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## Moruya Mail

#### Tuross Head, a beautiful place to live ... until you get sick

#### **Tuross Head Progress Association**

Where you live should not dictate when and how you get the healthcare you need, but for many communities on the Far South Coast like Tuross Head, that is the reality.

As reported in The Daily Telegraph on 10 January 2025, seniors face the highest risk where there is "inadequate access to healthcare" based on the percentage of the population aged 65 or over and the number of healthcare facilities within five kilometres.

Retired doctor, Arn Sprogis, Chair of the Tuross Head Progress Association (THPA) Health Subcommittee said it is not the age of the population that is the issue, it is decades of underfunding for healthcare that has led to an \$80 million per year funding deficit for the Far South Coast.

This has resulted in higher death rates, prolonged periods of illness and increased suffering compared to metropolitan communities.

"Tuross Head is a beautiful seaside town and a popular spot for retirees and holiday makers but was rated as the second worst place for seniors to live for access to healthcare in Australia. This is a national disgrace and shines a light on 40 years of neglect by governments from both major political parties who have treated rural communities with indifference and failed the test of equity." The 2023 National Rural Health Alliance NOUS REPORT identified underfunding for all rural communities of \$1000 per person (2025 estimate adjusted for inflation and population) and a new analysis by the Grattan Institute of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data assessed that half a million Australians primarily in rural communities are living in "GP deserts".

The Tuross Head Progress Association (THPA), representing the Tuross Head community, is leading the call for the funding and delivery of equitable health care for all communities on the NSW Far South Coast.

"We are not asking for special treatment or more funding per person for our communities, we are asking for the same funding as city populations. With equal funding, we can have the best access and quality of GP and other primary care in Australia, not the worst," Dr Sprogis said. "Healthcare is a major local community issue and lack of access impacts everyone. All patients, no matter where they live, should be able to see a GP on the same day for urgent care and within two days for routine care."

The THPA is campaigning for a bipartisan commitment from all candidates in Eden Monaro and Gilmore for the 2025 federal election to:

- Fix the 40-year history of neglect by all political parties when in government to access to healthcare in the Far South Coast.
- Guarantee equality in healthcare funding in Far South Coast communities when compared to city populations on a per person basis.
- Fix the current healthcare financing system which has significantly disadvantaged rural communities for 40
- Focus initial funding on increased access to medical care in each township to be delivered by teams of GPs and associated primary care providers. The THPA is not seeking monetary donations but does want the support of individuals, community organisations and businesses across the Far South Coast. You can show your support by endorsing the campaign on the form at

www.thpa.com.au/health-2025

#### Raising funds for Eurobodalla Communication Hubs

To help support digital literacy and emergency preparedness in the Eurobodalla.

The Tec Exec and SHASA are partnering to provide one lucky winner with a SkyFi (currently Starlink Satellite Dish and one year's Starlink Satellite internet subscription), valued at over \$2500. Starlink provides exceptionally fast and reliable satellite internet which is critical for work and in times where communities are facing and responding to natural disasters, such as storms and bushfires.

The Tex Exec and SHASA officially opened the giveaway at the first Repair Cafe session for 2025, on Friday 31 January, from 9:30 am.

Tickets are \$20 each and will also be available for purchase at the Repair Cafe, St Johns Commons, 50 Campbell Street, Moruya.

For more information on the Eurobodalla projects check out the SkyFi and SHASA.

Project links here for more information: T : https://skyfi.au/ and https://shasa.com.au/ View Batemans Bay and District Heatwave and Bushfire Havens https://shasa.com.au/disaster-prep/

Tickets are for sale in NSW: Tickets are priced at \$20 each, 2 tickets for \$38, 3 tickets for \$54, 5 tickets for \$85, 10 tickets for \$160 Draw Date: 27th of June 2025

Prizes - 1st Prize valued at \$2,500 Total prize value is around \$2500 for the Starlink home subscription of \$139 per month over 12 months.

A standard residential satellite dish is included in the prize with a value of up to \$550.

Installation is not included in the prize (a qualified electrician may be required).

Car Raffle Draw

3,000 Tickets have been sold, now it is time for one lucky

ticket holder to win this car.

Draw Date: 27 February 2025

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## Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline officially opened



Official opening

On Saturday the Wagonga Inlet Living Shoreline was officially opened at Narooma.

The restoration of a section of the Wagonga Inlet foreshore between the Narooma Swimming Centre and Ken Rose Park has created a 'living' shoreline with restored oyster reefs, improved public access and diversified the native saltmarsh along the foreshore.

"Living' shorelines provide a natural approach to coastal protection by using plants and other natural elements to prevent erosion, rather than traditional methods such as rock walls. The proposed outcome is an innovative solution to coastal management to protect this valuable section of the Inlet, long-

Major works in this project included:

- replace the existing failing rock wall with banks of low-growing riparian vegetation to create an environmentally-friendly seawall
- restore 1,700 m2 of intertidal Sydney rock oyster reef habitat in the area adjacent to the remediated bank using locally-quarried rock and local sterile oyster shells. Wild Sydney rock oyster spat will settle over time and form a natural oyster reef. This will enhance water quality and improve fish production and overall biodiversity of the inlet
- restore about 1,000 m2 of subtidal native flat oyster reef habitat on the sea floor of the 'Deep Hole'
- create a jetty and platform which extends into the 'Deep Hole'
- retain existing water access for kayaks
- consolidate access to the sandflats to support saltmarsh protection by retaining the ramp and the path opposite the caravan park building
- remediate the stormwater drains.

The project was funded by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries through the Marine Estate Management Strategy., The Nature Conservancy Australia (TNC) and the Australian Government through its Reef Builder initiative, further funding managed by Council is provided by the NSW Environment Trust and the NSW Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program.



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Rock On for Climate Action as young people step up

Five years after we were devastated by the Black Summer bushfires, climate action is more urgent than ever.

Young local musician Sam Fletcher has joined with young people and climate action group 350 Eurobodalla to organise Rock On for Climate Action.

Satin Cali will headline Rock On next Saturday 15 February from 5pm at Smokey Dan's in Tomakin.

Satin Cali are one of Australia's premier beach grunge rock bands, hailing from Wollongong.

Polaroid, a band of students from Carol College, will be performing live and there will be three high school students telling us how they are stepping up.
Djinama Yilaga is the Four Winds Koori Choir who will sing in the

Yuin language Dhurga.

The Sam Fletcher Band, Archie and Rod Slockee will also be rocking Smoky Dan's.

Rock On focuses on creating a sense of hope and agency for climate action, community connection and inspiration for our next generation of young activists.

Get your free tickets from Humanitix. Donations will go to funding future Rock On events and the campaigns of climate action group 350 Eurobodalla.

350 Eurobodalla, SHASA, Friends of the Forest Mogo, Knitting Nannas, CANsign, Nature Coast Marine Group, and Eurobodalla Shire Council will be there for young people to find ways to get

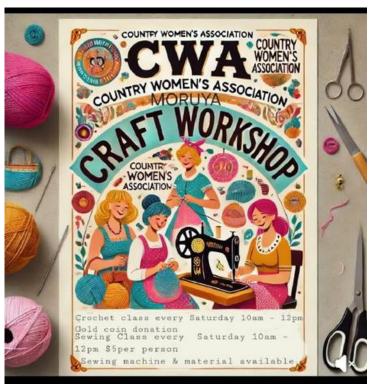
Free entry has been made possible by funding received from Monash Sustainable Development Institute Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla Community Team and Eurobodalla Shire Council.



Sam Fletcher Band



Sam Fletcher



ALL 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES IN EDEN MONARO & GILMORE MUST COMMIT TO FAIR ACCESS AND HEALTHCARE FUNDING FOR THE FAR SOUTH COAST



- Fix 40 years of neglect to access healthcare on the Far South Coast
- Guarantee equality in healthcare funding /person compared to cities
- Fix significantly disadvantaged rural communities' healthcare financing
- Focus initial funding on increased access to GPs & primary care

SHOW THE POLITICIANS THE FAR SOUTH COAST DEMANDS FAIRNESS!

SCAN THE QR CODE & ADD YOUR SUPPORT NOW. TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. PO Box 3062 Tuross Head NSW 2537 | secretarythpa@gmail.com | www.thpa.com.au/HEALTH-2025

## Construction begins on Broulee Road roundabout



With school holidays coming to an end, construction has started on the roundabout at the intersection of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road. This significant infrastructure project will improve road safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, while also improving traffic flow in the area – particularly during peak periods.

With a total cost of \$2.6 million, the project is being funded through a \$2 million grant from the Australian Government's Black Spot Program and a \$600,000 contribution from Council.

"This is a crucial project for the community," says Mayor Mathew Hatcher. "That intersection is a known black spot, and the Broulee Road roundabout will ensure a smoother and safer journey for everyone who uses it".

Preparation work, including the relocation of water pipes, were completed in December 2024.

"Crews will be on-site over the next few months, and we recommend commuters allow for extra travel time," says Mayor Hatcher. "It's a busy intersection so we'll do our best to keep traffic moving smoothly through the area".

For the latest information on the project, see the <u>Broulee Road roundabout page</u> on our website.

