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Photo of the Week: A stunning sunrise swell at Dolphin Beach captured by Kat Patton.

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#### MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL

Meet the Principal and School Tour For prospective parents and carers to learn about the school's values, facilities and co-curricular activities

> Monday 24th March 10am - 11am or 4pm - 5pm

97 Albert Street Moruya NSW Meet out the front of A block near the front entrance

Call the school on 4474 2155 to confirm your place on the tour





#### **NSW SES Moruya Unit needs you**

Our team from Moruya will be attending Riverside Park, Saturday 22nd March. Bring your family out and have a great time with our local volunteers.

Come and speak to our friendly team about all things SES, and how you can support the Moruya community and beyond, by becoming a volunteer!

The team are currently needing more volunteer support in the following roles-

- Boat Operators/In Water Rescue
- Admin support
- Event support
- Road Crash Rescue

So, there's no better time to help the SES now.

Come and chat to the team or click the link to learn now about volunteering and sign up now!

https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/unit-volunteer

#### **SES** Moruya SES Unit Need your help! We invite you down to the "Moruya Riverside Park" where you will have a chance to meet our incredible team of SES volunteers, see live demonstrations and displays, check out our equipment and also find out how you can help us support the Moruya community by becoming a aturday 22nd March, 2025 9am -12pm Riverside Park More further Information Contact our Unit Comma Emily- 0411 346 370 Scan the QR code to register

# Bega Woman of the Year



Carol Holden with Dr Michael Holland Member for Bega

Congratulations to Carol Holden recipient of the Bega Electorate's Local Women of the Year Award for 2025. Carol was nominated for her outstanding contribution to adult literacy and numeracy. Carol is a teacher with NSW TAFE in Bega and is the founder of Here 2 Help - Adult Literacy & Numeracy

#### SCHEDULED ROADWORK Araluen Road

Deua River ValleyAraluen Road Closed between 31km and 33km From Moruya

Monday 10 March 2025 to Monday 31 March 2025

Advice: Check signage, exercise caution.

#### **Current road closure**

31 to 33km from Moruya (Princes Hwy roundabout)

10 to 31 March, weather permitting

Road closed every day, day and night

Emergency services cannot pass through the closure

Access to national park campgrounds via Araluen only (no access from Moruya)

Closures will move toward Moruya, with each closure rolling into the next, continuing for several months.

#### Next road closure

28km from Moruya (Princes Hwy roundabout)

From 1 April, weather permitting

Road closed every day, day and night for several weeks

No access for emergency services

Followed by closures at 25.4, 19.7 and 9.6km from Moruya.

More see Araluen Road slope stabilisation



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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.

#### HELP IS NEEDED WITH

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

#### Interested?

Please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com







#### COME ALONG AND VISIT SHASA'S MINI ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

Sunday 16 March 2025
Batemans Bay Rotary Markets
Waterfront Precinct Clyde St
8am-12noon

Learn about EV models available in Australia today

Discuss savings, costs and advantages of an EV

Meet local owners with a selection of models on display

Chat about EV charging and use of home solar power





# Hotondo Homes Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim



Photos Courtesy Gary Pettigrove and Diane Appleby



Mitchell Green crossing the line to win the open men in record time



Open placegetters with Billy Hughes from Hotondo Homes.

The Annual Hotondo Homes Broulee Bay to Breakers 1.4km Ocean Swim from Shark Bay on Broulee Island out to the ocean and around the headland to the South Broulee (Bengello) Beach was held last Sunday.

A 500m ocean swim event also offered something for the young, novice, or well-seasoned veterans. The Open Men's division was won by Mitchell Green in 16 min 39 seconds. 2nd was Thomas Menzies-Stegbauer, and 3rd Liam McHugh.

In the Open Female division 1st was Chloe Brodrick in 17 min 10 seconds. 2nd was Rosie McPartland and 3rd Zara Menzies-Stegbauer.



2025 - 14th Annual Hotondo Homes Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim - Fastest Swimmers



Over 80 Female winner Wendy Dunn who just completed her 14th Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim (Age 85)

Division 1.4km	Male	Time	Female	Time	
Open	Mitchell Green	16 min 39sec	Chloe Brodrick	17 min 10 sec	
Under 16	Monty Lloyd-Jones	19 min 21 sec	Isabella Brodrick	18 min 56 sec	
Under 20	Mitchell Green	17 min 29 sec	17 min 29 sec Cloe Brodrick		
Over 20	Liam McHugh	17min 34 sec	Kirra Dale	21 min 46 sec	
Over 30	Jonathan Rousseau	19 min 8 sec	Sabrina Moir	22 min 18 sec	
Over 40	Christopher Lee	19 min 53 sec	Anna Barnes	21 min 38 sec	
Over 50	Darrin Jones	19 min 24 sec	Caz Makin	22 min 03 sec	
Over 60	Stuart McNeil	21 min 5 sec	Jane McCallum	22 min 49 sec	
Over 70	Tim Booth	27 min 14 sec	Tina Bain	29 min 37 sec	
Over 80	5		Wendy Dunn	46 min 31 sec	
All Age Flipper	Sammie Direen	25 min 1 sec	Belinda Downey-Holmes	23 min 59 sec	
Multiclass	Roy Daniell	30 min 34 sec			
500m Swim	Male	Time	Female	Time	
Novice	Corey Benham	6 min 54 sec	Sarah Davoren	8 min 50 sec	
Under 12	Liam Cribb	8 min 36 sec	Katherine Holmes	8 min 9 sec	
Under 14	Lachlan Martin Dye	6 min 22 sec	Bonnie Lloyd Jones	6 min 26 sec	
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Open	Mitchell Green	0	Chloe Brodrick		

# Men's Health Education Rural Van (mherv) visiting





In Moruya, Mherv will be at Moruya Mowers and Chainsaw in Church Street on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th March. Photo 2024

Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Batemans Bay and Moruya, the Rotary Men's Health Education Rural Van (mherv) will be coming to the Eurobodalla to provide free basic health assessments for men and women.

In Batemans Bay, the van will be located in the northern carpark of the Catalina Club, Beach Road on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd March, 2025. It will operate from 9.30 AM to 4.15 PM, there is no cost and appointments are not necessary.

In Moruya, Mherv will be at Moruya Mowers and Chainsaw in Church Street on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th March.

The Mens Health Education Rural Van (mherv) is an initiative of the Rotary Clubs of New South Wales and was originally set-up to focus on issues relating to men's health.

HOWEVER, WOMEN ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND AND RECEIVE A FREE HEALTH ASSESSMENT.

The free health assessments will be provided by a Registered Nurse who travels with the van around New South Wales. An assessment covers checks of blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels. The nurse is also happy to have a quick chat about general health issues.

Over the past five years, it is estimated that over 500 lives have been saved because of these free basic health checks.

Mherv sees around 3,500 people each year and more than a few uncover undetected symptoms. Around 40% of those who attend require a follow-up from their own GP.

To quote one of the founders of the program "Don't hesitate to give 10 minutes of your busy day to get a free basic health screening today. Literally, it could save your life".

