a Response

We're confident council will respond in time, but the delay, in itself, raises questions. We hope the recommended actions have all been completed, as well over a year has passed since the councillors passed the consultants recommendations to staff for action.

# Billions of people to benefit from technology breakthrough that ensures freshwater for the world

A novel approach to make seawater evaporate faster than freshwater has been hailed as a significant breakthrough in desalination technology that will benefit billions of people worldwide. Up to 36% of the world's eight billion people currently suffer from severe freshwater shortages for at least four months of the year, and this could potentially increase to 75% by 2050, threatening the survival of humans. Seawater desalination is one of the most effective strategies to alleviate the impending scarcity, but existing processes consume massive amounts of energy, leaving a large carbon footprint. Researchers from the University of South Australia (UniSA) have already demonstrated the potential of interfacial solar-powered evaporation as an energy-efficient, sustainable alternative to current desalination methods, but they are still limited by a lower evaporation rate for seawater compared to pure water due to the negative effect of salt ions on water evaporation. UniSA materials science researcher Professor Haolan Xu has now collaborated with researchers from China on a project to develop a simple yet effective strategy to reverse this limitation. By introducing inexpensive and common clay minerals into a floating photothermal hydrogel evaporator, the team achieved seawater evaporation rates that were 18.8% higher than pure water. This is a significant breakthrough since previous studies all found seawater evaporation rates were around 8% lower than pure water. "The key to this breakthrough lies in the ion exchange process at the air-water interface," Prof Xu says. "The minerals selectively enrich magnesium and calcium ions from seawater to the evaporation surfaces, which boosts the evaporation rate of seawater. This ion exchange process occurs spontaneously during solar evaporation, making it highly convenient and cost-effective."

Considering the global desalination market – which numbers around 17,000 operational plants worldwide – even small declines in desalination performance can result in the loss of tens of millions of tons of clean water. "This new strategy, which could be easily integrated into existing evaporation-based desalination systems, will provide additional access to massive amounts of clean water, benefitting billions of people worldwide," Prof Xu says. The researchers say the hydrogel evaporator maintained its performance even after months of immersion in seawater. The next steps will involve exploring more strategies that can make seawater evaporation faster pure water evaporation and apply them into practical seawater desalination. The findings have been published in the journal Advanced Materials.

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## A Beer with Bazz # 172

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Patches of perspiration had Young Simon's shirt clinging to his upper body. He ran the schooner across his forehead and closed his eyes for a moment before joining the group who shared a certain vintage.

"You old blokes must be feeling this heat. I admire your stamina coming out when the temperature is over thirty degrees."

A few shakes of the head and numerous 'tut-tuts' before Know All Ron sucked in a deep breath.

"Come off it Simon. You need to toughen up a bit. When I was your age we did not take our jumpers off until the thermometer hit thirty. When it hit thirty five degrees we might slap on some coconut oil, head off to the local pool for a swim and a sun bake."

Ron paused and rubbed his sun spotted cheek, took a sip and eyeballed Simon's shirt.

"And we would be wearing singlets under our shirts."

Various nods of agreement before Mick cleared his throat.

"Listen up Simon. Back in the day... real heat was when you could hang a couple of slices of bread and some bacon on the clothesline, crack an egg alongside a billy of tea on the back step and within minutes breakfast would be served."

Mick paused for a sip and a half smile.

"And that was well before the big heat in the middle of the day when you could put a leg of lamb on that very step....."

Mick was silenced as all eyes trained on the patron in the buttoned up three-piece suit with a tie tightly knotting his throat, wending his way towards them.

Introductions and a long pause.

Young Simon tapped his chin and gently bit his bottom lip.

"I've just got to ask you, mate. Why wear a three-piece suit and a fully knotted tie in this weather? It is a furnace outside."

The suited patron straightened his back and took a generous sip.

"Well...Simon. I have a boss whose office is near the entrance of our workplace and his door is always open... and I mean that literally. He likes to keep a very close eye on his staff. Now... you see... very early in my employment, I noticed he would take little notice if one of my colleagues walked past without a coat. He would assume they are going to the toilet or the tearoom."

Simon raised an eyebrow.

"Well... that is a fair assumption. You do not need a coat to get a cup of tea."

The suited patron lowered his voice.

"However, if a colleague walked past wearing a coat or even carrying a coat, our boss assumes they are heading out of the office and takes a very keen interest in the time, checks the office diary or even questions other staff about the intended whereabouts of the fully suited colleague."

Simon screwed his eyes.

"Once again, a fair assumption. I guess the boss is mindful of his staff wasting time or even skipping off early."

The suited patron clicked his tongue.

"To counter such accountability, I wear a full suit all the time at work. I never take my coat off at any stage during the day. When I walk past the boss's office he takes very little interest in me. He more than likely just assumes I am going to the toilet or the tearoom, when in fact, I am down here having a beer with you blokes."

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## Heatwaves and hot summer, struggling coal highlights the urgent need for renewables

A VERY HOT SUMMER ahead will test the limits of our ageing and unreliable coal-fired power stations.

**Climate Council** CEO Amanda McKenzie said: "The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a very hot summer ahead, which will put enormous pressure on Australia's ageing coal-fired power stations. You wouldn't expect a 40-year-old car to keep running smoothly, and we can't rely on these ageing stations to deliver during extreme heat. Coal outages this week forced our grid operator to take action to keep the lights on.

The Climate Change Authority's (CCA) latest annual progress report, tabled in parliament today, confirms that progress is being made, but delivering existing policies is key to cutting climate pollution and ensuring a stable, clean energy supply.

Climate Councillor Greg Bourne said: "Big renewables backed by batteries are delivering about 40% of Australia's power and are resilient in hot conditions. All Australia's coal-fire power stations are slated to close in the next 15 years, so we must ramp up renewables to ensure reliable energy for all Australian households." Climate Council CEO Amanda McKenzie said: "The Authority's Report highlights the significant progress on renewable projects and policies. But, Australia needs to double the pace of the renewable rollout to meet growing energy needs and prevent power blackouts as ageing and unreliable coal stations shut down. With climate impacts like harsher droughts to rising costs of living escalating, urgent action is needed to protect communities and limit damage."

The annual progress report's recommendations identify key opportunities to make further cuts to climate pollution this decade. The report recommends supporting more Australians to upgrade their home's efficiency, speeding up the connection of essential renewables and storage to the grid, and ensuring that big polluters have a plan to cut their climate pollution. Climate Council CEO Amanda McKenzie said: "Retrofitting homes and buildings for energy efficiency is a no-brainer—it cuts energy bills and keeps families comfortable year-round. At the same time, ensuring big polluters have clear, transparent plans to cut climate pollution is crucial. Every sector of the economy has an important role to play in limiting the worst impacts of climate change and building a safer future for our kids." Tracking progress is essential to staying on course. The Climate Council's recently launched Momentum Monitor is mapping Australia's transformation, tracking advances in energy, transport, and manufacturing solutions. Regular updates will ensure Australians can see how renewables and climate solutions are powering our future.

## Australia hits 100k EV sales milestone

### Electric Vehicle Council

Australia has broken its annual electric vehicle (EV) sales record, reaching a milestone of 100,000 so far this year, according to the Electric Vehicle Council.

EVC data and public data shows more than 100,000 EVs have been sold so far in 2024, outpacing the previous record of about 98,400 sales in 2023.

Electric Vehicle Council's Head of Policy, Legal and Advocacy Aman Gaur said: "2024 has been a record-breaking year for EV uptake in Australia, with new sales surpassing 100,000 for the first time in a year - and that's before the year has even ended.

"Reaching this annual milestone of 100,000 EV sales is a clear signal that Australians want modern, sustainable cars that are fun to drive.

"Despite ongoing cost-of-living pressures making it harder to purchase a new car upfront, EV sales have still outpaced previous years. EVs are becoming more affordable thanks to a variety of budget-friendly models, more competition across all vehicle types and government incentives.

"One of the easiest ways to save money right now is by driving an electric car - Australians can save thousands of dollars a year by avoiding high petrol prices and expensive mechanics costs from petrol cars.

"Looking ahead to 2025, we're optimistic that EV adoption in Australia will continue to grow, especially with the introduction of the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, which is set to deliver even more affordable and a greater choice of low and zero emissions cars.

"Reaching milestones in EV adoption is exciting - governments can build on this momentum by offering more incentives to improve EV affordability, expanding charging infrastructure, and updating regulations to support the sector's growth and create local jobs."

## Storm preparation workshop with NSW SES - Moruya Library

Get ready for storm season with the NSW SES and Australian Red Cross at Eurobodalla Libraries this December.

