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Response to Mr Ryan's Letter

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland has responded to a letter from Peter Ryan from the 'Don't Close the Batemans Bay ED' printed in the recent edition of the Moruya Mail (20.12.24).

Dear Mr Ryan

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Don't Close Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department petition.

The petition was presented to the Clerk of the NSW Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Speakman on 9th May 2024.

A written response was provided to the Clerk of the NSW Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Ryan Park MP, Minister for Health, and Minister for Regional Health on 12th June 2024.

I attach a copy of the Minister's response. SEE <https://moruyamail.com.au/response-to-dont-close-the-batemans-bay-ed/>

The petition was debated in the NSW Legislative Assembly on 20th June 2024 and the petition was noted.

The Minister's response clearly explains the current situation with the development of the new level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, the provision of the \$20 million Eurobodalla Community Health Centre, and the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic.

You will be pleased to know that bulk site excavations and concrete footings have been completed on the site of the new \$330 million level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital in preparation for laying of the first concrete slab. This indicates excellent progress towards the opening of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital in 2027.

Equally, the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic has seen over 10,000 patients in the 12 months since opening. The Clinic will be operating extended hours over the 2024-2025 holiday period.

Fiona Phillips MP, Member for Gilmore, has also commenced a petition to the Federal Government for continued extended hours of operation and an increased level of service capability at the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic.

I am sorry that you have not received a copy of the petition response, however, as you elected to present the petition to Mr Speakman, I believe that he carried the responsibility to follow this through on your behalf.

Finally, as they are not Parliamentary bills, petitions are not provided to the NSW Legislative Council for consideration.

I encourage you to consult the Parliament of NSW website at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au> for further information regarding Parliamentary processes.

I have attended several community health service consultation sessions with representatives of SNSWLHD. These will continue at further locations in the New Year. I look forward to continuing to engage with the constituents of the Eurobodalla, including the Batemans Bay residents, regarding further health developments in the Eurobodalla."

Regards

Dr Michael Holland MP

Member for Bega



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Clarification Regarding Mitre 10 Stores in Narooma

Our family company, Tancred & Constable Pty Ltd, has proudly operated as a franchisee of the Mitre10 banner in Narooma since 1998, trading as Mitre10 Narooma. Over the years, we have consistently supported and promoted the Mitre10 brand with pride, always striving to deliver excellent service to our local community. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our valued customers.

Two years ago, our franchisor, Metcash Limited (which acquired the Mitre10 and True Value franchises in 2016), purchased the Narooma Home Timber & Hardware business located on Glasshouse Rocks Road in Narooma from another local family. This business is now a corporately owned and operated store by the Metcash Hardware Division.

The Independent Hardware Group (IHG) is the subsidiary of Metcash that administers the franchises for the Mitre10 brand in Australia.

Recently, IHG rebranded their Glasshouse Rocks Road store under the Mitre10 name. This change has understandably caused some confusion within the local community, as it now means there are two Mitre10 stores in a town of only 4,000 residents.

To address any misunderstandings, we want to clarify that Tancred & Constable Pty Ltd (trading as Mitre10 Narooma) has no ownership or affiliation with the corporately owned store on Glasshouse Rocks Road. We remain an independent franchisee, and our business operates separately under the Mitre10 brand from that of the corporate store.

This situation has added to the challenges we face as we continue to trade from temporary premises, over four and a half years after our original Main Street Store was damaged by fire.

It's worth noting that Metcash Hardware Division also owns and operates corporate Mitre10 bannered stores in other locations, including Bega, Merimbula, Pambula, and Eden to the south.

We hope this clears up any confusion, and we sincerely thank the Narooma community for their continued support.

Phil Constable.

31st December 2024.

Narooma



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Fishbowl pop up art at the Monarch Hotel



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- /1 **Observe**
what is it?
hold the trigger --
in your brain and bones
- /2 **Respond**
in any way
using any tool
your imagination or wit allows:
paint / movement / image
words / marks / sound
- /3 **Share**
your response here
in the room behind these walls
at a salon event --
Sunday 19 January 2025 at 2pm

Liz McCrystal has started a pop-up project space in the dining room window at the Monarch Hotel in Moruya called fishbowl. The space is only viewable from the street, and will show all kinds of experimental art and ideas to anyone that walks past the window. The first exhibition is up and asks the audience to create a response to the provided stimulus and, if they're inclined, share their work at an event in the dining room on Sunday 19 Jan. check it out at https://www.instagram.com/fishbowl_project_space/

Children's Discovery Walk at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens this Sunday

It's Summer. The ants are busy, the cicadas are LOUD and the flowers are so colourful! What will you find on a fun walk with our guide? Come and wander around our garden beds with our friendly and knowledgeable guide. Look for creatures big and small and learn a fact - or six - about Australia's special plants. Put your explorer's hat on and come along to see what you can discover! This walk is aimed at children 5 and over but parents and younger siblings are welcome to tag along. Bookings are only required for the children on the walk. It starts at 10am. COST: Free Sunday 05 January 2025, 10am - 11am Deep Creek Dam Rd, Batemans Bay NSW 2536 [Book Ticket](#) [View Website](#)

School holiday summer Lego - Moruya

Friday 10 January 2025 10:30am - 11:30am
Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free
This summer, each of our libraries will run fun LEGO sessions, and you're invited to be a part of it! LEGO is supplied - all you need is fun and creativity. Create something yourself or try one of our challenges. You can build and display your finished work in the library. There is something for everyone at our summer LEGO sessions!
These sessions are suitable for primary school-aged children.
• Session also on Friday 17 January, 10.30am to 11.30am
Bookings are required Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4474 1333 E: [Moruya Library](#) W: [Book online](#)

The Office of Dr Michael Holland MP will be closed from
Friday 20th December 2024 and reopening Monday 6th January 2025
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New Year

DR MICHAEL HOLLAND MP
MEMBER FOR BEGA



National parks welcomes back visitors to Pigeon House Mountain

The much-loved Pigeon House Mountain Didthul walking track in Morton National Park has reopened to the public following a four-month closure, allowing visitors to once again experience this culturally and environmentally significant landscape. The walking track had suffered extensive damage due to heavy rainfall, requiring restoration work to stabilise the degraded trail surface and surrounding infrastructure near the summit of the walk. Works consisted of the construction and replacement of 946 hardwood stairs and drainage bars, constructed with imported crushed stone, as well as rehabilitation of disturbed areas adjacent to the track with brush matting and timber debris. Due to the remote location of the site, 200 individual helicopter lifts were used to transport materials in and out of the work site. Repair works were undertaken by local Aboriginal owned construction company South Coast Contracting and Hire Pty Ltd, in collaboration with the Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council. Local NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) staff will continue to implement a quarterly maintenance program, to make sure the track remains safe. These works were funded by the NSW Government Flood Recovery Program. Shoalhaven Area Manager Michael Phelan said "NPWS is excited to welcome the community back to the incredible Pigeon House Mountain Didthul walking track and would like to thank everyone for their patience over the past four months while these essential works were done. "These works have lifted the bar on an already impressive walk and would not be possible without the commitment of all workers involved, who had to complete the 5km return walk every day to get this work done. "The improvements are the perfect balance between preserving the site's environmental and cultural integrity, while ensuring safe access for visitors to enjoy for years to come." More information on the Pigeon House Mountain Didthul walking track is available via the NPWS [website](#).



