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Moruya Mail Letters to the Editor

2025 Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to **Mr Colin Patrick Butt** of Moruya Heads who was Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division for service to the community of the Eurobodalla Shire. Community.

• Coordinator, Fundraising and Awareness, Moruya Chapter, Snowy Hydro South Care Rescue Helicopter, three years.

 Volunteer Clown, Batemans Bay McDonalds, current.
Volunteer, Archies lunches for the elderly, current.

• Former Coordinator, Fundraising and Awareness, Careflight Rescue Helicopter and Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

• Former Volunteer Driver, Community Care and Euro Shire Transport, Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Advocate and Campaigner, construction of local roundabout.

• Co-Founder, Rural Drought Relief for Women and Children, 1994-1995.

• Former Organiser, Emergency and Community Services Field Day, Moruya

Ms Nikki Louise Ayers, originally from Narooma was also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division, for service to sport as a gold medallist at the Paris Paralympic Games 2024. Australian Paralympic Team • Gold Medallist, PR3 Mixed Double Sculls, Para Rowing, Paris 2024. World Rowing Championships • Gold Medallist, PR3 Mixed Double Sculls, Belgrade, Serbia 2023.



Nikki Ayers and rowing partner Jed Altschwager. Photo Instagram

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Communities benefit from over \$16 Million in Road Safety Funding The Bega Electorate will benefit from

The Bega Electorate will benefit from more than \$16 million in new funding to improve road safety.

- Projects to receive funding include:
- Intersection safety improvements on Princes Highway at Acacia Ponds Village Pambula - \$2,145,896 (work commenced this week)
- Safety improvements on Snowy Mountains Highway from Monaro Highway to Princes Highway -\$7,003,962
- Installation of traffic signals at Princes Highway and Annett Street, Mogo -\$2,228,412
- Town entry upgrades and pedestrian safety improvements on Princes Highway at Mogo \$884,562
- Intersection improvements at Princes Highway and Field Street, Narooma -\$3,561,225
- Installation of shared path on Sunpatch Parade at Tomakin -\$124,000
- Installation of footpath on Edward Road at Batehaven - \$184,000
- Installation of lighting at pedestrian crossings in Church Street at Moruya - \$68,000
- Installation of lighting at pedestrian crossings in Queen Street at Moruya -\$80,000

Through the Road Safety Program, the Australian and NSW governments are contributing \$518.3 million for road safety treatments across the NSW road network. I am grateful for the investment being made in our community, across the electorate of Bega.

Our objective is clear: every individual on our roads should return home safely to their loved ones.

This investment is a crucial step toward making that goal a reality.

This investment will ensure safer roads for our local communities and support the long-term goal of reducing deaths on NSW roads.



Kathryn Maxwell 0467558645



All are welcome to come and watch the draw No entrance fee Lucky Door Prizes

To assist with numbers if you wish to join the fun please advise by emailing info@caerh.org before 24 February 2025

CAERH members thank all ticket holders for supporting the provision of family/carer accommodation on the site of Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Inc.

Moruya's Australia Day local events



Cr Ron Pollock, John Gillet, Mayor Hatcher, Gwennette Dunkley, Jenney Jeffery, Aimee Mehl and Bunja Smith. Australia in Moruya started with a BBQ in Russ Martin Park organised by Moruya Lions and Moruya Rotary, with a welcome to country by Bunja Smith, flag raising, award announcements and tasty lamb sausages. Congratulations to the Moruya District Citizens of the Year Citizen of the year - Gwennett Dunkley, Young Citizen of the Year - Aimee Mehl, Community Hero - Jenny Jeffery. The announcements were followed by an address by John Gillet.



Bridge Walk with Connecting Communities

Later in the day around 250 people gathered to walk across the Moruya Bridge in a show of solidarity and unity, acknowledging the shared struggles of First Peoples locally and around the globe.

The event was called "dhari - ng bulwal" which means Together We Stand Strong in the local indigenous dhurga language.

The gathering was held on Walbunja and Brinja-Yuin Country and was a celebration of indigenous culture, acknowledging the effects of colonialization on First Nations people.

The 26th January can be a difficult day for many Australians. The Connecting Communities group wanted to bring people together, working towards acknowledgement, healing and moving forward together. The family friendly day was inclusive for all ages and walks of life, with song, dance and storytelling.

Trish Ellis leads the Bridge Walk. Photo: Gillian Tedder

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Moruya Mail South Moruya roundabout gets \$4 million federal funding



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has secured \$4 million for a new roundabout to provide access to the Moruya Housing Infrastructure Project, Moruya Tafe and the planned Eurobodalla Emergency Services Precinct. Images: ESC

Road funding continues to flow from the Federal Government to local councils, with a \$4 million roundabout to be constructed on the Princes Highway south of Moruya. Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has secured funding for Eurobodalla Shire Council through the Commonwealth Housing Support Program – Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream which will enable construction of a four-legged roundabout.

"I'm really pleased to be injecting more funding to improve roads and liveability in the Eurobodalla region," she said.

"This is important infrastructure that will provide safe access to the Moruya TAFE campus, the new Eurobodalla Emergency Services Precinct, and future housing developments in South Moruya." Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said the Moruya Housing Infrastructure project had been underway since April 2023, with council having received \$11.5 million from the NSW Government for the construction of critical infrastructure to support the development of about 1,000 homes in Moruya.

"I warmly welcome this significant investment from the Commonwealth Government for the Moruya Housing Infrastructure Project," he said.

"Council has been working with all levels of government for many years, pushing for solutions to the housing challenges in our region.

"Moruya is in a great position to support a mix of housing options for our growing and ageing community, with great amenities, easy access to services, and well-connected infrastructure.





"The Moruya TAFE roundabout will make sure traffic flows smoothly and improves safety on the Princes Highway."

The Australian Government's \$1.5 billion Housing Support Program (HSP) is one of a range of measures designed to help achieve the National Housing Accord's target of building 1.2 million new, well-located homes over the next five years.

\$500 million funding for state, territory and local governments will support the delivery of increased housing supply by funding projects that seek to deliver enabling infrastructure and provide amenities to support new housing development or improve building planning capability.



Moruya Mail Gardening gold for residents at Denhams Beach Care Community



L-R: Residents Greg (Chair of the Denhams Beach Care Community Garden Committee), Valma, Lenny and Wellbeing Manager Raquel brought their best produce to the Eurobodalla Agricultural Show.

Residents at Denhams Beach Care Community wowed locals and visitors alike, taking out two first prize ribbons and one runner-up place for their bountiful produce at the Eurobodalla Agricultural Show last weekend.

The judges were impressed with Denhams Beach Care Community's plump tomatoes and long green chillis, which won the 'Any tomato: miniature' and 'Six hot chilli peppers with stems' category. Their silver beet took second place in the 'Six stalks of silver beet' category

Residents Valma, Lenny and Greg were thrilled to join Raquel and Michelle from the Denhams Beach wellbeing team, to present their produce for judging. Their success is a true labour of love, inspired by members of the resident-led Gardening Committee.

