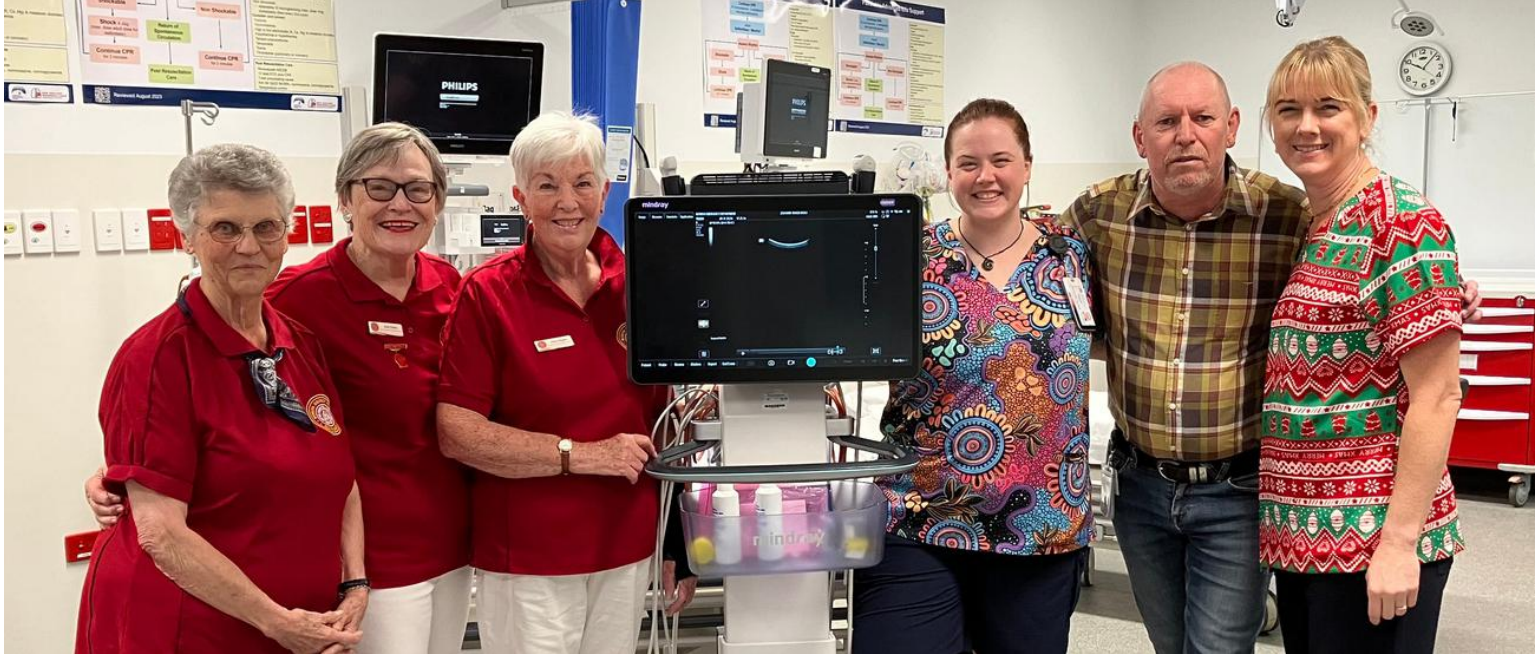




Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary funds Ultrasound for ED



Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary has funded the purchase of a Mindray TEX 20 Ultrasound System at a cost of \$89,610.30 for the Moruya Hospital Emergency Department. Emergency Department Staff thanked the Auxiliary for the Ultrasound System which will deliver point of care Ultrasound to patients attending the Emergency Department at the Hospital. The Mindray System will provide increased functions, especially cardiac ultrasound. The Ultrasound System is used in all resuscitations, trauma admissions, cardiac arrests, gastroenterology admissions and cannulations. Pictured from left to right Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers Joan, Julie and Anne, Moruya Hospital Staff Members Rachael Wall Nurse Unit Manager, Matthew Stephenson Site Manager and Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Julie Hankinson Clinical Nurse Educator and Mindray TEX 20 Ultrasound.

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AGENDA (Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 19 November 2024
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM
7. MAYORAL REPORTS Nil
8. NOTICES OF MOTION
- NOM24/010 Feasibility of providing recycled water to Narooma Ovals and Golf Course
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS Nil
10. PETITIONS PET24/003 Bay Pavilions Mobility Access
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS Nil
12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS PSR24/022 NOM24/005 - Climate Action Plan and CRJO Net Zero Guide follow up report
13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS
- FCS24/054 Code of Conduct complaints statistics report
- FCS24/055 Proposed licence for food truck, Narooma
- FCS24/056 Proposed Road Closures - parts of Darts Road, Maulbrooks Road and Eurobodalla Road
- FCS24/057 Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice
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- FCS24/059 Exhibition of the draft Eurobodalla Shire Community Strategic Plan 2042 (2025 Revision)
- FCS24/060 Investments made as at 30 November 2024
- FCS24/061 Council Advisory and External Committees
14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS
- IR24/021 Narooma School of Arts Easement and Budget Allocation
- IR24/022 Eurobodalla Southern Storage Biodiversity Offsets and Credits
15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS
- CAR24/010 Bay Pavilions, Moruya and Narooma pools - one year contract extension
- CAR24/011 Outcomes from investigations into camping at Moruya Showground
- CAR24/012 Public Exhibition of Hanging Rock, Corrigans Beach and Observation Point Plan of Management
16. URGENT BUSINESS
17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION
18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

A Moruya Bike Ride

By Phil Herrick

So, this morning I had to drop my car off to Nathan at the mechanics for a service. To get back home I had my bike, but it was beautiful at 8am and a little ride seemed like a good idea. I headed down through Riverside Park and along the river to Ryan's Creek. The cicadas were deafening and the river was full at high tide, the water clean and sparkling. And there's a big fruit bat colony flapping away just as you leave Riverside Park. How amazing is it that you can be in the bush two minutes from the shopping centre?

Then back into the park where the markets will be pumping tomorrow with Christmas shoppers - and what's that in the water? It's our resident seal, rolling a metre offshore and enjoying his day. I shared his happiness with a dog walker who also stopped for a look.

Past the pool - it has to be one of the best in Australia, right? I swim laps there most days, a view to the mountains, happy staff and always clean.

Through Russ Martin Park, looking so neat, some early starters in the picnic shelter. Under the bridge, past Derek Carpenters mural that has given pleasure for over 30 years now, past the restaurant and cottages and along the river path.

Everyone on the path had a cheery "good morning". The Bowlo and tennis courts were in great shape and up to the hospital and the park that remembers Ron and Heather.

On the way back towards town I thought... what a wonderful little town this is, how lucky we are to live here.

The unplanned outage in Batemans Bay

An Essential Energy spokesperson says "Wednesday morning at approximately 08:20am, a significant network event occurred in Batemans Bay, affecting 1625 customers. The cause of the outage was initially unknown but was later identified as a suspected high-voltage underground cable fault feeding a substation.

Our dedicated teams worked diligently to address the issue.

We were able to successfully reduce the number of affected customers to 141 by 13:11pm and by approximately 6:30pm all affected customers had power restored.

We really appreciated the community's patience and understanding as we worked to restore service."

Customers can view outage information, updates as well as outage tips on Essential Energy's website at essentialenergy.com.au/outages.

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Remembering friendship from 1796



Remembering friendships from 1796 A delegation from the Bangladeshi High Commission visited Moruya on Tuesday to lay a wreath at the plaque commemorating the friendship between shipwrecked Bengali sailors and the local indigenous people in 1796.

A delegation from the Bangladeshi High Commission in Canberra came to Moruya on Tuesday to visit the site of the plaque remembering 'Our Friends' from 228 years ago. The plaque by the river commemorates relationship between the local Aboriginal Community who helped the Lascar Bengali sailors from the Sydney Cove, who had been shipwrecked in February 1796 at Preservation Island in Bass Strait. The Sydney Cove had been a Bengali vessel but was renamed for its trip to Sydney.

The 30 survivors made their way to Sydney on foot. Along the way the indigenous peoples helped them along their journey. Nine of the Bengali sailors were left at Moruya, and it is suspected that they died from eating the Burrawang seeds (without the indigenous knowledge to leech the toxins from them.)

In May 1797, just three survivors made it back to Sydney - William Clark, sailor John Bennet and one lascar.

The story is told by historian Mark McKenna in his book 'Walking the Edge.'

Hosted by the Moruya Chamber of Commerce, a short ceremony was held including a Welcome to Country from Kerry Boyenga, speeches by Rob Pollock from the Chamber, Mayor Mat Hatcher and the Acting High Commissioner Dr Shahricor Firoz Dewan. A Muslim prayer was read by a member of the delegation.

A wreath was laid at the plaque to honour the friendships.



Rob Pollock, Kerry Boyenga, Ms Tahomina Yesman and Acting High Commissioner Dr Shahricor Firoz Dewan

The plaque at Russ Martin Park by the Moruya River. >>

Our friends

mudjingaal-njin Āmādēra bandhurā

'Our friends' translated in dhurga and Bangla (Bamla) languages

Commemorating an historic meeting between First Nations people and shipwreck survivors in Moruya 225 years ago – a remarkable story of survival and goodwill.

On 8 February 1797, the cargo ship *Sydney Cove* was wrecked at Preservation Island in Bass Strait, after travelling from Calcutta.

Five British and twelve Bengali sailors (known as Lascar sailors), led by Chief Mate Hugh Thompson, left behind Captain Guy Hamilton and many other crew members on the island on 27 February to seek rescue in Port Jackson, Sydney.

They sailed a modified long boat (sail and oars) to 90-mile beach on the coast of Victoria, 40-45kms south of Lakes Entrance, where they were marooned again on 2 March after a southerly gale. All 17 made it to shore safely but with barely any provisions. They decided to walk to Sydney, some 700 kms away. On 14 March 1797, they set off, traversing rivers, rocks, bluffs and beaches.



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Moruya Celebrates-Sub Committee

Research and words by Bill Woods, Mark McKenna,
Yuin Elder Kerry Boyenga, and Robert W R Pollock

None would have survived without Aboriginal people showing them how to find food and water, guiding them along paths, taking them across rivers in their canoes and welcoming them to their camps.

