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Photo of the Week: After a wild few days of weather, Anthony Mayne captured the super high tide at Candlagan Lagoon, Mossy Point this morning.

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Two charged following break and enter on the South Coast - Operation Regional Mongoose

Police have charged a woman and teenager following an alleged break and enter on the South Coast, as part of Operation Regional Mongoose. Operation Regional Mongoose is a high-visibility police operation to tackle serious property-related crime, committed predominately by young offenders. About 1am on Wednesday 8 January 2025, police were called to a home on Martin Close, Broulee, following reports of a break and enter. Officers attached to South Coast Police District were told two people allegedly entered the home and stole a handbag containing car keys, before entering the garage and driving away in a vehicle. While attempting to exit the garage, the vehicle allegedly crashed into a cement pillar and another car parked nearby. The occupants of the home heard the disturbance and called tripled zero. About 2am the same day, police were patrolling the Princes Highway, at North Batemans Bay, when they spotted the allegedly stolen vehicle travelling northbound. A short time later, the vehicle was located Lincoln Crescent, where the driver allegedly ran from the vehicle. The passenger, a 44-year-old woman, was arrested and taken to Batemans Bay, where she was charged with being carried in conveyance taken without consent of owner, possess housebreaking implements, good in personal custody suspected being stolen. She was granted conditional bail to appear in Batemans Bay Local Court on Monday 20 January 2025. Following extensive inquiries, about 2.20pm on Friday 10 January 2025, police executed as search warrant at a home in Moruya. During the search, police allegedly located and seized mobile phone devices, a replica pistol, and cannabis. A 17-year-old man was arrested and taken to Batemans Bay Police Station, where he was charged with aggravated break and enter & commit serious indictable offence-people there, take & drive conveyance without consent of owner, receive/dispose stolen property- minor indictable offence less than or equal to \$5000 and unlicensed for Class, Class C, R, LR or MR. The teen appeared before a children's court on Saturday (11 January 2025) and was granted conditional bail to reappear at a children's court on Friday 17 January 2025.

FRESH SOUTHLANDS NEWS

Exciting news—The cooperative now has a name: FRESH (Food Resilience Eurobodalla for Sustainability and Health)! Chosen by our supporters and the Working Group, the name FRESH captures our mission to promote food security, support local growers, and build resilience within our community.

Now, we need your input to take the next step! We're conducting a survey to gauge the community's interest in supporting a fundraiser to purchase Southlands Fruit & Veg in Moruya. Your input will help guide this initiative.

The survey has 17 questions and will take about 5–10 minutes to complete. There's also a section where you can nominate yourself as a volunteer if you'd like to help bring FRESH's vision to life.

Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/BCeF7f5s3LngkeBj7>

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey! Yours in fruitful collaboration,
Contact freshcooperative@gmail.com

Expressions of Interest for the Volunteer Grants program 2024-25 are now open

Volunteer Grants recognise the valuable role volunteers play in building more resilient and cohesive communities. Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 are available to help community organisations to support their volunteers.

This year, changes have been made to the Volunteer Grants program to better respond to the environment volunteer organisations are now faced with and our government's commitment to children and young people.

There are now two categories for Volunteer Grants which reflect areas of high demand for volunteer organisations:

- Category 1: for communications and IT items (such as laptops, phones, payment devices and software) or insurance items that will benefit any of a community organisation's volunteers.
- Category 2: for items and services that support the development and well-being of children and young people under 18.

These changes mean Volunteer Grant funding will be more targeted to where it is needed most. The 2024–25 Volunteer Grants Opportunity is open for expressions of interest through Federal Members of Parliament (MP). Interested organisations should read the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and contact their local Federal MP for details on how to submit an expression of interest. Organisations nominated by their MP will be invited by the department to fill out an application form in February 2025. More information on the eligibility criteria and what the grant money can be used for is in the grant opportunity guidelines at: [Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

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It's no overseas gap-year adventure but may well be the next best thing. **Eurobodalla Council** are offering a range of on-the-job opportunities for young locals through its youth employment training scheme.

This year's offering is four two-year traineeships for people under 21, with two different rotations to choose from: public relations and property services, or finance and information technology. Both rotations focus on strong business and administration skills including customer service, record maintenance, data analysis, project management, and computer skills. Working for Council is a great way for school leavers to gain valuable workplace experience, earning between \$1,300 and \$1790 each fortnight, while studying for a Certificate III Business in the first year and Certificate IV Business in the second. All without needing to leave the shire.

Trainees develop valuable skills, setting themselves up for future employment, either with Council or in other government or business sectors. The traineeships also work as an alternative ticket into university, with ATAR equivalency.

Applications open on Monday 20 January and close on Monday 3 February 2025. To help people with their applications the Job Shop are offering two information sessions. The first is an in-person event at Moruya on Tuesday 21 January from 3-4pm. The second is an online event on Thursday 23 January from 5.30-6.30pm. Applicants will learn more about what the positions involve, plus hints and tips for navigating Council's job-application process. Bookings are essential by contacting employment officer Amy Kovacs on 4474 7380 or by email.



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Milton Ulladulla Bypass progresses to next stage

Work on the Milton Ulladulla bypass continues to progress through the planning stages with important Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) being issued to Transport for NSW.

The \$940 million project is being jointly funded with \$752 million committed from the Albanese Labor Government and \$188 million from the Minns Labor Government.

The SEARs are a pivotal part of the planning process, providing Transport with specific instructions on what issues need to be addressed in the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which forms a key part of the development application process.

Transport for NSW has recently awarded a contract to Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd to carry out the concept design and environmental assessment for the bypass.

Now the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has issued SEARs, this work will include preparing the EIS.

After years of delays from the previous Liberal-National Government, the project is now progressing under the Albanese and Minns Labor governments – meaning the local Shoalhaven and wider south coast community is a step closer to seeing the project come to life.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said “The Milton Ulladulla bypass will transform our region and I’m pleased we’re getting on with the job of delivering it.

“This planning work is a vital part of ensuring we get construction-ready and I look forward to seeing the completed EIS and concept design.” Member for South Coast Liza Butler said “I am thrilled that the Milton Ulladulla bypass has hit another planning progression milestone; it is wonderful news for the community.

“This ensures the project will receive the prioritisation it deserves from both the State and Federal governments, reinforcing its importance to the South Coast region.

“I know how important this project is to the Milton, Ulladulla and surrounding communities, and I will continue to work to ensure that the Milton Ulladulla bypass remains a priority.”

The project will cut congestion and reduce travel times while improving road safety and freight access. Transport for NSW will keep the community informed as planning progresses further.

Libs backflip on Batemans Bay ED future

With a Federal election on the horizon, Natalie Ward, Deputy Leader Liberal Party NSW, Shadow Minister for Roads & Transport, Infrastructure, Illawarra & South Coast, was in the Gilmore this week to support Andrew Constance in his campaign for the Federal seat.

Although health is a State issue, Mr Constance and Ms Ward announced on social media that a Liberal State Government would keep the Batemans Bay ED open.

It had previously been a Liberal decision to close the facility with the new Eurobodalla Hospital opening in Moruya.

Ms Ward said “We are committed to keeping the Batemans Bay Emergency Department open. The coalition will fight to do that.”

Responding to Ms Wards post, local nurse Georgie Rowley said: “A 24/7 service is being requested, there’s a petition from current Federal MP that’s requesting an amendment to the hours of the UCC to enhance the service. Being graded as a Level 2 hospital it is considered to be an ‘Emergency Care Centre.’ The Australasian College of Emergency Medicine guidelines are below. <https://acem.org.au/.../S12-Statement-Role-Delineation-EDs>.

Ms Ward replied, “Using tricky definitions from bureaucratic websites to fudge the issue is just arrogance.”

“Facts..... not spin and “definitions” of emergency care” she said.

Ms Rowley replied “And those that write hospital position statements, the ‘Australasian College of Emergency Medicine’ are the GOLD standard. Are you questioning their expertise? Tricky definitions from bureaucratic website, hmmm, I think you are saying the experts are incorrect. Emergency Care Centres can & do treat critical presentations.”

Ms Ward’s office responded to the Mail this afternoon saying: “We do not have a committed costing for the project yet, as the Parliamentary Budget Office does not open in NSW politics until September 2026 for the 2027.”

\$5 Million for Nowra Riverfront Precinct

The Albanese Government is building Australia’s future by delivering infrastructure that connects regional communities and eases the everyday lives of locals.

We’ve listened to the people of Shoalhaven, and today we are announcing \$5 million for the Nowra Riverfront Precinct – a new mixed-use hub that will reconnect Nowra city centre with the Shoalhaven River waterfront.

The new precinct will transform Nowra for locals and visitors alike, shaping the future of the town and strengthening its role as the civic and tourism centre for the Shoalhaven region.

It will create an integrated space, incorporating parklands, accommodation, areas for commercial and social activities, as well as active transport links.

Today’s investment is supporting a precinct masterplan, detailed designs for the central open space, drainage, an access road, and a business case. It will help complete the planning, while early delivery of public space improvements will encourage private investment and renewal of the surrounding area.

This project showcases the Government’s commitment to listening to, and working with, local communities, and addressing regional needs.

It is funded through the Albanese Government’s regional Precincts and Partnership Program, which provides investment to transform regional, rural and remote places.




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What you said: Eurobodallans' inspiring vision for future

Eurobodalla's draft Community Strategic Plan up for public comment

"The people of Eurobodalla spoke and we listened," says shire Mayor Mathew Hatcher after councillors voted to put Eurobodalla's draft Community Strategic Plan up for public comment.