Started by Reg, chaired by fellow resident, Greg, and supported by keen gardeners like Valma, Kath and Lenny, the Committee proudly grows and reaps delicious harvests from raised garden beds, mobile Vegepod gardens and large pots of herbs.

"Winning these prizes at the Show means so much to us," said Greg.

"It takes a team of people and we're fortunate to have a great Gardening Committee with people who take pride in getting things done.

"We have green thumbs who provide the know-how of where and what to plant, and deft hands that do the watering, weeding, pruning and many other jobs required. This means a lot to all of us and has given us the urge to do even better next year."



L-R: Kath, Lifestyle Coordinator Michelle, Valma, Lenny, Reg, Wellbeing Manager Raquel and Greg, Chair of the Garden Committee with their lettuce, silver beet and beetroot.

As well as their award-winning tomatoes, green chillies and silver beet, residents and team, including Raquel and Michelle, maintenance officer Danny and chef Kelly, grow an array of seasonal produce including cucumbers, eggplant, rhubarb, mini capsicums, beetroot, radish, beans, broad beans, snow peas, lettuce, and herbs.

"Entering our vegetables in the Show has been a fun time for us," said Valma.

"To be able to deliver the produce, set up our display and actually win awards was surprising and very exciting. And being part of the wider community is so beneficial to our wellbeing. For many residents, growing fresh, nutritious fruit and vegetables is part of their DNA, and continuing their passion at Denhams Beach Care Community is motivating and fulfilling. "I love the fact we can do this for Denhams Beach Care

Community," said Reg.

"It's wonderful that we can get together with fellow residents and enjoy what we used to do when we lived in our own home. I love working in the gardens, it brings me joy!"

There's no end to growing season at Denhams Beach Care Community, with lemon, mandarin, apple and blood orange trees set to bear fruit in the coming months. And visitors to the Show can look forward to a repeat performance next year. As resident Kath said, "We're all fired up to do even better next year!" If you're wondering how residents celebrated their success at the Show, the silver beet made its way into a delicious frittata, while the green chillies and tomato added zest to a summer salad!





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Greens announce plan for Great Southern Forest National Park



At the policy announcement yesterday, Greens Candidate for Eden Monaro Emma Goward, Sen. Mehreen Faruqi, Sen. Nick McKim, Greens Candidate for Gilmore Debbie Killian and Sue Higginson MLC.

A plan to end native forest logging in NSW and create the Great Southern Forest National Park was announced by the Greens at the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens this morning, an area that suffered immense devastation during the 2019– 2020 Black Summer bushfires and continues to remain in the grip of an ecological crisis, with logging continuing to destroy critical habitats, including those of the endangered greater glider

Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Nick McKim, Greens spokesperson for Forests, and Sue Higginson MLC, NSW Greens spokesperson for the Environment, were in Batemans Bay today for the announcement.

The Greens statement said "Momentum is gathering for an end to native forest logging. A 2024 survey showed that 70% of people in NSW support an end to native forest logging on public land, with 69% in support nationally. Ending native forest logging in NSW is no longer a question of if, but when."

"Under the Greens' plan, the NSW Government will be able to access \$140.4 million of Commonwealth funding per year, for 20 years, contingent on an end to all native forest logging in the state. This funding will go directly towards ecological restoration and ensuring a just transition for communities and workers. The Greens will pay for this plan by making the big corporations pay their fair share of tax." The Greens will advocate for this funding to contribute to establishing the Great Southern National Park, which will ensure the protection and enjoyment of our forests by all for generations to come. Under this proposal, there is the potential for over 400,000 hectares of state forest to be added to the reserve system once native forest logging ends. Additionally, funding could go towards rehabilitating and restoring our forests, creating sustainable communities and jobs, working with Traditional Owners, supporting sustainable plantations, and increasing disaster resilience and management capability, including remote area firefighting

The proposal for a Great Southern Forest National Park is one that has been coordinated by local community groups and environmental NGOs over a number of years, including the Great Southern Forest NSW organisation and the National Parks Association of NSW. The fires burned over 1.1 million hectares in the region, with 61% of the affected area experiencing high or very high severity burns devastating local communities, wildlife, and ecosystems. Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens said "Ending native forest logging once and for all and restoring them is necessary for our environment, climate and community. Logging native forests is not just unsustainable, it's untenable. "The NSW South Coast forests and communities have been through

devastating bushfires and logging continues to destroy the habitat of endangered species like the greater glider. Creating the Great Southern Forest National Park will ensure the protection and restoration of our precious forests and the wildlife within for generations to come. If we don't step up for nature now - the ancient living breathing forests will become graveyards.

"By not ending native forest logging the Federal and NSW Labor governments have failed our environment, climate and communities, all to serve corporate interests over people and the planet. "Our magnificent forests should be a sanctuary for wildlife like the Greater Gliders, not a sacrifice to industry. Yet, Federal and State Governments have sanctioned native forest logging and stood by and watched the trees fall. It is time for the government to stop siding with industry and start protecting our forests, climate, water, and our future."

Senator Nick McKim, Australian Greens Spokesperson for Forests said "Our beautiful native forests are worth more standing. They are rich in carbon and biodiversity, and critical in the fight for a safe climate and healthy ecosystems. Ending native forest logging is a huge opportunity for the people of NSW, particularly regional communities.

"We can protect nature, take climate action, and create thousands of new, well paid, skilled jobs in firefighting, rewinding and environmental restoration and management."

Sue Higginson MLC, NSW Greens Spokesperson for the Environment added "It's past time that native forest logging ended in NSW. It is driving the extinction and climate crises, and our precious forests need to be protected and regenerated. Stitching together the unfinished Great Southern Forests is just part of the fantastic project that is protecting and regenerating all native forests in NSW and the Greens are putting our plan to fund it on the table. "If the NSW Minns Labor Government wants to recover any of their credibility on the environment and forests, then they should grab this opportunity with both hands."

Tickets drop Wednesday for the 18th Narooma Oyster Festival



Narooma Oyster Festival_Rock Oyster Lounge. Credit Narooma Rocks_David Rogers Photography Tickets are on sale from 10am Wednesday, February 5, as the Narooma Oyster Festival prepares for its 18th event on May 2 to 4. A community run not-for-profit festival, it has grown to be the biggest food and drink event in southern New South Wales, and is hailed as Australia's iconic oyster 'shellabration'.

Set on the shores of Narooma's Wagonga Inlet at Quota Park, it's a celebration of our world-class rock oysters and the folks who grow them. It's a weekend where locals can come together to celebrate and share what makes this place so special.

For 2025, ticketing includes General Admission and a range of elevated experiences. New additions include champagne, gin and beer masterclasses and Narooma's Biggest Breakfast (free entry) complimenting festival favourites like Champagne Oyster Cruises, Ultimate Oyster Experiences and exclusive dining on Friday and Saturday. Saturday's coaches extend south to Merimbula and Bega, in addition to those that travel from Batemans Bay and Bermagui. Rock Oyster Week will lead into the festival with culinary, cultural and nature experiences in estuaries and eateries from Shoalhaven to Pambula Lake - so keep an eye out for that program in March. The Australian Oyster Shucking Championships will see the fastest hands in the country battle it out for a spot in the World Oyster Opening Championships in September. Last year's field was the biggest yet, with Batemans Bay's Gerard Dennis, a Gamiliaroi and Walbunja lad, winning overall champion with 30 oysters shucked in 2:49 minutes. Women's champion, and fourth place overall, was won by Sue McIntyre (Broadwater Oysters) with a time of 3:20 minutes.

