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Photo of the Week : A stunning sunrise last week captured by Bindy Welsh at Tuross Head.

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Dear Community,

I want to extend an invitation to you to come get excited about food by attending the SAGE weekly food shares. I have been attending the food share for at least 6-7 years.

As a new backyard gardener living in Malua Bay, I happily drove to Moruya once a month to attend the food share. It was a great way to learn all things gardening by asking questions and observing produce brought to the sharing table. I met new people, have formed friendships with them, and have collected new things to grow which have been brought to our gatherings. People bring seedlings, seeds, gardening and cookbooks, preserves, eggs and tools. I always left the food share feeling rich, not just because my basket was full of goodies from others, but emotionally enriched as well.

Our house burned down in the Black Summer Fire and we chose to sell our land in Malua Bay. We thought as we had a clean slate to start with, we could move anywhere in Australia. Research into farmer's markets around the country led me back to Moruya. We have an amazing local growing community and foodie system here. My husband calls me TOS (The Organic Snob), but I'd rather be called The Organic Warrior. Our region is a paradise for excellent chemical free, nutrient dense food and I couldn't leave that behind. So, I put down my roots and took on helping out with the SAGE food share, upping the gatherings from once a month to 4 times a month thinking surely backyard veggie growers would be hot to share their excess more than once a month. Sadly this has not been the case since Covid. I hope this letter lights the fire under our growing community to start showing up and boost our community's resilience and health by sharing their excess. You are missing out on all sorts of good fun! Now let me be clear, you DO NOT have to grow food to attend a food share. We backyarders already have a lot of food, food we are proud to share and chat about. We welcome anyone who wants to come and share the bounty. What a great way to teach your kids where food comes from, and hear about all the different ways to cook and eat it. Food is love. Families and friendships bloom at the tables where food is prepared and served. When you say to yourself you are too busy to come to the food share, think back on your own home cooked favourite foodie experience, surely you can budget one hour or less to collect free food and create new memories with those you cherish.

You might even surprise yourself and catch the gardening bug. In a world where our devices are constantly stealing our focus, I have declared my garden a phone free zone. It's great being distracted by little frogs and insects! The best part of veggie gardening to me is naming where all the different foods on my plate came from. The fewer that are from the supermarket, the more I feel like the organic warrior!

My favourite food share day is the first Sunday of the month alongside The Nourished Sovereign coffee, tonics, and food van at Riverside Park at 10 am. It's a great location to start a Sunday. Coffee and free food. A win, win! The playground is usually full of kids and their parents having a good time. Andy at The Nourished Sovereign has just started a podcast about local food heroes in our region.

<https://thenourishedsovereign.com/podcast-1>

He is committed to a resilient and connected local community as am I.

So, I invite you again to begin your own local food journey. I would love to hear from you and am open to changing one of my weekly meet ups to a time more convenient to you. Here is the link to this season's schedule:

<https://www.sageproject.org.au/pages/community-food-at-sage-garden>

It can be found on the food share tab of the Sage Project website.

Here is a contact link for me: sewindsay@yahoo.com

I hope to see and meet you soon,

Lindsay Gates

Appeal for information as inquiries continue into home invasion - Moruya

Police are appealing for information as they investigate a home invasion on the South Coast last year.

Police were called to a home in Hawdon Street, Moruya, about 1.50am, on Wednesday 25 December 2024, following reports of a break and enter. Officers attached to South Coast Police District responded and were told six offenders forced entry into the home and caused damage to the inside of the home. Before leaving, a utility parked in the driveway was damaged. No injuries have been reported.

A crime scene was established and investigations commenced. As inquiries continue, police are appealing for anyone with dashcam or CCTV in Hawdon Street, Moruya, or the surrounding area, to come forward and contact Batemans Bay Police Station on 44720099 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Management plans for Bay reserves on public exhibition

Eurobodalla Council is calling for comment on its draft plan of management for reserves at Hanging Rock, Corrigans Beach and Observation Point.

The draft Plan of Management for Hanging Rock, Corrigans Beach and Observation Point reserves is on public exhibition until Wednesday 26 March and [available online](#) or in hardcopy at Council's administration building at Moruya and at the shire's libraries.

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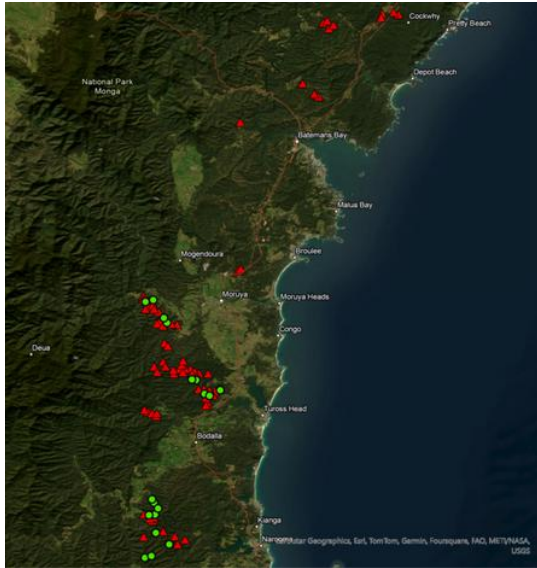
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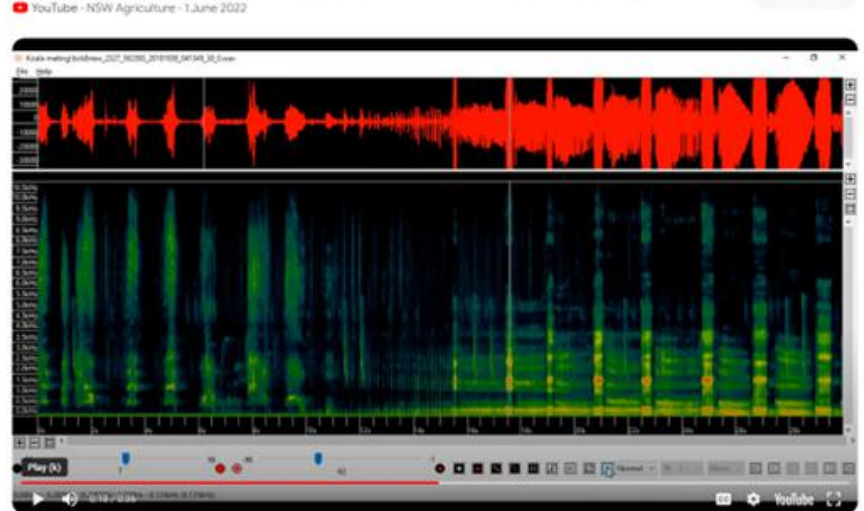
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Listen up - New Koala populations found in Eurobodalla



NSW DPI Forest Ecology - Mating koala calls displayed on a Sonogram



Sonogram of a male koala bellow. (NSW DPI 2022)

Koalas have been detected at 18 new locations in southern Eurobodalla using acoustic recorders. Half of the sites were burnt during the Black Summer Bushfires and there is hope that the species is now recovering in some places.

These new detections are in three groups, the southern Bodalla State Forest, the eastern edge of the Moruya State Forest and in Deua National Park just west of Moruya township. The acoustic survey reveals the connection between the Bodalla Koalas and their more southern cousins in Gulaga and Kooraban National Parks.

The acoustic survey builds on earlier survey work of the Eurobodalla Koala Recovery Project which used a drone with a thermal camera to find 3 Koalas in the south. The drone also found threatened species such as Greater Gliders and Glossy Black-Cockatoos. The drone was only able to survey 31 sites but the small recording devices called Song Meters were set up at 88 locations to record the bellows of male Koalas over a two week period. The 12,000 hours of nocturnal sound recordings were analysed by computer software that recognises koala bellows using sonogram spectral images. An additional Song Meter survey at 32 locations within Bodalla State Forest by Forestry Corporation, awaits analysis and will complement these findings.

The Eurobodalla Koala Project is run by dedicated community volunteers for the past 12 years and their spokesperson, Candace Wirth, said "This is the culmination of much field work to show that Koala populations do survive in the Eurobodalla and can now be included in the NSW Koala Management Plan."

"The Recovery Project also involved Community Tree planting of key food trees for the Koala to create corridors to link these smaller populations. Sharlene Cohen engaged with local landholders at 7 locations to plant out 4,000 tree seedlings propagated at the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens." The next steps for the Eurobodalla Koala Project will be to have the NSW Koala Strategy revised to include Eurobodalla as an Area of Regional Koala Significance (ARKS) and have the Eurobodalla Shire Council undertake a Koala Management Plan for the Shire that protects habitat and the remaining Koala populations.

The ongoing monitoring of Koalas in Eurobodalla will continue with NSW Forestry Corporation conducting broadscale Song Meter surveys each Spring and Autumn within State Forests and DCCEEW undertaking biannual surveys on key regional populations.

The Eurobodalla Koala Recovery Project was funded by the Commonwealth Government and partnerships were formed with Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Lands Council Rangers, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Forestry Corporation NSW Southern Region, National Parks and Wildlife Service South Coast Branch and South East Local Land Services. Generous support for the acoustic recorder survey came from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

An interactive Storymap shows how to identify the best potential koala habitat to rehabilitate movement corridor across Eurobodalla shire.



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Country Mayors seek restoration of Commonwealth Funding

Chairman of the NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA) Mayor Rick Firman OAM has called for the Australian Government and Opposition to commit to the restoration of Commonwealth funding for Local Government.

“Federal Governments of all persuasions have slowly but surely eroded the funding that is provided to Local Government. It is alarming that the annual Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) provided to Local Government by the Federal Government have decreased from 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue in 1996 to just 0.5% today.”

Mayor Firman raised concerns that this falling revenue was a major contributing factor to the financial sustainability challenges that many Councils in rural and regional NSW currently face. “Declining Commonwealth contributions, coupled with rate pegging in NSW and increasing operating costs are making it very difficult for Councils, and particularly country Councils, to continue to deliver services and infrastructure at the levels our communities need he said”

CMA Deputy Chairman Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick said insufficient funding from the Australian Government hits country communities in the hip pocket. “The inadequate FAGs situation creates large rate rises across rural and regional NSW Local Government Areas during a cost-of-living crisis, as Councils struggle to remain financially sustainable. While country Councils know their communities are doing it tough, their operating costs have also risen much faster than their revenue over consecutive years. Special Rate Variations harm the relationship we have with our ratepayers but they have become a necessity in NSW,” he said. “Grants are over 70 per cent of the revenue of some rural NSW Councils. Their rate base is stagnant. So, even rate hikes cannot help them much.”

The CMA has written to the Prime Minister, The Hon Anthony Albanese, and both the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Peter Dutton MP and to the Leader of the National Party, the Hon David Littleproud MP requesting one on one meetings to discuss the issue. The Leaders have also been invited to address the 28 March meeting of CMA, which has a theme of Financial sustainability.

Country-based Councils in NSW face unique cost pressures, with many Local Government Areas being the size of small European countries and being responsible for close to 1,500kms of roads. Mayor Firman explained that Councils are required to deliver public services like administration, recreational facilities, pools, libraries and waste facilities in multiple locations in order to ensure equity of access, which increases the cost of Council operations.

“In many of our 87 Member Council LGAs there is little or no public transport; therefore it is almost impossible to consolidate service delivery in centralised locations to cut costs. Our Board and our Members are committed to ensuring that those who choose to live and work in country NSW have the services and infrastructure available that validates that choice. It’s all about equity,” Mayor Firman said.

“We are asking that the Commonwealth and Opposition to please – step up to the plate, to support our Members in providing the services and infrastructure that our communities need and deserve. A commitment to return FAGs funding to 1996 levels would substantially improve financial sustainability not just for NSW councils but for Local Government across Australia,” concluded Mayor Firman.

Parliamentary report highlights funding emergency

The interim report from Federal Parliament’s inquiry into local government sustainability highlights the urgent need for increased funding to Australia’s 537 local governments.

ALGA President Mayor Matt Burnett said the report confirmed councils are at a breaking point, after years of being asked to do more with less.

“Services and infrastructure that were once the responsibility of state and federal governments are now increasingly being delivered by local government,” Mayor Burnett said.

“We are also stepping up to provide vital local services – including healthcare, childcare and aged care – where it’s not commercially viable for the private sector.

“Building infrastructure for new housing, adapting to a changing climate and mitigating against natural disasters are national priorities being held back by a lack of funding and support for councils.

Mayor Burnett said the current funding model for local government is broken and needs to be fixed.

“We look forward to the final report and recommendations, and it’s absolutely crucial the inquiry recommends more support for Australian councils – not just re-cutting the limited and insufficient funding that’s currently provided.

“Competitive grant funding programs disadvantage smaller regional, rural and remote councils, so heading into this year’s election we are calling for new formula-based funding programs that would support all councils to deliver local solutions to national priorities.”

This would include:

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply,
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure,
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads,
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
- \$400 million per year for climate adaptation.

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SCULPTURE FOR CLYDE 2025 EVENT CANCELLED

In a public statement released this week, it was announced that the “popular public art event, Sculpture For Clyde, will not proceed in 2025.

Unfortunately, the event committee has been unable to secure critical grant funding in a timely manner from either Destination NSW or Eurobodalla Shire Council, even though the event has strong support from Council, State Government and Federal Government.”

The decision comes just a year since the Event upped the main prize money to \$100,000, making it the second largest sculpture prize in the country.