"The CSP presents an inspiring roadmap up to 2042, and informs Council's decision making and agenda setting for long-term planning of our projects, infrastructure and services."

Early last year, Council staff collected feedback from residents, businesses and community groups in-person and online, with 2,700 people (6.7 percent of the population) sharing their thoughts.

"Participation was impressive, with a broad range of backgrounds and life experiences. This means Council has high confidence the draft CSP really reflects the community's hopes for the future and understands the challenges that concern them most," Mayor Hatcher says. The draft CSP identifies the natural environment, relaxed lifestyle, peace and quiet, clement weather, and supportive community as the strengths that make Eurobodalla a great place to live. The highest-ranking challenges are housing affordability and availability, improvements to infrastructure, better health services, and balancing development with the needs of people and the environment.

Also up for public comment are the draft Community Engagement Strategy and the draft Community Participation Plan 2025-29.



Eurobodalla Council staff collecting community feedback last year

"The draft Engagement Strategy shows how Council should connect with community to shape big decisions while the draft Participation Plan is a framework for meaningful participation in planning decisions. The three documents work together to empower the community through Council's decision-making processes," says Mayor Hatcher.

The draft documents are on [public exhibition](#) until Sunday 9 February on Council's website or as hard copy from the Moruya administration building and the Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma libraries.

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Common sense approach to bushfire preparedness

The NSW Government is reducing red tape which has in practice stifled farmers' ability to fight fires on their own property.

During a fire emergency, a landholder can now take water from surface water and groundwater sources on their land without needing to have a water licence and water use approval. This includes streams, creeks and rivers abutting the boundary. This commonsense exemption has been made via amendments to the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018.

The water can be used by landholders on their property and adjacent land to fight fires. It can also be used for training and controlled burning when it is carried out by or under the authority of a firefighting agency such as the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), and for the testing and maintenance of firefighting equipment.

Landholders who wish to prepare for the threat of bushfires can now also lawfully take water and store it in a tank or dam for future firefighting purposes. The maximum volume for each property is 100,000 litres (0.1 ML) per year.

The NSW Government will carry out targeted periodic surveys of landholders to understand how the exemption is being used and to identify the extent and scale of water use.

While landholders are not required to submit reports, they are encouraged to log the volume of water they take under the exemption, for their own records.

Further information on the exemptions can be accessed here: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/allocations-availability/drought-and-floods/water-for-bushfire-preparedness-and-firefighting>.

Ground-breaking moment as Andrew Radford joins The Disability Trust Board



Andrew Radford with The Disability Trust Chief Executive Officer Carol Berry.

The Disability Trust has become the first major not-for-profit organisation in Australia to appoint a person with an intellectual disability to its Board with Andrew Radford from Batemans Bay becoming a Director. Andrew has been a participant with The Disability Trust for more than 23 years and he has also been an advocate for people with disability, a small business owner and a member of The Assembly documentary series which aired on the ABC recently.

He was among the group of people with autism who were chosen to complete a journalism course under the guidance of Leigh Sales which included interviewing high-profile Australians, including Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Andrew works at his local library in Batemans Bay and also runs his own car-washing business. His elevation to The Disability Trust's Board has been ratified by the current Directors and he will formally begin his tenure in February.

The Disability Trust Chief Executive Officer Carol Berry said Andrew exemplified the organisation's vision of creating an inclusive world built on trust, respect and equality, where people with a disability live the life they choose.

"We went through a process at TDT where we spoke to our members about wanting to create a role on our board which was specifically for a person with intellectual disability," Carol explained. "Our members supported that proposal and then we had some deep thinking about who would be a really fantastic person to join our Board and Andrew was really the first person that came into our minds. Andrew is someone who has a really fantastic track record in the advocacy space. We really wanted someone who understands advocacy from an individual perspective but also someone who understands how to advocate on behalf of other people with disability so Andrew absolutely fulfilled that criteria. "He's also someone who has been a client of The Disability Trust and we really want that strong client voice. Andrew has had some amazing life experiences – he's someone who has had exposure in terms of speaking at conferences and he's shown that he's willing to be in the public spotlight. I think there will be some attention in this role so we wanted someone who is comfortable in that space.

"But also, Andrew is someone who absolutely upholds the values of The Disability Trust. His whole way of being in the world really does stand for what we stand for so we saw him as a really good cultural fit."

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Batemans Bay Youth Foundation 31st Grants Presentation



L-R Back: Miley West, Holly Kinnane, Ryan Rotherham, Riley Battiato, Rhiarna Hardman, Luke Verdouw, Marley Davis -Ward
Front: Hayley London, Skye Carter, Chantelle Westbrook, Emma Penberthy, Shelby Henderson, Tahlia Stjepanovic

The Batemans Bay Youth Foundation hosted an inspirational presentation function at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club last night (Thursday 16 January 2025).

One hundred special guests, including family members congratulated fourteen students from four local high schools who received grants of up to \$3,500 to assist them in making the transition to living away from home.

The successful students are:

- Chantelle Westbrook, Cert IV Nepean, Certificate IV in Interior Decoration
- Emma Penberthy, ANU, Bachelor of Medical Science
- Grace Johnston, UOW, Bachelor of Business
- Hayley London, TAFE, Cert IV in Ageing Support
- Holly Kinnane, Torrens U, Bachelor of Architectural Technology
- Luke Verdouw, Mon U, Bachelor of Paramedicine
- Marley Davis-Ward, Syd U, Bachelor of Engineering / Honours Bachelor of Science
- Mylie West, TAFE Woll, Certificate IV in Screen and Media
- Rhiarna Hardman, UOC, Bachelor of Nursing
- Riley Battiato, Macq U, Bachelor of Arts (History) Master of Teaching
- Ryan Rotherham, NECA, Apprenticeship in Electotechnology
- Shelby Henderson, ANU, Bachelor of Medical Science
- Skye Carter, UOW, Bachelor of Secondary Education (PDHPE)
- Tahlia Stjepanovic, UOC, Bachelor of Law

On receiving their grant each student gave a short speech outlining their tertiary education plans, their accommodation plans and how the grant would be used to support their transition to tertiary study. Each student story was unique in many aspects. Four of the students had commenced their career choice at high school following a pathway that has allowed them to complete a Certificate III course as part of their HSC. They have enrolled in Certificate IV courses to become highly qualified and skilled employees.

Two Excellence Prizes named after the late Chairman Alex Taylor OAM, and the retired Chairman Peter Wood OAM were also presented. Each prize of \$1,000 is paid for excellent scholastic performance in the first year of university, restricted to Grantees of the previous year.

The prizes were awarded to Tane Simons, studying for a Bachelor of Design at the University of Canberra, who achieved 5 high distinctions, 3 distinctions in his first year. Marc Pavesa also received an Excellence Prize for his achievement of 2 high distinctions and 4 distinctions studying Liberal Arts and Science at Sydney University. Marc has been offered a prestigious Dalyell scholar as he continues his study in Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Zach Holmes entertained the gathering with an address about his experiences during her year at the Australian National University studying Advanced Science.

The BBYF was established in 1994 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students leaving high school to pursue personal development and advancement in an unlimited range of worthwhile fields of endeavour. It is supported by a partnership between Batemans Bay Rotary, RSL and Soldiers Club.

Since 1994 the Foundation has given Grants to 262 students, worth a total value of \$860,000. Every cent was locally raised, privately donated, or as part of a bequest.

The BBYF selection panel had the daunting task of determining the 14 grantees from a field of 37 applicants. This was completed through December with interviews held in January. For those receiving a grant, it is a vote of confidence by the Batemans Bay community. The foundation wishes all applicants every success for the future.



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Rural Women Need Childcare

The **Country Women's Association of NSW** (CWA of NSW) joins calls for Government provision of universal access to early learning and care, as research suggests that being unable to work due to lack of childcare services is a challenge that regional, rural and remote mothers disproportionately grapple with.

Historic advocates for women's rights in regional, rural and remote NSW, The Country Women's Association of NSW (CWA of NSW), are the latest rural force calling on all parties to fix the early learning crisis crippling families and economies in regional, rural and remote Australia.

They join the National Farmers' Federation, the National Rural Health Alliance, the Australian Education Union and 66 others as members of The Parenthood's Access for Every Child Rural Coalition.

In a 2024 CWA of NSW member survey, when asked what measures respondents thought could help improve economic opportunities for women in regional, rural or remote NSW/ACT, 40.46% identified investing in affordable childcare.

The survey results build on similar research from Essential in late 2024 which suggested that being unable to work due to lack of childcare is worse (at 26%) for parents in regional, rural and remote Australia than in the cities (at 14%).

CEO of CWA of NSW, Danica Leys said they are pleased to join The Parenthood's coalition, with early learning and care access a key issue for the women they represent.

"Our members regularly tell us that finding care and learning opportunities for their young children is extremely difficult, so we know the extent of this crisis," said Ms Leys.

"Many women are forced to stay out of the workforce simply because there is no access to childcare. It's one of the most significant barriers to social and economic participation and empowerment for women in rural, regional, and remote areas. This is not just a personal issue; it's an economic one that affects families, communities, and the future of regional Australia."

Coalition convener, Maddy Butler, said that having the Country Women's Association of NSW support their call for universal access to early learning speaks to the particular need for early childhood education and care for mothers of young children in country Australia.