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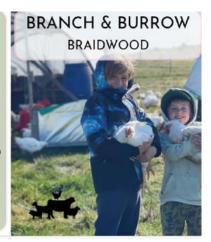
Further information available at website: www.mherv.com.au



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#### Heritage Award winners will speak at Narooma meeting



Michelle Garcia and Lynne Thomas - Fergus Thomson Award winners 2024

Guest speakers at this Sunday's (16 March) Narooma Historical Society meeting will be the creative duo of Michelle Garcia and Lynne Thomas of Narooma Public School, winners of the 2024 Fergus Thomson OAM Heritage Award.

Their winning entry, a song and film clip called Country Comes First, was born from the school's collaborative programme 'Music and Creative Culture', which integrates local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, languages, and music.

They will also talk about their next project under the Music and Creative Culture programme. Everyone is invited.

Ms Garcia is the school's Music Teacher and Ms Thomas its Aboriginal Education Officer.

"The kids absolutely love learning through song, games and telling stories," Ms Garcia said. "This programme combines music, local Aboriginal dance, dhurga language, art, history and society all in an engaging environment.'

The Historical Society meets at 2pm this Sunday in the School of Arts' Studios (red cottage behind the Kinema and BP). Afternoon tea will be provided.

For more information, please email naroomahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

# Wildlife protection at the heart of road technology trials

While the Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven have trialled virtual fencing in recent years, new technology trials to improve the road safety of motorists and reduce the number wildlife vehicle strikes, particularly of koalas, kangaroos and wombats, will be rolled out in in western Sydney in coming weeks, delivering on an election commitment by the Minns Labor Government.

Road engineers and safety experts are working with wildlife experts on two key trials:

- A trial of light-coloured pavement marking will test whether lighter pavement surfaces make it easier for drivers to avoid wildlife. This work will begin in April at the Future Mobility Testing and Research Centre in Cudal and will focus on a driver's ability to see animals on existing and lighter road surfaces at varying vehicle speeds.
- Artificial Intelligence assisted animal detection systems linked to 'smart' roadside signage. A trial at a Transport for NSW facility at Yennora in Western Sydney will 'train' Al cameras to identify common wildlife including kangaroos, koalas and wombats and link that to smart road signage to warn drivers of the presence of animals on the road and roadside in real time.

These trials are made possible by a \$500,000 election commitment to investigate the use of emerging technologies as measures to reduce wildlife vehicle strike.

These initiatives complement existing measures being deployed to protect native wildlife and improve motorist safety travelling along some of the state's busiest roads.

Additional wildlife road safety initiatives include:

- New road markings to increase awareness of known koala hotspots. Motorists along Appin Road in Sydney's southwest will soon notice new road markings in known koala zones between Rosemeadow in Campbelltown south to Appin township. The design will feature the outline of a koala and the word "slow" to increase driver awareness of active koala colonies.
- One-way koala escape doors. Koalas frequently attempt to cross roads in search of mates or new habitat. The one-way doors allow koalas to escape the road corridor where fencing is in place, but do not allow them to pass back through into traffic. Escape doors have been installed on koala fencing along the Hume Highway near Wilton, at the Nepean Bridge and Moolgun Creek Bridge, and will be installed on Appin Road near Gilead. Escape doors complement the existing timber pole escape structures and will be installed in several locations in south-west Sydney in the next year.

# **FAR SOUTH COAST DON'T LET OUR COMMUNITIES BE 'GP DESERTS'**



# FSC 2025 election demands:

GP urgent care same day/routine care 2 days

More GPs, nurses & primary care

Fair funding - rural matches city

Best GP and primary care, not the worst

Government action within 2 years











### Is Tropical Cyclone Alfred a grim glimpse at future cyclone seasons?

#### Climate Council

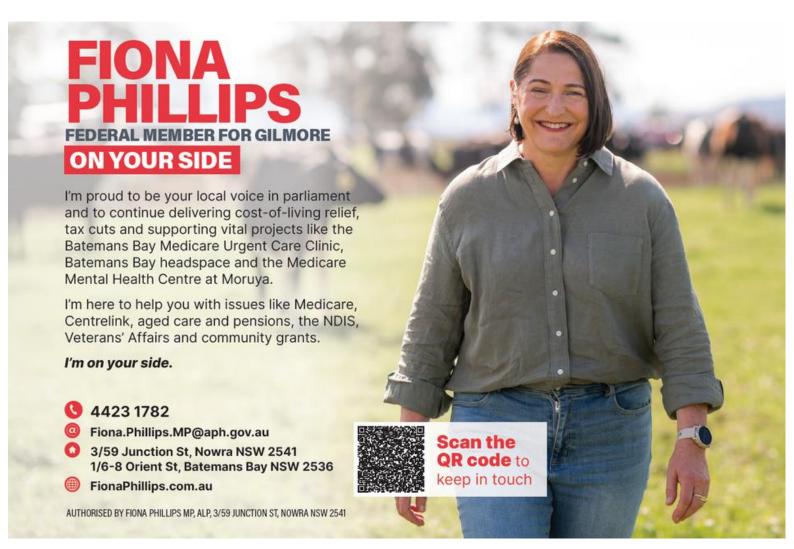
Scientists say a warmer world means fewer but more destructive cyclones, as CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology forecast in the 2024 State of the Climate report: "Fewer tropical cyclones, but with higher intensity on average, and greater impacts when they occur through higher rain rates and higher sea level." Climate Councillor Professor David Karoly said: "As the Queensland Premier noted, a cyclone hitting south-east Queensland is unusual, but not unprecedented. What is worrying about this system is that it could bring flash flooding, destructive winds and coastal storm surges to highly populated areas." "The extreme rainfall associated with the Tropical Cyclone is being made heavier by the higher moisture content in the atmosphere, due to higher atmospheric and sea surface temperatures, thanks to climate pollution," Professor Karoly said. "The coastal storm surges, erosion and coastal flooding will be much worse due to the sea level rise in the region, which is more than 20cm since 1900 due to climate pollution." Professor Karoly said that Tropical Cyclone Alfred developed in the wake of record-breaking hot annual sea surface temperatures for the Australian region in 2024, around 0.89 °C above the 1961– 1990 average.

"These warmer waters have contributed to devastating flooding in north Queensland last month and could supercharge Tropical Cyclone Alfred unleashing flooding, destructive winds and powerful storm surges this week in South-East Queensland and Northern New South Wales." Dr Karl Mallon, CEO of Climate Risk Group said "In 2023 our modelling identified this exact region of southern Queensland and northern New South Wales as being at growing risk from tropical cyclones, as warming sea temperatures drive cyclones further south. Insurers are also starting to understand these trends. It is only to be expected that insurance premiums will rise in areas where the risk of damage from cyclones increases,"

"Our modelling suggests that higher intensity cyclones are increasingly likely for these areas and should they hit, the damage will be devastating. Homes in these regions simply aren't built to withstand high intensity storms like these," said Dr Mallon.

Farmers for Climate Action CEO Natalie Collard.

representing 8,400 farmer members and 80,000 community supporters, said, "From the farmer point of view, it's often not the first disaster which financially cripples a family and community - it's the second one." "The people of Lismore saw unprecedented floods just three years ago, destroying businesses, farms and lives. It's heartbreaking that this region is facing yet another crisis. "These communities have endured homes submerged under metres of water, displacement, and endless battles with insurance red tape, yet came together to rebuild their lives. Now, they must brace for a cyclone."



