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On Tuesday the first sod was turned to mark the beginning of the construction of the Eurobodalla Emergency Services Precinct in Moruya. See p3

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## The Future of Palestine:

### Open letter to our Government from Eurobodalla

Dear Prime Minister,

At the beginning of this new year, we write to thank you for the positive moves that the Australian Government made in 2024 in relation to the suffering of the peoples of Gaza and the Israeli hostages and their families.

Specifically, we thank you for the support your government gave to the UN motion for "an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire" in Gaza, the release of hostages, the delivery of humanitarian aid and the protection of civilians. You also voted in support of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), for Israel to reverse their ban on UNRWA and "to allow and facilitate full, rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian assistance".

Although these two motions passed with great majorities at the UN, they have not effected change on the ground. Unless the present pause becomes a permanent ceasefire, which many commentators think unlikely, people will continue to starve, babies continue to die for lack of medical care and food or even proper clothing, and even more children will lose their lives, limbs, parents and whole families. Most Gazans are now unhoused, and have little or no access to medical aid or schooling. Hopefully, at least in this first phase of the agreement, there will soon be more food and water made available

We agree with Nasser Mashini, President of the Australia Palestine Advocacy Network, that "further concrete action is needed now to stop the continuing bloodshed and genocide in Gaza perpetrated by the Israeli Government". Given the present uncertain situation, the genocide that has already occurred according to Amnesty, or that has 'plausibly' already occurred according to the International Court of Justice, and the ALP's leadership and support for the United Nations and its charter since its inception, we request your government to:

- end trade and military ties with the Israeli Government until they comply with the relevant UN resolutions, and
- join the prosecution of the Israeli Government for its genocide in the International Court of Justice.

We are a small group of people living on the Far South Coast of NSW which this year has grown from 5 to 22 volunteers. We know from our street stall interactions with the community and the donations we collect for UNRWA that there are many here who care deeply about the treatment of people in Gaza. We all want to see the release of the hostages, both Israeli and Palestinian, and an immediate end to the siege of Gaza and Israel's withdrawal from all occupied lands.

**James Purss, Alison Aylott, Jeff Aschmann, Penny Lockwood, Linda Chapman, Martha Ansara, Antoinette Simon, Mary Randall, Anthony Agnew, Steve Payne, Lisa Ryrie, Sharon Macdonald, Kerrie Ryan, Sandra Makdessi, Robyne Stacey, Allan Rees, Patricia Reid, for Eurobodalla Justice for Palestine.**

## 50 years on

We might be having a lot of rain but, November 2024 was exactly 50 years since our family made the 'big shift' from Melbourne to Moruya. A month later heralded the beginning of 6 weeks of intermittent but torrential rain. Flooding river, parklands, flooded streets and flooded buildings.

North of Moruya the river flats became a huge lake, with a few roofs spotted here and there. Travellers from the North were stranded, so many accepted the 'going rate' to be towed into town by a local councillor with his tractor.

Reaching town there was no way out, as water also covered the highway on the southern side. The few commercial rooms available for accommodation were by now fully occupied by summer holiday families, so people slept in their car or in some cases on the floor in local residences.

As the river rose all caravans were removed to high ground in Page Street from now named Riverside Park. This was an occurrence we saw repeated over following years until finally this space was closed to residents. The local solicitor travelled door to door, arriving at his office by canoe! Our seated customers were recommended to 'lift their feet' as the storm water and carpark runoff joined force, tore downhill through the rear door and out the front to meet the raging gutters.

The coastal road from the airport to Broulee was washed away by high tides and big seas, and for five or six years the only access to Broulee was via the main Broulee Road.

'Locals' had seen all this before, but we had constant phone calls from friends and family concerned we were Ok. I wondered what on earth we had come to, and if we had to turn around, I was comforted that we still had our 'dry' house in Melbourne. This 1974 arrival was also the year of Cyclone Tracy which demolished most of Darwin – so in Moruya we were safe!

**Helen Wilson**

Moruya

## Back flip on Bay ED response

The article published in Edition 62 of the Moruya Mail about "the Liberal Party" backflip on the Bay's ED closure was laughable at a number of levels.

First, "the Liberal Party" didn't make the decision on the closure. The State Government in which Andrew Constance was a senior Minister attending Cabinet meetings, seeing Premier Berejiklian regularly and also meeting Mayor Liz Innes often, made it. It is inconceivable that Mr Constance did not play a major role in the decision to close Bay hospital and its ED. Is it his backflip? If so, he should say it.

Second, by the time a Liberal State Government is elected (if ever) in 2027 or 2031 the ED will be a dead issue. The Moruya Hospital will be far too close to completion for a policy change in Batemans Bay.

Third, even if Mr Constance is elected as a federal MP (the same voters have rejected him before), it is unlikely that he, as a Federal backbencher from the Liberal Party, will have any influence whatever with a State Labor government.

Facts, not spin are needed, as the article says. Mr Constance is clutching at straws trying make the ED a vote winner for himself.

**Geoff Gosli**

Batemans Bay



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# Sod turned on \$25m Eurobodalla Emergency Services Precinct at Moruya



Emergency services representatives with Fiona Phillips MP, Mayor Mat Hatcher, RFS Commissioner Bob Rogers, Minister Jihad Dib and Michael Holland MP turning the first sod.

The NSW and Australian governments turned the sod on the new \$25m Eurobodalla Emergency Services Precinct at Moruya on Tuesday.

The local community has faced some of the most challenging and destructive fires in recent memory, including the 2019/20 Black Summer fires and the 2023 Coolagolite fires.

This new state-of-the-art centre will bring together multiple emergency service agencies, improving coordination and response times during emergencies.

This facility addresses a recommendation of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry to locate these facilities together to improve cross-agency coordination and ensure local communities are better prepared for future fire seasons and natural disasters.

The precinct will accommodate the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), NSW State Emergency Service, and other emergency services such as Fire and Rescue NSW and Marine Rescue NSW, ensuring a faster, more coordinated response to local emergencies.

The facility is part of the NSW government's broader strategy to strengthen regional resilience and protect lives, homes, and critical infrastructure.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said, "This is a landmark investment by the NSW and Australian Governments in frontline emergency management capabilities. It is an important milestone for the region and confirms this government's commitment to disaster resilience and community safety. With the lessons of past bushfires firmly in mind, we're building a safer and better prepared region."

Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips said: "The Black Summer bushfires were devastating. There is no doubt, the resilience of our communities and the dedication of emergency services volunteers and workers has been remarkable.

"However, what was clear to me, from talking with emergency services personnel, was that the Eurobodalla needed its own Emergency Services Precinct and I'm happy to have fought for and delivered \$5 million from the Albanese Government to help make this a reality."

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said: "Today's sod turning is the first step in bringing our emergency services together, providing cutting-edge technology and resources to better protect the Far South Coast community from disaster.

Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers said "This new precinct will ensure our volunteers and staff have the tools they need to protect lives, homes, and critical infrastructure during emergencies for years to come. I also extend my gratitude to Eurobodalla Shire Council, whose efforts have been instrumental in securing the location for this vital new facility."

Up to 70 RFS personnel will be based on site, including Area Command and Planning and Environmental Services staff and Mitigation Crew members. The Moruya Rural Fire Service Brigade station will also be based in the precinct on the Princes Highway, opposite the new Eurobodalla Hospital site.

The project has been funded with \$20 million in NSW Government funding for RFS infrastructure and a \$5 million commitment from the Federal Government. Eurobodalla contributed \$1m to purchase the land.

The new facility will replace the existing Moruya Fire Control Centre, which will remain in operation until the new facility opens in 2027.

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Work on RFS and SES station at Surf Beach moves forward as tender released



The **NSW Government** will oversee the construction of the new shared NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) brigade station and NSW State Emergency Service (SES) unit in Surf Beach at Batemans Bay to build this important facility.

The services of Public Works NSW have been engaged to undertake project management of the site and ensure work moves quickly on the multi-million-dollar RFS and SES facility. The new facility will be owned by the Council, replacing the existing RFS facility and temporary accommodation currently being used by the SES.

Public Works NSW will manage the construction phase of the project, with the beginning of the tender process a major milestone and now released following the signing of an MOU between the Council and the NSW Government.

Minister for Emergency Services, Jihad Dib said “The devastating 2019/2020 bushfires on the NSW South Coast destroyed homes, businesses, and infrastructure, forcing entire communities to evacuate.

“I understand the community’s desire to get this project moving which is why I am pleased Public Works NSW will now be managing the project and providing the local council with the assistance it needs.

“Since coming to Government, we have made a significant investment in initiatives to support the SES and RFS, including new tankers, vessels, and vehicles to ensure they are better equipped to respond to natural disasters.

“This project is an excellent example of collaboration between local and state governments along with our emergency services agencies to deliver long-term benefits for our volunteers and the local community.”

RFS Commissioner, Rob Rogers said “The release of this tender marks a significant step forward in delivering a critical resource for the Batemans Bay community.

“This new facility at Surf Beach will provide modern, purpose-built amenities to better support our firefighters in protecting life and property. It represents our commitment to ensuring our volunteers have the tools and spaces they need to operate effectively.”

NSW SES Commissioner, Mike Wassing said “Our volunteers have shown exceptional dedication while operating out of temporary facilities since the 2019/2020 bushfires.

“This permanent home will give our Batemans Bay team the resources and space they need to train, plan, and respond effectively to emergencies.”

The new headquarters will include operational areas designed to meet the needs of both services.

Facilities will include garages for advanced rescue vehicles and boats, storage for essential equipment, office spaces, a training room, kitchen facilities, change rooms, and a laundry, all designed to enhance the capacity of their emergency response efforts.

Both services are eager to see this vital project come to life, further enhancing emergency response capabilities in the region.

The new facility will cost \$3.9 million including

- \$628,050, Australian Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program
- \$200,000, NSW Government Infrastructure Grants – disaster readiness
- Contributions from Council, SES and RFS

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# Community views sought for Mobile Black Spot funding in Gilmore

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips is encouraging community members to help to identify potential locations for the next round of Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) funding. MPs and local councillors from Kiama, Shoalhaven and Eurobodalla LGAs can nominate potential projects through the government's Project Noticeboard, while individuals and community groups can flag mobile black spot locations via Mrs Phillips' office. The Albanese Government's MBSP invests in telecommunications infrastructure to deliver new and improved mobile coverage and competition across Australia. Round 8 of the MBSP will provide \$55 million in government co-funding, targeted at natural disaster-prone locations in regional areas like Gilmore to better assist local communities during and after emergencies.