"As leaders for social progress for women in regional, rural and remote Australia, we're very excited to have the CWA of NSW's insight and influence behind our cause," said Ms Butler.

"Early learning and care is far less available outside of the cities, leaving many mothers unable to work and therefore many families forced to get by on a single income, exacerbating already high financial pressures.

"In December, the Federal Government committed to invest \$1billion into building and expanding new centres in areas with high need if re-elected at the upcoming Election. We hope to see commitments from all parties which address Australia's regional, rural and remote early learning shortage."

Almost one in four Australians live in a "childcare desert", where three or more children compete for one childcare place.

"By joining The Parenthood's Access for Every Child Rural Coalition, we are standing alongside other key rural organisations to call for a universal early learning and care system that will support the health, wellbeing, and economic prosperity of rural families. It's time for the Federal Government to step up and make early childhood education and care accessible for every child, no matter where they live," said Ms Leys.

Additional \$20 million for ag-tech connectivity

The Federal Government is continuing to support Aussie farmers with cost of living relief and enhanced productivity, with an additional \$20 million investment in a new round of the hugely successful On Farm Connectivity Program (OFCP).

The flagship ag-tech grants program was informed by the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review that found connectivity gaps were impacting the uptake of technology solutions by primary producers.

Previous OFCP rounds have provided rebates of up to 50 per cent for eligible equipment and technology – worth up to \$30,000 – for farmers to implement smarter, better connected, more sustainable farming solutions.

OFCP Round 3 brings total investment by the Albanese Government in the program to \$53 million, equating to more than \$100 million worth of ag-tech related equipment purchases across Australia.

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Alternative wines and honey shine at North Durras



Vintner Adrian Farrant



By John Longhurst

Even though up to 10,000 grape varieties are grown in the world today, 94 percent of the grapes crushed in Australia come from only 20 varieties and according to Wine Australia one third of that figure is either Shiraz or Cabernet Sauvignon. Over the past twelve years, North Durras vintner, Adrian Farrant, has moved away from the mainstream and is producing alternative wines.

On a block measuring a little over 0.3 of a hectare and with only 30 well-tended vines, Adrian is producing up to 150 litres of alternative wine annually.

It is very much a one person operation with Adrian tending the vines, the winemaking, cellaring and the sales.

The varieties include Petit Verdot, originally from France, Matro from Spain and Chambourcin a disease resistant requiring no spray also originally from France.

Adrian's passion started as a hobby in retirement and complements his Masters in Winemaking from Sturt University. Adrian's said "I had a career as a microbiologist so winemaking is almost a natural extension. I had great success with my first vintage. I sourced grapes from Canberra and made an absolutely beautiful Shiraz. I was hooked and now strive to make consistently good wine."

The making of alternative wines has provided an extra challenge.

Adrian said "They are every bit as good as the mainstream wines with the added benefit of not needing to be cellared. All the wines I sell have already been cellared so there is no waiting for years to savour the taste. Consequently, the wines suit people in holiday mood on the south coast and pair nicely with casual foods such as pizza and pasta. My label is Durras North Wines."

Most of Adrian's clientele are return customers. Adrian said "Due to licensing restrictions cellar door sales are not allowed. Customers are welcome to phone 0411471273 and I will arrange delivery."

There are no sales restrictions on Adrian's other sideline as a producer of fine honey and patrons can sample it and enjoy the ocean outlook of Wasp Island and Mill Point from his front garden at 1 Farrant Place, North Durras.

Adrian said "I have been producing Durras North Honey for almost forty years. The nectar is sourced from the nearby pristine Murramarang National Park. There are different floral sources which I sell separately. For example, Grey Ironbarks flower in spring and the other varieties such as Stringybark and Spotted Gum at other times in the year and not always annually. The subtle differences in tastes ensures all my honey is sold."

Any visitors to 1 Farrant Place, Durras North, are welcome to hit Adrian up for a chat about the history of the area. His lineage goes all the way back to the 1940's when his grandparents made the move from Sydney to set up a caravan park.

It is not surprising his last name matches the address.



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The largest totally volunteer run organisation in the shire, U3A Batemans Bay is part of the worldwide U3A network. We offer affordable learning opportunities for seniors, using the skills and abilities of our members to promote active, lifelong learning and social connection. Our tutors are mainly members who offer their time, knowledge and interests to others, which helps us keep the cost of participating low.

More information about the organisation can be found on our website www.u3abatemansbay.org.au, and in our latest newsletter which can be found under the Newsletter Tab on the website. The newsletter and program are also available in hard copy in the Shire libraries on a Read Only basis.

Our current fee of \$50, plus a \$10 one off joining fee, entitles members to participate in as many courses as they wish. Information on how to join can be found on our website or by calling 0474 483 678. New members can also join on Enrolment Day, see details below.

Courses for 2025 can be found on the website under the Courses tab and enrolment details can be found below. Only financial members of the organisation can enrol in classes. There are over 50 different activities offered this semester at a variety of venues throughout the shire. You can delve into history, learn a language, join a book group, exercise your mind and body at one of our many physical activity classes, learn more about wine at one of our wine appreciation groups or visit local restaurants with our monthly dinner group or monthly lunch group.

On Mondays and Tuesdays you can dance the afternoon away, and on Thursdays you can sing your heart out.

New courses include How Civilizations Die - The Fall of the Byzantium Empire, a new series of Beginners Italian, an introductory guitar session and Table Topics Talks, a new monthly series featuring a huge variety of short talks. This term there will be a talk by a psychologist on his work in rural Australia, another on Horse Riding in Morocco and another on living in Nepal. The possibilities are endless and we are currently looking for new speakers.

We also have an active Saturday Talks program featuring guest speakers. The first in our 2025 series at 10am on Saturday February 8 at the Moruya Golf Club is 'Indonesia: Our Giant Neighbour at 80', presented by Emeritus Professor Hal Hill AO, whose main research interest is Southeast Asian economic development. Professor Hill will discuss the country's achievements and prospects 80 years after independence. Interested community members are most welcome to attend. Enrolment Day 2025, (Previously Known as Registration Day), will be held on Thursday 23 January, at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Additionally, on Friday 24 January, a team will be at Banksia Village (Grevillea Room), from 9.00 - 10.00 am, and the Moruya Library from 10.30 - 11.30am. They will be accepting cash payments for renewals and new memberships as well as enrolling people in classes.

All enrolments must be made via our online system UMAS. At the Soldiers Club there will be a team of people available to help you enrol in courses. Financial members may also enrol in classes online from home or elsewhere, anytime from 10.30 am on 23 January. Login at u3abatemansbay.org.au.

Enrolment Day Enquiries: president.u3a.bbaj@gmail.com

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Braemar Homestead

Mr. P. Mills, C.P.S., has kindly supplied us with the following vital statistics for the quarter ended 31st Dec., 1924: - Births - males 14, females 18, total 32; deaths - males 4, females 3, total 7; marriages 1.

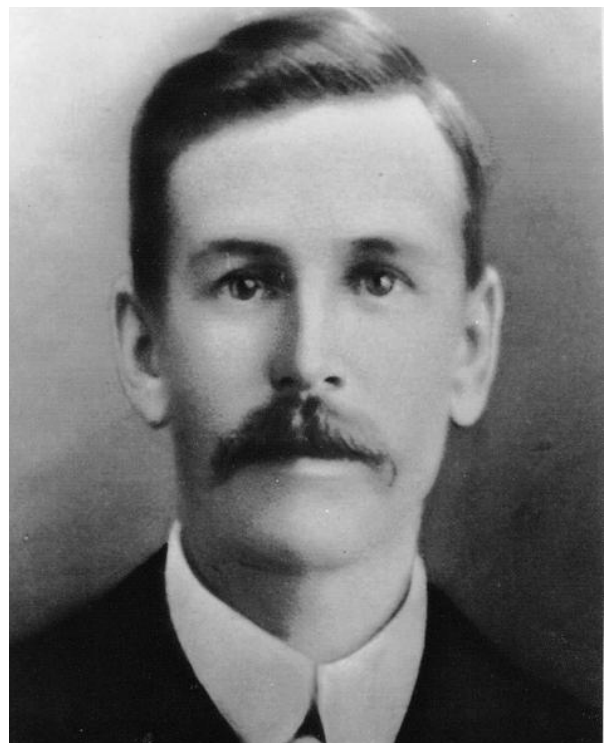
The Shire Council has been notified by the L.G. Dept. that the embargo placed upon the growing of opium poppy does not extend to such varieties of poppy as Iceland poppy, Shirley poppy etc., commonly grown in house gardens.

From a parcel sent us by Mr. S. Louttit during the week, we sampled some excellent potatoes, the flavour of which was particularly good. The tubers, many of which were 2lbs weight, were grown on virgin soil on the donor's property at Braemar.

Shire President Flood is to be complemented on the improvements that have been made in Page Street. The Shire Hall has been re-painted and a neat fence erected on each side of the building, the work of which does credit to the contractor, Mr. P. Lynch.

Mr. H. R. McWilliam is endeavoring to have direct telephone connection between Tuross and Moruya. Quite a gloom was cast over the district on Saturday night when it became known that **Mrs. Caroline Shottin**, widow of the late Mr. John Shottin, had died suddenly at her weekend residence at Gundary. Only that afternoon Mrs. Shottin was driven into town by her daughter, Mrs. A. Russell, with whom she lived at "Bonnie Doon," Kiora. After doing some shopping Mrs. Shottin returned to Gundary, where she was to remain until next morning in order to go to church. In the evening, Miss Smith, a neighbour, went across to visit Mr. Shottin, but on entering the house was shocked to find her lying in a pool of blood. Drs. Quilter and Cutler were immediately sent for, but on examination pronounced that life had been extinct for about an hour.