#### Yumaro ePetition addresses Accessible Housing crisis in Eurobodalla

Yumaro, a local provider of disability services, asks for support for a project to address the Accessible Housing crisis in Eurobodalla.

"There is a critical shortage of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) in regional areas, particularly Eurobodalla.

The shortage forces people with disabilities—our loved ones and friends—into devastating choices: living in unsafe housing, relocating far from families and support networks, or, in some cases, entering aged care.

The Solution: The DA-approved Yumaro Inclusive Living Project is ready to provide local, sustainable housing—but we need urgent government support to make it happen. We urge the Government to:

1.Recognise the shortage of accessible housing in Eurobodalla and its impact on people with disabilities and their families.

2. Fully fund and prioritise the DA-approved Yumaro Inclusive Living Project for immediate action.

"The housing project offers a much-needed, sustainable solution, codesigned with individuals with disabilities, families, and specialists. It will provide:

\*Seven SDA apartments for individuals with high support needs.
\*A fully accessible respite apartment for local families and carers.

\*Communal spaces and 24/7 onsite support to foster independence and inclusion. \*A central location near Moruya town centre and the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Currently, no new SDA accommodations are under construction in Eurobodalla, and existing vacancies are non-existent.

Nineteen NDIS participants approved for SDA funding have nowhere to live, and Yumaro has identified 38 residents who will soon need accessible housing. Without action, they face unsafe conditions, isolation, and displacement. Local families also struggle without nearby respite accommodation, leaving carers under immense stress without necessary breaks.

We ask the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to fully fund and prioritise the DA-approved Yumaro Inclusive Living Project for immediate action."





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## Moruya Mail

#### Plastic not always fantastic on our beaches



#### By Anthony Mayne

A day at some of the most beautiful beaches in NSW is a popular way to enjoy summer in the Eurobodalla. Summer at the beach is a time of fun and relaxation. As visitors and locals share in the beauty of a trip to the coast, many leave with fond memories of a wonderful day out. At the end of a hot blue sky day though there seems to be a noticeable change to the amount of litter being left behind. And it is not just the odd plastic bag. We are seeing more and more items of clothing, plastic buckets and spades, thongs, boogie boards, hats, glasses, beach shelters, cigarette buts, straws and so forth.

The picture was taken at the toy box at Candlagan Creek, Broulee, following a 30 minute clean up walk of the area. Broken boogie boards dumped in the dunes, plastic buckets and spades left in holes dug into the sand, a thong floating out to sea and toys strewn about the place.

We pride ourselves on having such beautiful beaches and keeping them clean for all users, including our marine and birdlife. We know that plastic in the ocean can break down and is then consumed by wildlife. While many of the beaches have multiple rubbish bins, we can't outsource care for our beaches. It only takes a minute to stop and pick up all year gear and rubbish and to take it with you.

And if you do see a bit of plastic on the beach it would be great if you could pick it up. For if not you, who? Let's continue to share in the care and love of our beaches together.

### **Buds for Life**

some take home gifts!

from the Office of Regional Youth, and is partnering with ESCs Youth & Sustainability teams to deliver an after school social growing hub for 12-18 year olds. The program is called 'Buds 4 Life' and focuses on fostering connections and gaining practical skills. The program will run in Term 1 (3rd March to 13th April) and Term 2 (28th April to 26th June) and the weekly hubs will involve interactive workshops, a good feed, and

SAGE is really excited to have been awarded a grant

Young people, parents, carers, teachers, and friends are invited to the launch party on Thursday 20th February. At the launch, we will be asking young people to complete a survey registering their interest for certain topics and workshops. Please RSVP via the link below. The event link is here - Buds 4 Life Launch - SAGE Project, SAGE Farmers Market & Stepping Stone Farm































## Charging ahead on EV infrastructure

More than one in three drivers are thinking about buying an electric vehicle in the next five years, and the Albanese Government is accelerating the rollout of public chargers to meet this growing demand.

With the help of \$2.4 million in funding from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), Australian EV charging company EVX Australia will install 250 kerbside chargers providing 500 charge plugs, on existing power poles across towns and cities in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia over the next two and a half years. Using the power network already in place, the Australian-designed and made chargers will improve community access to reliable EV charging infrastructure in metro areas as well as around regions including for example Orange, Wagga Wagga, Bellingen, Forbes, Queanbeyan, Wingecarribee, Goulburn and Eurobodalla.

The new infrastructure will support Australians who choose to make the switch to an EV, cut hundreds of dollars a year from their running costs, and reduce emissions in the process.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen said having more chargers in convenient easy to access location on streets in high density residential areas and around shopping, sport and recreation precincts, would encourage more Australians to take up the benefits of electric vehicles.

"These chargers are a key step to unlocking cleaner, cheaper-to-run EVs for Australians who aren't able to charge them at home," Minister Bowen said.

"When we came to government, one in 50 cars was an EV. That's now one in ten. And we've tripled the number of fast-chargers around Australia.
"But we need a mix of solutions, not just fast-chargers, but more convenient kerbside options around our cities and towers."

"Projects like this, supported by ARENA

funding, are helping develop the answers we need to scale."
The funding is part of the Albanese Government's ongoing work to accelerate the rollout of EV charging infrastructure across Australia through its Driving the Nation program.
More than 1,100 fast charging stations with more than 3,500 plugs are now available nationwide, up from 356 charging stations when we came to

The Albanese Government's New Vehicle Efficiency Standard introduced last year and opposed by the Coalition is already helping to increase choice for buyers, with more than 122 EV models available, some for less than \$35,000.

Government.

#### Free Webinar: Winning The Grant

Destination Southern NSW (DSNSW) are hosting a webinar to provide advice on crafting compelling grant applications to maximise the chance of success.

The webinar will be focused on event applications for the Regional Event Fund, but the same lessons can be applied to other funding programs.

#### **Topics include:**

- understanding what grant programs are
- looking for and how to ensure that your application is well-aligned,
- how to break down questions and provide on-target responses with strong supporting evidence,
- insights into the required financials, risk management and marketing planning, and strategies for gathering relevant letters

of support and meeting program guidelines.

Date Thurs 27 February, 2025
Time 10.00am-11.00am
Where Online Cost FREE
Hosted by Destination Southern NSW
Register here:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/winning\_the\_grant-mastering\_event-and-grant-applications-for-success-tickets-1200645837019



#### News in Brief

## Vacancies in regional and rural NSW schools almost halved as kids return to class with more teachers in front of them

Thousands of children in public schools across regional and rural NSW will have a qualified teacher in front of them when school returns this week with new data showing teacher vacancies falling to a four-year low.

Teacher vacancies in schools across regional NSW have fallen by 47 per cent - or 581 - since 2023.

There are now 654 teacher vacancies in 1,369 public schools compared to 1,235 in 2023. This means more qualified teachers in front of students.

Under the Liberals and Nationals, teacher vacancies in NSW public schools peaked in October 2022 at 3,300. This has now fallen to just 1,294 teacher vacancies statewide, or 2 per cent of the workforce. This means that more students are receiving a quality, face-to-face public education.

 In the Regional South directorate, covering Campbelltown, the Illawarra and the South Coast, vacancies have decreased by 42 per cent since 2023. There are now 99 teacher vacancies compared to 172 in 2023.

### Short-term Regional, Rural and Remote employment program expanded

A highly successful regional, rural and remote deployment program for key health care roles is set to be expanded over the next three years, with NSW Health recruiting nurses, midwives and allied health professionals to be posted to short term placements across NSW.

The NSW Health Deployment Program was first established in May 2023 to create a pipeline of skilled health professionals for short-term roles. The short-term positions of between two and 13 weeks offer healthcare professionals the opportunity to travel and work in regional, rural and remote parts of NSW they may never have visited, with accommodation and travel costs covered.

The NSW Government is currently seeking healthcare workers from more than 20 professions including nurses, midwives and allied health professionals for a range of short-term positions in hospitals and health facilities across NSW.

The initial success of the program so far has seen 90 staff undertake hundreds of deployments across the state in priority roles such as nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, podiatry, speech pathology and physiotherapy.

NSW Health will now increase the team to around 400 to further strengthen its support to regional, rural and remote areas

Healthcare workers seeking a role with NSW Health, or current staff, are encouraged to register their interest via the <u>NSW Health website</u>.

## Closure of free mediation services a costly barrier to iustice

The peak body for local government in NSW is calling on the State Government to reverse its decision to close all Community Justice Centres (CJCs) in June.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) President Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM said shutting down the free mediation service would have devastating consequences for some of the state's most disadvantaged residents.

"CJCs offer an equitable legal pathway that vulnerable people in our communities might not otherwise afford, providing mediation and dispute resolution services and avoiding costly formal legal action," Mayor Miller said. "Whether it be a dispute over fencing, overhanging branches, pets, privacy, access to land, or building/renovation works, the mediation services provided by CJCs are critical to helping communities resolve issues outside of court.

"I have heard from mayors and councillors across NSW that the elimination of CJCs will create a costly barrier to justice. Individuals and families in vulnerable circumstances will feel the biggest impact, especially in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis.

"It will also force many residents to turn to formal legal channels - if they can afford them - clogging the courts, tying up police resources, and delaying outcomes for countless individuals and families. In 2022-23, 79% of CJC mediated neighbourhood disputes were resolved. Mayor Miller said that removing options for free mediation would be corrosive to social cohesion, potentially escalating tensions.

