

Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre officially opens



A new free Medicare Mental Health Centre has opened in Vulcan Street, Moruya. Story page 2

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Moruya's free mental health service part of the plan to strengthen Medicare

Adults experiencing moderate to severe psychological distress, suicidal thoughts or mental health crisis can now access a range of support services at the new Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre.

The centre was officially opened by Fiona Phillips (Member for Gilmore) and COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN.

Fiona Phillips, Member for Gilmore said: "The new Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre offers locals access to free, walk-in mental health care and support, close to home.

"Mental health is as important as physical health, and we are committed to all Australians getting the mental health support they need, wherever they live. Our Government is delivering whole of life mental health care and support with Kids Hubs (0 to 12 years), headspace (12 to 25 years), and adult Medicare Mental Health Centres (18 years plus)."

"I know how important having a free, safe mental health service is going to be for people in the Eurobodalla. Our Government is investing in Medicare Mental Health Centres, because having accessible and safe places to address mental health needs is essential to having a strong and healthy community.

"I want people to be able to access local health services free of charge, and I'm pleased that Moruya is joining the network of Medicare Mental Health Centres we're opening across the country."

Prudence Buist, CEO of COORDINARE, said: "Mental ill-health affects people from all walks of life. Many people in our region will experience a time when they need to reach out for support for themselves, a loved one or a friend. This service is free, and no appointment or referral is needed."

"This service is provided by a consortium, led by Grand Pacific Health in collaboration with consortium members: Directions Health, Katungul and The Family Place. Each organisation provides unique expertise that ensures this centre is resourced to welcome and support the whole community," said Ms Buist.

People can access Medicare Mental Health Centres by calling the Head to Health line on 1800 595 212 and asking for support, or by visiting a centre – whichever you feel most comfortable with. The service will operate from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm (excluding public holidays).

"Sometimes finding the support you need can seem overwhelming. Rather than jumping straight into a service that may not suit you, it can be helpful to talk to someone who can guide you to the right service, based on your individual needs and goals – and that's what the mental health centre is designed to do," said Ms Buist.

Adam Phillips, CEO of Grand Pacific Health said: "Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre's multidisciplinary care team will work with you to find the right support for your needs. They will use their knowledge of the range of services available in your region to identify what support is best for you.

This could be via direct support available through Medicare Mental Health Centre Moruya, connecting with counselling, peer support, drug and alcohol counselling, or care navigation. If there is an external service that will better meet your needs, we will link you with them."

"Directions Health CEO Bronwyn Hendry said: "This centre is a welcome addition to the range of free, integrated services and programs we offer to individuals, family members and friends impacted by alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, mental health and other complex health issues."



Prudence Buist, CEO of COORDINARE, Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and Adam Phillips, CEO of Grand Pacific Health.

Katungul's Acting CEO David MacQueen said: "It is important that health care for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities is culturally appropriate and includes the social, emotional and cultural well-being of the whole Community, in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential."

The Family Place's CEO Malindey Sorrell said: "We are pleased to be part of this consortia. As a place based, grass roots provider we support and advocate for a high proportion of people as they navigate the most challenging times of their lives. Having a collaborative, skilled and community focussed mental health support service in Moruya will be an important step, providing the community with much needed clinical and non-clinical pathways and supports." Moruya Medicare Mental Health Centre is funded by COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN and is provided by a consortium led by Grand Pacific Health, located at Unit 8/73 Vulcan Street, Moruya. Phone: 02 4474 8500 or visit the [website](#).

For more information about Medicare Mental Health Centres go to www.medicarementalhealth.gov.au or phone 1800 595 212.

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Batemans Bay Community Picnic connecting the community



Volunteers celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Batemans Bay Community Picnic. Photo John Longhurst.

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay Community Picnic celebrated its second anniversary last Sunday in the park beside the Clyde River Bridge. The free picnic has been running on the last Sunday of each month since February 2023 and is the brainchild of local woman, Ms Sofia Keady, who is a local Nutritionist working at Go Vita, Batemans Bay, as well as seeing clients privately.

Sofia said "Following the Covid lockdowns, I sensed a real need for an initiative that allowed people to connect and at the same time help the disadvantaged."

From very humble beginnings two years ago with about 40 people in attendance, the picnic now regularly attracts more than a hundred people from all walks of life and all ages.

Sofia said "People can bring a plate if they wish, but I can assure you no one leaves hungry and more often than not with an expansion to their friendship group. It's a totally non-judgemental gathering of people."

The initiative tackles head on the issue of loneliness in communities.

Evidence points to the fact loneliness is as harmful or even more harmful than many traditional risk factors for poor health, including sedentary living, obesity, poor air quality, binge drinking and smoking.*

It was only a few decades ago that large-scale social gatherings such as religious services on weekends, community barbecues or even date nights promoted social interaction.

In many ways, the advent of technology has exacerbated the issue of loneliness and has replaced the need to directly connect.

The Batemans Bay Community Picnic fits neatly into the well-researched community guidelines to promote social connection, namely;

1. Promote awareness of the importance of social connection
2. Foster healthy social and emotional development
3. Make social connection a priority in policies and practices
4. Design environments for connection and invest in social events, activities, and programs
5. Improve accessibility and inclusion for all people
6. Measure and make progress towards improving social well-being*

Volunteer Trish Evans helped out at the first picnic two years ago and now manages the kitchen. Her day starts at 7.00 am on the last Sunday of the month, cutting fruit and onions and preparing all foods for serving. She is very busy throughout, including the clean up at around 3.00pm.

Trish said 'It is a long day but a lovely day. I look forward to it, and it is great to catch up with the attendees from all walks of life as well as our tireless volunteers.'

Joy Dillon lives across the road at Coinda Retirement Village and has been to all the picnics.

Joy said "It is a wonderful way to meet new people in the area as well as enjoy a great variety of food."

Eurobodalla Shire Mayor, Mathew Hatcher and Councillors, Rob Pollock and Sharon Winslade were in attendance to mark the second anniversary.

Mathew said "Initiatives like this are fantastic for bringing community together. It is great to see it going from strength to strength and celebrating this milestone."

Batemans Bay Community Picnic founder and organiser Sofia Keady gave a moving tribute to all involved in the initiative and said "A huge shoutout to individuals, businesses, local groups, and organisations who support our cause. Thank you to the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Catalina Club, Eurobodalla Meals on Wheels, Moruya Rodeo, Rotary Batemans Bay, Batemans Bay Sailing Club, CanXSee App, Baker's Delight, Sawatdee Thai, The Little Wren Café, South Coast Sustainability Alliance, Willow Earth, Trading Post Mogo, 222 Army Cadet Unit-South Coast and our talented musician Dave Berry."

*Acknowledge: <https://theconversation.com/social-connection-is-crucial-to-well-being-new-public-health-guidelines-aim-to-build-healthier-lives-and-communities-247087>

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New Water Storage Dam cost blows out to \$150 Million

By Phil Herrick

The new Southern Water Storage Dam being built by the Eurobodalla Shire Council just west of Bodalla has seen a major cost blow out, with the total price now heading to \$150 million.

The bad news was presented at yesterday's council meeting by infrastructure director Graham Attenborough, along with a request for council approval to get a new loan of \$40 million to cover the blow out.

The dam has been planned since 2003 with the aim of drought proofing the shire by storing water from the Tuross River. The first estimate, made in 2006, was \$36.3 million to build the dam, a number that has grown steadily as plans were drawn and new regulations were imposed by the NSW Government.

The cost was put at \$131.8 million when the construction contract was let in 2022, with around \$75 million coming from state and federal grants, and rest to be covered by water rates and loans.

With the extra \$40 million loan and today's \$150 million estimated total cost, water fund ratepayers will be on the hook for around \$75 million.

Cr Amber Schutz was at pains to point out that the loan funds are to be paid back over at least 30 years, spreading the load across generations.

Mr Attenborough said there are two main reasons behind the cost blow out – information provided by consultants in the planning stage that did not accurately determine the ground conditions and the imposition of new biodiversity offsets by the state government.

The contractor relied on the consultant's ground conditions advice and priced accordingly, but after construction commenced it became clear conditions were worse than described and much more work was required to build good foundations for the dam wall.

Biodiversity offset payments were originally quoted by the state government at \$3.4 million, but new regulations pushed that cost out to over \$31 million. Mr Attenborough said negotiations with the government have resulted in that cost being reduced, with talks to continue to seek greater savings. He also said other water supply capital works projects will be shelved to ease the burden on ratepayers.

Approval of the new \$40 million loan was recommended in an associated report as part of the council's quarterly financial review. It was not immediately adopted as council deferred the financial report to be dealt with at the March meeting.

\$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital begins to go up

A large mobile crane has arrived on site to support the construction of the new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

The crane's arrival marks an important step in delivering a sustainable, modern and purpose-built hospital to support the needs of the Eurobodalla Shire community from Narooma to Batemans Bay.