One of those camps was here at Moruya. The brindja Yuin and djirringgandj Yuin people assisted the party to cross three rivers – Narooma on 13 April, Tuross on 15 April, and Moruya on 16 April.

After these crossings, nine Lascar sailors fell ill and remained with the local Aboriginals, who William Clark, one of the survivors, describes in his journal as "Our Friends". It is not known what happened to those sailors, but the rest of the party moved on.

On April 17th, Thompson nearly drowned at Mossy Point, walbandja Yuin land, which slowed their progress. After two months, three men completed the trek: William Clark, John Bennet and an unnamed Bengali sailor. On 17 May 1797 they were found at Wattamolla Beach, just south of Sydney. In early June, a rescue was launched by the vessels *Eliza* and *Francis*, which reached the stranded crew at Preservation Island on 10 June.

2022 marks 225 years since this historic event.

Commemorated in Moruya on 9 December 2022

Ball-Shaped debris found on South Coast Beaches

NSW Environment Protection Authority

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been notified by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the discovery of ball-shaped debris on 1080 Beach and Pooles Beach at Mystery Bay near Narooma on the South Coast.

The balls are reported to be spread across 200 metres of the beach and vary in size and shape. Staff from NPWS attended the site on 11 December and inspected nearby beaches. Around 20 debris balls were also found at Pooles Beach however, there were none observed on any other nearby beaches.

Both 1080 Beach and Pooles Beach have been closed while NPWS staff undertake clean-up. Signs have been put in place to advise visitors of the contamination.

Officers from the EPA also attended the beaches today and collected samples for analysis. Over the coming days, NPWS will continue to monitor beaches in the Mystery Bay area.

The EPA has finalised testing on ball-shaped debris that washed up on beaches in Sydney's Eastern suburbs in October, confirming earlier results that indicate their origin is likely a source that releases mixed waste.

Experts could not determine where the balls originated from as no source samples were available for comparison. The EPA is awaiting results of testing on debris balls which washed up in Kiama in November and Silver Beach at Kurnell earlier this month.



Found on 1080 Beach : Photo Sonia English

Telstra delivers disaster support in the South East NSW region

Telstra is ready to support communities in South East NSW this summer with 25 upgraded payphones, recovery equipment on standby and extra mobile data for customers.

Telstra Regional General Manager for Southern NSW

Chris Taylor said with extreme weather events becoming more common and harder to predict, Telstra spends months inspecting thousands of sites around the country to ensure its network is as resilient as possible.

"We know how critical it is for Australians to remain connected during a natural disaster and while we can't predict what mother nature will throw at us, we're as ready as we can be," Mr Taylor said.

"We have a long history of responding to extreme weather events and the Telstra Response Team are often first on the ground after emergency services to assess and help restore our network.

"While our network and other infrastructure like electricity can be affected during a natural disaster, we continually work to find better, faster ways to reconnect affected communities."

Upgrading 1000 payphones in disaster-prone areas

Payphones in the region are among 1,000 across the nation being upgraded with free Telstra Wi-Fi, USB charging ports and back-up power to help keep communities connected during a natural disaster.

Almost 800 payphones, 40 of which are in remote Indigenous communities, have already been upgraded including 25 in the South East NSW region such as Batemans Bay, Bega, Moruya and Merimbula.

"If your mobile phone isn't charged, or you've had to evacuate, a payphone might be the only way to contact family and friends to let them know you are ok," Mr Taylor said. "Knowing where your nearest payphone can be a huge help in case the power goes out and you need to make a call, get online, or to charge your phone."

More ways to get people back online

Last disaster season, Telstra deployed 110 new trailer-mounted, high-powered generators across Australia and have done so again this year.

"In preparation for this disaster season, we have proactively deployed 27 high-powered generators to at-risk areas across NSW with three of them located in the South East NSW area.

This year, Telstra expanded the use of portable satellite technology with 27 Starlink satellite kits stationed across NSW which can be assembled in under 10 minutes and help provide basic connectivity for our teams.

Improving mobile coverage for NSW

Over the seven years to end of FY24, Telstra invested \$11.8bn in its mobile network nationally with \$4.3B of this invested in its regional mobile network. This includes new technology that can help boost network resilience such as satellite-based backhaul for remote mobile sites. The roll out of LEO enabled backhaul, for example, can help improve reliability in areas where the terrestrial network is susceptible to natural disasters and communities might otherwise find themselves in isolation.

Across NSW, 18 remote base stations are currently using satellite backhaul with plans to connect more than 300 sites around the country with Eutelsat OneWeb's LEO solution by mid next year.

Supporting customers and communities

Last disaster season, Telstra provided short-term assistance through extra data to customers in 122 locations across Australia, with over 400,000 instances of support.

Aussies need to consider their own disaster plan and know Telstra is here to support in times of crisis.

·100GB of extra mobile data: Customers on our monthly mobile plans who live in a disaster affected area will receive 100GB of extra data – for free – without having to contact us first and request it.

·Extra support for pre-paid customers: Customers on our pre-paid plans are eligible for 70GB of extra data. If customers have their service registered to that postcode, they'll receive an SMS offering disaster assistance.

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Christmas Cheer Lights Up Vulcan Street! The spirit of the festive season is shining bright in Moruya, thanks to the incredible efforts of local volunteers! The Christmas lights along Vulcan Street have been beautifully renovated and reinstalled, bringing festive joy to our community. A huge shoutout to the Moruya Rotary Club, Moruya Business Chamber, and the Moruya Community Work Shed for their collaborative efforts in making this happen. Special thanks go to Chris Zammit and Vince Hayes, whose dedication over the past seven months has resulted in a total rebuild of the decorations. These stunning decorations are a sight to behold—vibrant by day and dazzling by night. Let this mark the beginning of a healthy, wealthy, and safe festive season for all. Take a stroll down Vulcan Street and enjoy the magical display! Words and Photo [Moruya Rotary](#)



Nelson and Stephanie at the Golf Club Bistro

New Chinese Restaurant at the Moruya Golf Club

The Moruya Golf club welcomes Nelson and Stephanie as the new operators at the Gold Club Bistro. The couple have moved from Hay for the appointment. The Mail dined in last weekend and enjoyed the Szechuan Beef and Satay Prawns.

The restaurant is open Tuesday to Sunday.

Lunch specials are available 12 - 2.30pm, Dinner 5.30 - 8.30pm

Takeaway must be ordered in house and not over the phone.

Members receive a 10% discount

New audit and risk committee welcomed

Eurobodalla Council has welcomed three members to their Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC): Grant Doran, Nick Derera and Jodi Keast.

The committee held its first meeting on Wednesday 27 November, kicking off its role in supporting Council's governance and accountability.

A comprehensive recruitment process was carried out to comply with the new OLG Guidelines that came into effect on 1 July 2024.

ESC says "Every Council has an ARIC. In a nutshell, they provide independent oversight, ensuring Councils stay accountable, stick to the rules and use public funds wisely. They review projects, ask questions, and express opinions. Each member brings their own set of skills, ensuring a diverse range of qualifications."

Read more about the committee on the ESC [web page](#).

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CWA Branches Celebrate Christmas with Community Spirit

By Annette Kennewell

From Batemans Bay to Eden, the ten CWA branches of Country Women's Association Far South Coast Group celebrate Christmas in their own unique ways to help build community spirit.

Bega CWA branch has a Christmas stall at the Bega SCPA Market Friday morning 13th December. Members have baked tasty homemade Christmas cakes, puddings, shortbread, jams, pickles and relishes. And there will be wonderful raffle prizes.

Moruya CWA have a Christmas Stall Saturday 14th December with a morning tea, raffles, Christmas cakes, kids colouring-in table, and a string quartet playing Christmas carols. Moruya Craft shop is bursting at the seams with handmade Christmas gifts and hampers.

Deb Ellis of Bodalla branch wrote: "Pre Christmas happenings include our Christmas cake raffle with the sale of tickets occurring at local Bodalla outlets, drawn on 18th December. Our beautiful Christmas cake was baked and decorated by Cookery Officers Liz Tough and Barbara Smith. We also celebrated our Christmas lunch with Santa, supporting our local Bowling Club."

Narooma CWA members are also supporting local businesses celebrating their Christmas lunch. Their Handicraft group will be joined by their music & drama team at the 1st hole of the Narooma Golf Club. Their Mahjong players will enjoy lunch at Food Mantra by Wildfire followed of course by a game or two.

Tilba CWA members are cooking Christmas lunch for Little Yuin Preschool with Santa arriving on the Tilba fire truck plus lollies donated by Tilba Sweet Spot. Tilba members are also cooking a Christmas dinner for Tilba Rural Fire. Members are cooking their own Christmas lunch with fun secret Santa gifts.

Mary Williams wrote: "CWA Cobargo hosted a stall at the Celebrate Cobargo event in the main street. Their stall contained the usual delicious cakes and slices that they are famous for, as well as the wonderful crumpets that everyone is talking about, a Cobargo CWA specialty! Popcorn was a favourite with the children and there was an opportunity to top up with presents for Christmas morning."

Bermagui CWA branch coordinated a Christmas mango tray fundraiser which helped their branch donate to Bermi Public School, Moodji Garden and Bermi Historical Society. The mangos are delicious so watch out for this Christmas fundraiser again in Bermagui next year.

Earlier this month Pambula-Merimbula members held a successful Christmas stall at Pambula Rotary Market with home baked, homemade and homegrown goodies, fundraising for women and children in their local area. Eden CWA branch made contributions to their local school end-of-year awards. Eden members celebrated a Christmas lunch along with some visitors at a local Cafe.

Representing almost 300 CWA members of the Far South Coast Group, President Stephanie Stanhope, wishes everyone in our community a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.



Bodalla CWA member Alma Stearn receiving her Christmas gift from Santa



Bodalla CWA Christmas cake raffle prize to be drawn on 18th December



Moruya CWA members baked Gingerbread houses and biscuits for their Christmas event in their Craft and Tea Shop Saturday morning 14 December

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Eurobodalla's new \$330 million hospital on track to transform local healthcare



Dr Holland visited the site on Tuesday to see the construction progress

Work on the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is progressing and is on track to deliver expanded and enhanced health services to communities throughout the region, from north of Batemans Bay to south of Narooma.

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland toured the site today to inspect progress for the new hospital, which will significantly improve access to high-quality healthcare for the local community.