"The lack of consultation with councils in reaching this decision is deeply disappointing. Late last year LGNSW wrote to the NSW Attorney General expressing concern about reports that all CJCs would be closed from 30 June 2025," Mayor Miller said.

"The NSW Attorney General has now responded confirming the closure. LGNSW strongly opposes this move and urges the State Government to reconsider and commit to funding CJCs beyond June 2025."

## Housing Delivery Authority starts strong, creating the potential for more than 40.000 new homes

In the first three weeks since the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) started accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for larger scale housing developments, it has already received nearly 100 proposals with the potential for more than 40,000 homes, with more expected.

So far, 85 EOIs in metropolitan areas and 11 in regional NSW have been received, exceeding expectations.

The HDA offers proponents a new State Significant
Development pathway and
State Significant Development
pathway with a concurrent
rezoning process – neither
having to be approved by
councils, cutting approval times
and speeding up the delivery of
new homes.

Each EOI is assessed against its capacity to deliver high yield, well-located, good quality homes faster.

Having identified that major residential developments above \$60 million in metropolitan areas and \$30 million in regional NSW often take longer in their assessment, these can now be submitted through the HDA. These complex proposals often require greater resources and planning capabilitites and as a result, the projects can get stuck in council planning systems for years.

These delays compound declining housing availability, worsening affordability and create greater uncertainty for proponents who are trying to build much needed new homes. In early February, the HDA will meet to recommend proposals to be declared a State Significant Development (SSD) project, community consultation and assessment will then proceed.

The EOI process is ongoing, providing regular opportunities for industry to have their major residential development proposals considered, with submissions reviewed monthly.



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## NSW Government extends support for free street events to beat the cost-of-living crunch

Families will have more low cost entertainment options in their local communities as the NSW Government brings main streets to life for free festivals, markets, food and cultural events.

After the success of last year's 135 events, attended by over one million people, the Minns Labor Government is extending the Open Streets program to support free-entry street events across three years from 2025 to 2028.

Events like the Lunar New Year celebrations in Hurstville, the Orange Zest Fest Music Festival or the Christmas Street Fair in Uralla will have longer term funding certainty, allowing the event organisers to build momentum with audiences and find cost and planning efficiencies.

The new \$14.65 million Open Streets round will offer successful councils up to \$350,000 in funding over three years to deliver at least one free street-based event each year. The expansion of the program comes after an evaluation of the 2024 events showed significant economic and cultural benefits for local communities. The evaluation found an estimated:

- 1200 local businesses extended their trading hours
- Over one million people attended the free street events
- Local businesses reported an average 70 per cent increase in sales during the events
- Over 240 streets were temporarily pedestrianised, transforming over 750,000m2 of roads into community space
- More than 12,000 workers were engaged, including over 5,000 from the creative sector.

The Open Streets program is part of the Government's wider agenda to deal with the cost-of-living and build better, more vibrant communities across NSW.

Applications for the competitive grants open on 7 February and close 14 March 2025. Click <u>here</u> for more information on Open Streets.

### Award presented to Bega Valley Council

Bega Valley Shire Council has been presented with the most prestigious award for outstanding achievement in local government, the AR Bluett Memorial Award.

Council took out the award's regional/rural category which was announced at the 2024 Local Government NSW annual conference where former Local Government NSW President, Cr Darriea Turley AM said it was especially pleasing as Council and its community have worked so hard to recover from the devastating bushfires of 2019/2020.

The AR Bluett Awards are judged by three honorary Trustees – Les McMahon (Trustee Chairman), Paul Braybrooks OAM and Genia McCaffery.

The Trustee Chairman and Mr Braybrooks attended a special event held in the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre this week, attended by staff and Bega Valley Shire Councillors.

Mr McMahon said judging for this year's award was particularly challenging based on the excellent nominations received.

"Bega Valley Shire Council impressed the judges with strategies to maintain its \$1.9 billion worth of assets following the devastating Black Summer fires of 2019/20 and 13 subsequent disaster declarations, by guiding the growth of the shire to a more sustainable community," he said.

"With new tertiary treated water treatment facilities in Brogo-Bermagui following the fires and the restoration of the famous Tathra Wharf, the council embarked on strategies to improve vital assets. "It also provided future proofing for growth by developing an additional 3,000 home sites coupled with a new affordable housing strategy in Bega, providing existing residents a place to live."

#### Bega Mental Health Unit Petition

Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast in Bega is lobbying for more Mental Health resources 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 preexisting two mental health wards. There is an online petition to the NSW

Parliament now open (<u>LEGISLATIVE</u> <u>ASSEMBLY - 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."



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## Moruya Mail

#### **Essential Grants to energise community projects**

FUNDING TO SUPPORT IDEAS FROM SOLAR PANELS TO EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AND MORE

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for community projects that provide a positive social and environmental impact across regional, rural and remote NSW.

The Essential Grants program helps support communities to build a sustainable future through programs, projects and events that align with initiatives supporting the environment, education, resilience, or the energy transition.

Examples could include creating community gardens, assisting with solar and battery installations on community buildings, implementing a waste reduction program, or funding workshops that help communities improve energy efficiency and electrification in homes and businesses.

Essential Energy Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Annie Pearson says the program aims to spark change by supporting communities to make a difference and provide a positive social impact.

"Our goal is to provide meaningful investment into communities and surrounding areas. It only takes one idea to create something truly incredible that has a long-lasting impact in your community," Annie says.

Essential Grants are open to not-for-profit organisations delivering benefits to local communities in the Essential Energy network area. This includes community groups and service providers, registered charities, and other not-for-profit organisations.

Since 2018, Essential Energy has contributed more than \$1 million to over 1500 community groups through the previous Community Choices and Community Halls programs. The Essential Grants program continues this support, focusing on initiatives that align with Essential Energy's corporate and sustainability strategies.

Applications open on 3 February 2025 and close on 31 March 2025. For more information and to apply, visit the Essential Grants page.

## Deadline for pubs and clubs to comply with new ATM laws fast approaching

New laws regarding ATMs and EFTPOS machines near gaming machines will be enforced from next month, as part of the Minns Labor Government's gambling harm minimisation reforms. Under new rules, machines that allow cash withdrawals must be placed at least 5m from the entry to a gaming room and not be visible from any machine or entry to a gaming room. Having ATMs and EFTPOS facilities further away from gaming

Having ATMs and EFTPOS facilities further away from gaming machines encourages a break in play for vulnerable customers, who may benefit from taking a step away to consider how much they are spending.

The new rules came into place on 1 January, with a one-month grace period to comply. From this Saturday, 1 February Liquor and Gaming NSW will take a zero-tolerance approach, with venues in breach liable to fines, statutory directions and/or prosecution.

The new measures are the latest in a suite of reforms introduced by the NSW Government since 1 June 2023 to reduce gambling harm, including:

- · banning the placement of any signage or advertising relating to gaming machines either on, or visible from an ATM or EFTPOS terminal with cash withdrawal facilities
- $\cdot$  reducing the statewide gaming machine entitlement cap by more than 3000
- $\cdot$  banning political donations from clubs with electronic gaming machines
- · reducing the cash input limit on new gaming machines from \$5,000 to \$500
- · banning all external gambling signage in venues
- $\cdot$  introducing Responsible Gambling Officers for venues with more than 20 machine entitlements
- · establishing an Independent Panel to conduct a trial of cashless gaming in pubs and clubs throughout 2024
- · committing \$100 million to harm minimisation investing in research, prevention, services and reform.

## FIONA PHILLIPS

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I'm here to help you with issues like Medicare, Centrelink, aged care and pensions, the NDIS, Veterans' Affairs and community grants.

I'm on your side.

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



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Mr. D. Innes, who had his leg broken through a fall of earth at the Pompey quarry works last week, is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

Miss Lily Colefax, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Colefax, of Gundary, under the tuition of Mr. Carter, of Dwyer's Creek Public School, won an entrance into Sydney Girls' High School.

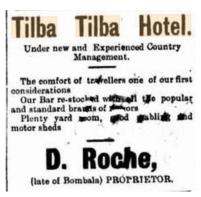
Although the Tilba Tilba hotel has been delicensed no compensation has been paid. It will be of interest to the travelling public to note that the hotel will be open during show week, and traveller's wants will be well catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Roche. The agent of the Domestic Immigration Society, Mrs. B.

MacDonald, is at present on tour, and in April will visit Moruya, staying at the Adelaide Hotel. If employment on the land or in the home can be secured, she engages to furnish abundance of help from Scotland. She will be glad to hear of openings on the land or in homes for workers to be supplied mostly from the North of Scotland.

Moruya Pony Races. OFFICIALS: President, Mr. G. Constable; Judge, Mr. W. Ryan; Starter, Mr. R. Spinks; Clerk of Scales, Mr. A. Louttit; Handicappers, Messrs. G. Constable and R. Whittaker; Secretary, Mr. J. Hansen. Through the heavy showers which fell on Tuesday night making the already soft track unsafe to race on, the Pony Club was compelled to postpone its annual meeting until Thursday. ... On Thursday morning the sun shone out bright and warm, thus enticing the sports to again wend their way to our picturesque Park to participate in another day's good racing. The racing throughout was exceptionally good, the events being well contested and interesting.