#### Free RSV immunisation for newborns

From next Monday, 17 March, free immunisation from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) will be available to all newborn babies. It will mean all newborn babies in the Bega electorate can be protected against serious illness from this virus, with an estimated 1,150 babies under six months of age avoiding hospitalisation for RSV in NSW each year.

Women who are pregnant can currently receive free vaccination for RSV which passes protection to their babies for the first five months of life.

Nirsevimab will be given to eligible newborns before hospital discharge.

For infants at birth who are not protected by maternal RSV vaccination, the Minns Labor Government is offering free RSV immunisation.

The Minns Labor Government will also offer protection for babies who are high risk of serious RSV disease, even if their birth mother has been vaccinated. And the Minns Labor Government will also offer children up to 24 months of age the free immunisation with certain medical conditions.

Maternal vaccination for RSV is recommended for women between 28 and 36 weeks of pregnancy.

It is provided through the National Immunisation Program. With the combined coverage of free maternal vaccination and free infant immunisation, all newborn babies in NSW can be protected. RSV is a common cause of respiratory illness infecting up to 90 per cent of children within the first two years of life.

It can affect anyone, but the infection is more severe in children under one year of age, who may develop bronchiolitis or pneumonia requiring hospitalisation. In NSW between 2016 and 2023, there were more than 52,000 hospitalisations with an RSV diagnosis, of which approximately 41 per cent were in children aged less than 1 year.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland MP said "RSV can be very serious, and I know as a Doctor how stressful and anxiety-inducing such a condition can be for parents. Today, we can announce that from next week, all newborns can access protection from RSV for free.

"It doubles the options for protection of newborns, either through maternal vaccination or infant immunisation.

"This will keep babies out of hospital, and at home with their family." Further information on how to protect yourself and others from RSV can be found on the NSW Health website here.

#### NSW pet laws go under the microscope

Pet owners and members of the public are being invited to help shape cat and dog laws in NSW, with the NSW Government delivering on its election commitment to conduct a wide-ranging review of the Companion Animals Act 1998 (CA Act).

For the first time in two decades the government will review these laws to greater support responsible pet ownership and ensure the wellbeing of pets and the safety of communities.

The review will examine all aspects of the care and management of companion animals in NSW, including addressing the urgent need to prevent dogs and cats from entering the pound and rehoming system. It will also explore actions taken in other jurisdictions and the role and enforcement responsibilities of councils. Key issues under consideration include: ·cat management, preventing dog attacks, pounds and rehoming services, registration and desexing, ·stakeholder roles and responsibilities and the regulatory tools available under the legislation. ·responsible pet ownership education and training. The review of the CA Act will be informed by several NSW parliamentary inquiries, including the inquiry into the veterinary workforce shortage, the inquiry into pounds and the inquiry into the management of cat populations. The findings and recommendations from recent coronial inquests into fatal dog attacks in NSW will also be considered.

To support the review, the Office of Local Government has released a discussion paper canvassing three key focus areas: the framework for encouraging responsible ownership of companion animals, the compliance and enforcement role of councils, animal welfare and rehoming. Pet owners, councils, rehoming organisations, veterinarians and other stakeholders can provide feedback on the discussion paper before 4 May 2025 by responding to consultation questions. To view the discussion paper and provide feedback visit: https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/companion-animalsact-review/



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#### Approval process for camping on private land

Thinking about setting up camping on your property? Council have had a number of enquiries, so here's an explainer of the approval process:

#### When approval isn't needed (exemptions)

Camping might not need approval if it's minor, like a family member using a tent or caravan alongside the main home. Farmers may also benefit from the 2022 Agritourism Reforms, allowing camping to complement their agricultural activities.

#### When approval is needed

If your situation doesn't meet <u>exemption criteria</u>, you can apply for a DA to set up options like farm stays, primitive camping grounds, caravan parks, or eco-tourism facilities.

You may also have to provide Council with more detailed information when you lodge your DA. The level of information will depend on the restrictions that apply to the site.

What are primitive camp grounds?

Primitive campgrounds are basic, low-impact camping facilities with minimal amenities like no electricity or running water. Setting one up requires compliance with zoning, bushfire safety, flood risk, emergency plans, and sewage management to ensure safe and sustainable operation.

In zones that permit camp grounds, a DA is required. This application must consider standard planning requirements under both Council and NSW Government regulations.

#### Approval requirements include:

- Zoning: Ensure the land is zoned appropriately.
- Bushfire: Meet the Rural Fire Service (RFS) requirements.
- Flooding: Evaluation of the flood risk of the area.
- Emergency Evacuation Procedures: Plan for emergency evacuation.
- Operational Procedures: Address on-site sewage management (OSSM) and grey water disposal.

A common hurdle for operators is the location of their on-site sewerage. Applicants should seek advice early from a specialist consultant to determine feasible location and types of systems available

We're currently updating our webpage to explain this process further. Keep an eye on our <u>caravan parks and camping grounds webpage</u> for information or visit our <u>camping on private land webpage</u>.

#### Read more:

- The exemption criteria where approval is not required.
- <u>a guide to planning approvals for agritourism businesses</u>
- farm stay accommodation regulations
- · primitive camp ground regulations

# NFF Statement on the United States tariffs on Australia

The National Farmers' Federation notes reports that Australian steel and aluminium exports to the United States will be subject to a 25% tariff. National Farmers Federal President David Jochinke said "The NFF supports a considered and measured approach being taken as officials work through this and any future developments.

The NFF has long championed free and fair trade, not just for agriculture but all industries, recognising its role in global economic growth and stability. We will continue to work alongside the Australian Government and our members to uphold these principles.

Australia's trade with the United States is underpinned by the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, which has ensured tarifffree trade for 20 years.

Australian agriculture is a key destination for United States investment capital, farm equipment, and crop science and agricultural innovation.

The NFF and its members are engaged with politicians from both sides, including the Trade and Agriculture ministers, and through diplomatic channels. "

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# \$79.6 million to start the Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road Upgrade

The Albanese Government has released the first stage of funding for the Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road upgrade, as part of almost \$1.4 billion of investment in the Princes Highway corridor in New South Wales. The \$500 million project will upgrade approximately six kilometres of the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and Hawken Road to a divided carriageway with two lanes in each direction.

The Albanese Government has now approved \$79.6 million for vital works including detailed designs, community engagement, environmental and planning approval, as well as completing the final business case.

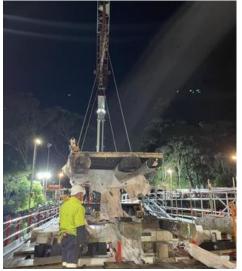
The upgrade is expected to reduce travel times, increase flood resistance, improve freight access and efficiency, improve safety, and enable increased active and public transport.

The Australian Government has committed \$400 million towards the \$500 million Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road project with the NSW Government providing \$100 million. Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King said: "This vital project will deliver long-lasting benefits to road users along the south coast of NSW. "We know how important this part of the Princes Highway is, which is why we're investing \$400 million into building a safer, more efficient Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and Hawken Road." Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said: "Developing this project is the start of an important build for this section of the Princes Highway which will provide a smoother and safer link for all traffic, especially freight transport.