You may recall Australia's Biggest Oyster winner, 'Jill' grown by Bernie Connell at Batemans Bay, broke a world record at 3.1kg! Word around the sheds is that there's a new contender in our midst, but there's still two months of growing time left. For those who love their bivalves, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy them - natural, dressed, hot, cold and paired with champagne, wine, gin and beer. Whether you're a purist or up for something new, you'll find it at Oyster Farmers Alley, the Narooma Rocks Oyster Bar, producers stalls and the Yuin Cultural Markets and Bushtucker - and that's just with a General Admission ticket. The Betta Home Living Cooking Demonstrations will once again bring together some of the best in the business, including Narooma's own Al Newbold, alongside Frank Camorra (MoVida Melbourne, New Zealand and Singapore), Tasmania's Analiese Gregory (SBS A Girl's Guide to Hunting, Fishing and Cooking Wild), New Zealand's Al Brown (Depot Eatery, Federal Delicatesson, Best Ugly Bagels).



Narooma Oyster Festival 2024_Australian Oyster Shucking Comp Winners Sue McIntyre (Broadwater Oysters) and Gerard Doody Dennis_Credit_Narooma Rocks_David Rogers Photography



Narooma Oyster Festival_Oyster Farmers Alley_Oysters Unplugged_Credit Narooma Rocks_David Rogers Photography

Host Courtney Roulston (Farm to Fork) will return for her fourth year. Entry is included with Saturday General Admission Tickets.

Beyond the food, the festival foreshore will come alive with local arts, live music, roving performers and a hand-picked selection of winemakers, brewers and distillers. Whether you're sipping a local beer, enjoying a glass of South Coast wine, or indulging in a perfectly mixed cocktail, it's a celebration of place.

On Sunday, Narooma's Biggest Breakfast is supported by Narooma Chamber of Commerce with a bunch of community volunteer groups coming together to fire up the barbecues. It's a family friendly event with free entry.

So whether you're coming for the oysters, the entertainment, or just the chance to catch up with mates – it's a celebration of the South Coast lifestyle, one of the best in the world.



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Eurobodalla Regional Hospital milestone as first concrete pour complete and highway roundabout works to begin



Project Engineer Tim Gorham, Dr Michael Holland and Site Engineer Karla Terry at the ERH site this week.

Construction of the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is on track, with the first concrete pour complete and work to build a new roundabout on the Princes Highway set to start in the coming months.

Fittingly, Member for Bega and former obstetrician Dr Michale Holland was on site to see the new concrete slab that forms part of the lower ground floor of the north-western corner of the hospital. This section will include the first paediatric department in the region and a contemporary maternity unit, supporting high-quality, patient-centred care.

The new maternity department has been designed with extensive input from staff and the community, and will offer a calming, modern and culturally safe environment for women and families.

The new paediatric department will complement other new services such as an intensive care unit and an MRI, enabling the hospital to provide comprehensive care for newborns, infants, and children.

To support future access to the new hospital's site entrance, work to deliver a new roundabout on the Princes Highway will shortly begin, with construction expected to start in the coming months.

Project engineer Karla Terry said over 428 tons of Rio had been used in the construction.



Concrete slab for the first paediatric department in the region.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "It's very exciting to see the significant progress being made on the \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project, which will soon provide more health services and more specialist care for our community.

"I'm pleased to see the new paediatrics and maternity units taking shape, which will support elevated healthcare for families in the Eurobodalla, enabling and offering an enhanced level of service and care to our community."

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said "The NSW Government is investing in the future of our local communities by delivering this critical health infrastructure project which will support the healthcare needs of the entire Eurobodalla Shire from Narooma to Batemans Bay.

"The \$330 million new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be larger than both Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals combined and has been designed with the capacity to grow as demand for health services changes.

"This exciting milestone is another step towards delivering a world-class hospital for the Eurobodalla community." To ensure the safety of workers and motorists, temporary traffic conditions will be in place during this period, with work expected to be completed late 2025.

Staff and the community are encouraged to stay up to date with the latest project news and information by visiting the project website: <u>https://www.eurobodallahs.health.nsw.gov.au/</u>



Moruya Mail Page 9 31st January 2025 Narooma Rotary Duck Race winner raced to front





Happy kayakers help pick up the ducks. Shown are Rotarian Lynn Hastings, left, Rotary Exchange student Hilma Koskiniemi, Helen Brush, Rachel McInnes, Jo Junor and Ayla Junor.

After a flying start off Narooma Bridge, all 1,000 entrants in this year's Great Australia Day (Holiday) Narooma Rotary Duck Race on Monday seemed to slow down and drift toward the boardwalk and Mill Bay.

Fortunately, once in the current, they then raced towards the finishing line with only a few disqualifications of those that ventured out-of-bounds.

Duck 88 shot ahead to be the clear winner, purchased by Julie Penglase of Bermagui who won \$1,000. Last Duck over the line was 993, held by Dalmeny local Peter Pickett who won \$100. "Our Duck Race this year went off without a hitch, thanks to everyone's efforts," said Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley. She thanked those who bought tickets, those who sold tickets, those who helped on the bridge, those who helped retrieve the ducks including Marine Rescue and Narooma Surf Club members, and all those who came along to watch.

"We love how much our community has embraced this event attracting hundreds of people each year," she said.

"A big thank you too to all those Rotarians who continue to make this day such a success each year."

Proceeds will go towards Carers' Accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and other local projects.



And they're racing! The start of the 2025 Narooma Rotary Duck Race. Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley holds the winning Duck 88, left, and the last one across the line Duck 993.

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31 January 1925

With the gathering together of so many Scotsmen at the sports on the Park on Monday, we expected to hear the skirl of the pipes. Amongst the death notices in a recent issue of the "Sydney Morning Herald" was that of **Mrs. J. Strahan** who died suddenly on the 16th inst. in the Manilla District Hospital. After the death of her husband, Mr. John Strahan, the well-known orchardist of Mynora, Mrs. Strahan opened the Shamrock Tea Rooms in Vulcan St., which she successfully conducted for some time. Disposing of her Mynora property she then went to Sydney and later on to the North Coast. ...

A quiet wedding was celebrated on 27th ult. in All Saints Church, Bodalla, by Rev. Payne Lewis, the contracting parties being Martha Frederica, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berriman, of "Brighton," Bodalla, and John Henry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Couch, of Rose Bay, Sydney. ... The reception was held in Turlinjah Hall where about 30 guests were received by the bride's mother. Later the happy couple left by car to spend their honeymoon in Narooma and South Coast towns.

Through the intervention of that live institution the **Mogo Progress Association**, approval has been given for the establishment of a public telephone office at the residence of Mr. A. E. Lavis, Mosquito Bay, via Bateman's Bay.