The Committee then requested an extra \$20,000 from Eurobodalla Shire Council for ‘marketing’, which was granted. The exhibition was proposed to be held from Saturday May 31 to Sunday June 8, 2025, along the Batemans Bay foreshore.

The statement said “After the huge success of the 2024 event, this is very disappointing for all involved, but we look forward to the event returning in 2026. All applications and sponsorship received to date will be refunded in full within the coming week.

The committee extends a huge thank you to those artists and local businesses who continue to support the event year on year. “

“The winning sculpture from the 2024 event ‘The Past Is Just Behind’ by sculptor Ingrid Morley, is expected to be unveiled in Batemans Bay in the coming weeks. Footings have already been installed, and the committee would like to thank Eurobodalla Council for their work and support in this regard.”

“The Batemans Bay Sculpture Walk, along the Clyde River foreshore, is the legacy of the Sculpture for Clyde Event. Each year, the sculpture winning the acquisitive award is permanently positioned for the community and visitors to enjoy.”

Jan Frikken finalist in NSW Women of The Year Award 2025

By John Longhurst
Eurobodalla Shire Council Local Hero 2024, Ms Jan Frikken is a finalist in the prestigious NSW Women of the Year Awards for 2025. Established in 2012, the NSW Women of the Year Awards have been a powerful platform to recognise and celebrate incredible women and girls whose determination, courage, talent, and passion continue to inspire their communities and beyond.



Jan Frikken owns JJJ Oriental Supermarket in Batemans Bay which doubles up as a neighbourhood centre for people from all abilities , cultures, races and religions.

From these humble beginnings the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group was formed by Jan, Maricel Ceniza, May Smith and Mertzy Chen in 2017.

It is an unfunded community group run by volunteers providing referrals to relevant service providers as well as personalised and community support.

The Eurobodalla Multicultural Group prides itself on promoting access and equity, integration and cultural diversity.

The Group’s activities include organising Harmony Day, International Women’s Day, Annual Diversity Night, Batemans Bay Cooking Group as well as English classes for people who are not eligible for government funded classes.

The Group provides non judgmental assistance including accessing Centrelink or Medicare, applying for citizenship, acquiring a driver’s license, legal assistance, form filling, family relationships through to basic life skills.

Jan said “It is just a case of asking and I am sure our network can point you in the right direction or hopefully solve the problem with you. We invite the vulnerable in our community to reach out.”

The Group has also widened its role by throwing out a socialising mat to all members of the community with the Batemans Bay Dinner Group meeting each Wednesday evening, the Batemans Bay Coffee morning each Thursday and the Pot Luck Dinner Group catch up each month.

These groups have the added bonus of supporting local businesses.

The establishment of ‘Caring Corner’ at JJJ Supermarket has been a lifesaver for individuals and families doing it tough.

Jan Frikken said ‘Caring Corner is a space for people to donate non-perishable food items and it is targeted at people who are homeless, living in cars, tents or temporary accommodation who have limited cooking facilities.

Jan Frikken has been a driving force behind all of these initiatives and her community work extends beyond the Eurobodalla Shire and into the neighbouring shire with the establishment of the Shoalhaven Multicultural Hub last year. Since 2023 Jan has been a member of the Regional Community Networks (RCNs) for Illawarra and Southeast NSW. The members are appointed by the NSW Minister for Multiculturalism to provide advice and guidance to Multicultural NSW and help make connections with communities in their regions.

With over two decades of active community work in Singapore, Malaysia as well as the south coast of NSW, Jan Frikken is a worthy finalist in the 2025 Women of the Year Awards. The winners will be announced on the 6th March, 2025 as part of NSW Women’s Week which runs from Sunday 2nd March through to the 8th March, 2025.

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A Respectful Nod to the Internal Combustion Engine : A very brief history

The December 6 edition of Moruya Mail noted that Electric Vehicle sales in 2024 in Australia hit the 100k milestone (98400 in 2023). As the electric vehicle (EV) market increases, lets pause a moment in honour of the faithful workhorse that has powered our cars for more than a century, often taken for granted as that machine under the hood, the Internal Combustion Engine (I.C.E.). As a member of the Classic Motor Club of Eurobodalla and manager of Teensafe, I have a historic respect for cars. By the way, the External Combustion Engine, which came first, was a steam engine in which the combustion occurred outside the engine, eg burning coal to boil water in a 'boiler' so steam pressure entered a cylinder to force a piston down to drive the machine to run a factory, a tractor or the Titanic. Steam engines powered the Industrial Revolution. For locals, you can see the remains of a rusted boiler from a wrecked steamship on the headland reef at Bingi. James Watt, a Scottish engineer, perfected the 'modern' steam engine and coined the term "horsepower" around the time Captain Cook sailed along our undeveloped coast and past Bingi Point. But I digress.

The first successful 4 stroke I.C.E was designed in the 1860's in Germany by Nicolaus Otto working with Gottlieb Daimler. The brilliance was to use the same piston system as the steam engine but provide the combustion internally above the piston using liquid fuel and a spark plug to cause an explosion to drive the piston. The exhaust noise, of course, is the sound of each explosion muffled by an exhaust muffler although you would have heard a far louder explosive sound from some revving motor bikes. Vehicle connoisseurs actually like the distinctive tone and resonance from a V8 engine (eight cylinders & pistons in a V formation) considered music to some. Speaking of music, the creative and prolific German composer, Beethoven, was making music around the time Watt was making steam engines. What a great era for human advancement!

The first commercially available I.C.E powered car was created by another German, Karl Benz, in 1885. His name would continue on every Mercedes Benz car since. Ironically, the first electric vehicle was likely to have been put on the road in 1888 by yet another German, Andreas Flocken, with a 100kg battery and a speed of 15 km/hr. In 1892, yes another German, Rudolf Diesel, changed the standard I.C.E to develop, you guessed it...the diesel engine. No spark plugs, no carburettors and high torque power for big machines like trucks, trains and ships with endurance. At this point even Basil Fawlty would be impressed and probably mention the Germans.

Moving right along, Henry Ford, the American industrialist, developed the Mass Production Line and churned out huge numbers of Model T Fords with a reliable petrol I.C.E in the early 20th Century. The average person could now afford a Ford and the EV faded away. So, for over a century, we have relied on and enjoyed cars with the I.C.E. engine. Baby Boomers were the first really mobile generation with a car, in wealthier countries, and drove everywhere with new found independence. I admire 'The Engine' because it is not unusual for a car to travel 300,000 km while the basic engine keeps going (other smaller parts may fail around it and be replaced). A quick calculation reveals that in a car travelling 300,000 km, the engine has clocked up 450 million revolutions (based on an average speed of 80 km/hr at 2000 rpm – a fastidious person may want to check my maths). Some cars will do far more, some less. The pistons go up and down, very fast, turning a crankshaft which drives the wheels. It is amazing that an average engine can do 450000000 revs, generally without fail, for years. Much more in big engine trucks, trains and ships. Worthy of respect.

By comparison, another fantastic machine, the human heart, will beat 2.5 Billion times in an average lifetime, say 75 years, without fail (ref "The Body" by Bill Bryson). The oldest person ever recorded lived for 122 years, Jeanne Louise Calment of Provence, France. That's a lot of heart beats. Jeanne enjoyed comfortable family wealth, smoked most of her life and gave up smoking two cigarettes per day at age 117. She was aged 10 when the first commercial I.C.E appeared on the market. Maybe the French diet is as important as a regular oil change in an engine for longevity. I sometimes wonder why a car or a human lasts longer than others. I once discussed this with my doctor, about longevity in people. I suggested longevity is due to 25% diet, 25% exercise, 25% general wellbeing and 25% genes. The doctor reckoned it is 25% genes and 75% good luck. So, thank you to all the hard working internal combustion engines that have been a vital part of our lives, our travels and our independence, although it is pity about some of your bad habits, especially the exhaust carbon emissions, an inconvenient truth. But wait, the growth of the ICE required huge quantities of oil and the expansion of petroleum industries saved the whale from extinction because expensive whale oil for lighting fuel and fine lubricants was replaced by petroleum, just in time ...but don't tell the oil industry! I will no doubt end up with an EV but also have a real car to play with, a piece of pampered automotive history on Classic Car Club plates, just for fun.

Gary Smith. Tuross Head

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EDEN-MONARO - Kristy McBain, Joanne van der Plaats, Emma Goward.

GILMORE - MP Fiona Phillips, MP, Kate Dezarnaulds, Andrew Constance, Debbie Killian.

Subject: Request for Candidate Positions on Local Radiotherapy Services

Dear Candidates,

The Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires, within the federal constituencies mentioned above, have a very significant medical demographic of seniors (60+) and First Nations communities. In the Eurobodalla alone, the overall population growth projected by NSW Health to be reached by 2031 in the 2021-31 Clinical Services Plan had, according to ABS, already passed that mark by mid-2020. Despite other rural districts with similar or smaller populations having access to Local Radiotherapy Services (LRS), the entire Far South Coast region—from the Victorian border up to just before Nowra (approximately 300 km)—continues to lack these vital services. Given these compelling demographic realities, it seems both anomalous and inequitable that a combined community population of nearly 78,000 (and growing) in 2025 still cannot access life-saving or palliative radiotherapy treatment locally. Our region is a treatment desert. As it stands, patients must travel to Canberra, Nowra or beyond for radiation treatments, often for sessions as short as 15 minutes, up to 8 weeks at a time, and incur additional accommodation costs. The added financial and emotional burden has led some patients to decline treatment altogether. Shockingly, one local GP estimated that 30% of just prostate cancer patients eligible for radiotherapy opt out because of these barriers.

This existing model of care is clearly flawed and unsustainable. The focus should be centered around delivering the optimum care to the patient: this is clearly missing in these arrangements.

On behalf of the many local residents facing these challenges, including their families and loved ones, 'ONE' has advocated for the establishment of local radiotherapy services for the past four years. Our efforts include two widely subscribed petitions in 2021 and 2022 calling for a locally available service. The recently commenced construction of the new Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, slated for completion in late 2027, presents an ideal opportunity to include this desperately needed service.

In August 2024, the Eurobodalla Shire Council unanimously "joined the community in supporting the inclusion and prioritisation of local radiotherapy services". We now ask each Federal Parliament candidate to share their position on this issue so that our community can clearly understand where they stand.

Out of respect for those directly impacted by this issue, and given that this is a non-political matter, we kindly ask that all responses remain on point and focused on the issue of provision of local radiotherapy services locally. In 2023, eminent health expert Professor Michael Reid AM, confirming both the need and feasibility of a local radiotherapy centre, estimated the cost of a single Linac-equipped unit at \$35 million (NOT \$100 million)—a modest sum relative to overall health expenditure. The impact of this facility on our community regionally would be profound.

We acknowledge the longstanding efforts of Fiona Phillips MP, who has secured \$8 million in federal funding towards the cost of a radiotherapy centre, and Kristy McBain MP, whose vigorous advocacy for regional radiotherapy provision has also been crucial. With Minister for Regional Development Kristy McBain's support, we now look to her Cabinet colleague, Health Minister Hon. Mark Butler MP, for a timely response to our recent written representations, which underscore the urgent and dire need for this service in our region.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the magnificent oncology teams at Moruya District Hospital and Bega Regional Hospital for their dedicated care under increasing demand pressure. We know their hard work is deeply valued by their patients. Providing local access to LRS would be a meaningful acknowledgment of their tireless efforts.

We look forward to receiving your response at your earliest convenience. Please note, we are not seeking generic city inspired party statements but rather a direct and honest response to this urgent regional health issue. We will share these responses on the widely followed ONE New Hospital Facebook page to keep the community across the two shires informed.

A lack of reply, though within your prerogative, will be noted and shared as well. By giving no advantage to silence as a tactical ploy, we believe we are delivering a level playing field for all candidates.

Most sincerely,

Fitzroy and Mylène Boulting

(2021) L4 Regional Hospital/LRS Petition & e-Petition and (2022) LRS Petition: Head Petitioners
ONE New L4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Advocates Group: Co-founders

What's possible for the Eurobodalla when we are connected and strong?

The Eurobodalla Community Support Network (ECSN) invites any individual or group interested in **connecting, sharing and collaborating to increase community resilience.**

The ECSN was established after the 2019/20 fires to build connection during recovery and foster networking between local organisations on the ground and local/state/federal government agencies. It currently represents 66+ organisations and meets bimonthly.

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**Federal Government Healthcare Announcements
EQUITY AND FAIRNESS MISSING FOR THE FAR SOUTH COAST**

For 40 years healthcare funding for Far South Coast (FSC) communities has been reactive and piecemeal rather than being based on fairness and equity. Access to GPs and other primary care services is the highest priority healthcare issue identified by individuals and organisations who have already signed up to the Tuross Head Progress Association's (THPAs) healthcare campaign. Dr Arn Sprogis, Chair of the THPA's Health Subcommittee, said it shows that our communities believe in and support fairness of access and funding for healthcare for all the community, a principle that has been missing from the healthcare debate from all major political parties.

"For example, the THPA strongly supports the latest women's health package announced by the ALP which is a great initiative and long overdue. However, women across the FSC have seriously delayed or occasionally no access to GPs and so will have delayed or no access to the government program, this is unfair and unacceptable," Dr Sprogis said.

"This delay is a direct result of inequitable healthcare funding by successive governments over four decades. In a fair system patients should be able to see a GP on the same day for urgent care and with two days for routine care.