After pad construction and new chair

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New bridges improve bushfire response on the South Coast



Forestry Corporation staff from Southern Region Forest Infrastructure Repair Program (FIRP) with Minister Moriarty on Lyons Road Bridge north-west of Batemans Bay

Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW Tara Moriarty has officially opened a new bridge, north-west of Batemans Bay that will serve as an important piece of infrastructure for bushfire response and containment on the South Coast. The Lyons Road Bridge in Currowan State Forest has recently been completed by Forestry Corporation replacing an old timber structure that was damaged by flooding. The \$835,000 Lyons Road Bridge spans 24 metres and crosses Currowan Creek near Nelligen.

The bridge replacement has been funded by the NSW Government under the \$60-million Forest Infrastructure Repair Program (FIRP), which has upgraded 160 weather damaged bridges, roads, culverts and water crossings in NSW State forests.

The upgrade to the Lyons Road Bridge is part the largest infrastructure program rolled out across NSW State forests, which has seen 35 major bridges replaced, 20 landslips repaired, 2,376km of State Forest roads fixed, 12 quarries expanded and 97 water crossings repaired.

The \$1.3 million Western Distributor Road Bridge, spanning 39-metres over the Bimberamala River, has also been completed in Yadboro State Forest.

A new bridge has also been installed by Forestry Corporation over Native Dog Creek on Clyde Ridge Road and repairs have been carried out on a bridge crossing Carters Creek. Collectively, the four bridge projects and road upgrades in the Clyde River catchment will significantly improve the response times of fire crews responding to bushfires to the west and north of Batemans Bay.

Forestry Corporation maintains a 60,000-kilometre road and fire trail network that complements the public road network and provides access for community use, forest management and fire protection.

After years of significant weather damage, a statewide audit found more than half of the State forest road network was located in areas that were heavily impacted by flooding.

These weather events damaged between 10,000 and 50,000 kilometres of forest roads and this prompted the NSW Government to provide \$60 million in funding spread over three years to restore vehicle access for the wider community and forestry crews."

Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said "Fixing these bridges, roads and fire trails through State Forests is a major priority for the Government.

"Making sure vehicles can get in and out of State Forests isn't just about moving timber, it's about ensuring emergency services can get to fires, it's about providing the community with access to some of the state's best swimming and camping spots and it's about protecting one of the state's most valuable resources.

"The Forestry Corporation infrastructure projects across the state have generated vital investment and employment in regional communities with an emphasis placed on contracting local companies, suppliers and workers to complete these projects." Forestry Corporation Regional Manager Southern Trent Froud said "From a bushfire management perspective, Lyons Road and the Western Distributor Road are critical strategic fire access points between the National Parks and State forests to the north of Batemans Bay."

"Under FIRP, Forestry Corporation has prioritised repairs to roads and fire trails, which are crucial to bushfire management and control.

"Western Distributor Road will become a major containment line for fires burning from the west running all the way through from Ulladulla to Batemans Bay."

"The bridge and road upgrades recently completed on the South Coast will cut the response times of our fire crews as they respond to fires in the forest estate and work to protect local communities from bushfire."

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Indexation fails to meet needs amid escalating crisis

ACOSS

The Federal Government must urgently lift income support payments as cost of living pressures are expected to take centre stage in the next budget and 2025 federal election.

Today's routine indexation of income support payments is grossly inadequate, leaving millions unable to afford basic essentials. Youth Allowance for a single person living away from home is only going up by \$1.70 a day. This lifts Youth Allowance and Austudy to a mere \$47 a day, which is 36% of the minimum wage.

Some income support payments including Youth Allowance and Austudy are adjusted for inflation on January 1 each year.

"Indexation alone is not enough. An extra \$1.70 a day wouldn't even cover a loaf of bread. People on income support are being left further behind while costs of rent, food and essentials are spiralling out of control and driving people on income support payments deeper into poverty," said ACOSS CEO Dr Cassandra Goldie.

"Parents are skipping meals to ensure their children can eat, people are forgoing essential medications, and many are losing hope. In a wealthy country like ours, this is a national shame.

"These indexation adjustments barely scratch the surface and the current rates are completely out of step with basic living costs."

ACOSS is also calling for Youth Allowance and Austudy to be indexed every six months, like JobSeeker and pensions.

"Young people are forced to wait 12 months before seeing an indexation increase in their payments - by the time it comes they may no longer be eligible for student payments and miss out on income that should have helped keep their heads above water during their studies," Dr Goldie said.

"A system that leaves students living in poverty is setting them up to fail before they even start."

Dr Goldie said the rate of income support must be lifted to at least \$82 a day, in line with the Age Pension.

"The way to end poverty is simple: raise the rate. Anything less is a choice to keep people hungry, sick and struggling," she said.

\$900,000 to upgrade health facilities in Southern NSW

Southern NSW communities will benefit from a \$900,000 funding boost from the NSW Government to upgrade hospitals and health facilities in the region.

The investment is part of the Minns Labor Government's \$12 million Regional Health Minor Works Program which includes 61 projects across the state.

Projects in Southern NSW Local Health District include:

- \$345,000 to upgrade the Anaesthesia Delivery Systems at Queanbeyan District Hospital to assist clinicians in compiling coordinated information on patient health.
- \$245,000 for a new Laparoscopic Stack, a critical tool for laparoscopic surgeries, at Moruya Hospital
- \$120,000 for five new Slit Lamp Ophthalmoscopes for eye examinations in Batemans Bay, Braidwood, Cooma, Queanbeyan and Moruya District Hospitals.
- \$190,000 for 12 new Bladder Scanners for diagnosing, managing and treating urinary outflow dysfunction.

Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park said "The Minns Labor Government is committed to investing in upgrading health facilities to support better health outcomes for rural and regional communities.

"The Rural Minor Works Program will allow Southern NSW Local Health District to upgrade equipment and health facilities to enhance the working environment for health staff and improve patient experiences.

"The Program is one of a number of investments the Minns Labor Government is making to strengthen rural and regional health services, so people have access to the best possible care close to home."