"Whether it's the Milton Ulladulla Bypass or the Jervis Bay Road Intersection Upgrade, we are delivering the investments in the Princes Highway the south coast needs and deserves."

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/jervis-bay-road-to-hawken-road-upgrade-princes-highway-upgrade-program-0">www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/jervis-bay-road-to-hawken-road-upgrade-princes-highway-upgrade-program-0</a>.

#### Wallaga Lake Bridge essential maintenance work





Major maintenance work on Wallaga Lake Bridge was completed in September 2024 with remaining pile remediation work scheduled for the cooler months this year. Essential repairs to the local icon which has been operating since the 1890s will ensure the bridge remains safe and operational for the local community and travelling public well into the future.

**Remaining pile work -** Major work on the bridge was completed last year, but the remaining pile work scheduled for last September was delayed due to weather and specialised contractor availability. Understanding the importance of the bridge being fully operational during peak holiday season, we decided to reopen the bridge as originally planned and defer the remaining work until 2025.

A tender for the remaining pile remediation work has been issued and the process will take around 10 weeks before contracts are expected to be awarded. After selecting a contractor, we will establish the most effective timeline and approach that will ensure the bridge remains open throughout the work.

The community will be kept informed of any impacts in advance of work starting.

#### Update on bridge replacement works for Dignams Creek Bridge

Bega Valley Shire Council advises that the date has been pushed back for the closure of Dignams Creek Road for the replacement of the bridge at Dignams Creek. Works were originally scheduled to commence today, Wednesday 12 March, with a bridge closure and footpath access in place. Due to the lead times for the procurement of the pedestrian access there has been a delay to the start of works and closure of the road.

Preliminary works on site are due to commence late this week which may cause some short-term interruptions to traffic flow, however the full road closure will not be in place until the pedestrian access is operational and before the old bridge is demolished. Council is currently contacting affected residents and apologises for any inconvenience caused by earlier communication.

It is expected that the full road closure will start in approximately two weeks. Council will update the community again prior to the closure or if access provisions change. Council thanks the community for its patience and understanding while works are under way to upgrade this vital infrastructure.

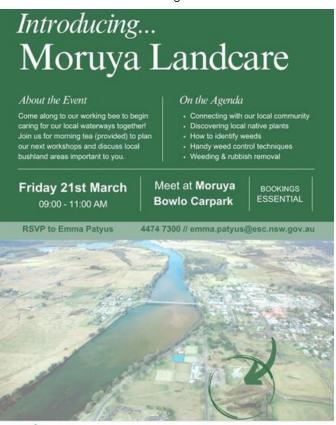
For up-to-date information on the status of local roads, check <u>Live Traffic NSW</u>.



#### SAGE Autumn Equinox

Sunday 23 March, SAGE Garden Moruya

Celebrate the autumn equinox and the SAGE food community with a delicious seasonal dinner. We're taking you back to the 10th century with a feast based around Hungarian beef and vegetable goulashes. Goulash was a stew prepared and dehydrated for shepherds to carry on their long cold hikes. The original hiking food! The SAGE goulash seasonal spread will have plenty of fresh local produce and be far too delicious to dehydrate. Our local talented Matt & Co. will be performing and we'll be serving gin from our regions newest gin makers Foxdog Distillery in Mogo. It's shaping to be a fabulous autumn evening in the garden! Gates open at 4.30pm | Dinner served around 5pm. Remember to please bring your own chairs, crockery and cutlery, drinks. Bookings and more information NO gate sales. This is a SAGE fundraising event.





#### **Earth Hour free events**

#### Saturday 22 March, Botanic Garden Batemans Bay

5pm: Workshop - energy and solar at home - Batemans Bay An electrification workshop with Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance. Hear from locals and industry experts about how to save energy and harness solar power at home. Bring along your questions for discussion on energy efficiency, and learn about rooftop solar, tariffs, batteries, electric vehicles, and more. Book online for the free energy and solar at home workshop

6pm: Sustainable swaps

Swap weeds for native plants, and preloved clothing for new threads. After swapping treasures, join the Repurposing for Resilience team at their solar-powered trailer and grab a bite to eat. Choose from a range of mouth-watering house-made pies, pastries, frittatas, hot beverages, and sweet treats. More information

7pm: '2040' outdoor cinema screening

'2040' brings together top experts from around the world in areas like climate, economics, tech, civil society, farming, and sustainability. The film shows how we can make big changes to create a greener and fairer future for everyone. Book online for the free '2040' outdoor cinema screening

#### <u>'Food for Thought' long table lunch</u> Saturday 29 March, The Bas Moruya

Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya

The Bas invites you to an afternoon of art, conversation, and seasonal food as Food for Thought launches at the Bas. This long-table lunch series invites you to dine in the gallery while hearing from inspiring guest artists. For this inaugural lunch, guest artist Stuart Whitelaw will explore Growing a Creative Ecosystem—a discussion on sustainable art practice, fostering a creative community, and building a resilient creative economy. Set against the backdrop of Julz Beresford's exhibition Floating Through Calm Waters, this promises to be a thought-provoking and inspiring session. A seasonal grazing table by SAGE will showcase the best of our seasonal local produce.

Seats are limited—book now for this unforgettable fusion of food, art, and conversation.

Bookings and more information. This is a Bas fundraising event.

#### Open call to make a difference in forestry

The Federal Government is inviting forestry industry and researchers to pitch their ideas for part of \$5 million in grant funding.

The next Australian Forest and Wood Innovations (AFWI) National Open Call for forest research opens today until 14 April 2025.

The Albanese Labor Government is investing \$300 million in the future of the forestry industry, which includes over \$100 million for AFWI. Research through this round of funding can include climate change solutions, sustainable forests, and making the most out of our available wood fibre.

Now is the time for industry and researchers to put their heads together and develop industry-driven research proposals with an end-user focus. The successful projects will have matching funding from industry or other sources. Last year's call resulted in 8 successful projects sharing the first \$5 million grant and unlocking \$8.3 million of matching investment from industry and research partners.

Details on the projects supported in the first round are available at Research projects – Australian Forest and Wood Innovations. For more information on the second round, visit <u>HERE</u>



REPOWER SHOALHAVEN

#### Search on for next gen leaders

A statewide search is underway for five young rural leaders as **NSW Farmers** opens applications for its 2025 Tertiary Scholarships.

Each worth \$4000 annually, the NSW Farmers 2025 Tertiary Scholarships will be awarded to members or their children in their second year of study for a university degree or vocational qualification, in a field relevant to regional and rural Australia.

NSW Young Farmers Chair Martin Murray said the scholarship program aimed to build the farm communities of the future by offering five young leaders the opportunity to excel in their field.

"As the state's peak farm body, we exist to help farmers right now, but also in the future – and this scholarship program is part of our commitment to help the next generation access opportunities and careers in rural Australia," Mr Murray said.

"We want to open doors and possibilities in the regions, and the future success of these communities truly relies on the talented younger generation we have coming through. "Investing in skill development and building capacity is essential if we want these future leaders to find their passion and get the head start they

need to achieve their goals."