**Tue, 10 Dec 2024 11AM - 12PM**

Moruya Library

Are you ready for storm season? Plan and prepare with your local NSW State Emergency Service (SES) teams and the Australian Red Cross. NSW SES is an emergency and rescue service dedicated to assisting the community. Come along and start a conversation about preparing for emergencies this summer. You'll hear helpful tips on how to prepare your property, learn how to identify your risks and find out what actions you can take.

There will also be an opportunity to connect with team members from the Australian Red Cross: a volunteer-based organisation that exists to reduce human suffering, acting to deliver what's needed, when it's needed most.

This session will empower you with clever strategies on how to prepare for disasters and provide information to help you make your own emergency plan.

Free event. Bookings are essential. Spaces are limited.

For more information on library events, visit:

[www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on)

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



## \$50 million investment boost for regional communities

The Minns Labor Government is continuing work to ensure regional communities thrive, with \$50 million in grants becoming available for initiatives that promote regional economic development and support employment creation and retention.

Businesses, consortiums, local governments, associations, Aboriginal corporations, not for profits and other eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for a share of the \$50 million Community Investment Program, delivered by the NSW Government's \$400 million Regional Development Trust. Grants of between \$500,000 and \$5 million will be available for infrastructure projects and capital investments to create jobs and economic opportunities.

Between \$250,000 and \$1 million will be available for regional programs to improve service delivery and community connection and capacity building.

This is the second round of funding to be released from the NSW Government's \$400 million Regional Development Trust, this targeted investment has been guided by the Regional Development Advisory Council and informed by several roundtables with rural communities hosted by the Minister for Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty.

Projects funded under this round will align with the Regional Development Trust's key focus areas of:

- Sustainable regional industries
- Aboriginal economic development and enterprise
- Community connection and capacity building
- Improving regional service delivery

This funding follows the NSW Government recently passing an update to the Regional Development Act, to ensure it reflects the needs of modern rural and regional NSW, expanding investment opportunities and enshrining integrity in the system. Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty said:

"This latest initiative under the Regional Development Trust makes more funding available for regional and rural communities and will build on the Minns Labor Government's positive track record in providing strategic investment for local projects that deliver real change in a timely manner.

"I have listened to people and businesses from around regional NSW, and so we are responding accordingly with a funding program that enables applicants to apply for investment for projects that are ready to go.

"I encourage businesses, consortiums and organisations to apply for this funding if you have a good idea on how to expand economic activity in a community or region.

"This funding will kick-start productive projects and initiatives across regional NSW, supporting the creation of needed infrastructure, new economies and also supporting the attraction of key workers to the regions."

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will host community information sessions, inviting eligible applicants to learn about the program, how to apply, and what projects and initiatives are eligible for targeted investment.

Applications open today, 6 December 2024, and close at 5pm on Thursday, 20 February 2024.

For more information: [nsw.gov.au/regionaldevelopmenttrust](https://nsw.gov.au/regionaldevelopmenttrust)

## Financial Sustainability win for Local Government Sector

The State's peak body for local government has welcomed the release of a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry report into the ability of councils to fund infrastructure and services. The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on state development has been holding an inquiry into the financial sustainability of councils, receiving over 130 submissions and holding 10 public hearings.

**Local Government NSW President Cr Darriea Turley AM said** she was delighted to see that the recommendations of the inquiry closely aligned with submissions from LGNSW and from local councils right across the state.

"This is a wonderful outcome for councils and their communities. LGNSW has long advocated for more support from both the state and federal governments to ensure the financial sustainability of local councils is secured," Cr Turley said.

"The recommendations contained in the report demonstrate that the inquiry heard our call.

"They reflect recognition that the financial sustainability of councils is being persistently eroded and that, without improvements, all communities will suffer.

"We're hopeful that this recognition will pave the way for much-needed improvements.

"We thank the NSW Government for holding this inquiry and now call on them to act on these recommendations, in close partnership with councils, to achieve better sustainability, resilience and productivity outcomes for all NSW communities," Cr Turley said.

Key recommendations include:

- Reviewing rate exemptions and concessions to achieve a better balance between local council financial sustainability, community benefits and principles of equity.
- Redesigning the rating system to provide councils with greater flexibility in setting rates, while keeping rates affordable for the community.
- Streamlining the special variation process.
- Advocating to the Australian Government to increase Financial Assistance Grants to councils from 0.5% to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.
- Grant models that are more secure, sustainable and predictable.
- Changes to the developer contributions framework to better support councils to fund the ongoing costs of new infrastructure, and support development including of community facilities.
- More timely disaster recovery assistance to councils.
- Dedicated and ongoing funding streams for disaster mitigation and preparedness.
- Incorporation of betterment into disaster recovery funding programs.
- Appropriately recognising that Rural Fire Service assets are vested in the NSW Government, and not councils.

Reducing cost shifting onto councils and consideration of how the Waste Levy can better support infrastructure and services that support the transition to the circular economy.



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# Stopping Logging will negate over half of Eurobodalla's Carbon Emissions



## ESC Public Access Statement Tues 3 December 2024

At the Public Access Session of Eurobodalla Shore Council on Tuesday **Joslyn Van der Moolen** was one of several residents to address the Council, on two matters:

### 1. Friends of the Forest (Mogo) Emergency Forest

**Embassies** on the corner of Larrys Mountain Road and the Princes Highway since 26 November to protest against the logging 10 minutes nw of Moruya in November 2024. The public have been enthusiastically responding with honks and many many waves and thumbs up of support. Stopping Logging will negate over half of Eurobodalla's Carbon Emissions

### 2. Securing Mountain Bike Trail Tenure in State Forests

"Welcome Mayor, Deputy Mayor and returning Councillors, staff and the public. Some of you will know I was the second Greens Candidate in the recent election and I congratulate Colleen Turner for being elected to continue the Greens legacy of previous Greens Councillors including outgoing Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington. I am speaking to you in my role on the Coastwatchers Forest Working Group and Community Liaison for Friends of the Forest (Mogo).

Mogo State forest to the north of the Moruya river between Mogendoura and North Moruya started being logged two weeks ago. This beautiful tall spotted gum forest is going to be logged east of Maulbrooks Rd up to RHA Fire Trail at the top of the mountain range across to the Eurobodalla Archery Range. This Mogo State Forest operation of 534 hectares is part of 110,000 hectares of public state forest that covers 31% of the Eurobodalla. There are two critical areas that logging impacts on the Eurobodalla Shire Council. The first is logging emissions in relation to the council's Eurobodalla Climate Action Plan 2022 - 2032. The second is the need to secure tenure for the mountain bike trails that council has invested in, so these mountain bike trails are not closed for months or damaged by industrial logging machinery.

The Climate Action Plan shows the total carbon emissions for the Eurobodalla shire (page 11) from Electricity, Transport, Waste, Agriculture and Gas in 2019/2020 (the same year as the Black Summer fires) was 396,000 tonnes. This plan also states that these figures exclude emissions from land use change and forestry.

So let's see what happens if we include carbon emissions from logging our forests that are in the Zero SE State Forest and Climate Action in Eurobodalla fact sheets. These fact sheets use the same Snapshot emission figures as the council Climate Action Plan.

The Frontier Economic Report Comparing the value of alternative uses of native forests in Southern NSW, calculated the annual emissions from logging in southern NSW was 950,000 tonnes.

The Eurobodalla Shire has 106,462 hectares of state forest. 106,462 hectares is 26% of the total 411,651 hectares in southern NSW (the Eden and Southern, Regional Forest Agreement areas).

So, since the Eurobodalla has a 26% of the forest being logged in southern NSW the Eurobodalla is generating a quarter of the 950,000 tonnes of carbon emissions from logging each year. Twenty-six per cent of the total emissions of 950,000 tonnes for southern NSW is 245,691 tonnes pa. So, in 2018-2019 the Eurobodalla was generating 438,000 tonnes of annual emissions from Electricity, Transport, Waste, Agriculture and Gas. So, if we stop logging, we will no longer generate 245,691 tonnes of carbon emissions per annum. This carbon emissions saving of 245,691 tonnes will negate over half of the Eurobodalla's emissions from Electricity, Transport, Waste, Agriculture and Gas. This incredible result is also reflected in the Bega shire that has even more state forest and logging.

### The need to secure tenure for mountain bike trails in our state forests

Nature based tourism is our main economic driver with at least \$16 million invested in Eurobodalla mountain bike trails in Mogo and Narooma. The Council's Mogo Trails webpage shows the Mogo Trails project was made possible due to \$5 million from the Australian and NSW Governments' Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund and \$3 million from the NSW Government's Growing Local Economies Fund. This has attracted the prestigious international Sea Otter event in Mogo State Forest in October 2025.

Despite this infrastructure investment and event planning the state forest mountain bike trails are not protected from being damaged by logging. We need to protect these state forests to safeguard this investment and provide certainty to the industry, so these mountain bike trails are not logged in the future. Without protection, these forests will be closed for months and months for logging and tracks damaged.