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said: "This new equipment will directly benefit thousands of patients across Southern NSW, ensuring local community members have access to the best care and facilities. By providing this new and upgraded equipment, the health professionals in the Bega electorate will be enabled to provide the highest standard of medical and nursing care. Equity of rural and regional communities is being supported by this investment in our health facilities"

Illegal asbestos dumping

Fire & Rescue NSW Station 384 Moruya reports - Incident Report: 31/12/2024 10:34

Location: 30 Evans St, Moruya

RP384 attended a hazmat incident involving asbestos illegally dumped near a preschool on Evans Street, Moruya. Working closely with Eurobodalla Shire Council and Moruya Police, our crew safely removed the contaminants from the pathway and secured them for proper disposal by the council.

Outcome: The area was made safe, ensuring no risk to the public or the preschool community.

Important Reminder: Asbestos disposal must follow strict legal requirements to ensure public and environmental safety. Illegally dumping asbestos poses serious health risks and can lead to significant penalties.

Expressions of Interest Shuttle operations Mogo Trails

Eurobodalla Council is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from operators to run a mountain bike shuttle service on Mogo Trails.

The successful applicant will be supported in applying for a permit from Forestry Corporation of NSW.

How to apply:

- Request an info pack: 0436 924 976
- Submit a written summary addressing four key criteria.

Submissions are due by 5pm, 21 January 2025
via email to council@esc.nsw.gov.au

Upgrade for largest firefighting helicopter



The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) has been preparing for summer with upgrades to Australia's largest firefighting helicopter, including increased water-holding capacity and new night-time capabilities.

The CH-47 Chinook helicopter can now hold 11,000 litres of water in an internal tank, making it an even better asset in firefighting efforts.

With the tank upgrade, the helicopter can fill faster, deploy more effectively, and conduct night-time operations when fire intensity is typically lower. Previously, the Chinook had a bucket that made it too dangerous to be used at night-time or over densely populated areas.

Added to the RFS aerial fleet last year, the Chinook has been instrumental in firefighting efforts in NSW and is one of only a few Chinook helicopters in use for firefighting activity globally, with the heavy transport helicopter mostly used by defence forces.

NSW has the most aerial firefighting aircraft of any state and territory in Australia. In addition to the Chinook, the fleet this season includes the Boeing 737 Large Air Tanker 'Marie Bashir', two Cessna Citations, one King Air fixed-wing aircraft and six Bell 412 helicopters.

The new tank was fitted out locally and is a permanent solution that replaces a temporary 10,000-litre bucket. It allows the Chinook to carry the largest water payload of any firefighting helicopter in Australia and second only to the 'Marie Bashir' in the RFS fleet.

This expanded capability builds on the RFS's strategic partnership with the Royal Australian Air Force, with the aircraft operating out of RAAF Base Richmond.

Operating from bases across the state, including Richmond, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour and Cooma, the RFS fleet is further supported by more than 200 additional aircraft available on an as-needed basis through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC) and other agreements.

Empowering Community Leaders: South East Landcare Local Leaders Program Now Open for Expressions of Interest

Are you passionate about creating positive change in your community and fostering a sustainable future? The South East Local Leaders Program, a flagship initiative by South East Landcare, is now inviting Expressions of Interest for its 2025 intake.

For the past 10 years, this innovative rural leadership development program has supported individuals working for or with communities on projects delivering sustainable agriculture, climate-smart solutions, environmental stewardship, or biodiversity outcomes. The program is tailored to those in the South East Local Land Services region in NSW.

Recent updates to the program ensure it continues to meet the evolving needs of community, industry, and government leaders. By blending inclusive and generative learning methodologies, the program acknowledges the wisdom in the room and values the voices of all participants.

Combining cutting-edge leadership practices, immersive workshops, and hands-on learning projects, the program empowers participants to lead from within while driving meaningful change. Participants will engage in a three-day immersive residential workshop, online modules, coaching, and mentoring, and will apply their new skills through action-learning projects that deliver tangible community outcomes.

Graduates of the program have spoken highly of its impact:

- "If you think that there is room for positive change in your community, this program can help to make it happen. The leadership program is a valuable initiative that will help build community resilience."
- "I can't recommend it highly enough. If you are wanting to create impact and change in your work or community and want cutting edge information on new paradigm ways to do this, by experienced passionate skilled trainers, this is the program for you. It has touched me deeply and lifted me to a whole new level of confidence and skill. And I'd do it all over again tomorrow if there was the chance - Like re reading a great book - you keep gaining new insights."
- "If you're someone who is moving into a leadership space and are looking for a way to think outside the box and get a deeper understanding of what it actually means to be a people leader, then this course is for you."
- "I valued the whole program, as it gave me an opportunity to both learn and to practice those learnings in an open, trusting, safe environment. The collegial nature of the program and the connections I have made will be invaluable in my work and home life."

"A cutting-edge leadership program that can draw out the leader within everyone. Developing leadership understanding and collaborative skills for tomorrow's world."

Expressions of Interest close on 31st January 2025. This is your opportunity to connect, grow, and lead for a more resilient and sustainable future in our region.

For more information and to submit your Expression of Interest, visit: <https://bit.ly/SELocalLeaders>