The new hospital will include new services such as the region's first paediatrics unit, a new eight bed intensive care unit and a new MRI service. It will also feature a new emergency department with larger capacity than the current combined emergency services of Moruya and Batemans Bay. There will be the addition of mental health beds for short term care to deliver high-quality, contemporary and accessible health care closer to home. Since construction started in June this year, the new access road and future hospital car parking area have been built, bulk site excavation is nearing completion, the foundations for the main hospital building have been dug and concrete pouring for the footings is underway.

Construction activity is set to increase in the new year with dozens of skilled workers joining the team, including concreters, form workers, crane operators, electricians, plumbers and other skilled trades.

The project is expected to support around 550 direct jobs with the potential to support many hundreds of indirect jobs over the life of the project.

The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is expected to be completed in 2027. Staff and the community are encouraged to keep up to date with the latest news and information about the project by visiting the project website:

<https://www.eurobodallahs.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said "Delivering high-quality health infrastructure and technology plays a foundational role in bridging the healthcare gaps in our regional areas."

"As Health Minister, improving access to health services is an absolute priority to me and this new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be transformative to health outcomes of the region.

"The development of this hospital represents a significant investment in the health and wellbeing of the South Coast community, it's exciting to see such substantial progress in such a short amount of time."

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "It's terrific to see the extent of the progress on the new hospital, which will be larger than both Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals combined. "New services like paediatrics, intensive care, and an MRI will be provided at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, strengthening our local healthcare system supporting more health services for families, the elderly, and everyone in our community."

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



Council may skip chance to cut Bay Pavilions losses

By Phil Herrick

The contract with Aligned Leisure to operate the Bay Pavilions expires in six months and despite expected losses over \$6 million this year, council staff are proposing to pass the opportunity for a major reset to ease the financial impact on the local community.

Instead they will ask councillors at the next council meeting on Tuesday for approval to simply extend the existing management contract, with some minor modifications, for another year.

The report on the contract renewal from council staff to councillors makes no mention of the millions being lost every year on the Bay Pavilions, or the impact this has on the broader community, with community services and road maintenance cut to pay for it.

Community, arts and recreation services director Kathy Arthur says, "A one year extension of the contract will enable future focused actions from the Sustainability Plan to be addressed in a considered manner, with findings from this analysis incorporated into a further report, providing evidence-based options for Council consideration in relation to future directions, management and service delivery components for the Bay Pavilions."

The need for even more time to consider "future focused actions" comes 18 months after a report from KPMG predicted the coming financial disaster and made a number of specific recommendations that were accepted by councillors, few of which seem to have been implemented by general manager Warwick Winn or his staff.

InConsult told council 18 months ago the contract with Aligned Leisure should be renegotiated to include penalties for non-performance as well as rewards for exceeding requirements.

InConsult also identified extreme risks that would have catastrophic financial consequences if not addressed and made specific recommendations for action.

Ms Arthur will recommend a contract extension to council that includes no penalties for non-performance, just rewards.

The \$284,323 a year contract with Aligned Leisure includes management of the Moruya and Narooma Pools, along with the Bay Pavilions. Operating costs of all the facilities are paid by council.

Council responds to Questions on Bay Pavilions performance

By Phil Herrick

Three weeks ago, the Moruya Mail asked council for assistance to update our readers on progress being made to improve the financial performance of the Bay Pavilions.

We asked seven specific questions that followed up on extreme risks identified by InConsult, the firm who reported to council 18 months ago on ways to improve the financial performance of the business. The most extreme risk was the "unsustainable business / service delivery model" and the consequence of this risk was identified as catastrophic. InConsult laid out recommendations to address those risks.

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?

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How it all started - Mayor Mat Hatcher and former Mayor Liz Innis christen the slides at the Bay Pavilions opening

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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?

The Response from Council

Today, the Moruya Mail received this response to our questions from a council spokesperson.

Council has endorsed the Bay Pavilions Sustainability Plan. The BPSP takes into consideration all recommendations from various reviews and is the basis for the action plan going forward. It is an action in the Finance Strategy, and associated budgets are adopted by Council.

Council has determined its tolerance level by endorsing operational budgets in the Long-Term Financial Plan and manages the Bay Pavilions in accordance with these budgets. Council doesn't set a figure (eg a 10% tolerance), but reports quarterly, with a detailed explanation on variances greater than \$50k. We also have opportunities to pivot within the recreation budget or other service areas. These budgets are reviewed quarterly, and long-term estimates are revised annually with any variations to the budgets considered as part of Council's entire recreation service delivery.

A detailed report has been prepared for the December Council Meeting that recommends:

THAT

1. Council endorse a one year extension of the current contract with Aligned Leisure, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for the management of the Bay Pavilions, Moruya and Narooma pools, with a total management fee set at \$284,323 for the year.
2. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the contract extension and associated documentation, including agreed additional performance indicators and profit share agreement for the 2025-2026 year.
3. A report be prepared for Council regarding future management and service delivery options at the facility. If endorsed, a report will be prepared in 2025 regarding future service delivery and management of the Bay Pavilions.

Yes, We're Disappointed

A constant theme from Mayor Mathew Hatcher is that council will be open and transparent. The questions we put to council are in the public interest, given the impact the unforeseen multi-million dollar losses at the Bay Pavilions are having in the wider community, including the thousands of locals who read the Moruya Mail every week. So, yes, we are disappointed council didn't give direct answers to our questions.

Producing a Sustainability Plan is not action. Planned losses this year at the Pavilions are \$6.2 million, but revenue for the first quarter is 30% under the annualised target, so losses could skyrocket.

What's actually going on?

What real action has general manager Warwick Winn and his staff actually taken on the expert advice accepted by councillors 18 months ago on the extreme risks existing at the Bay Pavilions?

100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Dredge ANTELEON at Quarry Wharf 1920

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The dredge Antleon arrived here from the Northern Rivers on Thursday, and has commenced operations at the entrance to our river.

The Shire has granted the request of the Moruya Race Club to have Monday, 2nd Feb., first day of Annual Races, proclaimed a public holiday.

The de-licensed Royal Hotel here will close on Xmas Eve, the Club House being allowed an extra day's grace, will not cease business until Xmas Day.

At the Mining Warden's Court on Wednesday J. McKeon was granted three months' suspension of labour conditions on his mining leases at Donkey Hill.

Our Post Office officials hope to be comfortably ensconced in their new office next week. Under expert hands the new addition, as well as the old dwelling, presents quite a smart and up-to-date appearance.

The results of the examination held at St. Mary's Convent in connection with the State Conservatorium of Music were very satisfactory and reflect great credit on the teachers and pupils. Mr. H. Penn was the examiner. Practical (piano), Irene Ryan. Grade IV – Winnie Heffernan, Maude Ryan. Grade V – Maggie Lynch, May Quilter. Grade VI – London College of Music – Violin Elementary Honors, Marie Preddy.

Demonstrator Campbell reports a great development in the Belimbla Creek gold mining show. ... Extra men are put on this week, and it is hoped that 10 head will be ready for work by the middle of January, so that testing operations on a large scale may be carried on while the tunnel is being driven to its full length, viz, 800 feet. It is now at 465 feet, and is passing through a very promising formation carrying gold. The saw mill is in full swing and the timber is being cut to complete the great battery buildings. All who are connected with the mine are confident that it will prove to be one of the greatest in Australia.

Mr. A. R. Luck having leased the Kiora farm occupied by the late Mr. J. Bartlett for 28 years, Mrs. Bartlett and family have moved into town, and now reside in the Emmott Estate cottage at the corner of Shore and John Streets.

At a special meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire on the 3rd inst. Cr. T. Flood was unanimously re-elected President for the year 1925. The President's allowance was fixed at £50 per annum. The ordinary monthly meeting was afterwards held. ...Correspondence: From Nelligen P. Ass., enclosing contribution to works, £19 4s, on account Nelligen Creek causeway; From Police Dept., Sydney, re speed signs at Bateman's Bay. The positions for erection of signs were approved of; From Narooma P. Ass., asking that pig sty and fowlhouse near Davison's be removed; From R. B. Heffernan, asking for repairs to Yarragee-Gundry road.



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Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips joined the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic team to celebrate the facility's first birthday.

Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic celebrates first birthday and 10,200 visits

The Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has celebrated its first birthday with the news that 10,200 people have visited the facility since the doors opened. Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said the number of bulk-billed visits for urgent, but non-life-threatening care, reflected the ongoing need for the clinic that she lobbied for and delivered.

"It's fantastic to see how the people of Batemans Bay and surrounds have embraced this free service which is available seven days a week," she said.

"As we celebrate 12 months since the doors opened, I really want to thank the wonderful staff at the Urgent Care Clinic who treat everything from broken arms to tummy aches, when people need it.

"They're providing essential care and taking the pressure off our hospital and local doctors."

Mrs Phillips said she was pleased the clinic would be open from 8am until 8pm over the summer holidays.

"With the influx of visitors to our region, it's really great that, from 16 December to mid-February, the clinic will be open extended hours to cater for those non-life-threatening holiday incidents," she said.

"As a mum I know how difficult it can be waiting for treatment at the hospital ED with an injured child after they've fallen off their bike or skateboard.

"We've heard from so many parents how great the care at the clinic has been, especially on weekends."

Mrs Phillips said she would like to see the hours extended further, and made permanent, and for care levels to be increased at the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.

She has launched a petition and has encouraged people to jump onto her website and sign it.

"I've had a fantastic response to my petition, and my call for longer hours and a higher level of care is something the community is really getting behind," Mrs Phillips said.

Milton-Ulladulla bypass reaches crucial design milestone

The \$940 million Milton-Ulladulla Bypass project has reached another milestone, with the contracts signed for specialists to carry out the concept design and environmental assessments.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said she was thrilled to see the wheels turning on the long-awaited bypass that the community has campaigned for over the last 30 years.

"This is a significant point in the bypass project that has been made possible thanks to the \$752 million that I have delivered from the Australian Government," Mrs Phillips said.

"I know how important this bypass is for the community, which is why specialists have been engaged to ensure we get it right. I want to ensure this project is delivered on time and on budget.

"I drive through Milton and Ulladulla during holiday times, when traffic volumes are at their peak, and I understand how frustrating it is for local residents that this has taken so long.

"I am proud to have delivered funding for the Milton-Ulladulla bypass and, together with \$188 million from the state Labor government, it is finally moving forward."