"Recent analysis by the Grattan Institute has reinforced what those of us living on the FSC already know, there are too few GPs to ensure everyone can get the care they need when they need it." As reported in The Conversation on 27 January 2025, the Grattan Institute analysed data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and assessed half a million Australians primarily in rural communities are living in "GP deserts."

This was highlighted in the National Rural Health Alliance NOUS REPORT that identified underfunding for all rural communities (THPA 2025 estimate of \$1,000 per person per year adjusted for inflation and population). This equates to an \$80 million per year funding deficit for the FSC, leading to higher death rates, prolonged periods of illness and increased suffering.

"We are yet to see any major healthcare announcements from the Liberal Party or Greens but we are demanding that all political parties in the 2025 Federal Election listen to the concerns of the community and address the funding shortfall. The FSC is not asking for more funding per person, 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.

The THPA is now actively forming alliances with communities from Bateman's Bay to Eden to expand the reach and impact of the healthcare campaign.

"We've had a great response so far, but we need more support to show candidates in Gilmore and Eden Monaro that we are past breaking point and demand fair access and funding for healthcare," Dr Sprogis said.

FSC residents and volunteer community organisations can join the campaign by visiting www.thpa.com.au/health-2025 and signing up.

Another lifeline to REX from Federal Government



Prime Minister Albanese was in Merimbula last week to announce that regional Australia will continue to receive critical aviation services into the future. The Federal Government will work with the Administrators of Regional Express Holdings (Rex), as part of an upcoming competitive sale process, to ensure crucial regional aviation services continue beyond 30 June 2025. "We will work with shortlisted bidders on what support the Albanese Government may be able to provide to maximise the prospect of a successful sale. Terms of Commonwealth support will be subject to negotiation, but will be conditional on commitments by bidders to provide an ongoing, reasonable level of service to regional and remote communities, the need to provide value for money to taxpayers and good governance." "The Government is not a bidder in the upcoming sale process and would like to see a successful market-led outcome. However, in the event there is no sale, the Albanese Government will undertake necessary work, in consultation with relevant state governments, on contingency options, including preparations necessary for potential Commonwealth acquisition." With Rex currently operating out of the Moruya and Merimbula airports, Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said, "this was great news for South Coast residents." The Albanese Government is also providing further support through a waiver of the "use it or lose it" test for Rex regional flight slots at Sydney Airport, which will ensure its access to those slots until 24 October 2026. "This comes on top of the Albanese Government providing a loan of up to \$80 million to keep Rex's vital regional routes operating until 30 June 2025, and acquiring \$50 million of debt from Rex's largest creditor, PAGAC Regulus Holdings Limited, earlier this year to ensure the airline could continue to operate. These actions make clear the Government's ongoing commitment to maintaining access to aviation services for regional and remote communities, and recognises the critical role of the Rex network to local economies."

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WHO ARE WE?

With a strong community focus, the college operates with the aim to help students develop skills, knowledge, and experience. With support from the Board of Adult and Community Education, the college has been operating for more than 40 years. It remains passionate about its investment in community education, skills, and training for social, economic & personal improvement. South Coast Community College is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities. Also as a Not-for-profits Commission ABN 76 709 589 251.

South Coast Community Colleges may have funding available for students, to find out more about the eligibility please enquire via phone or email.

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South Coast College has a unique selection of interest courses to keep you connected with your community and develop your knowledge and skill on a wide variety of subjects from art to worm farming. New courses every term!

(These are non-accredited)

Botanic garden has free training for new guides

If you love conservation and conversation then guiding at the Garden could be for you. The Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden is offering a free two-day training course for new guides, covering topics including key endemic plants of the region, techniques for positive and effective guiding, the history of the Garden and the response of plants to bushfire. No experience is necessary but a keen interest in local plants and conservation is a must. Potential guides need to be willing and available to commit to the 2025 guiding program. This includes assisting at the Garden's free monthly and school holiday tours, the very successful schools' program, or its special events and on-request tours. The 2025 Garden Guide training runs on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 February. For more information or to sign up [email the Garden](#) or call 4471 2544.



Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley, left, presents Ky Wellsmore with the 2025 Narooma Rotary Tertiary Scholarship with Rotarians Gordon Bentley and Ange Ulrichsen.

Narooma Rotary announces 2025 Scholarship winner

Narooma Rotary Club presented Ky Wellsmore with the 2025 Narooma Rotary Tertiary Scholarship at a small ceremony in Rotary Park on Saturday. Ky will study for a Bachelor of Computer Science at the University of Wollongong.

Narooma Rotary President Julie Hartley said each year Narooma Rotary awards a three-year scholarship of \$6,000 p.a. to a student from Narooma High, thanks to a bequest by Alexander Birch and additional funding from a greatly appreciated benefactor.

Mrs Hartley said applicants were assessed by the Club's scholarship panel based on several criteria, including evidence of commitment to their chosen field, the student's school assessment and examination performances, and interview. No particular course is preferred over any other.

Ky will be the 35th student Narooma Rotary has helped pursue their studies and achieve their dreams. With this scholarship, that assistance now totals over \$335,000.

Applications for the 2026 Narooma Rotary Tertiary Scholarship will open in October.



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Milton-Ulladulla Bypass drop-in sessions from next week

The community and landowners can have their say on the \$940 million Milton-Ulladulla Bypass project between February 26 and April 20.

Transport for NSW will hold drop-in sessions at the Milton Show from March 7 to 9, the Burrill Lake FAB Farmers' Market on April 4 and at the Blessing of the Fleet Festival on Easter Sunday, April 20. Other community sessions will be held at Mollymook and Ulladulla on a date to be announced, and private meetings will be held with landowners.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips is pleased to see community consultation moving ahead following the signing of contracts for specialists to carry out the concept design and environmental assessments in December.

"I'm thrilled the wheels are finally turning on the long-awaited bypass that the community has campaigned for over the last 30 years," she said.

"This is a significant project that has been made possible thanks to the \$752 million that I have delivered from the Albanese Labor Government, following decades of inaction from previous State and Federal representatives.

"I know how important this bypass is for the community, which is why specialists have been engaged to ensure we get it right. I want to ensure this project is delivered on time and on budget."

Transport for NSW has identified seven key locations for these invitation-only local access discussions at Little Forest Road, Slaughterhouse Road, Pirralea Road, Wilfords Lane, Canberra Crescent, Bishop Drive and Kings Point village as well as with farm operators.

The Little Forest Road and Kings Point Drive local access discussions are scheduled for February 26, with the remainder of these group discussions to be scheduled in March.

The discussions are designed as a listening exercise to understand current and future access requirements, any potential safety issues, frequency, duration and type of trips, property usage etc.

Mrs Phillips said, it was crucial for the Milton-Ulladulla community to provide feedback on the bypass design as each milestone is reached.

A contract was awarded to Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd for the development of the concept design and the environmental assessment, including an Environmental Impact Statement in December. The concept design will include confirmation of the design features, such as the lane configuration and intersections connecting to the existing highway. It will also provide more certainty on the project's footprint and boundaries, including local road access during the construction and operation of the bypass.

Princes Highway and Field Street Narooma intersection upgrade

Transport for NSW is upgrading the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection in Narooma later this year to improve safety and efficiency for all road users.

The \$3.5 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments under the Road Safety Program and includes proposed installation of traffic lights with pedestrian crossings on all four arms, new footpaths and kerb ramps, repaving of the road surface and line marking improvements.

The Road Safety Program aims to improve safety on NSW roads by minimising the occurrence of severe injuries and fatalities, with a focus on vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists.

Background

Transport has been investigating pedestrian and cyclist improvements in Narooma, with the intersection of the Princes Highway and Field Street identified as a key pedestrian crossing point.

During the early investigations and planning phase, a review of options was completed which showed that traffic lights provide the best immediate and long-term improvements for pedestrians and road users at this intersection.

In 2024, we carried out consultation to inform the feasibility study for the [Narooma Bridge and Transport Improvements project](#). As part of this consultation, we received feedback on the need to upgrade the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection.

Common themes heard from the community about the intersection included:

- road users find it difficult and unsafe to turn in and out of Field Street due to poor visibility and traffic congestion
- pedestrians find it difficult to safely cross the Princes Highway, particularly those with mobility issues
- amenity of the town would be improved with better connections for pedestrians.

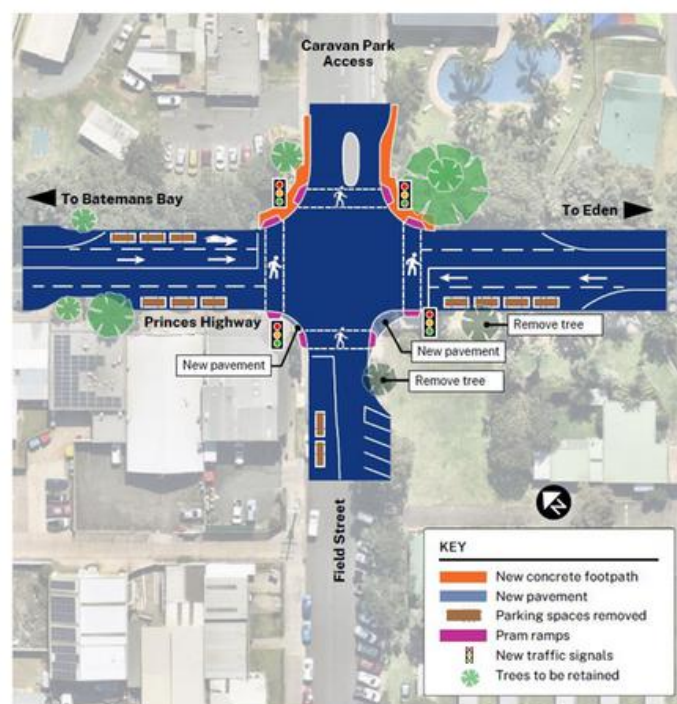
Transport welcomes the Road Safety Program funding provided by the Australian and NSW governments to deliver the intersection upgrade and improve safety, and active transport connectivity and network efficiency in Narooma.

Benefits

The intersection upgrade will provide the following benefits:

- improved connectivity and safety for pedestrians and active transport users
- improved road safety and a reduction in serious injuries and deaths on our roads
- increased traffic efficiency through prioritised and adaptive traffic light phasing.

Proposed layout of the upgraded intersection



Have your say

Work to finalise the design of the intersection upgrade is continuing and the community, including business owners, can provide feedback on the proposed intersection upgrade until 9 March 2025 via email: narooma@transport.nsw.gov.au or at the community drop-in session.

A community drop-in session will be held on Saturday 22 February 2025 at Nata Oval (just off the Princes Highway), Narooma. Members of the Transport project team will be available between 10am and 2pm to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Fungi Festival Returns in 2025 with Alison Pouliot



Fungi Feastival is excited to secure Alison Pouliot as our keynote speaker for 2025 with a variety of fungi events.



Alison Pouliot's new book 'Funga Obscura' unites her two loves - fungi, and the photography of fungi. *Hypoloma* species, photograph credit Alison Pouliot.

The 2025 Fungi Festival is pleased to announce our keynote speaker is Alison Pouliot - a world-renowned fungi ecologist, photographer and author whose journey in search of fungi spans the southern and northern hemispheres. Alison will be conducting six sessions from Batemans Bay to Pambula, including several fungi foray, a soiree in Bermagui and a foray focusing on women's fungi knowledge.

Alison is the bestselling author of *Underground Lovers*, *The Allure of Fungi* and co-author of *Wild Mushrooming*. Her appearance at this year's Fungi Festival coincides with the publication of her new book 'Funga Obscura' - combining fungi, and the photography of fungi. This book traces the evolutionary path of fungi as enablers of life on land, and creators of soils and forests. To capture these remarkable lifeforms in this 'visual love letter' to fungi, Alison has crossed continents and ecosystems, navigated lichen-covered landscapes, crawled through the fungal undergrowth, scaled glacial extremes and ducked between rainforest shadows. Alison is a great storyteller, come and hear her stories and explore the forests with her.

This year's Fungi Festival builds on the success of last year's Fungi Festival which delivered a diverse range of over 60 quality science, food and arts events to locals and visitors alike across the far south coast region from Batemans Bay to Eden. The quality was so high that visitors came specifically for these events from New Zealand and interstate. Most events were fully booked, so early bookings are recommended.

This year's Festival offers an expanded program of events from 20 June to 20 July. Many can already be booked on Fungi Festival website www.fungifeastival.com.au and others will be included over the coming month.



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2025 International Women's Day Luncheon - Saturday March 8th 2025

Narooma VIEW Club presents Serina Bird, author diplomat and self made millionaire.

Serina Bird is a former diplomat, author of [The Joyful Frugalista](#), host of [The Joyful Frugalista podcast](#), and a [money coach](#). She is founder of [The Joyful Business Club](#), which champions women shining at their full potential, and is currently developing [The Joyful Fashionista](#) to promote buying and selling of sustainable clothing to women of all ages, shapes and sizes. Serina's vision is to help women become successful frugalistas – spending less and saving and earning more (with joy) on the path to financial empowerment.

Narooma VIEW Club is pleased to invite you to our IWD event and hope you can join us for an interactive and informative presentation by Serina Bird, a delicious 2 course luncheon from Porterhouse Bistro catering, and assorted Fun Frugal Activities such as silent auction, frugal trivia and raffle. Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous Narooma Community Choir.