With a maximum height of just over 70 metres, the crawler crane can lift up to 110 tonnes and will be used to carry a range of heavy building materials required for construction of the new hospital.

Unlike a traditional tower crane, which is fixed in place, a crawler crane moves on tracks, allowing greater flexibility around the building site.

The crawler crane will enable efficient access and movement of materials across the large footprint of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital site.

Local students are invited to take part in a competition to help name the crane. The winner of the Name the Crane competition will have their winning name displayed on the crane. Prizes are also available for runners up.

The colouring-in sheet can be downloaded from the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project website and should be emailed to HI-EurobodallaHospital@health.nsw.gov.au. Entries close at midnight on Tuesday 25 March 2025.

Minister for Health, Ryan Park said "This is an exciting milestone for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project, bringing us one step closer to delivering a world-class hospital which will provide high-quality healthcare for generations to come.

"The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project is a prime example of how the Minns Labor Government is investing in critical rural and regional health infrastructure to support growing communities.

"This \$300 million investment will deliver modern health infrastructure which will enable more complex clinical services to be delivered locally."

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "The arrival of the crane will further support the great progress being made on this important and much-needed level 4 hospital for the community.

"It represents our commitment to building modern, accessible healthcare services for the people of the Eurobodalla region.

"The name the crane competition is a great way to connect young people with the new hospital and I encourage all primary schools in the Eurobodalla to have a go at naming our new crawler crane."

Construction for the new hospital is progressing and expected to be completed in 2027.



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Constance climate backflip alarming for the people of Gilmore

PRESS RELEASE

Independent candidate for Gilmore, Kate Dezarnaulds

"Liberal candidate Andrew Constance's statement that the Coalition would drop the 2035 Paris climate targets if elected is alarming for Gilmore - an electorate where residents have increasingly made the switch to cleaner and more affordable renewable energy.

Independent candidate for Gilmore, Kate Dezarnaulds said Mr Constance - who made the comments in a Sky news candidate's forum that she also participated in at Malua Bay - had previously been a strong supporter of climate action.

In August 2021 when he was NSW Transport Minister he openly criticised his Federal Liberal counterparts for a lack of leadership on climate action accusing some of underestimating the impacts of global warming on future generations and leaving the state to go it alone on reform.

"Back then he was telling us to 'forget the 2050 target we can get on with this now to generate jobs, to generate innovation' [1] now he is supporting nuclear power and suggesting we wind back targets," Dezarnaulds said.

Meanwhile Australia and Gilmore are rapidly moving towards a renewable energy future with households, local businesses and tradies leading the charge—installing solar, batteries, and electrifying homes and businesses.

The Opposition's and Mr Constance's nuclear proposal is just throwing uncertainty into the mix, raising concerns that if they win government, momentum could stall, investment could dry up, and jobs could be put at risk—all while taxpayer dollars are funnelled into a costly, decades-long nuclear experiment. Household access to their solar energy could be curtailed to pay for nuclear.

Dezarnaulds, said we are already at the tipping point of the renewable energy transition, with 50% of energy generate by enable sources and one in three households already installed solar on their roofs. Cheaper and cleaner energy will provide local jobs in Gilmore into the future as Australia transitions away from fossil fuel powered energy

"Australia's constant backflips on emissions reduction policy have created uncertainty for decades. The energy sector doesn't need more of the same—it needs consistency. The people of Gilmore—our tradies, electricians, and small business owners—are already building the clean energy future, but they need confidence to keep investing, not a waiting game on nuclear. If the Opposition moves ahead with nuclear, billions could be wasted on feasibility studies while small businesses and families face rising power bills. We should be backing proven, immediate solutions like renewables and neighbourhood batteries that keep energy reliable, affordable, and jobs local," Kate said.

The renewable industry already employs over 30,000 Australians and could grow to 80,000 jobs by 2040 (1). In contrast, nuclear power takes at least 15 to 20 years to build (2), meaning no immediate job opportunities for electricians, installers, or energy workers.

Who Really Benefits from Nuclear?

Critics argue that nuclear energy isn't about helping local businesses or tradies—it's about funnelling billions into large multinational corporations and limiting choices for households.

"Electrification could bring \$1.7 trillion in savings for Australian households by 2050* but there is a risk that a focus on nuclear will prevent this cost of living dividend being realised," says Saul Griffith, founder of Rewiring Australia. [3]

Meanwhile, the UK's Hinkley Point C nuclear plant—often cited as an example for Australia—is now 14 years behind schedule and three times over budget (4), serving as a warning for policymakers. Even Australia's largest electricity provider, AGL, has ruled out nuclear, citing cost, regulation, and public opposition (5).

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The nuclear debate isn't just about cost—it's about who pays the price and how long we have to wait. If the Opposition wins, nuclear wouldn't generate a single kilowatt of energy until the 2040s—too late to ease the cost-of-living crisis or meet Australia's urgent energy needs (6) to replace failing coal plants.

"This isn't just a delay—it's intergenerational inequity in action," said Dezarnaulds. "Young people will inherit higher energy costs, worsening climate impacts, and the economic burden of nuclear projects, while big corporations profit now."

The CSIRO's GenCost report found that nuclear is 1.5 to 2 times more expensive than renewables (7), meaning taxpayers foot the bill for feasibility studies while future generations pay for the delay. Meanwhile, renewables are already delivering—solar and wind now provide over 40% of Australia's electricity (8), and the industry, which employs 30,000 Australians, is projected to grow to 80,000 jobs by 2040 (1).

For Dezarnaulds, the choice is clear—supporting small businesses, lowering power bills, and backing local jobs should be the priority. "The people of Gilmore deserve an independent voice that fights for them—not for party politics or corporate interests. We need practical energy solutions that deliver cost savings and job security today, not decades into the future," she said. "With cost-of-living pressures rising, renewable jobs growing, and climate change accelerating, the question remains: Why shift focus to nuclear when the solutions are already here?"

Constance replies on climate targets

Following an ABC report on Gilmore Candidate Andrew Constances' announcement, Mr Constance issued the following statement to the ABC:

"As I have previously said on a number of occasions, we must have a balanced energy transition to reduce emissions. A plan that includes renewables, gas and zero-emissions nuclear will give Australian households, businesses and industry consistent, cheaper and cleaner power. This is the same approach as many countries around the world including the United Kingdom. The Coalition position has been clearly articulated by Peter Dutton, that we will not be making the same mistakes as Labor, whose climate change and energy plan is failing on every metric after plucking an arbitrary political target out of thin air from Opposition. The fact is, no credible expert believes Labor is on track to deliver its 2030 target, and the Labor Government is hiding their 2035 target."



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More bulk billing won't improve rural health outcomes

More bulk billing will place additional strain on a health workforce that is already stretched beyond breaking point in rural, regional and remote Australia.

The ALP and Liberal Party recently announced an increase to bulk billing but this will not improve rural health outcomes, said Dr Arn Sprogis, Chair of the **Tuross Head Progress Association's (THPA) Health Subcommittee**.

"The major parties are united in funding an increase to bulk billing. The THPA welcome this initiative but it doesn't go far enough or address maldistribution of Australia's healthcare workforce," Dr Sprogis said.

"This is a grab for city votes that comes at the expense of rural communities. It will exacerbate delays many patients already face in accessing GPs, nurses and primary care in the Far South Coast."

"While it is an improvement, it will not deliver on the THPA's demand of 100 per cent no cost for GP and primary care services for everyone in rural areas," Dr Sprogis said.

The Australian Government Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler, has publicly acknowledged the unique challenges and disparities rural and remote communities face when accessing healthcare, including attracting and retaining health professionals to provide local primary care services.

In his response to the National Rural Health Alliance's petition to the House of Representatives calling for better healthcare for rural Australians, Minister Butler went on to state traditional models of GP service delivery may not work in all communities and that the primary issue for the rural health workforce is one of equitable distribution rather than undersupply.

"The Federal Health Minister has admitted that the bulk of the increase in GP numbers has occurred in major capital cities and metropolitan areas. Expanding bulk billing will only attract more medical professionals to city locations. Neither of the major parties have outlined how and when they will improve the health workforce's capacity, quality and distribution in rural, regional and remote areas," Dr Sprogis said.

"Australians living in rural communities should be able to access urgent care on the same day and routine care within two days. Delays in accessing essential care are putting the lives of people in our region at risk."

The THPA calls on individuals and community organisations to join their campaign for fair and equitable access to healthcare for the Far South Coast at www.thpa.com.au/health-2025.

The THPA is also calling on people to send their stories about delayed access to medical professionals to mediathpa@gmail.com

Tuross Beach Cleanup Gets Council Approval

By Phil Herrick

After intense lobbying by Tuross residents, the Eurobodalla Shire Council has agreed to remove the driftwood on One Tree Beach, the main swimming beach in the coastal village.