Tilba. (From our Correspondent) – We have had a grand summer and now Tilba is looking its best. Since the New Year we have had a plentiful supply of rain, much to the pleasure of farmers, and the district is one mass of green; Last Saturday evening a very enjoyable euchre party and dance was held in the Temperance Hall in the interest of the Agricultural Society. Miss Spiers and Mr. W. E. Griffiths were successful in the euchre tournament; Through the efforts of the local Progress Committee a large sign board is being erected at the cross road to Cobargo and Bermagui, drawing the attention of travellers to magnificent Wallaga Lake.

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Mr Roche's announcement in the Cobargo Chronicle 13 Sept 1924

## Moruya Mail

#### An additional \$1.7billion to fund public hospitals

The Federal Government is building Australia's future and strengthening Medicare, delivering an additional \$1.7 billion to fund public hospitals and health services next

Under a new Agreement between the Albanese Government and all state and territory governments, the total Commonwealth contribution to state-run public hospitals will increase by 12 per cent to reach a record \$33.91 billion in 2025-26. This funding will be delivered to states and territories, to help cut waiting lists, reducing waiting times in emergency rooms and managing ramping. At the National Cabinet meeting in December 2023, First Ministers agreed the Commonwealth and state and territory governments would work together to deliver system-wide structural health reform and also work to secure the future of the NDIS. Under today's Agreement, all jurisdictions remain committed to the existing collaborative process on NDIS rules and work on foundational supports. This funding was fully provisioned in the 2023-24 MYEFO.

	Commonwealth funding in 2024–25	Extra one-off funding boost	Commonwealth funding in 2025–26*	Growth
NSW	\$8.89 billion	\$407 million	\$9.88 billion	11%
Vic	\$7.30 billion	\$402 million	\$8.18 billion	12%
Qld	\$7.07 billion	\$414 million	\$7.94 billion	12%
WA	\$3.25 billion	\$158 million	\$3.62 billion	11%
SA	\$2.05 billion	\$169 million	\$2.35 billion	15%
Tas	\$0.66 billion	\$50 million	\$0.75 billion	14%
ACT	\$0.54 billion	\$50 million	\$0.63 billion	16%
NT	\$0.43 billion	\$51 million	\$0.56 billion	30%
National	\$30.19 billion	\$1.70 billion	\$33.91 billion	12%

<sup>\*</sup> Estimate based on Commonwealth share of estimated hospital activity in 2025-26, including expected growth under the one-year extension to the NHRA. Sum of states and territories may not equal national figure due to rounding.

Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said "For too long we've seen governments stuck in trench warfare playing the blame game on hospital funding. This infuriates Australians when all they want is to make sure they don't spend hours ramped in an ambulance or waiting in an overcrowded emergency department. "The choice facing Australians at the coming election couldn't be clearer: an Albanese Government committing more funding to public hospitals, or more cuts from Peter Dutton, who cut \$50 billion from public hospitals when he was Health Minister."

#### WIRES Rescue and Immediate Care Course

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 <u>www.wires.org.au/training/rescue-and-care</u>

Any questions? Email training@wires.org.au for further info.

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#### **Funding boost for veterans** projects around NSW

More than \$124,000 in funding has been provided to 99 community groups, schools and ex-service organisations from Wyong to Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra to Coogee, Winston Hills to Wollondilly as part of the Anzac Community Grants Program (ACGP) to commemorate veterans across the state. Minister for Veterans David Harris announced today that \$124,629 will be provided to a wide variety of projects that commemorate and educate NSW communities about the service and sacrifices of current and former servicemen and servicewomen.

The 2024 round of the ACGP received 116 applications, surpassing the number received last year with a record amount of funding requested. Up to \$3,000 was provided to help fund each of the 99 projects around the state, with veterans as well as the wider community benefitting from the projects delivered from this round, including 34 schools, 20 RSL sub-Branches and 15 Councils.

Grant recipients include Wyalong Public School in the state's west with funding to enhance their commemorative garden and Goulburn Mulwaree Council to support the display of the significant CEW Bean Military Collection.

Moruya RSL sub-Branch No. 11 Operational Base Unit RAAF Museum, will receive \$1500for a newly established museum detailing the WW2 RAAF air base & Maritime Patrol + Army Volunteer Defence Corps operating from Moruya during the 1939-1945

For the full list of 2024 ACGP recipients and more information about the program visit https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/acgp2024



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## Plan to bring the timber industry into the 21st century would foster a manufacturing jobs renaissance in regional Australia

A new strategy to secure long-overdue reform of the Australian timber industry would provide protection against supply chain disruption in construction, foster a manufacturing jobs renaissance in regional Australia and accelerate efforts to tackle the housing crisis, according to a policy paper released today by the **Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation** as part of its Forest Futures campaign.

Growing Australia's Timber Industry: Policy Option Paper 1 recommends a \$350 million investment package to enable a rapid transition out of native forest logging by supporting the plantation sector and provide the conditions to enable Australia to become a manufacturer of plantation sourced engineered wood products, replacing \$312 million in annual imports that have become subject to very high climate-related risks, while creating new manufacturing jobs across regional Australia.

Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation Chairman Dr Ken Henry said the investment would support Australia's housing construction industry while providing the opportunity to create good jobs in regional communities.

"Much of the Australian forestry industry avoided the microeconomic reforms of the 1980s and 1990s. It has been an economic basket case for years, with large amounts of taxpayer money wasted on propping up the environmentally destructive native forest industry," Dr Henry said.

"The native forest industry has not been an important supplier to the construction industry for decades. It is time to end taxpayer handouts and market distortions for native forest logging and it is time to support and encourage the more economically rational and environmentally benign plantation industry. The plantation sector has been badly let down by the peak timber industry lobby which appears captured by the interests of the few remaining native forest loggers.

"Government now has the opportunity to develop a set of industry adjustment measures that provide better jobs, attractive investment opportunities for institutional capital, and ensures timber continues to play an important role in Australia's future.

"Right now, we're spending hundreds of millions importing engineered wood products. There is nothing wrong with imports.

But we have seen in recent years that supplies can be disrupted by climate-related risks that are only going to get worse.

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Meanwhile, the domestic workforce is facing a period of significant uncertainty and disruption as native forest logging comes to an end – as it must. With the right set of policy interventions, there are good quality jobs available in this sector.

"We could be manufacturing engineered wood products in regional Australia. Northern Tasmania, southern NSW, Victoria's timber regions, Wide Bay in Queensland, South Australia's Green Triangle - these communities could all benefit from new manufacturing investment.

"With housing availability at crisis levels, we're still building homes the same way we did fifty years ago. Meanwhile, countries like Sweden and Germany have slashed construction times and costs through advanced timber manufacturing.

"This investment would help Australian manufacturers tap into these proven construction innovations, creating secure regional jobs while delivering more homes for Australian families."

#### The proposed package includes:

- · \$200 million for an Engineered Wood Strategy to build domestic manufacturing capacity for advanced timber products
- \$150 million for a Future Plantations Program to secure construction timber supply through targeted plantation expansion

Dr Henry said the investment would particularly benefit regional communities already home to timber processing facilities.

The policy paper highlights the growth potential of Australia's plantation forestry and manufacturing sector which currently employs 42,000 people, with 30,000 working in plantation product manufacturing, 5,000 in sawmilling, and 8,000 in growing and harvesting plantation timber.

"Only 5% of Australian housing construction currently uses modular or prefabricated components, compared to 45% in Northern Europe. This investment package would help Australian manufacturers catch up to global best practice, creating high-skilled jobs while helping solve our housing affordability crisis," Dr Henry said.

The policy options paper is the first in a series to be released in the lead up to the federal election.

#### **Key facts:**

- Plantation forestry provides 42,000 jobs, 30,000 of which are in manufacturing
- \$312 million worth of engineered wood products are imported annually from China, Russia, Europe and New Zealand (2024)
- 45% of Northern European housing uses modular construction vs just 5% in Australia, delivering 20-50% faster construction times and up to 20% cost savings
- 75% of Australian construction timber comes from Australian plantations, generating 70% of the timber industry's economic value
- There has been a 31% decline in hardwood plantation estate between 2008-2022, with 90% of remaining hardwood plantations exported as wood chips
- Australia last updated its National Forest Policy Statement in 1992
- Native forest logging is in terminal decline with volumes of wood harvested falling by 80% since 2004



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

Well, the Aussie Open was okay, though I'm sure we would all have preferred a Djokovic/Sinner final in the men's singles. Curious chap, Sinner. Speedy around the court, not weighed down by a personality of any kind. Alas, his German opponent seemed to be carrying at least two of them.

The women's singles result was a delightful surprise. Even the ebullient Madison Keys seemed stunned before bursting with joy. Call me old fashioned, but I find Sabalenka's oral explosions each and every shot as verging on the intimidation of her opponents. On the practice court she was a silent as the snow falling on Minsk. And how come they banned her Belorussian flag because of the Russo-Ukrainian war? If they did the same to an Israeli player, it would be an anti-Semitic outrage.

But all that's by the way; what really bemuses me is the slow death of the Doubles competition. They no longer play five set matches - three if you're lucky and a 10 point tie-breaker if both sides are even after two and six all. It's almost as though they've become an embarrassment to the organisers, and the sooner they're done and dusted the better.