As part of the continued planning for the Milton-Ulladulla Bypass, a contract has been awarded to Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd for the development of the concept design and the environmental assessment, including an Environmental Impact Statement.

The concept design will include confirmation of the design features, such as the lane configuration and intersections connecting to the existing highway. It will also provide more certainty on the project's footprint and boundaries, including local road access during the construction and operation of the bypass.

Mrs Phillips has also secured \$400 million in Federal funding for the Princes Highway upgrade between Jervis Bay and Hawken roads, \$100 million for the Jervis Bay flyover and \$97 million for the Nowra bypass planning.

"I'm pleased that I was recently also able to officially open the \$35 million federally funded Far North Collector Road, which was only able to open after I secured additional federal funding," she said.

"This also comes on top of over \$100 million in federal-state disaster recovery funding provided to local councils to help fix land slips and local roads impacted by natural disasters.

"There's more to do, but as a true local, I'm getting on with providing federal funding to fix our roads and making sure our major roads are fit for the future."

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A Beer with Bazz # 173

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Bazza's request for Leonard Cohen's droning rendition of 'If It Be Your Will' hummed from the pub speakers and was perfect for his monotonic accompaniment as he sang along with closed eyes.

Bella, the publican, shook her head, winced and opted to wipe the tables at the far end of the front bar.

Bazza's eyes flicked open with Mick's 'tap', 'tap' on the bar table and he raised the offered schooner.

"You sound like a chainsaw, Bazza ... and you have done a good job of clearing the front bar."

Bazza took a measured sip and leaned back.

"That's a bit rude, Mick. I will have you know, that could easily have been me."

Mick screwed his face and spluttered his beer.

"What... you as Leonard Cohen? How long have you been in the pub, Bazza?"

Bazza rubbed his chin and leaned in.

"Now...listen up, Mick. Imagine if someone with authority had said to Leonard Cohen, or Bob Dylan for that matter, at a very young age, 'You do not have the voice for a singing career.' We would be denied some great songs and they could be...well... just sitting in a pub having a beer like us."

Mick shook his head, sighed and took a long sip.

'Ahhh Bazza.... it looks like I am in for a long afternoon. Ok...take me back to your days as a denied child prodigy.'

Bazza took a measured sip.

"Well in Year 6, we had a very strict teacher. Her standards were so high we called her Mrs Oh'Really! behind her back, of course. She was immaculately groomed, her white stockings complementing blonde hair and red lipstick matching our embarrassment if we stepped out of line. Anyhow, she co ordinated the school musical, 'My Fair Lady', in my final year of primary school."

Mick stifled a yawn as Bazza's eyes shot skywards.

"Mrs Oh'Really had a very systematic approach to musicals. Before she allocated character roles she made all of us learn the words of every song and all according to a deadline. As you know, Mick, I grew up in a corner store. I would practise the songs whilst working in the shop, until my mother begged me to refrain."

Mick chuckled.

"Without doubt, the singing was bad for business, Bazza."

Bazza sighed and took a sip.

"Well... I mastered all the words for every song and we moved onto casting for the speaking roles for the characters. I was pretty chuffed to score the role of 'Freddy Eynsord' and eagerly took up position with the other main characters at the front of the stage. I fully believed stardom beckoned."

Mick cringed.

"I am starting to feel some pain here, Bazza."

Bazza rubbed his forehead.

"It was all working out well, Mick, until we joined the spoken dialogue with the singing as the rehearsals progressed. A beaming Mrs Oh'Really monitored the opening dialogue and was enthusiastically nodding her head as the main characters took control of the opening songs. She positively radiated and tapped her high heels as our very own 'Eliza Doolittle', mastered the dancing and the singing of 'I Could Have Danced All Night'."

Bazza rubbed his neck wistfully.

"I should of guessed something was amiss when Mrs Oh'Really's hands dropped to her thighs, her eyes widened and mouth half opened as I tried to match the opening singers with my solo rendition of 'On The Street Where You Live'. With a shaking head and pointed finger, she directed me to join the chorus."

Mick chuckled.

"That is a pretty brief singing career, Bazza."

Bazza raised both eyebrows.

"Ahh...it got worse, Mick. When she came for a closer listen to the chorus, she asked me to mime the songs and stand in the back row."

Bazza gazed into the distance.

"Ah the irony, Mick... whereas 'My Fair Lady' was all about giving 'Eliza' a voice, it took mine away. I reckon it denied the world another singer at least equal to Leonard Cohen or Bob Dylan."

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Batemans Bay High School upgrades to increase opportunities for high potential students

The NSW Government is continuing work to expand high potential and gifted education opportunities across NSW public schools, with 13 targeted schools set to receive a share in \$50 million for specialist school facilities.

Batemans Bay High is one of 13 schools to be funded for upgrades and improvements to facilities such as science and technology laboratories, libraries, creative arts spaces, sporting facilities and design workshops, enabling the schools to deliver talent development and extension opportunities across a range of subject areas.

This investment is part of the Minns Labor Government's commitment to deliver high potential and gifted education opportunities in all NSW public schools.

Work with these partner schools is the first step in the NSW Government's expansion of access to High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) opportunities across NSW public schools. Staff at these targeted schools will work with HPGE experts to deliver more opportunities that challenge and extend students to reach their potential.

These opportunities include activities such as class-level acceleration programs, inter-school competitions and tournaments, and statewide opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program, the Premier's Spelling Bee, the Gamechanger Challenge in design thinking, the Schools Spectacular and inter-school debating championships. Priority schools have been chosen across metropolitan and regional NSW based on identified student needs, population growth, and schools' capacity to accommodate increased enrolments.

The investment will help broaden educational opportunities at the school through access to state-of-the-art learning resources such as STEM provisions and dedicated creative arts, performance and sports facilities.

New overtaking lane now open on the Kings Highway

Member for Monaro Steve Whan has announced a new 760-metre eastbound overtaking lane on the Kings Highway at Mulloon is now open to traffic.

Made possible thanks to a \$4 million investment from the Minns Labor Government, the overtaking lane between Mulloon Creek and Goulburn Road is the second to be opened under the extensive program of upgrades on the Kings Highway.

These upgrades will provide a safer road and improve traffic efficiency between Batemans Bay and the NSW/ACT border. From 2015 to 2019 there were 17 crashes along the highway at Mulloon, with one resulting in a fatality.

The new overtaking lane, along with additional safety treatments delivered in the area, are designed to help to reduce the likelihood of fatal and serious injury crashes on the highway.

Safety upgrades in the area will enhance the resilience of the road to incidents and natural hazards, and have included the installation of a widened centreline and shoulders, roadside safety barriers, and audio tactile line-marking.

Member for Monaro Steve Whan said "The Minns Labor Government is investing \$20 million to deliver key upgrades such as additional overtaking lanes, wider shoulders, and safety barriers to improve the safety and efficiency of the King Highway for all road users.

"With more than 5000 vehicles travelling on the King's Highway each day, it is a critical route for local, medical, freight and tourist traffic, and these upgrades will support economic and community growth for our region.

The Kings Highway Upgrade program is expected to be complete by June 2025, weather permitting.

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Animal Liberation says it's time to rope in rodeo cruelty

In NSW, rodeo events can still rely on legal exemptions under the state's animal welfare laws, that allow animal handling practices that would otherwise be prosecuted as cruelty to animals. These exemptions are currently under review along with other animal welfare considerations, in a draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2025, with the current 2012 Regulations due for repeal on 1 February 2025.

Public submission can be made up to 11:59pm, Thursday 19 December. Animal Liberation, Australia's longest running animal rights organisation has published a flexible submissions guide to help the public have their say.

Animal Liberation is asking the public to "consider how they would view rodeo cruelty, if it were their much-loved family dog in the arena being chased, roped or wrestled to the dirt floor, while a paying crowd called for more of the same."

According to Lisa Ryan, Animal Liberation's Regional Campaigns Manager, "the NSW Code of Practice for animals used in rodeo events is nearly 37 years old, has never been reviewed, and has never been fit for purpose. The current responsible Minister, Tara Moriarty appears completely immune to animal suffering and government sanctioned animal abuse."

Ms Ryan went on to say, "these spectacles are brutal and violent, designed solely for human entertainment, are terrifying for animals, many of which suffer repeated performances week in and week out as they are loaded, unloaded and trucked around the state."

"These rodeo animals are tormented and forced to perform unnatural behaviours for the price of a ticket, with the aid of goading, deliberate provocation, being separated from their herd, and equipment like flank straps, spurs and electric jiggers. We're asking people to choose not to fund animal suffering."

"What the public see at these events is akin to the senseless, wilful bullying of frightened animals who are trying to flee an environment of extreme fear, discomfort and pain. Most attendees witness the spectacle, not the animal's instinctive reaction and response of terror."

"A study undertaken by Oxford University confirmed many people don't recognise animal cruelty or suffering when it's dressed up as fun or entertainment, even when it's directly in front of them. Certainly, many on the land raising animals are critical of the way animals are handled and treated in rodeo events."

"Even the Australian Veterinary Association has called for an end to calf roping, steer wrestling, mandatory attendance by a vet and unification of consistent national animal welfare laws. We listen to our vets when it comes to our own animal's welfare and wellbeing because they are experts in their field so why isn't the Minister and the rodeo operators listening to veterinary science?"

The Australian Veterinary Association's (AVA) 2023 policy on the Welfare of animals used in rodeos clearly confirms their position about rodeo practices and the need to reform the corresponding animal welfare laws, including:

- At least one veterinarian must be engaged and in attendance at all rodeos and rodeo schools.
- The AVA does not support calf rope-and-tie events.
- The AVA does not support steer wrestling events.
- The AVA only supports the use of electric prodders as a last resort where human or animal safety is at risk, and only under the direction of the attending veterinarian. Electric prodders must not be used on calves of any age.
- The AVA supports implementation of nationally-consistent legislation for the regulation of rodeos across Australia; there must be adequate monitoring to ensure compliance with this legislation.

Dr. Robert Bay from Colorado autopsied roping calves and found haemorrhages, torn muscles, torn ligaments, damage to the trachea, damage to the throat and damage to the thyroid. These calves never get a chance to heal before they are used again. Calves in practice pens suffer even more damage. Dr. Robert Fetzner, a meat inspector processing rodeo animals found broken bones, ruptured internal organs, massive amounts of blood in the abdomen from ruptured blood vessels and damage to the ligamentum nuchae that holds the neck to the rest of the spinal column.

