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Yesterday the Carers Accommodation group took the MG EV Raffle car to Coastal Auto Group in Batemans Bay. The winner of the car, a very excited Julie Brown, was there to receive the keys from raffle organiser Col Jay - then to arrange handover from the car firm. This completed an extremely successful fundraiser for the CAERH'S Committee with all monies raised going towards building on-site accommodation for patient support @ the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. "Many thanks to everyone who helped & all ticket purchasers" said Col.

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Statement from Liberal candidate for Gilmore, Andrew Constance

"The Climate 200 Teals candidate for Gilmore has made public statements that are absolutely

On social media and in a media interview, the Teal candidate stated that at a Sky News debate I "proclaimed I would never stand in front of an Aboriginal flag" and that I said Australia would or should "withdraw from WHO".

I had never said any such things, as anyone could easily ascertain by watching the debate. and since the Teal candidate was standing right next to me and knows these facts - the only possible explanation is that the candidate chose to mislead the public for her own political ends. These falsehoods have caused me a great deal of hurt, as a strong advocate for our Indigenous community and someone who has worked closely with the community for many years. I respect the Aboriginal flag and always have. I am further insulted that she called members of our community an "audience of climate deniers". Even when the ABC broadcast a correction and an apology after reporting her claims, it did not stop the Teal candidate from continuing to publish her falsehoods.

Climate 200 and the Teals are fond of lecturing everyone else on integrity and claim to do politics better. But that is clearly just empty words that they do not apply to themselves. This is the hypocrisy of the Climate 200 Teal movement to call on others to "do better" while they themselves drag politics into the gutter by throwing wild accusations at their opponents. If this Teal candidate had any integrity, she would have already apologised to me and to the community.

If Climate 200 had any integrity they would have already publicly called out their candidate and her behaviour, and distanced themselves from her campaign.

Their ongoing silence is hypocrisy writ large, demonstrating that Climate 200 and Teals are prepared to say anything that advances their political cause, meaning that nothing they say can be trusted.'

New Medicare Urgent Care Clinic for Nowra and Bega & longer hours for Batemans Bay clinic

Australians on the NSW South Coast will get the free urgent care they need, fully bulk billed, without waiting hours in a busy hospital emergency department, if the Albanese Labor Government is re-elected.

Labor will respond to heightened community concern and deliver funding to extend the opening hours of the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic. And, if Labor is re-elected, a new federally-funded Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Nowra will begin operating in the 2025-26 financial year, providing bulk billed care for <u>urgent but non-life-threatening conditions</u>, seven days a week, for extended hours, and with no appointment needed.

The Albanese Government established the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in December 2023 and since then, the clinic has treated over 12,500 Australians, averaging almost 30 a day.

By the end of 2025, the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic will operate up to 18 hours a day, seven days a week, from early morning to late at night.

The funding to extend the hours of the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is in addition to a \$644 million commitment to open another 50 Urgent Care Clinics, with more clinics in every state and territory.

The new federally-funded Urgent Care Clinic in Nowra will take pressure off the Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital, which saw 23,173 non-urgent and semiurgent presentations in 2023-24.

Parents and families swear by them: one third of patients are under the age of 15. All you will need is your Medicare card, not your credit card.

The Liberals say the Albanese Labor Government's Urgent Care Clinics are "wasteful spending". Peter Dutton will close every Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, forcing over a million Australians a year back into the waiting rooms of busy hospital emergency departments.

Labor went to the last election promising to open 50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, and we have delivered 87 clinics. More than 1.2 million Australians have already been treated at one of Labor's existing 87 Urgent Care Clinics. Doctors have embraced the clinics, with a survey finding 7 in 10 GPs support Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, and 8 in 10 GPs say they have a positive impact on hospital emergency departments.

Around 2 million Australians are expected to make use of an Urgent Care Clinic each year, getting the free urgent care they need, fully bulk billed, without waiting hours in a busy hospital emergency department.

This extends Labor's election commitment to strengthening Medicare, with the single largest investment in Medicare since its creation over 40 years ago. Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips MP said, "Locals know that the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Batemans Bay is there when they need free, urgent care. I know it will give my community peace of mind to know that the clinic will be open up to 18 hours a day, soon."

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SHASA is looking for helpers at the Repair Cafe which is held every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Red Door Hall, St John's Commons, Moruya.

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- fixing electrical goods (SHASA will cover the cost of volunteers to undertake tag and
- organise and serve morning tea for the repairers

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Good Finds by Yumaro is coming to Moruya!

Yumaro have just picked up the keys to a new space next to Planet TX, and are getting ready to bring you a brand-new pop-up op shop filled with pre-loved fashion and good vibes!

What is Good Finds by Yumaro?

- A pop-up op shop with quality secondhand clothing, shoes & accessories
- A space where people with disabilities can build skills & gain experience
- A way to support sustainability & grow our community
- How can you help?

Donate clean, gently used clothing, shoes & accessories - drop-offs at Yumaro, 6-8 Shelley Rd, Moruya Spread the word - tell your friends! Stay tuned – opening date coming soon! We're so grateful for your support—let's make secondhand the first choice!

180kg marine debris haul in Clean Up the Clyde







Photos Courtesy Mimosa Henderson.

By John Longhurst

Fifteen volunteers from Eurobodalla's Marine Debris Working Group, Region X Social Paddlers and other passionate members of the community undertook an intense clean up of Mcleods Creek from 8.00 -11.00am last Wednesday.

The creek flows into the Bhundoo (Clyde) River then into the South • 2 x large sheets of lino/carpet and rubber matting Pacific Ocean. Any marine debris entering Mcleods Creek is at risk of damaging the mangrove ecosystems, as well as the marine life, that lives in the estuary, such as the little penguins on Snapper Island and the surrounding Pacific Ocean.

It is a hotspot for marine rubbish due to its proximity to the Princes highway and Batemans Central Business District (CBD), with people illegally dumping rubbish amongst the mangroves and leaving food packages on the ground. Tidal fluctuations and the unique mangrove ecosystems make it particularly vulnerable. The clean up expedition was led by Ms Mimosa Henderson, Sustainability Education Officer with Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) and Mr Jaxon Cameron from Region X Unspoilt Experiences. The morning clean up was conducted in kayaks generously donated by Region X-Unspoilt Experiences.

Mimosa said "The kayaks and expertise provided by Jaxon Cameron from Region X allow access to the mangroves from the water and causes less harm to the mangroves. It's also fun and engaging, allowing people to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of the Mcleods Creek/Bhundoo River ecosystems. Partnering with local businesses like Region X, not only supports regional business but allows local people to come together to tackle marine debris issues and other environmental challenges as a community."

The 180kg haul of marine debris on the day included;

- 147 soft plastic film remnants and 110 soft plastic food packaging
- 85 plastic food containers and 26 hard plastic remnants
- · An old rusty BBQ and 2 x tyres
- 8 electrical items and 20 metal remnants

Mimosa said "We log all of the items that we find into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) Database called the AMDI App*. This app was created by Tangaroa Blue who are an Australian registered charity that works to prevent and remove marine debris in Australia and across regions. They use the Australian Marine Debris Initiative framework to inspire behaviour change, innovation and empower communities, industry and government to make data-driven decisions that improve ocean health.*"

As well as providing a fun day out on the water the initiative has a lasting impact on the health of the Bhundoo (Clyde) River. Mimosa said "Removing marine debris from our environment and waterways prevents harm to our incredible flora and fauna, water quality and us humans. Logging the data into the AMDI app can help create change within policies and rules/regulations around packaging, such as banning plastic bags, plastic straws as well as providing significant amounts of data as to where they were purchased, consumed and littered. It's a holistic approach that involves all different groups ranging from government, businesses and the local community."