The unfortunate lady had evidently fallen, striking her head in the action (which accounted for the blood). Heart failure was the cause of death. Mrs. Shottin, who was the daughter of the late Mr. Jacob Luck, was a native of the district, and had lived hereabouts all her life, where she was held in great respect for her many sterling qualities of heart and mind. ... She was in her younger days an excellent horsewoman, and rarely entered a show ring without securing the coveted blue ribbon. Mrs. Shottin was 78 years of age. Her husband pre-deceased her over 30 years ago, and her only son Jacob about 8 years. Deceased leaves only one daughter, Mrs. A. Russell, to whom sympathy has been extended from all quarters in the irreparable loss of a loving and devoted mother.

*Sidney Louttit*



A Beer with Bazz # 177

With
John
Longhurst

Mick entered the pub and blinked to adjust to the dim light.

He scanned the clientele and bit his bottom lip... No Bazza.

Mick heaved himself onto a stool at the front bar.

The young bar attendant served him a schooner, waived payment whilst passing him a photograph and stared intently. The bar attendant eyes creased as he leaned in.

Mick turned the photograph over and met the young bar attendant's continued stare.

"It's called a postcard...p-o-s-t-c-a-r-d...In the olden days people used to send you one of these to make you jealous about their holiday. The sky is always blue, the sun shining and people have perfect smiles."

Mick passed him the postcard and the bar attendant turned it every which way and rubbed his chin.

"What's this thing in the corner and how do you show you like it? I mean there is no button at the bottom of it to press to give it the 'thumbs up', a 'heart' or an emoji and you can't even leave a comment."

Mick ran his fingers through his hair and shook his head.

"The thing in the corner is called a stamp... now a stamp... ahh forget it."

Mick shook his head and took a sizeable drink.

"Now if you don't like the postcard, you put it in the bin. I suppose if you like it a lot, you would put it up on the noticeboard over there, and people might make a comment to each other whilst they're having a drink."

Mick ignored the stunned mullet look and put his glasses on.



Dear Mick,

You probably have forgotten I told you I was heading out west for a bit of a road trip. I've left twenty dollars with the bar attendant for a beer or two, as I don't want you talking about me.

I decided to head in the opposite direction to all the holidaymakers heading for the coast in January and am currently in Broken Hill.

Mick paused for a sip and muttered "That figures...contrary old Bazza."

The sunsets are easily the most striking feature this far west. The sun exhausts itself into a red earth with soothing soft yellows, fading to purples of varying hues. It really is quite spiritual and almost forgiving of whatever sins it has witnessed over the day, decade or even millenniums. It's somewhat unifying. The earth's unquestioning acceptance of a weary sun at the end of the day does bring on reflection.

Anyhow Mick, you're probably nodding off into your free schooner. On a lighter note, the beer is much better out here. Water is at such a premium, they can't afford to dilute their amber fluid.

All the best,
Bazza

The young bar attendant interrupted his thoughts.

"Well Mick, do you like it enough to put the postcard thing up on the noticeboard?"

Mick took a sip of his beer, gave it a good swirl in his mouth and gave the schooner glass a wary look.

'Ahhh.... yeah ok, but you better give me some whiteout. I'll knock out the last paragraph.'

The young bar attendant's eyes widened.

"What's whiteout?"

Have a beer with Bazza at john.longhurst59@gmail.com

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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 the so-called 'silly season' of December-January there's not much happening in politics, so columnists the world over tend to reach back to their childhoods for inspiration.

If you're lucky, the result is sometimes gently humorous and might even underline a current trend or a prospect for the New Year. In fact, I just read a corker by my mate Rob Drewe in the West Australian on the ubiquitous 'quicksand' that gave the bad guys that sinking feeling in the old Saturday Matinee movies of our youth. It was right on the money.

I've been trying to write my new one but every morning lately I've been driven nuts by millions of tiny black ants who have invaded the kitchen and destroyed every morsel of exposed food. But today I put a dollop of Buderim ginger cordial in half a glass of water and they made a mad beeline for it.

Gotcha!

Anyway New York Times readers – me included – were not as lucky as the West Australian's when our deeply serious conservative columnist, David Brooks decided to relate his spiritual saga from woe to go.

He began, he says, as an agnostic. 'I grew up in a Jewish home where we experienced peoplehood more than faith...I lived through decades of Jewish adulthood, but all that proximity still didn't make me a believer.

'Some people are spiritual but not religious; you could say I was religious but not spiritual. When faith finally tiptoed into my life, it didn't come through information or persuasion but, at least at first, through numinous experiences.'

These occurred, perhaps not surprisingly, 'at the foot of a mountain in New England at dawn; Chartres Cathedral in France; looking at images of the distant universe; or of a baby in the womb.'

Just whose baby David doesn't say, however, it seems, 'faith' tiptoed out again, even though the experiences 'opened up vaster mysteries.' These were accompanied by 'wonder and awe' as well as a desire to be 'opened up still further.'

That climaxed, he tells us, in April 2013.

'I was in a crowded subway car underneath 33rd Street and Eighth Avenue in New York, truly one of the ugliest spots of this good green earth. I looked around the car and I had this shimmering awareness that all the people in it had souls. Each of them had some piece of themselves that had no size, colour, weight or shape but that gave them infinite value. The souls around me that day seemed not inert but yearning – some soaring, some suffering or sleeping; some were downtrodden and crying out.

'In that subway car it occurred to me that if people had souls maybe there was a soul giver. Once you accept there's a spiritual element in each person it is a short leap to the idea that there is a spiritual element in the universe as a whole.' Now, he says, 'I'm enchanted by both Judaism and Christianity. I assent to the whole shebang.'

Golly. By chance I have travelled on that same subway, though I missed out on David's numinous insight. One Black guy was talking very loudly and his lady friend was telling him to 'Shut your mouth!' But here's the rub: that short leap doesn't suggest to David that the other creatures of 'this good green earth' have souls. Not the wondrous birds of the sky, the mighty whales of the deep, not the living rainbow of the Great Barrier Reef, and (thank goodness) not a mention of the ant population that outnumbers us humans by millions to one.

I can understand David's overlooking the other living things in favour of the 'yearning' subway travellers. I was yearning myself, for the Black guy to take his lady friend's advice and shut his mouth...and until today the same for those little black ants. Heh, heh, heh.

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Apply for NAIDOC Week activity grants now

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to help not-for-profit community groups and organisation run 2025 NAIDOC Week events celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievement.

The funding is for activities and events making a positive community contribution with creativity, vision and originality during the week of celebration from Sunday 7 to Sunday 14 July.

In previous years, grants have been used for activities including Aboriginal flag-raising ceremonies, storytelling, sports and games, displays of cultural artefacts, language programs, art and craft demonstrations, bush tucker gardens, and murals.

Applications are open now and close on Tuesday 6 April with successful applicants notified in June. For more information and to apply visit Council's [NAIDOC Week activity grants webpage](#)

One Week to Go – Vote for the 2024 Finalists

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre

The People's Choice Award is such a meaningful prize of the Basil Sellers Art Prize – because it comes from you. Each vote represents admiration and recognition of the artists' incredible talent and hard work. This \$500 award is more than a prize; it's a celebration of the bond between artist and audience.

Here's how you can get involved:

Visit the Exhibition: Cast your vote in person by 12pm, Friday 24 January.

Can't make it? Take the virtual tour or browse the catalogue at thebas.com.au/basil-sellers-art-prize. Then email your vote to hello@thebas.com.au with the artist's name.

Your vote could be the moment that changes everything for one of these talented finalists, so don't miss your chance to show your support!

As we look forward to celebrating the next People's Choice winner, let's take a moment to reflect on the remarkable artists who've been honoured since 2008. Their works continue to inspire and remind us of the incredible power of creativity and audience connection.

Exhibition: On now to 1 February 2025

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya

Open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Access to the gallery via Murray Street after 12.30pm on Saturdays.

People's Choice voting closes: Friday, 24 January 2025, 12pm.

Community Groups and Projects: Apply Now for Rotary Club of Moruya Community Grant

Are you part of a non-profit group in the Eurobodalla Shire? The Rotary Club of Moruya is offering Community Grants of up to \$1,500 to support local projects and programs that make our community healthier and stronger.

Grants can fund:

- Building or repairing community facilities
- Running programs, events, or activities
- Volunteering initiatives

Eligibility:

Your project must be based in and benefit the people of the Moruya District (between the Tomaga and Tuross Rivers)

Proof of insurance required

Projects must promote health, inclusion, safety, skill-building, volunteering or community access.

Recent recipients include:

- Christmas lights in Vulcan Street
- A community garden in Moruya
- Essential care items for vulnerable families

Applications are judged on merit.

Contact Rotary Club of Moruya by email for a copy of the Community Grants guidelines and application form.