At yesterday's council meeting Mayor Mat Hatcher presented a petition from the community and a Mayoral Report recommending a cleanup.

The mayor told councillors the beach debris occurs naturally when driftwood washes down the Tuross River.

"At the moment, the high tide area of the beach is covered with woody debris and barely usable," he said.

Council's standard response to clean up requests has been "No", because driftwood generally clears naturally. Also, any clearing requires state government environmental approval and permits. But it has cleared One Tree Beach before, most recently in August 2022 at a cost of around \$10,000.

"Within three months of that cleanup, large storms resulted in even more debris on the beach," said the mayor.

Despite that history, council unanimously approved funds for a one-off clean up of Tuross Head main beach and removal of the driftwood debris. Quotes have been received for the work that is expected to take a contractor five days to complete.

To allow the cleanup to take place they will apply for environmental permits from the NSW Government as soon as possible.

And to save this headache in future, council will initiate discussions with state agencies, aiming to allow smaller, community-led cleanups without the need to seek formal permits.

Appeal for information after steer was injured by arrow at Turlinjah - South Coast Police District

South Coast PD are appealing for information, after a young Holstein Friesian bull was struck in the face by an arrow on a rural property on the Princess Highway, Turlinjah, about 17km south of Moruya.

Police have been told the incident occurred sometime between 3pm Sunday 9 February and 6pm Monday 10 February 2025.

This act of cruelty is not only deeply distressing but also completely unacceptable. We are urging anyone with information, no matter how small, to come forward.

South Coast Rural Crime Investigators and Moruya Police are currently investigating the incident and are encouraging other landholders to report any illegal hunting or unlawful trespassing they may be experiencing in the area.

Police are pleased to advise the bull has had the arrow successfully removed and is recovering well.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged contact Rural Crime Investigators at Batemans Bay Police Station (02) 4472 0099, Moruya Police Station on (02) 6450 3430 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you wish to remain anonymous.

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Government moves on mobile black spots

The **Federal Government** has announced a major world first reform to provide basic universal outdoor mobile coverage across Australia.

Labor's Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO) will require mobile carriers to provide access to mobile voice and SMS almost everywhere across Australia.

UOMO will ensure up to 5 million square kilometres of new competitive outdoor mobile coverage across Australia, including over 37,000 kilometres on regional roads.

Whether it's in national parks, hiking trails or out on the farm, outdoor coverage will be accessible almost anywhere where Australians can see the sky.

The Albanese Government's policy objectives are to:

- expand Triple Zero access for Australians across the nation;
- expand outdoor voice and SMS coverage into existing mobile black spots; and
- improve the availability of mobile signals during disasters and power outages.

This reform is only possible due to the transformative global innovations in Low Earth Orbit Satellites (LEOSats), and the arrival of Direct to Device (D2D) technology, which enables signals from space direct to mobile devices.

The Government will consult and introduce legislation in 2025 to expand the universal service framework to incorporate mobile coverage for the first time.

Implementation of outdoor SMS and voice will be expected by late 2027, with many Australians likely to obtain access before then.

Basic mobile data will be considered in the future as technology roadmaps and capacity considerations develop.

The Government will work with stakeholders and industry to get the legislation right, including flexibility where warranted by supply, spectrum and other factors.

The Albanese Government will also engage with industry and examine incentives and removal of barriers to support public interest objectives and competition outcomes.

Only the Albanese Labor Government has a plan to build Australia's future, including delivering \$3 billion to complete the building of the fibre NBN.

With global industry expected to launch D2D messaging this year, the Government is moving to ensure this technology becomes an addition to a modernised and expanded voice Universal Service Obligation, including maintaining free access to Triple Zero.

To ensure consumers are informed about device compatibility and experience, the Government will work with industry and the University of Technology Sydney to expand handset testing.

The policy has been informed by engagement with the LEOSat working group, advice by the Australian Communications and Media Authority on radiocommunications spectrum, the findings of the Regional Telecommunications Review, and extensive feedback from regional and remote stakeholders and consumers about the need for multiple connectivity paths.

The Government remains committed and will continue to evolve its existing co-investment programs like the Mobile Black Spot Program and Mobile Network Hardening Program to expand terrestrial mobile coverage, resilience and capacity. Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "Labor governments have a proven record of expanding universal access to essential services, and the Albanese Government is forging another step forward.

"The Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation will improve public safety, increase resilience during natural disasters, and provide an extra layer of coverage in areas previously thought too difficult or costly to reach.

"The experience will be different to land mobile networks, but the benefits transformative, particularly for a large continent such as ours.

"Building our mobile future with the latest technology is a vital element of Labor's plan to make Australia the most connected continent by 2030."

Further reforms to the longstanding universal services framework will be announced as the Government considers recommendations from the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review.

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said the state's peak farm body had been calling for the expansion of the Universal Service Obligation to include mobile coverage for some time, as rural communities continued to experience deteriorating connectivity.

"People in the bush shouldn't have to be without mobile coverage when they're working on their farms, or travelling on the roads, and so it's our hope that these plans become reality," Mr Martin said.

If established, a Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation would provide up to five million square kilometres of new mobile coverage by 2027, extending mobile service to almost 37,000 kilometres of rural roads.

While news of the commitment had been welcome, Mr Martin warned there was still a long road ahead to ensuring rural Australia had the connectivity it needs.

"We know the 3G shutdown has left many people disconnected or suffering with deteriorating coverage, and it will take both new technology, as well as expansion of existing networks, to fix our mobile coverage in rural areas," Mr Martin said.





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Every generation Rocked On

Schoolkids and grandparents, baby boomers, generations X, Y and Z were all there for Rock On for Climate Action at Smokey Dan's last Saturday night. Local musician Sam Fletcher joined with other young people and climate action group 350 Eurobodalla to organise Rock On.

There was great energy and enthusiasm from the 160 people who came. Carroll College High School band Polaroid played some great Rock and Roll. They supported a great line up of Satin Calli, the Sam Fletcher Band, Archie and Rod Slockee.

Two high school students made inspiring speeches. Hear these young people: "Most of us would have experienced the horrific fires 5 years ago, that took our homes, but also the homes of our precious wildlife. The world is experiencing rising sea levels and the sinking of islands, major changes in weather and seasonal patterns and our news is saturated with regular reports of natural disasters.

Many young people will be able to vote in the upcoming federal election, as well as future local and state elections, and our choices have power. We are the next generation that can make a difference. We have to be choosing people who we know will choose you and us over profit.

We need to engage with the evidence and consider our choices, the time we have left, and the consequences that will be. Let us continue to advocate for our planet and everyone's future."

Alex King is from Eurobodalla Shire Council's sustainability team. She said, "the reason why I'm so obsessed with composting, apart from the keeping organic waste out of landfill, is turning discarded waste into a resource, reducing the amount of methane that enters the atmosphere and this makes it one of the most effective ways to reduce climate change."

Jack Egan of 350 Eurobodalla spoke of the coming federal election. He said we have "a choice between a future of worsening bushfires, floods and other climate catastrophes brought to us by the fossil fuel companies. Or a future of climate and nature recovery powered by abundant clean green renewable energies.

Climate and environment groups across Gilmore and Eden-Monaro electorates have formed a loose alliance and are ramping up a coordinated campaign for the coming federal election. We are working hard to get climate and environmental facts into the front of voters' minds for when they vote."

Rock On creates a sense of hope for climate action and community connection for our next generation of young activists. Just like the torrential rain during last year's Rock On, crazy weather played a part. With two bands to come, the rain came crashing down, forcing a break while Smokey staff struggled successfully to put up a gazebo in front of the outdoor stage.

Rock On thanks Monash Sustainable Development Institute Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla Community Team and the Eurobodalla Shire Council for their support. Donations at the event will go to funding future Rock On events and the campaigns of climate action group 350 Eurobodalla.

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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.

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Narooma Rotary Donates to Carers' Accommodation

Narooma Rotary Club donated \$3,500 towards the construction of Carers' Accommodation at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital (CAERH) at the recent Narooma Rotary Business Networking Breakfast.

In presenting the donation to CAERH Committee Chair Cr Rob Pollock, Narooma Rotary Vice President David McInnes explained the funds were from the Community Whale Watching Raffle and the 2025 Narooma Rotary Australia Day Duck Race.

So far Narooma Rotary has contributed a total of \$10,300 to this project.

The CAERH project is an initiative of the combined Eurobodalla Rotary Clubs and since adopted as a major community-wide project.

Cr Pollock said the total raised so far is over \$150,000, largely from the raffle of the electric vehicle to be drawn Thursday 27th February.



Narooma Rotary Vice President David McInnes presents the check to CAERH Committee Chair Cr Rob Pollock,

“We still have a long way to go but the committee is more confident after the start already made,” he said, adding he is so impressed with the energy of the group. Cr Pollock said the CAERH committee will look at applying for some significant grants, particularly from the Federal Government.