A more recent study co-authored by RSPCA Australia's senior scientific officer and co-author of the study, Dr Di Evans, and published in the leading international journal for animal welfare, reached similar conclusions about calf roping being a terrifying and distressing event for the animals involved throughout all stages of this cruel rodeo event. As highlighted by Ms Evans, "An animal's behavioural and emotional state is a crucial part of good animal welfare, and so it's vital to consider this as well as their physical state."

"So, if you think the brutality witnessed in rodeo events doesn't cause serious physical harm and injuries, think again. Anyone who believes this violence only occurs in the US would be naive in the extreme. It's time to end these violent and cruel spectacles permanently. Animal cruelty is a criminal matter and it's way past time that we outlawed this exempted legalised abuse against sentient beings."

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Lacey and Louise

Second chance Mutt wins new award

A crossbreed dog of an uncertain age was the winner of the Narooma Dog Training Club's inaugural Yve Robinson Memorial Trophy award last week.

Lacey, a German Shorthaired Pointer mix, who was rescued from a pound on the Central Coast two years ago, won the award for the Most Improved Dog and Handler, along with her proud owner, Louise Webb.

"Yve Robinson set up the Narooma Dog Training Club several years ago, and it a wonderful asset to the community," Louise said.

"Lacey and I are very lucky to have had the chance to learn from the instructors at the club, and also have lots of fun, all provided by volunteers who give their time to help dog owners.

"Training is a great way to bond with your new canine friend, especially if you don't know much about their background, as was the case with Lacey.

"Because she was in a pound, with no microchip, and no one came to claim her, we don't even know how old she is or what her name was previously. Fortunately for her, she was taken in by a rescue group, who cared for her and the ten puppies she gave birth to while being fostered. Lacey's new life began when my partner and I adopted her after seeing her advertised on the Pet Rescue website.

"For Lacey to win this wonderful award shows that rescue dogs can make fabulous pets, and I would recommend to anyone thinking of a new furry friend, to start by checking out the thousands of dogs looking for love and a second chance in life. I guarantee you'll find just the right companion!

"I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the volunteers at the Narooma Dog Training Club, and to the memory of Yve Robinson, for their enormous contribution to our local community."

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ASIC sues Rex and four directors for serious governance failures

ASIC has commenced legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of NSW seeking leave to allege Regional Express Holdings Limited (administrators appointed) (Rex) engaged in misleading and deceptive conduct and contraventions of continuous disclosure obligations.

ASIC will also allege former executive chair Lim Kim Hai (Mr Lim) was involved in Rex's continuous disclosure breach and that Mr Lim, along with The Hon John Sharp AM, Lincoln Pan and Siddharth Khotkar, contravened their directors' duties.

ASIC will allege Rex released a misleading ASX announcement on 28 February 2023 stating Rex was 'optimistic the Group will have positive operating profits for the full FY23 barring any further external shocks'. ASIC will allege that Rex did not have a reasonable basis for that claim for a number of reasons, including because it had incurred operating losses in the financial year to date, and it did not prepare a financial forecast for FY23 before issuing the announcement.

ASIC will contend Rex breached its continuous disclosure obligations by failing to disclose a material downgrade, despite being aware when it issued the February ASX announcement that the company was unlikely to achieve an operating profit. Rex subsequently announced a downgrade on 20 June 2023 forecasting a \$35 million operating loss for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

ASIC Chair Joe Longo said, 'Our case will allege serious governance failures at Rex. Rex's directors had a responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure the company complied with the law and we will seek to hold them to account.'

'We will allege four of Rex's directors breached their duties because they failed to take steps to ensure the market had accurate information about the company's financial performance.'

ASIC will allege Mr Lim contravened his directors' duties between 28 February 2023 and 20 June 2023 by drafting and approving the 28 February 2023 announcement and failing to take steps to prevent Rex from breaching continuous disclosure rules.

ASIC will also allege the other three directors became privy to financial information from 14 April 2023 which should have led them to take steps to ensure Rex updated the market in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations prior to 20 June 2023.

'Continuous disclosure of market-sensitive information is fundamental to upholding the integrity of our public markets and supporting a fair and efficient financial system,' Mr Longo said.

'Directors of listed entities play a critical role in ensuring companies comply with their continuous disclosure obligations. Failing to take reasonable steps to ensure a company is compliant is not acceptable.'

ASIC seeks leave to commence the proceedings against Rex as it is in administration. While ASIC will seek a declaration of contravention against Rex, it will not seek pecuniary penalties against the company.

ASIC will seek declarations, pecuniary penalties and disqualification orders against Mr Lim, The Hon Sharp AM, Mr Pan and Mr Khotkar.

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Andy off to a flying start as new airport coordinator

ESC reports: "We won't claim Andy's fame, but we just couldn't resist sharing the exciting news about our new starter's award!

Andrea (Andy) Dobson is a winner of the 2024 National Airport Industry Awards.

Andy recently joined us at the Moruya Airport as the Airport Coordinator to oversee the airport ground operations and schedule maintenance works. She has over 10 years of experience as an airport security screener prior to her role as an airport reporting officer in Kununurra, WA.

Andy is keen to expand her skills and take on more responsibility which was recognised by her peers in Kununurra who nominated her for the Emerging Airport Leader Award.

Andy's enthusiasm and commitment has shown through already in the few weeks she has been with us.

Andy has moved to Moruya to further her career in airport operations and is actively looking for long-term accommodation so she can be joined by her husband Craig and daughter Peta.

Moruya Airport offers a lot of new challenges for Andy with functions she hasn't handled before including fuel management, freight operations and tarmac works, requiring lots of study and on-the-job training. We're pleased to have Andy onboard."

Telstra pays \$3 million penalty for Triple Zero outage

Telstra Limited (Telstra) has paid a penalty of more than \$3 million for failing to comply with emergency call rules during a technical disruption at its Triple Zero emergency call centre.

An Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) investigation found 473 breaches of the rules relating to an incident on 1 March 2024, during which Telstra's Triple Zero call centre was hampered in transferring calls to emergency services for 90 minutes. The investigation found Telstra initiated a contingency process to transfer calls received during the disruption, using a list of backup phone numbers. However, several of the phone numbers in the list were incorrect, resulting in 127 calls not being transferred to emergency services. Telstra managed those calls by providing the callers' details to the relevant emergency service organisations via email messages and phone calls.

Multi-agency operation to clamp down on illegal seafood sales this festive season

As the 2024 festive season approaches, authorities are intensifying efforts to tackle illegal seafood sales across NSW. The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and NSW Police have again joined forces for Operation Trident, a statewide initiative aimed at protecting consumers and ensuring the safety and sustainability of seafood.

NSW DPIRD Deputy Secretary Fisheries and Forestry, Sean Sloan, said fisheries officers will be conducting a targeted crackdown on the illegal sale of seafood, particularly during the peak holiday period. "The joint operation involves both covert and overt patrols, in order to disrupt the black-market trade, prevent oyster theft, and protect consumers from potentially unsafe or illegal produce."

"The penalties for involvement in the black-market seafood trade are severe, with fines of up to \$275,000 and possible imprisonment for both sellers and buyers."

"Oyster theft is a serious crime that NSW Police and the Rural Crime Prevention team take very seriously. We encourage the community to report any suspected thefts or illegal activity so that we can investigate and take action swiftly."

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Creative workshops to benefit wellbeing for local Aboriginal youth in South Eastern NSW

Some Aboriginal high school students in South Eastern NSW have an opportunity to participate in a series of creative workshops to explore wellbeing, mental health and cultural identity.

COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW PHN has worked in collaboration with proud Yuin and Thunghutti rapper Nooky to organise the two day workshops which have been designed to help put a focus on preventative health.

Nowra-born Nooky hosts Triple J's Blak Out and is behind the Indigenous social enterprise We Are Warriors. Nooky, along with 3% members, recently won two 2024 ARIA awards. Nooky acknowledges the important role that mentors, including family have played in his life and work.

COORDINARE's Aboriginal Health Consultant Taneka Longbottom said, "The creative process utilised in the workshops will aim to engage, support and empower youth to identify tools and resources that can better their health and wellbeing."

"Nooky will guide participants in creating songs to express their experiences and cultural identity through music," said Ms Longbottom.

"They'll get to record some songs and develop skills in songwriting, beatmaking, and music recording. It's all about young people feeling empowered, with greater awareness of support services and strategies for self-care and mental health," she added.

Nooky recalls learning about Indigenous dance and culture at his primary school from two Yuin men.

"Cecil McLeod and Richard Scott-Moore taught all the Koori boys at my school how to dance and about our traditions. It instilled pride in us and gave us confidence. I felt angry about racism and injustice experienced by our People. I wanted to be a freedom fighter and realised hip hop is how I'll do that. Those mentors gave me a sense of leadership that helped me look after some of the younger kids," Nooky said.

Nooky explained how he does mentoring and workshops with 'We Are Warriors' all over the state. He makes a point of sharing with kids his experience of how teachers told him he wouldn't amount to anything, but how he has got past that and achieved so much in his life.

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2EAR FM GIG GUIDE

"LOCAL and LIVE"

Friday 13th

Steve Martin	Top Pub, Pambula (6pm)
Garry Carson Jones	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Drive Time	Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
Totum	Steam Packet Hoel 5pm

Saturday, 14 Dec:

Poppy –	Club Catalina (7.30pm)
The Midnight Special	Merimbula RSL (8pm)
Phoebe Jane	Tilba Valley Winerynoon
Tom Barnes	Quantum Brewery5.30pm
Solo West	Waterfront Hotel7pm
Solo West	Foxdog Distillery 2–5pm
Steve Martin	Australasian Hotel Bega
Chango Tee	Broulee Brewhouse
Moondog	Steam Packet 1pm

Sunday, 15 Dec:

Ricky Bloomfield –	Club Tuross (2pm)
Strutt –	Club Narooma (3pm)
Of Men and Monkeys	Narooma Hotel 1pm
Felicity Dowd	Tilba Valley Winery
Drivetime	Broulee Brewhouse
Greenside Grooves	Moruya Golf Club
Sam Fletcher	Steam Packet 1pm–4pm

**Want to be listed
in the Gig Guide?**
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Gallery Bodalla Fantasia by Justin Pearson



Valerie Faber, Gallery Bodalla with Justin at opening of his show "Fantasia"

Justin Pearson's rich collection of recent oil paintings, *Fantasia*, is now showing at Gallery Bodalla until 5 January. With the luxurious use of paint on generous canvases, Justin contemplates the exquisite landscapes he has encountered on the drive from Bodalla to Mittagong.