Both the ESC AND Region X are keen to expand the initiative next year.



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A conversation about what happens behind the curtains at a Funeral Home.

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Extra \$2.6 billion to deliver another pay rise for aged care nurses

The Australian Government is investing a further \$2.6 billion to deliver another pay rise for 60,000 aged care nurses across Australia.

This brings the government's total investment in support of award wage increases for aged care workers to \$17.7 billion.

This funding will support aged care providers to meet the Fair Work Commission's Aged Care Work Value Case decision to increase award wages for registered and enrolled nurses caring for older people in Australia. Registered and enrolled nurses will see their award wage increase by an average of around 12% as a result of this decision. These increases will be provided across three largely equal instalments on 1 March 2025, 1 October 2025 and 1 August 2026.

The Albanese Labor Government is delivering pay rises for workers to ensure the aged care sector delivers a higher standard of care for older Australians.

It is already having a positive impact on retention and recruitment in the sector and relieving cost of living pressures for these workers.

Since 2022, a registered nurse who was on level 2, pay point 3 will have seen their award-wage rate increase by around \$430 per week, an increase of more than \$22,000 a year.

An enrolled nurse who was on pay point 2 will have seen their award wage increase by around \$370 per week, an increase of more than \$19,000 a year. More information is available at the Department of Health and Aged Care website: Better and fairer wages for aged care workers.

Building the allied health workforce

The Rural Allied Health Educator Pilot Program, a joint venture between NSW Health and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), is building a pipeline of allied health clinicians in rural, regional and remote communities, by boosting the number of student placements in Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD).

SNSWLHD developed a new student-led clinic as part of its program to assess and provide therapy for pre-school children in Moruya. Ten allied health students have gone through the program with more planned for 2025.

The program is enticing allied health students to stay and take up full time roles in rural, regional and remote locations. A survey of students participating in the program found prior to commencing placement only 56.2 per cent were interested in working for NSW Health in a rural area as a graduate.

Following completion of placement, 85 per cent were more interested in working for NSW Health in a rural area as an allied health graduate and 95 per cent of students were satisfied with their placement experience and would recommend a rural placement to other students

Allied health clinical placements typically take 4-8 weeks and give students experience across a range of clinical areas relevant to their profession.

At SNSWLHD, the allied health educators supervise students directly and work with universities to coordinate placements. Amy Cooke and Joanne Li completed their allied health student placement at Moruya Hospital in February 2025 where they worked with the Brighter Beginnings program, delivering paediatric development screening, communication and occupational therapy assessments and interventions.

More Clean Ups around the Shire



Among the other volunteers on the Clean up Australia Day were 13 hardy members from the Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club Cleaned up from Ryan's Billabong, Riverside Park to the bridge, Vulcan Street, Woolworths and Adelaide car parks. The EuroGreens Heroes blitzed the Batemans Bay Wetlands . They reported "It was like an archeological dig in some parts where we uncovered rubbish dumped even decades ago. Amongst the items retrieved were 6 shopping trolleys (2 from underwater), 7 tyres, 2 bike frames, car battery, gas bottle, untold bottles and cans and a gazebo frame!"

Batemans Bay Mountain Bike Club collected a large pile as well. See below.





All NSW public schools on a path to full and fair funding

The Albanese and Minns Labor Governments have reached an Agreement to fully and fairly fund New South Wales public schools. As part of the Heads of Agreements signed today, the Commonwealth will provide an additional 5 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) to New South Wales.

This will lift the Commonwealth contribution from 20 per cent to 25 per cent of the SRS by 2034 and follows New South Wales delivering its election commitment to reach 75 per cent of the SRS in 2025, two years ahead of the former Liberal National Government.

This will see an estimated \$4.8 billion in additional Commonwealth funding to New South Wales public schools over the next 10 years. This represents the biggest ever new investment in New South Wales public schools by the Australian Government.

New South Wales has also committed to removing the 4 per cent provision of indirect school costs such as capital depreciation so that New South Wales schools will be fully funded over the life of the Agreement.

Commonwealth funding will be tied to the reforms needed to lift education standards across the country, including more individualised support for students, continuing evidence-based teaching practices, and more mental health and wellbeing support for schools.

This is not a blank cheque. The Agreement will be accompanied by a New South Wales Bilateral Agreement, which ties funding to reforms that will help students catch up, keep up and finish school, such as:

- Year 1 phonics and early years of schooling numeracy checks to identify students who need additional help;
- evidence-based teaching and targeted and intensive supports such as small-group or catch-up tutoring to help students who fall behind;
- initiatives that support wellbeing for learning including greater access to mental health professionals;
- access to high-quality and evidence-based professional learning, and
- initiatives that improve the attraction and retention of teachers. In addition to these reforms, the Agreements have national targets that complement the New South Wales Government's own public school targets released last week.

National targets include:

- Improving NAPLAN proficiency levels for reading and numeracy across all year levels;
- Increasing the outcomes for priority equity cohorts in NAPLAN results;
- Increasing the Student Attendance Rate;
- Increasing the engagement rate (completed or still enrolled) of initial teacher education students; and
- Increasing the proportion of students leaving school with a Year 12 certificate.

This means more help for students and more support for teachers. The agreement with New South Wales follows agreements with Western Australia, the Northern Territory, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Victoria. The Commonwealth is continuing to work with Queensland.

3G Shutdown not up to scratch

A Senate Inquiry has found telcos have not done enough to ensure farm communities could stay safe and connected following the 3G shutdown. On Wednesday the Senate Inquiry delivered its final report into the 3G network shutdown, concluding the switchoff had not been managed appropriately and many Australians had suddenly lost connectivity as gaps in coverage were exposed.

"Mobile coverage maps didn't tell the truth, and many farm communities have lost the connectivity we need to stay safe, let alone conduct our business," NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Member Sarah Thompson said. "This 3G switch off has affected the mobile phones and data accessibility we rely on to conduct our businesses.

"Farmers have also had to make expensive upgrades to water monitors, tractors, irrigation rigs and much more to enable continuity of business." To address deteriorating connectivity across the state, the report recommended a co-funded program be established to help customers purchase new or replacement equipment such as boosters to improve their connectivity in rural and remote NSW.

Broadening the scope of a national mobile coverage audit and expediting the introduction of Starlink mobile phone services were also among the recommendations of the report, which Ms Thompson said was just the start of the work to be done on rural and remote connectivity.

"We still need mobile towers to be upgraded so at a minimum, we have the connectivity and coverage that is equivalent to what we had before," Ms Thompson said.

"The Federal Government needs to work with telco providers to deliver both the recommendations of this report and the recent Regional Telecommunications Review, so they can give our rural and regional communities the reliable connectivity they deserve.

"In the future, we also need better government oversight over these huge and potentially catastrophic connectivity transitions, so something like this simply can't happen again."



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New Gardens @ Art Central



The Art Central new gardens were opened by Mayor Mat Hatcher last Wednesday. The gardens are 30 metres long and front Church Street adjacent to Riverside Park. Council part funded their construction by Frank Bliss and Frank Ross, and also provided in-kind assistance from its Works Department and the Eurobodalla Botanic Garden's.

After the ceremonial planting of the entrance plants with AC President Lesley Whale, Mayor Mat Hatcher toured the premises and chatted for some time with attendees about future plans.



Lesley Whale and Mayor Hatcher

Wanted, local legends to lead community facilities



Current Moruya Showground committee members Lindsay Boyton, Any Mehl, Hillary Ćoulton and Bodean Strachan in front of the new kitchen/bar they helped fund and build.

Community-management of some facilities means we can harness amazing local skills and expertise says Eurobodalla Council's coordinator of recreation development Tina Smith.