A twin-screw steamer was launched by Ailsa Shipbuilding Company, Ltd. Ayr, on December 18, for the Illawarra and South Coast Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., being named Bergalia. ... She will carry about 400 tons d.w., and special provision is made for the refrigeration of perishable cargo. A large insulated butter-room is built on the main deck forward. Two powerful steam winches, steam windlass, and other deck machinery of the most modern type are fitted, for the rapid handling of cargo. The propelling machinery is designed to give the vessel a speed of 10 knots. SS Bergalia

Deep sorrow was felt in this district on Tuesday when news reached here of the **death of Mr. John O'Reilly**, of Cobargo. Deceased was well known along the South Coast, having conducted auction sales from Berry to Bega. ... Mr. O'Reilly, who was 51 years of age, was a native of Cobargo. He married Miss Elizabeth Byrnes, of Cadgee, sister of Mrs. Quilter of this town.

Another motor car accident occurred on the Moruya Road on Monday. The spot is known as the Devil's Elbow, and although not as dangerous as Doulette's or Polwomerah, it needs some widening. The car hit the bank on a short turn and was hurled down the side. The occupants escaped with a severe shaking and the car sustained small damage.



SS Bergalia rudder at Narooma

Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.

Phillips welcomes more job opportunities as EV bus building contract announced

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips has welcomed plans for a new electric bus manufacturing facility at South Nowra that will create around 100 new skilled jobs. Australian-owned bus manufacturer Foton Mobility Distribution plans to build a 6,000 square metre manufacturing facility at South Nowra from late 2025, subject to Shoalhaven City Council approval.

Mrs Phillips said she was thrilled to join New South Wales Minister for Transport Jo Haylen today (Thursday January 30, 2025) to announce the Minns Labor Government awarding of a contract to Foton for the delivery of 126 battery electric buses that will be built in Nowra and service bus routes across Greater Sydney.

The facility will also produce battery electric trucks, as well as hydrogen fuel cell engines, creating around 100 ongoing quality, skilled manufacturing jobs for local workers.

"This is fantastic news for our region," Mrs Phillips said. "Making more things in Australia, right here on our NSW South Coast - that's what we want.

"This project is all about investment in local manufacturing, creating really good local jobs and moving towards transitioning NSW's public transport bus fleet to zero emissions technology.

"Well done Minister Jo Haylen, Liza Butler MP and the Chris Minns Labor Government."

Mrs Phillips said the announcement aligned with the Albanese Labor Government's Future Made in Australia Bill, which was passed in November 2024.

"The goal of Future Made in Australia is to make more things in Australia, particularly in regional areas like Gilmore, to create jobs and to ensure the economy becomes more resilient and secure into the future," she said.



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips joined Member for South Coast Liza Butler and NSW Minister for Transport Jo Haylen to announce plans for an electric bus manufacturing facility at South Nowra.

"Right here in the Shoalhaven, we already have internationally recognised businesses like Air Affairs Australia, now known as QinetiQ, and Alkath's Global Defence Solutions manufacturing things locally to support HMAS Albatross.

"The Albatross Aviation Technology Park was designed specifically to support defence and aviation industries, and to create and support local jobs.

"In Gilmore we also have innovative local businesses building boats, making construction materials, producing chemicals, and manufacturing food and pharmaceuticals.

"Now we will be making electric buses here too, which will open more doors for our young people, and local people wanting to retrain and work in the manufacturing industry."

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Greens announce Federal Candidate for Gilmore



Debbie Killian from the Shoalhaven Greens is running for Gilmore in the upcoming Federal Election.

Debbie says "I'm running for the Greens in Gilmore because the major political parties are failing us. They're failing us on climate action, they're failing us on addressing cost of living issues, they're failing us on acting in the interests of ordinary Australians rather than big corporate donors, and they are failing our young people who need homes and hope for the future."

"I'm standing as the Greens candidate for Gilmore to make a noise for real change.

I enjoyed a long career in senior roles in health, education and community support in

the not-for-profit and public service sectors. In my experience the best results are achieved when individuals and communities are involved in making decisions and plans that meet their needs.

Since moving to the Shoalhaven eight years ago, I've been working on the same kind of social and environmental issues and I have found the same thing. Communities know what they need but are often not listened to. Politics – especially elections – are a chance to change this" said Debbie.

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FACE TO FACE APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN MORUYA ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2025

A solicitor from Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre will be visiting your area for legal outreach appointments.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre provides free legal advice to residents of the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Monaro & Queanbeyan/Palerang Local Government Areas. Shoalcoast solicitors are experienced in resolving many types of legal problems. When: Thursday 6th February 2025

Where: The Family Place, Court House Arcade, 62-64 Vulcan St Moruya

Times: Between 10:30am to 2pm

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Phone our staff to complete a client intake and a solicitor will call you back or an appointment will be made for the next time we visit your area. Shoalcoast can also provide community legal education for groups and organisations. Please contact our office if you are interested.

WIRES Rescue and Immediate Care Course

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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.

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The first in **U3A**'s Saturday Talk Series for 2025 will be held at 10.00 am on Saturday 8 February in the Moruya Gold Club Auditorium. Interested members of the community are most welcome to attend. Please email Andrew Elek on <u>drewzzelek@gmail.com</u> to register your interest.

It is Australia's good fortune to live in close proximity to the dynamic Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, of which Indonesia is the most important. As successive Australian prime ministers have observed, no country is more important to us than Indonesia. Yet beyond the tourism destination of Bali our knowledge of Indonesia is surprisingly superficial. Once described as a chronic "economic dropout"; Indonesia is now a majorregional and global power. It has made enormous economic, social, and political progress since that description in 1964. However it faces immense development challenges – managing a turbulent geostrategic environment, lifting millions of people out of poverty, addressing regional (subnational) disaffection, and accelerating its energy transition.

In this talk Professor Hal Hill will examine the country's achievements and prospects as the brilliant but in some quarters controversial Prabowo Subianto takes charge as the 8th president.

Hal Hill AO is an Emeritus Professor at ANU. He has a deep understanding of the economics and politics of all of ASEAN and has taught many current and future leaders of the region.

This talk is hosted by U3A Batemans Bay which has been providing affordable learning opportunities and social activities for the over 50s since 1996.



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

The annual fee of \$50, plus a \$10 one off joining fee, entitles members to participate in as many courses as they wish. There are currently over 50 on offer. Information on how to join can be found on our website or by calling 0474 483 678

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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.



The recent Australia v India contest was the most engrossing Test series since the 1960 tied test against the West Indies, and maybe even earlier. It marks an existential change in the priority of our sporting adversaries.

I would like to say, 'I told you so.' Regular readers will recall my assertion in late 2024 that the wild willow of one Jake Fraser-McGurk would stir the cyclonic revolution of the grand old game. In the event, it was the young Greek God-like figure of Sam Konstas at the MCG whose Big Bash 'ramp' shots against the world's best fast bowler, Jasprit Bumrah, blew through cricket's beloved tradition like a sneeze through a tissue.

Bumrah was bewildered, then bedevilled. 'This young pup,' you could almost hear him cry, 'how dare he!' His teammate Virat Kohli was so outraged he deliberately bumped into Konstas at the end of the over and lost 20 percent of his pay. Bumbah ramped up his own response, but such was his complex action that he risked a self-inflicted injury.