Mrs Phillips said nominations close on 7 February 2025 and she encouraged people and groups to email [Fiona.Phillips.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Fiona.Phillips.MP@aph.gov.au) with feedback. She said Telco industry applicants would be encouraged to review these submissions when preparing their applications. "I know how frustrating it can be living in or driving through a mobile black spot area on the South Coast, which is why I am seeking feedback from the community," Mrs Phillips said. "Good mobile phone service is of utmost importance during times of emergencies, and I am proud to be part of a Labor Government that is working with communities and industry to ensure local residents can access the improved mobile coverage they need and deserve." Minister for Communications the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said reliable, resilient mobile coverage was "absolutely essential". "Round 8 of the Mobile Blackspot Funding Program will focus on regional and rural locations that are prone to natural disasters to better protect communities during their greatest time of need," she said.

"I encourage people to speak with their local councillors or state, territory and federal parliamentarians to make their voice heard."

Funding for the MBSP was confirmed in the October 2022–23 Federal Budget as part of the Albanese Government's \$1.1 billion Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia. In total, the Albanese Government is investing \$2.2 billion in regional communications – the most significant investment since the inception of the National Broadband Network. Under the MBSP to date (Rounds 1 to 7), Commonwealth funding has generated a total investment of more than \$1 billion, to deliver up to 1,400 new mobile base stations across Australia. To view the Project Noticeboard, or to make a submission, please visit: <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-program/register-your-project-proposal-mobile-black-spot-program-round-8>



## Broulee Driver Arrested



On the 20th January 2025, Batemans Bay Highway Patrol arrested and charged a 53 year old male from Broulee with four burnout offences.

The offences occurred in Tomakin and Moruya in October 2024 and January 2025.

Police also confiscating the offender's vehicle for a period of three months and suspended his driver's licence. The male was bailed to appear at Batemans Bay LC on the 17th February 2025.

Chief Inspector Sheehan from Batemans Bay Police stated "Hoon behaviour such as this will never be tolerated. There is a real danger to pedestrians and other motorist with this type of reckless conduct. Police will use every resource to locate offenders and utilise vehicle sanctions to seize vehicles."




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## \$45 million Liberal roads package for the Shoalhaven



After almost three wasted years of Labor inaction and delays, an elected Coalition Government will ensure delivery of a \$45 million package of upgrades for Shoalhaven roads, including fixing The Wool Road in Basin View and St Georges Basin.

**Leader of the Opposition Peter Dutton said** an elected Coalition Government will get on with the work of fixing the basic problems impacting the Shoalhaven community, such as repairing and upgrading roads which have crumbled over recent years due to severe weather and increased traffic.

“Andrew Constance and the Coalition will deliver the much needed local road upgrades, which were promised to this region at the last election, but have not been delivered by the Albanese Government,” Mr Dutton said.

“We will invest a further \$5 million to upgrade The Wool Road at Basin View and St Georges Basin, to ensure that road is safer for the local community and which has been neglected by Labor over the past two and a half years.”

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Senator Bridget McKenzie said the Coalition will partner with the Shoalhaven Council to upgrade The Wool Road, getting back on track a project that had been scrapped by the Albanese Labor Government.

“The Albanese Government have cut and delayed nearly \$6 billion of infrastructure projects in NSW since their election in 2022.

“After committing to match our \$40 million election commitment in 2022 Labor has completely failed to turn up and deliver on these important road upgrades for the region, with no works having commenced on the Shoalhaven Roads Package projects,” Senator McKenzie said.

**Liberal Party candidate for Gilmore, Andrew Constance** said he had been fighting to restore the upgrade to The Wool Road to the Shoalhaven Roads Package following Labor’s decision to abandon the project last year.

“The Basin View and St Georges Basin communities deserve to drive on quality and safe roads, and I am delighted to announce a Coalition Government will boost funding for this roads package by \$5 million and ensure the works get under way,” Mr Constance said.

“The community frustration at inaction on roads is next level.”

“The Coalition will put road upgrades back on track.”

The Coalition’s Shoalhaven Roads Package will see upgrades to:

- The Wool Road, at Basin View and St Georges Basin.
- Culburra Road, between Wollumboola and Culburra Beach.
- Forest Road, east of the Princes Highway.
- Callala Bay Road.
- Callala Beach Road.
- Worrigeer Intersection.
- Callala Bay Intersection.

## Shoalhaven road funding ‘already in the coffers’ thanks to Labor’s Fiona Phillips



**Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips** says the Liberals are “way out of line” by promising money that she has already delivered for Shoalhaven Roads.

“I can’t believe Andrew Constance brought Peter Dutton to Nowra just to announce funding that I have already delivered to Shoalhaven City Council,” Mrs Phillips said.

“They’re promising \$45 million, of which \$40 million is already in council’s coffers to be spent on local road repairs - thanks to me and the Federal Labor Government, not the Libs.”

Mrs Phillips said the Albanese Government was progressively doubling Roads to Recovery funding which means even more for Shoalhaven Roads.

“On top of the \$40 million I have delivered, we’re providing an additional \$8.1 million for Shoalhaven Council for local roads right across the city, which includes The Wool Road,” she said.

“Don’t be fooled, this is not new funding. This is more smoke and mirrors from Dutton and Constance.”

Mrs Phillips said she had worked consistently to secure funding for local roads in the Shoalhaven towns and villages, as well as major projects including \$400 million for the Princes Highway upgrade between Jervis Bay and Hawken roads, \$100 million for the Jervis Bay flyover and \$97 million for the Nowra bypass planning.

“Anyone can see how much road work is underway in our region,” she said.

“The contracts have been signed marking the next stage of the \$940 million Milton-Ulladulla Bypass project and the \$35 million Far North Collector Road was only able to open after I secured additional federal funding.

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

She said more than \$1 billion federal funds had been injected into road projects in the Shoalhaven.

“Constance’s claim of my ‘inaction’ on roads is a load of rubbish coming from a former State Transport Minister who failed to deliver for our region,” Mrs Phillips said.

## Government supports continued operation of Rex

The Federal Government is ensuring Rex Airlines regional services will continue, supporting the administrators on next steps.

The Government will today acquire \$50 million of debt from Rex's largest creditor, PAGAC Regulus Holdings Limited (PAG), an important step to prevent an adverse outcome for regional communities, such as liquidation, and ensure the continued connectivity of Australia's regional and remote communities.

By acquiring the debt, the Government will become the principal secured creditor and will seek to become a voting member of the Committee of Inspection.

Whilst the accelerated initial sale process undertaken by the Administrators in mid-2024 did not find a suitable buyer for the airlines' regional operations, the Government continues to work closely with the Administrators through the extended convening period.

This makes clear the Government's ongoing commitment to maintaining access to aviation services for regional and remote communities, and recognises the critical role of the Rex network to local economies.

Farmers have thanked the Federal Government for their efforts to keep regional air services in the sky.

NSW Farmers' Business Economics and Trade Committee Chair John Lowe said the announcement had come as a relief for many regional communities, who relied on the airline to access essential services and stay connected to family and friends.

"Our landscape is incredibly vast and many of our farming communities are a long way from the doctor, dentist and other specialist medical professionals they need," Mr Lowe said.

"Staying connected to family, friends and other business is also important, and our regions need reliable air services if they are to access all of these things that are so essential to their everyday life and regional liveability."

Mr Lowe said the retention of multiple regional air services would also prove critical to the continued growth and success of farming communities into the future.

This announcement builds on previous action, including the Albanese Government providing a commercial loan of up to \$80 million to the Administrators to keep Rex's vital regional routes operating, granting early access to former employees of Rex Airlines Ltd (the Boeing-737 business) to the Fair Entitlements Guarantee, and providing a guarantee in relation to regional ticket sales during the voluntary administration.

To date, the Employment and Workplace Relations Department has received 306 claims and processed 302 claims from former Rex (RAL) employees, with over \$7.1 million already provided to Rex staff through FEG.

These actions preserve important economic, medical and freight services, supporting regional liveability and regional economies.

## High-visibility operation conducted after South Coast oyster thefts – Operation Trident



Police have conducted a two-day high-visibility operation at businesses on the South Coast, in response to recent oyster thefts.

Strike Force Trident is a joint operation with NSW Police Rural Crime Prevention Team (RCPT), and Department of Primary Industries to target the theft and illegal trade of oysters in New South Wales

From Wednesday 22 January 2025 to Thursday 22 January 2025, officers attached to the Rural Crime Prevention Team – with assistance from the NSW Police Marine Area Command, officers attached to the South Coast Police District and Department of Primary Industries – conducted compliance checks from Batemans Bay to Eden.

Rural Crime Prevention Team Officers worked with officers attached to Marine Area Command to search leases in Wagonga Inlet, Narooma and Merimbula Lake.

It follows reports of thefts around Narooma, Bermagui and Merimbula over recent months – with an estimated loss of tens of thousands of dollars.

The thefts involve juvenile to ready-to-consume oysters.

During the two-day operation;

- 32 oyster lease and business inspections were conducted
- 17 vessel interactions and checks completed
- 32 targeted mobile/marine RBT conducted
- Three marine cautions issued

Rural Crime Prevention Team State Rural Crime Coordinator, Detective Chief Inspector Cameron Whiteside, said the operation has been a great success.

"NSW Police is pleased with the results of this high-visibility operation, with important information gathered to continue our investigations into the alleged theft of oysters within the South Coast Police District. We know this operation has already started important conversations in the industry and provided greater awareness to the threat of oyster theft," Det Ch Insp Whiteside said.

"We know the oyster industry is highly valuable and the Rural Crime Prevention Team will continue to target and disrupt oyster theft on the South Coast and across the state, with assistance from our partner agencies to deter thieves, this operation should put them on notice, that we will continue to target this illicit trade."

"We appeal for anyone with information about crime such as these – or who are offered products in circumstances that appear suspicious – to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000," he said.



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## Local Energy Hubs can help fill the public information gap on renewable energy

### RE Alliance

The findings in the Climate Council's report Electric Shock! Australia's Lightbulb Moment, released last week, confirm the huge information gap that exists among communities when it comes to renewable energy – most Australians don't know that [almost 40%](#) of our total electricity supply already comes from renewables.

Rural and regional communities are crying out for more information to help them navigate the energy shift where they live.