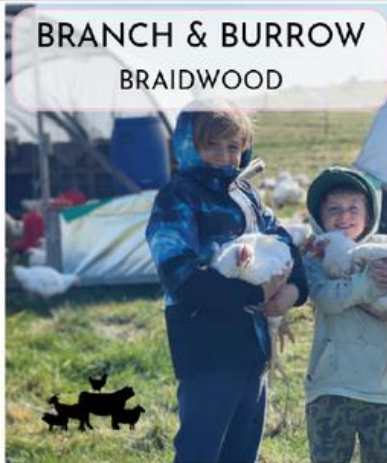
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Overlooking the picturesque Moruya River and adjacent to Riverside Park, Art Central is a community art centre which provides people of all ages and abilities an opportunity to explore and extend your creative self. Exhibitions, hands on days, tuition and vacation classes are just a some of the centre's cultural activities.

Art Central studio space is also available for hire please see our website for details.

Wheel chair accessible.

Being registered charity tax deductible gift donations are welcome.

All of our tutors and team are volunteers who are passionate about making art and providing all of the community with access to the arts. If you would like to volunteer in some way please get in touch with us, we would love to hear from you. Or if you have an art skill for any age group, you would like to share, why not be part of our term program and hold a weekly class, weekend workshop or school holiday activity



Join us to have fun and create art!

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Keedah Throssell Ph 0418 695 423

CREATIVE TECHNIQUES

Learn the techniques and principles of drawing, painting, and mixed media.

Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon

Nick Summers Ph 0410 774 543

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Experiment and learn drawing and collage techniques.

Wednesday 10am to 12noon

5, 12, 19 & 26 March - 4-week class

Deb Stevenson Ph 0490 479 845

UNDERSTANDING ACRYLICS

Learn to use acrylic paint, mix colours, master composition, tone, and shade, from Fabulous Forgeries to your own works.

Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

6, 13, 20, 27 February, 13, 20 March and 3 April 2025

Lesley Whale Ph 0421 331 002

THE ART OF DRAWING

Creative drawing using mixed media and various tools.

Fridays 10am to 12noon From 7 February.

Lucille Carson Ph 0490 199 506

Price per class: \$25 members, \$30 non-members and \$15 concession to be paid at the beginning of each class.

Materials included. Please phone the tutors to book. More details available on the website.

WORKSHOPS

LIFE DRAWING

with Lesley Whale

Capture the form of the human body from a live model. No experience necessary. Materials supplied.

Thursday 6 and 27 March 2025 1.30pm to 3.30pm

\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members per session.

CREATIVE COLLAGE TECHNIQUES

with Geoffrey Odgers

Learn the technical skills of colour, material selection, application and composition. Ideal for all skill levels.

Workshop 1: Sunday 23 February 2025, 10am to 1pm

Workshop 2: Sunday 9 March 2025, 10am to 1pm

\$70 members/concession, \$85 non-members. Includes some materials. Price per workshop.

MACRAME MAGIC

with Emily Boyd

Create your own unique macrame necklace. All materials provided.

Saturday 8 February 2025 9am to 12pm

\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members per session.

KNOTS FOR POTS: MACRAME BASICS

with Annette Boyd Create your own macrame pot plant holder in this beginner-friendly workshop. All materials provided.

Saturday 29 March 2025 1pm to 4pm

\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members per session.

CREATE YOUR OWN KOKODAMA

with Annette Boyd

Explore the traditional Japanese art of Kokodama and craft your own stunning moss-covered plant ball.

Saturday 5 April 2025 9am - 12pm

\$60 members/concession, \$75 non-members per session.

COURSES

CLAY TO CUP, BOWL, PLATE

with Sarah Ludowici

This six-week ceramics course will involve learning the techniques to create your own tableware.

Saturdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

1, 8, 15, 22 February, 1 March 2025 then a two week break for drying and firing, 15 March for glazing.

\$360 (includes all materials and firing).

CLAY CREATIONS – HAND BUILDING CERAMICS

with Alda Rudzisz

This six-week course is all about getting creative to craft unique small sculptural forms.

Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am

20, 27 March, 3, 10, 24 April 2025 then a two week break for drying and firing, then 1 May.

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MOSAIC BLOSSOMS AND BIRD BATHS

with Mary Anderson

Learn all about mosaics and create your own floral bird bath.

Saturday 22 March 1pm to 4pm, Sunday 23 March 9am to 12 noon, Saturday 29 March 9am to 11am 2025.

\$200 (includes all materials).

ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

with Cath Bowdler

This lecture series offers an in-depth look at four significant paintings, exploring their art history, philosophical and cultural context

Wednesdays 5pm to 6.30pm, 19 February, 5 & 19 March, 2 April 2025.

\$60 members/concession, \$80 non-members inclusive for 4 sessions (Feel free to bring wine and nibbles).

For more information and bookings for Workshops and Courses visit www.artcentral.org.au

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SHASA's Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles Group EuroBEV is an informal group. We have luncheons every 6- 8 weeks at chosen venues across our beautiful Eurobodalla Shire. The aim is to meet with fellow EV drivers and those interested in purchasing an EV.

**Our next luncheon will be held at THE MOSSY CAFE
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SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025
12 noon**

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Chat about EV charging and use of home solar power





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FLEXING LOCAL
PODCAST

What sort of world do we want to create for our ancestors? Those who have come before us, and those who we'll never get to meet?

Imagine a world where our communities are thriving, people are healthy and happy, and we live in harmony with the land and each other.

Hosted by Andy of *the Nourished Sovereign*, this podcast dives into the stories of change-makers in our community who are creating a better future by living in a way that cultivates a deep respect for themselves, their community, and the land we all share which is our life support system. We can't wait to share these conversation!

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Shucks! Pop-up mini oyster festival – with art – at Batemans Bay on 25 January

Locals and visitors to Batemans Bays are in for a rare treat – the opportunity to taste local oysters accompanied by their perfect wine pairing, picpoul. There will be six different Borrowed Cuttings picpoul wines to savour with perfectly plump oysters at the Bay Pavilions on Saturday, 25 January. Complementing the experience will be an eclectic selection of oyster-themed art works. They are from the collection of Steve Feletti of Borrowed Cuttings, who has travelled the world during his oyster and wine journey.

Gems include images of artworks in the Rijksmuseum and Musee d'Orsay. One is an image of an oil painting by Abraham Mignon with flat oysters that look more real than reality. Twelve French oyster posters will be on exhibition. The most beautiful is of a 19th century oyster lady opening an oyster for a wealthy opera-going couple.

The 90-minute pop-up festival starts at 1pm at Bay Pavilions Art Space, 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay. Tickets cost \$50 and can be booked through [Bay Pavilions](https://baypavilions.com.au/).

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Julian Morgan, 'Sunset #13 - 132 x 122, Oil on linen, 2017'

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Thursday 16th Jan
 Ben Drysdale Steampacket Hotel

Friday 17th Jan
 Men and Monkeys Club Narooma (5.30pm)
 Rick Bamford Top Pub, Pambula (7pm)
 Pearlerz Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
 Chris McGrath Tathra Bowlo (8pm)
 Alex Clarke Steampacket Hotel
 Jaco Poyner Broulee Brewhouse
 Robz Simpson 6pm (after the races) Moruya Waterfront Hotel

Saturday, 18 Jan:
 Flavuh, The Spindrift Saga and Waikama Reggae (all local bands) 2pm Moruya Waterfront Hotel
 Cell Block 9 Steampacket Hotel
 Roddy Reason Tomakin Club (7.30)
 Manchild & Blues Kids Tilba Valley Winery & Alehouse
 Drive Time Merimbula RSL (8pm)
 Giaan Kate Quantum Brewery
 Stella and Min Haha Broulee Brewhouse

Sunday, 19 Jan:
 Joe Driscoll Tomakin Club (noon)
 Gary Daglish Moruya Waterfront Hotel 2pm
 Steve Benic Club Tuross (3.30pm)
 Phoebe Hamilton Tilba Valley Winery and Alehouse
 Paul Greene Steampacket Hotel
 Ash Bujeya Broulee Brewhouse

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- 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

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ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

18 to 27 JANUARY

10am to 4pm

(closes 1pm on 27 January)

Hanging Rock Function Centre Batemans Bay (Opposite Library)

Enjoy a leisurely browse around a varied collection of paintings in pastel, water colour, mixed media, oils and acrylic. There is also a selection of greeting cards available for sale that reflect the art of many of the exhibiting artists.

Entry is by gold coin donation



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SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY

6pm 7.30pm

3-course swing jazz by French dinner Blueberry Jam

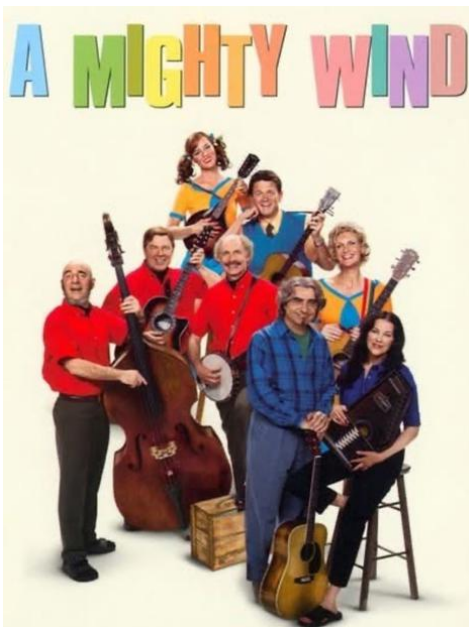
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Moruya Film Club

Join us for our next film screening - A Mighty Wind - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 18th of January @The Red Door, Moruya. Synopsis: A Mighty Wind is a 2003 American comedy directed by Christopher Guest. Three eclectic, never-quite-famous folk bands come together for the first time in decades following the death of their manager to put on a reunion concert in his honor, at the request of his son (Bob Balaban). For the members of The Folkmen, The New Main Street Singers, and Mitch & Mickey, time has not been kind. As the show approaches, apprehension sets in, romances are rekindled and ambitions are permanently deferred. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months - Guests welcome.