2024 scholarship recipient and Rural Science student Jennifer Corderoy said the program had proved pivotal in unlocking new resources and experiences on her journey into the agricultural sector.

"This scholarship truly reflects the community unique to our industry, in which one generation gives a 'leg up' to the next," Ms Corderoy said. "By studying Rural Science, I am being equipped to address farming challenges, and I hope that the contributions of my career to our industry will be a return on the investment of NSW Farmers in me." Applications for the Tertiary Scholarships program close on 11 May 2025.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, commitment to agriculture and rural communities, and all-round ability including leadership qualities and communication skills.

For more information or to apply, click <u>here</u>.

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Open Judging at CWA 'The Land' Cookery and Handicraft Competitions







#### By Annette Kennewell

More than one hundred CWA members from Eden to Batemans Bay gathered in Bermagui on 11th March for their annual Land Cookery and Handicraft competitions. New this year was 'open judging' where the cooks and crafters were able to stay in the room to hear direct feedback from the judges. CWA 'The Land' Cookery judges Ellice Schrader, CWA NSW 'The Land' Cookery Chairperson, and renowned local cook Nelleke Gorton, both thanked all members for entering the competition. They outlined how open judging of cakes, jams and relishes, gave cooking contestants an opportunity to listen to the judges, ask questions and learn. Nelleke said it was a pleasure to be back at a CWA event and wished all the winners good luck at the CWA State 'The Land' Cookery competition. With eighteen cooking sections, there were lots of CWA 'The Land' Cookery winners on the day plus a few proud grinners. Yvonne Cole of Bega Branch won First Prize for her Peppermint Slice and Tomato Jam. Stephanie Stanhope, also from Bega, won First Prize for her Chocolate Butter Cake and Steamed Fruit Pudding. Stephanie said she was so pleased to qualify to cook these cakes again in May for 'The Land' Cookery State competition in Wagga. Debbie Fisher of Cobargo Branch won First Prize with her Remembrance Biscuits and Pineapple Onion Relish. Debbie's Pineapple Onion Relish won the Champion Exhibit in FSCG 'The Land' Cookery competition.

Judge Ruth Shanks AM, CWA NSW Handicraft Chairperson, enjoyed the open judging with lots of questions, comments and advice. Ruth said it was a way for contestants to learn how to improve their handicraft skills. Ruth announced the results of the CWA Far South Coast Group Handicraft competition with Narooma Branch achieving the highest score. Marion Cullen of Narooma Branch won the Champion Piece for Best Individual Handicraft with her exquisite 'white work' a type of embroidery that she created over three months. The over 80's handicraft competition was won by Marjory O'Brien of Bermagui Branch, with her beautiful quilt. Twenty-three pieces of handicraft from the FSCG will now go on to the CWA State competition in Wagga in May this year.

Yvonne Cole, CWA FSCG's Agricultural & Environment Officer, coordinated the group's Recycled Article competition with judge Sharon Cornthwaite of Bega. The winning entry was repurposed by Cath Renwick of Bermagui Branch. Cath created carry bags and a shower cap from old umbrellas. The material in old umbrellas is nylon and does not break down in landfill, giving new life to recycled material and reducing waste.

Stephanie Stanhope, President CWA FSCG, thanked all members for their participation in the CWA competitions. Stephanie also thanked the FSCG members who coordinated the day: Liz Tough 'The Land' Cookery Officer, Sharron Perry Handicraft Officer, and Yvonne Cole Agriculture and Environment Officer. Liz, Sharon and Yvonne thanked Bermagui Branch members for helping set up Bermagui Country Club, the visiting judges and all CWA members for an enjoyable social day.



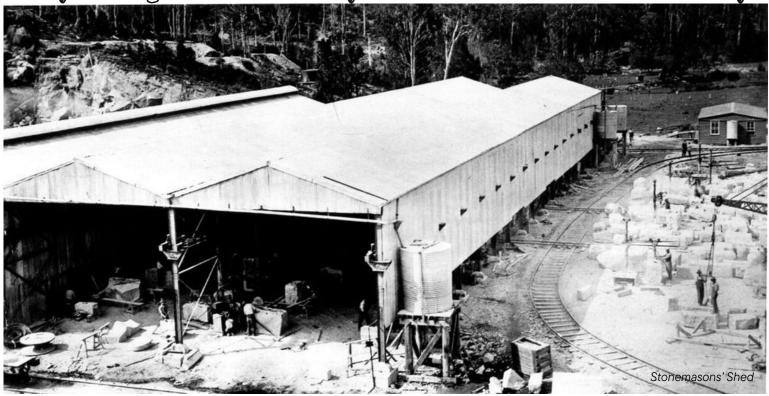
Photos: top left: Debbie Fisher of CWA Cobargo Branch with her Pineapple Onion Relish that won First Prize at FSCG 'The Land' Cookery

Handicraft judge Ruth Shanks with Sharron Perry, CWA FSCG Handicraft Officer

Marion Cullen of CWA Narooma Branch with her exquisite 'white work' embroidery that won best individual piece

At Left: Winner CWA FSCG Recycled Article competition Cath Renwick of Bermagui Branch with Yvonne Cole Group Agriculture & Environment Officer.

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



#### 14-03-1925

**Mrs. J. Emmott** has disposed of her cottage in Page Street, now occupied by Mr. A. H. Preddy, to Messrs. Morrison and Davidson.

**The laying of the foundation stone**, which will be of Moruya granite, of the Sydney Harbour Bridge has been fixed to take place on March 26th, with much ceremony. The function will take place on the city side, and the Governor will preside.

Rabbit skins advanced about 1d per lb. in Sydney last week owing to an improved class of skin coming in. John Ward, the enterprising skin buyer, is now guaranteeing 2/9 per lb. all round. What a chance for some of our rabbit trappers to make big cheques.

**Persons in the habit of driving** or riding across the bridge at night would be advised to remain at the approach when motor cars are crossing. On Wednesday evening last, a flighty horse took fright on the bridge, and both horseman and motorist experienced a few anxious moments.

Mr. A. H. Weatherby's building with a frontage to Vulcan Street is just about completed. The building considerably enhances the visitor's impression of the town as they enter the main street either from the north or south side. When completed the shops will be occupied by Messrs. Donnelly Bros., butchers; Mrs. Connors, confectioner; Mr. N. Joseph, mercer: and Mr. Albert Lynch, baker. The design and construction certainly reflect credit on the local contractors, Messrs. Coppin and Stewart. The shops will be fitted throughout with electric light, which will brighten that part of the town.

**Our genial medico,** Dr. H. M. Cutler, has purchased an allotment with a frontage to Vulcan and Campbell Streets, and intends to build thereon.

This week an "Examiner" representative had a look around the Quarry at present leased by Messrs. Dormon, Long and Co., and was much struck by the progress made since December. Already quite a little village has sprung into existence, and some 100 men are employed clearing, blasting, polishing, etc. ... Miniature railway lines are laid from the face of the quarry to the wharf, huge cranes handling the large granite slabs are dotted here and there, while a large number of men, each at his own particular work, make the place a hive of industry. Already large quantities of granite have been blasted out of their recent resting place, one slab in itself weighing some 170 tons; these slabs are then holed and ready for the "feather." Preparations are being made for the receiving of some 150 tons of machinery which is expected towards the end of the month. This will have the effect of "speeding up" the work, as at present "man power" is the only machinery in

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

# Gadfly

It's rare to find a fictional TV series that is both historically accurate and utterly addictive. Rarer still does such a program have an ending that might well throw a piercing light on the dilemma we face today.