The stands are only ever half full and the applause desultory at best, even on the rare occasions when a rally goes beyond four strokes. And since money follows popularity, the prizes are now rock-bottom compared with the millions tossed around among the singles players. The doubles game itself has become hard to watch, especially for those of us brought up on the centre court adventures of Tony Roach and John Newcomb, or even Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall. All that modern touchy-feely stuff between partners, and the sharing of secret plots between every single point is truly off-putting. They

should make their plans before the match, have a big

cuddle in the dressing room if necessary, and use the court for playing tennis, not kissie-kissie peek-a-boo.

But that's not all. Despite the commentary from Todd Woodbridge – who might well be partly to blame for its descent - the modern players have figured out how to end a point in several ways. It turns out that half a tennis court is too much for two trained humans to defend.

Todd says it's like a game of chess. I beg to differ. It doesn't get beyond the intellectual discipline of Draughts (or Checkers). The average point rarely goes beyond four strokes and ends with an unplayable volley at the net or a crosscourt forehand that zooms into the tramlines. Hohum.

So, what changes do we need to make to revive Doubles and bring excitement back to the game that we can all enjoy watching once more? I guess the simplest solution would be to take the outside tramline away. But then the person at the net on the serving side would surely have too much control over the return. And that could lead to even fewer strokes per point.

Here's another possibility. How about introducing a third player on each side. Their job would be to cover those shots that bounce beyond the outer tramline or the end serving lines, thus allowing the two other players on each side to concentrate on all the other groundstrokes and volleys inside the lines.

Of course, the new players couldn't be everywhere; they'd have to choose which side to cover but they and the other two players on each side could plan their game around the positioning of all three team members. I know it's a big step, but we need to act now. Something must be done or we'll lose one of the delights of the ancient game forever.

Perhaps fellow Doubles lovers will have ideas to refine this 'Triples' suggestion; or something entirely different might tickle the fancy of a clever column reader.

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## Moruya Mail



A Beer with Bazz # 180 With John Longhurst

Mick landed the schooners, adjusted his tie and stretched his neck.

Bazza furrowed his brow.

"Thanks Mick, but there is no need to put on a bag of fruit to have a beer with us blokes."

Mick shook his head.

"I've just come from a meeting with Dutts. He is a bit disappointed with the shadow cabinet. In fact, he refers to them as the cabinet in the shadows. Anyhow, he is casting his advisory net a bit further. He has tasked me with coming up with some big new policy ideas for him to announce over the next few weeks to ensure the momentum gained in the polls continues. Now... it is an opportunity to directly contribute to the incoming government. We do not want to be just talking about nuclear power all the way up to the election."

Bazza rubbed his chin.

"You are fast becoming the go to man for ideas. Perhaps an Elon Musk type role in this new government is in order for you, Mick. The greatest irony with the nuclear power stations, if they ever come to fruition, is the high likelihood they will be built with renewable energy, given the projected technological advances over the next decade."

Mick dismissed the comment with a wave of his hand as Know All Ron cleared his throat.

"Well... Mick we could revisit some of the grand ideas of the past. Given our arid inland and the fact most of our rivers run east of the Great Dividing Range, we could build a network of tunnels and pipes to enable the water to flow westwards. Imagine the boost in agriculture."

Mick jotted down notes on his laptop as Bazza raised an eyebrow.

"Ron, almost ninety percent of Australians live 50 kilometres from the coast and rely on the eastern flowing rivers for water. On top of that, the cost would be prohibitive and the environmental damage beyond belief."

Mick looked up from his laptop.

"Don't be negative, Bazza. Dutts said not to worry about the costs. That will be sorted after the election. I like the fact it is a big idea, Ron. Big ideas mean big announcements. It would get a good run in the media and would warrant a podcast."

Timeless Tom took a long sip and leaned in.

"Bazza is right about most of the population relying on the eastern flowing rivers for water. Now... to overcome that problem, Mick, I suggest we tow icebergs up from the Antartica to guarantee fresh water supplies along the coast."

Mick's eyes beamed as he attacked the keyboard.

"Now we are talking. It will have the added benefit of addressing rising sea levels with the melting of the Antarctic Circle due to climate change. Our Pacific family will love us. Wow... what a visual! Dutts in full fluoro on top of an iceberg coming into Sydney Harbour. Imagine the look on the faces of the Teals. It's a dead set winner."

Bazza blinked repeatedly and shook his head.

"How about doing something that is practical and achievable, Mick? I suggest the Medicare levy be increased from 2 percent to 2.5 percent of taxable income and every cent be spent on fixing our health system."

A stunned silence and Mick momentarily closed his eyes.

"A costed policy Bazza? That would never work... I mean where is the headline? It's hard to come up with a gripping visual of a healthcare system that works. It's too boring, Bazza. I'm with Ron and Tom."

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

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla











#### Protecting Eurobodalla's littlest residents: The ABA Bushfire Project

During the devastating 2019–20 Black Summer bushfires, many families in Eurobodalla faced overwhelming challenges in protecting their infants and young children. A lack of targeted disaster planning led to difficulties for those evacuating with young children, unsafe conditions in evacuation centres and insufficient support for parents and caregivers in the acute and recovery phases.

Pregnant women, infants, and young children are among the most vulnerable during disasters due to their unique physiological needs, dependence on caregivers, and heightened risks from exposure to stress, poor nutrition, and unsafe environments. Without tailored disaster planning, these groups are disproportionately affected, facing long-term health and developmental impacts. Recognising this gap, in 2022 the Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) launched the Community Protection for Infants and Young Children in Bushfire Emergencies Project (ABA Bushfire Project) supported by an Australian Government's Preparing Australian Communities grant. The focus of the ABA Bushfire Project was to address the unique needs of babies and toddlers in emergency preparedness, response and recovery. And Eurobodalla was at the centre.

#### **Learning from Eurobodalla Families**

Local families shared their experiences from the 2019-20 Bushfires through the Babies and Young Children in the Black Summer (BiBS) Study, conducted in conjuction with Western Sydney University, which revealed the struggles they faced during the disaster. The study found that 65% of families had no emergency plan before the fires, over 30% of parents evacuated later than planned due to lack of preparedness, and a quarter of families left without adequate supplies for their children.

Australian Breastfeeding Association
invites you to the
The Bushfire Project's closing
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Date
Thursday 27th Febuary
2025
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location
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Eurobodalla Botanic
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Join us for nibbles and
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project's success in the
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The BiBS Study also found that emergency responders often lacked understanding of the needs of mothers and caregivers of infants and young children, which limited their ability to provide effective support. Some responders assumed mothers would 'know what to do' and did not need assistance. Lack of planning in evacuation centres put children and mothers at risk.

These findings guided the creation of resources aimed at helping parents and emergency organisations better prepare for disasters. Once again, Eurobodalla played a central role. Local families contributed by refining evacuation kit lists, while mothers and children participated in a photoshoot to create relatable imagery for the resources. Local emergency responders also provided valuable input on the types of support needed and offered feedback to ensure the resources were practical and effective.

#### Resources that make a difference

The ABA Bushfire Project has produced a wide range of practical tools to help families and emergency organisations prepare for emergencies, that are set to benefit those beyond Eurobodalla. From evacuation kit checklists for babies and toddlers to animations on breastfeeding and psychological first aid, the resources are designed to empower families and ensure their unique needs are met. Fact sheets, planning guides, and signage for evacuation centers are just a few examples, all now available on the ABA website, <a href="mailto:breastfeeding.asn.au">breastfeeding.asn.au</a>

One standout resource, the Mother-baby area guide for Australia, outlines how to establish safe, supportive spaces for mothers and infants in disaster recovery settings. These tools are already making a difference in improving disaster resilience in our community.

#### **Building resilience through play**

An inspiring initiative born from the project is the annual Playdates with Emergency Services events, championed by SES member Jaclyn Roque and supported by the Eurobodalla Shire Council. These fun, family-friendly gatherings invite local families to connect with emergency responders through activities and education. Children build trust and familiarity with emergency services in a relaxed environment, while parents receive tailored disaster preparedness advice.

Reflecting on the success of these events, Jaclyn Roque said: 'The ABA Bushfire Project has been invaluable in connecting Eurobodalla Emergency Services with local families. Through the Playdates, we've not only reduced children's anxiety about emergencies but also strengthened our community's preparedness. It's been an honour to work with the ABA, and the project's resources have made a lasting impact.'

#### Next steps for Eurobodalla[1]

While significant progress has been made within the project's 3-year time frame, there is still much to do. The ABA Bushfire Project continues to advocate for improved emergency planning that prioritises the needs of infants and toddlers. This includes dedicated spaces for families in evacuation centres, stronger collaboration between councils, health services, and community organisations, and securing support and funding to ensure mother-baby areas can be rapidly established during future disasters.

The project's success in Eurobodalla has gained national recognition. Presentations at the 2024 Australian Disaster Resilience Conference have showcased these community-led solutions, inspiring other regions to adopt similar approaches. Organisations like the Australian Red Cross and NSW Department of Communities and Justice have already adopted these new resources to improve disaster planning across the country. By recognising the unique needs of infants and families, Eurobodalla is setting a benchmark for holistic disaster preparedness, ensuring the most vulnerable are not overlooked. This community-led approach serves as a model for creating inclusive and effective strategies to meet the challenges ahead.