What's on

School holiday badge making - Moruya

Thursday 23 January 2025 10:30am - 11:30am
Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya
Cost: free Young artists aged 6-12 can join us for a fun, eco-friendly badge-making adventure where you can recycle old library books into stylish badges or create your own unique designs. Let's get creative and make cool, sustainable badges together.
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](#)

Youth outdoor movie night - Batemans Bay

Thursday 23 January 2025 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Where: Mackay Park, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay
Cost: Free. Join us under the stars for an outdoor movie at Mackay Park. Suitable for 12-18 year olds, there is plenty of space to spread out and enjoy a cult classic film. Free entry and popcorn will be provided. Bring your own chairs, rugs, mat, warm jumper and water. This event is strictly drug and alcohol free.
Bookings are recommended: Though this film screening is free, you should still book to secure your place. [Book online via Eventbrite](#). For more information contact Youth Development Officer Michael Lawrence-Taylor T: 4474 1276

Introduction to permaculture - Narooma

Wednesday 5 February 2025 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Narooma Library, Field Street, Narooma
Cost: free. Join us for an inspiring workshop led by Dr Debbi Long who is an enthusiastic permaculture practitioner, teacher, and anthropologist with over 30 years of experience as an "urban permie". Having recently returned to her roots in Eurobodalla, Debbi is currently regenerating land on Walburnja country using permaculture principles.
Bookings are required: Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4476 1164 E: Narooma Library. W: [Book online](#)

Salt dust connections Aboriginal art workshop 1 - Moruya, Narooma & Batemans Bay

Join Bronwen Smith and Gavin Chatfield, co-founders of Gwiyaala Aboriginal Art for a small group workshop. Attendees will paint their stories, connecting to their heritage or personal journey while learning contemporary Aboriginal art techniques. The workshop also offers a chance to paint about the 2019 bushfires, fostering a creative healing experience. There will be two workshops each library. You can attend one or both workshops: Cost: free

Moruya Library, Vulcan Street.

• Workshop 1: Wed 5 Feb, 12pm to 3pm

• Workshop 2: Wed 12 Feb, 12pm to 3pm

Batemans Bay Library, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay

• Workshop 1: Mon 3 Feb, 12pm to 3pm

• Workshop 2: Mon 10 Feb, 12pm to 3pm

Narooma library.

• Workshop 1: Tues 4 Feb, 12pm to 3pm

• Workshop 2: Tues 18 Feb, 12pm to 3pm

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

Bookings are required: Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance.

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Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm

18 Jan	Giaan Cafe
25 Jan	LP Duo
1 Feb	Steve Benic
8 Feb	Val Moogz
15 Feb	LORNA
22 Feb	Mark Smith
1 Mar	Tom Barnes (@5.30)
8 Mar	Richard Lawson
15 Mar	Greg Byng
22 Mar	LORNA
29 Mar	Mac & Glenda

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The Easter Mini Market will be promoted on the Club Tuross website and Facebook pages plus local retail and media outlets.
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TO BOOK A STALL OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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16 TH - 22 ND JANUARY	THURS 16 TH	FRI 17 TH	SAT 18 TH	SUN 19 TH	MON 20 TH	TUES 21 ST	WED 22 ND
WE LIVE IN TIME M, 1H 48M, DRAMA/ROMANCE	1.45pm 8pm	1.45pm 8pm	1.45pm 8pm	1.45pm 8pm	1.45pm 8pm	1.45pm 8pm	1.45pm 8pm
MAGIC BEACH G, 1H 20M, AUSTRALIAN FAMILY FILM	9.45am 4pm	9.45am 4pm	9.45am 4pm	9.45am 4pm	9.45am 4pm	9.45am 4pm	9.45am 4pm
CONCLAVE PG, 2H, MYSTERY/THRILLER	12.25pm*	12.25pm* 7pm*	12.25pm*	12.25pm* 7pm*	12.25pm*	12.25pm* 7pm*	12.25pm*
PADDINGTON IN PERU PG, 1H 46M, FAMILY/ADVENTURE	11.25am 5.45pm	11.25am 5.45pm	11.25am 5.45pm	11.25am 5.45pm	11.25am 5.45pm	11.25am 5.45pm	11.25am 5.45pm
MUFASA (LAST WEEK) PG, 1H 58M, ADVENTURE/MUSICAL	7pm*		7pm*		7pm*		7pm*
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 PH, 1H 50M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	4.45pm*	10.15am* 4.45pm*	10.15am* 4.45pm*	10.15am* 4.45pm*	10.15am* 4.45pm*	10.15am* 4.45pm*	10.15am* 4.45pm*
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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CONCLAVE PG 120 MIN	12:30 PM 5:25 PM	1:50 PM 5:05 PM	12:30 PM 5:25 PM	1:50 PM 5:05 PM	12:30 PM 5:25 PM	1:50 PM 5:05 PM	12:30 PM 5:25 PM
DEN OF THIEVES 2: PANTERA M 130 MIN	4:55 PM 7:25 PM	12:30 PM 7:25 PM	4:55 PM 7:25 PM	12:30 PM 7:25 PM	4:55 PM 7:25 PM	12:30 PM 7:25 PM	4:55 PM 7:25 PM
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WOLF MAN
 MA | 1hr 43min
 ~ Horror ~ Thriller ~
 A man must protect himself and his family when they are being stalked, terrorized, and haunted by a deadly werewolf at night during a full moon.




MAGIC BEACH
 G | 1hr 14min ~ Animation ~ Family ~
 After captivating children and families for 30 years, Alison Lester's beloved book MAGIC BEACH has been brought to life on screen by director Robert Connolly (Paper Planes) and some of Australia's leading animators.


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DEN OF THIEVES: PANTERA
 M | 2hrs 10min ~ Action ~ Drama ~
 Butler returns as Big Nick (Butler), this time on the hunt in Europe for Donnie (Jackson Jr.) who is embroiled in the dangerous world of diamond thieves.



PADDINGTON IN PERU
 M | 1hr 46min ~ Family ~ Adventure ~
 Hugh Bonneville & Emily Waters
 Paddington and the Brown family visit Aunt Lucy in Peru, but a mystery sends them to the Amazon rainforest and up Peruvian mountains.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3
 PG | 1hr 50min ~ Action ~ Animation ~
 Jim Carrey & Idris Elba
 Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before.




MUFASA: THE LION KING
 PG | 1hr 58min ~ Adventure ~ Animation
 Seth Rogan, Lennie James & Beyonce
 Simba, having become king of the Pride Lands, is determined for his cub to follow in his footsteps while the origins of his late father Mufasa are explored.

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CONCLAVE
 PG | 2hrs ~ Thriller ~
 Stanley Tucci, Ralph Fiennes & Isabella Rossellini
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Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla

This week, we'd like to tell your readers about gorgeous Brindie.

Eight-month-old Brindie is a very sweet, well-behaved Staffy x Mastiff who's ready for his forever person or family. Brindie walks well on a lead, sleeps in his own bed, and sits and waits for meals and treats. He plays nicely with other dogs, ignores chickens, and loves his squeaky toys. He's a happy, energetic boy who would fit in to a range of family situations.

As a breed, staffies are known to be affectionate and playful, while mastiffs have a reputation for gentleness, loyalty, affection and calmness. Like all Animal Welfare League pets, Brindie comes desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and flea, tick and worm treated. Call us on 0410016612 to arrange to meet Brindie.

Also, our Return and Earn fundraiser has been extended to June this year. It's really easy to donate to AWL Eurobodalla from any Return and Earn collection point in NSW.



Just download the Return and Earn app, deposit your containers, and direct your refund to "Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home".

Those funds are used exclusively in our work in rehoming animals and helping the community with financial assistance for desexing.

New Animal Welfare League Inspector for the Far South Coast Region

Meet Ann McKenna! - "I am very pleased to have been authorised to act in an official capacity to protect the welfare of our animals in the region.

My zone will encompass up to Batemans Bay, out past Cooma in the Snowy Monaro to Thredbo and of course down to the border including Delegate way. My main aim is to keep animals in their own homes, not to seize or get surrenders. I am hoping to make education a big part of this job and will help out anyone that may need it. Obviously, when required, I will seize and prosecute but hopefully this will be a last resort.

The process will be that to attend a job I will need the complainant to contact the Animal Welfare League NSW head office at Kemps Creek and make a report. It can't be from a third party (such as a volunteer that has been told about an issue) it must be from someone who has actual knowledge of what has/is occurring.

- Kemps Creek Phone - 02 8777 4444
- Online Reporting - Report Animal Cruelty | Animal Welfare League NSW (awlnsw.com.au)

If it is an emergency, I can be contacted through the Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast General Enquiry number on 0400 372 609 and will contact Kemps Creek to obtain the details. But there must be a report before I can attend (but extreme emergencies will be acted on asap - I will make every effort to get the ball rolling quickly).

I can deal with:

- Obvious abuse/neglect/cruelty cases.
- Tethered/confined animals.
- Abandoned animals.
- Insufficient food/water/shelter etc.
- Any issues that may just need some advice but don't necessarily warrant enforcement.