By then the Series was looking tough for Australia. The visitors held the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and only a clear victory would win it back from them. The Indians had wiped the floor with Australia in the first Perth Test. And in Adelaide the happy-go-lucky mollydooker, Travis Head had thrilled his hometown with a brilliant 140 and brought the series to a tie.

Meantime Australia's best batsman, Steve Smith – verging on 10,000 runs in Tests – had suffered a horror run of outs and there was talk he'd be dropped. He's done it tough ever since the balltampering scandal of 2018, despite copping his career killing punishment. At the crease in Brisbane, slowly but surely he fought his way back till he joined T. Head in another century each. Alas, the clouds burst with the joy of it and rained the match out. By then opener, Nathan McSweeney, had to be replaced for Melbourne and the selectors in gutsy inspiration turned to the Grecian godling, slim Sam Konstas. Melbourne's Greek community joined the city's sports-mad fans, Indian visitors and citizens to fill the MCG for the confrontation with the Bumrah!

The Indian hurled his firebrands; Konstas took them on his upturned bat and zipped them over the back fence. Bumrah was gobsmacked, outraged and remained so for the 65 balls and 60 runs of Konstas magic. Then the mighty Aboriginal quick, Scott Boland joined Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon to score a comfortable win.

All eyes turned to Sydney. India needed a victory to keep the cup, and at the heart of it lay the Konstas v Bumrah clash on a scary green pitch. India scored a lowly 185 on day one before the two champions came out fighting. Bumrah hurled his fireball; Konstas smashed it back to the boundary, and the packed SCG roared. Bumrah trapped Khawaja LBW, Bumrah and Konstas traded 'words', the umpire intervened.

Day two saw the Sydney-born Konstas out for 22, but by then Bumrah's complex action had revved beyond its capacity to carry on and by early on Day three his team was only able to edge 162 ahead of Australia. Bumrah made the sad trip to hospital.

Virat Kohli took over and buzzed his fielders like the first blowfly of summer. His consolation? Steve Smith caught off a bouncer with his total score of 9,999. Virat pantomimed searching his pockets and box, finding no 'ball-tampering' regalia. And he did it again...and again. But not even he could sabotage the spirit on both sides of those who play cricket for the love of it.

The English gave us Bodyline to fire the blood for the Ashes era. The Konstas/Bumrah Series has created a new, exciting contest that will easily last until...well, until we teach the Chinese the glory of the game.

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Know All Ron paused for a sip of his schooner and waited for silence.

"You see, Mick, there is a big difference between the official portrait of US First Lady Melania Trump back in 2017 and the one released last week. The photographer, Regine Mahaux, is the same, but very different messages are being telegraphed this time round. In 2017, Melania was photographed in colour with a soft focus capturing a half smile. One could say it is almost a playful look. Importantly, the photograph was taken in the family quarters located in the White House which symbolises her family focus for the next four years."

Mick let a low whistle.

"Wow... Ron you are a fountain of knowledge. Now here is me thinking she just throws on some clobber and hopes for the best. All very clever, Ron. You should pay attention, Bazza."

Bazza's eyes remained fixed on the television with the commentary unable to match the confronting scenes of thousands Palestinians returning to a destroyed Gaza or the frightened terror of released Israeli hostages. He shook his head at the reality of the ceasefire; fifteen months of bloodshed and seemingly only the prospect of more to come in the absence of any meaningful resolution.

Know All Ron puffed his chest and cleared his throat.

"Now... in the latest official photograph of Melania sends an entirely different message. Firstly, it is a black and white, no nonsense photograph and she is dressed in a dark business suit with a white shirt. Gone is the soft half smile and in its place is a steely, down to business look with her hands confidently poised and almost ready to strike on a reflective table. This photograph is taken in the Yellow Oval Room with the Washington Monument in the background complementing the focus on power. I predict a very different Melania this time round, Mick."

Mick clicked his tongue.



"Nothing short of amazing, Ron. I should take an official photograph of Bazza and get you to decode it. I would be very interested in your commentary on his choice of clothing. Anyhow, Bazza what is your take on the US First Lady new official portrait that has everybody talking?"

Bazza's eyes flicked from the television, he took a sip of his schooner and rubbed his chin.

"Ahhhh... cheers Mick. I reckon Melania should get Grace Tame to design some T shirts for her to wear over the next four years."

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Farmers can now save twice by swapping to cost saving low emissions methods and machinery

Farmers, agri-businesses and equipment purchasers are now eligible for discounted loans to help roll out a range of long-term cost savings initiatives that reduce emissions, thanks to a \$300 million commitment from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) supported by the Albanese Government.

Discounts on interest rates of up to 1.15 per cent will be available to eligible borrowers through NAB under the new green asset finance investment program with the CEFC.

A Green Finance for Vehicles and Equipment product is tailored to support the purchase of electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen vehicles, utes, trucks and heavy equipment. The Emissions Reduction Incentive product is designed to provide a cheaper financing solution for farmers to reduce emissions across their operations. Loans from the Emissions Reduction Incentive program for farmers are expected to range between \$1 million and \$5 million, meaning farmers could save more than \$57,000 a year in borrowing costs when they invest in technologies and practices that will deliver environmental and financial benefits. Farmers can opt to keep the saving, or have it reinvested in on-farm practices, such as switching to higher efficacy enhanced fertilisers which reduce nitrous oxide emissions, adopting methane inhibitors, or undertaking changed land-use practices that can increase farm yield, capture carbon, and decrease emissions.

Bega Mental Health Unit Petition

A call for help received from a committee member of the Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast in Bega. The South East Regional Hospital SERH (Bega) Mental Health Inpatient Unit currently has a high and a low-dependency unit with 14 beds available. For over 9 years, the hospital has [also] had the facilities for a third ward, a sub-acute mental health ward, which has never been utilised.

Why do we need to open the sub-acute ward in SERH - Bega hospital:

1. This is the only mental health hospital in both the Eurobodalla and the Bega Valley shires, stretching from Mallacoota to Wollongong! More beds in various stages of support and care will enable more residents to access the service and they would be more likely to access the service voluntarily if the restrictions are not as intense as in the low and high dependency wards.

2. A sub-acute mental health ward allows patients access to open spaces to walk freely around. These wards generally have less restriction and more capability for the patients to 'own' their recovery. They can do their own cooking and receive additional care such as therapy dogs.

Having a facility like this open and running in the Bega Valley hospital would provide another level of care that will help people experiencing mental health effectively transition back into the outside world and supplement the care given at the other pre-existing two mental health wards.

There is an online petition to the NSW Parliament now open (<u>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY -</u> <u>Signing ePetition - Opening the sub-acute ward in the SERH (Bega) hospital NOW</u>). Please note this initiative is also intended to benefit patients in the Eurobodalla. If like us you support the principle of this appeal, please would you sign, and share with your networks.

Life-saving defibrillators to be installed at Bega Electorate sports facilities Sporting organisations in the Bega Electorate have shared in \$500,000 funding from the NSW Government for new potentially life-saving defibrillators.