Three Council facilities are run by community-based committees: the Moruya Showground, Kyla Park Community Hall and the Tuross Head Memorial Garden. Ms Smith says committee members organise, care for and manage the facilities.

"That includes finances, promotion, events, advice on maintenance and upgrades, and acting as a communication channel between users and Council," she says.

Anyone keen to get involved should attend the relevant upcoming public meeting:

- Moruya Showground (caretakers office) at 6pm on Monday 17
- Kyla Park Community Hall at 11.30am on Thursday 3 April
- Tuross Head Memorial Garden (meeting at the Country Club) at 2pm on Sunday 7 April.

Alternatively, potential members can submit a written expression of interest to Tina Smith or call her on 4474 7438.



Council reflects on five-year bushfire anniversary

Five years have passed since the black summer bushfires were officially declared over on March 4, 2020. To mark the anniversary, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher planted a eucalyptus tree in Council's 2019/20 bushfire memorial garden.

He took a moment to reflect on the journey of recovery and the resilience of Eurobodalla's community.

"On New Year's Eve 2020, we were all still putting our lives back together," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Looking back on the past five years, scars of the fires are still visible, but signs of recovery are everywhere. Green has returned to charred landscapes, the bush has wallabies, bats, and lyrebirds again."

Mayor Hatcher emphasised the importance of not forgetting those still facing hardship.

"With time, we forget little bits. And that's healthy, because we need to move on. But we cannot become complacent, and we must recognise that many people are still facing hardship. The fires magnified existing challenges and gaps still remain."

Council's part during recovery has included fireproofing the shire's infrastructure and communications and safeguarding water supplies.

"We're also developing new emergency operation centres at Moruya and Surf Beach and have a full-time local emergency management officer (LEMO)," Mayor Hatcher said.

Angus Barnes took on the new LEMO role last year. With 21 years Rural Fire Service experience under his belt, he is known for his straight-talking, get-it-done approach.

Mr Barnes said Council continues to work alongside response agencies and community groups to prepare for natural disasters.

"It's crucial that we learn from our past experiences to shape how we prepare for whatever comes next," he said.

"Windscreens are bigger than rear vision mirrors for a reason. It's important to reflect on what is behind us but way more important to focus on what's in front of us."

"As a small council, we rely on our volunteers across a variety of areas - in response agencies, welfare support and recovery. "The locals who give up their time to help the vulnerable with dedication and compassion are what make our community truly special," Mr Barnes said.



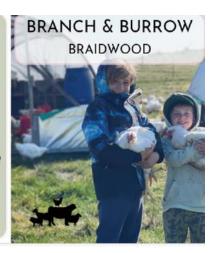
Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher and Council's local emergency management officer Angus Barnes mark the five-year anniversary of the black summer bushfires.



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"In 90 minutes, we'll show you how to set up your own compost bin and keep it thriving," says Shanna Provost, who's been teaching Council's home composting workshops for 8 years.

"Mother Nature is composting all the time, and the hot composting process we teach simply enhances that process and adapts it to suit your backyard" she says.

With 40 years' experience, Brick Colley is equally excited to share his passion for worm farming with residents. "Worms are nature's tiny recyclers" says Brick. "They produce liquid gold for your garden and the money you save adds up".

"36.6 percent of Eurobodalla's red-lidded garbage bin contents is food waste", says waste services coordinator Mel Norman. "Those food scraps unnecessarily end up in landfill where they contribute to overflow and the production of methane, which is about 30 times as potent as carbon dioxide".

"Organic recycling is the most environmentally and economically effective way to manage the waste we create," says Mel Norman.

Free composting workshops will be held at Moruya Transfer Station on: ·Friday 28 March, 9.30am - 11am.

- ·Saturday 29 March, 9.30am 11am
- ·Friday 5 April, 12pm 1.30pm

Worm farming workshops will be held at Moruya Transfer Station on:

- ·Friday 28 March, 12pm 1.30pm
- ·Saturday 29 March, 12pm 1.30pm
- ·Saturday 5 April, 9.30am 11am.

At the end of the workshop, each household will receive a free composting kit and a kitchen benchtop caddy (proof of residence required), and a goodie bag with helpful tips and information.

For more information on these workshops or others we offer, or to book a spot contact Council's waste services team on 4474 1024 or visit the home composting and worm farming page on our website.

The ESC Community Services Jobs Drive is on again

If you haven't been to this event before, here's how it works: Employers from the Community Services industry come together to chat to job seekers about their job vacancies. Job seekers bring their resume and apply for jobs on the spot.

So far there are 17 employers and over 100 job vacancies. Employers include: Opal Health Care Denhams Beach, The Glen, Batemans Bay, Goodwin Aged Care Homecare Services, Tarrays Staffing, IRT Residential Care, IRT Homecare, Australian Unity, Australian Unity Aboriginal Homecare, Banksia Village, Estia Health, Yumaro, Disability Trust, Just Better Care, Nurse Next Door, Department of Communities and Justice, WithNot4 and Katungul.

There are full-time, part-time and casual job vacancies and traineeships! Don't be afraid if you don't have any qualifications we have something for everyone. Opportunities are available in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma.

Advice on training and upskilling will also be available on the day thanks to TAFE NSW - Moruya and South Coast Community College - RTO 6558. Headspace will also be available to offer lots of hints and tips about work readiness and mental health.

PLUS we're here to help update your resume to get you ready to land your dream job - we've really thought of

Details: Tuesday 25 March, 10am to 12pm RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street, Moruya Bookings essential! Give Amy a call on 4474 7380 or email amy.kovacs@esc.nsw.gov.au to save your space



Next Generation Youth Funding

Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla is pleased to announce the successful applicants for the Next Generation Youth Funding round.

This round focused on skills and training opportunities for our young people to build capacity and strengthen disaster resilience, through community-led action that improves economic and social wellbeing

Congratulations to the successfully funded projects:

- · My Voice, My Journey Regional Education Aboriginal Cultural Healing
- · Wisdom, Opportunity, Learn, Friendship (WOLF) Program PCYC
- · South Coast Marlins Elite Training Program South Coast Marlins
- · Youth Building Skills Program Mogo Village Business Chamber
- · Rock On for Climate Action 2025 Sam Fletcher
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We thank our community for sharing our journey to strengthen community empowerment, selfdetermination and disaster resilience across Eurobodalla

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Fire to Flourish Eurobodalla's Community Resource Funding Round will focus on opportunities for Community Groups to apply for assistance with the purchase of resources to better support community - this has been guided by community voices and requests throughout our program.

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Horizon Bank Earns Recognition for its Competitive Loan Rates

South Coast- based Horizon Bank is making waves in the loan market, with impressive recognitions highlighting its sharp and competitive offerings.

Last week, the bank's variable and fixed loan rates caught the attention of 9News Money Editor, Effie Zahos, who shared her praise for Horizon's performance on the TODAY show.

Zahos reported on the current landscape of fixed and variable home loan rates, with a standout mention of Horizon Bank. "Horizon is just doing wonders out there," she declared, applauding the bank's attractive loan rates.

Zahos highlighted that Horizon's variable rates are among the most competitive, noting the bank's current offering of 5.64% as being among the lowest in the market. She pointed out, "These are sharp rates because the average is still around 6 and a half out there." Horizon Bank's excellence in the loan market doesn't stop there. Independent comparison site Canstar recently awarded the bank 5 stars in two key categories: Fixed Home Lender and Fixed Investment Lender, solidifying its position as a leader in the lending space.