Where: Narooma Golf Club

Time: 11.30 for 12 midday luncheon

Cost: \$55 pp

RSVP with names and dietary requirements to Helen Hayes on 0412 799 039

Pre- payment is required by Friday 21/2/2025 to BSB: 062 652 A/C: 1017 3667 with your surname and mobile number as reference



Sustainable House Day 2025 - registrations close this Sunday, 23 February

Eurobodalla has many houses featuring elements of sustainable design, and we would love to see YOURS!

Sustainable House Day 2025 is calling for people who've walked the walk and are now willing to talk the talk – to open their homes for a few hours on Sunday 4th May and share their stories. Every conversation empowers others to start their journey towards a new green home or more energy efficient retrofit of their current home. Whatever *your* story, we'd love you to share it with others – it's a powerful form of peer-to-peer sharing that builds skills in a trusting environment.

Register by Sunday 23 FEB: sustainablehouseday.com



Countdown to Clean Up starts now

Clean Up Australia Day is the country's biggest community-based environmental event, and "it's just as well" says **Eurobodalla's Clean Up coordinator Lisa Thomas**.

"It's surprising, but Aussies are the second highest producers of waste, per person, in the world. For example, each year we litter around 50 million plastic bags and a whopping 7 billion cigarette butts," says Lisa.

Clean Up Australia Day is held on the first Sunday in March every year, with communities across the nation banding together to clear trash from their local patch. "Eurobodalla is one of 251 Councils participating this year. We've been running Clean Up events in the shire for 23 years now. It's been a terrific effort, and we already have 35 sites registered for Sunday 2 March with plenty of scope for more," Lisa says.

"It takes five minutes to join an existing site, or you can round up the kids or a group of mates and register a new site of your own."

Lisa says many people are feeling pushed for time, so this year there are some additional incentives.

"We keep hearing that community is vital for mental health and regulars know this is a fun catchup that's good for the planet and good for the soul. This year we want to do a bit more to recognise the effort put in by wonderful volunteers with an array of vouchers – for meals, coffees, groceries, fruit and veg, and fun activities – to win."

Clean-up bags will also be available for pick up at Batehaven's Corrigans Reserve on the day, where radio station 2EC's Kimmi Saker is broadcasting live between 9am and noon. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher will also be pulling on rubber gloves, picking up trash along the Moruya River with Year 5 and 6 students.



Crew from the Tuross Head men's shed at the 2024 event. Clean Up Australia Day is as much about community as about looking after Eurobodalla's beautiful land, rivers and sea says Eurobodalla Council's Clean Up coordinator Lisa Thomas.

"Last April we had Year 4 from St Mary's Primary School visit Council for a mock Public Access session. One issue they raised – repeatedly – was rubbish! I made a promise then to join them on Clean Up Australia Day and, actually, I'm really looking forward to it," says the Mayor.

As usual, local schools will also undertake Clean Up Australia Day activities on Friday 28 February. For more information, to join an existing group or create a new one, visit the [Clean Up Australia Day website](#).

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Moruya Show 1928

14th February 1925

Mr. R. V. Harvison, who has been on the sick list for many months, took a turn for the worse during the week, and his health is now in a very precarious state. His son, Mr. Alwyn Harvison, arrived home on Monday night.

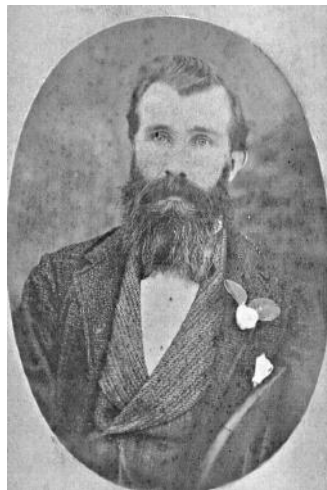
Our popular member, Mr. J. A. Perkins, and his charming wife, were amongst the visitors to our Show. By their winning personalities, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins increase their already large circle of friends on each visit to this district.

The following pupils of Moruya Public School have qualified for the high schools named - Agnes Coppin for Parramatta High School, John Emmott and Colin White for North Sydney Boy's High School. These pupils are to be congratulated upon winning this distinction.

Bateman's Bay. (From our Correspondent) Mr. Fitzpatrick, better known as "Barney," met with a very painful accident on Monday afternoon. He was loading sawdust at Mr. Fenning's mill when by some means the rein got caught in the big hook and this caused the horse to back, and Barney was crushed against a post and sustained severe injuries inwardly. Latest reports are that he is slowly progressing.

Bodalla. (From our Correspondent) The usual half yearly meeting of the Bodalla Library took place on the 7th inst., those present being Mr. D. Hutchison (chair), Messrs. J. Brown, J. Vandenberg, F. Brice, and secretary F. Nichelsen. The Balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £3 4s 7d for the half year. A vote of thanks was accorded the Hon. Secretary and Librarian for his work during the year. It was also decided to present a fine book case that had for years been in the Library to the Bodalla Public School, and to erect shelves in its stead. ...

MORUYA A. & P. SOCIETY'S SUCCESSFUL JUBILEE SHOW. - ... As on former occasions the President, Mr. D. Hutchison, was most active and proved himself a tower of strength to the society, and with a capable, hard-working Committee, the energetic Secretary, Mr. H. P. Jeffery, carried out his duties in his usual courteous manner. The ring events were heavily contested, some of the competitors in the hunting events doing remarkably well. As usual the spectators were treated to some fine acrobatic "turns," the rider taking the hurdle while his mount remained stationary. Of the local horsemen, Mr. W. Turnbull was easily the most successful. The fair equestriennes were prominent in many events, Miss. Alma Milne's mount frequently catching the judge's eye. This young lady rides with a fine easy style and knows how to handle her mount to the best advantage. Some good pigs were on exhibition, Messrs. A. Louttit and H. P. Jeffery sharing the prize in this particular class.



21st February 1925

Mr. H. Bate, of Tilba, and the Government have devised a new style of moulding for the construction of silos. The moulds will be the property of the Government and will be lent to farmers. One of them will be on exhibition and a demonstration given on Durham Farm, Bodalla, during the week.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred on the Prince's Highway the other night. Mr. Morchell, of the Public Works Department, was returning from Bergalia alone in his Chevrolet car, and when turning the corner near Mr. John Jeffery's collided with a horse on the road. The radiator, bonnet, mud-guard and lamps on the car were badly damaged. Mr. Morchell returned to town and took out the police, who found the horse (which was a valuable draught horse belonging to Mr. D. A. McIntosh), so seriously injured, his leg being broken, that it had to be destroyed.

By the death of Mr. Robert Henry Harvison, at his home at Moruya on Saturday morning last, this district and the Far South Coast has lost one of the oldest and most respected residents, as well as one its most outstanding personalities. The late Mr. Harvison was born at "Bonona," Kiama, ... in 1848, and was thus in his 77th year. His father, James Harvison, was a landed proprietor at Kiama. Mr. Harvison came to Moruya over 50 years ago, and had thus been associated with all its progress and social activities for over half a century. He married Henrietta Pomphrey, of the Mynora Estate, who predeceased him by many years. He had owned and conducted the Moruya "Examiner" since 1878, and made it one of the most readable and popular of country newspapers. He also engaged in auctioneering, and had wielded the hammer in Moruya for over 40 years. He was a prime mover in 1890 in the petition for the formation of Moruya into a Municipality, and was the Returning Officer for the first Municipal elections in the following year. He donated free of charge the house and land until the Cottage Hospital (as it was called) was established, and for some time he held a seat on the Hospital committee. For years he advocated the establishment of a cheese factory at Moruya, and in 1892 he presented a block of land for a factory at Gundary. That year saw the establishment of the factory, which has been the mainstay of the district's prosperity. He was chairman of the Park Trust, and the last of the original trustees. He was a life member of the Moruya Agricultural Society and Race Club. Mr. Harvison left one son, Mr. Alwyn (Bob) Harvison, of Sydney, and three daughters, Mrs. A. W. Constable, "Examiner" Office, Moruya, Mrs. W. H. Face, of Jerilderie, and Mrs. A. Keating, of Hong Kong.



R H Harvison

New designs on the way for the NSW Pattern Book

Thirteen highly skilled design practices have been commissioned by the Minns Labor Government to contribute additional low and mid rise designs to the NSW Pattern Book.

This is the second tranche of designs to be added to the NSW Pattern Book to make the delivery of homes in NSW faster, providing more homes for those who need them.

Six designs for terraces, semi-detached dual occupancy and manor houses or low-rise apartment buildings will be produced alongside six designs for mid-rise residential flat buildings.

Additionally, one landscape design practice has been commissioned to develop design guidance for the low-rise and mid-rise patterns, for both private and shared open spaces.

Once complete, these designs will become part of the NSW Pattern Book alongside the five winners from the professional category of the NSW Housing Pattern Book Design Competition that were announced in November last year.

The NSW Pattern Book will provide families, builders and developers with a collection of pre-approved, architecturally designed and cost-effective patterns to choose from. Those that use the designs will have access to a fast-tracked planning pathway.

Restoring choice and diversity is at the centre of the Minns Government's housing reforms. This means building more homes that offer people at different stages of life more options.

The Pattern Book builds on the Minns Government recent reforms to the planning system to speed up the delivery of more homes, including:

- Establishment of the Housing Delivery Authority to allow for major housing projects to be prioritised by being assessed directly by the NSW Government.
- The largest rezoning in NSW history around transport hubs.
- The largest ever investment in the delivery of social and affordable housing in NSW.
- \$200 million in financial incentives for councils that meet the new expectations for development applications, planning proposals and strategic planning.
- \$450 million to build new apartments for essential workers including nurses, paramedics, teachers, allied health care workers, police officers and fire fighters.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said: "Sydney is currently the second most expensive city in the world and has less housing diversity than it did a century ago. This means less optionality and less opportunity for our families, young people, workers and downsizers to live in NSW.

"As we see the average household change and evolve, we want to make sure there are homes to suit everyone, and this means more than just single dwellings and high-rise apartments.

"We're not sacrificing quality for quantity as we deliver more homes, the NSW Pattern Book will have the stamp of approval from the NSW Government Architect.

"We want new homes to be built faster, but the Pattern Book will mean those homes are good quality, sustainable and cost-effective."

For more information on the Pattern Book please visit <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/government-architect-nsw/housing-design/nsw-housing-pattern-book>.

Surfers, stop shark-bite blood loss



TacMed Military Medics will be conducting a one-off trauma and bleeding control course for surfers and ocean-users at Broulee this Friday 21 February.

Attendees will learn skills that can save a life from traumatic and sever injuries like shark attack, fin chop, propeller injury and severe lacerations and puncture wounds. The hands-on course requires participants to get wet and involves the use of fake blood.

This free course runs from 1.45-5pm at South Broulee Beach – sun protection and swimwear required. Spots are limited and bookings essential. For more information contact Eurobodalla Council's recreation development officer Tina Smith on 4474 1000.

This course is sponsored by Council and run by Surfing NSW in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries as part of the NSW Government's Shark Management Program.

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Caption: A free afternoon course at Broulee this week instructs surfers and other ocean lovers on how to deal with severe lacerations and blood loss from injuries including sharks attack, fin chop or propeller strike.

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Work begins on Waminda Birthing on Country hub set to open mid-2026



Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and Federal Member for Barton Linda Burney joined the Waminda team for the Turning of the Soil Ceremony at Nowra's Birthing on Country site.

A Turning of the Soil Ceremony has marked the commencement of work on Waminda's \$22.5 million Birthing on Country Centre of Excellence, Australia's first purpose-built culturally safe and empowering space for Aboriginal women and their families.

Waminda team members were joined by **Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and Federal Member for Barton Linda Burney** for the ceremony at the greenfield site in Hillcrest Avenue, Nowra on Tuesday February 18.

Mrs Phillips said the Gudjaga Gunyahlamai Birth Centre and Community Hub would be the country's first Aboriginal-owned and midwifery-led free standing birth centre.

She said Birthing on Country supported Aboriginal women and babies by providing culturally safe continuity of midwifery care including antenatal, birthing and postnatal support.

"The Waminda team has been working towards the facility for almost a decade and I'm so pleased to see the development application approved and the soil turned, signalling the start of the project," Mrs Phillips said.

"I am proud to have secured \$22.5 million from the Albanese Labor Government for the construction of the dedicated centre, and to support Waminda's vision to improve outcomes for local indigenous women and children," she said.

"As a mum of four, I understand that holistic health care and support is critical from pregnancy right through to the early days of welcoming a new, tiny person into your family.

"Waminda is a dynamic organisation deeply embedded in our community and they are dedicated to ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and families get the best possible maternity care for generations to come."

The facility is expected to be completed, open and ready to welcome its first baby in mid-2026.

Special guest Ms Burney said "It was special to join Waminda to break ground on the Birthing on Country Centre of Excellence, a commitment the Albanese Labor Government made at the last election".

"If we're going to close the gap in maternal and childhood health for Indigenous Australians, culturally safe services led by First Nations people are essential," she said.

"When we listen to voices on the ground about what works, we make better policies for our communities."

Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy said the Albanese Government's commitment to Birthing on Country was a "cornerstone in our efforts to Close the Gap in maternal health care".

"Birthing on Country leads to significantly better health outcomes for First Nations mothers and babies, and is critical to maintaining the gains in improving the proportion of First Nations babies born healthy and strong," Minister McCarthy said.