In state forests, protected areas are called Preserved Forest Areas as has been allocated, around the convict built Old Coach Road in Termeil leading to Big Spotty.

When Mogo State Forest at Dunns Creek was logged in 2018, Forestry put signs up saying the track was closed for nine months. The informal Joan of Arc trail and Vietnam trail maintained by volunteers, were driven over by heavy industrial logging machinery. When the tracks opened the tracks along the creek had grown over for over a kilometre.

Managers of the mountain bike trails are key stakeholders and have the power to negotiate protection of forests that have mountain bike infrastructure. The council need to demand that this investment be matched by Forestry Corporation NSW (a NSW Government entity) and mountain biking forests be protected as a Forest Preserved area. Our forests must be kept standing for biodiversity, as carbon storage and for eco-tourism our main industry. The forestry industry must focus 100% on plantations that are profitable, that already provide over 80% of construction timber and many skilled jobs and use less land. AKD softwoods in Tumut own 12,000 hectares on plantations that pay rates to local shires in Tumut and Oberon.

### Joslyn van der Moolen

Secretary Coastwatchers and Forest Working Group member  
Community Liaison Friends of the Forest (Mogo)



# Dalmeny Matters presentation to Council Public Access & Petition

## Presentation by Sally Christiansen

"I am here on behalf of Dalmeny Matters community association to present a petition to Council, regarding the development proposed for the Dalmeny bushland with over 1000 signatures.

This petition makes reference to the Master Plan which Council previously presented to the community, but which now sits with the owners to finalise. This petition aims to show the high level of concern regarding this development proposal and asks for additional consultation opportunities. I would like to give a brief overview of our concerns regarding the proposed development and ask for your help in ensuring there is meaningful community consultation during the planning stages of this project.

The community deserves clear information and the chance to have a say in the future planning for our area.

We would like to raise specific concerns with the owners, now that they have been given the lead in the planning process. We would like to hear their vision for the area, to understand how risks will be mitigated and whether there are plans to preserve areas for wildlife and recreation.

We hope to understand what consultation is taking place with RFS in planning for bushfire protection. We deserve clear answers about how Mummaga lake will be protected and the capacity of local sewage pumping stations and the treatment facility to cope with the development. We would like a clear timeline so that residents know what to expect.

It seems only fair that locals be considered stakeholders in this process. We have many suggestions for possible compromises that could help to protect people's privacy, quiet enjoyment of their homes and valued public space for recreation and wildlife.

The potential for over 400 additional houses is a really significant increase for a village like Dalmeny. To put that into perspective: it's the equivalent of twice the numbers Dalmeny has during peak holiday periods, year round.

I would like to reiterate that in general, our members have no objection to growth and development in Dalmeny.

The report tabled at the November Council meeting regarding housing supply indicates that the Eurobodalla region does not have a lack of single dwelling houses but more a lack of diversity of housing and lack of affordable housing, which we believe this development at Dalmeny will not address, being zoned R2. Many members of the community were very disappointed, and felt misled, when Council confirmed the area as being unsuitable for affordable housing provision.

There is a lot of potential for infill development in Dalmeny, as well as the large site next to the Dalmeny IGA which will be developed as townhouses.

Our concerns and objections are specifically about the suitability of the Dalmeny bushland for housing development for several reasons. We are asking for the opportunity to go into more detail about these issues with Council and the landowners prior to the formal public exhibition period.

- We have serious concerns about the ability of the Master Plan to meet the RFS Planning for Bushfire Protection guide recommendations while also protecting the waterways onsite and retaining habitat for the threatened species present.
- To explain- there are 3 lots within the development area with 3 different owners; this spreads the development across the site, rather than making a small perimeter to defend from the fire hazard.
- There are several creeks running through the area- protection of these riparian zones will essentially mean that corridors of vegetation will run through the site. There are sloped areas which will be too steep to develop so the development will likely be on the ridge lines, which brings a higher fire risk.



- Last time the community met with Council staff, consultation with RFS for this project was yet to happen. We would like to raise this issue again now that the developers have been given the lead planning for area.
- In this regard, the threatened species in the area are the Yellow-bellied Glider and the Glossy Black Cockatoo. These species have large ranges, they need large corridors between habitat areas, hollow nesting trees and reliable water sources. If habitat areas for these species are preserved within the development area they will need to be managed into the future. We have been told that would likely mean a hazard reduction burn every 2- 5 years. However, this fire frequency is not compatible with the fire thresholds for these species and therefore even if areas are put aside for them, it is unlikely they would survive in the area long term unless the footprint of the development could be somehow consolidated.
- If the 3 owners would be open to discussion about how to consolidate the footprint of the development, many of the serious challenges of this development could be improved.
- Further on bushfire management: Council sold their portion of this site in 2021, the fire break behind existing houses in Dalmeny is not being maintained by the new owner. Residents have written to Council but this is an ongoing problem.
- Areas of Dalmeny are already impacted by localised flooding. Locals have made complaints to Council about silt traps in drainage reserves not being cleared and sewage overflow is affecting properties and Mummaga Lake in storm events. Concerns about stormwater runoff impacting Mummaga Lake and Dalmeny beach has been the number 1 concern raised by locals to Council since planning for this project began. These residents deserve a response as to how this large development may affect their properties into the future.
- Lastly, in regards to traffic management, we are requesting the opportunity to be consulted about access roads to the development area. Locals have useful knowledge about traffic volume, dangerous areas, requirements for footpaths and bike path connectivity and the routes that kids take to the school bus stops. There are also issues with traffic and parking in the Dalmeny business area.

I will finish by saying that consultation is always most useful when it is done early in the process and in good faith. The formal process, whereby residents write detailed submissions to a plan on Public Exhibition, only to receive a one line response that 'no changes to the plan are anticipated' does not acknowledge community as a genuine stakeholder in the process.

If you could please help to facilitate our requests, in your role as Councillors, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you

**Sally Christiansen, Dalmeny Matters Pres.**

## \$20.3 million for alcohol and drug services in Southern NSW

People at risk of harm from alcohol and drug use in Southern NSW will have greater access to support and treatment, with a \$20.3 million funding boost from the NSW Government to enhance services over four years.

The investment includes funding for Southern NSW Local Health District and local non-government organisations services, including:

- \$2.6 million over four years for the establishment of a day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children, delivered by Karralika Programs.
- \$4.2 million over four years for day rehabilitation and counselling for young people aged 12-17 years and young adults aged 18-24 years, delivered by Directions Health.
- \$2 million for counselling for community-based withdrawal management, case management and counselling for people with co-occurring mental health and alcohol and other drug issues, delivered by Directions Health.
- \$2 million over four years for new post-custodial support services, delivered by Directions Health, which also covers Murrumbidgee region (and previously announced for Griffith).
- \$9.5 million over four years has been allocated to Southern NSW Local Health District to increase access to specialist alcohol and other drug treatment services.

### Day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children

The new program offers treatment and support for an individual's substance use as well as focussing on enhancing the parents/care givers relationships with their children. The program will include structured alcohol and other drug support groups run over 16 weeks, supported by individual counselling, including with family members, which will be delivered alongside a parenting program.

The program is designed to be flexible to ensure it is accessible for parents. People will be able to access ongoing support for up to six months. Up to 34 people and their families will receive support at any one time.

### Day rehabilitation and counselling for young people

Young people accessing the new day rehabilitation and counselling service will be offered early intervention, structured day rehabilitation, counselling, group education and family support for up to six months. Services will be offered in person and through telehealth, with outreach offered to some rural communities. Around 240 young people and their families will receive treatment and support each year.

### Community based withdrawal management, case management and counselling

Community based withdrawal management and counselling support services will be offered in person and through virtual care. Holistic case management and support will be offered for up to six months, with up to 30 people being supported at any one time. This service also supports people in the Illawarra region.

### Southern NSW Local Health District Services

The district will be able to offer increased access to specialist treatment and clinical expertise through the expansion of critical services such as Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Services (SUPPS), the Assertive Community Management program, offering intensive case management support to people with complex needs; the Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment (MERIT) program; and improved access to hospital consultation liaison services.

### Drug Summit

The NSW Government held a multiday regional Drug Summit in Griffith and Lismore in November, bringing together health experts, police, people with lived and living experiences, drug user organisations, families and other stakeholders to provide a range of perspectives.

The Summit also included a Sydney forum held on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 December,

## Government to introduce new digital competition powers

The Federal government is proposing a new digital competition regime for big tech to protect consumers, and bolster innovation and competition.

A handful of global tech giants dominate how we pay for things, what we download, and how our data is used. Existing competition rules are no longer effective in addressing their control over key services like search engines, app stores, and social media.

The Albanese government is proposing a new regime that would impose upfront rules on large digital platforms to address issues encountered by Australian consumers and businesses when using digital platforms.