"The Climate Council's recent research found that more than 80% of people want more information about how our energy system is changing," says RE-Alliance National Director Andrew Bray. "Local Energy Hubs would deliver the much-needed information that communities are telling us they need." RE-Alliance, alongside partners Community Power Agency and Yes2Renewables have been calling on the Federal Government to fix the information gap on Australia's shift to renewables with [Local Energy Hubs](#) in renewable energy regions.

"These hubs would be physical centres with a strong outreach program in renewable energy regions, staffed by independent local experts to help build trust and provide accurate information about what's happening," says Bray.

"When we speak with communities about this idea, the immediate response is that it's a no brainer."

The Local Energy Hubs campaign [has the backing](#) of a raft of ALP Federal and State MPs, and more than 40 Local Government representatives.

Local Energy Hubs are outreach centres that would:

- Bridge the information gap in regional communities by employing trusted local experts
- Tackle complex challenges like ensuring communities know exactly how to have input into, and benefit from, large-scale renewable energy projects proposed for their region
- Help the public learn how to save money on power bills in their homes and businesses
- Be a crucial touchpoint for developers, helping to foster trust in communities for their projects through quality communication and engagement
- Address barriers to the electrification of households, small businesses and farms such as lack of time or quality expert advice
- Provide grants to kick-start local community energy projects

More information on the Local Energy Hubs model can be found at: [www.localenergyhubs.org.au](http://www.localenergyhubs.org.au)

## NSW Government welcomes PEP-11 decision

The Minns Labor Government welcomes Commonwealth Minister for Industry and Science Ed Husic's decision to refuse an amendment of work program and time for Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 (PEP-11) in Commonwealth waters off the coast of NSW between Newcastle and Sydney.

Minister Husic's decision on these applications provides clarity to the proponent, coastal communities, and the general public on the outcome of the applications, ending years of uncertainty.

To uphold the integrity of the decision-making process for the applications, NSW Minister for Natural Resources Courtney Houssos, in her capacity as a member of the Commonwealth-New South Wales Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority, did not contribute to the final assessment of the applications on this occasion.

Minister Husic's decision follows strong action by the Minns Labor Government to protect our beaches and coastal environment by banning seabed petroleum and mineral mining and exploration in NSW coastal waters.

In March 2024, the NSW Government passed the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Sea Bed Mining and Exploration) Act 2024 (NSW). The Act commenced on 13 December 2024 and prohibits exploration and recovery in the coastal waters of NSW unless specifically exempted.

Minister for Natural Resources Courtney Houssos said: "The NSW Government's position on drilling and mining in NSW coastal waters is clear. I will continue to consider applications as part of the Joint Authority in Commonwealth waters on a case-by-case basis.

"Although I did not contribute to the decision, I support Minister Husic's decision to refuse the two applications for variation and suspension of the conditions of the permit and extension of the permit term for PEP-11.

"I would like to acknowledge the clear sentiment on PEP-11 expressed by coastal communities and their representatives over many years."



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# EV Raffle Tickets all sold



Claire from Mossy Point was the purchaser of the last of 3000 tickets in the Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital EV Raffle. The committee will now move to organize the venue & draw of the winning ticket and this will be advertised here and on CAERH website [www.caerh.org](http://www.caerh.org) shortly. Please address all enquiries to [secretary@caerh.org](mailto:secretary@caerh.org)."

# Man charged after allegedly assaulting police following an alleged pursuit - South Coast

A man faced court on Tuesday, charged after allegedly assaulting a police officer following a pursuit on the South Coast yesterday.

About 10.30pm (Monday 20 January 2025), police were conducting random breath tests on the Princes Highway, Narooma when they pulled over a Holden commodore. When officers approached the car, the driver allegedly drove off, southbound on the Princes Highway.

Officers initiated a pursuit and a short time later the car stopped on Riverside Drive, Narooma.

A 28-year-old male passenger and 7-year-old female passengers were in the vehicle.

The 50-year-old male driver was arrested.

During the arrest, the man allegedly resisted, headbutting the senior constable, causing injuries to his face and hands.

The man was taken to Batemans Bay police station and subjected to a breath test, allegedly returning a positive reading of 0.032.

He was charged with police pursuit - not stop - drive recklessly, hinder or resist police officer in the execution of duty, assault police officer in execution of duty cause actual bodily harm, drive motor vehicle during disqualification period and special category driver drive with special range PCA He was refused bail to appear in Bega Local Court today (Tuesday 21 January 2025).

The senior constable was taken to Moruya hospital and treated for a possible fractured hand and nose.

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## 100 years ago from the Moruya &amp; District Historical Society



Early days at the Quarry prior to the start of Quarrying for Sydney Harbour Bridge

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**Although beacons have been placed** to mark the holes in Malabar Bridge and the deep ruts on parts of the road leading to the Dormon, Long's quarry, two cars recently received damages through the bad state of the thoroughfare.

**It is rumored** that owing to the high cost of building material and rate of wages that the Nelligen hotel, which was destroyed by fire some months ago, will not be rebuilt.

**The police and the impounding officer,** Master Henry Rose, son of Sergeant Rose, rounded up about a dozen head of stray stock on Wednesday and placed them in custody until the toll was paid. Another muster was made on Thursday, and amongst the "arrested" were some of our leading townsmen's "Daisies."

**At last after a long period of lethargy,** Moruya may look forward to some life. Excellent progress has been made with the preliminary work at the granite quarry, and it is expected that something interesting will appear in the immediate future. Preparations are being made for the establishment of a huge steel crane, and necessary surveys for the laying of railways are being carried out. Pile driving in connection with the big wharf commenced this week. Soon Dormon, Long's own steamers will be assisting the "Narani" in scraping the bottom out of our river. It is proposed to establish what is known in the old country as a "Garden City." This consists of comfortable dwelling for the use of the Company's employees, who will be expected to pay a small rental. There will be a big dining-room for the use of a hall where all classes of recreation may be indulged in. It is also proposed to run a supply store on a co-operative basis. We are lead to believe that the Moruya Quarry is a permanent work and will not cease operations at the completion of the North Shore bridge.

**A tourist** who had been camped at the Heads was driving across the Moruya bridge on Tuesday, when he espied a black snake gracefully reclining on the sun's deflector of his motor. Mr. "Billy" Turnbull, who was nearby, quickly sent his snake-ship into that state from which no reptile returns.

**Bateman's Bay.** (From our Correspondent) Mr. Fenning has been busy during the week repairing and cleaning the boiler in preparation for starting the sawmill next week; The tourists have been rather downhearted with the continued damp weather. Mr. Miller has the Bay View Hotel full each day, and likewise Mrs. Ryan at "Blandford House."; Nelligen and Bateman's Bay cricket teams played a match on Saturday and after a close game the Bay won by a few runs.

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## Support for \$10,000 apprentice incentive payments

NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education Steve Whan has welcomed the Albanese Labor Government's \$10,000 incentive payment for apprentices in the construction and clean energy sectors and its focus on apprentice retention.

NSW leads the nation in apprenticeship and traineeship participation, accounting for nearly 30% of Australia's total, with more than 103,000 apprentices and trainees in training. These figures highlight the Minns Labor Government's commitment to building a skilled workforce for the future. Importantly, completion numbers in NSW are also on the rise, with a 10% increase in the 2024 June quarter compared with 2023.

This includes a 13% jump in apprenticeship completions and 7% growth in traineeships, well above the national average of 3%.

However, we know there is more work to do and finding innovative ways to address skills shortages in the construction sector will be key if we are to meet our NSW commitment to boost housing supply and reach net zero by 2050.

Whenever I meet apprentices, they tell me how difficult it is to keep up with cost-of-living pressures. I know this \$10,000 boost will be warmly welcomed by apprentices in NSW.

This incentive payment complements the work under way as part of our newly released NSW Skills Plan, the first in over 15 years, the Apprenticeship & Traineeship Roadmap 2024-26, and the NSW VET Review, which all have a key focus on construction and renewable energy workforces and giving young people opportunities and pathways to fulfilling careers.

## Surveillance cameras installed at Maloneys Beach



At the Eurobodalla Council meeting on 19 November 2024, councillors requested a report at the earliest convenience with a view to provide access to Maloneys beach to the immediate west of the existing toilet block.

This decision means the sandstone blocks preventing access to the Council's reserve, the national park's foreshore, and the beach, should remain in place.

However, since then, unidentified individuals have repeatedly and illegally moved the sandstone blocks. This resulted in unauthorised access to the areas, the potential for safety incidents, the blocks being put in dangerous locations, and anti-social behaviour among community members. NSW Police have had to attend.

Council has been considering the situation and have consulted with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Surveillance cameras will be installed and the sandstone blocks will be placed back into position.

Council recognises the community has differing views on vehicle access to the reserve and the beach, and request that members of the community behave in a respectful manner.

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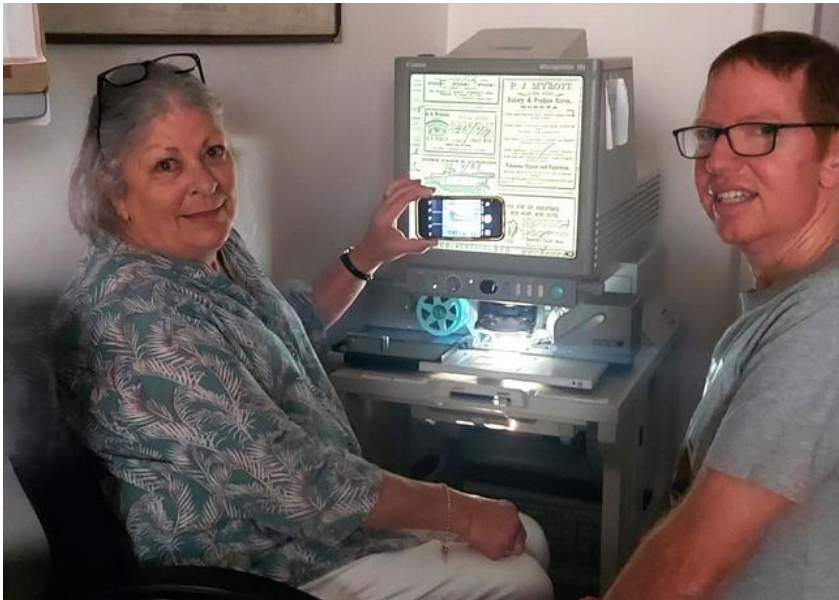
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Rare Message in a Bottle Found on Bingie Beach – 100 Years Ago!