It's a big call, I know, but we've just finished the sixth season of *The Americans* and it comes awfully close to filling the bill.

It is not one for the kiddies. There's quite a lot of rumpy-dumpy in a variety of beds in the Washington DC area. There's also a murder rate that would give Agatha Christie a run for her money. But unlike Agatha's discreet departures, the deed is invariably on screen and in stark detail.

It stars two breath-takingly good actors I'd never heard of – Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys. And the storyline is even more unlikely, coming as it does from a front-line American production company.

Kerry and Matthew are Elizabeth and Phillip Jennings, a thoroughly pleasant young couple with the regulation two kids, Paige the elder daughter and Henry two years younger. They live in a very nice neighbourhood and run a travel agency in the American capital. In reality, they are Russian-born KGB Agents spying for the Soviet Union. And by coincidence, an FBI agent Stan Beeman moves in over the road with his nice wife and gay son, Paige's age.

It's set in the 1980s of Ronald Reagan's presidencies when the Soviet leadership changed from Leonid Brezhnev to former spymaster Yuri Andropov to the terminally ill Constatin Chernenko until in 1985 when the controversial Mikhail Gorbachev stepped up.

Until then, Elizabeth and Phillip had been wreaking havoc on behalf of the KGB 'Centre'. He had even seduced and 'married' the secretary of Stan's FBI boss while Elizabeth had a running affair with the Black boss of a communist gang of toughs. Both were amazingly talented make-up artists and changed identities via an astonishing range of wigs and beards almost daily.

But here's the thing. The scripts were so brilliant that every viewer was on their side! Stan was so dumb he couldn't see through them, and they went through so many scrapes – just escaping before the opposing forces moved in, silencing others just before they spilled the beans (often in a most grizzly fashion). The tension never let up.

Then young Paige got religion the told her Pastor Tim the true story of Mum and Dad. 'Oh no!' we thought. 'How could she.' Luckily Tim was a self-important chap and kept their secret. But they used 'Centre' to get him a job in South America anyway.

By now we were taken inside the KGB's Washington office and FBI Stan had fallen in love with honeypot Neena, the gorgeous secretary of the KGB boss. But so had the boss's own deputy and that subplot would come together with the progressive alienation of Phillip and Elizabeth. He was fed up with the job and quite liked America. She was still hooked on Russia.

Stan was finally getting suspicious of the neighbours who for years had been charging about late at night killing people.

It's at this point that the viewer is encouraged by more brilliant scriptwriting to change horses and barrack for Phillip and boo Elizabeth who is trying to get cute little 17-year-old Paige to join the KGB. And when the forces of Russian decency are suddenly fighting the old-style 'Centre' over Gorbachev's policies of Perestroika, the battle is on.

I won't spoil the ending for you. But history tells us that eventually the KGB murdered their way to victory for Vladimir Putin. Not very long afterwards an American, Donald J, Trump came to Moscow in 1987 with an insatiable lust for women and real estate. He was sponsored by the KGB.

Only after that did he develop an interest in politics. <a href="mailto:robert@robertmacklin.com">robert@robertmacklin.com</a>





A Beer with Bazz #183 With John Longhurst

Mick landed the schooners and with hands on hips eyeballed the group.

"Right...we are not talking about Trump. The bloke gets so much publicity we might as well go back to two colour newspapers and television. Instead of black and white it will be black and orange."

A couple of chuckles followed by a lengthy silence.

Bazza took a measured sip and rubbed his chin.

"I'm with you for once, Mick, but I would point out that orange is typically the colour of prison uniforms in the United States so..."

Mick glared at Bazza.

"I am serious Bazza... my anxiety levels are through the roof. I suggest we talk about something lighter and reassuring... like 'The Sound Of Music'. You know it is sixty years since the release of that movie... where did those six decades go?"

Know All Ron cleared his throat and was greeted with an expectant look from Mick.

"Some very interesting facts about 'The Sound of Music', Mick. For starters, in the opening scene 'The Hills are Alive' Maria (Julie Andrews) was repeatedly blown over and ended up in the mud from the downward draft of the helicopter used in the filming. Also, the critics bagged the film on release but it went on to be number one within four weeks. Funnily enough, it was a hit in every country it was released except Austria."

Bazza gazed out the window as Mick shook his head repeatedly.

"How do you do it, Ron? You seem to be able to peel off facts on any random topic. I reckon you would qualify for Mensa."

Bazza curled his lip as Ron sucked in a big breath and leaned

"But they got the geography all wrong in the film, Mick. Salzburg is more than three hours from the Swiss border. In fact, the route the von Trapp Family take in the film when escaping Austria would have sent them straight to Berchtesgaden, Hitler's summer retreat."

Ron paused for a sip, stretched his shoulders and enjoyed the silence.

"Now... the piece of trivia I like the most about the film, Mick, is the von Trapp children all wore implants in their shoes. The movie was filmed over six months and the implants were used and adjusted to account for the growth of the children during filming."

Mick clicked his tongue and let out a low whistle.

"Wow, Ron... artificial intelligence has not got a patch on you. You should be paying closer attention, Bazza. You need to broaden your horizons. I bet you did not even know 'The Sound of Music' was released 60 years ago."

Bazza stifled a yawn.

'You have got me there, Mick. In fact, I never even found out whether the von Trapps escaped from the Nazis."

Furrowed brows all round.

"You see... I saw the film as a kid back in the 1960's. Back in those days the local baker sponsored a pie eating competition during intermission. I was lucky enough to get selected and beat the field with five pies in under five minutes. Now...l should of been happy with that effort but..."

Jaws remained lowered.

"I really should of resisted the milk shake drinking challenge. By the time Captain von Trapp leads the singing of 'Edelweiss', I had managed to change the colour of my older sister's treasured Mary Jane shoes and spent the remainder of the film in the toilet."

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



Club Malua (7pm)





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#### Gallery Bodalla presents Between the Lines

An exhibition of interestingly beautiful paintings by Karyn Thompson and Leah-Kate Hannaford (work pictured) - commencing Thursday 20 March until Sunday 20 April. You are very welcome to join us for opening drinks and artists' talk Saturday 22 March at 3pm – with music by guitarist Geoffrey Potter. Between the Lines draws a connection between Karyn and Leah-Kate's practices through a shared fascination with the natural and the supernatural; the conscious and the subconscious; the physical and the psychological; and the place we inhabit in between these lines.

View the exhibition from 19 March at www.gallerybodalla.com.au



#### **River of Art Committee Chair Steps Down**

The River of Art Inc. regrets to announce that Leanne Joyce has stepped down after four years of dedicated service, including three as Chair. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Leanne for her unwavering commitment, passion, and leadership, which have been instrumental in shaping the Festival into the vibrant celebration of arts and culture that it is today. Her expertise and dedication have left a lasting impact, and we sincerely thank her for her contributions to our creative community. We invite all artists, volunteers, partners, and

supporters to join us in thanking Leanne for her contribution. Stepping in as the Interim Chair is Corin Rossouw, who has been Co-Chair for the past two years and a valued member of the committee for three. Corin will continue the role in leading a skilled and enthusiastic committee to deliver an inspiring and engaging program for our community.