These impressive works are full of movement and light, brought together skilfully with the most beautiful use of colour. They are even more beautiful than photos show and well worth a visit to the gallery.

See catalogue at www.gallerybodalla.com.au Open Thursday to Sunday 11am to 4pm and by appointment ph Valerie 0421 238 174.

40TH ANNUAL CABBI Arts & Crafts EXHIBITION



"Slipstream" courtesy of Debra Smith, winner of 2024 Best in Show Award

January 4 - 20, 2025
Open Daily 10am - 4pm
Batemans Bay High School



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CREATIVE ARTS BATEMANS BAY INC



JUSTIN PEARSON



Fantasia

thurs 5 dec 2024 to sun 5 jan 2025

please join us for opening drinks
with Justin sat 7 dec 3pm

gallerybodalla

open thurs to sun 11am - 4pm & by appointment | visit the exhibition at www.gallerybodalla.com.au
post office 66a princes hwy bodalla | valerie faber ph 0421 238 174 | gallerybodalla@gmail.com

ART EXHIBITION

Sibling Rivalry II

2nd December 2024—31st January 2025. 9.30—4.30 M-F

Framing Pieces 30 Orient St Eatmans Bay

Christine Dimmer Paul Dimmer Sue Law

Sculpture Pastel Painting Drawing



Coming up in the theatre at the Bay Pavilions

- 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/>

Art on the Path is in Broulee this Sunday!

This is a sustainable market with a community focus, showcasing local environmental groups and Eurobodalla artists. Show your support at this wonderful event, and find some gorgeous last-minute Christmas gifts which have been upcycled, handmade and are sustainably conscious. When: Sunday 15th December Time: 8am to 1pm

Where: Broulee Shared Pathway, opposite the post office and general store on Coronation Drive, Broulee

As this event is waste-conscious, please bring a mug from home if you wish to buy a drink (otherwise there will be some to borrow from the mug library).



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7 pm, Friday December 20

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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

Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



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

Christmas Hours : 19 Dec to 19 Jan

Thu to Tue 12 - 9 pm

Only closed Public Holidays & Weds

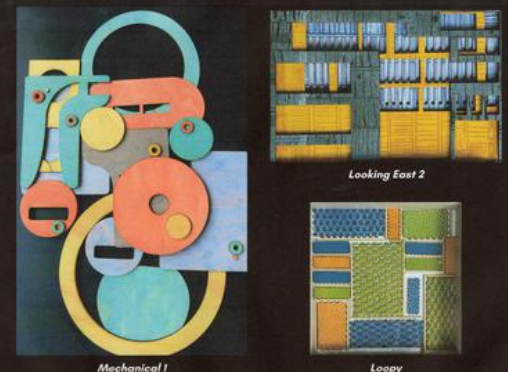
www.artisanfactory.com/Live music

THE GALLERY

Featured Artist

December 1 - February 2

Karen Warburton



Mechanical 1

Looking East 2

Loopy

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Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla

This week, we'd like to tell readers about Bindi, a lovely fawn-coloured five and a half year old mastiff. She's a relaxed and affectionate girl who has lived on acreage and would be happy to do so again.

Bindi is fine with children and other dogs, and travels well in the car. Like all AWL pets, Bindi comes desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and flea, tick and worm treated.

If you would like to meet Bindi, please call us on 0410016612.

Now that the warm weather is here, please remember not to leave your dog in the car. Dogs cannot perspire, and can rapidly overheat, so don't leave your beloved pet in a hot car (even in the shade), and exercise in the cool part of the day.



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sample pages

Phone 0248 461 900 if you need assistance with your order.

*All proceeds go to our registered charity NARG NSW Inc to assist rehabilitate Aussie Wildlife.

**COMING 19TH
DECEMBER**
- MUFASA



THE KINEMA



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WEEKLY FILM PROGRAM

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ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE

ALL FILMS WITH AN ASTERISK () ARE IN OUR SMALLER CINEMA. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND BOOKING IN ADVANCE FOR ANY FILMS IN THIS CINEMA.

12TH-18TH DECEMBER	THURS 12TH	FRI 13TH	SAT 14TH	SUN 15TH	MON	TUES 17TH	WED 18TH
MEMOIR OF A SNAIL M, 1H 34M, DRAMA/ANIMATION	4.25pm	4.25pm	9.55am	CLOSED		4.25pm	4.25pm
GOODRICH M, 1H 51M, COMEDY/DRAMA	4.50pm*	12.25pm* 4.50pm*		CLOSED		12.25pm* 4.50pm*	4.50pm*
MY FAVOURITE CAKE M, 1H 36M, IRANIAN ROMANCE/DRAMA	12.30pm*	10.30am*		CLOSED		10.30am*	12.30pm*
MOANA 2 PG, 1H 40M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	11.15am 6.30pm	11.15am 6.30pm	12pm	CLOSED		2.15pm 6.30pm	11.15am 6.30pm
HERETIC MA 15+, 1H 52M, HORROR/THRILLER	7pm*	7pm*		CLOSED		7pm*	7pm*
RED ONE PG, 2H 3M, ACTION/COMEDY	2.30pm*	2.30pm*		CLOSED		2.30pm*	2.30pm*
WICKED PG, 2H 40M, FANTASY/MUSICAL	1.20pm	1.20pm		CLOSED			1.20pm
TOSCA E, 3H 28M, MET OPERA PRICES APPLY			10.15am*	CLOSED			

***MUFASA* PREMIERE NIGHT 19TH DEC. BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE!**

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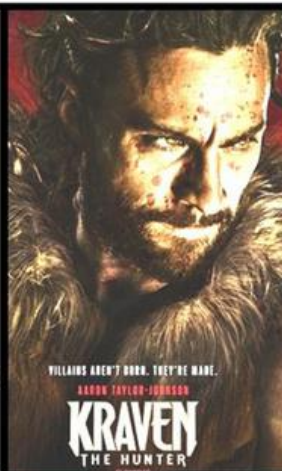
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DECEMBER	THU 12	FRI 13	SAT 14	SUN 15	MON 16	TUE 17	WED 18
BETTER MAN / Advanced screening MA15+ 135 MIN			7:00 PM	1:15 PM	CLOSED		
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MOANA 2

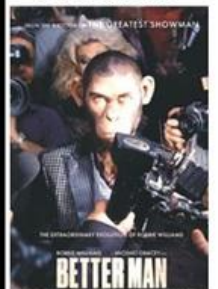
PG| 1hr 40min
~ Family ~ Animation ~
DWAYNE JOHNSON
After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure.



KRAVEN THE HUNTER

MA| 2hrs 7min
~ Action ~ Adventure ~
Aaron Taylor-Johnson & Russell Crowe
Kraven the Hunter is the visceral, action-packed origin story of how and why one of Marvel's most iconic villains came to be. Kraven, a man whose complex relationship with his ruthless father, Nikolai Kravinoff, starts him down a path of vengeance with brutal consequences, motivating him to become not only the greatest hunter in the world, but also one of its most feared.

WEEKEND ADVANCES



NOMINATED FOR
16 AACTA AWARDS



WICKED

PG| 2hrs 40min
~ Family ~ Musical ~
Ariana Grande & Cynthia Erivo
Two students meet at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.



THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE WAR OF THE ROHIRRIM

M| 2hrs 14min ~ Animation ~
Set 183 years before the events in the original films, "The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim" tells the fate of the House of Helm Hammerhand, the legendary King of Rohan. Hera the daughter of Helm, must summon the will to lead the resistance against a deadly enemy intent on their total destruction.



GLADIATOR II

MA| 2hrs 28min ~ Action ~ Adventure ~
Paul Mescal & Denzel Washington
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.



MORUYA MAIL

"Free local news for Moruya & the Eurobodalla"

NEXT WEEK - MUFASA

ALSO SCREENING - HERETIC/RED ONE & LEE
CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA - CINEMA GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE AT THE CANDY BAR

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**
- 26 Sept - 6 Oct 2025 - **River of Art Festival**
- 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.

It's baby bat season! What to do if one needs help

Flying-foxes have arrived! It's baby bat season and pups are present in flying-fox camps right now. ESC says "If you come across a baby bat that needs your help, please call WIRES on 1300 094 737 (13000 WIRES).
They've had multiple call outs after mums have been zapped on powerlines, or to rescue pups who've fallen on the ground. If you find one orphaned, sick, injured, or dead ... please don't handle it, leave to experts!
These flying friends are a protected species that help pollinate our valuable bushland."
For more information visit our [flying-foxes web page](#).

Rivermouth General Store Tomakin

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

2025 Eurobodalla Agricultural Show

Fri 24th Jan 2025 - Sun 26th Jan 2025
Horse Events: Hacks and ASH Fri 24th
: Showjumping Sat/Sun 25/26th
: Pony Club Sun 26th
Entries open 8am 20/12/24

Enter via GLOBALONLINE for all horse events and booking stables and yards.
Entries are \$5 each class so come along and have some fun with your horse.

Non Publishing Date

No Moruya Mail edition on 27th December. Back on Friday 3rd January

Moruya RSL Sub Branch

President Lieutenant Rob Griffith RFD wishes all the community a very Happy Christmas & a Bright & Healthy New Year from the Moruya RSL Sub Branch.
The last meeting for the year is on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm at the Moruya RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya.
Any veterans & visiting ADF personnel are welcome to the meeting.

Rally for Recovery

Ainslie Parade Tomakin

Mega Garage Sale
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8.30 - 12.00

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Moruya Community Workshed

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For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.

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Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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



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 or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537





2024
*Carols by
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FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024

Moruya Riverside Park

6.00 pm - The fun starts with live music
7.00 pm - Carols by Candlelight
9.00 pm - Fireworks and arrival of Santa

LIONS CLUB BBQ | FOOD VANS | COFFEE
DONUTS | ICE CREAM



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Please join Santa and the teams from
NSW SES Batemans Bay and Moruya Units
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SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH
BETWEEN 10AM AND 3PM
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DJ MATT BROWN 10 - 11AM
PHOTOS WITH SANTA 11 - NOON
TOY RAFFLE 12 - 1PM

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
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THE MOSSY
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STARFISH DELI**

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PLEASE COME TO CELEBRATE AND MEET NEW PEOPLE
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COASTAL AUTO GROUP



SHASA'S REPAIR CAFE IS HAVING A HOLIDAY !