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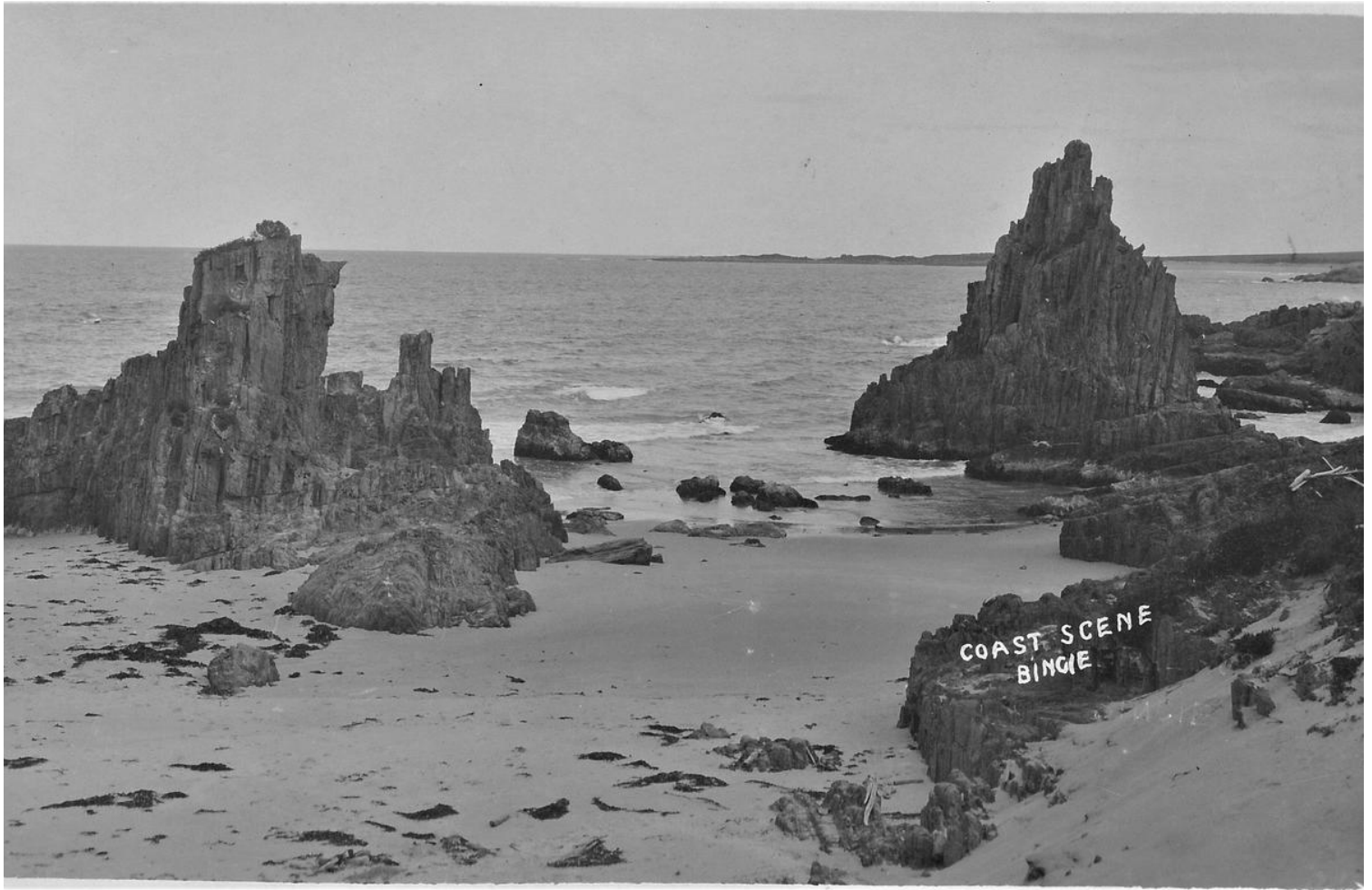
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Bingie Postcard

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Through the recent heavy rains, the **Congo Creek** mouth has opened.

An old age pensioner named **Thomas Newman** dropped dead at Nelligen yesterday (Friday) morning. **Moruya** distinguished herself last week-end by recording the heaviest fall of rain for the State – 264 points.

The pupils of Dwyer's Creek Public School presented their popular teacher with a wallet prior to the Xmas vacation.

On Tuesday evening six visitors from Goulburn made a splendid catch on Cowrie Beach, Moruya Heads, by landing 120 lovely bream.

Many of our visitors express astonishment at the neglected state of our foot-paths, fences and the general appearance of a town with the potentialities that Moruya possesses.

The services of Mr. A. H. Preddey have been retained to assist in erecting the machinery for Belimbla Gold Mine. Mr. Preddey expects the work will take about three weeks to complete.

Through a cow, which was being chased by a dog, rushing out of a yard in Queen St. on Wednesday, young **Sylvie Rootsey** was knocked off his bike and injured. The boy's arm was pierced by the cow's horn and he was otherwise much bruised about the body.

Last week a party, while walking along Bingie Beach,

picked up a bottle containing a leaf out of an exercise book on which was written the following: – "Loch Rannock, – This is the bottle that we all drank out of when we were leaving dear old Glasgow, 1877. We are now having the last dinner together as we have sighted Port Phillip Heads, and we are clearing out to try our luck. Names of our hard-case seamen: Dan Campbell, from Island of Mull, Scotland; Willie Macleod, from Island of Harris; Alex Lamond, from Southwell; George MacKinnon, from Island of Barra; Donald MacLean, from Island of Tiree; John Cameron, from Islay, Scotland; Neil MacDonald, from Island of Shye; Nellie Munn, from Oban, Scotland; Hugh Macintyre, citizen of the world. If found kind friend please report, as we will be looking out for news. Steamer, Loch Rannock, under full sail off Port Phillip Head. Goodbye."

Bodalla Picnic Race Club's race meeting took place on Boxing Day. The weather was doubtful until afternoon, when a drizzling rain set in and made matters unpleasant. The attendance was a record for Bodalla, the gate takings amounting to just on £80. ... Acceptances were very good, no fewer than three races having to be decided in divisions. The track, owing to the growth of young grass, and clover, and the rain on the hard ground underneath, was very slippery, and three horses came down, fortunately without serious injury. The usual ball was held in the Bodalla Hall at night and, considering the weather, was well attended.

STORMS, FLOOD RESCUES KEEP NSW SES VOLUNTEERS BUSY IN 2024

NSW State Emergency Service (SES) members answered the call for help more than 31,000 times across the state this year, and completed 430 flood rescues during severe weather events.

NSW SES Commissioner, Mike Wassing AFSM said the busiest month for NSW SES members in 2024 was April, when more than 11,000 incidents were recorded as severe weather and flooding impacted much of the east coast.

“In one day alone on April 6, our members responded to 2,348 incidents and completed 176 successful flood rescues,” Commissioner Wassing said.

“That’s an astounding effort, and I thank each and every NSW SES member who answers the call for help alongside their community.”

The busiest unit in the state was the NSW SES Wyong Unit, where members responded 1100 jobs. Meanwhile, the NSW SES Hawkesbury Unit completed 163 rescues, including 58 road crash rescues.

Outside their core business of flood and storm response, SES members also assisted in more than 280 searches and supported partner emergency service agencies 1200 times during bushfires and at crime scenes.

Minister for Emergency Services, Jihad Dib thanked NSW SES volunteers for their continuous efforts throughout severe weather and flooding in 2024.

“NSW SES volunteers continue to go above and beyond for their communities, and I thank them for the work they’ve done throughout the year during floods and storms,” Minister Dib said.

“While the warmer months typically bring sunshine and clear skies, we are in Storm Season which brings an increased chance of severe thunderstorms which can cause significant storm damage and flash flooding.

“I encourage the people of NSW, and visitors to our state, to stay across the latest warnings and information on the Hazards Near Me app and know their risk these holidays.”

Commissioner Wassing said 2024 had been a year of growth for the SES, with more than 11,200 active volunteers continuing to upskill in a range of capabilities, including flood rescue.

“Not only have NSW SES members been busy responding to unfolding emergency incidents, more than 520 have undertaken specialist flood rescue training,” he said.

“SES trainers have considerable experience in boat operations and flood rescue, and they’ve also trained over 200 personnel from emergency services outside of the Service.”

While NSW SES members are responding to calls for assistance daily, many have also dedicated time and effort to helping the community understand their risk and prepare before storms and floods.

Commissioner Wassing said over 1200 community events were coordinated by NSW SES members this year, educating the community and engaging with the people of NSW to inform them of their risks and how they can help themselves and their families before, during and after natural disasters.