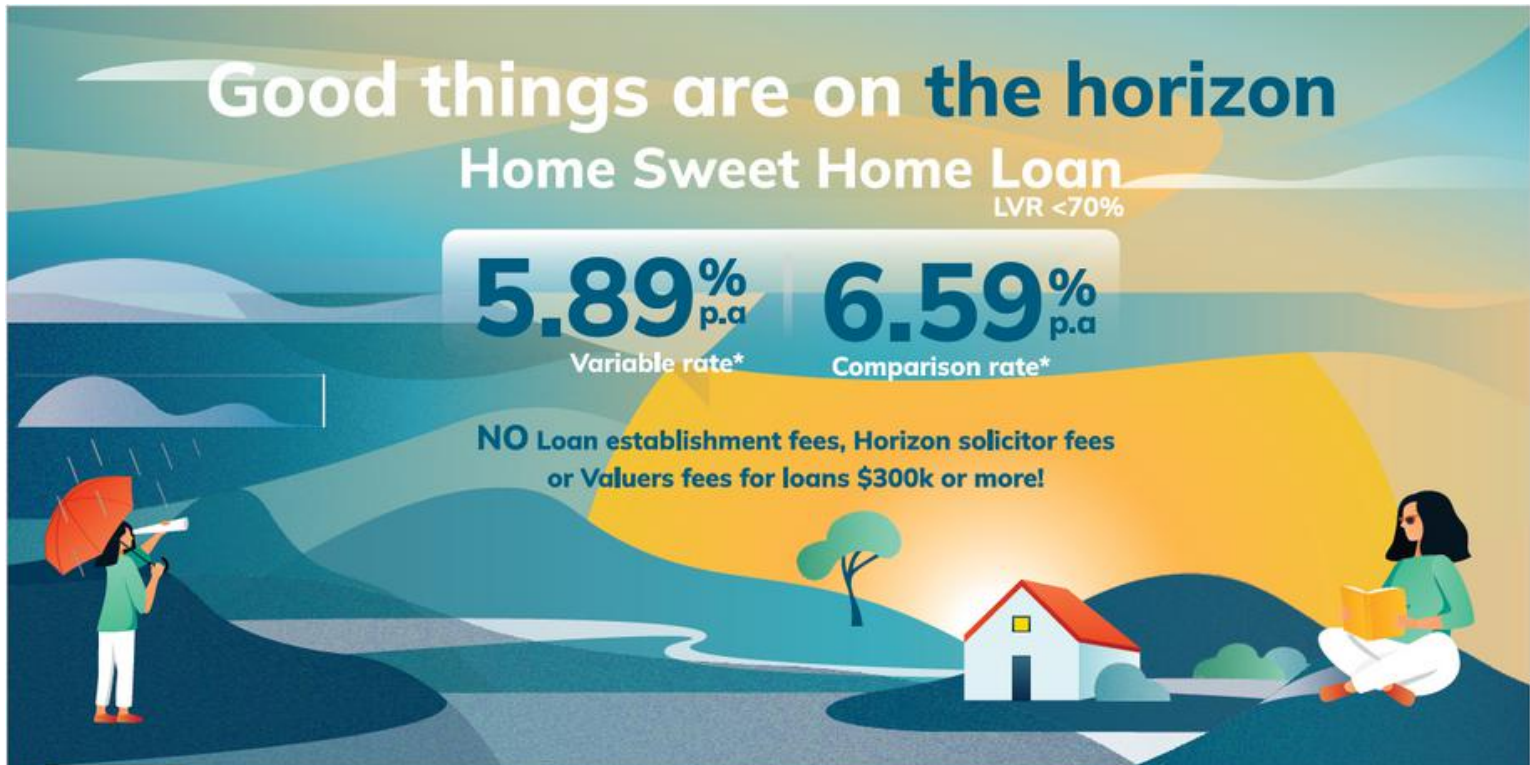
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Seniors Festival events for over 60s

Eurobodalla Council's coordinator of community development Rhonnie South says The NSW Seniors Festival is the time the shire's over 60s can shine. "We're hosting and supporting a variety of events during the festival, which runs from Monday 3 to Sunday 16 March," says Ms South.

"On Wednesday 12 March there's a free Seniors Tech Talk at the Bay Pavilions, with great information on digital devices, internet security, social media, fake news and more. And Eurobodalla Libraries have partnered with NSW Health to present talks on ageing with vitality, with helpful advice on diet, exercise and avoiding falls. "Other events include a photographic exhibition, information on advanced care planning, and on Thursday 13 March a fun morning of short talks, tai chi and yoga, along with morning tea."

These events are free but most require bookings through the [Seniors Festival page](#) on Council's website.

Ms South says Council grants will help deliver five other free events across Eurobodalla this year; the Narooma Quota Club's wellbeing day, the Batemans Bay Historical Society session on native bees, the Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society's floral art class, the Bodalla Men's Shed open day and the Gourmet Coast Trail's high tea. "The Seniors Festival is about recognising and celebrating the contribution of older adults to local communities. There really is something for everyone during the two weeks, so look at what's on offer and get out there," says Ms South.

For more information or to receive an email or print copy of the program contact Rhonnie South on 4474 1296 or rhonnie.south@esc.nsw.gov.au

Research grant for Mogo's WW1 Veterans



Fiona Philips reports: Batemans Bay Heritage Museum do a fantastic job and it was great to pop in and visit today to announce a \$9931 Saluting Their Service Commemorative grant for a new research project. The grant will help researchers put together a book and exhibition of the Mogo Veterans who served in the First World War at the museum.



Dargues Mine Community Information Sessions

Aurelia Metals is holding two information sessions for members of the communities proximate to Dargues Mine about the rehabilitation and the application of a proposed Modification 6 (MOD 6) to the Project Approval.

MOD 6 proposes:

- the transfer of water stored in the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) to the underground mine to facilitate rehabilitation
- modifying biodiversity offset conditions relating to grassland restoration.

Session one

Date: Wednesday 5 March 2025
Time: 6.00pm (sausage sizzle at 5.30pm)
Location: Majors Creek Hall

Aurelia Metals representatives will be on hand to answer questions. If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to attend either session but you do not have to attend both.

Session two

Date: Thursday 6 March 2025
Time: 6.00pm (sausage sizzle at 5.30pm)
Location: Araleun Federal Hall

If you have any questions regarding these information session, enquiries can be directed to:

- dgm.community@aureliametals.com.au
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Please check local traffic conditions via www.livetraffic.com for the most up-to-date traffic data and road closure information to prepare for your safe journey to a session.

Degrowth and the Steady State Economy

U3A Saturday Talk – 15 March 2025

The next in the U3A series of Saturday Talks will be held at the Malua Bay Community Centre on 15 March, from 10 AM to noon. Interested members of the community are most welcome. Please advise Andrew on drewzzelek@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Speaker Martin Tye is the Australian Regional Communities Director for the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy, an ecological economics inspired organisation based in the USA. He also works for Sustainable Population Australia.

Martin holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Geography. He has run in three elections and is a long-time small business owner.

Martin's talk aims to:

- encourage us to think about our economic and environment challenges from a different angle; and
- consider a different response framework with the goal being to empower and unite the sustainability movement behind a new economic paradigm.

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

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

The annual fee of \$50, plus a \$10 one off joining fee, entitles members to participate in as many courses as they wish.

Information on how to join can be found on the website or by calling 0474 483 678.

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Martin Tye

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Step Into the Stories of the South Coast with The Town Tours

The Town Tours Brings Local History to Life with Entertaining Guided Walks at Bodalla

The past isn't just something to read about—it's something to step into. That's the idea behind The Town Tours, a new walking tour experience designed for the curious. Founded by Victoria Westwood, an avid storyteller and history enthusiast. The Town Tours invites locals and visitors alike to stay awhile and explore the rich heritage, art, and culture of South Coast towns through engaging, one-hour guided walks.

"There's something special about walking the same streets as those who came before us," says Victoria. "In a world where so much is experienced through screens, I wanted to create something that encourages real connections—to places, to stories, and to each other." Each tour blends fascinating history, quirky tales, and a fresh perspective on familiar streets, making it an enriching experience for history lovers, art enthusiasts, and anyone with a sense of curiosity.



Milton tour guides Geery Deevy

The Town Tours is now open for bookings, offering walks for individuals and special interest groups. To find out more and book a tour, visit www.thetowntours.com.au. Dogs on leads are welcome to come for a walk.

Walking tours are held in:

- Bodalla: Friday and Saturdays 9.30am
- Batemans Bay: Thursday Friday and Saturday 9.30am
- Mogo from 28th February.
- Milton: Friday and Saturdays 9.30am (just not this Saturday 22nd Feb)
- Other locations including Braidwood will open through 2025.

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Call Steve Young on 0438 739 246 to book.