"Today's ceremony also marks another important step for Waminda in achieving its vision for First Nations women and their families to be leading and living self-determined futures"

Birthing on Country models have been shown to improve maternal and perinatal outcomes, including women attending more antenatal visits, being less likely to have a premature birth and being more likely to exclusively breastfeed on discharge from hospital.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has worked closely with the South Coast Women's Health and Wellbeing Aboriginal Corporation (Waminda) to support the implementation of its Birthing on Country initiative. Waminda launched the Minga Gudjaga Midwifery Practice with the support of ISLHD in May 2024. This is the first phase of Waminda's Birthing on Country initiative where Waminda's privately practising endorsed midwives provide labour and birth care to women at Shoalhaven Memorial District Hospital.

The State Minns Labor Government has committed \$45.5 million over seven years for the hub which will support culturally safe holistic maternity care for Aboriginal women and their families in the South Coast region.

Learn more about Waminda's Birthing on Country here: [Birthing on Country - Waminda](#)



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TALK2MEBro Reaches out in Batemans Bay

By John Longhurst

Talk2MeBro attracted over 60 people from all walks of life at its second Community Catch Up event, which involved Breathwork, Connection and Ice Baths and was conducted over two hours at Surf Beach last Saturday.

Talk2MeBro aims to provide people with a safe space to open up and share their struggles without judgement. It was formed in 2018 following the loss to suicide of loved ones.

The not for profit charity has a dedicated team of custodians, trained facilitators and crew, who bring compassion and knowledge to program delivery, and currently have hubs in Wollongong, Newcastle, Central Coast, South West Sydney, Forbes and now in Batemans Bay.

Talk2MeBro Custodian and South Coast Coordinator Jay Prothero organised the community event.

Jay said “I worked as a policeman in Queensland for 20 years and was medically retired last April with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). I relocated to Batemans Bay in 2023 and have had my own personal mental health issues, and lost loved ones to suicide. Fortunately, I found Talk2MeBro. It has really helped me deal with my mental health and now I am committed to giving back on the South Coast and being a part of this amazing organisation.”

The charity offers tailored mental health programs to meet the unique needs of each individual audience such as workshops, keynote sessions, immersive experiences and team-building activities. The programs focus on resilience-building, communication, and self-care strategies that participants can integrate into their everyday lives.

Talk2MeBro reaches out to both men and women.

Jay said “At Surf Beach last Saturday we set up ice baths. Research shows that cold water immersion (CWI) may improve mental health by increasing endorphin and norepinephrine levels. CWI may also improve resilience to stress by decreasing cortisol levels. It also jolts participants out of their comfort zones and sparks discussion.”

The Ice Baths were followed with a Breathwork session and connection activities.

Jay said “The breath-work assists participants with dealing with anxiety, stored emotions and traumas. I am a level one breath-work instructor and am constantly amazed at the positive impact these sessions can have on participants.”

Talk2MeBro has already established close relations with Soul Tribe in Batemans Bay and Catalina Country Club but is keen to extend these alliances to other organisations and businesses to ensure the charity has an ongoing role in the prevention of suicides on the South Coast of NSW.

Talk2MeBro can be contacted at <https://www.talk2mebro.org.au/>



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

Gadfly

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they boil an egg for breakfast. I've made a study of it. The conservatives wait till the water's boiling before they put the egg in and hit the 3-minute timer.

I'm at the other end of the spectrum. My egg goes into the saucepan's cold water of while I do the other stuff - slice the banana into the cereal, add the prunes, drop raisin bread into the toaster, and boil the jug for coffee. I just 'know' when it's perfectly done - firm outside, runny in the middle.

Occasionally I get it exactly right...June. 15, 2024 was a good one.

This morning, however, was a total disaster and it triggered a train of thought that has left me pale and sad. There was a slight resistance when the knife struck the shell to lift the lid. But when I dipped the tiny spoon into the white, the yolk rose to cover it with some firmer stuff clinging. I was suddenly overwhelmed by the thought that I was eating an unfertilised potential baby chicken.

Thereafter, every spoonful was a struggle, even though I knew I was being absurdly precious. After all, we Australians consume 18.9 million eggs a day. I looked it up, that's about 266 eggs for each Australian every year...and we barely give it a thought. But once you start that train it's very hard to stop it.

It struck me that we are the apex predator in the animal kingdom. But aside from the few species we have bred to become dependents - mainly dogs - every other creature on earth fears us. I reckon if we took the time to understand their language, they actually hate us. And who could blame them.

We either eat them, cage them, or kill them. And if you doubt it, ask any Koala or kangaroo whose relatives have been ethnically cleansed or 'culled'. Birds fly away from us. Whales try to pretend we don't exist. It's deeply unnerving. Who wants to belong to the most hated and feared species on the planet?

It doesn't stop there. We even do the same things to ourselves. It seems we have this race memory that the other branches of the hominid tree were our competitors for the relatively scarce food, water and caves to shelter in. We're still at it; our tribes even invent angry gods who they say rule the entire multiverse...for eternity!

We like to think we've come a long way towards understanding the world and the forces that coalesce to make it operate. We're living much longer and more comfortably than we did 100,000 years ago. We can fly quite safely in the air and in space. We can see further back than ever before. But we're only at the fringes of quantum mechanics; dark energy and dark matter confounds us, as does an accepted theory that combines gravity with the other forces at play. We're entranced by the concept of 'first cause'. But just because each one of us had a beginning - along with all the plants and creatures around us - it doesn't mean that the multiverse had one. The visible universe maybe - in what we call the Big Bang - but there's no more reason to posit a beginning to the larger entity than to accept that it always was.

That leaves us with a much more interesting challenge: how do we conduct ourselves to give a fair go to our Homo sapiens compatriots and our fellow sentient creatures?

We have yet to find a formula that governs our behaviour towards each other. Just ask a battered wife, a brave Ukrainian or anyone in the Middle East.

As for our sentient fellow travellers on planet Earth, every time we start the day's journey by consuming an unfertilised potential baby chicken, we demonstrate how far that train has yet to travel.

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A Beer with Bazza # 181

With
John
Longhurst

Bazza took a generous sip of his schooner but his smile was tentative.

"Well Ron... Albo was on the phone to Trump for forty minutes discussing an exemption from the proposed US tariffs on our steel and aluminium. I reckon that is a good sign."

Know All Ron chuckled softly.

"Now come off it, Bazza. It would have taken forty minutes to explain to the President that tariffs are a tax that US citizens pay on imported goods. It drives the cost of imported goods up and protects the inefficiencies of US companies competing against Australian steel and aluminium imports. I hope it was a zoom meeting enabling Albo to slowly walk Trump through a powerpoint, or the like, outlining the basic economics of a tariff."

Bazza closed his eyes for a moment, rubbed his chin and nodded at the schooner as Mick positioned himself at the bar table.

"Ahhh....Bazza, going into bat for Albo. I have to admire your loyalty. Getting your hopes up over a forty minute phone call to the White House has very little meaning. Watch this..."

Mick pulled out his mobile phone, googled 'White House' pressed speaker and called. He positioned the phone in the centre of the bar table. Within moments the call was answered by a booming recorded Donald Trump message.

Mick set a timer on his watch.

"Thank you for calling the White House. Your call is important to us. If you are ringing to say something nasty or fake, you are highly likely to be not very smart, so don't waste my time and hang up now...loser. Otherwise, select from the following options."

All eyes were on Mick's phone.

"If it is Vladdy or Benny press 1 and you will be put straight through."

Bazza shook his head.

"If you are enquiring about some beautiful waterfront real estate in Gaza and would like to get in early press 2."

A few bars of the Beach Boys cover of 'Under the Boardwalk' by the Drifters followed.

Schooners remained untouched around the bar table and jaws dropped.

"If your country or even part of your country is up for sale press 3."

There was a slight pause in the recorded message followed by the increasing volume of waves lapping. The President's voice was now a purr.

"Are you stressed and in need of a break? You should consider a stay at the Trump International Beach Resort in Miami. It is five star luxury with an eighteen hole golf course. The food is beautiful too. Press 4 and tell them I sent you for a great deal."

A number of the pub's patrons were now milled around the bar table as the angry Trump returned.

"If you are ringing to complain about being deported press 5 and you will be transferred to Joe Biden. He is the person who let all you criminals into our beautiful country."

The recorded Trump message went through a range of other options as well as more advertisements for Trump resorts, Trump merchandise and the Trump meme coin. There was even an option to pay for a fashion consult with Melania Trump.

Timeless Tom was beginning to nod off as Trump trawled through more options.

"If you wish to discuss my beautiful tariffs press 18."

Mick looked at his watch and let out a loud belly laugh.

"There you go, Bazza. Thirty nine minutes to get to the option to discuss those 'beautiful tariffs'. We can only assume the call with Trump went for a minute."

Acknowledge:

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/picture/2025/feb/11/whats-it-like-to-make-a-phone-call-to-donald-trump?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

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

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CWA State Handicraft - Natural Fibre Section

Open to all residents of NSW and ACT

All articles must have at least 70% natural fibre.

Labels and/or strands must be attached to each entry.

Section details are available at the CWA Craft shop

- Section 1: Knee or Cot Rug (any technique) using commercial natural fibres—max 150cm X 150cm.
- Section 2: Hand knitted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 5 ply or finer.
- Section 3: Hand crocheted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 5 ply or finer.
- Section 4: Hand knitted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 6 ply or thicker
- Section 5: Hand crocheted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 6 ply or thicker.
- Section 6: Hand knitted/crocheted garment or article made from natural fibre hand spun by the maker.
- Section 7: Garment or article knitting, or crochet made from 100% pure wool.
- Section 8: Garment made from natural fibres (not knitting or crochet).
- Section 9: Felted garment or article.

*All entries must be received by 10AM
Thursday 27th February 2025*



2EARFM GIG GUIDE "LOCAL and LIVE"

Friday 21st February

Ian Treloar	Top Pub, Pambula (7pm)
Joe Quennell	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Totum	Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
Rick Bamford	Tathra Bowlo (8pm)

Saturday, 22 Feb:

Coastal Fringe	Club Narooma (6.30pm)
Pearlerz	Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm)
Ricky Bloomfield	Club Catalina (7.30pm)
Mojo	Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)
Totum	Soldiers Club (8pm)
Beach Bar Swing	Tilba valley Winery
Barry and Rick	Broulee Brewhouse
Mark Smith	Quantum Brewery
Karaoke	Waterfront (Not live but much fun)
Bob Mettam	Moruya Markets
Hannah Wood	Narooma Hotel
Ash Bujea	Harvey Norman Event (12pm)

Sunday, 23 Feb:

Tony Jagers	Tilba Valley Winery 12.00
Garry Carson Jones	Club Tuross (3.30pm)
Josh Rawiri	Broulee Brewhouse
Ash Bujea	Nice Circles Distillery Pambula (2.30pm)

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Australian Breastfeeding Association

invites you to the

The Bushfire Project's closing event



Date

Thursday 27th February
2025
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location

Banksia Room,
Eurobodalla Botanic
Gardens

Details

Join us for nibbles and drinks as we share our project's success in the local community and beyond.

RSVP Please RSVP by 13th of February by scanning QR code.



Australian
Breastfeeding
Association

This event is part of the Community Protection for Infants and Young Children in Bushfire Emergencies Project. This project received funding from the Australian Government.

Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



15 Feb

Tony Jagers

22 Feb

Mark Smith

1 Mar

Tom Barnes (@5.30)

Sat 8 Mar

Richard Lawson

15 Mar

Greg Byng

22 Mar

Tony Jagers

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River of Art Festival Returns in 2025 to celebrate Creativity and Community

The River of Art Festival is back in 2025, once again shining a spotlight on the South Coast's vibrant arts and creative culture while celebrating the beauty of our environment.

Running from Friday 26 September to Monday 6 October, the Festival promises an inspiring mix of exhibitions, open studios, live performances, workshops, and more.

Exciting Plans for 2025

Festival organisers are busy curating a fresh program featuring beloved highlights alongside fresh new experiences. Expect a dynamic mix of:

- The much-loved Arts Trail, stretching from Durras to Bermagui, showcasing artist studios, galleries, live performances, and local tourism gems
- The prestigious River of Art Prize, spotlighting exceptional artistic talent
- A dedicated Creative Hub, offering exhibitions, workshops, night markets, and live music
- An Artist Retreat, with featured works exhibited during the Festival
- A special Literature event, bringing together writers and book lovers
- Live music, performances, and celebrations across the South Coast
- Major exhibitions from the region's leading arts groups.

Building on Success

Now in its 21st year, the Festival continues its mission to foster artistic expression, support local talent, and deliver engaging creative experiences for all. The 2024 Festival featured: 50 open studios and exhibitions, 15 workshops, 10 live music events, A literary gathering, Record entries for the River of Art Prize. With over 15,500 attendees and an estimated \$30.2 million boost to the local economy, the Festival is a major cultural and economic highlight for the region.

Get Involved! The River of Art Festival thrives on community participation. Whether you're an artist, performer, volunteer, or festival-goer, we invite you to be part of the magic.

Program entry submissions open in April 2025

River of Art Prize entries open in May 2025

Have an idea for an event or arts showcase? Get in touch at contact@riverofart.com.au.

Support the Festival

We welcome sponsors and donors to help bring the Festival to life and strengthen connections between the arts, community, and local businesses.

"We look forward to delivering a program that inspires and celebrates our creative community," said Leanne Joyce, Chair of River of Art Festival.



Photo of John & Elizabeth Waddell overlaid on one of the letters.