**Sue Murphy**  
**President, Moruya & District Historical Society**

In early January Julian Armstrong spotted an interesting item in the Moruya Examiner, 100 years ago.

The newspaper reported that a bottle was picked up on Bingie Beach, containing a message from 1877. The message was penned by sailors on the Loch Rannoch during their last dinner together as they entered Port Phillip Bay.

Julian’s curiosity was piqued –Who were the sailors? What was the ship’s cargo? How did this find fit into other similar discoveries?

It turns out that this is Australia’s oldest known “message in a bottle” – and globally the fourth oldest long-duration message ( messages found more than 25 years from their launching). And while the sailor’s themselves remain a mystery, the ship and its cargo providing some intriguing insights into Australian maritime life in the 19th century.

Part of Loch Line fleet, the Loch Rannoch was an iron clipper built for speed. The fleet carried passengers and cargo from Glasgow to Adelaide, and then to Melbourne and Sydney to pick up wool and grain for the return trip to London. On 24 July 1877, the Loch Rannoch reached Port Phillip Bay carrying an impressive cargo, - “60 cases of Moet’s extra superior quarts and pints, 135 cases of sparkling Burgundy and Maitrank.” It was then that the sailors sealed their message in the very bottle they had shared during their final dinner together. Perhaps they shared one last toast with a bottle of Moet before casting it—and their story —into the ocean.

As the oldest known message in a bottle found in Australia, the Bingie find is a rare and significant piece of maritime history. The bottle and its contents may be lost to time, but its story survives today thanks to a small snippet in the Moruya Examiner a hundred years ago – and a dedicated volunteer who brought it to light.

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 Rannoch,— 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 all 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 MacKiunon, 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 Rannoch, under full sail of Port Phillip Head. Good bye.”

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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

William Shakespeare is in deep trouble.

Over the years his authorship of some thirty-seven incomparable stage plays has been challenged by Charles Dickens, Henry James, Sigmund Freud, Mark Twain and Walt Whitman (as well as an obscure Canberra author and columnist). Until now, his reputation as the greatest playwright of all time has barely been dented.

However, the issue has recently attracted a feminist scholar, Robin P. Williams in *The Sweet Swan of Avon*; and right now, the hugely popular author Jodi Picoult has joined the fight with her new book *By Any Other Name*, 'the number one international bestseller'.

It incorporates two parallel novellas – one modern, the other in Shakespearean times – plus a very extended Author's Note in which Jodi measures the Stratford man's claim.

Her verdict: "I. Do. Not. Buy. It."

Her reasons include the usual facts: he was the son of illiterate parents and was not formally educated. There's no record of his authorship during his lifetime. He never travelled beyond England, though the plays contain details of Italy that only a traveller could know, and a familiarity with the law, the military and the activities of the Royal Court which he also lacked.

Jodi adds one more which I too found decisive. She writes, 'What really irked me – and stuck like a splinter in my mind – is that Shakespeare created some of the most clever, fierce proto-feminist characters in all of literature – Portia, Beatrice, Rosalind, Viola, Lady Macbeth, Juliet, Katherine, Cleopatra – but he never taught his own daughters to read or write. They both signed with a mark.'

Unfortunately, her chosen alternative is no more convincing than the earlier nominations of Sir Francis Bacon, the Earl of Oxford (Edward de Vere), the Earl of Derby (Ferdinand Strange), Sir Fulke Greville, Christopher Marlowe, or Sir Henry Neville. Indeed, she's aware of this and is prepared to accept the view of another doubter, Alexander Waugh who holds that Edward de Vere organised a 'writer's room' and Shakespeare was the alias and front man for them all.

My own research flows on similar lines, but my 'writer's room' is aligned with Robin P. Williams's principal subject, Lady Sidney. Her literary and musical 'university' was Wilton House the seat of the Earls of Pembroke.

Both of her sons, the 3rd Earl – who is increasingly accepted as the gilded youth of the Shakespearean Sonnets – and his younger brother sponsored the famous First Folio which Jodi ignores but which, I suspect, caps the greatest literary hoax in history. Both men in turn were Lords Chamberlain who controlled all the plays performed in England during the reign of James I and Charles I.

In her book Jodi's William Shakespeare is not just a failed playwright but a thoroughly unpleasant character – a money-grubber who evaded taxes and gouged his neighbours. She suggests he wrote the first draft of *Titus Andronicus* but for rest he was merely the broker who cloaked their creators when the Tudor and Stuart tyrannies made playwriting a deadly dangerous craft.

While the massive Shakespeare industry will no doubt scoff, *By Any Other Name* arrives just as the authoritative Oxford Shakespeare has deemed some 18 of the plays to contain more than one creative hand. So this time the authorship question is academically respectable. Perhaps the scene is set for the surrender of a document that will finally resolve the beloved Shakespeare myth.

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Mick slammed down the empty schooner glass and glared at Bazza.

“Let’s just call it a big ‘woke up call’ for the likes of you, Bazza. The Donald is ensuring we are entering the golden age of being a bloke. No more choosing a letter of the alphabet to define sexuality and I quote the great man;

‘As of today, it will henceforth be the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders – male and female.’

I am choosing to be a bloke and I cannot wait for more bloke stuff once Dutts knocks off Albo.”

Bazza pinched his forehead and raised an eyebrow.

“You don’t get to choose, Mick. The definition will be based on whether people are born to the sex that produces eggs for females or sperm for males, rather than the gender they identify with. Anyone not identifying as a male or female is well... marginalised.”

Mick blinked repeatedly.

“Well...whatever, Bazza. I’m happy being a bloke. I think it all got out of hand with that movie ‘Barbie’, you tricked me into watching a year or two ago. The character Ken did not advance the bloke cause. We will not be seeing the likes of those movies anymore.”

Bazza raised both eyebrows.

“Well you see, Bazza... the Donald has appointed Sylvester Stallone, John Voight and our very own Mel Gibson as special ambassadors to Hollywood. There will not be a ‘Ken’ in sight with the return of the blockbuster action movie with plenty of car chases, shooting and, unlike ‘Barbie’, the lead female will always fall head over heels in love with the lead bloke. I tell you, Bazza... ‘blokeism’ is back big time... and in time, it will be move on ‘Taylor Swift’ and welcome back Guns and Roses’, ‘Black Sabbath’ and ‘AC/DC’. We are entering the golden age of being a bloke.”

Bazza motioned to speak.

“Ahh.... hold on there, Bazza. It gets better. We now have real blokes running the world with Putin running Russia, Xi Jinping in China, Netanyahu in Israel and of course, the Donald in the USA. Once Dutts takes over, I will be a happy camper and relaxed about the future. In fact, I reckon you would have to go all the way back to the 1950’s to be this comfortable being a bloke.”

Bazza finished his schooner and sighed.

“Nah... Mick... more parallels with the 1930’s. That decade started with the Great Depression and this decade began with the COVID-19 pandemic. Some pretty crazy bloke leadership followed the Great Depression beginning with the marginalising of minorities, manipulation of media and now...well.”

Mick tapped his empty schooner glass.

“Don’t be such a pessimist, Bazza...I need to remind you that the Donald was Time Magazine Person of the year for 2024, so have a bit more faith.”

Bazza collected the empty schooner glasses and turned as he made his way to the bar.

“Yeah... about as much faith in Time Magazine Man of the year for 1938.”

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## University of Wollongong (Eurobodalla) Graduations



Students from the University of Wollongong's (UOW) Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven campuses have come together over two weeks at graduation ceremonies to celebrate the completion of their degrees. A total of 90 students will graduate across three campuses, beginning at UOW Eurobodalla on Tuesday 21 January at Bay Pavilions in Batemans Bay, where 22 students will graduate. UOW Bega Valley will follow on Wednesday 22 January at the Bega Civic Centre, with 29 students graduating. Students from UOW Shoalhaven and UOW Southern Highlands will celebrate as one on Thursday 30 January at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, with 39 students graduating from both campuses.

### Lachlan Congram from UOW Eurobodalla recalls his journey as he graduates

Lachlan Congram is celebrating his graduation from the **University of Wollongong's** (UOW) Eurobodalla Campus with a Master of Teaching (Secondary). His journey to this day has been shaped by personal challenges, inspiring mentors, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of young learners. Diagnosed with autism and dyslexia during high school, Lachlan faced unique challenges that shaped his perspective on education and inspired him to pursue teaching.

"In Year 7, being diagnosed gave me clarity about why I was different," Lachlan said.

"But it also brought struggles, particularly in learning. Some of my teachers helped me realise I could succeed even when it felt like I was failing. They didn't see me as a problem but showed me there were solutions."

These early experiences motivated Lachlan to pursue teaching. His decision to study at UOW Eurobodalla was influenced by the support and encouragement he received from the campus staff. Having witnessed the positive impact the Eurobodalla team had on his sister's education, Lachlan was drawn to the inclusive and collaborative environment.

"The staff at Eurobodalla like Jamie, Nicky, Jade, and Saskia were incredible.

"They created a supportive space where I could thrive. Even when I faced moments of doubt, they encouraged me to keep going and reminded me of what I was capable of achieving."

The small campus environment also allowed Lachlan to build strong connections with his peers and faculty. From engaging in group activities to light-hearted moments like a campus-wide game of hiding a rubber duck - a game that is quite popular at UOW Eurobodalla - was both educational and enjoyable for Lachlan.

While completing his studies, Lachlan secured a position as a Learning Support Officer, providing him with hands-on experience in schools. This role eventually led to a teaching opportunity at Batemans Bay High School. With the support of his principal, he received early approval to teach and began taking on classroom responsibilities.



*Lachlan Congram*

Reflecting on his teaching journey, Lachlan acknowledges the challenges he faced, including adapting to new environments and managing self-doubt. A final placement in a rural community tested his ability to integrate and made him question his readiness to teach. However, conversations with colleagues helped him see how far he had come.

"They reminded me of everything I'd achieved. It was a turning point that helped me regain confidence and move forward."

Now, with a year and a half of teaching experience under his belt and continuing his position with Vincentia High School, Lachlan is dedicated to creating the kind of supportive learning environment he benefited from as a student.

"I want to be the teacher who helps students navigate challenges and see their potential."

"I want to build a career where I can inspire and empower future generations, just as my own teachers once did for me."