By the 6th March



Fire and Rescue drone sniffs out trouble

In a first for a NSW Government emergency services agency, **Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW)** has launched the latest tool in its technological arsenal, a drone that can 'smell'.

The FRNSW Aviation Unit and Hazardous Material teams are constantly looking to innovative ways to utilise the drone fleet, first formed in the aftermath of the Black Summer Bushfires.

The smelling capability of the new drone means crews can now use drones to detect potential threats in the air with firefighters able to maintain a safe distance and protect the wider public.

The drone was successfully deployed during last month's response to a major fire and chemical emergency at a waste recycling plant at St Marys in Sydney's west.

One of several drones deployed at the scene by firefighting crews, the smelling drone was able to analyse the smoke from the fire, identifying its chemical make-up and determining any potential risk to the public.

The drone also analysed the atmosphere around burning gas cylinders within the plant to determine potential air quality impacts.

This new drone can detect 12 different chemicals in the air including chlorine, carbon dioxide, and a range of flammable gases.

The drone can then provide live data and gas readings to Command Posts, the FRNSW Strategic Operations Centre at Alexandria, or to scientific support staff for analysis.

FRNSW continue to find new and innovative ways to keep the NSW community safe using their drone fleet.

Other drones in the FRNSW fleet can collect water samples for chemical testing, there are smaller drones able to enter buildings through small openings to search for trapped people or identify structural threats, and drones fitted with infra-red cameras which can assist during overnight search and rescue missions.

Drones were used extensively in the aftermath of the 2022 Northern Rivers floods, carrying out damage assessments over vital infrastructure and identifying debris for collection.

Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner, Jeremy Fewtrell said, "The drone that can smells means we can assess dangerous environments quickly to keep our people and the community safe.

"Our crews are highly trained to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, but this type of drone means we don't have to risk anyone's safety when trying to identify potentially dangerous substances.

"When crews arrive at the scene of a fire, they can quickly get one of these drones airborne to determine the threat we're dealing with, and make crucial decisions based on immediate information.

"This is the latest in an ever-growing list of drone capabilities at Fire and Rescue NSW."

Services Australia mobile service centres (MSCs) stops in the south east

Where and when Golden Wattle is visiting:

Where	When
Bermagui , Dickinson Park car park, Lamont Street	27 February, 9 am to 4 pm
Central Tilba , Corkhill Drive car park, Corkhill Drive	28 February, 9 am to 4 pm
Bodalla , Bodalla Dairy Shed car park, Princes Highway	3 March, 9 am-4 pm
Tuross Head , One Tree Point car park, Tuross Boulevard	4 March, 9 am-4 pm
Moruya , Car park opposite Riverside Park, Shore Street	5 March, 9 am-4 pm
Tomakin , Melville Point Reserve car park, Red Hill Parade	6 March, 9 am-pm
Bungendore , TBC	19 March, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Braidwood , TBC	20 March, 9 am to 3 pm

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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society

28-02-1925

There were registered in this State last year 62,471 cars, 11,970 motor lorries and 20,112 motor cycles. The figures show an increase of 25,000 motor vehicles over the last year.

The I. & S. C. S. N. Co., on Monday, received a cable advising that their new steamer, Bergalia, intended for the South Coast trade, left Suez on Wednesday last, en route from Glasgow to Sydney.

Owing to the abnormally high tides early on Monday morning the wharf presented quite a busy shipping appearance. The Illawarra Company's Narani was discharging her weekly cargo, while the dredges Latona and Antleon were lying alongside.

The old established butchery business in Mogo, recently owned by John O'Brien, has changed hands. Mr. Arthur Annetts is the purchaser. Mr. Annetts has lately gone into partnership with his brother, Mr. A. J. Annetts, general provider.

Last week Mr. Harry Duncan, while conveying His Majesty's mails to Cobargo, had the misfortune to collide with another motorist on the Prince's Highway near Narooma. Had it not been for Mr. Duncan's usual carefulness on nearing blind corners, the accident might have been more serious. Mr. T. Mitchell, of the sawmill, very kindly placed his Dodge car at Harry's disposal, and the mails arrived at the scheduled hour. The time has arrived when the Shire must improve the roads at such blind corners.

Mary Foreman, of the Dwyer's Creek Public School, has been awarded an entrance into Wollongong High School.

The local police made a smart capture on Tuesday last. Two individuals posing as employees at Dorman, Long's quarry walked into a well-known business house in the morning and ordered goods which was supplied to them by an employee. Becoming suspicious the proprietor informed Constable Morgan, with the result that the "long arm" soon made its presence felt and the culprits given their deportation tickets.

The Moruya Progress Association has been pressing the Public Works Department re the necessity for dredging the crossing at Moruya Heads. Mr. C. Carter, the secretary, has received a communication from Mr. Perkins, M.L.A., to the effect that the Department has notified him that the Dredge Latona is now at the Heads for the purpose of giving relief on the crossing. The Latona is also dredging near the wharf so as to allow the boat to swing freely.



Arthur and Olive Constable

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Constable, of the "Examiner," left for the North on Tuesday, on an extended holiday.

Mr. Jas. Turnbull, the genial host of the Criterion Hotel, has joined the ranks of motorists. He has purchased a Rugby car.

Mr. A. A. Byrne, of "Waincourt," Eurobodalla, has been notified by the Education Department that his daughter, Noeline, has gained admission to the Parramatta High School.

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A Beer with Bazz #182

With
John
Longhurst

Bazza eyed the only mangoes left on the supermarket shelf. The dull greens and purples falling short of their namesake; Pearl Mangoes. He knew the flesh would be stringy as it struggled to absorb the last weeks of the fading summer sunshine.

He chose one and balanced it in the open palm of his hand.

Its small size was a sharp contrast to the weight and vibrant golden yellow orange of the peak summer, Kensington Pride Mangoes. The heaviness of those mangoes delivered sweet juice and abundant flesh.

He closed his eyes for a moment.

In peak summer, the Kensington Pride Mango was the centrepiece of his daily fruit salad bowl; brimming with lychees, cherries, nectarines, peaches, plums, passionfruits, trusted bananas and strawberries as well as blueberries and raspberries that seemed to be on a daily price roulette.

His nose twitched with the memory of lime juice and fresh mint from his herb garden added to his signature summer breakfast.

It all seemed an age ago and in a more assuring world.

Without knowing the month of the year, he knew the duller colours of the new season fruits on the supermarket shelves signalled the end of summer.

He rubbed his chin and paralleled the changes with a now volatile world.

The certainty of summers past upended and an autumn of uncertainty now beckoned.

Disinformation and outright lies now dominated a mainstream media seemingly incapable of scrutiny or considered analysis. 'To outrage' rather than 'to inform' was the essence of 'news' with social media the eye of the 'information' cyclone.

Bazza bit his bottom lip.

At the start of summer, the USA was committed to supporting the Ukraine in the war with Russia. This week it joined Russia in voting against a United Nations resolution that blamed Russia for the war in Ukraine and demanded the immediate withdrawal of its troops.

At the start of summer, the USA supported a two state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. By summer's end, it advocates relocation of Palestinians to neighbouring countries.

In both cases, the needs of the populations are overlooked and excluded in the chase for mineral deals or waterfront real estate development.

At the start of summer, it was possible to fly to New Zealand without having to redirect to avoid encountering Chinese live-fire drills in the Tasman Sea.

Domestic issues such as cost of living pressures, housing crisis, climate change, nuclear power and so on rattled around Bazza's brain like a pinball.

Whatever happened to barbecues, beaches, beers and dozing through the cricket over summer?

He could even remember a time back in the 1970's when the Acting Prime Minister, Doug Anthony, ran the country from a caravan on the North Coast of NSW while Malcolm Fraser took annual Christmas holidays.

These days it was a shuffle of diplomatic missions to Washington to advocate Australia's position on proposed USA tariffs.

He returned the Pearl Mango to the supermarket shelf.

He smiled at the likelihood of next summer's golden orange Kensington Pride Mango being name changed to the Trump Pride Mango.

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

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



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Friday 28th FEB

Allan Watts	Top Pub, Pambula (7pm)
Mick McGrath	Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Steve Martin	Tathra Bowlo (8pm)
Alex Clarke	Steampacket Hotel
Getupndans	Bay Soldiers Club

Saturday, 1st March

Roddy Reason	Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm)
Allan Watts Blues Band	Merimbula RSL (8pm)
Slip Trip	Steampacket Hotel
Lonely Dave	Tilba Valley Winery and Alehouse
TBAQuantum Brewery	
Rockin Rod	Broulee Brewhouse
Getupndans	Bay Soldiers Club

Sunday 2nd March

Howlin Mitch	Steampacket Hotel
Jakob Poyner	Tilba valley Winery and Alehouse
Alex Clarke	Broulee Brewhouse

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Australian Breastfeeding Association invites you to the The Bushfire Project's closing event



Date

Thursday 27th February
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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
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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.