The 2025 River of Art Festival, running from Friday 26 September to Monday 6 October, promises to be a dynamic celebration of creativity, showcasing diverse artists, interactive experiences, and a renewed focus on inclusivity and innovation.

Building on past successes and further enhancing our contribution to the arts and culture sector, we look forward to unveiling our program in the coming months and welcoming everyone to experience the magic of this annual event, now in its 21st year.

If you are passionate about the arts and would like to be part of our collaborative and dynamic team, we invite new volunteers to get involved. Please contact us at <a href="volunteer@riverofart.com.au">volunteer@riverofart.com.au</a> to find out how you can contribute to this vibrant festival.





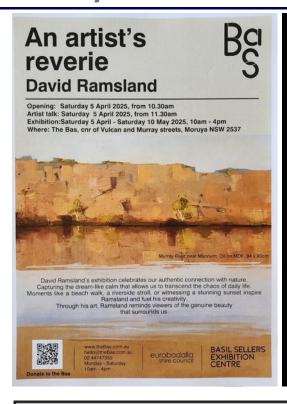
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# Breathtaking 'Wind Stone' captures Sculpture Bermagui major prize

Japanese-Australian artist Koichi Ishino has won Sculpture Bermagui's major prize in 2025 for his work 'Wind Stone'.

A slender piece of stainless steel and granite standing just over two metres high, the work is at once imposing and subtle.

Highly polished, the stainless gleams, bouncing light and reflecting the environment surrounding it.

Only 70 millimetres in breadth and 15 in depth, blink and it could be missed - except for those reflections of buildings, cars and passerbyers interrupting the stunning backdrop behind.

At the top of the rectangular piece a "twist", as judge David Jensz called it

Like a flag blown from atop a mast, a piece of granite, seamlessly joined to the stainless as if the two materials had merged - captured midtransformation.

Is the stainless becoming granite or the granite becoming stainless, the observer may ask?

Artist Koichi said he liked to imagine the play between the unconscious and the conscious mind. The man-made stainless material with mirror images, the unconscious, while the naturally occurring granite representing the conscious.

The work is also Koichi's imagining of the wind picking up the granite from the ground.

"Stone is always on the ground - stays on the ground," Koichi said.
"But I imagine sometimes the stone blew up, picked up by the wind."
The themes of the wind and consciousness return throughout his long body of work.

Koichi is practised in the use of both materials, often using stainless steel as his base for either granite or marble

Born in Kyoto, Japan, Koichi has practised since he graduated Kyoto City University in the late 1970s. Although he has received many accolades and prizes throughout his career, this was his first major prize win. I am so happy," Koichi said.

Major prize judge David Jensz, as an abstract sculptor himself, said he had a predilection for the abstract but what he considered when judging work was whether it demonstrated a "transformation".

"It is really about trying to analyze whether the work is successful physically - how it operates in the space," David said.

"Is it robust and does it address the landscape?

"I think one of the most important things about sculpture is that there is a sense of transformation ... of the materials being transformed into something else."

David said 'Wind Stone' very successfully lent itself to the landscape, particularly when viewed with the backdrop of the town and the mirrored surface reflecting the mountain and the sea.

"And then there is just this twist at the top, where part of the work appears to have been twisted over...cut and reformed," he said.

"Part of that form transforms itself into granite stone and that transformation is beautiful."

Koichi Ishino was awarded \$25,000 for his prize.

'Wind Stone' can be viewed along the foreshore at Bermagui as part of Sculpture Bermagui until 3pm Sunday, March 16.

The list of Sculpture Bermagui winners can be found at <u>sculpturebermagui.org.au/2025-exhibition</u>



Landscape of 'Wind Stone' by Koichi Ishino



The sculptor and major prize winner Koichi Ishino, pictured with another work 'Wind Stone - Earth and Sky', in situ at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre.





Regrowth – Healing Land and Community

The 2019-2020 bushfire season was one of the most intense and destructive bushfire seasons in recorded Australian history, and has become known as the Black Summer. The Eurobodalla area was badly impacted by the Black Summer fires: with 80% of its total area, and 90% of its national parks and state forests burnt. Many in the community lost their homes and businesses, and some lost loved ones. The Black Summer presented numerous challenges in terms of access to power, water, communications and necessities. In the years since, the Eurobodalla community has risen to meet these challenges, and worked hard to make sure we are in a better place now than we were five years ago. This exhibition documents some of the work that the community has done to heal and empower its members for future extreme events. 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 providing a space to reflect on the areas where we still have work to

Regrowth: healing Land and Community is on at the **Batemans Bay Heritage Museum from March 16 to June 16, with the official launch at 1.30 pm on Sunday March 16.** 



2:30 pm Saturday March 29 St Paul's Anglican Church, Narooma Music by Schubert, Brahms & Franck

# What's On in the Arts

#### 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.

#### **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 <u>southcoastmusicsociety.com</u> 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 <u>Neeman Piano Duo</u> with music by Schubert, Brahms, Franck and John Corigliano! Tickets \$30 <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CYLLI">https://www.trybooking.com/CYLLI</a> & 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 <a href="https://brnw.ch/21wR59D">https://brnw.ch/21wR59D</a>

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Discount vouchers for cat and kitten desexing are available to any shire resident who needs one. Just book your pet into the vet of your choice, and call AWL on 0436 816 718 to arrange your discount. NSW law requires cats to be desexed by four months of age or an annual fee is payable, so don't miss this opportunity to get financial help with the process.

Petstock is celebrating National Pet Adoption Month, with a special focus on the weekend of 22 and 23 March. AWL will be in attendance at Petstock Batemans Bay on 22 March, along with some of our animals available for adoption. Come and say hello: you may meet your perfect furry companion!

AND, **lovely Tish** is still available for adoption, at the very special fee of \$149. She's a gentle and laid-back girl who's not too sure about dogs but just loves her humans and is a great lap-sitter.

We also have lots of kittens, including gorgeous Newt, a four month old tabby girl who absolutely LOVES dogs (always cuddled into them), and is also great with cats and people. Newt is playful and very affectionate, with a big personality packed into her small frame.

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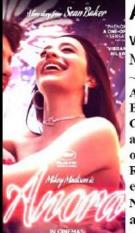


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# Moruya Mail Notices

#### 2025 Diary Dates

- 3-16th Mar Seniors Week
- 8 16 March Sculpture Bermagui
- 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
- 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

#### Thank you to the Potato Point surfers

On Saturday two boys were rescued at Potato Point. After becoming stuck in a rip, some nearby surfers saved their lives. Lloyd, the father of one of the boys, would like to reach out and thank the unknown surfers.

#### **Daylight Saving Ends**

Sunday 6th April 2025

The clocks turn back at 3am to 2am

#### FREE LEGAL ADVICE APPOINTMENTS

A solicitor from South Coast and Country Community Law will be visiting your area for in person legal appointments.