The laws would give the minister the power to designate platforms or services and impose service-specific obligations, with penalties of up to \$50 million, or 30 per cent of turnover, for failure to comply.

The government is proposing the first two services to be investigated for designation under the regime to be app stores and ad tech, and is seeking views on whether social media should also be prioritised.

Currently, app store platforms owned by Google and Apple can preference their own apps in search results making it difficult for consumers to compare products. They can also require businesses to use their payment systems, increasing prices for businesses and consumers.

Similarly, the vast majority of digital ad tech services in Australia are facilitated by Google, driving up prices for advertisers, and reducing profits for publishers who display ads.

The paper seeks stakeholder views on the proposed approach and key elements of the regime, including:

- the general framework and scope of covered services
- the priority services for designation
- the designation process to ensure the regime is appropriately targeted
- potential obligations that would apply to designated platforms, and
- proposed enforcement and compliance mechanisms.

The proposed regime follows the introduction of similar regimes in the European Union, United Kingdom and Japan.

The European Commission estimates the EU laws will deliver AUD \$21.4 billion in annual benefits for consumers.

The proposed regime forms part of the government's broader reforms to keep pace with innovations in the digital space.

It complements the new scams prevention framework, implementation of privacy reforms, the passing of digital ID laws, and ongoing work related to artificial intelligence.

Stakeholders are requested to provide their feedback by 14 February 2025. Further information regarding the consultation process is available on the [Treasury website](#).

The release of the proposal paper delivers a key part of the [Government's response](#) to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's recommendations in its September 2022 Digital Platform Services Inquiry interim report.



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## eID for Sheep and Goats in NSW: Key changes coming 1 January 2025

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (NSW DPIRD) is reminding livestock producers and industry stakeholders that mandatory electronic identification (eID) is set to take effect from 1 January 2025.

As part of the state's ongoing efforts to enhance livestock traceability, biosecurity, and disease management, the following key requirements will be starting 1 January 2025:

-- Mandatory use of eID devices such as tags for all sheep and goats born from 1 January 2025, prior to leaving the property of birth

-- For property-to-property movements, any sheep or goats with an eID device must be scanned, and the entire movement uploaded to the NLIS database

-- Saleyards and goat depots need to scan eIDs and record individual livestock sheep and goat movements on the NLIS database.

NSW DPIRD Director of Sheep and Goat Traceability, Kiowa Fenner, highlighted the importance of the new requirements in strengthening the integrity of the state's livestock traceability system.

"If you move or sell lambs or kids born next year, they will need an eID device before departure."

The implementation is on track, with processors already having commenced scanning eIDs and uploading eID data to the NLIS database from 30 June 2024.

"Producers are encouraged to begin preparing for the shift to eID and for many this will be as simple as simply purchasing eID devices rather than visual tags for their lambs and kids next year.

"When you purchase white 2025 NLIS-accredited devices from your preferred retailer, you will receive a \$0.76 discount under the NSW Tag Discount Program until 31 October 2025 or until funds are exhausted.

For more information on sheep and goat eID requirements or to access resources on the implementation process, producers are encouraged to visit the NSW DPIRD website - <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/bfs/your-role-in-biosecurity/primary-producers/nlis/eid>

## Landcare Australia on the search for Soil Heroes

### \$20,000 Prize Available for Australian Soil Health Experts

The General Jeffery Soil Health Award recognises the efforts of the people who are caring for our land and honours the exceptional work of the former patron and founder of Soils For Life, the late Major General the Honourable Michael Jeffery, who passed away late last year.

"General Jeffery worked tirelessly to advocate for improvements in its condition and in particular to raise awareness of the importance of soils and soil health," said the Honourable Penny Wensley AC, Australia's current National Soils Advocate.

"He will long be remembered for his leadership and for the wonderful legacy that he has left as Australia's first National Soil Advocate," she said.

The award is open to any individual farmer, land manager, extension specialist or educator who is making an exceptional contribution to soil health in Australia. The winner will be sponsored to attend in person, the National Landcare Awards Gala Dinner where they will receive a trophy and a cash prize of \$20,000.

The award is supported by the Office of the National Soils Advocate within the Australian Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Apply Now! Nominations close 31 March. [HERE Supporting Australian Soil Stewards in Australian regenerative agriculture - Soils For Life](#)

## Nominations for the Bob Hawke Landcare Award CLOSE on December 31

The clock is ticking – nominations for the 2025 Bob Hawke Landcare Award are about to close

Don't miss out on nominating an individual, group or organisation that has demonstrated leadership in landcare and commitment to driving sustainable agriculture practices.

The winner will be awarded a grant package to the value of \$30,000 (ex GST) for further development of their knowledge and skills in sustainable land management to enable an even stronger contribution to landcare. The prize includes a travel package to attend the 2025 National Landcare Awards gala dinner for the award ceremony.

Each nomination will be judged against all the following criteria:

Landcare Champion

- Is actively involved in landcare
- Shows a remarkable commitment to caring for the land
- Has an outstanding commitment to local communities and drives community activity for the benefit of the environment and landcare.

Remarkable Leadership

- Inspires, educates and encourages others to take action on their own properties or through their involvement in a landcare group
- Champions the uptake of more sustainable agricultural practices and can demonstrate the adoption of improved practices among landholders as a consequence of this action.

Sustainable Farm Practice Innovator

- Actively pursues, introduces and shapes innovative farming systems to improve sustainability, productivity, profitability, and the quality of our natural resources.

Nominations for the award close Tuesday 31 December 2024 with finalists to be announced next year at the 2025 National Landcare Awards Gala Dinner on Tuesday 23 September. [Nominate now](#)



Dr. Michael Holland MP  
Member for Bega  
"Serving Our Community"

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## News in Briefs

### Return and Earn celebrates seven years of making recycling easy in NSW

NSW's popular drink container recycling scheme, Return and Earn, is today celebrating seven years of success. And to mark its birthday, the scheme has released its latest Local Government Volumes Report listing the number of containers returned by the community by council. Since its launch in December 2017, Return and Earn has seen over 12.5 billion drink containers returned for recycling through its return point network across the state thanks to the 84 per cent of NSW adults who have participated. Eurobodalla has returned over \$86 million items through the scheme!

### NSW Labor invests millions into fixing regional waste

Friday, 6 December 2024

The Minns Labor Government has made a further \$6 million in funding available for regional councils to help them transform, modernise or close old landfills that no longer accept waste.

Councils can apply for the grants under round five of the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvement Program, which has already awarded \$12 million across four previous funding rounds. Better management of high-risk landfill sites will reduce potential health risks for the community and lower the risk of contamination and illegal dumping incidents.

Financial support is available across three targeted streams:

Up to \$300,000 for consolidating landfills and closing landfills, and building transfer stations

Up to \$250,000 for site upgrades

Up to \$25,000 for professional services such as feasibility studies, closure plans, engineering designs and education courses

Previously this program has supported the closure of 57 landfills, the environmental improvement of 89 landfills and the establishment of 37 transfer stations.

Applications to improve landfills in regional levy-paying and non-levy areas are open until 21 March 2025, and a panel of industry experts will assess eligible proposals.

For more information and to apply, visit:

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/councils/landfill>

### Report shows focus on vegetation management lowers bushfire risk

Essential Energy has made significant inroads into managing vegetation that may cause a bushfire around its network of more than 1.4 million power poles, according to the latest electricity network safety report. Following delays caused by continued wet weather in several regional communities, Essential Energy and its contracted service providers performed more than 120,000 trimming tasks and removed 14,767 hazardous trees during the 2023-24 reporting period.

The report says Essential Energy's focus on vegetation management backlogs following the impact of wet weather, particularly during major floods in 2022, made marked improvements in the safety of the network and the prevention of bushfires.

### Funding to support community-led response to men's mental health crisis

The NSW Government is continuing work to support the wellbeing of the people across New South Wales, with \$400,000 in grants now available to provide targeted support to improve men's mental health and drive down rates of male suicide.

Targeted at community-based mental healthcare providers, the new program offers grants of up to \$50,000 for local and grassroots organisations who are working on the ground to support men's mental health.

New South Wales accounts for the most male deaths by suicide in Australia. In 2023 alone, there were 934 suspected deaths by suicide in the state, with men accounting for 730, or 78 per cent of these tragedies.

The launch of the new grants program follows the recent release of the NSW Men's Mental Health: A focus on suicide prevention report which was informed by the landmark Men's Mental Health Forum held in August. suicide prevention.

Grant applications are now open until 15 December and can be completed online:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/Pages/men-suicide-prevention.aspx>

## Upgrade your business equipment and system processes with Energy Savings Scheme

Part of the Energy Security Safeguard

**The NSW Government says** you can access a range of energy savings for your business by upgrading existing appliances and equipment or purchasing new ones.

Upgrading your equipment, appliances and system processes will help your business become more energy efficient, cut electricity and gas use and lower the cost of your bills.