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Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



15 Feb Tony Jaggers

22 Feb Mark Smith

Sat 8 Mar Richard Lawson

15 Mar Greg Byng

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Floating Through Calm Water at The BAS



L-R Daniel Soma from Michael Reid Gallery, Artist Julz Beresford and Indi Carmichael, The Bas

Julz Beresford Art exhibition:

Until 29 March

An exhibition of paintings by Julz Beresford is now on show at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre. The first regional gallery solo exhibition from Dyarubbin/Hawkesbury-based contemporary artist, Beresford's paintings are emblematic of her lifelong affinity for the Hawkesbury region of New South Wales. An essential part of Beresford's practice is being present in the landscape, closely observing its natural rhythms and the vagaries of light and shadows through the day. The resulting paintings are awash with moody romanticism, sending the viewer on a voyage across glassy, rippling waterways that snake through a tangle of bush and tumbling sandstone. These shimmering pools are bound by epic escarpments crested with spindly, ethereal wisps of eucalyptus.

As an artist, Julz is drawn to the painterly tradition, focusing on the process of physically painting and where it takes her work. She is energetic and frantic as she works, the finished texture reveals this with her thickly applied paint.

An essential part of Beresford's process is working 'en plein air', collecting gouache studies on location that inform the departure point of her studio-made paintings. Beresford paints 'alla prima', charging each painting with the same energy present in the landscapes she observes. Beresford's paintings are both an impression of landscapes, and an embodiment of how it feels to be there.

This process however is not only limited to mixing or pushing and the final application of the paint but the 'bigger' whole practice of being 'Plein air'. For Julz walking into or boating towards the destination all becomes part of the process. Her pre-sketches, drawings chosen subject, living it, breathing it and experiencing it in all weather.

Julz Beresford routinely exhibits across Australia. Her work is collected nationally and internationally. Beresford made her art fair debut at Sydney Contemporary 2024 and will present a major solo exhibition at the Basil Sellers Art Centre in early 2025. She has a Bachelor in Fine Arts from UNSW Bachelor of Art and Design and is represented by Michael Reid Sydney + Berlin.

Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan Street and Murray Street, Moruya
 Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm.
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Up to three artists will be selected for the project.

Successful artists will be paid a one-off commission fee of \$6,050 plus GST.

2025 Key Dates:

16 March - Expression of interest applications close:

25 March - Successful artists advised by:

19 May - Digital Artwork Delivery

Please visit the [website](#) to read the EOI Information and other documents which includes the design brief, selection criteria and submission instructions.

Please email communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au for any enquiries or to request a copy of the full EOI briefing document.

For the full EOI document and project brief click [HERE](#)

Coming up in the Yuin Theatre at the Bay Pavilions

- 8 March - Get Rhythm 2025 (Johnny Cash and June Carter)
- 22 March - Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)
- 29 March - Diesel Bootleg
- 9 May - Robertson Bros 60's Variety TV Show
- 13 May - Ross Noble
- 23 May - The Roy Orbison Story
- 30 May - The Eagles Story

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THE LAST JOURNEY
PG | 1hr 35min ~ *Subtitled* ~
Lars retires and embarks on a joyous, heartfelt road trip through the South of France. An emotional and hilarious story with a life-affirming message. It is a cinematic experience.



**CAPTAIN AMERICA:
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M | 1hr 58min ~ *Action ~ Adventure*
Marvel Studios' "Captain America: Brave New World" follows Sam Wilson, who finds himself in the middle of an international incident.



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M | 2hrs 3min ~ *Drama* ~
Follows the life story of the world's greatest opera singer, Maria Callas, during her final days in 1970s Paris.




THE LOST TIGER
G | 1hr 42min ~ *Family ~ Animation* ~
It's time for a true hero to earn his stripes in this hilarious, heartwarming and adventure filled homegrown Aussie-mation for the whole family.



**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.



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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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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).


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- 28th Feb - 2 March 2025 **Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 2 March **Clean Up Australia Day 2025**
- 3-16th Mar Seniors Week
- 8 - 16 March - Sculpture Bermagui
- 8th Mar International Women's Day
- 17th Mar Close the Gap Day
- 17-23rd Mar Harmony Week
- 21st Mar International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 2 - 3 May 2025 **Narooma Oyster Festival**
- 1 - 8 June 2025 - **Sculpture for Clyde**
- 20 June to 20 July **Fungi Feastival**
- 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**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**



MORUYA FC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


DATE THUR 27 FEB 2025 **TIME** 6:30PM

THE WATERFRONT MORUYA **FREE DRINKS AND SNACKS!**

All positions are declared vacant at the AGM and will need to be filled for the club to operate.

- The President: Chair Meetings and act as spokesperson for the club
- The Secretary: Handle correspondence and record minutes of meetings
- 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
- Publicity officer: Coordinate communications and advertising. Manage social media posts.

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.




SAGE Farmers Market

Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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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

Bay Pavilions Updated Operating Hours

NEW Operating hours from Monday 3rd March.

Monday - Friday 6am - 7pm
Saturday and Sunday 7am - 5pm

Waterslides open on weekends and school holidays from 11am - 5pm. Please note, these changes will not affect 24/7 gym access for members.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre

The Family Place, Court House Arcade, 62-64 Vulcan Street, **Thursday 6th March 2025, 9:30am - 3pm**

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

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.

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-pm



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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

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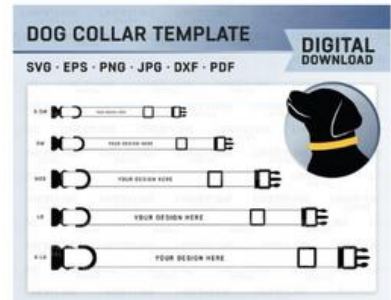
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Faster internet for Gilmore with completion of \$480 million NBN upgrades

More than 12,000 households and businesses across Gilmore are benefiting from faster internet and increased data with the completion of the Albanese Government's \$480 million upgrades to NBN Co's Fixed Wireless and Satellite services.

Around 12,570 premises from Kiama to Moruya can now access broadband speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps. These increased speeds allow for smoother streaming, faster downloads and uploads, and stronger connections – even with multiple devices online at the same time.

The fixed wireless upgrades have already delivered increased average end user download speeds for households from around 48Mbps in 2022 to over 100 Mbps today.

Using the latest 4G and 5G wireless technology has also enabled an additional 120,000 premises around Australia to access fixed wireless for the first time.

Around 1640 premises in Gilmore have had their access technology changed from satellite to fixed wireless.

NBN Co has launched two faster speed tiers: around 90 per cent of premises in the fixed wireless footprint can now access speeds of up to 200-250 Mbps download. Around 80 per cent of premises can access speeds of up to 400 Mbps.

These upgraded services are helping to meet Australia's growing demand for data.

The average Australian household is using more than 450GB of data per month and around 22 connected devices. This is forecast to increase to 1 Terabyte and more than 40 devices by the end of the decade.

In addition to fixed wireless upgrades, the program has also improved NBN's Sky Muster satellite service, which provides much-needed connectivity options for more than 200,000 households and businesses in regional and remote Australia.

Thanks to the Albanese Government, customers now have unlimited data through NBN Co's Sky Muster Plus Premium, providing download speeds of up to 100 Mbps.

The \$480 million upgrade complements the Albanese Government's nation-building investment to deliver a world-class NBN fibre network, backed by an additional \$3 billion equity investment.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "Fast, reliable, affordable internet is an essential building block of any modern economy, boosting productivity, enabling innovation and creating jobs. "Families and businesses in our regions and suburbs should have equal access to the opportunities the NBN delivers. Labor founded the NBN on this principle.

"Faster, more reliable internet allows smoother streaming, faster downloads and uploads, and stronger connections – even with multiple devices online at the same time.

"It enables access to essential government services, banking and telehealth, and learning and working online.

"The completion of these upgrades demonstrates what can be done with a publicly-owned NBN Co.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips MP said "All Australians deserve access to fast and reliable connectivity, no matter where they live or work, including people in regional areas like Gilmore," Mrs Phillips said. "These upgrades mean communities across the South Coast won't get left behind and will be able to enjoy the benefits that higher speed broadband brings.

"Stronger, reliable service is so important in our region, and underground infrastructure means the service will also be more resilient during times of future natural disasters.

Parliamentary inquiry finds nuclear is high risk, zero reward

Climate Council

THE COALITION'S NUCLEAR SCHEME is high risk, zero reward—that's the clear takeaway from the interim findings of the federal inquiry into nuclear power generation in Australia. The committee's interim report confirms that nuclear energy is not a viable option to meet Australia's energy needs or climate commitments. The Climate Council, which appeared at the inquiry, said the inquiry's interim findings confirm what experts have long warned: nuclear reactors are too risky for Australia. Australians need action now to cut climate pollution and secure our energy future, not a nuclear fantasy that locks us into higher costs, worsening unnatural disasters, and decades of delay.