To celebrate this achievement, the ABA Bushfire Project team invites the community to an end-of-project celebration at the Botanical Gardens on **Thursday 27 February 27 from 5:30–7:00 PM.** Join us to reflect on our achievements and look to the future! Please RSVP via the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?">https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?</a> <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jdb.1000/jdb.1007/

For more information about the ABA Bushfire Project and resources for families, visit <a href="https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/supporting-families-emergencies">https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/supporting-families-emergencies</a>.

#### Announcing Australia's artist and curator for the 2026 Venice Biennale

#### **Creative Australia**

Creative Australia announces award-winning multidisciplinary artist Khaled Sabsabi and esteemed curator Michael Dagostino as the artistic team to represent Australia at the 61st International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia.

Their collaboration will bring an exhibition to the Australia Pavilion that hopes to build empathy and connection between all people.

For more than 35 years, Sabsabi's artistic process has involved working across art mediums, geographical borders and with communities in Australian and international contexts. For Sabsabi, creating and exhibiting art has been a way to bring people together in immersive and engaging experiences. Through his work, Sabsabi explores human collectiveness; and questions identity politics and ideology, inviting audiences to do the same.

Michael Dagostino was the founding director of Parramatta Artists' Studios, later Director of Campbelltown Arts Centre, and currently Director of the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney. Dagostino has embedded an intentional artist-driven approach to all of his curatorial and director roles, facilitating access, equity and authorship.

Reflecting on his collaboration with appointed curator Michael Dagostino, Khaled Sabsabi said:

"We acknowledge and recognise First Nations cultural and linguistic diversity that has existed on these lands for thousands of years.

Our collaboration is informed by our common lived experiences and work histories, as migrants and children of migrants. We trust in the culturally diverse voices of Western Sydney and Australia more broadly and the lessons they may offer in negotiations of global futures."

Khaled Sabsabi joins a distinguished group of 42 other Australian artists whose creative contributions have critically engaged with global audiences.



Khaled Sabsabi and Michael Dagostino Granville. Photo:Anna Kucera



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- 13 May Ross Noble
- 23 May The Roy Orbison Story
- 30 May The Eagles Story

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Author Chris Hammer with Batemans Bay Library staff Kathryn McCarthy and Janelle Smith in October 2024.

#### Author talks galore at Eurobodalla Libraries

The numbers don't lie, 2024 was a ripper year for the 600 book enthusiasts attending Eurobodalla Libraries' 25 talks by local, national bestselling, and internationally acclaimed authors.

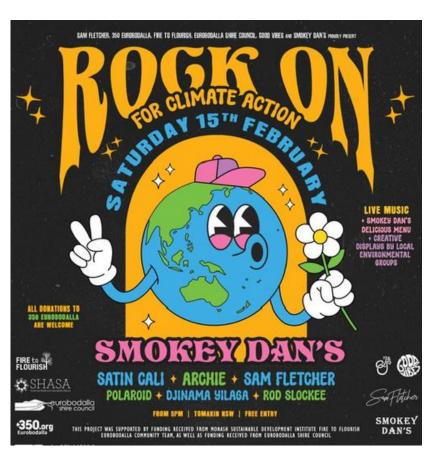
Showcasing talent like crime-writer Tracey Lee, historian Peter Lacey, south coast expert Helen Moody and naturalist John Blay gave readers and aspiring writers the opportunity to meet their local literary heroes.

Best-selling crime writer Chris Hammer also visited, enthralling audiences with some behind-the-scenes insights into his latest, The Valley, while international meta-fiction sensation Benjamin Stevenson had attendees in stiches while sharing the secrets on his best-selling Ernest Cunningham series with wit and whimsy.

Fans of historical fiction enjoyed a heartfelt session with Siobhan O'Brien, talking about her fiction debut All the Golden Light. Sandie Docker fans not only enjoyed amazing insights into The Lyrebird Lake Ladies Choir, but were also treated to a choral performance by local U3A singers along with the author herself! Rural romance queen Fiona McArthur shared the stories behind her medical-themed tales, and her audience was delighted.

But the libraries don't rest on their laurels. Look for another impressive slate of author talks in 2025 starting with local First Nations writer Julie Janson at Batemans Bay library on Tuesday 4 March as part of International Women's Day activities. Hot on her heels on Monday 17 March, award-winning novelist Nicole Alexander Monday will talk at both the Batemans Bay and Narooma libraires. That's just the start with an exciting line up right through the year, including the oft-trending Markus Zusak in September. Find these and other library events by searching for 'What's on at the libraries' on Eurobodalla Council's website.











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Buster is house trained and well behaved inside. He has not met any chickens, cats or pocket pets. Like all AWL pets, Buster comes desexed, vaccinated,

microchipped, and flea, tick and worm treated.

Also, our four gorgeous kittens, Tiger, Lexi, Ollie and Dexter, are still available. All are confident, playful, affectionate and great with dogs, children and visitors.

To meet any of AWL's animals for adoption, call us on 0410 016 612.



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M | 2hrs 21min

COMPANION

~ 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.

MA | 1hr 37mmin ~ Thriller ~ Horror ~

a remote cabin, which unravels into

chaos after a revelation that one of

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#### WE LIVE IN TIME

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.



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#### SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3

the guests is a companion robot.

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.



#### 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.



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If you are thinking of coming along or just have a question to ask about owning or driving an EV please contact Andrew Everard andrew.john.everard@gmail.com

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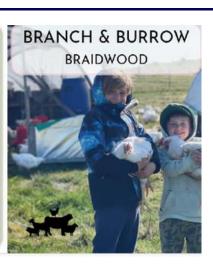




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The hard working volunteers have enjoyed a well earned break and are ready to start repairing again. The door will be open at 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Gather up what you need repairing and repurposing!

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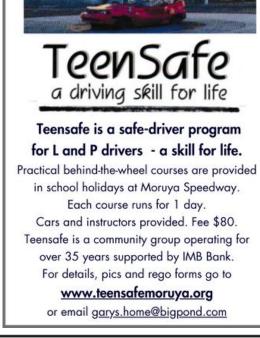




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## Moruya Mail Notices

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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.





#### **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

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. RFR - 21 Yaragee Rd Moruya www.rfreurobodalla.com.au Be part of the solution

#### **Amateur social adult VOLLEYBALL**

Starts Thursday 6th of Feb from 5:30pm to 8pm at Moruya High School. \$5/player. 18 years old and over.

You can join us or leave anytime suits you, no time restrictions. It will run for the first 4 weeks every Thursday at the same time to prepare the participants to play a game and improve their levels. No special skills required apart from being willing to have fun, to train new skills and play volleyball!





#### 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



## EUROBODALLA AGRICULTURAL SHOW RESULTS **PAVILLION RESULTS**

#### Class A Alpaca

Grand Champion Fleece Alison Sledge Commercially Most Valuable Fleece Alison Sledge

Best in Show colour Pam Hamory Best Exhibit Fleece Pam Hamory Best Exhibit Product Peny Young Stewards Choice Hazel Hofmann

#### Junior Class D1 Pre to Year 1

Most Successful Exhibitor Tilly Mangu Best Exhibit Flowers Tilly Mangu Best exhibit Art May Moore Beat Exhibit Craft Dulcie Harris

#### Class D3 Year 5 - Year 6

Most Successful Exhibitor Gracie Strachan Best Exhibit Flowers Gracie Strachan **Emily Cummins** Best Exhibit Produce Best exhibit Art Benjamin Brodie Best Exhibit Craft Annie Fleming Best Exhibit Writing Gracie Strachan

#### Class D 4 Youth Year 7 to Year 12

Most Successful Exhibitor Oli Strachan Best Exhibit Flowers Oli Strachan Best Exhibit Produce Scarlet James Best exhibit Art Scarlet James Best Artwork by High School Student Bob and Mary Greig encouragement Awards and Memorial Sheild Scarlet James Best Exhibit Craft Sophie McFayden Best Exhibit writing Sophie McFayden

#### Class E - Farm Produce

Champion Exhibit Terry Walsely Most Successful Exhibitor Vanessa Findlay

Doone Richmond Best Exhibit Eggs Terry Walsely Best Exhibit Pumpkin

#### Cheese

Best Exhibit Cheese Claire Caesar Most Successful Exhibitor Cheese Glenda

#### Class F Vegetables

Champion exhibit Mal Reed Most Successful Exhibitor Bruce Reid Best Exhibit Beans Mal Reid Best Exhibit Cucumbers Phillip Bentley Best Exhibit Carrots John Spencer Phillip Bentley Best Exhibit Tomatoes Phillip Bentley Tastiest Tomato

#### Class G Fruit

Champion exhibit Michelle Hamrosi Most Successful exhibitor Michelle Hamrosi Best exhibit Apples and Pears Mark Boehme Best Exhibit Citrus B & S Strachan Best Exhibit Stone Fruit Michelle Hamrosi

#### Class H1 Flowers - Dahlias

Champion exhibit Kevin McTernan Most Successful Exhibitor Kevin McTernan

#### **Class H2 Roses**

Matt Stevens Champion Exhibit Most Successful Exhibitor Sue Mehl Best Exhibit Old Fashioned Rose Sue Mehl