The funding was awarded to 193 sport and recreation organisations under the NSW Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program which provides up to \$3,000 for the purchase, installation, and training in new automated external defibrillators.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland MP said "As more and more people in the Bega Electorate take part in sports and active recreation, it's absolutely essential that our local facilities are properly equipped with these potentially life-saving devices."

"I want to congratulate the recipients for their outstanding efforts and commend them for prioritising the safety and well-being of everyone involved."

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said "The Local Sport Defibrillator Program equips sports clubs to be able respond to potentially life-threatening emergencies at their sports facilities. "And with the first few minutes following an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest critical, the NSW Government is ensuring people participating in sport and active have access to this potentially life-saving equipment. This investment by the NSW Government has the potential to mean the difference between life and death."

Professor Jamie Vandenberg, Co-deputy Director of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, said "Around 10,000 people in NSW suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital each year, and currently the vast majority will die.

"Being able to access a defibrillator in those crucial first minutes can make all the difference, so it's incredibly heartening to see that almost 200 sporting clubs will now be able to purchase and install these lifesaving devices. This will help keep families together.

"This is a sobering statistic but it's one we can change for the better by installing more of these lifesaving devices in sports clubs across the State."

Bega Electorate recipients include:, Bega Valley Bridge Club Incorporated, Bermagui Country Club Limited, Candelo Showground Land Management, Euro Coast Triathlon Club Incorporated, Moruya Surf Life Saving Clun Incorporated, Narooma Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, Sapphire Coast Kart Club, Sapphire Coast Pickleball Association, Stonewaive Taiko Incorporate.

The announcement brings the number of devices awarded since the program commenced to more than 2,500. To view the full list of recipients, visit:

https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program



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Basically, what we do at AFSA (at the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance) is

advocate for small communities and the people within them, which includes

we're looking for is for these people, people within our communities to be able

talking about that, you're talking about politics, right? Like policies that inform

the way that food is produced. And AFSA is really actively involved in every

farmers, small scale farmers, eaters, First Peoples, cooks, chefs, whoever is

involved. It's everyone really, because everybody, as you said, eats. What

to democratically determine how food is produced. And so, when you're

kind of form of food production, whether it be pork production, beef

production, vegetable production, sea country, you know, like so many

different things, to ensure that ethical food production is maintained and

Food security is critical, I mean, we're in a biodiversity crisis and a lot of it's

as consumers, we do have the right to control where our food comes from,

the big guys, we don't have any of that control. It's all getting outsourced -

community. Those in the industrial food system don't really have skin in the

on here are looked after. Whereas if you're supporting a local farmer,

obviously the local farmer can't give you a bad product because they're

individual and consumer, I know for me, it can feel quite overwhelming.

how it's distributed, the nutritional value of that food.

driven by the industrial food system. And like you said, it's critical work. I think

And at the moment, you know, if we're spending our money with the big, with

when we spend our money at one of those bigger stores, it trickles out of the

game when it comes to making sure that the lands and the waters that we live

accountable to you. They need to answer to you. They can't destroy the land

have from our food which has caused a lot of the issues. So, I'm glad there's

organisations like AFSA that are working at that political level because as an

because that's the land that we all share. So, I think it's this disconnect that we



Eliza Cannon is a social rights advocate, small-scale vegetable grower, local primary school teacher and food sovereignty activist.

She has worked closely with the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance, co-founded Connecting Communities and used to grow vegetables for Borrowed Ground whilst formerly being on the executive committee of SAGE.

In this conversation we talk about Eliza's journey farming around the world and growing vegetables for the SAGE Farmers Market. We also talk about her social

activist work with the local organisation she co-founded called 'Connecting Communities'. She is passionate about bringing together local farmers and First Nations Yuin

knowledge holders and we speak about the critical importance of food security for the Eurobodalla region, ensuring we have access to healthy, nutritious local food into the future.

ELIZA:

Yeah, and I think that's what the food sovereignty movement, not only here but globally as well, it's massive overseas. And I think that's the big distinction. It's like food sovereignty encompasses the political side of things and the socio-political aspects that impact the food systems that we find ourselves in. And agroecology as well moves beyond that regenerative-agriculture kind of sphere, which has been pretty greenwashed and commodified in its own way. And so, agroecology not only takes into account ecologically sound farming practices, but then it looks at how policy is impacting that and what you need to do to radically transform the system that you are in by, you know, lobbying your local government and all of that. So, it's bringing in the politics of food production, as well as the ecological side of it as well. And making sure that you are maintaining biodiversity and you're looking after Country while you are probably using introduced colonial farming practices, which the majority of us are. It's looking at, how do you better the system by engaging politically as well? You can't just turn a blind eye to that because those big overhanging policies and regulations and all that are not only impacting the way that you farm or trying to impact the way that you farm, but are impacting the way that your customers are existing in the world as well. So you can't separate politics from farming anvmore.

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wledge and pay respects to the traditions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, the Djuwin Nation, in particular the local Brinja Djuwin and Walbanga people, on whose land we gather. We ackno

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"Scapes & Portraits" Jane Whiting, will be exhibiting her lovely and unusual work at the Bay Pavilions from 1-28 February. Jane Whiting is a local artist whose work reflects an intricate interplay between environment, object and human presence. Her work is deeply rooted in a fascination with stories that spaces and objects silently convey. She invites the viewer to enter the scene and explore. Works in this exhibition include Chair Portraits, Tablescapes, Roomscapes, Beachscapes and Dreamscapes. Please join Jane at her opening from 4.30pm - 6.30pm on Saturday 1 February. The exhibition runs for the entire month of February. The Clyde Gallery, **Bay Pavilions is** located on Vesper Street Batemans Bay.



Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay



Next up at Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre Julz Beresford - Floating through Calm Water Dates: 15 February - 29 March 2025 Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya Opening Hours: Mon – Sat, 10am – 4pm You loved her work in the Basil Sellers Art Prize. Now we bring you a whole gallery of her landscapes. Join us for Floating Through Calm Water-the first regional gallery solo exhibition from Julz Beresford, courtesy of Michael Reid Sydney. Her epic, romantic landscapes capture the beauty of shimmering waterways, sweeping bushland, and the delicate dance of light and shadow. For full details of the exhibition, head to https://thebas.com.au/.../Art-exhibition-Floating-through....



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South East Arts Announce New Executive Director, Kate Bradbury



The board of South East Arts is delighted to announce that Kate Bradbury has joined the organisation as its new Executive Director.

Ms Bradbury brings a wealth of experience to the role, having worked senior positions in the public service and the not-for-profit sector, including in the arts. Chair of SEArts Board Lisa Matthes said she would help grow local creative economies, and boost cultural tourism in the region.

"Kate has the talent and the skills we need for the road ahead, which is filled with both opportunities and challenges," she said. "As Senior Executive Coordinator of the Garma Festival, she helped stage Australia's largest cultural and most influential annual Indigenous event, while her recent role as Senior Policy Officer with the Northern Territory Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities focused on Closing the Gap priority reforms.