Amanda McKenzie, Climate Council CEO, said: "The climate crisis is here, now. Australians are already facing more unnatural disasters - record-breaking floods, deadly heatwaves and bushfires, and declining rainfall. In the 15 years that we would be waiting for a single watt of nuclear energy to enter the grid, our climate pollution would soar. "Every coal-fired power station in Australia will be closed before a single nuclear reactor could be built. Already, 40% of our national grid is powered by renewables, and experts have shown that we can power our economy 24/7 with renewables backed by storage and peaking generation, and we can do it well before a single nuclear reactor is online.

"Delaying action to slash climate pollution has real consequences. The catastrophic conditions that led to the Black Summer bushfires will become the average without sustained, urgent action.

"Nuclear reactors in the 2040s is a delay tactic. The consequence is 2 billion tonnes more climate pollution endangering our kids' future."

Greg Bourne, Climate Councillor and energy expert, said: "The numbers don't lie. Nuclear reactors are wildly expensive and painfully slow. The UK's flagship nuclear project is 14 years late and facing a \$60 billion cost blowout. Australians can't afford to waste tens of billions of dollars on a major energy project that delivers too little, too late.

"There's an explosion of misinformation and political spin, but here's the simple truth: not a single investor is lining up to build nuclear reactors in Australia. Meanwhile, investment in renewable power is surging ahead. In 2024, investment in batteries soared, with new energy storage commitments nearly matching new generation. A total of 4 gigawatts of storage was committed, equivalent to the output of around 2,000 wind turbines. Globally, ten times as much money is flowing into renewable power as into nuclear reactors."

"Renewable power is already delivering—cutting climate pollution, creating jobs, and keeping the lights on. Australia is at 40% renewables and on track for 82% renewable power in only five years. That will slash pollution and provide the energy security we need."

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MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Raffle drawn 9th May 2025 at Woolworths Moruya

1st prize	WATERCOLOUR "MORNING MAGNOLIA"	Artist Karrin Lesley	Value \$350.00
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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





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

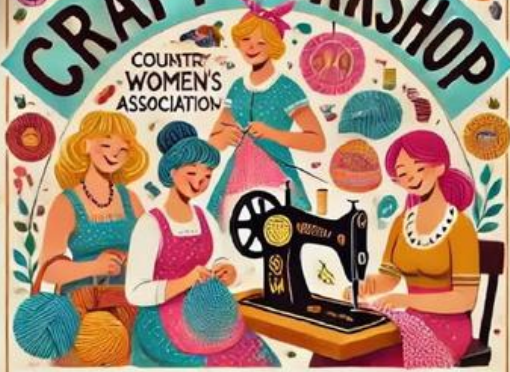




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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MORUYA

CRAFT WORKSHOP



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

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

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Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report. Thanks to our fabulous Secretary Jennie Hogan for sending Results when I was unable to be there, much appreciated. Winners, Noisy and Bob the Builder. Runners-up, Sumpy, Susie Q and Irish. Have heard next Sunday there will be lots of fun as we all bowl using some of the older bowls. Will be a big challenge to all Twisties to see how good we are ! (Photo) of our fantastic committee >> .



Club Malua Stingrays.

Gayl started our morning congratulating Stingrays Open Gender Pennant teams all grades winning with a perfect 10 points. Welcome to Loretta Glanville from Albury Commercial Club who joined us for the day. Before calling cards coordinator Ian Whybrow welcomed 41 social bowlers on a pleasant and much cooler morning. Winners Rink 2, Bev McKague as Swinging Lead, Marlou Rollinson, Ellie Crompton and Skip Olga Geshwend.(Photo) Runners-up Rink 1, Gay Biggs, Rae Fayle, Yvonne Huddleston and Sue Beavan. Third place, Rink 3, Lynn Gowans , Wendy Geary and Skip Sue Morgan. Lucky Losers Rink 5, Carmel Price, Robyn Butcher, Raija Johnston and Nancy White. Money Club winner on 12 Noleen Taylor.



Moruya Ladies Golf




"A field of 20 ladies took to the fairways this week at Moruya Golf Club. Playing a Stableford event in wonderful cool conditions for this time of the year the eventual winner was Jan Lumsden with 38 points followed by runner up Sharon Knight with 34 points. Balls went to Angie McMillan, Jenny Ellis, Noelene Cowdroy, Robyn Hawkins, Lyn Gibbs, Jill Middleton, Shirley Noy and Val Moore."

Photo: Winner Jan Lumsden >



Mobile Office in Mossy Point



-  10.00am - 11.00am
-  Thursday, 27 February 2025
-  The Boat Shed, Mossy Point Boat Ramp, 165 Annetts Pde, Mossy Point



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Teri Swanbury



Winner: Grant Kiely with President Bruce Harding



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



Winners: Marie Muriwai, Sandra D'Onofrio and Margaret Downey.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 19th February 2025

A field of 42 players registered for a Stableford event today. The day was overcast with some great results.

The winners were:

- 1st: Teri Swanbury 21
- 2nd: Des Jackson 20
- 3rd: Steve Swanbury 18
- 4th: Greg Bush 17
- 5th: Bruce Martin 17
- 6th: Ian Miller 17
- 7th: Graham Moore 17
- 8th: Steve Johnston 16
- 9th: Ian Manton 16
- 10th: Paul Pereira 16
- 11th: Derek Hoare 16
- 12th: Ray Downey 16

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Greg Geelan (2nd Shot)
- 6th: John Cox (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Jeanette Miller (2nd shot)
- Mens: Frank Pomfret (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Ross Davidson (5th hole)

Bradman: Rob Nash

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 20th February 2025

A field of 45 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The competition was hot and some high scores were achieved. A fabulous win by Grant Kiely and a special call out to Colin Houghton who played to 3 under par off the stick!

The Winners were:

- 1st: Grant Kiely (18) with 44 points
- 2nd: Colin Houghton (2) with 41 points
- 3rd: Ian Miller (20) with 40 points
- 4th: Peter Coffey (25) with 39 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 4.60 A Grade
- 4th: James Paton 6.07 B Grade
- 4th: Paul Medwin 3.00 C Grade
- 6th: Colin Houghton 8.64 A Grade
- 6th: Bruce Harding 3.30 B Grade
- 7th: Leonie Snodgrass 3.40 A Grade
- 7th: Cate O'Brien 1.49 B Grade
- 7th: Dianne Brown 6.10 C Grade

Balls went to: Peter Engelbrecht 39, Bruce Harding 38, Peter Garn 37, Paul Medwin 37, Terry Milliken 37, David Schmid 37, Graeme Sindel 36, James Paton 35, Dorothy Madden 35 and Dianne Brown 35.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 22nd February 2025

A field of 61 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. There were some fabulous scores achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: John Phyland (20) with 41 points
- 2nd: Steve Collins (15) with 40 points
- 3rd: Peter Garn (20) with 37 points (countback)
- 4th: Paul Ferguson (13) with 37 points
- 5th: John Harb (18) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Lars Gaupset 4.21 A Grade
- 4th: Kevin Reilly 5.56 B Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 1.49 A Grade
- 6th: Steve Collins 5.95 B Grade
- 7th: Colin Houghton 0.53 A Grade
- 7th: ohn Phyland 5.58 B Grade

Balls went to: Cathy Milliken 35, Ian Lawson 35, Brad Doolan 34, Michael Coloe 34, Daniel Nickson 33, Peter Hogan 33, Michael Hogan 33, Steven O'Shea 33, Grant Kiely 32, Ian Manton 32, Nick Brice 32, Bruce Handley 32, Kevin Reilly 31, Derek Hoare 31 and Jim Madden 31.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 25th February 2025

A field of 19 ladies signed up for a Stroke - Single Match Play qualifier event today. The event was sponsored by Leonie Doolan.

A Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Marie Muriwai (22) with 68 nett
- 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (17) with 73 nett

B Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Sandra D'Onofrio (35) with 64 nett
- 2nd: Dianne Brown (43) with 75 nett

C Grade Winners were:

- 1st: Margaret Downey (45) with 79 nett
- 2nd: Jenny Reilly (45) with 82 nett

Golden Hole Winner:

7th Dorothy Madden

Nearest to the Pins:

- 6th Annette Manton
- 15th Dianne Brown

Place Getter:

Leonie Doolan (26) with 74 nett.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 26th February 2025

A field of 42 players registered for a 2 player Ambrose event today. The course was in great condition, the weather was perfect and some great results were achieved.