The recognition continued with Finder.com.au, another trusted interest rate comparison site, shortlisting Horizon Bank for the 2025 Finder Awards in the 'Investor IO 1 Year Fixed Home Loan' category. "We're thrilled to be recognised for doing what we do best, delivering truly competitive loan products. If there was an award for getting answers on loans back to applicants, we'd be a standout there too. We generally get an answer back within two business days" said Horizon Bank CEO, Jon Stanfield

"These accolades are a testament to Horizon's commitment to offering top-tier variable and fixed loan products that serve the needs of home borrowers and property investors alike" added Mr Stanfield.



Jon Stanfield CEO Horizon Bank

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Dutton's work-from-home ban a risk to job opportunities for women: ACTU

Australian Unions warn that the Coalition Leader's plan to ban work-from-home arrangements in the public sector will reduce women's job opportunities and drive down productivity.

Nearly one million more women have found work in the last four years, due in part to an increase in work-from-home arrangements around the country.

Work-from-home arrangements have increased from 32.1 per cent pre-COVID to around 36.3 per cent of Australian workers today. At the same time, more women than ever have been able to get into the workforce. This has lifted women's workplace participation rate from 61 per cent pre-COVID to 63.5 per cent now – the highest level of working women the country has seen.

The increase in women's workforce participation has been supported by stronger rights to request flexible work arrangements under the Albanese Government's Secure Jobs Better Pay Reforms, which passed the Parliament in 2022 despite Coalition opposition.

A report by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia found work from home policies have

boosted employment for women, putting more money in their pockets and benefitting employers and the economy as well.

Work-from-home arrangements increased employment among women with young children by 8.5 per cent and led to higher rates of job satisfaction and a 33 per cent decline in employee attrition due to reduced absenteeism, improved employee engagement and mental health

The findings contradict the Coalition's claim that work-from-home policies are dragging down productivity. Shadow Finance Minister Jane Hume cited a Stanford University report to back up her claims, despite the same report finding that hybrid working arrangements increased productivity and employee satisfaction.

ACTU President, Michele O'Neil said "Work-from-home in sectors where it is possible has been a game changer for working people, particularly women. Giving people the opportunity to choose flexible working arrangements, has boosted productivity and increased women's workforce participation to record highs.

"Peter Dutton's one-size-fits-all approach will take us backwards. Having the freedom to work from home has helped a million extra women enter the workforce in the past four years, particularly working mothers, carers, and people with disabilities and health conditions. This has meant less financial stress for households.

"Peter Dutton said that people learn by osmosis and learn from the people around them. He could start by learning from women's working experiences, instead of trying to make life harder for working families.

"Working people in our outer suburbs face some of the longest and most expensive commutes. Forcing hundreds of thousands of workers back on the roads will mean less time with your kids and more time stuck in traffic.

"Banning public sector workers from working from home shows that the Coalition has a massive blind spot when it comes to understanding the pressures modern families face."

NSW Environment Minister reveals dramatic drop in Kosciuszko National Park feral horse population

The latest feral horse population count for Kosciuszko National Park was discussed in NSW Budget Estimates, with figures suggesting numbers have dropped significantly. Environment Minister Penny Sharpe told the parliamentary committee that preliminary figures were provided to her which showed 'numbers are way down' and 'we are around the 3000 to 4000 mark'. She said the final figures will be released following peer review.

'It's fantastic to hear from Minister Sharpe that feral horse numbers in Kosciuszko National Park may be around 3000 to 4000. This is a dramatic reduction from the around 17,000 horses trashing and trampling the high country a couple of years ago,' Invasive Species Council Interim CEO Jack Gough said.

'The control program will clearly need to continue to reach the legal requirement of no more than 3,000 feral horses in 32% of the national park by June 2027. Natural population growth of feral horses is about 18% per year, meaning that the government will need to get below the 3,000 target in order to ensure they don't overshoot it by 2027.

For the sake of our precious wildlife and sensitive alpine ecosystems we urge Minister Sharpe to err on the side of caution and use the upper limit of the population estimate so that there can be no doubt the population has not exceeded 3,000 in 2027.

'Of course, it is shocking that former Nationals leader John Barilaro's Wild Horse Heritage law is still in place. This appalling law requires one-third of Kosciuszko National Park to remain as a degraded horse paddock with 3000 feral horses still trashing, trampling and polluting the headwaters of the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Snowy rivers.

It's time for all sides of politics to back the science, back our national parks staff and stand up for our wildlife by overturning this law protecting feral animals in a national park. 'A recent parliamentary inquiry showed clearly there is broad support across the Liberals, Labor, Greens and independents for sensible action to urgently reduce the number of feral horses trashing and trampling Kosciuszko National Park. 'For the first time in 2 decades, we are finally seeing our sensitive National Parks healing from the destruction of feral horses. The recent successful control programs in Barrington Tops and the Blue Mountains World Heritage areas are a testament to the commitment and leadership on this issue from the Minns Government.

'No one likes to see animals killed, but the sad reality is that we have a choice to make between urgently reducing the numbers of feral horses or accepting the destruction of sensitive alpine rivers, and the decline and extinction of native animals and their homes.'

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Fair funding - rural matches city

Best GP and primary care, not the worst

Government action within 2 years









Government backs maritime skills and training

The Albanese Labor Government is investing \$16.9 million to support skills and training in the maritime industry.

A new maritime skills and training initiative will give up to 20 trainee seafarers each year, for four years, access to berths to complete sea time required for international certification.

This will support the Government's maritime Strategic Fleet and the broader industry.

\$2.5 million will also flow to the Transport and Logistics Jobs and Skills Council (JSC) to address training barriers, and ultimately Australia's maritime skills shortage.

The JSC's 2024 Maritime Workforce Plan confirmed that access to training berths is a major issue, with lacking coordination across industry and training providers resulting in sea time not being effectively accessed and utilised.

Today's announcement directly responds to recommendations identified by both the Maritime Workforce Plan and Strategic Fleet Taskforce Final Report, and will also support the implementation and long-term sustainability of a maritime Strategic Fleet. The Government released the Strategic Fleet Taskforce Final Report in November 2023, before undertaking targeted consultation with vessel operators and unions.

We are now moving ahead with delivering on the report's recommendations.

Late last year, the Strategic Fleet Pilot tender closed and proposals are now being evaluated as part of a competitive, open and transparent procurement process.

The Government also appointed Ms Lynelle Briggs and Prof Nicholas Gaskell to co-chair reviews of the Shipping Registration Act 1981 and Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012 to support the long-term sustainability of Australia's maritime industry and Strategic Fleet, which are now underway. Meanwhile, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority is collaborating with the Fair Work Ombudsman to address wage theft issues aboard foreign-flagged vessels operating under the Coastal Trading Act, signing an updated Memorandum of Understanding earlier this year.

Rainforests of the NSW South Coast by Kevin Mills

DATE: Sat, 15 Mar 2025 2pm - 3:30pm

Banksia Room, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Rainforests of the NSW South Coast presented by Kevin Mills, for the Friends of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

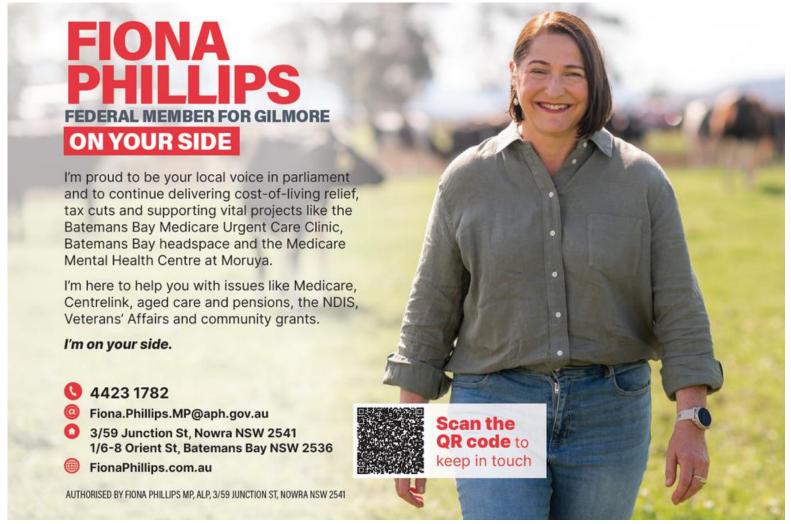
Join us at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden for an exciting journey into the lush rainforests of the NSW South Coast.