“SES volunteers have attended the Royal Easter Show to spread safety messaging, coordinated community Playdates on the South Coast to help children and families engage with emergency service personnel after the bushfires, and undertaken World Tsunami Day awareness,” he said.

“They are part of their communities, helping day-in-day-out to ensure the best outcome in an emergency.”

For assistance from the New South Wales S-E-S, phone 132 500. If it’s life-threatening, phone Triple Zero (000).

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR 2024:

Total incidents: 31,052 – including; storm: 22,747 and flood: 4,325

Flood rescues: 430

Road crash rescues: 609

General Land rescues: 852

Vertical rescues: 26

Community First Response: 501

Support Jobs: 1,533

Land searches: 284

Warning as counterfeit cash circulating on the South Coast

Police are warning members of the public to be on alert after counterfeit cash has been reported being handed to businesses on the South Coast.

Officers attached to South Coast Police District were alerted after counterfeit \$50 dollar notes were handed to businesses at Merimbula and Eden Wednesday night (1 January 2025).

Officers have taken the notes and inquiries are now underway. Police advise that these particular notes were identified as being counterfeit as the transparent panel was faulty.

Tips from NSW Police to spot a counterfeit note include,

- Feel the note – a genuine note is printed on special plastic polymer and is difficult to tear
- Hold the note to the light and look for the Australian Coat of Arms. This is generally located to the left of the clear window, or denomination numeral when looking at the front of the note.
- Feel for slightly raised printing on the main design of the note
- Look for the seven pointed star inside a circle
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Mick dragged his swollen foot across the bar like a convict with ball and chain. His face contorted into an inner city road map with each step.

He finally made it to his bar stool, heaved up his generous frame and sought relief with a generous sip of the offered schooner.“

“Thanks Bazza. I needed that. I’m just back from the doctors. She tells me I’ve got diabetes. In fact, I’m borderline insulin dependent.”

Bazza leaned back “Ah those doctors, Mick. My old man swore off doctors. He reckoned he felt more crook after seeing one. Not sure if it got him very far as he had well and truly turned his toes up by my age.”

A pause for mutual sips before Mick leaned in.

“I blame this diabetes on the grandkids, Bazza. I’ve had to spend a lot of time looking after them lately.”

A slight crease at the corner of Bazza’s mouth.

“I’m sure how that works, Mick, diabetes isn’t contagious. I think it is partly genetic but genes don’t travel backwards.”

“No... no... Bazza. Ever since I’ve had to look after the grandkids more, I’ve had to give up my morning exercise and the Doc says it’s contributing to the diabetes.”

Bazza shook his head.

“You should take them down to the local park and run around with them, Mick.”

Mick clicked his tongue.

“Nah Bazza... I like to watch Netflix on the big TV and let them run around the house. I reckon old age has got a bit to do with it too but apart from this foot I feel pretty good on the inside. I feel like I am twenty five years old some days. After a couple of wines, my wife reckons I look like George Clooney. It’s just some days when I look in the mirror I get the feeling that it doesn’t quite match up to how I see myself from the inside.”

The corner of Bazza’s mouth widened further.

“I can relate to getting old Mick. Some nights I reckon I’m better off sleeping on the toilet and just popping into bed for a nap between leaks. But I reckon you should invest in one of those smart mirrors on sale at Bunnings.”

Bazza ran a palm across his mouth to conceal a smile.

“Cutting edge technology, Mick. Surprised you haven’t heard of them. You can load images of yourself or anyone you like for that matter onto a USB and insert it into the back of the mirror. Now depending how you want to look, you just press a button and up comes the image. So if you are feeling like you’re 25 years of age, an image of yourself at twenty five comes up. Similarly, if your wife says you look like George Clooney up pops an image of George Clooney. The top models of the mirror will even insert a couple of your own distinctive features like that mole under your left eye onto George’s face... just to keep it real.”

Mick’s eyes shot skywards and he gulped the last of his beer.

“You’ve made my day, Bazza. See you later, I am off to Bunnings.”

Bazza allowed himself a chuckle as Mick limped off.

Have a beer with Bazza at
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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin is a regular contributor to the Moruya Mail. The Gadfly Papers, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.

Gadfly

In 2024 Democracy narrowly won the prelim on points. Now for the main bout. Its battlespace is the human mind where the contestants are truth and fantasy. If fantasy wins, our species will be decimated, our planet in danger of joining the dead worlds of useless gas and rock we glimpse in the universe around us. Victory for truth heralds a prospect that is truly inspiring – a future of extraordinary progress and achievement.

Unfortunately, the human mind is a precision instrument of self-delusion. Its most fearsome power is its capacity to provide self-sustaining fables that support its natural desire to escape its own demise.

That power is truly awesome. Even when the evidence shines brilliantly empirical, at least half of us (maybe two-thirds) choose the fantasy we grace with the honorific 'religion'. It has fashioned hundreds of fairytales, each designed to appeal to our varying cultures. And so cleverly are they constructed that we regard its presence as one of the great achievements of the species.

'Freedom of religion' is seen an historic triumph. Our American friends still celebrate 'Thanksgiving Day' when the religious Pilgrims of 1641 harvested their first successful crop of grain in their New World. Their propaganda machine, Hollywood, churns out endless repeats of a modernised Christian fantasy, a messianic cast of Superman and his Marvel compatriots fighting 'evil' in the entire universe.

Thus the continued existence of a Roman Catholic Church when thousands upon thousands of its priests in nations around the world raped and degraded the children in their care. And no one rose up to demand its demise.

No one.

Truth's opposing armoury is much less celebrated. The scientific method of observation, measurement, and experiment leading to the formulation, testing, and modification of hypotheses. Its heroes include Socrates, Galileo, Copernicus, Isaac Newton and the great Charles Darwin. I can't recall a single movie – let alone a billion-dollar box office winner – for the biopic of any of them. Yet they and their industrial and medical equivalents have been totally responsible for the lives of comfort and longevity we enjoy today.

And here's the thing. Once you reject reason and accept the fantasy on 'faith' you have lost your moral compass and opened the door to every other crackpot conman. Thus Donald Trump. Thus the 'hoax' of climate change.

And since religion defies reason there is no capacity for compromise. Conflict is the only measure of its power. Thus the wars of Middle East. Thus Benjamin Netanyahu and the savagery of his religious army that incidentally might save him from jail for blatant corruption in office.

The male lust for power is also codified in most religions and women have been paying the price from time immemorial.

Altogether, not a happy prospect for 2025, but neither is it despairing. The green sprigs of hope are at last making their presence felt. Education is enhancing women around the world in their challenge to the status quo. Climate change is increasingly undeniable, even to the most demented fantasist. Trump in flight is charting a course taken once before by mythic Icarus. And in census after census more Australians are marking 'no religion' on their forms.

I do worry about quantum computing which is going to speed up everything; and A.I. is a powerful tool in the wrong hands. But despite their best efforts, the human minds of the dictators will fade to nothingness like those of rest of us who tried to make the world a better place than we found it.