This will also support us in our goal to improve the affordability, reliability, accessibility and sustainability of our energy system in NSW.

These incentives are available through the NSW Government as part of the [Energy Savings Scheme](#). Additional benefits are available through the [Peak Demand Reduction Scheme](#). Both schemes are part of the Energy Security Safeguard.

Ageing equipment and appliances can use more power, making them more expensive to operate. To help businesses reduce their energy bills, the NSW Government is offering financial incentives for upgrading to new equipment that's more energy efficient.

The Energy Savings Scheme gives businesses access to discounts on a range of products including:

- [heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems](#)
- [hot water and steam systems](#)
- [compressed air systems](#)
- [motors, pumps and fans](#)
- [refrigeration](#) and more.

### Battery incentives are now available.

To take advantage of these incentives you will need to work with a local installer that is partnered with an accredited supplier.

You can access a discount on installing a battery in your home or small business with an existing solar system, or have the discount priced into a quote for a combined solar system and battery installation.

Installing a battery can help you:

- store and use more solar energy to reduce your electricity costs
- keep power on during outages
- reduce your environmental footprint by using more renewable energy.

This incentive will help reduce electricity demand during peak periods, and the risk of power outages in NSW. Installing more batteries across NSW will help make the grid more reliable and stable, while also reducing our reliance on fossil fuels during periods of peak demand. This will help reduce NSW's emissions by 70% by 2035 and achieve net zero by 2050.

If you already have a battery installed, you are not eligible to receive this incentive. Existing batteries may be eligible to receive an incentive for connecting to a Virtual Power Plant (VPP). A VPP allows you to sell some of the excess stored energy in your battery when other people on the grid need it most.

[Find out more here.](#)

# Bare Hooves and Open Hearts: Tales From Nelipot Cottage

Bare Hooves and Open Hearts: Tales From Nelipot Cottage is a book for every horse lover - from casual weekend rider to top-level equestrian - and, indeed, all animal lovers. Author Fran McNicol fearlessly chronicles both her triumphs and her struggles as she probes, then puts in place, alternative approaches to horse care and training.

With warmth and humour, McNicol weaves personal anecdotes into broader musings, resulting in a book that celebrates a more ethical approach to horse riding and management. Central to the book are themes of barefoot hoof care and classical dressage. McNicol delves into the philosophy and science of barefoot trimming - alongside the wins she candidly shares the setbacks as she transitions her horses to this more natural hoof-care system. It's both relatable and inspiring.

For McNicol, classical dressage has nothing to do with those - often unhappy - horses competing in the Olympic Games. Instead, she draws on the long history of classical exercises used to develop a more gymnastic horse that is better able to carry its rider with grace and ease. Rather than imposing rigid expectations from on top, McNicol emphasises working with the horse, finding exercises and patterns that can make any horse - every horse - more magnificent.

In her professional life McNicol is a surgeon, her mantra is 'first do no harm'. But, as she says, "the intention to harm need not be present for harm to occur". She doesn't shy away from pointing out mental and physical issues caused by conventional horsekeeping, but does so with warmth and humility. McNicol's thoughtful insights make for a book that will inspire readers to face their own horse challenges with renewed insight and vigour.

In 2024, Fran McNicol moved from the United Kingdom to Bodalla, on the NSW South Coast. Print copies of Bare Hooves and Open Hearts are available from [Moruya Books](#) and [Bishops Moruya](#), or online as either print-on-demand or eBook through [Amazon](#).



# Sold Out Christmas Concert at St Andrew's Tuross Head



The first Christmas Concert at St Andrew's War Memorial Church, Tuross Head was a great success last Sunday.

Thank you to The Crowd, Gary, Joel and Ashley with their jazz selection and Steve Johnston whose tenor voice thrilled everyone present. In the second half, Steve led the audience in a selection of Christmas Carols enjoyed by all. A great way to celebrate the first day of Advent.

We had a full house and others enjoyed the program from the cool of the garden.

The concert was opened by long serving warden of St Andrew's Faye Roxburgh, and the ticket draw was done by Faye Oakley, long term member of St Andrew's and custodian of the Tuross Library. In the lucky ticket draw, Noah was the first prize winner, second Anne, and third Carmel.

Thank you to those involved and our lovely audience. A massive team effort and a delightful afternoon.

Ros West

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## 'Moment In The Sun'

COREY LEGGE

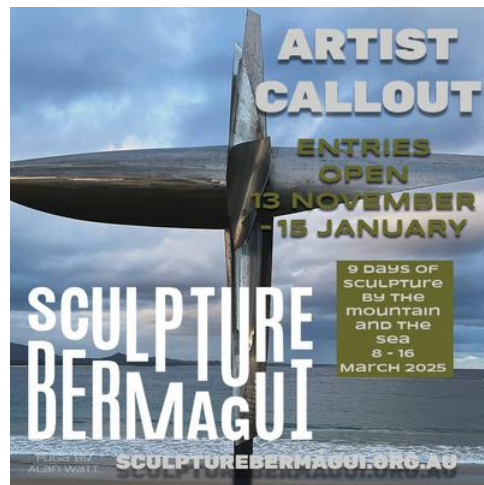
'Moment in the Sun' is the highly anticipated fourth studio album from prolific Bega-born, Wollongong-based singer-songwriter Corey Legge. Recorded with producer Nash Chambers and co-produced by Syd Green, this upbeat 10-track album encapsulates Corey's musical journey in a nutshell. With a unique mix 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.

**Change of location Catch Corey at One Tree Inn, with Felicity Dowd on 7 December.**

## 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).  
[www.congocrafts.com.au](http://www.congocrafts.com.au)



## Coming up in the theatre at the Bay Pavilions

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

See more at <https://baypavilions.com.au/whats-on/>

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**Friday 6th**

Poppy Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)  
Ian Treloar Tathra Bowlo (8pm)  
Garry Carson Jones Top Pub, Pambula (6pm)  
Riff Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
Alex Clarke Steampacket Hotel  
Open Mic Broulee Brewhouse

**Saturday, 7 Dec:**

Rick Bamford Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm)  
Riff Soldiers Club (8pm)  
Greg Byng Steam Packet Hotel  
Mic McGrath Broulee Brewhouse  
Mac & Glenda Quantum Brewery 4pm  
Bob Mettam Moruya Markets  
Sam Fletcher Tilba Valley Winery noon

**Sunday, 8 Dec:**

Tony Jagers Foxdog Distillery a'noon  
Riff Club Tuross (2pm)  
Jacob Woods Steampacket Hotel  
Piper Allen Narooma Hotel 3pm  
Deadmans Smarts Club Narooma 3pm  
Dean Abbot Broulee Brewhouse  
Dylan Wright Tilba Valley Winery

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## Montague Choristers Nine Lessons and Carols



**7 pm, Friday December 20**  
All Saints' Anglican Church, Bodalla  
Music by Palestrina, Byrd, Tallis & Handel,  
plus all your favourite carols, all welcome

## THE GALLERY

*Featured Craft Artisan*

December 1 - February 2

### Deborah Ellis

52 Sydney St, Mogo [www.cabbi.com.au](http://www.cabbi.com.au)

## Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm

7 Dec	Mac & Glenda
14 Dec	Tom Barnes (5.30)
21 Dec	Tony Jagers
28 Dec	Casey Green & Jeremy Sawkins
4 Jan	Sam Fletcher
11 Jan	Richard Lawson
18 Jan	Giaan Cafe
25 Jan	LP Duo

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## THE GALLERY

*Featured Artist*

December 1 - February 2

### Karen Warburton

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## Janice Falsone appointed as SECCA Gallery Director

Bega Valley Shire Council is excited to announce the appointment of Janice Falsone as the new SECCA Gallery Director, commencing her employment with Council on 20 January 2025.

Director Community, Environment and Planning, Emily Harrison said Ms Falsone brings a deep passion for contemporary visual art, along with extensive experience managing arts organisations.

"I wholeheartedly congratulate Ms Falsone on her appointment and look forward to seeing SECCA continue to flourish under her directorship," Ms Harrison said.

"I am confident she will provide strong artistic, curatorial and strategic leadership for SECCA, ensuring an accessible and inclusive experience of art that enriches people's lives through bringing local, national and international artists to the gallery."

Ms Falsone said she is thrilled to join SECCA at this pivotal moment in its journey.

"With its purpose-built facility and forward-thinking agenda, SECCA offers a unique platform to connect artists, audiences and the wider community," she said.

"In my first six months, I aim to build strong relationships with the local community, key stakeholders and colleagues, to strengthen SECCA's community ties and explore opportunities to enhance its role in cultural tourism.

"The local arts community is vital to the region and SECCA can act as a bridge connecting the broader national and international arts scenes to the region.