What defines a rainforest? Where can it be found? Why does it vary from place to place? These and many other questions will be explored in relation to the diverse rainforests stretching from Sydney to the Victorian border. Found in small pockets, from coastal sand dunes to the highest mountain peaks in the west, these rainforests display remarkable variation in character and composition.

Dr. Kevin Mills, a botanist and ecologist with over 40 years of experience in the Illawarra region, has dedicated his career to studying these unique ecosystems. His current projects include research on the South Coast's offshore islands and various vegetation surveys.

His latest book, Ferns of the South Coast, was published in late 2023, adding to his extensive list of works, including Native Trees of Central Illawarra, Rainforests of the Illawarra District, Native Trees of the NSW South Coast, and South Coast Ferns. His forthcoming book on the rainforests of Southern New South Wales is nearing completion.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden



Illegal Netting in Batemans Marine Park Sanctuary Zone



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About the Event

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Join us for morning tea (provided) to plan our next workshops and discuss local bushland areas important to you.

On the Agenda

- · Connecting with our local community
- · Discovering local native plants
- · How to identify weeds
- · Handy weed control techniques
- · Weeding & rubbish removal

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Friday 21st March 09:00 - 11:00 AM Meet at Moruya Bowlo Carpark

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

RSVP to Emma Patyus



Bay Fisheries District recently apprehended an individual illegally using a commercialstyle meshing net to take fish in a Sanctuary Zone of the Batemans Marine Park. When apprehended, the fisher was found in possession of a 95-metre meshing net and a

NSW Fisheries Officers from the Batemans

large quantity of fish, including:6 prohibited size Mulloway

- 13 Estuary Perch
- 30 Yellowfin Bream (20 were prohibited size)
- 19 Mullet
- 12 Luderick
- 5 Sand Whiting
- 3 prohibited size Mud Crabs
- 1 Tailor & 1 Flounder

Some fish were still alive and luckily returned to the water.

As a result, Fisheries Officers seized the individual's 10ft punt, the illegal net, and the fish

The fisher now faces serious penalties, with maximum fines of up to \$55,000 for Sanctuary Zone offences and \$22,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment for the fish gear related offences under the Marine Estate Management Act and Fisheries Management Act. Investigations are ongoing, and the individual is expected to be summoned to court.

Reminder: Meshing nets can only be used by licensed commercial fishers, and bag and size limits help protect fish stocks for future generations.

See something suspicious? Report illegal fishing via the Fishers Watch Hotline on 1800 043 536 or online: https://bit.ly/40rlXwl



Information Night @Club Tuross 11th March 6:30pm

The Rotary Club of Moruya does amazing things for our community. Come along and find out how you can get involved.

\$25 per person - includes a meal

Call Steve Young on 0438 739 246 to book.



By the 6th March



100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



07-03-1925

With the exception of one bad swampy stretch the road to Broulee via Tomakin is in very fair motoring order. A trifling expenditure on this route to the pick of our beauty spots would make a delightful drive.

Mr. A. H. Weatherby has increased his holdings by purchasing the piece of land (known as Graham's Corner) – corner of Vulcan and Queen Streets, from Mr. A. Graham, Braidwood. It is Mr. Weatherby's intention to build on the lately acquired property.

Fresh immigrants are arriving by each steamer from the Home-land and the New Settler's League, Sydney, will be glad to furnish to farmers particulars concerning laborers. In many instances, married couples with families are available. A list of such immigrants may be seen at this office.

Mr. C. Carter, Secretary of Moruya Progress Association, has been advised that during Easter week two teams from the Metropolitan Life Saving Clubs will visit the South Coast for the purpose of giving instruction in life saving where surfing is indulged in. No. 1 Team will visit Moruya, Bermagui, Pambula, Tathra and Eden. ... The tour is being undertaken at the express desire of the Government as two similar teams had done very successful propaganda work on the North Coast beaches of this State last year.

At the Moruya Police Court on Wednesday, 11th March, there are 30 cases listed for 'suffering' cattle to stray in the main streets.

Mr. A. H. Preddy, who intends to build on his property in Page St., has commenced to quarry stone from his lease-hold at Mantle Hill. This granite, we understand, is of an even superior quality to that at Pompey Point.

Mr. J. King, Boniface of the Commercial Hotel, who advertised last week for a live fox, soon received a reply. Messrs. Alan Coppin and J. Green went a-hunting for Reynard at the week-end, and returned with two fine specimens, and netted the £1 reward offered by Mr. King. Dog-owners have now a chance to prove the merits of their canines in the hunt at St. Patrick's Day sports on the 21st inst.

In about five weeks there will be an epidemic of influenza in the Commonwealth, and the public should be warned to take all precautions not to give or take infection. The Federal Director-General of Quarantine (Dr. Cumpston) issued this warning on Friday of last week. The disease is prevalent in Great Britain, he said, and invariably in the past an outbreak in Australia, has followed an outbreak in Great Britain as soon as ships arrive from the other side of the world carrying infection. We can do nothing to prevent, except ask the public to treat it as an infectious disease.

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

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Free Seniors Tech Talk

Wednesday 12 March, 10.30am – 12pm Bay Pavilions, 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay

Seniors and friends of seniors are invited to celebrate the Seniors Week Festival with a free and informative talk about digital technology and emergency preparedness. The talk will cover:

- device care and maintenance
- internet connections and connectivity
- understanding QR codes and how they work on the internet
- online safety
- social media fake news and misinformation
- emergency preparedness apps

The talk is presented by Tricia Pye from The Tec Exec who has more than 30 years' experience in digital literacy and emergency preparedness. The Q & A Panel includes Sherry Cameron, Director at the Good Things.

Bookings are essential through the Bay Pavilions website – What's On: www.baypavilions.com.au







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Date:

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Materials: Camelle will supply materials such as: Oil Paint, canvas, palettes,

solvent, and some brushes.

If you have them, you will need to supply your own brushes, such as a 1" or 2" inch Bob Ross Landscape, #6 fan Brush, #2 script liner, #12 Filbert. Also your own cleaning up materials including Baby wipes, paper towel, latex gloves, small jar for solvent.

We will send you an online Invoice to be paid in full to secure your booking.

Workshop Overview:

This workshop is designed for beginners to be introduced to the **Bob Ross** Landscape Painting techniques. Using oil paint mediums, you will be encouraged to explore techniques and concepts of making good landscape compositions.

This workshop will help people improve their skills and enjoyment of making art.

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HUMAN + EARTH explored through art



By John Longhurst

Twenty local artists have used a range of mediums ranging from paintings, photography, sculptures, steelworks and all the way through to macrame to explore the human impacts on the Earth in a stunning exhibition at the Bay Pavilions in Batemans Bay.

The works belong to the Artists for the Earth Eurobodalla which was formed in 2023 and it is the second exhibition of the group.

More than 60 people attended the opening last Saturday and were entertained by the Mogendoura Swing Ensemble.

The exhibition was organised by Batehaven artist, Ms Clare Knight, and was opened by fauna ecologist and contributing artist, Ms Kylie Alicia, who spoke on behalf of all the artists.