The Scotland Letters – Dreams, Hopes, and Struggles – Author Talk:

Beverley Irving and Christine Greig will talk about their new book **Dear Uncle and Aunt: The Scotland Letters**.

This book presents a collection of 45 letters written between 1859 and 1872 by family members in Scotland to John and Elizabeth Waddell. These heartfelt letters, transcribed by Beverley Irving and Christine Greig, provide a unique window into the lives of those left behind, their hopes, dreams, and everyday struggles.

Beverley and Christine are both direct descendants of John and Elizabeth Waddell and their children who migrated from Scotland in 1838, and moved to Glenduart north of Moruya. Ultimately they settled in the Priory at Bingie.

When Ken Greig, John Waddell's great grandson, was asked by his sister to dispose of an old suitcase full of documents found at the family home, he decided to look at them before taking them to the tip. He sorted the letters and they were then passed onto his daughters Beverley and Barbara.

Beverley had always wanted to document them and asked Christine, another family member actively recording Greig/Waddell family history, to explore what might be done. Together they transcribed and edited the letters into this book which gives the reader a unique insight into what life was like when their forbears first came to Moruya in the mid 19th century and the concern that their relatives back home felt for them.

**Saturday 1 March, 2pm
Moruya Golf Club**



THIS MONTH'S FILM MRS LOWRY AND SON

SCREENING ON SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY AT 7PM FOR A 7.30PM SHOWTIME

Mrs Lowry and Son – 2019 biographical drama film set in Pendlebury Greater Manchester, chronicling the life of the renowned artist L. S. Lowry. It was directed by Adrian Noble from a screenplay written by Martyn Hesford who also wrote the original play, and considers the relationship between Lowry and his mother Elizabeth, who has reservations over her son's career in painting. It stars Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Spall in the title roles, with Stephen Lord, David Schaal and Wendy Morgan in supporting roles.



Moruya Community Film Group is a social club for film lovers. We meet once a month to enjoy wine, nibbles, film quiz and of course, a great film! Join us at the RED DOOR, rear of St John's Anglican Church, Page Street, Moruya. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months/\$40 for 6 months. Guests are welcome.

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- Mental health and wellbeing
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2026 Venice Biennale picks cancelled

The last issue of the MM included an article about Creative Australia announcing 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.

Within days, The Board of Creative Australia “has made the unanimous decision not to proceed with the artistic team chosen for the Venice Biennale 2026.

Creative Australia is an advocate for freedom of artistic expression and is not an adjudicator on the interpretation of art. However, the Board believes a prolonged and divisive debate about the 2026 selection outcome poses an unacceptable risk to public support for Australia’s artistic community and could undermine our goal of bringing Australians together through art and creativity.

Creative Australia will be reviewing the selection process for the Venice Biennale 2026.”

The National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) and its Board said they “are deeply alarmed by Creative Australia’s decision to withdraw support for the selected Venice Biennale team of artist Khaled Sabsabi and curator Michael Dagostino. This intervention—driven by political pressure and misrepresentation—undermines the integrity of independent arms-length arts funding and threatens the essential role of artists in shaping critical dialogue and public discourse.”

The MEAA (Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance) said “Artistic and creative organisations across Australia must reaffirm their commitment to freedom of expression following a series of interventions over the past 12 months which have resulted in artists being silenced or sidelined.

The latest case of the cancellation of Lebanese-Australian artist Khaled Sabsabi as Australia’s representative at the 2026 Venice Biennale continues a disturbing trend of political interference in the arts.

The Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance stands in solidarity with all Australians calling for the respectful treatment of all artists and the creative workforce and condemns political and industrial interference with rightful free speech and expression.

“The arts and freedom of expression are closely intertwined, and that relationship is essential to the creation of art in all its forms,” said MEAA Chief Executive Erin Madeley.

Third Missing War Medals returning to owner

Last month volunteers from ‘Medals Gone Missing’ in Moruya launched an initiative to return 80 missing war medals or items of militaria back to their rightful family.

This venture is an initiative to recognise the 80th Anniversary of the end of WW2

Now, 3 missing war medals & militaria finally to be returned to their rightful family.

The medals were stolen in a break and enter back in 2000 ... and finally are going home!

The lucky family of N278818 Sergeant Herbert BOWERS will finally be reunited with his missing 1939-1945 Australia Service Medal.

Yesterday they discovered the third lucky family who will be reunited with a war medal, awarded to one of our diggers for his service during World War 2

Medals Gone Missing is a 100% not for profit organisation run entirely by volunteers.

Medals Gone Missing was founded late one night shift during 2008 in the Batemans Bay Police Station, as a tool to return stolen war medals back to the rightful family.



Join us at the WW2 Wartime Bunkers at Moruya on 16 August 2025 when we return some of these medals to their family during the 80th Anniversary Commemorations.

77 to go! Could it be your family that receives a call from us?



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Our next luncheon will be held at THE MOSSY CAFE 31 Pacific St Mossy Point SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025 12 noon

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- Meet local owners with a selection of models on display
- Chat about EV charging and use of home solar power



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ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE EUROBODALLA

February 14 is of course the Feast of St Valentine, associated with love and affection. AWL would like to bring some love into listeners' homes by way of one of our beautiful cats and kittens, being offered at a special adoption price of \$149.

Miles, the big, cruisy, four year old black and white affectionate boy is still available. Miles is so gentle and easy going, he would suit any home.

Sweet **Cleo**, three years old, soft and gentle, perfect for someone looking for a calm and affectionate companion.

Varg, five months old, a confident and snuggly boy who loves attention and would do well with a large family.

Tish is just fourteen months old and has already raised a litter of six kittens. She is a little wary of dogs but loves her human friends and is a great lap-sitter. Tish also enjoys watching the world go by through the window. This lovely lady is ready to be someone's best friend.

Chekov, a stunning-looking white and tabby boy, 15 weeks old, with a friendly, active nature, Everything's a game to this playful boy, and when he's not smooching with his foster mum's dog, he's looking for human affection or giving his toys a workout. Chekov's ideal home will be one where he gets lots of attention.

All of these pets come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, and flea, tick and worm treated. This is your big chance to get a bundle of Valentine's Day love for a bargain price, so call AWL on 0410016612 to arrange a meeting with any of our animals.



Clockwise from top left Miles, Cleo, Varg, Tish and Chekov.

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WIDOW CLICQUOT M, 1H 30M, PERIOD DRAMA	12pm*	11am* 5.25pm*	11am* 5.25pm*	11am* 5.25pm*		11am* 5.25pm*	11am* 5.25pm*
CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD M, 1H 58M, ACTION/SCI-FI		12.50pm* 7.15pm*	12.50pm* 7.15pm*	12.50pm* 7.15pm*		12.50pm* 7.15pm*	12.50pm* 7.15pm*
BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY M, 2H 4M, COMEDY/ROMANCE	12.30pm 5.45pm*	2.15pm 7.30pm	2.15pm 7.30pm	2.15pm 7.30pm		2.15pm 7.30pm	2.15pm 7.30pm
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN M, 2H 20M, BIO/DRAMA	3pm	11.30am 4.45pm	11.30am 4.45pm	11.30am 4.45pm		11.30am 4.45pm	11.30am 4.45pm
THE BRUTALIST (LAST CHANCE) MA 15+, 3H 34M, DRAMA	1.50pm*						
MARIA (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 3M, DRAMA/BIO		3.05pm*	3.05pm*	3.05pm*		3.05pm*	3.05pm*
THE KOALAS 1H 30M, DOCUMENTARY ONE-OFF SCREENING	6.30pm w/ Q&A after						

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CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD

M | 1hr 58min
 ~ Action ~ Adventure ~
 Harrison Ford & Anthony Mackie
 Marvel Studios' "Captain America: Brave New World" follows Sam Wilson, who after meeting with newly elected U.S. President Thaddeus Ross, finds himself in the middle of an international incident. He must discover the reason behind a nefarious global plot before the true mastermind has the entire world seeing red.



BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY

M | 2hrs 5min
 ~ Comedy ~ Drama ~
 Renée Zellweger & Hugh Grant
 Widowed for four years, Bridget Jones raises her children while supported by friends and family. Pressed to rebuild her life, she returns to work and explores dating, meeting a younger man. Balancing romance, work, and motherhood, Bridget navigates pressures from all parts of her social and family life.



WIDOW CLICQUOT

M | 1hr 30min ~ Drama ~
 Widow Clicquot is based on a true story. After her husband's untimely death, Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin Clicquot flouts convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business they had nurtured together. Steering the company through dizzying political and financial reversals, she defies her critics and revolutionizes the champagne industry to become one of the world's first great entrepreneurs.



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M | 2hrs 7min ~ Drama ~ Action ~
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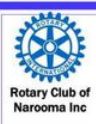


SHASA'S REPAIR CAFE IS REOPENING ITS RED DOOR!

The Repair Cafe at the Red Door Hall in Moruya will reopen on Friday 31 January.
The hard working volunteers have enjoyed a well earned break and are ready to start repairing again.
The door will be open at 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Gather up what you need repairing and repurposing!
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NAROOMA ROTARY MARKET

Sunday 23 February
8.30am – 1pm

NATA Oval, behind Narooma Visitors' Centre



Produce, barbecue and other food, gifts, great coffee, clothing, plants, assorted bric-a-brac, and much more

Market Manager 0408 489 247

EASTER mini MARKET STALL HOLDERS WANTED



TUROSS HEAD BOWLING CLUB EASTER SUNDAY 9AM-1PM

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

TO BOOK A STALL OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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Our group is a diverse group of people from all abilities, couples, single, widowed, young people, multicultural backgrounds and LGBTQ

OUR GROUP IS NOT A DATING GROUP

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

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

Teensafe

a driving skill for life

Teensafe is a safe-driver program for L and P drivers - a skill for life. Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway. Each course runs for 1 day. Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80. Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank. For details, pics and rego forms go to www.teensafemoruya.org or email garys.home@bigpond.com

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

FRIDAY MAY 9, 2025

Tuross Moruya

Support our Volunteers

GOLF (check-in at 10.00am)
18 holes, 4 person ambrose \$30 members, \$55 non-members.
BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch - \$3.00
Putting competition - \$2.00 per ball, \$5.00 for 3 balls.

DINNER (6.30pm)
Chinese buffet dinner \$40.00 per person.
Raffle and auction (great prizes!)

Bookings and payment by 30 April 2025.
Call the MGC on 4474 2300 (also booking golf cart if required).

MORUYA GOLF CLUB
Evans Street, Moruya, NSW

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2025 Diary Dates

- 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**
- 20 June to 20 July **Fungi Festival**
- 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.

Moruya RSL Sub Branch

is holding the first meeting for 2025 on Tuesday, 18th February at 2pm in the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya.

This is the AGM & it would be appreciated if members attend. The main items to be discussed are the arrangements for Anzac Day, also for badge selling before Anzac Day.

Moruya RSL Sub Branch welcome any veterans or visiting ADF personnel who would like to join or visit the Sub Branch. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the RSL Memorial Hall."

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 www.wires.org.au/training/rescue-and-care

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

www.facebook.com/WIRES.wildlife.rescue

www.wires.org.au

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!

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre

In Batemans Bay to provide face to face appointments. The Family Place, **Court House Arcade, 62-64 Vulcan Street, Thursday 20th February 2025, 9:30am - 3pm**

Our solicitor will be providing free legal advice appointments in person & by telephone.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre is coming to Batemans Bay to provide face to face appointments.

Mackillop Family Services, **5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay, Tuesday 25th February 2025, 9:30am - 2pm**

Our solicitor will be providing free legal advice appointments in person & by telephone.

Services Australia Mobile Service Centre

Is coming to Bemboka, Bombala, Delegate, Eden, Merimbula, Pambula, Candelo, Tathra, Bermagui, Central Tilba, Bodalla and Tuross Head - 11 February - 3 March 2025.

- Central Tilba, Corkhill Drive car park, 28 February, 9am-4pm
- Bodalla, Bodalla Dairy Shed car park, 3 March, 9 am-4 pm
- Tuross Head, One Tree Point car park, 4 March, 9 am-4 pm
- Moruya, Car park opposite Riverside Park, 5 March, 9 am-4pm
- Tomakin, Melville Point Reserve car park, 6 March, 9 am-4pm



SAGE Farmers Market
Tuesday 3pm Moruya

sagefarmersmarket.org.au growing the community



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Moruya Community Workshed

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week. For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.


Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

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



Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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





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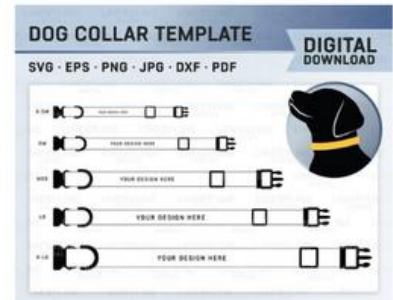


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COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP
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MORUYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

STREET STALL

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025

Where: Outside Harris Scarfe
Vulcan Street Moruya

Time: 8.00am - 1.00pm

Cakes, Jams, Craft, Books and Bric a Brac

Eftpos Available



Raising funds to purchase Hospital Equipment for Moruya Hospital CFN 11058

Tickets available at the Gate \$15 Adults, \$10 Concession
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SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025



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Thursday 20 February

Buds 4 Life ^{free!} launch event

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BUDS 4 LIFE is a new free social growing hub for 12-18 year olds, with weekly workshops on all things food!