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**Veronica O'Leary artist's talk at Gallery Bodalla**



Gallery Bodalla's Valerie Faber (left) with Artist Veronica O'Leary (right) with Veronica's painting "A south coast lunch"

A very enjoyable and interesting artist's talk was given by Veronica O'Leary at Gallery Bodalla Sat 18 January. Veronica's exhibition "Simple Pleasures" continues until 9 February. See catalogue and other works at [www.gallerybodalla.com.au](http://www.gallerybodalla.com.au) The next exhibition at Gallery Bodalla titled Aight, features beautiful, atmospheric pastels by Miranda Keeling and charming monoprints by Julie Mia Holmes. Commencing Thursday 13 February the show runs through to Sunday 9 March. Please join Miranda and Julie for drinks and artists talk on Saturday 15 February at 3pm.



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Additionally, we'll explore the provenance of the paintings—their journey through various owners and institutions—from their creation to where they are today.

When: Wednesdays 19 February, 5 & 19 March, 2 April 2025.

Time: 5pm to 6.30pm

Where: Art Central, 24 Church St, Moruya

Cost: \$60 members/concession, \$80 non-members inclusive for 4 sessions (bring along a glass of wine and nibbles)

Tutor: Cath Bowdler

Image: Las Meninas, 1656 Diego Velazquez Oil on canvas 318 x 276 cm Museo del Prado, Madrid

For bookings:

<https://events.humanitix.com/art-history-lecture-series-four-great-paintings-in-four-weeks>

## 2EARFM GIG GUIDE "LOCAL and LIVE"

### Friday 24th Jan

Garry Carson Jones	Top Pub, Pambula (7pm)
Rick Bamford - Suede Cats	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Steve Martin	Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
Chango Tree	Tathra Bowlo (8pm)
	Broulee Brewhouse

### Saturday, 25 Jan:

Tony Jagers	Tilba Valley Winery
Southern Impact	Club Narooma (5.30pm)
Allan Watts	Tomakin Club (7.30pm)
Roddy Reason	Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm)
Drive Time	Eden Club (7.30pm)
Strutt	Merimbula RSL (8pm)
Met Fo ao	Broulee Brewhouse
LP Harmony	Quantum Brewery

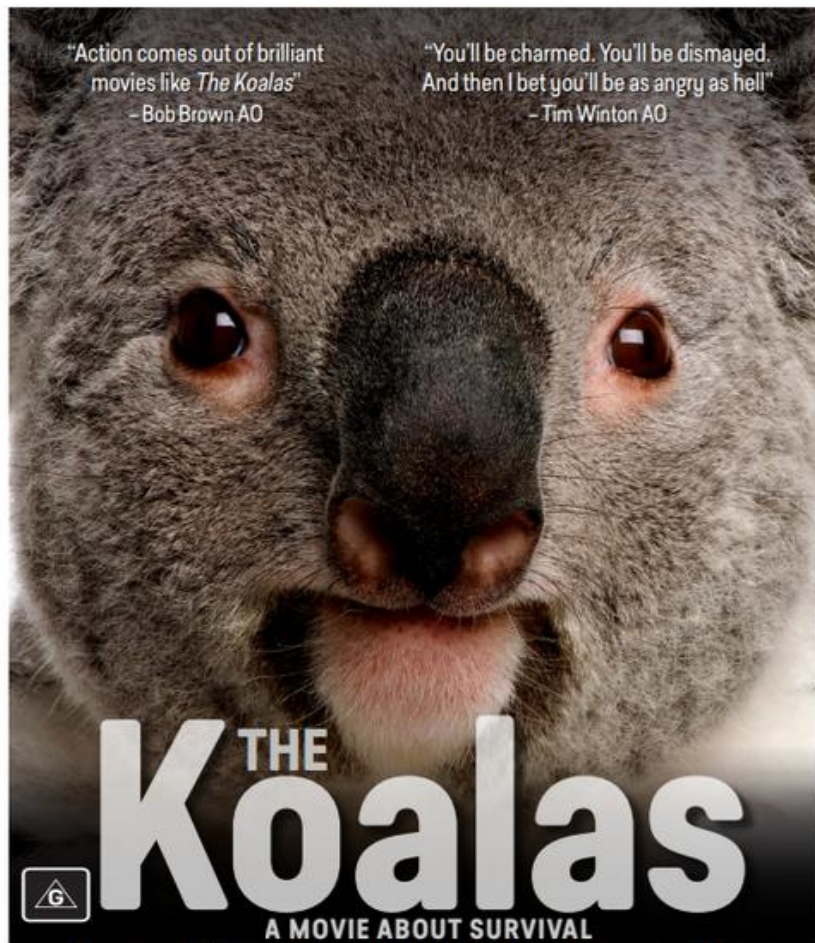
### Sunday, 26 Jan:

Ricky Bloomfield	Tomakin Club (noon)
Flock of Haircuts	Club Narooma (3pm)
Rick Bamford	Club Tuross (3.30pm)
Stan Culic & Driving Sideways	Club Catalina (7.30pm)
Jason Maynard	Tilba Valley Winery
Morris	Broulee Brewhouse
Old Style DJ	Foxdog Distillery

Want to be listed in the Gig Guide?

Email [tj@tonyjagers.com](mailto:tj@tonyjagers.com)

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**Narooma Kinema Thursday 20th February 6.30pm**

**SPECIAL EVENT** -The feature film screening will be followed by a Q&A with the

fimmakers, Gregory Miller, Georgia Wallace-Crabbe and members of the Eurobodalla Koala Project -Charlie Bell, Josh Gowers and Candace Wirth.



**The Koalas** challenges viewers to become aware of wildlife, support wildlife carers and preserve native habitat in their local areas.

It embraces a spirit of hope with insights from those on the frontline of wildlife rescue and ecology.

## 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

**Christmas Hours : 19 Dec to Sun 26 Jan 25**

**Sun to Thu: 12 – 8pm Fri & Sat 12 to Late**

**Only closed Public Holidays & Weds**

[www.artisanfactory.com/Live music](http://www.artisanfactory.com/Live music)

## Coming up in the theatre at the Bay Pavilions

- 7 Feb - Kath and Kim Drag Bingo
- 8 Feb - Pink Floyds wish You Were Here
- 15 Feb - Sons of Sun (Elvis, Jerry Lee Johnny and me)
- 22 Feb - Baby Boomers live Comedy Tribute of Music Legends and more
- 8 March - Get Rhythm 2025 (Johnny Cash and June Carter)
- 22 March - Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)
- 29 March - Diesel Bootleg
- 9 May - Robertson Bros 60's Variety TV Show
- 13 May - Ross Noble
- 23 May - The Roy Orbison Story
- 30 May - The Eagles Story

See more at

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



**Narooma Rotary**  
Australia Day Holiday  
**Duck Race**  
Monday 27 January  
Time from Narooma Bridge TBC

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
Friday 3 January 10-12  
at Narooma Plaza  
(in front of Aldi)



Proceeds to Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Carers' Accommodation and other community projects

**EASTER mini MARKET**  
**STALL HOLDERS WANTED**

BETTER THAN A GARAGE SALE

All Welcome

FREE ENTRY

**TUROSS HEAD BOWLING CLUB**  
**EASTER SUNDAY 9AM-1PM**

Club Tuross Bowling Club are seeking a variety of stalls including gourmet food, fresh produce, handcrafted goods, plants, bric a brac and more.  
Stalls are available at \$20 each - individual stalls are approximately trestle table size. Limited number of stalls available. Book now to secure your space.  
Morning Tea and a Sausage Sizzle will be catered by the Bowling Club.  
The Easter Mini Market will be promoted on the Club Tuross website and Facebook pages plus local retail and media outlets.  
It's a great opportunity to sell your products to visitors and tourists during the Easter holidays. Funds raised support the Tuross Head Bowling Club to attract more visiting bowlers to Tuross.

**TO BOOK A STALL OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT**  
IRENE MACDONALD Phone: 4473 9385 Mobile: 0411 756 534 Email: macs33@bigpond.com  
ROSE FARRINGTON Mobile: 0488 043 994 Email: roscludwig70@gmail.com

**CLUB TUROSS**  
40 Monash Avenue Tuross Head, NSW 2537 Phone (02) 4473 8186  
clubtuross.com.au



## Aboriginal Art workshops

### Salt Dust Connections

Join Bronwen Smith and Gavin Chatfield, co-founders of Gwiyaala Aboriginal Art, for a small group three-hour art workshop. Attendees will focus on painting their story, through which they can feel connected to their own heritage or personal journey while learning about the traditions and techniques of contemporary Aboriginal art. As part of the process the workshops aim to provide an opportunity for attendees to paint about the impact of the 2019 bushfires, with the intent of a creative healing experience.

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.

#### Batemans Bay Library

Monday 3 February, 12pm to 3pm  
Monday 10 February, 12pm to 3pm

#### Moruya Library

Wednesday 5 February, 12pm to 3pm  
Wednesday 12 February, 12pm to 3pm

#### Narooma Library

Tuesday 4 February, 12pm to 3pm  
Tuesday 18 February, 12pm to 3pm

Free event.  
Eventbrite bookings essential.

For more information about this event please contact your local library or visit [www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events)



**Eurobodalla Libraries**

Batemans Bay | Moruya | Narooma

**Have Your Say on the Future of Local Food**

Southlands Fruit & Veg in Moruya is for sale

Could our community come together to purchase this treasured Eurobodalla business, keeping it local and independent while strengthening our region's food security?

**FRESH CO-OPERATIVE**

is seeking your input to guide the next steps. Please complete our quick survey by scanning the QR code or emailing [freshcooperative@gmail.com](mailto:freshcooperative@gmail.com) to participate.




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 Centre Arcade Perry Street  
 Batemans Bay – 2536 –  
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## NOW SHOWING

JANUARY	THU 23	FRI 24	SAT 25	SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29
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<b>CONCLAVE</b> PG 120 MIN	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:50 PM	12:50 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM
<b>DEN OF THIEVES 2: PANTERA</b> M 130 MIN	4:50 PM 7:20 PM	4:50 PM 7:20 PM	4:50 PM 7:20 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	4:50 PM 7:20 PM	4:50 PM 7:20 PM
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<b>MOANA 2</b> PG 100 MIN	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	1:40 PM	1:40 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM
<b>MONSTER SUMMER</b> PG 97 MIN	11:00 AM	12:35 PM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:35 PM	11:00 AM
<b>MUFASA: THE LION KING</b> PG 118 MIN	10:45 AM 3:40 PM	10:45 AM 3:40 PM	10:45 AM 3:40 PM	10:45 AM 3:40 PM	10:45 AM 3:40 PM	10:45 AM 3:40 PM	10:45 AM 3:40 PM
<b>NOSFERATU</b> M 132 MIN	7:30 PM	7:05 PM	7:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	7:05 PM	7:30 PM
<b>PADDINGTON IN PERU</b> PG 106 MIN	10:25 AM 2:50 PM	10:25 AM 2:50 PM	10:25 AM 2:50 PM	10:45 AM 3:10 PM	10:45 AM 3:10 PM	10:25 AM 2:50 PM	10:25 AM 2:50 PM
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**A COMPLETE UNKOWN**  
 M | 2hrs 21min  
 ~ *Biography* ~ *Drama* ~ *Music* ~  
 At the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, a young Bob Dylan shakes up his act on the folk music scene by going electric and siring rock as the voice of a generation.