Ms Jane Elek from the Nature Coast Marine Group also spoke. Jane highlighted the health of the ocean and the often overlooked fact it is as important as forests in converting carbon dioxide to oxygen.

Clare said "The purpose of the exhibition is to inspire artists to be creative for a cause. Art is creative and being creative for awareness and positive change is what this exhibition is all about. All the artists involved care deeply about a healthy Earth."

The artworks explore deforestation, pollution, over consumption and factory farming of land and sea animals and appeal to emotions ranging from despair and confronting through to hope. Clare Knight's opening work, 'A Superhero for the Planet' uses acrylic paints on curtain, body paint, photograph and reused frame to set the tone the tone of the exhibition. The artist uses body paint to pose as a superhero to blend into a painting of the Earth. The work is also interactive and invites the public to paste comments.

A range of mediums are then used by the artists to explore topics and issues.

Artist Ruth Halverson's contribution 'Slave Chocolate' is particularly confronting. Her chocolate and ceramic sculpture shines a light on the 2.1 million children living in slavery on cocoa farms on the Ivory Coast. It calls on the public to question the source of their chocolates as we head towards Easter.

The closing work by Artist Sophie Culic uses acrylic on canvas in her work 'Feelingly'.

Commenting on her work Sophie said "I witness the father of my baby daughter, caring for her as she exists oblivious to the distresses on Earth."

Sophie's final comments capture a shared hope of the artists, 'Whilst there are so many extreme and confronting challenges, it is up to us to help create a better world for the future."

Art enthusiast, Ms Sofia Keady, praised the exhibition.

Sofia said "The Human + Earth art exhibition presented by the Artists for the Earth Eurobodalla harnessed the power of art to raise awareness and amplify messages of hope, protection, and respect for Earth. It is truly a great platform to engage the community in reflecting on environmental issues, and to promote positive actions for its preservation. One artwork that stood out was 'Kelp Us' by Ruth Halverson. Ruth painted a beautiful underwater forest of kelp and included some fun facts about this alga. Kelp apparently can grow up to 60 cm in a day! It can be used to create eco-friendly clothing and as construction material for building sustainable houses."

In closing comments at the opening last Saturday, both Kylie Alicia and Clare Knight reinforced the major goal of the exhibition is to empower and inspire the community to make changes in their own lives. The exhibition is entirely self-

funded by the Artists for the Earth Eurobodalla and is at the Bay Pavilions until the 31st March.



Slave Chocolate by Ruth Halverson.



Sophie Culic 'Feelingly.

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FOOD SHARES

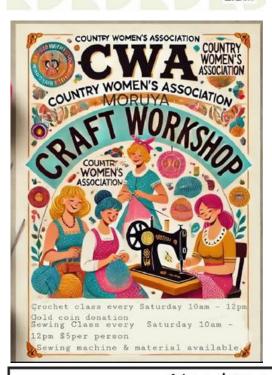
Everyone's welcome

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 in exposurated!

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!





What's On in the Arts

Sculpture Bermagui 8 - 16 March 2025

Sculpture Bermagui opens this coming Saturday 8 March 2025. The 'Bermagui Major Prize' is valued at \$25,000 with the total value of all prizes at \$50,000. Make sure you don't miss this Far South Coast's signature sculpture prize and celebrate the exciting field of sculpture in this unique location. This year's prize judge is renowned artist David Jensz. Check their website for full details.

Eurobodalla Photographic Club exhibition - Batemans Bay

Until Saturday 15 March 2025

Where: Batemans Bay Library, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay Cost: free Celebrate Seniors Week and enjoy an exhibition that showcases an eclectic mix of subjects and photographic techniques including captivating portraits, beautiful landscapes, intricate bird and insect pictures, and interesting abstracts. All the images on display have been taken by enthusiastic amateurs who are members of the Eurobodalla Photographic Club – from beginners right through to those with 50+ years' experience. Each photograph tells a unique story and may enchant or inspire those who come along to view our local talent.

Batemans Bay Heritage Museum Exhibition

Launch a new exhibition, Regrowth - Healing Land and Community, on March 16. Featuring artefacts, artworks and stories of regeneration, recovery and readiness, this exhibition highlights and celebrates the many ways our community has come together to address the challenges faced during the Black Summer bushfires, while reflecting on the areas where we still have work to do.

The exhibition will be opened by Eurobodalla Shire Mayor, Mathew Hatcher, at 1.30pm, in conjunction with the Eurobodalla Harmony Week celebration.

Come join us for a fun and family-friendly afternoon on March 16, at 3 Museum Place

NEXAS SAXOPHONE QUARTET

2pm Sunday 16 March

This trailblazing saxophone ensemble has been surprising audiences since 2002. The programme will explore the long shadow of Nadia Boulanger, the famous but self-effacing Parisian musical pedagogue of the early 20th century. Work by Boulanger will be presented alongside works by Gershwin, Piazzola and Francaix, all significant composers who were drawn like moths to Boulanger's salon in search of guidance. Tickets through southcoastmusicsociety.com or at the door.

St. Bernard's Church, David Avenue, Batehaven

Moruya Film Group

Join us for our next film screening - A fish called Wanda - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 29th March @The Red Door, Moruya.

Synopsis – A fish called Wanda – 1988 heist comedy film directed by Charles Crichton and written by Crichton and John Cleese. It stars Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline, and Michael Palin. The film follows a gang of diamond thieves who double-cross one another to recover stolen diamonds hidden by their jailed leader. His barrister becomes a central figure – and jealousies rage – as femme fatale Wanda seduces him to locate the loot. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months – Guests welcome.

Montague Choristers

Our first Visiting Artists concert for 2025 is on Saturday March 29. Come and hear the fabulous Neeman Piano Duo with music by Schubert, Brahms, Franck and John Corigliano! Tickets \$30 https://www.trybooking.com/CYLLI & at the door, under 16 free

Community Heritage Grants

Applications are now open for the 2025 Community Heritage Grants through the National Library of Australia. This program offers cash grants of up to \$20,000 to support non-profit community organisations to preserve and manage Australian cultural heritage collections. Applications close for first time applicants on Thursday 8 May. Previous CHG program recipients have an extended deadline, of Tuesday 3 June. CHG is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts; National Library of Australia; the National Archives of Australia; the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia. See https://brnw.ch/21wR59D



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Marine Rescue NSW boosts flood rescue and support capability following Women in

Flood Rescue training

Marine Rescue NSW now has almost 130 endorsed flood rescue and support field operators within its State Operations Group (SOG) after 12 female volunteers took part in intensive training at Marine Rescue NSW's first-ever Women in Flood Rescue course, ahead of International Women's Day this Saturday, 8 March.

In response to recommendations from the 2022 NSW Flood Inquiry, Marine Rescue NSW created a State Operations Group and has built capability and capacity to support the NSW Government's response during weather emergencies.

The Marine Rescue NSW Women in Flood course was held at Marine Rescue NSW State Headquarters at Cronulla and Penrith's Whitewater Stadium and included practical on and off-water training and assessment, as well as a leadership seminar.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Alex Barrell said this group of highly skilled women is an asset to their local communities and the state.

"Now that they have had this specialised training, these women can be deployed either in their local communities or throughout NSW with specialist vessels and equipment to ensure they can support the community.

"Marine Rescue NSW is committed to the training and development of all its volunteers. Now this core group of women, who have been trained in this specialist skill, can take that expertise back to their communities to support them in times of need," Commissioner Barrell said. The three-day Marine Rescue NSW Women in Flood Rescue course was supported through a \$25,000 NAB Foundation Community Grant.



Volunteers from ten Marine Rescue NSW units (Point Danger, Brunswick, Nambucca, Tuggerah Lakes, Broken Bay, Port Jackson, Botany Port Hacking, Narooma, Bermagui, and Merimbula) took part in the Women in Flood Rescue course.