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

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2025.

contact.shasa@gmail.com



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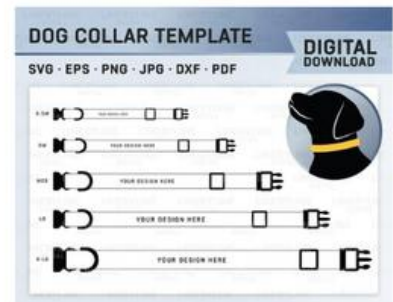
Travel Mugs

Wallets

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Dog Tag



COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP
10/65 QUEEN ST MORUYA



TOMAKIN CALENDARS

Time is running out to get your 2025 Tomakin Calendar. We will be at the Tomakin Club from 5-7pm this Friday night December 13 and at the Tomakin IGA between 11am and 1pm on Saturday December 14 (weather permitting). They are still only \$12 and you can also get them online now via the TCA website <https://tomakincommunityassociation.square.site/> Or email calendar@tomakincommunityassociation.com. Stocks are dwindling so don't miss out.



25th & 26th of January 2025

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Outback Jack's Stockman Show, Irene Cartoons, Fizzics Science Show, showbags, sheep shearing demo, duck racing, chicken poo lotto, photo booth, arts & crafts pavilion, flowers & vegetable pavilion, photography, stall holders, bar, food & drinks, novelty events, music, horse ring events and much more!

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Fairy La La, face painting, jumping castles, prize wheel, hop scotch, basketball hoops, soft ball targets



SATURDAY

Animal nursery, Young Woman of the Year Competition (aka Miss Showgirl), Grand Opening, showjumping, novelty events, Mick McGrath live music, pet show, dog ball catch, dog high jump, wife carrying, pony rides, 6 bar jumping, rodeo in evening and the Poddy Dodgers live music

SUNDAY

Feature limousine cattle show, poultry pavilion, show jumping, Pony Club sporting, ute competition, pet show, lawn mower racing, Gerry Bussa Memorial Motorbike Obstacle Course



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

Applications are now open and close on 30 January 2025.

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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report

Firstly, welcome to Operations Manager Kelly Lett who we met today.

There were 42 ladies on the Green bowling in seven games of Triples. Congratulations to Pat Bill, Nancy White, Sonia Frey and Gay Biggs winners of Regional Senior Fours in Merimbula last weekend and now off to State Finals in Ballina early 2025.

(Photo)

Well done also to Peter Keatley as Runner-up in Senior Singles (Photo)

Lisa Grice has recently become an Umpire so well done Lisa, great job. Winners, Carol Harris, Fran Lucas and Margaret Bridges. (Photo)

Runners-up, Bev Keatley, Anna Stewart and Pat Bill. Money Club Winners, Anne O'Dwyer and Gayl Vidgen.

After bowls we all enjoyed a delicious luncheon together before Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived handing out Christmas presents to everyone along with lots of photos sitting on Santa's knee!

All present raised their glasses to long time bowler Eileen Penman who passed away last week reaching the age of 104 in May she was an amazing lady. Thanks were extended to Robyn and Gayl from Pat Bill for the fantastic job they did organising table decorations, lots of gifts and nibbles also dessert.

Birthday Wishes to Lynn Gowans, Yvonne Huddleston, Julie Knorpp, Anne O'Dwyer and Carol Dutkiewicz.

Next Tuesday will be the last day of bowling for this year, we return on January 7th 2025.



Pat Bill, Nancy White, Sonia Frey and Gay Biggs



Carol Harris, Fran Lucas and Margaret Bridges.



Peter Keatley

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

President Steve Hogan welcomed 30 Twisties many dressed in their Christmas gear. Welcome to new member Geoffrey Pollard aka "Noisy". Winners on Highest Winning Margin +26 Beth Whittington, Barrie Stone and Tony Birmingham. (Photo)

Runners-up +13 Tricia Wheeler and Tony Dobson.

Bung selected Rink 8 to try for Jackpot. Skip Colleen cut cards but no luck. Other Winning teams, John Signor and Colleen Beadon. Roland Krikowa and Smiley McGregor. Pat Jones and Neil Mather. Robyn Best and Clive Beadon. Alma Scott and Trevor Innes. Lucky number winners 12 Clive Beadon, 18 Terry Montgomerie. After bowls we headed into Club for Raffles followed by our Christmas Party luncheon which was three courses and drinks, then lots of prizes with lucky number tickets. Thanks as always to our committee who worked hard to make this event such a success.

(Photo)

The "Red Baron" encouragement Award was presented to Max Gurtner by Board member Brett Megee.

(Photo)

Lovely to have long time Twistie Val Toyer with us also Robbie Murdock and Maureen Devine who are moving to Queensland to be closer to family. We wish you both all the best on your move.



Beth Whittington, Barrie Stone and Tony Birmingham



Brett Megee and Max Gurtner



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Ray Bollard



Winner: Colin Houghton



Winners: John Cox, Ken Hush, Neal Watson and Greg Smith.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 5th December 2024

A field of 51 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was hot and there were some great scores. Congratulations also to Ray Bollard who achieved an Eagle on the 10th hole!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ray Bollard (6) with 41 points
- 2nd: Kevin Reilly (17) with 40 points
- 3rd: Lars Gauspet (15) with 38 points (countback)
- 4th: Nigel Barling (30) with 38 points
- 5th: Ian Manton (20) with 37 points

Great Score: Ray Bollard Eagle on the 10th hole

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ian McManus 5.96 A Grade
- 4th: Chris Wratten 3.06 B Grade
- 4th: Ricky Hayes 5.54 C Grade
- 6th: Nick Brice 6.50 A Grade
- 6th: Shirley Quinlan 9.30 B Grade
- 6th: Paul Medwin 6.70 C Grade
- 7th: Brad Doolan 4.09 A Grade
- 7th: Teri Swanbury 4.25 B Grade

Balls went to: Bruce Martin 36, Paul Scholze 36, Brad Doolan 35, Ricky Hayes 35, Wayne Fullerton 35, Shirley Quinlan 35, David Schmid 35, Stephen Gardner 34, Teri Swanbury 34, Allan Langford 34, Shane Gschwend 34, Ruth Gschwend 33, Leonie Snodgrass 33, Paula Coffey 33 and Nick Brice 33.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 7th December 2024

A field of 51 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Paul Medwin. Well done to Colin Houghton with an Eagle on the 2nd hole!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Colin Houghton (3) with 41 points
- 2nd: Simon French (14) with 40 points
- 3rd: John Eglitis (11) with 37 points
- 4th: Nick Brice (9) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Frank Pomfret (18) with 36 points (countback)

Great Score:

Colin Houghton Eagle on the 2nd

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: John Eglitis 0.68 A Grade
- 4th: Peter Johnston 1.57 B Grade
- 4th: Herb Muriwai 12.70 C Grade
- 6th: Colin Houghton 0.20 A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 2.28 B Grade
- 6th: Graeme Bell 6.25 C Grade
- 7th: Ray Bollard 5.92 A Grade

Balls went to: Grant Kiely 36, Ray Bollard 35, Ian Miller 34, Richard Wharton 34, Ron Rogers 34, David Gray 33, Graeme Sindel 33, Bruce Handley 33, Steven O'Shea 33, Greg Booth 33, Steve Collins 33, Ian McManus 33, Wayne Fullerton 32, David Schmid 32 and Michael Coloe 32.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 11th December 2024

A field of 42 players registered for a 4 person Ambrose event today. The weather was lovely and the course in great condition with some fantastic results! Following the game today was the Vet's Christmas Party!

The winning teams were:

- 1st: Ken Hush, Neal Watson, John Cox and Greg Smith with 31.87 points
- 2nd: Warren Hodder, Steve Gardner, Greg Bush and Tony Crook with 32 points
- 3rd: Ross Davidson, Bruce Harding, Robert McKirdy and Jane Eglitis with 32.12 points
- 4th: Shirley Quinlan, Ted Quinlan, Margaret Downey and Ray Downey with 32.75 points
- 5th: Steve Collins, Derek Hoare, Herb Muriwai and Frank Pomfret with 33.50

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Steve Collins (2nd shot)
- 6th: Ian Manton (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd shot)
- Mens: Frank Pomfret (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Margaret Downey (5th hole)

Bradman's: Greg Thornton, Henry Anderson, Barry Hoban and Terry Lunn.



TUROSS HEAD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE SANTA RUN 2024

It wouldn't be summer or Christmas without it!

You need to know:

Monday 23rd December:

- Drop off gifts at the fire shed (Drake Street) between 2:00 and 6:00pm
 - Securely wrapped, labelled with street and number plus name of recipient
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Rose Farrington Wins Regional Bowls Championship



Regional State Women's Singles Champion - Rose Farrington



'Bowl in the Hole' Winner - a Happy Rob Payne

Tuross Head bowler, Rose Farrington, has won the South East Region State Women's Singles Championship with an inspiring effort on the final day of the Championships held in Merimbula. She now joins all the other Regional winners to play for the State title in Ballina in April 2025. On Sunday she had to overcome a tough draw in the semi-finals against one of the most talented bowlers in the country. She was drawn to play Reese Finn- Young from Merimbula who is the current Under 18 Australian Singles Champion! Finn-Young started the match well taking an early 10 - 4 lead but Farrington remained calm and fought back to narrow the margin to 13 - 10. Finn-Young had another period of dominance and moved out to a 19 -11 lead. Once again Farrington called on all of her experience to get back into the game. She managed this as she drew level at 20 all!

The game was set up for a great finish. Finn-Young moved to 22 - 20 in front needing just 3 more shots to take the match. Not to be out done Farrington moved to the front for the first time in the game at 23 - 22. On the next end Finn-Young picked up 2 shots to regain the lead at 24 - 23. The next end would be the last! After a very tight end Farrington was able to score 2 shots that gave her the game and title by 25 - 24. It was a fantastic match played in a great spirit.