**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.


**NEXT WEEK**  
**WE LIVE IN TIME**




**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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 Or use our QR code below



**CONCLAVE**  
 PG | 2hrs ~ *Thriller* ~  
 Stanley Tucci, Ralph Fiennes & Isabella Rossellini  
 Conclave is set in the secretive Vatican meeting of Catholic cardinals who gather in Rome to pick a new Pope.



**MORUYA MAIL**  
 "Free local news for Moruya & the Eurobodalla"



ALSO SCREENING - BETTER MAN/ MOANA 2/ WOLF MAN/MONSTER SUMMER/NOSFERATU & WICKED

**COMING SOON - COMPANION/ THE BRUTALIST / BRIDGET JONES & MORE**

Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla



Cleo

Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla would like readers to know about a very special cat who's ready to make someone a lovely pet. Three year old Cleo is a very pretty tabby and white girl. She's gentle, sweet natured, calm and affectionate. Cleo has a misaligned eye, which means one eye is always looking sideways. This is a harmless condition which gives her an interesting look and causes her no problems.

**Cleo** is happy to do her own thing but also loves her humans, making her a wonderful companion for anyone wanting a friendly, no-fuss pet to keep them company.

Also available is **Varg**, a gorgeous-looking grey and white boy, four months of age. Varg thrives on attention and wants to be part of everything that's going on. A large family, or someone wanting an active, playful kitten, would suit Varg perfectly. He's well and truly ready for his forever home.

Cleo and Varg, like all AWL pets, come desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and flea, tick and worm treated. Call us on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting.

The draw date for our fabulous raffle has been extended until 3 May, and tickets are available at most vet surgeries throughout the shire, so grab a ticket and make sure you're in the running for the terrific prizes. We are always in need of foster carers, for cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. It breaks the hearts of our volunteers to have to say no to someone needing to rehome their pet, but without a foster home for that animal, we can't help. There is no cost involved in fostering, no long-term commitment is required, and full support is available. Can you, or a neighbour, relative or friend help us? Please think about it. You can call 0410 016 612 to volunteer or get further information.

Varg



# Raffle



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

A Taste of Tuross - \$250  
Pickled Octopus - \$100

Tuross Head Country Club (9 holes of golf for 2, incl. green fees, cart & club hire) - \$100  
Tuross Head Boatshed - \$50



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Whale Watching and Seal Adventure for 2 - \$190



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Woolworths Gift Card - \$100

**Tickets** - 1 for \$2 ; 3 for \$5 ; 7 for \$10

Drawn at Narooma Oyster Festival - 3 May 2025

Thank you for your support!!



Every Dog, Every Cat  
Deserves a Loving  
Home

## Donate through Return and Earn

Until June 2025, take your eligible bottles and cans to any depositing container in NSW and opt to donate your refund to the AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch

campaign "Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home" via the Return and Earn App on your phone



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



Ann McKenna

## Applications now open for First Nations Heritage Grants

Round 2 of the World and National Heritage Listed Places- First Nations Heritage Values Grants Program is now open.

The First Nations Heritage Grants program aims to:

- support the addition of Indigenous heritage values to existing World and National Heritage-listed properties
- better protect First Nations heritage and improve engagement with First Nations Peoples.

The program provides \$5.5 million over 3 years. Projects must be on-Country where First Nations people manage First Nations cultural heritage values. Management activities include:

- identification
- assessment
- recording
- protection.

Existing World and National Heritage-listed places that have been recognised for their natural, Indigenous or historic heritage values are eligible to apply.

To apply for the First Nations Heritage Grants program, go to [First Nations Heritage Grants Round 2](#).

Applications close on 21 February 2025.

## New bus design rules introduced to prevent future tragedy

A new design rule to improve seatbelt wearing rates in buses and coaches has been introduced by the Albanese Government to help save lives on our roads following consultation with the states, territories and industry.

The changes come in response to the horrific Hunter Valley bus crash in June 2023, which demonstrated the devastating impact fatal road crashes have on families and the wider community and industry calls for improved safety.

These new requirements for buses and coaches under the Australian Design Rules (ADR) will include visual and audio alerts similar to those featured when travelling by air, to encourage usage where 3-point seatbelts are already fitted. It also removes a loop hole that allowed some coaches not to be fitted with seatbelts.

Introduced as ADR 68/01 – Occupant Protection in Buses, these requirements will apply from 1 November 2026 for new models of buses and coaches, and from 1 November 2027 for new existing model buses and coaches.


While current data shows bus and coach travel remains one of the safest forms of transport, their size and passenger capacity can result in a greater number of fatalities and serious injuries in the event of an incident. This new ADR is an outcome of the ongoing commitment to bus safety and co-operation with industry and states and territories by the Albanese Government. These new requirements are set to take the next step toward prompting passengers to protect themselves when travelling by bus and coach.

This new ADR is in addition to other design changes introduced by the Albanese Government, including mandating of lane departure warning systems for heavy vehicles.

### Connecting Communities

dhari-nj bulwal  
'we stand strong'

26th January 2025



### Event Information

#### Timeline

**12:45pm** - Meet north side of Moruya Bridge - Lions Park cnr of Princes Hwy + North Head Drive.


**1:00pm** - March across Moruya Bridge to Russ Martin Park led by Muladha Gamara.

**2:00pm** - Welcome to Country + Smoking Ceremony

**2:30pm - 6:30pm** - Live music, traditional dance, truth telling panel discussion, workshops, live mural, community stalls and traditional foods.

**6:30pm** - Closing Ceremony

yuwinj bagan-dha-nj  
bugiya nhaway ba buraadja



### dhari-nj bulwal 'we stand strong'

26th January 2025

### Program + Set Times

The Rotunda - Russ Martin Park - Brinja-Yuin Country

**2:00pm - 2:20pm**  
Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and Welcome Dance

**2:20pm - 3:00pm**  
Bateman's Bay (Sam Miers) and Madika Penrith

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Truth Telling Panel

**4:00pm - 4:15pm**  
Riley Nolan

**4:15pm - 4:30pm**  
Muladha Gamara - Traditional Dance

**4:30pm - 5:00pm**  
Joint Custody

**5:00pm - 5:15pm**  
Muladha Gamara - Traditional Dance

**5:15pm - 6:00pm**  
Wizz + Val Moogz + Jordan Nye

**6:00pm - 6:30pm**  
Verna Bloom

**6:30pm - 6:45pm**  
Closing Ceremony



Need to get the word out about your business?

**Sponsor a page on the Moruya Mail**

Email for advertising rates [hello@moruyamail.com.au](mailto:hello@moruyamail.com.au)



**BATEMANS BAY  
COFFEE MORNING GROUP**

Would you like to go out to support local hospitality businesses as well as meeting new people? We rotate to different places at 10 a.m. every Monday

Our group is a diverse group of people from all abilities, couples, single, widowed, young people, multicultural backgrounds and LGBTQ

**OUR GROUP IS NOT A DATING GROUP**

RSVP ESSENTIAL BY SENDING SMS TO  
SERT 0479 168 443 OR MARIKA 0497 091 830  
(NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE)

For more information please contact  
Eurobodalla Multicultural Group  
by sending an email to "efscmg@gmail.com"

## CONGO

### FOODIE FESTIVAL 2025

Proudly organised by the  
Congo Community Association  
**CCA**



ELK ESPRESSO VAN * <small>CONGO PLAYGROUND</small>	12 Jan 7:30am-10:30am
CUT AND RUN PIZZA <small>CONGO PLAYGROUND</small>	18 Jan 5-7pm
THE NOURISHED SOVEREIGN COFFEE VAN * <small>CONGO PLAYGROUND</small>	25 Jan 7:30am-10:30am
WHOPPA ICE CREAM <small>CONGO PLAYGROUND</small>	26 Jan 10 am - 12 pm
CCA FUNDRAISER BREKKIE FOOD STALLS <small>HELD ON THE MORNINGS OF THE 2 COFFEE VANS *</small>	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!

## JPs at the Plaza

Need something  
**witnessed** or **signed** by a  
**Justice of the Peace?**

 **We can do it HERE**

- Every Saturday, 9am to 11am •
- Outside Raven Cafe •



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Chamber of Commerce






## Got an event coming up ?

**Let the Moruya Mail know at [hello@moruyamail.com.au](mailto:hello@moruyamail.com.au)**  
Go to [www.moruyamail.com.au](http://www.moruyamail.com.au) to subscribe FREE




**SHASA'S REPAIR CAFE IS REOPENING ITS RED DOOR!**

The Repair Cafe at the Red Door Hall in Moruya will reopen on Friday 31 January.

The hard working volunteers have enjoyed a well earned break and are ready to start repairing again.

The door will be open at 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Gather up what you need repairing and repurposing!

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2025.**

[contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)






## 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](http://www.teensafemoruya.org)  
or email [garys.home@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

**Open 9 to 4 Monday to Friday and 9-12 on Saturdays**

**Address: Unit 4/7 Cranbrook Rd, Batemans Bay NSW 2536**  
[baypoolservices@outlook.com](mailto:baypoolservices@outlook.com)



## 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.

## SOUTHLANDS SURVEY

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/BCEf7f5s3LNgkeBjZ>

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey! Yours in fruitful collaboration,

Contact [freshcooperative@gmail.com](mailto:freshcooperative@gmail.com)

### 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

### Moruya Australia Day FREE sausage sizzle Breakfast

Russ Martin Park 26th Jan. 7am to 10am . all are welcome

Free Lamb Sausage Sandwich and Drink

Free Aussie flags for the kids

Australia Day Awards presented by the Mayor at 7.50am

1. Moruya and District Recognition of Community Spirit and Achievement 2025

2. Moruya and District Young Citizen of the Year 2025

3. Moruya and District Citizen of the year 2025

Bring the family and enjoy the morning at Russ Martin Park

Presented by ESC, Moruya Rotary and Moruya Business Chamber

**WIRES Mid South Coast branch** is hosting a face-to-face training workshop on Saturday March 22nd 2025 in Batemans Bay to onboard new wildlife volunteers.