So all the very best for a Happy New Year!

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Planning changes to speed up 'Meanwhile Use' accommodation

More crisis and temporary accommodation will be accessible under the **NSW Government** with recent changes to planning controls introduced on 16 December 2024.

Exempt and complying development pathways will be made available to organisations, providers and Government agencies that manage social and affordable housing to permit the use of certain homes as temporary accommodation.

Current planning controls often require a Development Application (DA) to allow the change of one existing land use to another, which means that vacant residential properties that could be utilised for crisis and temporary housing before they are repurposed or redeveloped, often sit empty for years.

Without the need for a DA, vacant buildings could be repurposed for temporary or crisis accommodation for those in need more quickly.

The need for emergency housing has grown in recent years and can include housing for women and children trying to leave a violent home but not having a safer option to go to, a sudden or unexpected change in a person's circumstances or members of the community facing homelessness.

Temporary accommodation can offer people a safe home while they receive the support they need before finding a more permanent home.

These planning changes follow the Minns Labor Government's historic \$5.1 billion investment in public housing in the recent budget and extensive planning reforms to deliver more homes and improve housing affordability.

Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega said: "In the Bega Electorate, there is a pressing need for more crisis accommodation and temporary accommodation to support those in urgent need."

"The changes introduced by the Minns Labor Government will make it easier for organisations, service providers, and government agencies involved in social and affordable housing to use certain vacant residential properties as temporary or crisis accommodation."



Illusionist Anthony Street at the Bay

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From larger-than-life illusions to mind tricks that will leave you questioning reality, Anthony's show is packed with surprises and interactive moments. Watch as children become part of the magic, parents gasp in disbelief, and everyone shares in the laughter, suspense, and pure joy that Anthony brings to every performance. Don't miss the chance to see this truly wonderful spectacle this Summer!

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MOU with South East Arts endorsed by Councils

Bega Valley Council has endorsed a new Memorandum of Understanding 2025-2028 between South East Arts, Bega Valley Shire Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council and Snowy Monaro Regional Council at its last meeting for the year.

It also agreed to collaboratively develop an annual work program with South East Arts to reflect the shire's arts and cultural development priorities.

Director Community, Environment and Planning, Emily Harrison said SEA actively supports the ongoing development of, and participation in, arts and culture throughout the region, working across a range of mediums including visual arts, theatre, music, dance, screen, creative industries, museums and heritage.

"The MOU with South East Arts has helped us support a thriving arts and culture sector across the shire," Ms Harrison said. "This new MOU sets out the formal level of cooperation between South East Arts and member councils for the next four-year commitment.

"It outlines each partner's commitment to improve creative arts outcomes, enrich cultural services and programming, grow economic outcomes through the arts sector, and advocate for arts and culture in the region.

"The MOU sets a strong foundation for Council and South East Arts to collaborate on delivering the actions set out in our Arts and Culture Plan 2024/25 – 2029/30, which was adopted by Council in August this year."

Ms Harrison said over the last 10 years, South East Arts has generated \$6.5 million in revenue from state and federal government funding, philanthropic support and earned income to support the arts and culture in the region, as well as small contributions from member councils.

"South East Arts works with member councils to support and augment their work in areas which include the arts, tourism, economic development, and community cultural and strategic planning," she said.

"It also provides services to the arts and cultural sector including promotion, information and research, resources and advice, and professional development."

Councillor Helen O'Neil was endorsed as Council's representative on the South East Arts board at the 9 October Council meeting.

SCULPTURE Bermagui

Shout out to artists! January 15 is less than one month away.

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Embers to Essence @ Oyster Cove Cocktail Bar

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Embers to Essence, a three-day gathering filled with music, friends, and family to commemorate the five-year anniversary of the Black Summer Bushfires, made possible with the support of Fire to Flourish.

- Friday, January 3rd: Shannon Noll, The Spindrift Saga, Joint Custody, Mister Rees, Tim McMahon, Lillian McVeity.
- Saturday, January 4th: Troy Cassar-Daley, Dust & Echos, Ron Callaghan, Dave Boyes, Darren Leonard, Sam Ellis, Joe Brierley.
- Sunday, January 5th: Local Dj's TBA

We have chosen to use a traditional ticketing system, meaning you will need to visit us at Oyster Cove to secure your spot and collect a physical ticket. It goes without saying that tickets for these events will be in high demand, ensuring fairness for everyone, particularly the locals who were affected, as they are the very ones this event is intended for. We will not be accepting online ticket reservations.

Oyster Cove (2/5 Orient St, Batemans Bay) will be open from 12 pm- 12 am Tuesday to Sunday.

"The Embers to Essence festival is more than a music event; it's a commemoration of resilience and remembrance. The NSW Black Summer bushfires in 2019-2020 left deep scars, devastating families and communities throughout the region. For many, the pain remains raw, but so does the strength that emerged in its aftermath. Tremayne's [Oyster Cove's Founder] vision for this festival is to provide a platform for healing, storytelling, and unity. He believes music has the power to bring people together, reignite hope, and offer solace to those who have walked through the fire, both literally and metaphorically."

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Robyn Martin With a sound that is distinctly Australian, her music traverses a wide terrain from deep pocket soul, mixed with heart warming, thought provoking folk sensibilities, to the occasional banjo driven hoedown singalong and a sprinkle of grungy angst rock.

Ben Fowler fuses pacific flavours with the raw sounds of the Australian East Coast. His beautifully poignant lyrics and prowess for songwriting are unmistakable and mesmerising.

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These workshops are designed to be filmed and archived for future story telling. This will be at participants discretion.

Funding for these workshops is through a Fire and Flourish grant.



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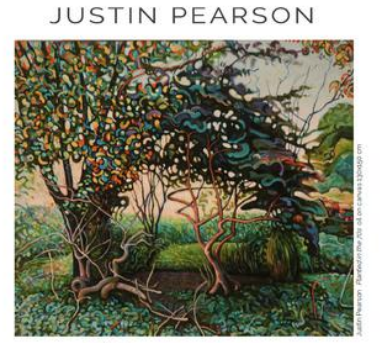
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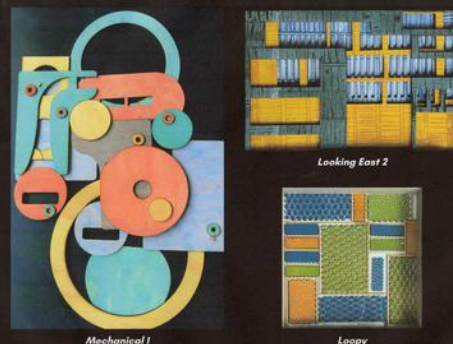
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The New Year heralds a significant step forward in Australia’s transition to cleaner, cheaper-to-run cars with the introduction of the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES), according to the Electric Vehicle Council.