In the afternoon Farrington played Edwina Skinner from Culburra in the final. On a high from her morning victory, Farrington dominated this game from the start. She quickly moved to a 14 - 7 lead before closing the game out 25 - 9. The win was somewhat of a reward for Farrington as she had been the beaten finalist in the last two years! We wish her well in Ballina.

The news was not as good for Tuross's other Regional Finalist. Rita Downie, Dagmar Voges, Doreen Monks and Sue Fahey found their semi-final opponents from Milton Ulladulla in the State Fours Championship too strong. They never really challenged in the match and went down 22 - 12.

Two other 'local' sides have qualified for the State playoffs. Gay Biggs, Sonia Frey, Nancy White and Pat Bill from Malua Bay won through in the Senior Women's Fours. The Braidwood team of Patton, Osmond, Watson and Marquet have advanced in the Open Reserve Fours. Congratulations and best wishes to both sides!

On a less serious note Tuross Head bowling Club has been running twilight bowls on Thursdays for the last few weeks. In conjunction with this they have been running a 'bowl in the hole' competition. At \$2 a bowl players attempt to have their bowl end in a ring of about 40 cm diameter. They bowl into a corner of the green from the middle. The prize money jackpots each week. Rob Payne was able to win the first jackpot of \$190 last week. The competition continued with the new jackpot at \$70!

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

Where has the year gone, no seriously can someone tell me! It almost the middle of December, and business is starting to pick up as the festive season stream rolls up to us.

The river this week has been fishing very nicely as the water temps continue to push down the coast and into the river itself. The airport flats have been producing some nice flathead, bream and whiting, while the hole in the wall area has had the same.

Pretty's wharf will be the focus of a lot of angling pressure over the next few months, with boat boat traffic coming and going, and visiting anglers utilising the grassy banks and wharfs that are available. If you are going to be using both the wharves, please be sure to give way to incoming and outgoing boating traffic, as they do have the right to use these wharves, and have the right of way over anglers.

The quarry wharf has also been fishing well this past week, with bream trevally, flathead, tailor and the occasional mullet being found from both the wharf itself and the the boulders just upstream of the wharf.

As tempting as it may be, please don't fish the Malabar weir, it a designated sanctuary zone and we can expect to see more compliance officers over the holiday period.

The town bridge area is a popular area for those chasing bream, flathead, trevally, whiting and estuary perch, all of which can be found around this area.

Further upstream the bass fishing continues to exceed last year, with good numbers of fat healthy fish being encountered. I had my butt handed to me last Sunday with some epic bust offs on surface frogs. I have since upgraded my braid from 8lb to 12lb as I don't like leaving lures in the fishes mouths and it can get expensive to loose hard body surface lures or spinnerbaits.

Tuross river.

Last dark moon phase saw good numbers of prawns taken from Coila lake. With an upcoming full moon the prawning will be very average, but will start to fire back up about a week from the next dark, which is due the 31st December. New years prawns anyone? We have all your prawning requirements covered, with scoop nets, lights and drag nets all in stock.

The lake itself has been fishing incredibly well this past week, with several 1.2m + mullet being taken on both soft plastics and baits. The flathead are also well in the mood for nearly all offerings this past week, and with a good forecast for the weekend, I expect to continue.

More whiting have shown up towards the front of the system this week, with the flats around the main boat ramp and the potato point area being prime locations to find them. Live nippers fished around the drop offs and surface lures worked quickly over the flats will account for some good fish.

Tuross has an extensive snag fishery, with the kilometres of river banks holding lots of snag where bream, and estuary perch like to call home, and not to forget the oyster rack this system is famous for!

Up in the fresh the bass fishing has picked up with increased river flows, and a reinvigorated system. Surface lures has to be your first go to, with the cicadas in full voice at the moment. Frogs, cicada or any surface lure will get a bite at the moment.

Rock and beach.

Bream, whiting, salmon and tailor are all very real options this weekend as the water temps steadily climb over the 20 deg mark. Pic a nice looking gutter, and present your chosen technique for a chance to stretch some string in the suds. The winds for the weekend look to favourable to get some sand between your toes.

Offshore.

With the warm currents continuing to push hard down along the coast the tuna fishing should continue to fire. Snapper and flathead for those that don't want to make to journey out wide are coming over the side readily for those getting out. The reds are holding around the 50cm mark while the flathead can be found inshore around the 20m mark.

The shop continues to fill, the bait freezer has all the baits that are available to us at present, and will be restocked weekly now for the xmas period.

Don't forget the Mega Giveaway completion that Tackle World is currently running until the 31st December. We have in store, and going to be won by one of you (provided you enter), a prize worth \$12000! If you wish to see everything in the prize pack, come in and have a look. Entry detail are available in store, or you can ask any of us. Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Musings of an ex Eurobodalla 1974 Shire President re the George Bass Marathon

It's days like today I realise how the memories of Events over 50 years ago are a wee bit hazy.

I do recall the 1st 'official' meeting in early '74 with Curly Annabelle and Peter Caruth in my Office at the old Shire Council complex where Curly put forward the idea to Peter Abbottsmith & myself. We had had a number of earlier discussions over the phone. He had already received support/ acceptance from the Far South Coast Branch of SLS and all clubs involved. They advised us the only possible time to stage such a major event was the after Christmas/ early new year when lifesavers-worldwide, were most likely to be available. Curly gave us the dates, leg information, event structure and local support contacts. They were pretty advanced in their planning and seeking Shire Support both in cash and kind...which was forthcoming.

I think all involved realised the massive potential such an imaginative event would have both on world surf lifesaving and the George Bass Strip. Council adopted the request unanimously and even named our 'new' major coastal link road George Bass Drive in honour of both the feats of man himself and the forthcoming race. Shire support was based on the fact that the 'benefits' would flow right through the Shire. The start and the official briefing in Batemans Bay, beach finishes and starts at Moruya, Tuross and Narooma, official presentations nights and social events in Moruya, Tuross and Narooma plus the major camps set up in the Moruya School grounds. The spend just on fuel, food and beverages would benefit the whole Shire. Not to mention the spectacle it provided our many visitors at this peak holiday period from one end of the Shire to the other. Winners all round.

I invited the Premier of NSW Tom Lewis, to Officially start the race at Corrigan Beach- he accepted realising the ongoing potential of such a challenge.

We soon knew we had a winner when nominations came in from all around Australia and, then, international teams.

The 1st official meeting of all the team captains and officials was held in the private bar at the back of our motel in Batehaven. I can, because some cad opened the most expensive bottle I had on display.....a unique magnum of beer presented to Helen and I in Sale, Victoria years before and valued, then, at over \$1000. If anything, we underestimated the media interest and I vividly recall choppers in the sky and a massive flotilla of power boats, Yachts and paddlers as Premier Lewis fired the shotgun....and every headland, beach and vantage point from Corrigan's out to Tollgate Islands then out to sea and down the coast to Moruya Beach and SLSC were packed with interested spectators.

We instantly knew we were on a winner.

I Remember the eyes of most crews rolling at the sight of Cronulla's & Point Lonsdale's sliding seats...and the ridicule. That soon stopped as the blisters on bums became bigger and bigger on those who didn't have 'em. Next race they all had them.

I remember we were all gobsmacked at the speed of the race and the energy put in - it was relentless from start to finish....and that never stopped the whole way. The early leg times were well under our expectations...and southerlies became the enemy.

I also remember the National and International news coverage of the helicopter footage taken that day above the crew changes at sea, off Mossy Point, showing the team rubber duckies dropping the fresh rowers in the briny in front of the race then the rowers about to be relieved falling out of the surfboats as they glided forward pulling the new rowers inand the pictures of the huge shark under them all. WOW...did that get us some international coverage ON DAY 1! ...and it improved the quick times of the crew changes immediately.

And I recall the team physios working late nights on the sore backs and legs as we went further south with the 1st aiders and medicos coping with the blisters, cuts, bumps and bruises on those tired bodies.

The many presentation nights at Moruya, Tuross, Narooma, Bermagui, Tathra and Merimbula/ Pambula we're wonderful...and who will forget the Portsea team turning up at the Tathra Country Club in their magnificent event uniforms only to be knocked back by an overzealous doorman 'No Collar - No Entry.' And they returned in women's clothes and he had to let them in..... brilliant thinking.

I still have clear pictures in my mind standing on the Point at Eden watching the Bulli crew row into the rocks in a fairly big swell, attempting to gain a short cut advantage through to the finish. Heart in mouth stuff. And, yes, I do recall the bare bum at the Top of the very high Pine tree at Boyd Town as the crews celebrate an almighty achievement.

But- most of all, I remember the pride and sense of achievement experienced by EVERY rower and sweep at the thought of what they had just accomplished....and that never changed over the years. It made many valuable adults out of keen kids.

As the years went on the media interest grew, the Navy were sending ships to join us travelling south - even the tall ships, the Kiwis took us to task...as did teams from as far away as Holland and the UK. The ladies and Veterans crews joined in as did the paddlers. Many stories became legends. The media interest grew and we witnessed some amazing feats along the way...none more heart stopping than the day Bert Hunt jumped into the ocean off the referees boat off Coila Beach, swam to the unmanned Surfboat in those huge seas and singlehandedly guided that Surfboat through the rocks and safely onto the beach as the whole crew were being successful rescued by the safety boats on hand. That still brings tears to my eyes.

What most people didn't know was the unbelievable effort put in behind the scenes by all the offsidars and race officials for many months leading up to each race plus all the work put in by the individual SLS clubs and councils along the race strip itself. Just the ongoing task of special George Bass race rules and regulations was a mammoth task in itself.

BUT... It was all worth it. I was privileged to meet, over the years, some of the most amazing and impressive human beings that walk the earth. The Likes Of Curly Annabel and his family, Nick Dixon a key cog in gaining SLSA approval, early race medico Kerry McKee who handed over to Dr Chris Fenn and nurse wife Joy, the Navy contingent led by Commander Rod Harris, our many great sponsors and media teams, Al Armstrong and more recently Gary Cairns plus all those who donated their boats, skills and time plus...of course, the real heroes- the teams themselves- sweeps, rowers and support crew and your long serving officials....many of whom are no longer with us, and so many who gave so much. Let's hope this 50-anniversary event will see the key people whose crazy idea this was like Curly Annabel, Nick Dixon, Al Armstrong and others properly remembered as this is their amazing part of history.

Lance Smith AM



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