Enrol today in the WIRES Rescue and Immediate Care Course (RICC) and prepare to immerse yourself in hands-on wildlife rescue training. Don't forget you must complete the online theory component first to secure a place at this workshop.

Enrol now at <https://www.wires.org.au/training/rescue-and-care>.

Any questions? Email [training@wires.org.au](mailto:training@wires.org.au) for further info.

### Save the dates - "Colour of March 2025"

in Batemans Bay. Harmony Day Dinner on Friday 21 March 2025 - more detail to follow. International Women's Day & Seniors Week & Harmony Day street party on Sunday 22 March 2025 at Batemans Bay Heritage Museum.

The Eurobodalla/Shoalhaven Multicultural Group always welcome everyone and every community group to be part of our events.



# LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT

📞 0438 850 345

### Moruya Community Workshed

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week.

For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.

### Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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



### Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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



## Rally for Recovery

Ainslie Parade Tomakin

**Mega Garage Sale**  
Every Wed and Sat  
8.30 - 12.00

Small bric-a-brac to furniture  
Crocery, and glassware  
Tools and electrical equipment  
Books and puzzles  
Manchester and haberdashery  
Toys and baby items  
Paintings and artwork  
Plants and garden tools.  
Beds and bedding  
.....the list is endless.

[rallyforrecovery.au](http://rallyforrecovery.au) 0406 363 166





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- Drink Bottle
- Coffee Mugs
- Wine Cup
- Flask
- Tumblers



- Toddler Drink Bottles
- Lanyards
- Key Rings
- Teddy Bears
- Wine Glasses



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Hoodies

Singlets

Stubby Coolers

Wine Coolers

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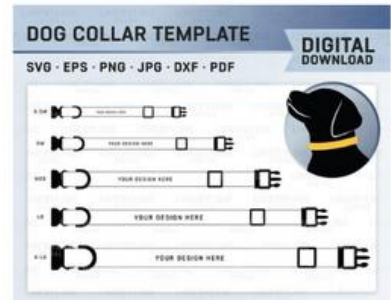
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## New discovery shows oyster blood proteins improve antibiotic effectiveness

While slurping oysters is not likely to replace popping a pill, they could help in the fight against superbugs. A ground breaking find out of **Southern Cross University** has shown oysters might be able to help treat a growing worldwide public health problem: antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

In a study published this week in PLOS ONE, the researchers demonstrate a protein in the blood, or hemolymph, of a Sydney Rock Oyster not only kills bacteria but increases the effectiveness of some conventional antibiotics against a range of clinically important bacteria.

Oysters have long been used in some traditional medicines, including to treat respiratory infection. Further, the molluscs' blood has previously been shown to have anti-viral activity. This new research supports the potential use of natural products from oysters to treat bacterial infections. Importantly, the oyster hemolymph proteins were not toxic to human lung cells, suggesting it should be possible to optimise a safe effective dose.

"Most organisms have natural defence mechanisms to protect themselves against infection. Oysters are constantly filtering bacteria from the water, so they are a good place to look for potential antibiotics."

The study was supervised by Professor Kirsten Benkendorff from the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

"Most organisms have natural defence mechanisms to protect themselves against infection," said Professor Benkendorff, reflecting on the origins of the study.



"Oysters are constantly filtering bacteria from the water, so they are a good place to look for potential antibiotics."

This latest paper builds on a previous study where the research team identified a protein fraction in the hemolymph (blood) of the Sydney Rock Oyster that inhibits *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a bacterium that causes respiratory infections like pneumonia and tonsillitis.

## As blue carbon dynamos, mangroves can elevate soil to adjust to rising sea levels

New research has revealed the unique ecological role of coastal wetlands in the face of rising sea levels, capturing carbon, adjusting their soil elevation and protecting the coastline.

Led by **University of Wollongong (UOW)** PhD candidate Brooke Conroy, the [study](#), published in *Plant and Soil*, measured root growth in mangroves, saltmarsh and adjacent tidal forests over a two-year period at a coastal wetland within Westernport Bay in Victoria, near the southernmost limit of mangroves in the world.

Ms Conroy discovered that coastal wetlands naturally adjust their soil elevation by root growth to protect against rising sea levels, with mature mangroves storing the greatest amount of carbon in their root systems.

"Mangroves, saltmarsh and adjacent tidal forests, which are known as 'blue carbon' ecosystems, have the unique capacity to capture and store carbon within vegetation structures and soils over long time scales," said Ms Conroy, who conducted the research alongside study co-authors Dr Jeff Kelleway and Professor Kerrylee Rogers, both from UOW's School of Science.

"We wanted to understand the capacity of coastal wetland plants to store carbon and build soil elevation through root growth."

"We set up a field-based experiment across a tidal landscape with mangrove, saltmarsh and an adjacent tidal forest. We placed sand-filled mesh cylinders into the ground to a depth of one metre and later collected them after two years.

"The mass and volume of roots that had grown inside the cylinders were measured in a laboratory. Conversion of these estimates to carbon and values of elevation change at the soil surface demonstrate how quickly these plants can replace losses in carbon due to decomposition and increase soil elevation."

Being at the land-sea interface, coastal wetlands are an important line of defence against rising sea levels.



Brook Conroy

The study showed that coastal wetlands can use root growth and external sediment input supplied by tides to build their soil elevations and adjust to rising sea levels. This study also demonstrates root growth can occur rapidly, even where plant growth may be restricted by cooler temperatures. Mangroves and adjacent tidal forests have deeper roots that extend up to a metre below the surface – adding considerable root volume to the soil.

Ms Conroy said the research further underlined the critical ecological role of coastal wetlands, storing carbon and protecting coastlines which are essential to building resilience to climate change.

"As sea level rises and mangroves shift into saltmarshes, root volume will increase, storing more carbon and assisting with soil elevation adjustment," she said.

"Mangrove forests, in particular, build soil elevation, preventing mangroves from drowning in the face of rising sea levels.

"With more than 85 per cent of the Australian population living on the coast, it is vital to protect and improve the condition of coastal wetlands to maintain livelihoods and preserve the ecosystems that we depend on." Saline coastal wetlands support a diversity of plants at the interface between the land and sea. Mangroves are distributed across tropical to subtropical and temperate climates, however, are the most diverse in the tropics and thrive in the intertidal. Saltmarshes and tidal forests grow in the upper coastal intertidal zones and adjacent areas that receive infrequent tidal inundation.

## Boaters urged to put safety first across long weekend

With an influx of boaters expected to take to waterways across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires during the Australia Day long weekend, Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Alex Barrell is urging boaters to put safety first.

“We want boaters to make safety a priority and take extra care with an expected increase in traffic on the state’s waterways. We would like to see people have a great time on the water – but most importantly, return home safely.”

With almost 330 volunteers along the South Coast from Batemans Bay to Eden, the long weekend is traditionally extremely busy for Marine Rescue NSW.

“With large numbers of boaters expected to head out on our waterways – weather permitting – our volunteers are rescue-ready to assist at any time of the day or night,” Commissioner Barrell said.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires (Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula and Eden) completed 11 search and rescue missions over the three-day Australia Day long weekend last year, safely returning 28 people to shore.

“We would like to see those numbers dramatically reduced this long weekend,” the Commissioner said.

“Boaters need to ensure their vessel is in good working order, use clean fuel and carry some in reserve, always wear a lifejacket, have the correct safety equipment, and Log On with Marine Rescue NSW using the free Marine Rescue NSW app or VHF channel 16.

“Logging on provides peace of mind that if you don’t return as planned, our volunteers will start looking for you,” he said.

“It is crucial that boaters and paddlers monitor the weather and avoid going out if conditions are unfavourable. Always check conditions before heading out, and continue to monitor them while on the water. If in doubt, don’t go out,” Commissioner Barrell said.

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 Batemans Bay reports:** Congratulations to Brian Marriott, who recently completed his Coxswain Course and Assessment at Marine Rescue Batemans Bay. This course equips our members with key skills for navigating and operating our rescue vessels. It covers navigation, safety, vessel handling, and more, setting our Coxswains on a successful maritime journey and saving lives on the water.

Brian was presented with his certificate by his Crew Manager, Murray McCracken (Master).

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

### Moruya River.

Surprisingly after sooo much rain last week, the river is already starting to show signs of clearing up. By no means is it back to the warm, clear pristine waters we had a week and a half ago, but the brown dirty water has subsided a lot.

The incoming tide, with a preference to the top half of the incoming tide, has been producing more fish as they take advantage of the warmer cleaner waters pushing back into the system.

The lower reaches of the river, with the spur wall, the airport flats, Preddy's wharf and the back of the hole in the wall, have all been the better areas to look for fish.

There have been some nice flathead around these areas, along with some bream, Luderick and Trevally starting to hang around again. If you are lucky, you might find the odd whiting lurking on the flats at the top of the tide also. The top part of the river above the town bridge, will take a bit longer as the amount of fresh still coming down out of the mountains is making it hard for the salt water to push too far up the system at present.

Up in the fresh for the bass fishos, please be aware, that Araluen road is again blocked approximately 7kms out of town due to another land slide. Access above this blockage can be made by going in through Larry's Mtn Rd if you wish to fish or camp along the Duea river this weekend.

### Tuross River.

Tuross is seeing the same cycle as Moruya, with the lower sections fishing better on an incoming tide this week. Flathead, bream and the odd whiting have all been taken down low in the system on a rising to near full tide. Much the same as Moruya, it will take a week or two for the fresh coming out of the mountains to ease up, and the salt to start to make its way into the s of the river. But signs are already starting to look up, as the systems starts to normalise.

The boss has reported that prawning in Coila is a little difficult at the moment, as the water clarity is still not the best after last weeks rains. The prawns he did manage to find last night were of a good size however, just that seeing them was the major hurdle.

### Rock and beach.

The beaches continue to be the best place to try and find a fish this past week. With salmon still on the run, with fish averaging 60+cm at the moment. Robin Parish managed a nice legal Mulloway off of the Moruya breakwall earlier in the week, with the fish hitting 71cm along with a nice 62cm salmon later that day. There are also some dusky flathead along the gutters close to the river mouths as they were displaced after last weeks rains. They will make their way back into the estuary's as the rivers clean up. Bream and whiting will also be an option in the close gutters on worms, pipis or nippers.