Starting from 1 January 2025, the NVES will bring a wider range of EVs and fuel-efficient petrol, diesel and hybrid vehicles to Australian roads, as manufacturers are incentivised to offer their most efficient cars.

Electric Vehicle Council, Head of Legal, Policy and Advocacy, Aman Gaur said: “The New Year ushers in new standards for new cars in Australia. From today, Australia officially moves away from being the world’s dumping ground for outdated, high-emissions vehicles, and demands a greater range of cleaner, cheaper-to-run cars, vans and utes that are offered in the US and Europe.

“The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard means Australia has a chance to finally catch up to other countries in the adoption of cleaner, more efficient cars including EVs. The NVES will lower our fuel bills, offer a wider choice of the latest, most fuel-efficient cars, and improve the air we breathe by reducing emissions.

“The NVES is expected to accelerate Australia’s growing interest in electric vehicles. 2024 was a record-breaking year for EVs in Australia with more than 100,000 new battery electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles sold, while car manufacturers brought in and announced plans for more low and zero-emissions models. With more choice and competitive pricing, EV uptake is set to grow further in Australia.

“The first six months of the NVES is a period where the industry can adapt to the new standards and systems before the credit and penalty scheme is enforced from mid-year. It gives manufacturers more time to refine their strategies to bring in more low and zero-emissions vehicles and meet rising consumer demand. It’s also a period for the government and regulator to further educate the sector and test their systems. “The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is a crucial reform that will help Australians lower their driving costs and car emissions, as fuel prices rise and awareness of the health and environmental impacts of vehicle emissions grows.” More information about the NVES can be found [here](#).

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BETTER MAN (LAST WEEK) MA15+, 2H 15M, MUSICAL/FANTASY	3.05pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*
MOANA 2 PG, 1H 40M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	2.45pm	2.45pm	2.45pm	2.45pm	2.45pm	2.45pm	2.45pm

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PADDINGTON IN PERU

PG| 1hr 46min
~ Family ~ Adventure ~
Hugh Bonneville, Julie Walters & Jim Broadbent
Paddington and the Brown family visit Aunt Lucy in Peru, but a mystery sends them to the Amazon rainforest and up Peruvian mountains.



SONIC 3

PG| 1hr 50min
~ Family ~ Animation ~
Jim Carey, Keanu Reeves & Idris Elba
Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before.

ALSO SCREENING



NOSFERATU
M| 2hrs 12min
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MUFASA

PG| 2hrs
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Seth Rogan, Lennie James & Keith David
"Mufasa: The Lion King" enlists Rafiki to relay the legend of Mufasa to young lion cub Kiara, daughter of Simba and Nala. The story introduces Mufasa as an orphaned cub, lost and alone until he meets Taka - the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion a journey of an extraordinary group of misfits searching for their destiny - their bonds will be tested as they work together to evade a threatening and deadly foe.



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January 26

1pm Bridge Walk
Meet on the north side of the bridge (walbunja country) corner of Princess highway & North Head Drive

2pm - 7pm @ Russ Martin Park (brinja-yuin country)

- Welcome ceremony
- Traditional dances
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- Guest speakers
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SPECIAL EXTRA REGISTRATION SESSION at the LIBRARY:
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We'll be there to:

- tell you about U3A
- discuss our courses
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- 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**

Bush Fire Risk Management Plan

Fire agencies and land managers have been working to develop a new Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for the Far South Coast, to assist in the protection of the community, property and the environment. You can review the plan and provide feedback here <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/managing-bush-fire-risk/bush-fire-management-committees/far-south-coast> or visit the below libraries and Bega Valley Shire Council or Eurobodalla Shire Council building.

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Thursday 20 February 2025 at 17:00
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- January 5th at Riverside Park (10am)
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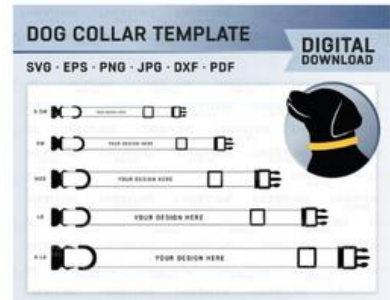
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Tuross Head Golf Results



Steve Gardner (sponsor) with Winner Jonathan Coffey



Winner Stephen Swanbury with Vice President Paul Scholze

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Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 28th December 2024

A large field of 78 players, including a number of visitors, registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Steve Gardner. The day was warm with some fantastic scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Jonathan Coffey (23) with 46 points
- 2nd: Herb Muriwai (25) with 43 points (countback)
- 3rd: Matthew Kennedy (20) with 43 points
- 4th: Kane Duncan (15) with 41 points (countback)
- 5th: Josh Morschel (17) with 41 points

- Nearest to the Pins
- 4th: Mark Forrest 3.05 A Grade
 - 4th: Kane Duncan 4.40 B Grade
 - 4th: Tony Brown 10.60 C Grade
 - 6th: Matthew Ryan 1.44 A Grade
 - 6th: Lars Gaupset 3.65 B Grade
 - 7th: Ben Alexander 4.28 A Grade
 - 7th: Shelley Pritchett 3.16 B Grade
 - 7th: Jonathan Coffey 6.05 C Grade

Balls went to: Stephen Swanbury 40, Jesse French 39, Brad Doolan 38, Matthew Ryan 37, Craig Duncan 37, Ross Hendy 37, Terry Milliken 37, Shelley Pritchett 37, Steve Pritchett 36, Shane Gschwend 36, Malcolm Gilbertson 36, Bruce Harding 35, Lars Gaupset 35, Bruce Martin 35, Gavan Wheelahan 35, Michael Walsh 35, Bruce Cleeve 34, Cathy Milliken 34, Wayne Fullerton 34 and Stuart McKell 34.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 2nd January 2025

A large field of 62 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The course was in great condition and there were some excellent scores. The event was sponsored by Paul Ferguson.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Stephen Swanbury (17) with 41 points
- 2nd: Ian McManus (14) with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: Jennifer Gray (44) with 38 points
- 4th: Shane Gschwend (14) with 36 points
- 5th: Gavan Wheelahan (30) with 35 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Michael Walsh 5.04 A Grade
- 4th: Wayne Fullerton 7.21 B Grade
- 4th: Tony Brown 3.62 C Grade
- 6th: John Eglitis 5.10 A Grade
- 6th: Dorothy Madden 2.24 B Grade

7th: Nick Brice 8.03 A Grade
 7th: Leonie Doolan 4.50 B Grade
 7th: Herb Muriwai 9.90 C Grade
 Balls went to: Colin Houghton 35, Ruth Gschwend 35, Leonie Doolan 34, Paul Medwin 34, Michael Walsh 34, Bruce Harding 33, Bruce Cleeve 33, Teri Swanbury 33, Tony Brown 33, Peter Johnston 33, Brad Doolan 32, Dianne Brown 32, Mark Schenk 32, Bruce Lidbury 32, Herb Muriwai 32, Peter Nikolich 31, Matthew Ryan 31, Martin Booth 31, David Schmid 31 and Ian Manton 31.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

Happy New Year to all our loyal and regular readers and customers, we hope you all had an awesome and safe Xmas and new years period.