I can't deal with stray dogs unless they have significant injuries. Slight scrapes etc. wouldn't count."



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Thank you for helping us to care for the dogs and cats of Eurobodalla





Ann McKenna

Bay Lions support for community groups

Lions Club of Batemans Bay reports: The Lions Club Batemans Bay would like to thank our community for their continuing support throughout 2024. With your support of our various fundraising activities, and the tireless devotion of our volunteers, we were able to donate to the following local causes:

- Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital \$10,000
- School Breakfasts & Special Needs \$6,000
- Batemans Bay Heritage Museum \$2,000
- Pivot Point Hardship Assistance \$1,000
- Batemans Bay Scouts \$1,000
- RFS Durras \$1,000
- Local School Awards \$450
- Tour De Cure \$300
- Reading Action Program \$120

We also donated to the following national Lions causes:

- Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \$900
- Australian Lions Diabetes Foundation \$900
- Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation \$150
- Lions Prostate Cancer \$150

In addition, with donations raised and provided by Lions Club members in our wider 201N2 District area, we were able to provide bundles of care packages to both Anglicare and Pivot Point that were distributed to those in need over the Christmas period.



If you have a few spare hours now and then and would like to give back to our community, why not contact us via email at batemansbaylions@gmail.com and find out more about becoming a Lion.

Although we have traditionally relied on a core group of retired people who have time, skills and networks, that's changing. Lions also needs younger working people to help us achieve projects that governments cannot do. Lions encourages family involvement. Many Lions members have brought their children to club meetings, fundraisers and other activities – it's a great way of teaching them about our communities."

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We Stand Strong

January 26

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

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

• Welcome ceremony	• Guest speakers
• Traditional dances	• Traditional foods
• Art Activities	• Music and more

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March 15 & 16 2025

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18 Jan

5-7pm

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CONGO PLAYGROUND

25 Jan

7:30am-10:30am

WHOPPA ICE CREAM

CONGO PLAYGROUND

26 Jan

10 am - 12 pm

CCA FUNDRAISER

BREKKIE FOOD STALLS

HELD ON THE MORNINGS OF THE 2 COFFEE VANS *

12 & 25

Jan

7:30am-10:30am

* There will be a call out for volunteers to make cakes and baked goods for these events. PLEASE BRING CASH TO PAY ALL VENDORS!

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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.

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Braidwood Races

8th February 2025

GATES OPEN AT 11AM

Fashions on the Field \$3000 worth of prizes
Pink Theme

Calcutta Friday Night at the Braidwood Servicemens Club

Fast lane Entry Tickets available at the
Servicemens Club Prior



TeenSafe
a driving skill for life

Teensafe is a safe-driver program for L and P drivers - a skill for life. Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway.

Each course runs for 1 day.

Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.

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

For details, pics and rego forms go to

www.teensafemoruya.org

or email garys.home@bigpond.com

BAY POOL SERVICES

Phone: (02) 8529 8974

A new Pool and Brew shop has opened at 4/7 Cranbrook Road Batemans Bay (next to 3d shade sails). We are your exclusive dealers for Dolphin pool cleaners. Stockists of pool and spa chemicals and Coopers and Morgans HOME BREW supplies. We also service swimming pools from North Durras to Moruya from \$65 a service plus chemicals.

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2024 Diary Dates

- 25-26 January - **Eurobodalla Agricultural Show**
- 15th February - **Rock On For Climate Action**
- 2 March **Clean Up Australia Day 2025**
- 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**

John the Potter Concert

Sunday 26th January 2025 Out of Abingdon plus solo acts Robyn Martin and Ben Fowler. Tickets Cost \$35.00* To book click on or paste the link below.

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/bingiepottery>

Please note this is an intimate al fresco affair!! Tickets are limited. Includes John the Potter creating pottery. BYO everything else. Plenty of lawn, please bring your own seating should you require it.

Braidwood Book Fair

Thurs 23rd to Mon 27th January 2025

Open daily 9am to 4pm, National Theatre, Wallace St, Braidwood.

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.

The Koalas Film at The Kinema

Thursday 20 February 2025 at 17:00

A special screening of The Koalas Film at Huskisson Picture Theatre on January 21st and Narooma Kinema.

2025 Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra season

New players very welcome, all abilities. 1 February, 15 February, 1 March, 15 March, 29 March, 12 April.

Red Door hall Moruya 2-4pm

Have your say on Far South Coast Bush Fire Risk Management Plan

The draft Far South Coast Bush Fire Risk Management Plan sets out the plan for managing bush fire risk in our area over the next five years. Your feedback is important, to ensure fire agencies and land managers protect what matters most. Download [HERE](https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/managing-bush-fire-risk/bush-fire-management-committees/far-south-coast) <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/managing-bush-fire-risk/bush-fire-management-committees/far-south-coast>



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Celebrations for release of the BUMPER 'Recollections 50'

The next issue of 'Recollections' magazine will be Issue 50. So, we're celebrating this important milestone and INVITE YOU TO COME AND JOIN US.

Actually, we're having two release functions:

- On MONDAY 20th JANUARY at TURA MARRANG LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE at 10.30am. Our special guest will be KRISTY McBAIN, the Member for Eden Monaro; and
- On THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY at ULLADULLA CIVIC CENTRE at 10.30am. Our special guest will be FIONA PHILLIPS, the Member for Gilmore.

Seating at both functions is limited, so it's ESSENTIAL THAT YOU BOOK your seat. Simply email us at southcoasthistory@yahoo.com (but please tell us how many others will be joining you) or call 0448 160 852 to do so.

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 5pm

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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





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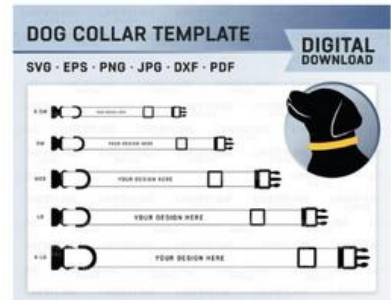
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Marine Rescue Tuross Moruya hosts Australia Day Community Breakfast BBQ 2025

The Marine Rescue Tuross Moruya Unit is preparing to host their traditional annual Australia Day Community Breakfast BBQ, on Thursday, 26 January from 8.00am to 12.30pm at the iconic One Tree Lookout Picnic Area, Tuross Boulevarde, Tuross Head.

Unit Commander Blaise Madden said, "This is one of our major community fundraising events of the year. All proceeds raised go directly towards fueling our vessels and other essential operational costs. We rely on the support and generosity of the community to help us keep them safe on the water. We only receive approximately 20% funding from the state government, therefore every contribution helps tremendously. Every bacon and egg roll and coffee sold supports our mission of saving lives on the water."

"The annual BBQ breakfast provides a great opportunity for our crews to relax with the community and answer questions about volunteering with the Service. We are always recruiting new volunteers," Unit Commander Madden added.

"Volunteering with Marine Rescue NSW isn't just about boat crew, anyone who has an interest in areas such as sponsorship, markets co-ordination, marketing, etc., can join. We currently have 34 volunteer members at Marine Rescue Tuross Moruya and are actively looking for more in 2025. Come and have a chat about the opportunities available," he said.

The event attracts many of the wider Tuross Head community and visitors to Eurobodalla.

Bring your chairs, bathers and picnic blankets and indulge in bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, cold drinks and hot beverages. A raffle will also be held.

To find out more about volunteering with Marine Rescue go to

<https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/become-a-volunteer/>

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer based not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe on the water and supporting local communities.

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WHEN: Sunday, 26 January, 8.00am – 12.30pm

WHERE: One Tree Lookout Picnic Area, Tuross Boulevarde, Tuross Head, NSW





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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

With the heavy, intermittent rains we have been experiencing, the river is looking less than ideal at the moment. Add that to a stiff southerly wind and big seas this weekend, conditions are less than ideal.

The river will be difficult to fish, with water clarity and conditions pretty poor at the moment. With close to 300ml of rain falling since last Friday, the fresh has pushed a lot of fish either out of the system, or down into the deeper holes.

The best advice I can offer, is to fish oily baits like mullet or tuna fillet, add some burley to your set up, and hope that a fish can find your presentation. Soft plastics or hard body lures with noise or vibration will be the go to options this weekend. Don't forget to defiantly add some form of scent to aid fish finding your lures.

Tuross River.

The same options as Moruya will apply for Tuross this weekend. The lower sections of the river on a rising tide, will be the better chance of finding a fish or two. Fish oily baits of tuna or mullet fillet, or noisy lure options to hopefully find a fish or two.

The fish still need to feed during dirty or fresh flush outs, they just tend to find the cleanest saltiest water to do it in. Find these locations, and you have a better chance of finding the fish.

Rock and Beach.

This will be your best chance of finding a feed of fish this weekend. A lot of flathead bream and whiting have been pushed out of the system onto the local beaches over the past week, and there have been plenty of reports of said fish on the beaches close to river outflows. Look at wind sock as a good starting point, as it is far enough north of Moruya river to be less affected by the dirty water currently pushing out.

The beaches in between Moruya and Tuross will also be good options this weekend.

The one major factor will be the swell and wind conditions, with 4m of swell currently working the coast and strong southerly winds, finding somewhere sheltered and calm is going to be the hardest part of the puzzle.

Visiting anglers Harry and Maddie Schofield managed a few fish this week on soft plastics and bait around the airport area. Nice work guys and congrats on your catches.

Offshore.