New website for South Coast History Society With the release of Recollections issue 50, **South Coast History Society** is also pleased to announce that its fabulous new

<u>https://www.southcoasthistory.org.au/</u>website now welcomes you to visit it. The aim of this website (which, as you will discover, is still very much a 'work in progress'!) is to ultimately hold the most extensive, the most accessible compilation of NSW South Coast histories. These will be available 24/7, at no cost, to everyone and anyone who is interested in the area's fascinating history.

Downloadable copies of all 49 past issues of Recollections (containing hundreds of interesting NSW South Coast stories) have been the first thing we've put up on the website. You'll also find details about the 101 objects in the Bega Shire's Hidden Heritage project have been included, as are profiles of some of the South Coast's historically most significant women. In coming months comprehensive sections will be added about South Coast pioneers, South Coast shipwrecks, South Coast towns and their histories, the South Coast's interesting historic buildings...and a lot, lot more. So, everything you are likely to want to know about the South Coast's remarkable history! The development of this new website is the latest initiative from the exceptionally active, innovative South Coast History Society – an entirely volunteer-based, community-based, community-focused organization that, quite simply, is committed to promoting and sharing the area's – your area's – colourful history.

We hope you'll enjoy regularly visiting this fabulous new website...and we encourage you to let your friends know it is now 'open for business'.



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~ 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.



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MA | 1hr 37mmin ~ Thriller ~ Horror ~ A weekend getaway among friends at a remote cabin, which unravels into chaos after a revelation that one of the guests is a companion robot.

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.



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CONCLAVE

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



M | 1hr 46min ~ Drama ~ Romance ~ Almut (Florence Pugh) and Tobias (Andrew Garfield) are brought together in a surprise encounter that brings them together, in this decade-spanning, deeply moving romance.

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.

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 MUFASA father Mufasa are explored.



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Moruya Mail Notices

2024 Diary Dates

- 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

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.

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/BCEf7f5s3LngkeBj7 Thank you for being part of this exciting journey! Yours in fruitful collaboration.

Contact 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



Narooma Prostate Cancer Support Group

Wednesday 5th February 6.30pm **Narooma Golf Club**

For a get-together and informal chat

ENQUIRIES : Julie Hartley 0419 840 604



Repurposing For Resilience

The team is back from break and en route for what promises to be a busy & productive new year! The RfR solar reuse centre will resume normal operating hours on a Friday & Saturday each week, from 7th February.

Drop into the transfer station to:

- Access free advice & assistance from volunteer electrical / solar contractors (Fridays 9.30-11.30).

- Meet members of the volunteer team responsible for operating this first of its kind centre and talk membership, services and upcoming workshops over a cuppa in our alfresco area, all built from waste.

- Take a seat under our new shade structure installed during the holidays by local builder Paul Cook. This innovative structural design provides us with a wonderful work and play area sheltered from those harsh elements.

- Visit our pop up gallery for unique gifts repurposed from waste

 Look out for our community access solar power trailer which will be dishing up the food & bev goods at the Cobargo Folk Festival and Councils Earth hour inside the beautiful Regional Botanic Gardens.

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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 or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



Batemans Bay "Boars" Rugby Union join new competition

Batemans Bay "Boars" Rugby Union Club are excited to announce that they will be joining the Canberra Suburban Cup competition 2025.

The decision has come after months of consultation with players, supporters, team management, sponsors and most importantly our governing body Brumbies Rugby.

The main driver of the decision was to reduce the travel requirements of the squad, with the new competition providing only a 2 hour Canberra trip as our furthest travel for the season. The new competition will be a 7 team competition but may move to 8 pending confirmation from a further Canberra team. It's an exciting opportunity for our current players and potential new players plus it will align with the women's competition for travel noting the Club has plans to enter a women's tackle team 2025.

The Club has participated in previous seasons in the South Coast Monaro competition with the regular burden of long travel clearly placing a strain of player recruitment & retention. The previous competition required long travel to towns like Jindabyne, Cooma, Yass, Taralga & Crookwell. Our closest trip was to Bega & Bungendore.

The Batemans Bay Rugby Club has commenced Men's senior training for the season with good attendance already. New players are most welcome and encouraged to attend Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay Tuesday & Thursday from 6.00pm. Our planned women's team will commence training Tuesday 4th

February. Peter Ryan





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Moruya Mail Sport

Moruya Ladies Golf Lady golfers of Moruya Golf Club this week returned to the fairways to begin the 2025 season.

Opening with a Stableford event, 17 ladies braved the heat and humidity of the day.

Christine Britten was the eventual winner with 35 points followed by Noelene Cowdroy with 34 points. Balls went to Arthean McBride, Jenny Ellis, Cindy Becker and Angie McMillan. Nearest the Pin was won by Val Fisher.



Christine Britten



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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

The morning started off with the Corner to Corner competition in honour of past member & friend John Booth.

The winner for 2025 was President Steve Hogan. Thank you to all who took part also helpers in this annual event, \$91 was raised for Charity. Winners with Most Winning Ends 12/6, Peter Crowe & Greg Megee (photo)

Runners-up 11/7 Janet Smith & Jennie Hogan . Greg selected Rink 3 to try for Jackpot of \$250. Neil Power cut cards but no luck finding Joker, just 7 of Spades.

Other winning teams, Bob Starkovski & Roland Krikowa. Alma Scott & Neil Power. Milka Starkovski & Brian Wheeler. Patty Manning & Pat Jones. Allen Chant, Laurie Masterson & Brett Megee. Lucky number winners, 8 Roland Krikowa, 12 Geoff Millard.



Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Report Firstly, well done to Yvonne & Garry Huddleston for the great job they did on "Ashes" day, heard it was fantastic.

There were 27 ladies on the Green Tuesday, on a hot & windy day to keep us on our toes Winners Rink 3, Sue Palmer, Joan Rimmer & Sue Morgan. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 6, Michelle Adler & Kim Giannasca with a great win. Lucky Losers Rink 4, Gai Gibson, Rae Fayle & Jenny Blyth. Lucky number winner, Sonia Frey. Terrific bowling on Rink 5 to Skip

Gwen Ware, she didn't miss a trick all day!

Money Club, 29 Sue Beavan, 24 Sue Palmer. Thinking of Gloria, get well soon.



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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

As the river continues to clear, the fishing is slowly starting to become a bit more consistent. The lower section of the river are by far fishing the best at the moment, with an incoming tide being the best time. Areas like the airport flats, Preddy's wharf and the back of the hole in the wall have all been fishing the best on an incoming tide. The further up river you go, the more fresh water is being encountered. While it is not dirty like it was after the rains, the fresh on top is still pushing most species into the deeper holes and river channels.

With this in mind, the deeper holes around the quarry wharf and in front of the hospital will tend to be holding a few more fish than the flats around these areas. The big bend at Yarragee is also worth a look, just remember that the tide change that far up the river will be a few hours after the change at the mouth.

The spur wall has also been holding a few nice flathead, bream and Trevally for those throwing soft plastics or baits. **Tuross River.**

The prawning in Coila has been a bit patchy this dark with the fresh water that was added to the system last fortnight, making the water clarity less than ideal for seeing the prawns. Although this hasn't stopped people having a go at trying to catch a few. Catch rates have been low though. I have had reports of a few whiting, down around the lower section of the system on an incoming tide, so this bodes well for them to make a more consistent return into the system.