The winning teams were:

- 1st: Ken Hush and Bruce Harding 32.25
- 2nd: Steve Gardner and Judi Carey 34.75
- 3rd: Peter McRae and Steve Johnston 35.5 (countback)
- 4th: Frank Pomfret and Paul Periera 35.5
- 5th: Rob McKirdy and Jane Eglitis 35.75
- 6th: Bruce Martin and Leonie Snodgrass 36.75
- 7th: Greg Bush and Tony Crook 37.25

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Blaise Madden (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Ken Hush (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Judi Carey (2nd shot)
- Mens: Blaise Madden (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Bruce Martin (5th hole)

Bradman: Henry Anderson and Greg Thornton 49



Winners: Bruce Harding and Ken Hush

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

With the days slowly starting to get shorter, the cooler weather is only a month or two away from making its presence known. We will still have some warm water for at least a month, so it's time to make the most of cooler days and still warm waters.

The river is fishing nicely at present, with good reports of flathead, bream, whiting and Trevally from throughout the length of the system. From the airport flats to all the way up past the Yarragee bend, there have been plenty of fish on offer. Live nippers or squirt worms have been the best live baits when chasing bream and whiting, while flathead will take most offerings of bait that happen to drift past them as they prepare for the cooler months ahead.

The Garlandtown flats are a great place to pump live nippers at the moment, squirt worms can be a bit harder to find however. Surface lures for the whiting, bream and even flathead have all been working well, with diving hard body lures accounting for some good numbers of bream and flathead. The soft plastics throwers are also getting into some nice flathead, bream and the odd estuary perch. For the guys chasing bass, I have heard a few reports that there have been some bigger fish caught low in the system, as the ready themselves for their winter spawn run in the brackish reaches of the river.

Tuross River.

The prawns in Coila lake, while large, are very inconsistent at the moment. Visibility while wading is the major issue in actually seeing them to scoop net them. As we move closer towards the next dark phase, hopefully their activity will increase. By all rights, we should have prawns running all the way up until Easter. Which should make for some good family fun for the holidays.

The lake proper has been fishing well, with the usual suspects all being encountered this past week.

The flats areas have been producing numbers of whiting, bream and flathead. While the oyster leases have been holding bream, estuary perch, and flathead underneath and around the margins.

The deeper channel sections have been holding Luderick, bream, flathead and the odd mulloway hiding for those willing to put the time and effort to chase the mighty mulloway.

Rock and Beach.

I did manage to get out for a session off one of my favourite ledges last Sunday to throw a few metals for an hour or so. I only saw a few small salmon follow my offerings with no hook ups. From all reports the size of the salmon on the beaches has dropped from the XOS 60-70cm models only a month ago, to a much smaller 30-40cm size range.

There are still some good bream and whiting in the corners of the beaches and the close gutters to be found. Live worms, Pipies or live nippers are all ideal baits when chasing these hard pulling surf fish. Light tackle will be required to detect the bites also. Try a 10'6" rod rated to 3-5kg and some light mono or braid on a 3000 sized reel.

Offshore.

Reports from offshore have been mixed, with a push of cold water showing up and slowing the bite down for those game crews looking for some action.

Closer in, the cooler current should have bought the snapper in a little closer, with the flathead an ever present option as well.

The bait freezer was restocked yesterday. I did manage to secure some more hawksbury prawns, with mullet fillet was again a no show. Everything else was in stock, and the freezer represent that.

The shop is slowly having a bit of a revamp, with stock finding news places on the walls. You may have to look in new places to find old favourites. Nothing too drastic, I promise.

This fishing report is now back on our shop website as of last week, now that I have fixed the issue I was having modifying the website. So you can get your weekly fix there and on FaceBook.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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Batemans Bay Sailing Club Report Feb 22nd



Accolade



Altitude



Moonmist



Wishful Thinking

"It was a great day for sailing last Saturday when, for the first time in months, a BBSC keelboat race coincided with a decent sea breeze.

Five yachts headed out together with race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Andrew Bain aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill". The 20 knot nor'easter compelled most crews to set a #3 headsail. "Accolade" (Lachlan Brown) and "Attitude" (Simon Byrne) also had a reef in their mainsails. The course was triangle, windward return, triangle.

After an even start, most of the fleet followed the conventional wisdom and headed left on the work to the Chain Bay mark. "Wishful Thinking" (John Tracey) did well on the right and looked threatening when coming to the top mark on the starboard layline. "Accolade" on port tack just cleared "Wishful" to lead around the top mark.

On the first reach to the marine park middle mark, the "Accolade" crew daringly hoisted a reaching spinnaker. Despite a few round ups they were able to establish a gap on "Wishful" which was consolidated on the second reach down to the leeward mark at Caseys Beach. "Moonmist" (Tony Sutton) set a spinnaker on the broader second reach and caught up to "Wishful". "Wishful", sailing with a crew of only three, did well to hang in with the competition and even set a kite on the subsequent running leg from Chain Bay back to Caseys.

The wind had come up further during the race. In a last roll of the dice for Sutton, the "Moonmist" crew went for their spinnaker on the final reach but a wineglass ensued so it had to come down again. The "Accolade" crew took a safety first approach and hung on to win line honours by 2 minutes from "Wishful" with another 3 minutes to "Moonmist". "Attitude" was slightly off the pace and finished a further 4 minutes behind. The conditions were a bit much for "Sail La Vie" (John Drummond) which pulled out during the race. "Accolade" won on AMS while on PHS the winner was "Moonmist". Full results are up on the BBSC website

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The next BBSC keelboat race will be on March 8th. "

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Mixed Fortunes for Tuross Open Pennant Sides

After three rounds of the 2024/25 Open Pennant season the two Tuross Head times have had mixed fortunes. The Grade 6 side has recorded two 10 – 0 wins and a bye while the Grade 7 side is yet to chalk up a victory.

The Grade 6 side played Narooma at home in their first game of the season. All three teams managed to win their matches. Rose Farrington, Bruce Magilton, Sue Fahey and Marcel Kors started off slowly but gradually clawed their way into the game. After 6 ends they were level at 6 all then the Tuross side started to dominate as they won all but 2 of the remaining 15 ends to win 23 – 11.

Doreen Monks, Ben Hewison, Irene Macdonald and Allan Etheredge started well and by the 12th had a good 17 – 8 lead. The second half of the game was more competitive but the Tuross side lead all the way to win 24 – 11.

The third game was much closer with Graeme Garner, Peter Macdonald, Denise Lidbury and Bruce Lidbury needing a good back end to scrape home. In a very tight game the Tuross team defended well to restrict Narooma who only managed to score multiple shots on three ends. Tuross was able to win the game 18 – 17 because they managed four ends where they scored 3 shots. Tuross won overall by 65 shots to 42 shots picking up the maximum 10 points.

Grade 6 had a bye in the second round and played Tomakin at home in round 3. Again they managed to win all 3 rinks despite a number of changes due to players being unavailable. Jonathan Green, Bruce Magilton, Rose Farrington and Sue Fahey combined well to lead from start to finish and recorded a 25 to 12 victory.

Des Jackson, Phil Welsh, Peter Macdonald and Denise Lidbury also dominated their encounter. Lidbury was in great form as she lead her side to a 25 – 13 win. Doreen Monks, Ben Hewison, Irene Macdonald and Allan Etheredge started slowly but by the 10th end they had drawn level at 10 all. From here they set up a 22 – 12 lead after 17 ends. The Tomakin side won the last four ends but could only manage 4 shots to give Tuross a 22 – 16 win. Tuross won the overall score by 72 – 41 giving them their second 10 – 0 victory. Next week they travel to Dalmeny and hope to keep their position at the top of the ladder.

The Grade 7 side have had a very disappointing start to the season being well beaten in all three games that they have played. In Round 1 they travelled to Braidwood and found their opponents too good on the rain affected green. They were comprehensively defeated by 86 points to 35! The only highlight came when the team of Vickie Wheelahan, Sandra Mather, Jenny Madden and Jim Madden managed to overcome a slow start to sneak home 18 – 17. The win came on the last end with the sides locked at 17 all. Jenny Madden played the winning bowl with a resting touch!

In round 2 the Tuross team played much better against Bermagui. Neil Alexander, Marg Downey, Lorraine Johnston and Ray Downey found themselves down 11 – 0 after 8 ends but recovered very well to dominate the second half of the game and record a 25 – 18 win. A mid game slump cost Graeme Garner, Neil Mather, Rob Payne and Col Fletcher dearly. In a very tight game they were locked at 5 all after 9 ends before the Bermagui team won 7 of the next 8 ends to pull out to a 14 – 6 lead. Tuross fought back winning 4 of the last 5 ends but fell one shot short losing 15 – 16.

On the third rink the Bermagui skip – John Lazzaro – proved the difference as he steered his side to a 27 – 11 win. Bermagui won the ‘big’ board 61 – 51 and scored a 9 points to 1 victory.

In round 3 the Grade 7 side had no answers as they hosted Malua Bay. Malua Bay won all three rinks and recorded a 67 – 35 win on the overall shots to earn a 10 – 0 victory. In round 4 Tuross travels to Moruya who are undefeated!



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