#### **Class H3 Cut Flowers**

Champion exhibit G & R Mason Most Successful Exhibitor Kevin McTernan Best Exhibit Floral Collection Kevin McTernan

#### **Class H Pot Plants**

Champion exhibit G & R Mason Most Successful Exhibitor Lee Farrant

#### Class H5 Bonsai

G & R Mason Champion exhibit Most Successful Exhibitor G & R Mason

#### **Class H6 Floral Art Novice**

Champion exhibit G & R Mason Most Successful Exhibitor G & R Mason

#### Class H 7 Floral Art Open

Champion exhibit Linda Gorman Most Successful Exhibitor Lee Farrant Class I JUNIOR COOKERY Best Anzac Biscuits Mayci Mangu Best Decorated Cake in Theme of the Show Matilda Price Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1/1 Aster

Carmichael

Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1 / 2 Oscar

Shepheard

Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1/3 Till Mangu

Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1 / 4 Ryan Cummins

Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1 / 5 Ethan Shepheard

Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1 / 6 Oli Strachan Best Exhibit Cooking Class 1/7 Leila Salter Champion Exhibit Novice cookery Anne

Mulherin

Most Successful Exhibit Novice Tie between Rayanne Stephans and Brooke Wilson

#### Class J Cookery Open

Champion exhibit Uniced Gwennette Tyack Champion exhibit Iced Gwennette Tyack Most Successful exhibitor Gwennette Tyack Best Iced and Decorated Cake Anne Mulherin Best Boiled Fruit Cake Gwennette Tyack Best Exhibit Scones Gwennette Tyack

#### Other Cookery

Best Exhibit - Inclusive Cookery Max Mangu Live Life Cookery Mayci Mangu Best Exhibit Gentlemen Cooking Arthur Vowles Best Exhibit Yeast Cookery Poppy Mitchell

Best Exhibit Confectionary Brooke

Ag Show Rich Fruit Cake 1st Adine Boehme 2nd Jann Simmons

#### Class K Jams, Jellies and Preserves

Champion Exhibit Junior Abbee Piggott Most Successful Junior Abbee Piggott Champion Exhibit Novice Anne Boyton Anne Boyton Best Exhibit Jam Best Exhibit Marmalade Lorraine Dore Best Exhibit Pickles, relish, Chutney Maree Knight

#### Class K Open Section

Champion Exhibit Lorraine Dore Most Successful Exhibitor Pam Bentley Best Exhibit Jam Pam Bentlev Best Exhibit Marmalade Lorraine Dore

Best Exhibit Pickles, Relish, Chutney Lorraine Dore

Best Exhibit Sauce Kerry Obst Stewards Choice Kara-Jade Handley

#### Class L Needlework Class L1 Knitting and Crocheting

Champion Exhibit Jean Swindley Most Successful Exhibitor Rhonda Mason

Best Exhibit Chrochet Jean Swindley Best Exhibit Knitting Emma Andrew



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#### EUROBODALLA AGRICULTURAL SHOW RESULTS

#### Class L2 Tapestry, Embroidery, Machine Sewing

Champion Exhibit Julie Barningham Most Successful Exhibit Julie Barningham Best Exhibit Mashie Sewing Heather Dennison Best Exhibit Hand Embroidery Mary Rose

#### Class 3 Patchwork, Quilting

Champion Exhibit Deborah Dawson Most Successful Exhibit Deborah Dawson

#### Class L4 weaving and Felting

Champion Exhibit Pan Hamory Pam Hamory Most Successful Exhibit Best Exhibit Handspun Kathleen Archer Best Exhibit Felting Hazel Hofman

#### **CRAFT Class M**

Champion exhibit Novice Kate McRae Champion Exhibit Open Marilyn Dredge Most Successful Exhibit Novice Tie K Meyers and Nathan Riches Most Successful Exhibit Open Marilyn Dredge Most Successful Exhibit Craft Marilyn Dredge Marilyn Dredge Best Exhibit Jewellery Best Decorated Item Karen Herrick Best Exhibit Paper Item Marilyn Dredge

Jenny Mitchell

#### Class O ART

Best Exhibit Writing

Champion Exhibit Suzanne Carter Reserve Champion Adrienne Conway Most successful Exhibitor Adrienne Conway

#### Class N Woodworking

Most Successful Exhibitor Jason Denaro

#### Class P Photography

Champion Exhibit Junior Katelyn Ardler Most Successful Exhibit Junior Katelyn Ardler Most Successful Exhibit Open Kevin Buds Nell Greig Awards Abi Paterson Show Photography Sam Strachan Show Theme Photography Peter Halkett **Encouragement Award** Katelyn Ardler

#### Class Q Home Brewing and Wine Making

Champion Exhibit Beer Health Pigner Champion Exhibit Spirits and Liquors Bo Edwards Most Successful Exhibitor Beer **Everard Clynk** Most Successful Exhibitor Wine Narelle Northwood Most Successful Exhibitor Spirits and Liquors Bo Edwards

#### Class R Oysters

Jason Findlay Champion Oyster Reserve Champion Jason Findlay

#### Class T Upcycled and Recycles

Champion Exhibit Karen Herrick Stewards Choice Award Jason Denaro



#### Leatherwork (new section)

Champion Exhibit Andrea Dobson

A handmade Saddle - this was chosen as the Champion Exhibit of the

#### Class D2

Most Successful exhibitor Mayci Mangu Best Exhibit Flowers Mary Green Best Exhibit Produce Nicholas Henry Best Exhibit Art Summer Charlwood Best Exhibit Craft Taylor Bartulovich

#### POULTRY

Champion Bird of the Show Johanna Martin Reserve Champion Bird of the Show P & J Martin Junior Champion Bird if the Show Archer Lyttle Champion Large Fowl Hard Feather McKay Family Poultry Champion Large Fowl Soft Feather Matt Griffin Champion Bantam Soft Feather & J Martin Champion Bantam Hard Feather McKay Family Poultry Champion Beeding Pari Johanna Martin Johanna Martin Champion Waterfowl

Best Backyard Fowl Ed Stracham Best Dressed Bird Archer Lyttle

#### Kayla Knight Champion Cage Bird

Best Puppy less than 6 months

#### **PET SHOW**

Best Pupp 6 – 12 months Victoria and Taffy Best Biscuit Catcher Zoe and Andy Best Dog and Owner Lookalike Martin and Min Best Fancy Dressed Pet Jack and Rocky Grand Champion Pet Rachael and Neo Runner up champion Jada and Boof

#### Class B CATTLE

Champion Junior Judge Maisy Maher – Aradale Limousins Champion Junior Femail Kia Ora Universal Star – Aradale Limousins Reserve Champion Junior Female Arardale Unltimate Sass – Aradale Limousins

Jada and Boof

Champion Senior Female Raydon Park Ultra Ebony – Narooma High School

Reserve Champion Senior Female Aradale Upsy Daisy - Aradale Limousins

Grand Champion Female (Cannon Hill Poll Hereford Stud Perpetual Trophy) - Kia Ora Universal Star - Aradale Limousins

Supreme Champion Beef Exhibit of the 2025 Nirvana Property Eurobodalla Agricultural Cattle Show Kia Ora Universal Star -**Aradale Limousins** 

Champion Junior Parader Dommigue Wyse

Most successful Beed Exhibitor of Eurobodalla Agricultural Show **Aradale Limsins** 

Inaugural Memorial Stephen Heffernan Herdsman Perpetual Award Narooma High School

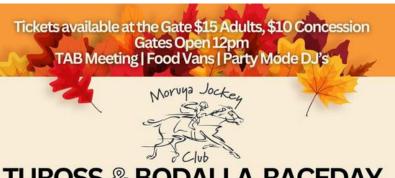


A new Pool and Brew shop has opened at 4/7 Cranbrook Road Batemans Bay (next to 3d shade sails). We are your exclusive dealers for Dolphin pool cleaners. Stockists of pool and spa chemicals and Coopers and Morgans HOME BREW supplies. We also service swimming pools from North Durras to Moruya from \$65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

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#### Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

The morning started off with vice-President Terry Montgomerie welcoming Jessica and Leah daughters of John Booth to the Presentation of his Memorial Trophy. Leah spoke warmly of her Dad, how proud and humble he was, how much he loved being part of Twist Tops, also all the friends he had there and being part of our committee.

The proud winner of this year's Trophy was President Steve Hogan who received Trophy from Jessica and Leah. (photo > )
Terry thanked everyone who took part in this event for the \$91

donated to Charity.

President Steve welcomed 34 Twisties on a hot and windy Sunday morning. He also presented committee member Tony Dobson with the weekly and monthly Awards when he had confused all with two Brett's instead of a Brett and a "Bert" aka Janet Smith!

Winners with Most Winning Ends, 15/3 Alma Scott and Milka Starkovski. (Photo >>)

Runners-up, Tricia Wheeler, Anthony Robinson and Skip Neil Mather.

Milka selected Rink 5 to try for Jackpot. Winning Skip Rob Ireland cut cards but no luck finding Joker. Other winning Teams, Barrie Stone, Ruth Ebsworth, Ute Krook and Karen James. Ian Biddolph and Colleen Beadon. Sue Lalor and Rob Ireland. Sandy Mather and Trevor Innes. Patty Manning and Steve Hogan.