"My goal is to work with the team to develop programs that spark dialogue and engagement, elevate SECCA's reputation as a leading contemporary art institution, and position it within the global conversation on contemporary art practice.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to relocate with my family, contribute to SECCA's vision and build deeper connections with the region and its vibrant communities."

Janice has served in a range of curatorial and arts management roles in Canberra and Brisbane. These include Director of Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Director of PhotoAccess, Gallery Manager of Australian National Capital Artists, arts organisation M16 Artspace and advocacy organisation Queensland Artworkers Alliance.

Janice has experience in private sector support for the arts, having worked at the Australia Business Arts Foundation, and as National Partnerships Officer at the Australian Institute of Architects. She also holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (First Class Honours) from Griffith University Queensland College of Art.

Janice recently completed the Australian Institute of Company Director's Foundations of Directorship course and participated in Creative Australia's SEC Newgate Mentoring and Stakeholder Engagement leadership program. She is also a Board Director at the National Association for the Visual Arts.

Ms Harrison thanked acting Gallery Director, Jasmin Brown and her team for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

"The successful launch of the Shirely Hannan National Portrait Award 2024 is testament to their expertise and drive, and I am very grateful for their enthusiasm."



Photograph: New SECCA Gallery Director, Janice Falsone (photo by Hilary Wardhaugh).

## 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

### 2EARFM GIG GUIDE

"LOCAL and LIVE"

**Friday 6th**

Poppy Ian Treloar Garry Carson Jo Riff Alex Clarke Open Mic	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm) Tathra Bowlo (8pm) Top Pub, Pambula (6pm) Soldiers Club (7.30pm) Steampacket Hotel Broulee Brewhouse
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**Saturday, 7 Dec:**

Rick Bamford Riff Greg Byng Mic McGrath Mac & Glenda Bob Mettam Sam Fletcher Corey Legge Album Launch Felicity Dowd Support Howling Mitch	Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm) Soldiers Club (8pm) Steam Packet Hotel Broulee Brewhouse Quantum Brewery 4pm Moruya Markets Tilba Valley Winery noon One Tree Inn Tuross Breakwall Brewing Company 3-6
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**Sunday, 8 Dec:**

Tony Jagers Riff Jacob Woods Piper Allen Deadmans Smarts Dean Abbot Dylan Wright Rod Mitchell Plus Allstars	Foxdog Distillery a'noon Club Tuross (2pm) Steampacket Hotel Narooma Hotel 3pm Club Narooma 3pm Broulee Brewhouse Tilba Valley Winery Candelo Blues Club Jam Bermi Country Club 1-5pm
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**Miles** is a big chunky, friendly, relaxed and all round perfect cat! This three year old black and white boy loves to be where the action is, and is always ready for a serious cuddle. In fact, he enjoys being scooped up like a baby for a good snuggle. Miles is fine with other cats, and is also happy to be the only feline in the household. So – affectionate, handsome, easy-going – the ideal package!

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**Varg** is a very sweet 9 week old boy, with a lovely grey and white coat. This little man is very affectionate and playful, and he's fine with both cats and dogs. Varg is ready to become some lucky person's best friend!

**Todd** is just under five months old with beautiful tabby colouring. He's affectionate, cheeky, playful, funny and full of personality. This gorgeous boy is looking for his special person to love and be loved by.

All AWL animals come desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and flea, tick and worm treated. Call AWL on 0410016612 to arrange a meeting with Miles, Varg or Todd.

And please remember, NSW law requires you to have your cat desexed by four months of age. If you are on a pension or benefit and are struggling to find the money to have your pet desexed, call AWL Eurobodalla on 0436816718 for a discount voucher, for use at the vet of your choice.



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**Moruya Markets**

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MY FAVOURITE CAKE M, 1H 36M, IRANIAN ROMANCE/DRAMA	6.30pm for 7pm <small>(FILM SOCIETY, ALL WELCOME)</small>	10.30am 4.20pm*	2.15pm	2pm*		11am*	11am* 4.20pm
MOANA 2 PG, 1H 40M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	11.30am 4.40pm	12.35pm 6pm	9.45am 12pm 4.20pm	10.40am 4.40pm		12.30pm 5.50pm	11.15am 6.30pm
HERETIC MA 15+, 1H 52M, HORROR/THRILLER	1.15pm* 6.20pm*	2.05pm* 6.20pm*	1.05pm*	3.55pm*		6.05pm*	6.05pm*
WICKED PG, 2H 40M, FANTASY/MUSICAL	1.40pm	2.45pm	10.05am* 6pm*	11am*		2.40pm	1.20pm
GLADIATOR II M, 2H 30M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	3.30pm*	11.15am*	3.15pm*			3.15pm*	3.15pm*
LEE (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 57M, WAR/DRAMA	11am*					1pm*	1pm*
ANDRE RIEU'S 2024 CHRISTMAS CONCERT (GOLD & SILVER) E, 3H 20M <small>(TICKET &amp; ALT CONT PRICING)</small>			6.30pm	1pm			

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<b>RED ONE</b> PG 123 MIN	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:20 PM		1:30 PM	1:30 PM
<b>VENOM: THE LAST DANCE</b> M 109 MIN	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM			6:00 PM	6:00 PM
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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.



## WICKED

PG| 2hrs 40min  
~ Family ~ Musical ~  
**Ariana Grande & Cynthia Erivo**  
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## 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.



## 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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## 2024 Diary Dates

- 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  
 Celebrate another season in our community's amazing food sovereignty journey with delicious local food, local beer, local music and local community. Locally sourced Martins Ridge Farm beef sausages, sizzling on the BBQ served buffet style with a flavoursome array of summer salads from our local farmers, and freshly baked pizza oven flatbread (vegetarian sausages only available if requested on your booking).

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

Bring along your old and new friends, your families and neighbours - everyone is welcome.

Tickets available online only until Friday 13 December or until sold out. (our event volunteers appreciate early bookings)

BYO drinks, chairs, picnic rugs, plates, and cutlery.

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

The event is a fundraiser for SAGE NSW Inc.

## Rivermouth General Store Tomakin (new owners)

Hi. It's Bridgette and Brendan, formerly of The Albion Cafe in Braidwood and we are back down the coast after twelve years away. We have just taken over the wonderful Rivermouth General Store in Tomakin and are looking for staff.

So, if you are looking for work over summer or something more long term. We are hiring! We are looking for experienced kitchen, front of house staff and baristas. We are happy to train new staff in various rolls also. Great day time hours. Both weekday and weekend shifts are available. If you would like to be part of our growing team. Give us a call on 0408200216 or email us on [bmarie@live.com.au](mailto:bmarie@live.com.au)

**Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre** is coming to Batemans Bay to provide face to face appointments. Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay, Tuesday 10th December 2024, 10:30am - 3pm  
 Our solicitor will be providing free legal advice appointments in person & by telephone.

## 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](mailto:council@esc.nsw.gov.au)
- W: [Batemans Bay coastal protection work](#)

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## Moruya Community Workshed

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## Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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



## Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm  
 To find out more email [mdha@y7mail.com](mailto:mdha@y7mail.com) or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



**2024**  
**Carols by Candlelight**

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**FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024**

**Moruya Riverside Park**

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**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH**  
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**Singing the Story**

**Christmas Carols**

**Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra & Slightly Bent Choir**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
 7-8pm  
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All welcome to this service based on the traditional Carols of Christmas

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DECEMBER

SATURDAY | 14 | 10:00am

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**Creative Arts Batemans Bay Inc (CABBI)** is holding its 40th Art Exhibition at the Batemans Bay High School, 4-20th January 2025. The CABBI Exhibition has become a significant event on the South Coast's annual arts and crafts calendar. To celebrate the 40th year, we are featuring a special 9"x5" exhibit in memory of the Melbourne artists of the 1880's who created their impressions on cigar box lids.

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SATURDAY  
7 DECEMBER 2024



**Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary**



**STREET STALL**

**Saturday 7th December 2024**  
**Time : 8.30am to 12 noon**  
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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2025.

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

For details, pics and rego forms go to [www.teensafemoruya.org](http://www.teensafemoruya.org) or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto:garys.home@bigpond.com)

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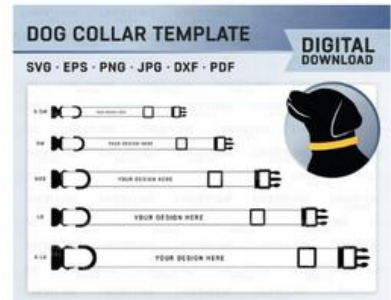
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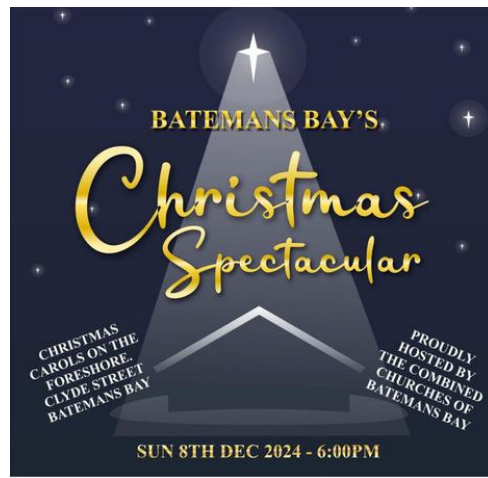
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- Tuesday 10 December

**Moruya**

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- Thursday 21 November
- Thursday 05 December

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## MORUYA WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Wednesday, 4th December 2024

The last women's Stableford for the year was played by a field of 22 players.