There have been good numbers of snapper found earlier this week the water break between dirty water and clean in the 15-20m mark, with the snapper taking advantage of all of the small bait fish that have been displaced from the local rivers.

The water temp is high at the moment meaning there should be good numbers of pelagics around. The sea state will need to be carefully watched, as we have 4m seas at the moment, these will drop as the weekend continues. If you are planning on heading out, check in with the local authorities and check the weather reports. If you are not confident, try fishing the river.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with everything that is currently available. The shop has a few holes in our range at the moment, and we are trying to get these filled, but suppliers also have a few holes in their warehouses at the moment, so we will have to wait till we can supply missing items.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Peter Hogan



Winner: Ross Davidson

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 9th January 2025

A field of 58 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The course was in great condition and there were some excellent scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Peter Hogan (17) with 39 points
- 2nd: Marilyn Bingham (34) with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: Paul Scholze (16) with 38 points
- 4th: Jesse French (11) with 37 points
- 5th: Leonie Doolan (26) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Mark Haberkorn 2.75 A Grade
- 4th: Lars Gaupset 1.63 B Grade
- 4th: Michael Kermod 0.73 C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 1.55 A Grade
- 6th: Ian Kingston 4.42 C Grade
- 7th: Michael Walsh 0.76 A Grade
- 7th: Paul Scholze 7.45 B Grade

Balls went to: Matthew Kennedy 35, Peter Johnston 35, Brad Doolan 35, Wayne Fullerton 35, Stephen Swanbury 35, Shirley Quinlan 34, Terry Milliken 34, Greg Booth 34, Leonie Snodgrass 33, Teri Swanbury 33, Allan Langford 33, Rob Green 33, Lars Gaupset 33, Martin Booth 33 and Jim Wade 33.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 15th January 2025

A field of 45 players registered for a Special Par event today. The day was very humid and the event challenging, but some excellent results were achieved.

The winners were:

- 1st: Ross Davidson plus 1
- 2nd: Greg Smith square (countback)
- 3rd: Ray Downey square (countback)
- 4th: Jeanette Miller square (countback)
- 5th: Blaise Madden minus 1 (countback)
- 6th: Shirley Quinlan minus 1
- 7th: Rick Brake minus 1
- 8th: Paula Coffey minus 2
- 9th: Margaret Downey minus 3 (countback)
- 10th: Annette Manton minus 3
- 11th: Frank Pomfret minus 3
- 12th: Len Rogers minus 3
- 13th: Steve Collins minus 3

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Steve Collins (2nd shot)
- 6th: Nil (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Annette Manton (2nd shot)
- Mens: Steve Gardner (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Greg Smith (5th hole)

Bradmans: Ron Hanlon

Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report



Great to be back on the Green for another year for our lady members. Welcome to new member Sandra Burgess from Bundaberg also to visitor Jo Sultana Winners on Rink 7, Tricia Wheeler, Wendy Geary and Skip Michelle Adler. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 5, Di Wotherspoon, Bev Keatley and Lisa Grice. Lucky Losers Rink 6, Sonia Frey, Noleen Taylor, Rae Fayle and Jenny Blyth.

Lucky number winners, 12 Bev McKague, 7 Sue Palmer, 33 Ki Giannasca.

Money Club winners, 22 Tricia Wheeler, 20 Bev Feehan. Birthday greetings to Julie Quinliven, Fran Lucas and Colleen Ashby. Best wishes to Anne & Peter O'Dwyer who are moving to Queensland also to Carol & Richard Dutkiewicz who return to Canberra. Don't forget our annual after the bushfires "Ashes" on Sunday 26th January which is also Australia Day. Thinking of our dearest friend Bess.

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Marine Rescue NSW completes another demanding year returning more than 10,500 people safely to shore in 2024



MR Volunteers from Marine Rescue Bermagui completed a long distance offshore assist in December

Greater Sydney and the Illawarra experienced a record demand for Marine Rescue services in 2024 with more than 10,500 people safely returned to shore after getting into trouble on the state's waterways. The hard-working volunteers at Lake Macquarie in the Hunter were the busiest unit in the state completing 652 search and rescue missions and safely returning 1,261 people to shore.

In 2024, Marine Rescue NSW volunteers dealt with everything from capsized vessels to groundings.

Many of the callouts could have been prevented with better boat maintenance with engine, battery, and fuel issues accounting for 60 per cent of incidents attended by Marine Rescue NSW.

Across NSW crews performed a total of 4,735 search and rescue missions, including 1,364 emergency responses, safely returning 10,539 people to shore.

Demand on the service in 2024 was just below the record 4,786 search and rescue missions conducted in 2023.

Marine Rescue NSW radio operators had a busy 2024 managing 242,586 radio calls – with a large number managed by the 24/7 Marine Rescue NSW State Communications Centre at Belrose.

Boaters are urged to follow these steps to stay safe on the state's waterways:

Log On and Off with Marine Rescue via VHF Channel 16 or use the free Marine Rescue NSW app available for iOS and Android devices.

Make sure everyone on board is wearing a lifejacket.

Make sure your vessel's engine and battery are working.

Make sure you have enough fuel and some in reserve.

Always check conditions and safety equipment.

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer based not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe on the water and supporting local communities.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner, Alex Barrell said:

"Whether heading out on enclosed or open waters, it's vitally important for boaters to carry the correct safety equipment, always wear a lifejacket, ensure their vessel is in good working order, carry enough fuel, and continually monitor the weather. A sudden change in conditions can lead to life-threatening incidents.

"Engine and battery failure and running out of fuel are preventable issues, and boaters need to ensure their vessel is in good working order before heading out.

"Marine Rescue NSW radio operators are the link between the land and the sea. They are often the first voice heard by a boater in distress. They play a crucial role in search and rescue responses, and boaters should feel assured that Marine Rescue NSW volunteers are available around the clock."

Other key stats:

Marine Rescue NSW radio operators managed 242,586 calls including 99 MAYDAYs and 61 PAN PANs and kept watch over almost 285,000 people on board more than 76,000 logged on vessels.

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Breakdown of rescues across southern regions:

Illawarra **NEW REGION CALENDER YEAR RECORD, SURPASSING 481 IN 2023**

495 search and rescue missions including 230 emergency responses with 1,125 people safely returned to shore across all 7 Illawarra units – Port Kembla, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Jervis Bay, Sussex Inlet, Ulladulla & Kioloa.

Locations of highest demand were Port Kembla 162, Jervis Bay 131 and Shoalhaven 79.

Of note: Marine Rescue Jervis Bay set a new unit calendar year record with 131 search and rescue missions surpassing 111 set in 2023. Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet equalled its busiest calendar year of 60 missions set in 2023.

Monaro – 277 search and rescue missions including 178 emergency responses with 618 people safely returned to shore across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama. Locations of highest demand were Batemans Bay 125, Eden 42 and Bermagui 32.

Of note: Marine Rescue Eden set a new unit calendar year record with 42 search and rescue missions surpassing 32 set in 2022. Marine Rescue Bermagui equalled its busiest calendar year of 32 missions set in 2022.



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Batemans Bay Sailing club Report - January 11th



Tony Bonouvrre, Bob Richards and Graham Bourne driving Accolade hard during the Broulee Race" (photo credit Lachlan Brown)

"Nearly every day is a great day for sailing, but January 11th was not one of them. Nonetheless, 3 yachts went out for Batemans Bay Sailing Club's annual Broulee Race despite an excess of precipitation and a lack of wind. They were not accompanied by the committee boat "Dave Magill", which had engine problems. The resourceful race management team of Terry Paton and Andrew Bain grabbed a handheld VHF radio and ran the start sequence from the shore at Caseys Beach. The rain ceased and a 5 knot south easterly came in by midday which was just enough to get the race underway. After an even start the fleet had a slow starboard tack fetch out to the Marine Park middle mark. The Adams 10.6 "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) held a narrow lead but like a lot of boats designed by the late great Joe Adams she is not a renowned light air performer and was soon overhauled by the Farr 1020 "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton). Bruce Farr is arguably the world's most successful yacht designer having never designed a bad boat. The 1020 was drawn back in 1982 as an all rounder and is still one of Farr's favourite designs. "Moonmist" held a handy lead by Burrewarra Head but gave some of it back by overstanding the headland as the breeze gradually backed to the north east. On the square run to the mark laid off South Broulee "Moonmist" was only able to fly a storm spinnaker off the jib halyard owing to previous damage to the spinnaker halyard sheave, allowing "Accolade" to retake the lead at the North Broulee rounding mark. The breeze built up to 12 knots for a while but then it disappointingly dropped back to 5 knots. "Moonmist" sailed back into the lead and kept gaining on the long slow work to Black Rock. Meanwhile John Drummond and his crew were having an even slower time of it aboard "Sail La Vie". One compensation was the cruisey nature of this Hanse yacht.

Drummond realised they were never going to be able to complete the course before nightfall so took the decision to retire. "Accolade" was off McKenzie's Beach by 5pm with at least two hours sailing left, assuming the wind held. Brown decided to retire and motor back as well. The "Moonmist" crew patiently stuck it out and were rewarded when the light breeze held in for them. They finished with an elapsed time of 6 hours and 7 minutes, nearly twice as long as usual for this race.

Thanks must go to race officer Terry Paton, his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain and to Simon Lowth for putting in the North Broulee turning mark. The next BBSC keelboat race is a coastal race on 8th February." Lachlan Brown



25th & 26th of January 2025

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