Lucky number winners, 31 David Lalor, 19 Ute Krook. Lovely to have Robyn Best back on the Green with us, also Sue and David Lalor from Queanbeyan RSL Club. Thanks to "Music Man" Smoothie.



#### Moruya Ladies Golf



Golf this week at Moruya saw 15 ladies brave the hot and steamy conditions to play a Stroke round and the first Club Medal for 2025. It was a test of stamina as the going was pretty tough as we begin to get back into our golf for the year. The winner of the event was Robyn Hawkins with a 71 Nett followed by Sharon Knight with a 73nett C/B. Balls went to Cindy Becker, Jan Lumsden, Val Moore and Noelene Cowdroy 78 on C/B."

#### Stingrays Women's Bowls Report

There were 33 ladies on the Green on a very hot windy summer's day. Welcome to new member Lynda Franks and Birthday wishes to Michelle Adler. Winners Rink 4, Sue Palmer Wendy Geary and Skip Nancy White. (Photo)

Runners-up Rink 3, Judy Davis, Fran Lucas and Sandra Burgess. Lucky Losers Rink 5, Swinging Lead 'Tricia Wheeler, Di MacPherson, Joan Rimmer and Skip Gayl Vidgen.

Lucky number winner, Linda Franks.

Money Club 47 Jan Shalders, 36 Pat Bill. Don't forget drills will be held Wednesday afternoon for anyone interested.





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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

#### Moruya River.

It has been a very encouraging week for the Moruya system, with the fish returning to large portions of the river. The airport flats have been holding and producing some nice flathead, bream, trevally and whiting. While the area behind the hole in the wall has been producing the same, with more than a few good sized whiting hitting surface presentations. Fish to 40cm have been reported, along with some nice flathead and bream alike.

I managed a nice 40cm whiting on surface lures just north of the town bridge on the southern side of the river casting from the bank at the top of the tide. 10 minutes later I got dusted up by a solid 45cm+ Trevally that took a liking to a soft plastic from the bridge itself. The fish found the bridge pylons as I tried to walk it towards the bank from the bridge deck itself.

I have heard that the holes in front of the hospital have also been producing some solid bream and flathead as well.

The upper reaches of the river will be again fishing well for bass as the river has had plenty of time to settle and clear. Cicadas will be my go to lure this weekend as well as soft plastic frogs.

#### Tuross River.

As the fishing pressure from the holidays now eases with the kids back at school, the locals can get back to enjoying their own little slice of heaven again. Coila lake had a so so run of prawns this last dark, I imagine that the next run will be much better as the system will have had time to settle after a busy holiday season and substantial rains last fortnight. There is also the chance of a mud crab for those putting a pot or two out.

The main system itself, has been fishing well this week with good numbers of flathead, bream, whiting and the odd mulloway all being reported. I have had several of my regular locals getting ready for a mulloway session now that the angling pressure has dropped. Fingers crossed I get some positive reports from them.

The upper reaches of the river will have also settled for those that want to try for a bass this weekend as well.

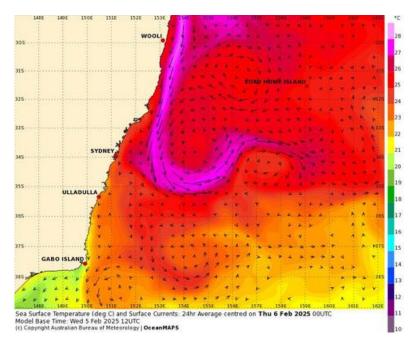
#### Rock and beach.

Salmon in good numbers and size as well as bream, flathead and whiting have all been reported from the beaches this past week. The close gutters are holding some nice bream, whiting and flathead with several regulars getting good flathead on soft plastics in the close gutters.

All beaches have the possibility of holding salmon schools, but they do have a tendency to swim, so they aren't always where you are.

The Moruya breakwall should have a few fish along its length. Get out and explore this weekend.





#### Offshore.

The weather, as always, will play a big part in the offshore scene this weekend. Saturday looks to have the better swell and wind conditions, if you don't mind the rain, which is forecast all weekend.

Snapper have been out around the 50-60m mark, with the flathead in around the 15-20m mark.

I haven't had any reports from the game crews this week, so I am unable to say what is biting out wide.

I have just placed a substantial order to restock a lot of is currently missing in the shop with Shimano, so next week expect to see some restock updates for the shop.

The bait freezer was restocked yesterday, so everything that is currently available is in there.

Don't forget for the month of February for every \$100 spent in store, you will get an entry for a chance to to win a Kings SUP. Just add your contact details to the back of your receipt and add that to the entry bucket. Good luck to all those who have or are going to enter.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

#### Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund

Applications to the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund are closing soon!

Aboriginal businesses and communities are encouraged to get their applications in for the next round of grants from the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund (AFTF) before it closes on 16 February 2025.

A total of \$500,000 is on offer to provide opportunities for

A total of \$500,000 is on offer to provide opportunities for Aboriginal communities in commercial fishing, tourism, Aboriginal cultural fishing, and research and education related to fisheries resources throughout NSW.

Last year, eight applications were supported, with \$223,145 allocated from the Trust Fund for projects covering inland and coastal regions which will enhance, maintain and protect Aboriginal cultural fishing and provide for economic opportunities for Aboriginal communities associated with fisheries resources.

Further information about the AFTF, including guidelines, eligibility and the application process, can be found on our website <a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/.../aboriginal-fishing/aftf">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/.../aboriginal-fishing/aftf</a>



### Tuross Head Golf Results



A Grade Brad Doolan with Sponsor Barry Peddle

#### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 1st February 2025

A field of 63 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event today. The event was sponsored by Barry Peddle and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: Brad Doolan (7) with 66 nett (Medal) 2nd: William Steenbergen (12) with 70 nett B Grade:

1st: Peter Engelbrecht (18) with 65 nett (Medal) 2nd: James Paton (18) with 68 nett C. Grade:

1st: Tony Brown (23) with 66 nett (Medal) 2nd: Anthony Mellick (28) with 71 nett (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

Brad Doolan 4.53 A Grade 3th 4th: Paul Scholze 2.35 B Grade 4th: Tony Brown 1.95 C Grade 1.78 A Grade 6th: Brad Doolan 1.00 B Grade 6th: Simon French Brad Doolan 11.2 A Grade 7th: Herb Muriwai 16.57 C Grade

Hole Prize: Peter Johnston 11th Hole 1.97 Golden Shot. Putting Comp: Colin Houghton

Balls went to: Steve Collins 68, Paul Scholze 69, Kevin Reilly 69, Peter Johnston 69, Stephen Gardner 71, Derek Hoare 71, Paul Medwin 71, Ian Manton 71, Graeme Sindel 72, Bruce Handley 73, Lars Gaupset 73, John Phyland 73, Wayne Fullerton 73, Steven O'Shea 73 and John Harb 73.



Winning Team:Jeanette Miller, Annette Manton, Shirley Quinlan and Samantha Dryden

#### Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results -Tuesday 4th February 2025

A field of 31 ladies signed up for an Ambrose event today which was our first competition game this year. The event was sponsored by Tuross Boatshed. There were a number of new ladies and a visitor playing today and the game was followed by a welcoming afternoon tea enjoyed by all.

The Winning Teams were:

1st: Samantha Dryden, Jeanette Miller, Annette Manton and Shirley Quinlan with 66.125

2nd: Cate O'Brien, Judy Apps and Di Brown with 68.5

3rd: Leonie Doolan, Cath Fitzsimmons and Gail Page with 68.833

4th: Kerrie Sand Marilyn

Bingham with 69.167 5th: Beverley Theobald, Wendy Schmid and

Anne Moylan with 69.5 6th: Pam Alexander, Marie Muriwai and

Sandra D'Onofrio with 71.33



#### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 5th February 2025

A field of 42 players, including several visitors, registered for a Stableford event today. The day was humid with some excellent results.

The winners were:

1st: Ross Hendy 19 (countback)
2nd: Peter McRae 19 (countback)
3rd: Rob Nash 17 (countback)
4th: John Cox 17 (countback)

5th: Greg Bush 16
6th: Ken Hush 16
7th: Annette Manton 16
8th: Ted Quinlan 16
9th: L Bergman 15
10th: Dorothy Madden 15
11th: G. Geelan 15

12th: Paula Coffey 15 13th: Jan Kendal 15

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Ken Hush (2nd Shot) 6th: Ross Hendy (1st shot)

7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd shot)
Mens: Peter McRae (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Dorothy Madden (5th hole)

Bradmans: Terry Lunn

Winner: Ross Hendy

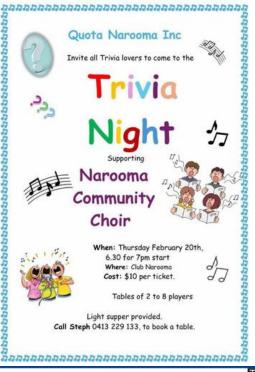


## Moruya Mail 2025 Eurobodalla Agricultural Show Results



Narooma High School Show Team had a great day at the 2025 Eurobodalla Agricultural Show. See full results Pages 26 & 27. Photo: Facebook







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