Commissioner Barrell said the generosity of the NAB Foundation was greatly appreciated.

Marine Rescue NSW Capability Manager Dave Bowing said participants took part in extensive training before being assessed.

"The women who participated in this course over the last three days undertook prerequisite training in electrical safety, flood rescue awareness, and a range of fitness assessments. "They attended and completed the selfrescue / land-based flood rescue course at Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

"They also completed their induction on multi-purpose vessels and IRBs (inflatable rescue boats), which are the SOG assets, in addition to deployment activities and taskings, as well as vehicle and equipment familiarisation," he said.

Bowing said understanding the transport and logistical challenges involved with flood rescue and support is crucial.

"SOG members on deployment may find themselves in locations they have never been to before and deployed with people they do not know. They may be driving a vehicle or a vessel that is unfamiliar to them on roads they have never travelled. Those roads may be damaged or floodimpacted, and the conditions under which they find themselves could be quite strenuous," he said.

Ten participants passed the course, which is gruelling and complex to ensure they are well prepared to assist during real-life flood emergencies.

The average age of the female participants in Marine Rescue NSW's Women in Flood Rescue course was 49.3.







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Tish is a pretty fourteen month old domestic shorthair cat with a lovely tabby and white coat. Tish was surrendered to AWL with her six tiny kittens, as the resident dogs were not feline-friendly. As a result, Tish is a little wary of dogs but she is developing more trust as a result of exposure to her carer's friendly canines. Tish is a sweet girl who enjoys human company, including lap-sitting. She is comfortable staying inside and watching the world through a window, and is ready to make someone a loving companion. Tish can be found on the AWL website here:

https://www.awlnsw.com.au/animals/78347/ Tish is being offered at the amazing adoption price of \$149.

Tish and Buddy, like all AWL pets, come microchipped, desexed, vaccinated and flea, tick and worm treated. You can enquire about Buddy, Tish, or any of AWL Eurobodalla's animals for adoption by calling us on 0410016612, or by using the online form on the AWL website.



1 to 31 March 2025 Cat & Kitten **Desexing Month**

We are offering financial assistance to all cat and kitten owners living in the Eurobodalla Shire who wish to have their pets desexed.



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Eurobodalla! Everyone needing their cat or kitten desexed can get a discount voucher to help with the cost. Just book your pet in to the vet of your choice, and call us on 0436816718 to arrange your discount. NSW law requires cats to be desexed by four months of age, or an annual fee is payable, so take this opportunity available to everyone throughout March.

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MICKEY 17 M, 2H 17M, ADVENTURE/DARK COMEDY	5.30pm*	2pm* 6.50pm*	1.45pm* 6.45pm*	1.45pm* 6.45pm*		2pm* 6.50pm*	2pm*
WIDOW CLICQUOT M, 1H 30M, PERIOD DRAMA	4.45pm	10.30am 5.15pm	3.15pm	3.15pm		11am 5.15pm	11am
CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD M, 1H 58M, ACTION/SCI-FI		4.35pm*	4.25pm*	4.25pm*		4.35pm*	
BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY M, 2H 4M, COMEDY/ROMANCE	3pm*	2.50pm	11.15am*	11.15am*		2.50pm	2.50pm
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN M, 2H 20M, BIO/DRAMA		11.20am*				11.20am*	11.20am*
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WIDOW CLICQUOT M 90 MIN	11:30 AM					11:30 AM	
WILLIAM TELL M 127 MIN		12:55 PM					12:55 PM



MICKEY 17 M | 2hrs 17min

Comedy ~ Adventure ~ Sci Fi ~ From Bong Joon-Ho, the Oscar-winning director of Parasite, comes Mickey 17, a gripping sci-fi film based on Edward Ashton's novel Mickey7. Starring Robert Pattinson, the film follows Mickey Barnes, a financially struggling man who signs up as an "expendable" crew member on a mission to colonize the planet Niflheim. As an expendable, Mickey is sent on life-threatening tasks, knowing he can be regenerated each time he dies. But when one of his clones, Mickey 17, is mistakenly thought dead, both he and his new clone, Mickey 18, must navigate the harsh realities of their existence in a brutal, controlling colony.



MARIA - ANGELINA JOLIE

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



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BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY

M | 2hrs 5min ~ Comedy ~ Drama ~ Renée Zellwege & 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



CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD

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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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.





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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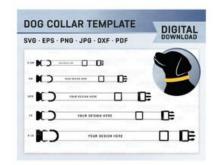
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COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP 10/65 QUEEN ST MORUYA Club Malua Stingrays Bowls Report

Gayl started off proceedings wishing our Grade 1 Pennant team good bowling in State play-offs next week in Figtree. Team members Gay Biggs, Kim Giannasca, Yvonne Huddleston and Sue Beavan. Gloria Harper, Sonia Frey, Noleen Taylor and Jenny Blyth.

Stingrays men's Grade 3 team are in State

Play-offs so best wishes also.

Birthday wishes this week to Sue Beavan. Bowls coordinator Ian Whybrow called cards for 33 ladies in social bowls.

Winners Rink 2, Carmel Price, Gai Gibson, Olga Geshwend and Nancy White. (Photo). Runners-up on 1, Gay Biggs, Kim Giannasca, Yvonne Huddleston and Sue

Beavan. 3rd place Rink 4, Carol Harris, Judy Davis and Anna Stewart in a Triples match.

Lucky Losers Rink 3, Julie Knorpp as Swinging Lead, Joan Rimmer, Jan Shalders Money Club, 6 Judy Davis, 10 Fran Lucas.





There were 27 Twisties on the Green on a lovely cool morning, everyone ready to bowl with sets of "older bowls", this was quite a challenge but lots of fun, just remembering to take your grass! Welcome to visitor Dave Doyle, also nice to see Nicki and Pat Canny from Canberra and great to have Karen Signor back on the Green with us bowling well as always.
Winners with Lowest Winning Margin +1, Pat Jones and Nicki

Canny (< PHOTO)

Runners-up +3, Max Gurtner and Milka Starkovski.
Winning Skip Jonesy selected Rink 3 to try for Jackpot which was her own Rink and she came up with the Joker. As there was only \$50 in Kitty decided to leave it for another day so there will be more to share. Other winning teams, Pat Canny and Peter.
Margaret Carney and Michael Voce sharing game with Neil Power and Tony Dobson. Ute Krook and Geoff Millard. Chris and Karen Signor. Lucky numbers, 21 Dobbo 7 Smiley McGregor.



Moruya Ladies Golf

"This week saw the Moruya Lady Golfers playing a Stableford round with the annual Secretary vs Treasurer match in conjunction. The keenly contested event saw the Treasurer's team victorious with a 264 point win over the Secretary's 235 points. The individual winner on the day was Cindy Becker> with 36 points and Robyn Hawkins runner up with 35 points. Balls went to Lyn Gibbs, Angie McMillan, Jenny Ellis, Noelene Cowdroy, Joan Hosking and Shirley Noy. Nearest the pins went to Jenny Ellis and Val Moore."







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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Gavan Wheelahan with President Bruce Harding.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 27th February 2025

A field of 36 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was warm and some great scores were achieved.