Looks like the boss managed a nice whiting this morning on a Jackson Pygmy Popper. These are a gun small popper that packs a lot of punch in a small package.

The flathead are ever present in Tuross this week, with the overall size being a little lower than it has been. This could be due to a long successful summer season in the lake, with the bigger fish maybe wising up to the pressure they have seen this season.

For those looking to try and find a few mud crabs, try around the middle to upper reaches of the system with the arms around four ways, trunkatabella lake, Borang and Bumbo lakes all showing signs there a few muddles about. **Rock and Beach.**

Salmon numbers and size have kept Beach anglers entertained with the average salmon size at the moment being 60+cm, this makes for a good fight in particular when fish off the rocks or the breakwall at Moruya. 20-30lb main line and heavier leader material will be required to lift fish up to land them when they get this big. There have also been a few trevally, bream and flathead on the beach side of the breakwall. Whitebait or small pilchards on gang hook will work for everything along the wall.

While pipis, worms and nippers will work along the beaches for those trying for whiting, bream and flathead in the close gutters. The current is still pushing warm and hard down the coast, so we can expect fish activity to continue to be high as we move into autumn.

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Offshore.

As mentioned above the warm currents are still pushing hard down the coast, making warm water species like Mahi Mahi still around in good numbers, along with marlin and tuna. The snapper are for the most part out deep in 50-60m of water as they have a preference for cooler waters. While the sand and tiger flathead are still abundant in 15-20m of water. Saturday is looking to the better of the two days to get out with slightly less wind forecast than sunday, but as always do your own research on what the swell and winds are doing before crossing the bar and heading out.

For the month of February, we will be running a completion to win a Kings Stand Up Paddle board. We are still working out the details, as to the total prize pack and the minimum spend in store. Stay tuned to our socials for more details. The bait freezer has been restocked, with the only missing

items being hawksbury prawns, king worms and mullet fillet this week. I have just had a restock of Daiwa product arrive this morning, and it will be on the shelves and walls for the weekend.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

Sydney to host Rugby World Cup final and semi-finals

NSW is the big winner from the Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 host city announcement, with our state set to host more games than any other, including both semi-finals and the final. The third largest sporting event in the world, the Rugby World Cup has delivered decades of drama including Wallabies glory, extra-time heartbreak and Nelson Mandela hoisting the trophy alongside the Springboks.

All of that history, along with 24 national teams, an estimated 215,000 visitors, and hundreds of millions of global TV viewers, will culminate in NSW for six weeks in October and November in 2027.

The host city agreement has resulted in 17 of a total 52 games being played in NSW, with Newcastle hosting four pool matches and Sydney hosting 13 fixtures, including five pool matches, two Round of 16 matches, two quarter-finals, both semi-finals, the bronze final and the final set to take place at Stadium Australia on November 13.

Destination NSW estimates the tournament will inject more than \$610 million into the state's visitor economy and be Sydney's biggest sport event in over 20 years.

In addition to the direct social and economic benefits, the right to host the finals will mean Sydney is centre stage for the global television audience, providing immeasurable marketing impact for the NSW visitor economy.

The announcement confirms NSW as a premier destination for world class sporting events including the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, Sail GP and the Sydney Marathon which recently gained world marathon major status.

Supporting major events is a key part of the Minns Labor Government's strategy to grow the visitor economy. In October the government committed to a new ambitious growth target of \$91 billion of visitor expenditure by 2035, a 40% increase on the previous 2030 goal.

Sydney has a proud Rugby World Cup history, having hosted six games during the inaugural tournament in 1987 and 16 games – including the final – when Australia last hosted in 2003. The NSW Government is also proud to support this year's British and Irish Lions Tour while Australia will also host the Women's Rugby World Cup 2029.

In the lead up to the event Chair of Destination NSW Sally Loane will lead a committee tasked with maximising the tourism opportunities of hosting the Men's Rugby World Cup.

Moruya Mail Sport **Tuross Head Golf Results**



Winner Simon French with Secretary Michael Coloe

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 25th January 2025

A field of 69 players, including a number of visitors, registered for a Stableford Medley event today. Some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Simon French (16) with 39 points 2nd: Michael Elfar (28) with 37 points 3rd: Pauline Nash (26) with 36 points 4th: David Schmid (17) with 35 points (countback) 5th: Jesse French (9) with 35 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th:	Ray Bollard	2.53	A Grade
4th:	Peter Hogan	1.55	B Grade
4th:	Terry Milliken	3.65	C Grade
6th:	Ken Hush	1.76	A Grade
6th:	Peter McRae	3.61	B Grade
6th:	Paul Medwin	1.91	C Grade
7th:	Ken Hush	1.88	A Grade
7th:	Kevin Reilly	4.68	B Grade

Balls went to: Paul Medwin 34, Bruce Handley 34, Paul Ferguson 34, Ian Lawson 34, Malcolm Gilbertson 34, Cathy Milliken 34, Anthony Mellick 33, Ray Bollard 33, Peter Garn 33, Steve Collins 33, Terry Milliken 32, Lars Gaupset 32, Greg Smith 32, John Phyland 32 and Steven O'Shea 32.



Winner: Henry Anderson

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 29th January 2025

A field of 45 players registered for a Mulligan Stableford event today. The day was overcast then hot and humid with some great results.

The winners were: 1st: Henry Anderson 24 Peter Coffey 21 (countback) 2nd: 3rd: Ken Hush 21 Ted Quinlan 20 (countback) 4th: Peter McRae 20 5th: 6th: Shirley Quinlan 18 7th: Jeanette Miller 18 Don Russell 18 8th: Greg Thornton 18 9th: 10th: Rob Nash 17 11th: Barry Hoban 17 12th: Herb Muriwai 17

13th: Margaret Downey 17

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4th: Peter McRae (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Peter McRae (1st shot)
- Ladies: Annette Manton (2nd shot) 7th: Mens: Rob McKirdy (2nd shot)
- Accuracy: Ross Hendy (5th hole) Bradmans: Ross Davidson



Winner: Anthony Mellick with President Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 30th January 2025

A field of 46 players, including several visitors, registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The course was in excellent condition and there were some great scores.

The Winners were: 1st: Anthony Mellick (29) with 38 points (countback) 2nd: Colin Houghton (3) with 38 points (countback) David Schmid (16) with 38 points 3rd: 4th: Lars Gaupset (15) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th:	Mark Forrest	2.12 A Grade
4th:	Hamish Bracey	1.84 B Grade
6th:	Matthew Ryan	0.84 A Grade
6th:	Shane Gschwend	2.67 B Grade
6th :	Paul Medwin	1.34 C Grade
7th:	Ruth Gschwend	2.48 A Grade
7th:	John Harb	1.93 B Grade
7th:	Terry Milliken	1.55 C Grade

Balls went to: Paul Scholze 37, Ruth Gschwend 36, Ricky Hayes 36, Ian Kingston 34, Peter Garn 34, John Harb 34, Ian McManus 33, Paul Medwin 33, Michael Coloe 33 and Mark Forrest 33



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