Food * Activities * Music

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SAGE 4-6.30pm SAGE Garden, 110 Queen Street Moruya

When: 11am-1pm
Sat 22/02

Where: North Broulee Beach

Cost: free



BEACH + BEATS DAY

Youth beach day - Broulee

Saturday 22 February 2025 11am - 1pm
Where: North Broulee Beach, Coronation Drive near Candlagan Creek Cost: free

Soak up the last of the summer vibes with a youth beach party in Broulee, complete with games, food, music and beach volleyball. Bring your swimmers, towel, water bottle, hat and a change of clothes. Suitable for 12-18 year olds.

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Raffle drawn 9th May 2025 at Woolworths Moruya

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2nd PRIZE	NECKLACE & EARRINGS "IBIS BEADS"	Artist Virginia Aland	Value \$120.00
3rd PRIZE	"RAW BEAUTY MORUYA"	Deluxe Pedicure	Value \$75.00

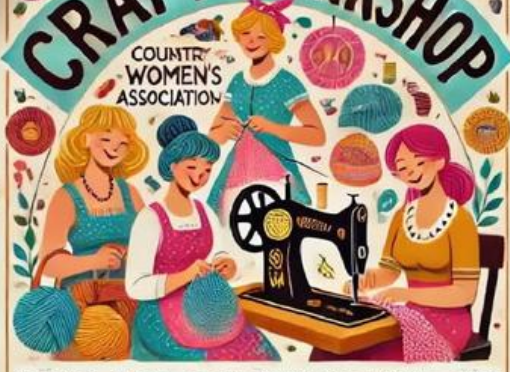
Happy Mother's Day

TICKETS \$2.00 each
Or
3 TICKETS FOR \$5.00

All funds raised by this Raffle will be used to purchase equipment for patient comfort and care at Moruya District Hospital CFN 121058

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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CRAFT WORKSHOP



Crochet class every Saturday 10am - 12pm
Gold coin donation
Sewing Class every Saturday 10am - 12pm \$5per person
Sewing machine & material available

 **SAGE** **FOOD SHARES**

Everyone's welcome



Food shares provide a space for the community to connect, share their backyard excess, and foster local food resilience.

Food shares are held 4 times a month in Moruya from Spring to the start of Winter. You don't have to be a backyard grower to come along, in fact, coming empty handed is encouraged!

You're welcome to drop off your produce if you can't stay. You might gain variety and inspiration to your diet, backyard growing ideas, and you'll be going green by lowering food miles and reducing plastic waste. And you're likely to pick up food grown without chemicals – and that's a win for your health!

WEEKLY FOOD SHARE DATES – SPRING 2024 TO WINTER 2025

- 1st Sunday of the month 10–11am**
Next to the Nourished Sovereign coffee and food van at Riverside Park Moruya
- 2nd Tuesday of the month 11.45am–12.45pm**
Outside the Red Door Hall, St Johns Parish, Page Street Moruya at the weekly Community Lunch
- 3rd Saturday of the month 9–10am**
SAGE Garden, Queen Street Moruya
- 4th Friday of the month 9–10am**
Repair Café, Red Door Hall, St Johns Parish, Page Street Moruya

Please check www.sageproject.org.au for specific dates and cancellation notices



Seeking connection? Doing it tough? Come along for a chat & share a meal with us!



FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC

23 February 2025 - Sunday
12.30 - 2.30pm
Clyde St Park near the boat ramp opposite Se7en cafe

With live music from Dave Berry of Driving Sideways

Drop us a question, if you have any!
Facebook [abbaycommunitypicnic](https://www.facebook.com/abbaycommunitypicnic)
or Txt msg Sofia 0448 455 153

HARMONY WEEK International Women's Day

NSW Senior's Festival **Celebrate**

Diversity Street Party!
Join us for dancing, music, food and games

When: March 16, 12 noon to 6pm
Where: 3 Museum Place, Batemans Bay

Presented by:
Eurobodalla Multicultural Group
Batemans Bay Heritage Museum
Rotary Batemans Bay
SEARMS Community Housing
Eurobodalla Shire Council

Questions?
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Email: curator@batemansbayheritagemuseum.com

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

President Steve Hogan welcomed 29 Twisties on a hot and humid Sunday morning. Steve mentioned Twisties are going to have a challenge with Tomakin golfers, more on this event later. Vice-president Terry Montgomerie presented Steve with the Weekly Award when he went to the wrong Rink to start bowling, can't be perfect every time! Winners on Lowest Winning Margin+1, Karen Crowe and Bob Starkovski. (Photo)> Runners-up +4 on a countback, Max Gurtner and Roland Krikowa. Bob selected Rink 1 to try for Jackpot of \$355. Winning Skip Pat Jones cut cards but no luck finding Joker, just 3 of Spades. Other winning teams, Sue Innes and Pat Jones. Allen Chard and Patrick Wheelahan. Peter Cornelly and Barrie Stone. Peter Crowe and Steve Hogan. Tricia Wheeler and Milka Starkovski. Lucky number winners, 19 Joan Colefax, 4 Roland Krikowa.



Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report 2.

President Steve Hogan welcomed 28 Twisties before calling cards also presenting Anthony Robinson with the Weekly Award when he came to bowl but forgot to put his name on the list!! Happy 92nd Birthday to Joan Colefax celebrating on Tuesday with all her bowling friends. Winners on Lowest Losing Margin -5 Sue Innes and Beth Wittington. Runners-up -6, Patty Manning and Milka Starkovski. Beth selected her own Rink 5 to try for Jackpot of \$350 and she found the Joker so four happy Twisties who shared in the winnings. Other winning teams, Peter Crowe, Trevor Innes & Neil Mather. Smiley McGregor, Tony Dobson & Jennie Hogan. Janet Smith & Pat Jones. Tricia Wheeler & Dick Morley. Well done to Max Gurtner our most improved bowler this year who is now bowling like a champion. Lucky numbers, 26 Tricia Wheeler, 12 Bob Starkovski.



Club Malua Stingrays.

Gayl congratulated our Open Gender Pennant teams on some great results. Birthday greetings to Michelle Adler also to Shirley Edwards. Thinking of Karen, Gloria & Connie who will be back on the Green soon. Congratulations to Sue Morgan who does such a great job encouraging & coaching our new bowlers which she has done for a long time & is much appreciated.

Bowls coordinator Ian Whybrow welcomed 34 social bowlers before calling cards. Winners Rink 6, Tricia Wheeler, Bev McKague and Gwen Ware. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 5, Julie Knorpp, Di Wotherspoon and Jan Shalders. Lucky Losers Rink 3, Robyn Butcher, Lisa Grice, Colleen Ashby and Pat Bill. Money Club winner 37 Carmel Price. Winter Carnival will be coming up soon so time to get teams together.

Club Malua Women's Stingrays Bowls Report. 2

Gayl started off proceedings with how good it was to have so many spectators cheering on our Open Gender Pennant team on Sunday as well as all results. She also reminded us that all relevant notices are on our Team app. for anyone that hasn't registered as it is very worthwhile. Lovely to have Raija and Tania back on the Green and to see visitors June and Margaret. Coordinator Ian Whybrow welcomed 33 ladies to social bowls before calling cards, also letting us know that Drills will be back on Tuesday afternoons @ 4pm. Winners on Rink 5, Sue Palmer, Marlou Rollinson and Raija Johnston. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 6, Gai Gibson, Fran Lucas and Tania Calder. (Photo) Lucky Losers Rink 3, Di Wotherspoon as Swinging Lead, Judy Armstrong, Anna Stewart and Skip Lyn Hardy. Money Club, 36 Judy Davis, 31 Sonia Frey. Thinking of Karen hope you will be back on the Green soon. Several of our ladies are bowling in a Tournament in Goulburn.



Moruya Ladies Golf

A field of 25 ladies took to the fairways this week for Moruya Ladies Golf. Playing a Stableford round in heavy and humid conditions the ladies continue to bring their 'A' game. The winners this week were: Div 1 Noelene Cowdroy 34 pts and Div 2 Arthean McBride 29 pts. Balls went to Val Moore, Pauline Nash, Angie McMillan, Cindy Becker, Lyn Gibbs, Robyn Hawkins and Jenny Ellis. Nearest the Pin was won by Lyn Gibbs."

Photo> : Arthean McBride & Noelene Cowdroy.





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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Bruce Cleeve



Winner: Lars Gaupset with President Bruce Harding



Winners: Leonie Snodgrass, Wendy Schmid and Sandra D'Onofrio



Winner: Ray Downey

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 6th February 2025

A large field of 64 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The course was in excellent condition and there were some great scores despite the hot, humid conditions.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Cleeve (21) with 41 points
- 2nd: Graeme Sindel (28) with 40 points
- 3rd: Nick Brice (10) with 39 points
- 4th: Ian Kingston (23) with 38 points
- 5th: Bruce Lidbury (22) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Nick Brice 5.68 A Grade
- 4th: Paul Scholze 3.80 B Grade
- 4th: Bruce Lidbury 1.32 C Grade
- 6th: Nick Brice 5.72 A Grade
- 6th: Kevin Reilly 2.26 B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 0.36 A Grade
- 7th: Bruce Harding 2.27 B Grade

Balls went to: Kevin Reilly 37, Peter Engelbrecht 37, Shane Gschwend 37, Paul Medwin 36, Dorothy Madden 36, Mark Haberkorn 36, Beverley Theobald 36, Leonie Doolan 36, Mark Jackson 35, James Paton 35, Nigel Barling 35, Herb Muriwai 35, Ian Manton 35, Paul Scholze 35 and Shirley Quinlan 35.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 8th February 2025

A field of 53 players, including several visitors, registered for a Stableford Medley event today. Some fantastic scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Lars Gaupset (15) with 44 points
- 2nd: Bruce Handley (15) with 40 points (countback)
- 3rd: James Paton (17) with 40 points
- 4th: Anthony Mellick (28) with 39 points (countback)
- 5th: Michael Hogan (23) with 39 points
- Nearest to the Pins
- 4th: Colin Houghton 1.33 A Grade
- 4th: Peter Hogan 0.51 B Grade
- 4th: Michael Hogan 2.90 C Grade
- 6th: Mark Haberkorn 6.0 A Grade
- 6th: Bruce Handley 2.52 B Grade
- 6th: Herb Muriwai 6.36 C Grade
- 7th: Brad Doolan 2.68 A Grade
- 7th: John Phyland 7.70 B Grade

Balls went to: Ron Rogers 37, John Phyland 36, Tony Brown 36, Cathy Milliken 36, Brad Doolan 35, Ken Hush 35, Ian McManus 35, Mark Haberkorn 34, Steve Collins 34, Simon French 34, Bruce Martin 34, Peter Engelbrecht 33, Ian Lawson 33, Ruth Gschwend 33 and Peter McRae 32.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 11th February 2025

A field of 28 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by John Eglitis Design. There were some new ladies and a visitor playing today with some excellent results. A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Leonie Snodgrass (16) with 36 points
- 2nd: Marie Muriwai (22) with 31 points

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Sandra D'Onofrio (36) with 36 points
- 2nd: Shirley Quinlan (34) with 35 points

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Wendy Schmid (45) with 24 points
- 2nd: Jenny Reilly (45) with 22 points

Golden Hole Winners:

- 7th Dorothy Madden (0-39)
- 7th Paula Coffey (40-45)

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th Paula Coffey
- 15th Jane Eglitis

Place Getters: Marilyn Bingham 31, Kerrie Sands 31, Leonie Doolan 30, Teri Swanbury 29, Dorothy Madden 29 and Elsa Shearer 29.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 12th February 2025

A field of 47 players, including some visitors, registered for a Stableford event today. The day was hot and humid with some excellent results.

The winners were:

- 1st: Ray Downey 21
- 2nd: Greg Geelan 17 (countback)
- 3rd: Blaise Madden 17 (countback)
- 4th: Warren Hodder 16 (countback)
- 5th: Steve Collins 16
- 6th: Herb Muriwai 15
- 7th: Rob McKirdy 15
- 8th: Len Rogers 15
- 9th: Greg Thornton 15
- 10th: Ian Manton 15
- 11th: Annette Manton 14
- 12th: Des Jackson 14
- 13th: Greg Smith 14

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Derek Hoare (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Danielle Scott (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Teri Swanbury (2nd shot)

Mens: Ian Manton (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Jane Eglitis (5th hole)

Bradmans: John Cox (countback)

BAY POOL SERVICES

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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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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

Why is it that as soon as the weekend rolls around, the less than ideal weather decides to turn up, and I have to re-evaluate my fishing plans for the next few days! But let's see how accurate the weatherman is this weekend.

The river has been fishing well, with good numbers of flathead bream trevally and the odd whiting all being encountered this week.

The airport flats, back of the hole in the wall, quarry wharf and the bridge flats have been holding good numbers of fish. Soft plastics have been working well on the flats along with surface style lures for those chasing flathead, bream or whiting. While baits of nippers, prawns, whitebait or poddy mullet have been working the same species as well.

A rising tide has been the best time to chase the whiting and bream on the flats, with the run out tide a great time to try and ambush an ambush predator the humble flathead. Look for drop offs and drains that a flatty can hide in or even weed bed edges, they can lay alongside waiting for an unsuspecting prey source to come out of.

The upper part of the river has also seen some good action, with the hospital having some nice deep holes that will hold a myriad of species at times. Yarragee bend has a great mixture of deep holes, drop offs and flats sections that hold a good number of species. It is also a great place to burly up some poddy mullet for live baits, with good weed beds that hold a good population of them.