Winner's were:

1st Place: Vicki Goodwin with a fantastic score of 38

2nd Place: Noelene Cowdroy also with an enviable score of 36

Balls went to: S Knight (33C/B), R Hawkins (33), M Muriwai (32), L Doolan (30C/B), J Hosking (30), J Lumsden (29 C/B)



Vicki Goodwin

## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report

Robyn and Yvonne took over proceedings whilst Gayl was absent. Teams were selected using sticks on this very hot and humid day.

We all joined in singing Happy Birthday to "Barista" Ashlyn on her 19th Birthday. Winners, Carmel Price, Julie Quinlivan and Yvonne Huddleston. (Photo) Runners-up, Lynn Gowans, Carol Harris and Kim Giannasca Lucky Losers, Sue Palmer, Sonia Frey and Noleen Taylor.

Lucky number winners, Carol Dutkiewicz Jenny Blyth, Jan Shalders, Tania Calder.

Money Club 54 Robyn Butcher, 43 Sue Beavan

Good bowling this weekend to Gay Biggs, Sonia Frey, Nancy White and Patricia Bill who are taking part in Regional Senior Fours playoffs. This event is being held in Merimbula.



Carmel Price, Julie Quinlivan and Yvonne Huddleston.

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

President Steve Hogan welcomed 23 Travelling bowlers from Oak Flats as well as 23 Twisties who enjoyed Sunday morning of bowls together in friendly rivalry. Thanks to Greenkeeper Tyler who came in early to make sure Green was ready to bowl on after the rain Saturday. Barbecue breakfast was prepared and served by our committee and helpers, thanks to everyone it was terrific.

Oak Flats are a fantastic group of people who spent yesterday when we were unable to bowl on a "Club Crawl", from Tomakin to Malua Bay and Batemans Bay in great spirits!

After bowling on Sunday we all enjoyed lunch and dessert together with old and new friends. On behalf of Oak Flats Brian Godfrey thanked Twist Tops for their friendship and great hospitality.

Oak Flats won the day 133 to Twisties 90  
Winning Lead, Mick Davies, Second Chris Henderson, Skip Ken Forbes.

Losing Lead, Robyn McDonald, Second Chris Huedder, Skip Vic Brown. I might add all winners were from Oak Flats!

(Photo) Anthony Robinson, Chris Henderson, David Stimer, Mick Davies.



Anthony Robinson, Chris Henderson, David Stimer, Mick Davies.



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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Greg Maloney

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 28th November 2024

A field of 48 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. It was hot and humid but there were some great scores achieved. Congratulations also to Col Houghton who parred the course.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Greg Maloney (16) with 41 points
- 2nd: Colin Houghton (3) with 39 points
- 3rd: Maree Coffey (32) with 38 points
- 4th: Peter Garn (21) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 4.18 A Grade
- 4th: Bruce Harding 0.35 B Grade
- 4th: Terry Milliken 4.21 C Grade
- 6th: Ruth Gschwend 5.91 A Grade
- 6th: Chris Wratten 2.73 B Grade
- 7th: Ray Bollard 13.0 A Grade
- 7th: Paul Rowe 0.98 B Grade

Balls went to: Terry Milliken 37, Anthony Mellick 37, Rob Green 37, Teri Swanbury 37, Michael Coloe 37, Allan Langford 37, Kevin Reilly 37, Bruce Lidbury 36, Ian McManus 36 and Paul Rowe 35.



Gross Overall Winner: Leigh Coloe

### Tuross Head Golf Results Sunday 1st December 2024 – MEN'S GOLF OPEN

A field of 65 players registered for the Tuross Head Men's Golf Open. The Major sponsor for the event was Driftwood Shores along with a number of local businesses. Many thanks to the sponsors. The Saturday competition was cancelled due to pouring rain and the event was made a one day Competition on Sunday with some excellent results. Thanks to all involved for the smooth running of the event.

The Overall Winners were:

- 1st: Leigh Coloe (1) with 74 (Gross Overall Winner)
- 2nd: Tim Watson (3) with 75 (Gross Overall Runner Up)

Gross Winners:

- A Grade:
- 1st: Brad Doolan (8) with 77
- 2nd: Mark Schenk (11) with 78 (countback)

B Grade:

- 1st: Bruce Handley (15) with 82
- 2nd: David Gray (16) with 85

C Grade:

- 1st: Herb Muriwai (24) with 95 (countback)
- 2nd: Peter Garn (20) with 95

Nett Winners:

- 1st: Paul Rowe (17) with 83 (countback)
- 2nd: Wayne Fullerton (20) with 86

A Grade:

- 1st: Ben Hewison (11) with 80 (countback)
- 2nd: John Eglitis (11) with 82

B Grade:

- 1st: David Schmid (17) with 88
- 2nd: Bruce Harding (18) with 90

C Grade:

- 1st: Daniel Nickson (28) with 97
- 2nd: Anthony Mellick (29) with 101

Hole Prize: Jim Wade 2/11 Golden Shot 1.03

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Adam Crain A Grade
- 4th: Greg Maloney B Grade
- 4th: Anthony Mellick C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan A Grade
- 6th: David Schmid B Grade
- 6th: Tony Brown C Grade
- 7th: Adam Crain A Grade
- 7th: Joshua Rowe B Grade
- 7th: Rodney Bowron C Grade

Long Drive Winners:

- Leigh Coloe A Grade
- Joshua Rowe B Grade
- Matthew Kennedy C Grade

Balls went to: Chris Rowe 78, Malcolm Gilbertson 79, Jim Wade 84, Adam Crain 86, Mark O'Connor 87, Michael Coloe 88, Zac English 89, Lars Gaupset 89, Ian McManus 89, Stephen Swanbury 90, Peter Hogan 90, Shane Gschwend 90, Wayne Trent 90 and Joshua Rowe 91.



Winners: Gail Page, Shirley Quinlan and Paula Coffey

### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 3rd December 2024

A field of 25 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today which was the Captain versus President Competition followed by our Christmas lunch. The day was humid with some hot competition on the course. The Christmas party was enjoyed by all!

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Gail Page (25) with 37 points
- 2nd: Dorothy Madden (22) with 33 points

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Shirley Quinlan (36) with 32 points
- 2nd: Samantha Dryden (35) with 31 points

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Paula Coffey (45) with 32 points (countback)
- 2nd: Jennifer Gray (43) with 32 points

Golden Hole winners:

- 7th: Gail Page 0-38
- 7th: Margaret Downey 39-45

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th: Cate O'Brien
- 15th: Maree Coffey

Place Getters: Maree Coffey 32, Judy Apps 29, Pauline Nash 29, Julie Barningham 28, Leonie Snodgrass 27, Jeanette Miller 27, Gail Rogers 26, Chris Wratten 26 and Jane Eglitis 25.

The Captain's Team won the event and Cate O'Brien was presented with her trophy for Single Matchplay Champion. Chris Wratten was runner up in the Matchplay competition.



Cate O'Brien with her Matchplay Champion Trophy.

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 4th December 2024

A field of 46 players registered for a Single Stableford event today. The weather was humid and the course in great condition with some good results!

The winners were:

- 1st: Ian Manton with 20 points (countback)
- 2nd: Graham Moore with 20 points
- 3rd: Des Jackson with 18 points
- 4th: Ian Miller with 16 points (countback)
- 5th: Tony Crook with 16 points
- 6th: Ted Quinlan with 16 points
- 7th: Greg Bush with 16 points
- 8th: Herb Muriwai with 15 points
- 9th: Mike Birks with 14 points
- 10th: Ken Hush with 14 points
- 11th: Steve Swanbury with 14 points
- 12th: Peter McRae with 14 points
- 13th: Jane Eglitis with 13 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Mike Birks (2nd shot) In the Hole!
- 6th: Paul Pereira (1st shot)

7th: Ladies: Shirley Quinlan (2nd shot)

Mens: Ian Miller (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Leonie Snodgrass (5th hole)

Bradman: Jennifer Gray

## Tuross Bowlers at Regional Playoffs

Tuross Head bowlers travelled to Merimbula to play in the first two days of the South East Region playoffs for the 2024/25 State Championships on the weekend of November 30 and December 1. The south region stretches from Berry in the north to Eden in the south and west to Adaminaby and Jindabyne. Being such a large Region the preliminary rounds are played in four geographic areas with the winners then progressing to the Regional Finals. As it turned out Merimbula was a good venue for the finals as it is the only Club in the Region with undercover greens!