### Offshore.

The game crews have been having a grand time with plenty of marlin caught this past week. I have heard reports of one crew managing to tag 14 of 15 fish, and running out of both tag flags and room on their out riggers to fly them. The water temps are up and the fish are around, for this that are setup to chase some billfish this weekend.

Snapper have been holding deep at the moment, with 50-60m of water seeming to be their preferred range. The flathead are in much closer however, with the 20-30m mark around reef edges seeming to be one of the sweet spots. We are well stocked with baits for these situations, so come in and stock up for the long weekend.

I have another delivery from Kings 4WD arriving today, so stock will available tomorrow morning as we unload it. The bait freezer is well stocked for the long weekend, there are however a few holes on the wall for soft plastics and Jigheads at the moment.

Have a great long weekend, Happy Australia Day to you all and we hope to see you at some stage this weekend. On a personal note, I really enjoy meeting you all, and hearing that you enjoy and appreciate the weekly reports I put up for you all. Thanks for taking the time to read what I put out there.

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

**Team Tackle World Moruya.**

## Volunteers Needed

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## Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner Ian Lawson with committee member John Eglitis



Winner: Terry Lunn



Winner: Mark Haberkorn with President Bruce Harding

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 18th January 2025

A field of 54 players, including a number of visitors, registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was changeable with drizzling rain, but some fabulous results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Ian Lawson (19) with 39 points
- 2nd: Stephen Swanbury (16) with 36 points (countback)
- 3rd: Colin Houghton (3) with 36 points
- 4th: Peter Coffey (25) with 35 points
- 5th: Greg Smith (26) with 34 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 1.43 A Grade
- 4th: Michael Coloe 0.89 B Grade
- 4th: Herb Muriwai 5.48 C Grade
- 6th: Paul Fergusson 1.82 A Grade
- 6th: Ian Lawson 2.04 B Grade
- 6th: Paul Medwin 5.18 C Grade
- 7th: Ken Hush 5.13 A Grade

Balls went to: Michael Walsh 34, Mark Schenk 34, Simon French 33, Graeme Sindel 33, Matthew Kennedy 33, William Steenbergen 33, Bruce Handley 33, Brad Doolan 32, John Eglitis 32, Paul Ferguson 32, Ian McManus 32, Martin Booth 32, Paul Medwin 31, Derek Hoare 31 and Anthony Mellick 31.

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 22nd January 2025

A field of 44 players registered for a Single Stableford event today, including a visitor and a new player. The day was overcast then sunny and warm with some great results.

The winners were:

- 1st: Terry Lunn 21
- 2nd: Blaise Madden 19 (countback)
- 3rd: Dorothy Madden 19
- 4th: Len Rogers 18
- 5th: Peter McRae 17 (countback)
- 6th: Mike Birks 17
- 7th: Rob McKirdy 17
- 8th: Margaret Downey 16
- 9th: Herb Muriwai 16
- 10th: Graham Moore 14
- 11th: Ian Manton 14
- 12th: Des Jackson 14

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Rick Brake (2nd Shot) In the Hole!
- 6th: Bruce Martin (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Margaret Downey (2nd shot)
- Mens: Steve Swanbury (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Greg Bush (5th hole)  
Bradman's: Mark Carter

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 23rd January 2025

A field of 48 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was drizzly and overcast but there were some excellent scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Mark Haberkorn (15) with 37 points
- 2nd: Graeme Sindel (28) with 36 points (countback)
- 3rd: Peter Coffey (25) with 36 points (countback)
- 4th: Anthony Mellick (29) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: Ian Kingston (23) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ray Bollard 1.76 A Grade
- 4th: Mark Haberkorn 3.48 B Grade
- 4th: Peter Coffey 6.27 C Grade
- 6th: Ian McManus 0.96 A Grade
- 6th: James Paton 7.62 B Grade
- 6th: Graeme Sindel 6.03 C Grade
- 7th: John Eglitis 0.71 A Grade
- 7th: Kerrie Sands 0.75 B Grade

Balls went to: Colin Houghton 36, Michael Walsh 36, Rob Green 35, Jesse French 35, Michael Coloe 35, Steve Johnston 34, Stephen Gardner 33, James Paton 33, Shane Gschwend 33, Stephen Swanbury 33, Terry Milliken 32, Leonie Doolan 32, Lars Gaupset 32, Greg Maloney 32 and Kevin Reilly 32.

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# Driving Change

## Injured Riders Update Beany Panya & Blake Spriggs

### Racing NSW

Jockeys Beany Panya and Blake Spriggs were dislodged from their mounts when they fell rounding the home turn in Race 6 at Moruya on Friday (17th January).

[Update at 9:45m on Thursday 23rd January]: Beany Panya is experiencing ongoing disorientation due to her head injury, however, she remains in a stable condition.

Blake Spriggs is still in ICU and intubated due to his ongoing blood infection. He will stay in ICU until his issues are under control.

[Update at 3pm on Wednesday]: Scans have shown that Beany Panya has no clavicle fracture.

[Update at 11:15am on Wednesday]: Beany Panya is awaiting a CT scan of her clavicle to determine if she has also sustained a shoulder injury. Blake Spriggs is still intubated at this stage and is stable in ICU.

[Update at 10:35am on Tuesday 21st January]: Beany Panya's post spine fixation has been stable. She is experiencing some ongoing back pain however the neurosurgery team are happy with her progress. Blake Spriggs has been settled overnight. He is still intubated in ICU however hoping to extubate today with pain management. His surgery went well with his clavicle and forearm yesterday.

[Update at 9:18am on Monday 20th January]: Beany has remained stable overnight following her spinal surgery yesterday. Blake remained stable overnight and will undergo a CT scan today to help assess his chest injuries.

[Update at 9pm on Sunday 19th January]: Beany underwent surgical fixation of her spine today and the surgery went well. Blake has continued to remain in stable condition.

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

Great to be on the Green after all the rain we have had during last week.

Vice-president Terry Montgomerie took over proceedings, reminding us that next Sunday is Boothy's Memorial Day which will start at 8.30am. The "John Booth Memorial Trophy" is awarded to the winner of Corner to Corner bowls competition, proceeds of this event will be donated to Charity.

Winners on Highest Winning Margin +29 Peter Crowe and Milka Starkovski. (photo) Runners-up +11, Allen Chant & Dick Morley. Other winning teams, Laurie Masterson & Alma Scott. Ute Krook & Smiley McGregor. Michael Voce & Margaret Carney with Beth Wittington. Max Gurtner, Bob Starkovski & Jennie Hogan with some close scores. Lucky number winners, 29 Ute Krook, 21 Tony Dobson



## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report

Welcome to Bowls Organiser Ian Whybrow who introduced himself to the 38 ladies present on a beautiful bowling day. Winners Rink 1, Sue Palmer, Gai Gibson and Jan Shalders. (Photo).

Runners-up Rink 3, Janet McKay, Marlou Rollinson and Sue Morgan. Lucky Losers Rink 2, Julie Knorpp, Fran Lucas and Anna Stewart. Lucky number winners, Carmel Price and Lorraine Humphries.

Money Club, 31 Sonia Frey, 48 Sue Beavan. Best Wishes to Birthday girl, Gloria Harper.

Don't forget annual "Ashes" this Sunday, Australia Day, 10am, \$10, Single entry.





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## 25th & 26th of January 2025

**MORUYA SHOWGROUND GATES OPEN 9AM**

### GATE FEES

#### 1 DAY TICKET

ADULT (16yrs & over) \$12  
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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



## PROGRAM

MORUYA SHOWGROUND

### Saturday 25th January 2024

9:00 - Show Opens

All Day Events - Animal Nursery, Sheep Shearing, 'Guess The Weight', Chicken Display (photo with a chicken, washing demonstration) & Showjumping

10-2 - Pony Club Pony Rides

10:00 - Baby Competition and Australian Breastfeeding Association Display

10:30 - Junior Showgirl Competition (Tiny Tots to Teenage)

11:00 - Outback Jack's Stockman Show

11:30 - Belly Dancers  
- Sausage Judging

12:00 - Official Opening

12:30-2:30 - Music (Mick McGrath)

1:00 to 3:00 - Novelty Events (Gumboot throwing, wheel barrow racing, sack race, horizontal bungee, pie eating)

2:00 - Stepz Dance Academy

2:00 - Oyster Judging

2:00 - Outback Jack's Stockman Show

2:30 - Pet Show

3:00 - Graham Brown - Dog 'Catch' Competition

3:30 - Graham Brown - Dog High Jump

4:00 - Six Bar Show Jumping

4:00 - Wife Carrying

4:30 - Mystery Race

5:00 - Outback Jack's Stockman Show

6:00 - Rodeo

7:00 to 10:00pm - 'Poddy Dodgers' Live Music



## 2025

## PROGRAM

**Friday**

**MORUYA SHOWGROUND**

All day - Hacks & ASH

**Both days (Saturday & Sunday)**



**2025 Show Theme**  
**'Bee Active in the Eurobodalla'**

9:00am - Show Opens  
Trade & Food Stalls  
Show-bags  
Side Shows  
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Children (15yrs & under) \$10.00  
Preschoolers FREE  
Family Ticket \$55.00



Fizzics Science Show (next to kids zone)  
Science of Toys - 9.00, 11.30, 1.30, 3.00  
Liquid Nitrogen Show - 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

### Kid's Zone

\$5 entry - Free access all day to - Fairy La La, Kid's Games, 2 x Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Prize Wheel and more!



## PROGRAM

MORUYA SHOWGROUND

### Sunday 26th January 2025

9:00 - Show Opens

All Day Events - Show Jumping, Poultry Show

8:00 to 10:00 - Horse Sporting Events

9:00 - Cattle Judging

10:00 - Ute Competition

10:30 - Outback Jack's Stockman Show

11:30 - Horse Fancy Dress

- Stepz Dance Academy

12:00 - Grand Parade

12:00 to 2:00 - Music (Piper Allen)

12:30 - Outback Jack's Stockman Show

1:00 to 3:00 - Novelty Events (Donut eating competition, tug of war, gumboot throwing and egg & spoon race)

2:00 - Outback Jacks Stockman Show

2:30 - Gerry Bussa Memorial Motorbike Obstacle Course



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