Tuross River.

Enough praise cannot be said for this estuarine system, being the only recreational haven along this price of coast, Tuross has benefited from this fact allowing it to become what it is today. Flathead, bream, whiting, Luderick, mulloway, trevally, salon and at time tailor all call this pristine bit of water home, allowing many anglers both young and old to enjoy our favourite pastime.

The system is alive with activity at the moment, as we and the fish take full advantage of the warm ocean currents that are pushing down the coast. We still have a month or two before these currents retreat back up north and the water temp starts to plummet. Let's enjoy it while it lasts.

The lower sections of the system around potato point and the main boat ramp, to up past fourways have been producing all the usual suspects. Bream, whiting, flathead, mulloway and Luderick have all been reported this week.

The middle to upper sections have also been producing good numbers of fish as the warm waters push all the way up the back of the system.

Rock and beach.

Salmon, bream and whiting are still all being reported along the coastline from our beaches, with the odd bonito being taken from the local rock ledges as well. Moruya breakwall has been fishing ok, with salmon schools being encountered when the happen to swim past.

The weekend is looking a little less than ideal, with southerly winds always making beach or rock fishing sessions a little difficult. North facing headlands can make these conditions a bit more bearable how ever.

Offshore.

As the warm currents continue to strongly push south, marlin should still be available along the temperature breaks that tend to hold the bait for the game crews. Snapper have been holding out deep, with the 50-60m marks a good place to start looking. Flathead are ever present in close, with 20-30m of water a good place to start looking.

The artificial reef in 40m of water between the breakwall and Broulee headland isn't a bad place to a have quick look also. Both the stock up on bait, and to see if there is a kingfish or snapper maybe lurking around.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with mullet fillet currently not available. We did receive a shipment of Hawksbury prawns this week finally, so come in and get yours before they sellout.

We did receive a big shipment from Shimano this week, so the shelves walls and reel cabinets, for the most part, are resupplied.

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

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Tuross Head Golf Results continued



Winner: Shane Gschwend with President Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 13th February 2025

A field of 46 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event, including several visitors. The weather was hot and humid but some fabulous results were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Shane Gschwend (15) with 43 pts
- 2nd: Herb Muriwai (23) with 39 pts
- 3rd: James Paton (17) with 38 pts (countback)
- 4th: Bruce Harding (17) with 38 pts

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Brad Doolan 3.88 A Grade
- 4th: Bruce Martin 4.00 B Grade
- 6th: Samuel Harrison 1.05 A Grade
- 6th: Stephen Swanbury 6.05 B Grade
- 6th: Peter Coffey 8.02 C Grade
- 7th: Brad Doolan 0.89 A Grade
- 7th: Peter Engelbrecht 7.03 B Grade
- 7th: Ian Kingston 5.05 C Grade

Balls went to: Gavan Wheelahan 35, Peter McRae 35, Peter Garn 35, William Steenbergen 35, Ian McManus 34, Michael Coloe 34, Jim Wade 34, Stephen Swanbury 34, Samuel Harrison 33, Chelsea Mayes 33, Dianne Brown 33, Jim Madden 32, Steve Johnston 32, Ruth Gschwend 32 and Kevin Reilly 32.



Winner: Peter Johnston with President Bruce Harding

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 15th February 2025

A field of 59 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. Some great scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Peter Johnston (16) with 44 pts
- 2nd: Ian Manton (20) with 43 pts
- 3rd: John Harb (19) with 38 pts (countback)
- 4th: John Eglitis (12) with 38 pts (countback)
- 5th: Michael Hogan (22) with 38 pts

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: John Eglitis 0.91 A Grade
- 4th: Peter Garn 2.92 B Grade
- 4th: Michael Elfar 4.44 C Grade
- 6th: Colin Houghton 0.81 A Grade
- 6th: Peter Johnston 1.95 B Grade
- 6th: Herb Muriwai 4.51 C Grade
- 7th: Lars Gaupset 2.82 A Grade
- 7th: Peter Johnston 8.30 B Grade
- 7th: Gavan Wheelahan 10.4 C Grade

Balls went to: Ian Miller 37, Frank Pomfret 37, Anthony Mellick 37, Colin Houghton 37, Bruce Martin 37, Gavan Wheelahan 36, Terry Milliken 36, Ruth Gschwend 35, Greg Booth 35, Malcolm Gilbertson 34, Grant Kiely 34, David Schmid 34, Michael Elfar 34, Michael Coloe 33 and Peter Engelbrecht 33.



Winners: Marie Muriwai, Dianne Brown and Jenny Reilly.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 18th February 2025

A field of 25 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Tuross Butchery.

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Marie Muriwai (22) with 35 points
- 2nd: Leonie Snodgrass (15) with 32 points

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Dianne Brown (43) with 35 points (countback)
- 2nd: Chelsea Mayes (39) with 35 points

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Jenny Reilly (45) with 27 points
- 2nd: Margaret Downey (45) with 26 points

Golden Hole Winners:

- 7th Kerrie Sands (0-39)
- 7th Dianne Brown (40-45)

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th Sandra D'Onofrio
- 15th Gail Page

Place Getters: Jeanette Miller 33, Leonie Doolan 30, Elsa Shearer 30 and Gail Page 30.

MORUYA FC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING

DATE
THUR 27 FEB 2025

TIME
6:30PM

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- The Treasurer: Manage the clubs finances
- The Registrar: Register players and place into teams
- Asset and Equipment Officer: Collect, distribute and manage all gear and playing shirts.
- Canteen Manager: Managing the operations of the canteen including purchasing of stock and banking
- Grounds officer: Inspecting fields and marking lines
- Coach Coordinator: Communicating with coaches and assisting them as required
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We also need committee members who don't want a role but are happy to jump in and lend a hand or share ideas and opinions.

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Open Fours Championship Completed at Tuross Head Bowling Club

The 2024/25 Open Fours Championship at Tuross Head Bowling Club has been finalised after the recent rain played havoc with the schedule. In this Championship teams can be any combination of female and male members. Partly due to the timing the entries were lower than hoped with only seven teams nominating. The first round was highlighted by a very exciting, tense battle between Chris Coddington, Rose Farrington, Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors against Peter Macdonald, Doreen Monks, Irene Macdonald and John Monks. Team Monks had a dream start picking up seven shots on the first two ends. Kors settled into the game and won the next 5 closely contested ends to draw level at 7 all. From this point the game was a see sawing battle with the teams level pegging on four more occasions – 10 all, 12 all, 15 all and 16 all!

At 16 all after 16 ends the game was up for grabs! Kors' team made the critical move picking up 2 shots on the 17th end followed by a match winning 4 shots on the 18th end. They had opened up a 6 shot lead with just 3 ends to play. Monks clawed 1 shot back on the 19th end but Kors regained the margin with 1 shot on the 20th end. Monks was able to win the last end but they could only manage 2 shots giving Kors a victory by 23 – 19!

The other two games had a very similar pattern. In both games the respective leads and seconds for the eventual winners had great games that laid the platform for their teams' win. Neil Alexander, Bruce Kennedy, Carol Williams and Doug Williams played Di Newell, Lorraine Johnston, Lorrie Bird and Sue Fahey. Alexander and Kennedy had exceptional games and, with the regular Carol Williams wizardry, they were largely responsible for Team Williams leading all the way to win 21 – 14.

In the third game Rita Downie, Marg Downey, Noel Downie and Ray Downey took on Jonathan Green, Rob Payne, Ben Hewison and Allan Etheredge. Again the lead and second – Rita Downie and Marg Downey – dominated the game with a master class in draw bowling. This allowed their side to set up a powerful 17 – 5 lead after 11 ends.

On the back of some good bowling from Green, Payne and Hewison Etheredge's team fought back from this point but the task was too challenging and Downey moved into the semi-finals with a 20 – 15 win.

In the first semi – final Team Williams played Team Downey with John Fahey subbing for Noel Downie. The Williams team started well leading 5 – 1 after 4 ends but by the 7th end Downey had drawn level at 5 all. The game became a very close battle for the next 7 ends with the sides even three times at 8 all, 10 all and 11 all after 14 ends.

On the 15th end Williams broke the deadlock with a score of 4 shots and followed this with 3 shots on the 16th end to give his team a strong lead of 18 – 11. This charge was created by some excellent bowls from Alexander and Kennedy who dominated the head as they did in their quarter final. Downey's team showed fight but the damage was done and Williams won 22 – 14.



2024_5 Open Fours Champions Neil Mather, Graeme Garner, Deise Lidbury and Bruce Lidbury

In the second semi – final Graeme Garner, Neil Mather, Denise Lidbury and Bruce Lidbury played Chris Coddington, Rose Farrington, Col Fletcher and Marcel Kors. Team Lidbury were quickly out of the blocks. They led 9 – 0 after 3 ends and, despite a mini fightback from Kors, they reached the halfway mark of the game with a very strong advantage of 18 – 6. Kors' team received a boost when they picked up 5 shots on the 13th end to reduce the margin to 18 – 11.

However, the Lidbury team had the answers to the efforts from Kors' outfit. Kors reduced the margin to 6 shots, 19 – 13, after 15 ends but Lidbury hit back winning the next two ends picking up 5 shots and increasing the margin to 24 – 13 after 17 ends. They ended up winning 26 – 17.

The final was a very close game with a touch of drama! Team Williams started very well to lead 7 – 1 after 4 ends. On the 5th end Lidbury's side got back into the game when they picked up 5 shots. When they scored another 2 shots on the next end they grabbed the lead at 8 – 7! Williams struck back with 4 shots to regain the lead at 11 – 8.

The match became very tight from this point with the score fluctuating. By the 13th end Lidbury had hit the lead again at 15 – 14. Williams replied quickly with two shots on the 14th to move to a 16 – 15 advantage. As they played the 15th end Doug Williams almost collapsed showing the signs of dehydration! The two teams and the controlling body decided to suspend the game given the situation.

When the game restarted on Tuesday February 11 Team Williams extended their lead when they picked up 3 shots on the 15th end to move out to a 19 – 15 advantage. However, over the next 3 ends the Lidbury team fought back and hit the lead at 21 – 19 after 18 ends. On the 19th end Williams regained the lead at 22 – 21 when they scored 3 shots. Lidbury's side played the key bowls of the game on the 20th end when they scored 4 shots to go into the last end in front by 25 – 22. The last end was very closely fought. Unfortunately for Team Williams a beautiful resting toucher from Alexander proved a problem as Team Lidbury was able to cover the various options for Williams' team to score enough shots to win or force a draw and another end. Lidbury won the match 25 – 23! Congratulations to all the players for the quality of their play!



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Batemans Bay Sailing Club Report Feb 8th

"It was a great morning to go sailing Saturday 8th, although later in the day conditions turned to ordinary and then scary. A good fleet of 6 boats went out. The five Division 1 boats were doing the annual Bengello Property Services Two Bays Race to South Broulee and North Broulee. In Division 2, Jack Egan's restored David Payne 5.5m trailerable yacht "Windswept" was sailing a course around Batemans Bay.

Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain set a pin end favoured start line aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill". This novelty item had most of the skippers confused, leaving "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) the only boat actually near the start line when the race started. The fleet then worked out of the bay into a moderate southerly breeze. Some boats were carrying small headsails. "Attitude" (Simon Byrne) had gone so far as to reef the mainsail. Soon all boats changed to their largest upwind sails as the breeze faded. "Wishful Thinking" (Simon Byrne) started off towards Broulee without leaving the Marine Park Middle Mark to starboard as per the Sailing Instructions but eventually realised something was amiss and did the required detour.

The breeze dropped out to less than 5 knots as the fleet approached Broulee Island. Beachgoers had plenty of time to see the boats slowly approach the South Broulee turning mark and head back around Broulee Island. "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) overtook "Accolade" and led by around 3 minutes at South Broulee. The gap was only about 100m because the boats were moving at 1 knot. "Accolade" was able to drift closer then cut inside "Moonmist" at Pink Rocks to regain the lead while keeping a close eye on the depth sounder.

With the elapsed time ticking over 4 hours, the skippers all agreed to shorten the race to a finish at the North Broulee mark. "Accolade" took line honours by a narrow margin. "Moonmist" scored a comfortable victory on AMS. On PHS calculations "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond), which had caught right up to the other boats as the wind dropped, was the convincing winner. The fleet had a long motor back to Batemans Bay while thunderclouds were gathering. Approaching the Clyde River entrance there was pouring rain and lightning all around, something of a concern when piloting a vessel with a tall alloy mast. All boats arrived safely, including "Windswept" which got in earlier in the afternoon. Full results are up on the club website www.bbbsc.org.au.

Thanks must go to race management team of Terry Paton and Andrew Bain and to the race sponsor Simon Lowth from Bengello Property Services.

The next BBSC keelboat race will be the Friday evening River Wrangles on February 21st, followed by a Bay Cup race on Saturday February 22nd. All dinghy, catamaran, trailerable yacht and sports boat skippers are invited to enter the major Batemans Bay sailing event of the year, the Batemans Bay Marina Regatta on April 26th and 27th. See the club website for the Notice of Race and online entry facility."
Lachlan Brown



"Windswept" Photo:Terry Paton.



Nathan Phillips normally works the foredeck on "Accolade" but got to have a turn at the helm since he is moving to Sydney and this was possibly his last race aboard".
Photo Lachlan Brown.

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