We had a great response to the Mega Giveaway competition, with 267 of you entering into the draw. Thank you to all of who took the time to enter. We have had word from head office that the competition will be drawn at 11:30am Monday 6th January at head office and the results will be posted for you all to see by 12pm on Tuesday 7th of January. This will allow time, for all proper conditions to be met that are required of a draw of this magnitude. I know a lot of you are keen to to hear who has won, so are we. Stay tuned, you have a 1 in 267 chance of winning. Now, back to our regular report.

The river continues to fish very well, with a multitude of species being caught all up and down the system this week. Along the lower section of the river, the airport flats has had good numbers of bream, whiting and flathead this week, with the spur wall being quite popular both for anglers and fish alike.

The Preddy's wharf area also continues to hold good numbers of fish for visiting anglers, with the wharf area and the back of the hole in wall area all fishing well.

Quarry wharf and upstream to the town bridge have all been holding the usual suspects, with bream, flathead, Luderick tailor trevally, whiting and mulloway all being available to catch.

Don't overlook the boulders that sit in front of the hospital, as these hold many fish at all stages of the tide.

Up in the fresh, the bass anglers continue to do well, with most surface presentations seeing interest from hungry bass. The river level will be starting to drop again, as we haven't seen any significant rains, so a bit of travelling may well be required to find in pressured fish.

Tuross River.

Coila lake continues to produce very good numbers of prawns for local and visiting fishos chasing a tasty feed of south coast prawns. The southerly change 2 days ago did slow the run down with the water conditions stirred up enough to make seeing prawns all but impossible. With the winds easing now, and a forecast warm weekend, we can expect both the anglers and the prawns to be running hot again. Please, DO NOT light fires on the lake foreshore to cook up you catch!! The local fire brigade are getting tired of putting them out. Not to mention the fines associated for doing so, if you are caught.

The Tuross lake system itself continues to produce all the usual summer species it is famous for. With bream, flathead, whiting, Luderick, Trevally, estuary perch and mulloway all being reported this past week. Tuross is a big system, and there is a lot of real estate to fish, from the flats to the main river channel, all of the side arms, and the myriad of oyster racks, the system is an anglers paradise.

You just need to get out and explore it to find what interests you.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon, bream, whiting and flathead have all been regularly reported from those fishing the extensive pristine coastline we have on offer. Store Junior Sam, yet again managed a few nice fish last night, with his first popper caught whiting being landed quickly followed up by a popper caught flathead.

The Moruya Breakwall is an ever popular bit of coastal structure the attracts both fish and fishermen alike. Please take your rubbish out with you, if you fish any of these areas, we as local get tired of cleaning up after dirty anglers that think it's ok to leave trash laying around.

Offshore.

The winds and sea state have kept plenty of boaters on dry land to date, but with a warm to hot weekend forecast, we can expect the boat ramps to be busy. Take the time to read the post I put up on ramp etiquette, it will make yours and everyone else days a bit easier.

Snapper have mostly been sitting in the 50-60m mark, with the flathead in closer around the 20-30m marks. With the warm currents now pushing all the way down past Eden, the tuna and Marlin bite should be in full swing for those wanting to get onto a fish of a lifetime.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with an emergency top done yesterday by Tweed Bait, another top up will be done early Tuesday morning again, as we are expecting to sell plenty of bait this weekend.

The shop is looking a little worse for wear, stock wise, with some rod combo already out of stock, after a great xmas trade period. It will be a week before we can put any orders in for any of our suppliers, as they are still closed till next week. But a restock will be coming.

Thank you again from myself, Graham and Gaye, for all of you have chosen to pick a small locally owned store to shop at, we appreciate your support. We look forward to a good year of trade with you all as well.

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MORUYA CUP RACEDAY

Monday 6th January 2025

TAB | BOOKIES | FOOD VANS | FASHIONS | KIOSK
Gates open 12pm | First Race 1.35pm | Tickets \$15

WHAT'S ON
 Sunday 5th Jan @ Moruya Golf Club
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 Moruya Cup Calculla
 Monday 6th Jan @ Moruya Jockey Club
 Moruya Cup Race Day

FOOD STALLS
 Rotary Nish
 South Coast Oysters
 Capriz Pizza
 Charlies 'Bite' Bikkies
 Jimmys 'Hot Dogs'
 D'Lish D'Lite Donuts
 Reggie's Ice Creams
 Caffissimo Coffee

Fashions On The Field
 (Three Summer)
Party Mode DJs
Kid's activities

BUSES - \$10 return
 Batemans Bay Plaza - 02 44724040
 Club Turass - 02 44738186
 Club Narooma - 02 44762135

Teensafe Driving Course

The next Teensafe course for young L and P drivers is in the school holidays on Thursday 23 January at Moruya Speedway.

The program specialises in practical behind-the-wheel safe driver training for teens in the secure environment of the speedway.

Cars and instructors provided, fee \$80.

For info and rego form go to www.teensafemoruya.org or email garys.home@bigpond.com

Safe Driver Tip - When waiting on the highway to make a right hand turn into a side road, keep your foot on the brake to illuminate your brake lights as warning to drivers following AND keep your steering wheel straight so the front wheels are not turned right - because if a car hits you in the rear the impact may push your car into oncoming traffic.

This has happened and highway speeds can be up to 100 km/hr.

Safe driving,
 Gary Smith. Teensafe manager.

FREE 4 KIDS

AT THE RACES MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

- PONY RIDES
- FACEPAINTING
- REGGIES ICE CREAM
- D'LISH D'LITE DONUTS
- JUMPING CASTLE
- PARTY MODE DJS

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FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

3.25pm after race 4

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- BEST DRESSED LADY
- BEST DRESSED GENT
- BEST DRESSED JUNIOR (U12)
- BEST DRESSED COUPLE
- BEST DRESSED THEME

ALL JUNIOR FASHIONS COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE A SMALL PRIZE



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25th & 26th of January 2025

MORUYA SHOWGROUND GATES OPEN 9AM

GATE FEES

1 DAY TICKET

- ADULT (16yrs & over) \$12
- CHILDREN (15yrs & under) \$6
- FAMILY (2 adults & up to 4 kids) \$35

2 DAY TICKET

- ADULT (16yrs & over) \$20
- CHILDREN (15yrs & under) \$10
- FAMILY (2 adults & up to 4 kids) \$55

Preschool children are FREE

BOTH DAYS

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!

KIDS ZONE

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



Main schedule can be found on our website <https://eurobodallashow.org.au>



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