The Winners were:
1st: Gavan Wheelahan (30)
with 39 points
2nd: Bruce Magilton (33)
with 38 points (countback)
3rd: Paula Coffey (42) with
38 points
4th: Peter McRae (19) with
36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins
4th: Ray Bollard 1.85 A
Grade
4th: Ian Manton 3.70 B
Grade
4th: Paul Medwin 7.15 C
Grade
6th: Brad Doolan 4.37 A
Grade
6th: Allan Langford 3.40 B
Grade
7th: Brad Doolan 7.29 A

Grade
7th: Anthony Mellick 8.08 C
Grade
Balls went to: Ian McManus
36, Peter Garn 35, Brad
Doolan 35, Ruth Gschwend
34, Ray Bollard 34, Allan
Langford 34, Grant Kiely 34,
David Schmid 33, Lars

Gaupset 33 and Jim

Madden 33.



Winners: A Grade Nick Brice with Sponsor John Eglitis

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 1st March 2025

A field of 52 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event today. The event was sponsored by John Eglitis and some excellent scores were achieved. The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: Nick Brice (10) with 66 nett (Medal)

2nd: Lars Gaupset (13) with 69 nett (countback)

B Grade:

1st: Peter McRae(19) with 68 nett (Medal) (countback)

2nd: John Harb (18) with 68 nett C Grade:

1st: Gavan Wheelahan (29) with 70 nett (Medal)

2nd: Peter Coffey (25) with 72 nett

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Nick Brice 1.42 A Grade 4th: Bruce Harding 0.97 B Grade

4th: Michael Elfar 9.83 C Grade 6th: Colin Houghton 2.90 A Grade 6th: Peter McRae 6.37 B Grade 7th: Nic Boom 6.97 A Grade

7th: Simon French 6.00 B Grade Hole Prize: Brad Doolan 11th Hole 1.17

Golden Shot Putting Comp: Ken Hush Balls went to: Frank Pomfret 69, Mark Haberkorn 69, Simon French 69, Paul Ferguson 69, Allan

Langford 70,

William Steenbergen 70, Malcolm Gilbertson 70, Ian Manton 70, Bruce Handley 71,

Peter Hogan 72, Jim Wade 72, Ken Hush 72, Shane Gschwend 73, Mark Schenk 73 and Martin Booth 73.



Winners: Shirley Quinlan and Samantha Dryden

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results -Tuesday 4th March 2025

A field of 24 ladies signed up for the First round of the Foursomes Championships/Day event today. The event was sponsored by Tuross Vets Golf. It was a beautiful Autumn day and the course in great condition.

Overall Winners were: 1st: Samantha Dryden and Shirley Quinlan with 72.5 nett

2nd: Judy Apps and Leonie Doolan with 76.5 nett 3rd: Dianne Brown and Sandra D'Onofrio with 78 nett (countback)

Place Getters: Pam Alexander and Marie Muriwai with 78 nett.



Winners: Blaise Madden and Dorothy Madden

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 5th March 2025

A field of 45 players registered for a 4 Ball Best Ball event today. The course was in great condition, the weather was sunny and some fantastic results were achieved.

The winning teams were:

1st: Dorothy Madden and Blaise Madden 23

2nd: Greg Smith and Neal Watson 22 (countback)

3rd: Rob McDonell and Chris Wratten 22

4th: Frank Pomfret and Paul Periera 18 5th: Annette Manton and Ian Manton 18 6th: Tony Crook and Greg Bush 18 7th: Graham Moore and Des Jackson 18

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Ian Manton (2nd Shot)
6th: Bruce Harding (1st shot)
7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd shot) In the hole!

Mens: Neal Watson (2nd shot)
Accuracy: Blaise Madden (5th hole)
Bradmans: Peter McRae and Steve

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Moruya Mail Sport

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

The whole system has been fishing really well this week, from the lower reaches around Shelly beach and the spur wall all the way up past Yarragee bend, flathead, bream, trevally, estuary perch and whiting have all been on the cards. So let's start at the finish and work our way upstream. The airport flats, spur wall and the Preddy's area have all been holding the usual estuary species. Bream, flathead and whiting have been the main captures, with the hole in the wall fishing particularly well on both a rising and falling tide. Getting in over the flats on a rising tide has produced all of the above mentioned species. While fishing the actual gap on a run out tide has also added a few trevally to the capture list. Heading upstream, the Garlandtown flats, quarry wharf, entrance to Malabar creek, and the town bridge have all been holding some nice fish as well. Whilst further upstream, in front of the hospital and the Yarragee bend have also produced some nice fish. Baits or lures, it's your choice, as they have all been working this week.

Tuross River.

With a new moon tonight, Coila lake should have some prawns for those that like a feed. Try down towards where the mouth usually opens for your best chance at success. We have several prawn lighting option in store and both scoop and drag net options.

The lake proper, is fishing in a similar manner to Moruya this week. With the mighty mulloway a more frequent occurrence than Moruya. Try the deeper holes with either live or fresh baits of mullet or squid, or try some plastics for the lure fishos. There are also plenty of flathead, bream, Luderick, estuary perch and whiting on offer for those that know where to look.

Rock and beach.

There have been some excellent salmon, bream, trevally and even a few bonito taken from the local ledges and even the Moruya breakwall this week. While the beaches have been holding bream, whiting and good numbers of salmon also. I am hoping to find some Bonnie's over the next few weeks.

Offshore.

The artificial reef has been holding some snapper and Mahi Mahi this week, fingers crossed they hang around, but the chances of that are slim, particularly with the Mahi Mahi. Snapper have been hanging as little as 25-30m of water this week with plenty of flathead around the local reefs over the sand.

I haven't heard too much of anything in regards to what is happening out wide this week, so I can't comment on the game fishing this week.

The baitfreezer is still missing worms and mullet fillet this week. We are however well stocked on hawksbury prawns. The shop is pretty well stocked at the moment, and we do have two new additions coming soon to the store. Check our social media posts for one, the other you will have to wait for.

I will be on leave for 3 weeks from next Monday, so will be doing plenty of fishing camping and general recharging. I will be still doing a weekly Friday report however, so you won't miss out on the happenings fish wise. David will be covering the weekdays hours and Graham and our two juniors will doing the weekend shifts.

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





NSW's State Fish, the Eastern Blue Groper, will continue being protected

The NSW Government has announced that the State's Fish, the Eastern Blue groper, will continue to be protected following scientific advice and community feedback.

Consequently, the no-line fishing prohibition,

implemented 12 months ago, will continue for a further three years from 1 March 2025 to enable further research and monitoring on the species. This decision combines with the long-term existing prohibition on spearfishing and commercial fishing of the Eastern Blue Groper to continue the temporary prohibition of line fishing.

This decision has been taken after the Government considered a range of important factors including recently published scientific information that raised concerns about the potential impacts of climate change and that caution should be taken in managing the species due to their unique biological traits. The State's Fish holds a special place for many people and communities, and this has also contributed to the decision to continue the fishing prohibition of the iconic Eastern Blue Groper.

where for a long period of time there has been a prohibition of line fishing, spear fishing and commercial fishing for the Blue Groper.

The Government is committed to the sound management of our fisheries resources while also enabling the important activity of recreational fishing to be undertaken along the coast and inland waters of NSW.

Steps were taken early last year by the Government to ensure the protection of the State's Fish, by placing a 12 month prohibition on line fishing for the fish, so research could be

This decision aligns with the situation in Victoria

line fishing for the fish, so research could be done to ascertain the best way to manage the Blue Groper and to enable community consultation.

The protection afforded by a prohibition on

fishing was required following a community outcry on the behaviour of persons found illegally spearing the fish along the NSW coast and a concern for the sustainability of the species.

During the 12-month period of the ban, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development undertook both community engagement, comprehensive research and stock assessment of the Blue Groper.

The stock assessment concluded that the Eastern Blue Groper is in a sustainable position, however there is a risk the species is being impacted by climate change and warming waters.

The decision to continue a ban of line fishing will afford protection for the State Fish while the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development continue scientific monitoring and research of this important species, including looking at how the community can get involved through citizen science programs.

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