The State Championships are played in the four main disciplines of bowls – singles, pairs, triples and fours – with separate men and women divisions. Within this there are State Championships and Senior Championships – entrants need to be 60 or older to enter this division. As well as these two levels of Championships there is a third category that caters for bowlers who play in Pennant grade 5 or lower. This is an 'Open' Championship where teams can be any mix of Men and Women.

The pairs and triples Championships have been played. Tuross was represented by three teams in these finals. On Saturday Rita Downie and Sue Fahey played in the Senior Women's Pairs while Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors won through in the Open Reserve Pairs. Downie and Fahey played a team from RSL Sussex Inlet in the Regional semi-final and played very well to record a convincing win 25 – 11. In the final they played the strong Merimbula side of Felicity White and Alison Hof. The locals had the advantage of playing at home with a very supportive crowd. After some early stutters Downie and Fahey settled into the game and by the 10th end they trialled by 11 – 7. However, from there they found the locals too strong who pulled away to win 25 – 10

Fletcher and Kors played a team from Huskisson in their semi-final. They started slowly and despite a mid-game revival they could not bridge the gap. To their credit they limited the Huskisson side scoring with the final result 19 – 8.

On Sunday Rose Farrington, Irene Macdonald and Denise Lidbury played in the Women's State Triples Championship. In the morning they played St Georges Basin in the Regional semi-final. This was a very close game with both sides playing well. The St Georges Basin side manage to cling to slender leads throughout the game but the scores were level on several occasions. After 17 ends the score was 16 all. St Georges Basin moved ahead by 18 – 16 after 19 before Tuross picked up 3 shots on the 20th end to take the lead for the first time in the game at 19 – 18. They consolidated the lead with another shot on the 21st end. St Georges Basin closed into 20 – 19 on the 22nd end. In a very tense, hard fought finish the Tuross players were able to win the last three ends to move into the final with a 24 – 19 victory.



THB Regional Finalists Denise Lidbury, Rose Farrington and Irene Macdonald

They started the final – against the very strong Merimbula side of McGarrity, Renshaw and Pettit – in the same way as they finished the semi-final. They won the first four ends and were well in the match at the halfway mark as the teams were locked 8 all after 12 ends. At this stage the Merimbula side, cheered on by their local supporters, started to dominate the game. They won 9 of the next 11 ends to run out winners 26 – 12.

Congratulations to a couple of 'local' sides who managed to win their way into the State Finals. Brad Larkin and Jeff Rankin (who had Billy Strahan subbing for him) from Moruya won the Senior Men Pairs while Milka Starkovski, Jenny Hogan and Karen James from Tomakin took out the Senior Women's Triples.

Next week Tuross players will play in the State Women's Fours and the State Women's Singles again in Merimbula.

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# Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

## Moruya River.

Sorry for the lateness of this report, the shop is busy enough with customers and Xmas stock arriving, that every time I get a minute to start the report, something always comes up. But that's ok.

The river has been fishing really well this past week, with good numbers of flathead, bream, trevally, salmon and the odd just under size mulloway coming from the lower section on the river. The airport flats are a great place to start looking for a flathead and even a whiting over the shallow sand flats. While Preddy's wharf has been a good first stop to try for a fish or two also.

Quarry wharf always seems to hold some nice bream and Trevally, with the occasional mulloway and tailor also in the mix.

Under the town bridge, flathead, bream and whiting can all be found working the sand flats in the middle of the river, while the southern bank weed beds always seem to hold some nice estuary perch.

Last weekends rains have seen the bass guys rejoicing as the Deua rose about 2-3' allowing for trapped fish to move upstream, and for the whole system to get a freshen up.

The river has had a week to settle down, and the bass will no doubt be on the chew this weekend. I guess you know what I'll be chasing this weekend.

## Tuross River.

This amazing system deserves its reputation as our premier piece of water, with good numbers of flathead, bream whiting and several nice mulloway all be taken here over the last week. Flathead are concentrating over the warm shallow sand and mud flats the sit adjacent to a channel they can set up an ambush position in, while the oyster racks are holding some nice aggressive bream at the moment.

Much the same as the Deua river, the upper Tuross river has had a much needed increase to flows with last weekend rains, allowing the bass to continue moving upstream and freshening the whole system up.

Coila lake has a really good run of prawns this dark, they will still be available for another week, and then will start to tail off. Be ready for the next dark which will 31st December, for an even better run, as they will have had time to grow.

## Rock and beach.

Salmon, tailor, bream and whiting are all available for those that enjoy the sane between their toes. There are no spots better than any other, with all our pristine beaches capable of holding good fish. They are where you find them.

## Offshore.

Yellowfin tuna are on the game crews lips at the moment, with fish to 70kg being reported and bigger models having been sounded up below these schools. A 70kg fish is guaranteed to give you a work out and provide plenty of flesh if you are looking for a feed.

Closer to shore, there are plenty of flathead in the 20-30m marks while the snapper are mostly a bit deeper in the 50+m mark.

We are getting very full, for all your Xmas present needs. If you have a keen fisher person in the family, and are not sure what to get them, come in and we can help you out. We also do Gift Vouchers for any dollar amount you wish to spend, a great idea for that one family member who has everything and you are not sure what to get them.

Don't forget the Mega Giveaway we have running until December 31st, for a \$100 spend you will get a entry into the draw for the major prize valued at \$12,000!!! See in store for details.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

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Here's your chance to have your voice heard on key amendments to food regulation!

The NSW Food Authority is seeking feedback on the draft Food Regulation 2025, which includes key amendments such as the introduction of a licensing scheme for berry, leafy vegetable and melon growers and processors to implement new national legislation.

AFSA launched its Licence to Sell Lettuce campaign in 2022 to advocate strongly for scale-appropriate implementation of these new standards. Let's make sure smallholders aren't hit with additional regulatory burdens!

You can find out more and submit your feedback here:

<https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/draft-food-regulation-2025-have-your-say>.

Submissions close on 22 December 2022 so be sure to spread the word far and wide so we can include as many submissions as possible!

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# SAGE Farmers Market

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## Most Improved milestone for Maisie

Congratulations to Moruya's Maisie Place on receiving the Most Improved Driver Award for the 2024 season of the RX8 Cup Series.

Maisie received the award at the presentation night x Christmas party this week in Darling Harbour, Sydney. "I set myself a goal at the beginning of the year to set a new PB at every race meeting, which I managed to achieve so I was very pleased to be presented with the "most improved driver" award for the 2024 season" said Maisie "Thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout the year, and my incredible team who look out for me on and off the track. I am very very lucky to have such amazing people in my corner," said Maisie.

RX8 Cup came into inception in mid-2017 as the brainchild of long-time production car racer Ric Shaw. Ric wanted to apply his knowledge base to create the most cost-effective one-make national production car based category in Australia, and the rapid expansion of the category is testimony to the dedication of Ric and the rest of the management team.

The philosophy of the category was to base the vehicles around 3E Production Car specifications, using a series 1 Mazda RX8 as the base, with further restrictions applied to simplify construction and maintenance.



## Aiden Williams finishes the year with 1st Place in Semi Pro Round



16 year old Aiden Williams was been awarded 1st place for Semi Pro round Legend Cars Australia. He has also claimed 3rd place outright in the Australia Title Round.

Aiden collected the trophy at the Legend Cars Australia Presentation Night last weekend.

Aiden said "Thanks to all involved behind the scenes that made this night happen.

Was a good, fun night, I was presented with a pretty cool trophy for coming 1st in the Semi Pro Class!"

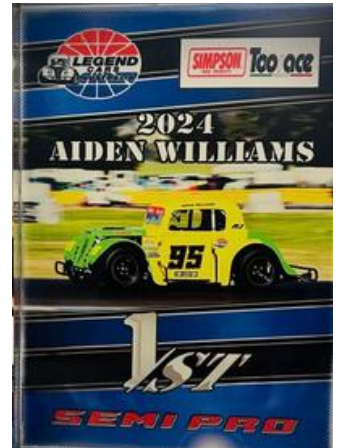
"Overall, a great round, a great 1st year of racing these awesome cars and I look forward to next year."

"Thanks to the many people that have followed my racing journey... All my sponsors, I hope to have you follow me next year...it's gunna be bigger!

Thanks to all involved behind the scenes that made this night happen.

Aiden thanked his "Dad & Mum for being my number 1 supporters, travelling the country side to allow me to follow my passion!"

You can follow Aiden's journey on his Facebook page A-Man Racing



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