#### When: Thursday 20th March 2025

Where: Court House Arcade, 62-34 Vulcan Street, Moruya

Times: Between 10am to 2pm

Appointments are essential – please call 1800 229 529 What problems can South Coast and Country Community Law help

• Family Law - Separation, parenting, property, divorce, child support • Employment • Tenancy • Victims Support • Credit and Debt • Centrelink Issues • Power of Attorney and Guardianship documents • Consumer Issues • Penalty Notices • Court Attendance Notices for speeding, licence, registration or alcohol/drug driving · Neighbourhood Disputes · Domestic and Family Violence Orders • Personal Violence Free telephone advice and information is available by appointment only.

Appointments can be in person or by phone. To book an appointment, call 1800 229 529. Staff will complete an intake, and a solicitor will see you or call you back at your scheduled

appointment time.

#### Food Share at SAGE Gardens on 15 March from 9-10.





#### **CANDIDATES CLIMATE FORUM Federal Election**

SECA (South East Climate Alliance) has announced that a Candidates Climate Forum will be held at BB Soldiers Club on Friday 21 March 6pm-7.30pm.

All major candidates will be invited and Rev Linda Chapman will be the moderator.

#### Moruya RSL Sub Branch

Monthly meeting on Tuesday 18th March --third Tuesday of the month--at 2pm at the RSL Memorial Hall

11 Page St Moruya. The main topic of discussion will be the Anzac Day March & services. The Sub Branch executive committee after the AGM in February has not changed. Anzac Day badges go on sale by members in early April in various locations around Moruya. The Moruya Sub ranch welcomes any veterans & visiting Services personnel or anyone who would like to join the branch.

#### Directory of end-of-life services

Eurobodalla Council's Community Care team has built a directory of end-of-life services to point you and your loved ones in the right direction to find help. Finding the right services can be stressful especially in regional areas. To help make the tough journey a little smoother, more than 100 contacts are now listed in one place. It's broken up into the five broad areas of physical support, practical support, wellbeing support, social connection and information services.

Link to directory: www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/community-andfamily-services/end-of-life-support-services

#### 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 at www.wires.org.au/training/rescue-and-care Any questions? Email <a href="mailto:training@wires.org.au">training@wires.org.au</a> for further info. www.facebook.com/WIRES.wildlife.rescue www.wires.org.au

#### COMMUNITY PICNIC ALL WELCOME

Sunday 30 March 2025 from 12:00-13:30

Russ Martin Park Moruya: All welcome to this Free Community Picnic. Hosted by volunteers from Stone River Church. Anyone can be struggling financially at any time. We started these picnics in 2019 as a way for people to come together, have a nice meal, in a safe space without judgement. No matter your situation, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



#### 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



#### Ride Ready Eurobodalla – mountain bike industry development event for businesses

Rocky Trails reports: Council is about to open the entire network of Mogo Trails which will bring an influx of MTB visitors.

Come along to Ride Ready Eurobodalla where Shane Spicer (Mogo Trails Project Manager) and Georgie Staley (Narooma MTB Club President) will be discussing how your business can leverage this growing MTB visitor market.

The event will also cover marketing opportunities and information on the massive cycling festival, Sea Otter, happening here in October.

Registrations essential via links:

·Narooma - Wednesday 26 March from 5.30pm

Mogo - Thursday 27 March from 5.30pm

These events are hosted by Eurobodalla Shire Council in partnership with the Narooma MTB Club.

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# Play your part in keeping children safe in sport

**NSW Office of Sport** 

The NSW Government will host a series of interactive child safety workshops in the South Coast next week to help local sporting organisations keep children safe from harm and abuse in sport. The NSW Office of Sport has partnered with the Office of the Children's Guardian to deliver the workshops which will provide practical information on the simple steps sports clubs can take to protect children. The workshops will be held at Batemans Bay, Moruya, Narooma, Pambula and Bega from 16 – 20 March and will be delivered by Matt Sibley, Child Safe Officer (Sport) from the Office of the Children's Guardian. For further information and to register for a workshop visit: Child Safe regional workshops.

Workshops locations The workshops will be held across multiple regional locations.

#### **Batemans Bay**

Date: Sunday, 16 March 2025 Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Bay Pavilions, 12 Vesper St,

Batemans Bay

Cost: Free - including light refreshments on arrival

#### Moruya

Date: Monday, 17 March 2025 Time: 5.00pm - 7:00pm Venue: Moruya Golf Club, Evans

Street, Moruya

Cost: Free - including light refreshments on arrival

#### Narooma

Date: Tuesday, 18 March 2025 Time: 5.00pm - 7:00pm Venue: Club Narooma, 88 Princes

Highway, Narooma

Cost: Free - including light refreshments on arrival

#### **REGISTER here**

https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/events/ sportintegritytraining







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#### **Club Malua Stingrays Bowls Report**

There were 23 social bowlers on Tuesday morning, quite a few ladies had gone as spectators to cheer on our Grade1 Pennant teams in Figtree, competing in State Playoffs. Welcome back to Karen Signor, lovely to have her back out on the Green. Birthday greetings to Anna Stewart. Bowls was played in a Versatility format where each bowler had 8 Ends in each position. The day started of with very humid weather then a few showers of rain but all managed to finish their games. Winners Rink 9, Gai Gibson, Marlou Rollinson and Joan Rimmer. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 11, Janet McKay, Wendy Geary and Gwen Ware. Lucky Losers Rink 11, Lynn Gowans, Judy Armstrong and Tania Calder. Money Club, 10 Julie Knorpp, 16 Carol Harris.





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#### **Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report**

There were 23 Twisties on the Green on a very hot and muggy morning. Numbers down a little whilst Open Gender Pennants are being played on a Sunday.

Welcome as always to visitor Reino Brunnenmyer from Beechworth in Victoria.

Winners on Highest Losing Margin -18 Karen Crowe and Jennie Hogan (photo)

Lead Karen, selected Rink 5 her own Rink to try for Jackpot of \$80 but no luck finding Joker came up with Queen of Spades.

Other winning teams, Roland Krikowa and Pat Jones. Allen Chard and Milka Starkovski Michael Voce and Margaret Carney with Bob Starkovski and Brian Wheeler. Tricia Wheeler and Reino Brunnenmeyer. Anthony Robinson and Steven Hogan.

Lucky numbers, 10 Robbo, 8 Irish.

#### Moruya Ladies Golf

The ladies took to the fairways once again this week at Moruya Women's Golf to play a Monthly Medal Stroke round. It was also the 1st round of the GolfNSW Medal. With a field of 17 ladies the winner of the Medal and the event of the day was Noelene Cowdroy (pictured) with a 75 Nett OCB from Jan Lumsden. Balls went to Barbara Kennedy, Robyn Hawkins, Jenny Ellis and Angie McMillan. Nearest the pins were Arthean McBride and Cindy Becker.







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# **Tuross Head Golf Results**



Winner: Dianne Brown with President Bruce Harding.



Winner: Paul Medwin with President Bruce Harding



Foursome Champion Winners: Gail Page and Bruce Handley (absent)



Winners: Sandra D'Onofrio and Dianne Brown

#### **Tuross Head Golf Results** Thursday 6th March 2025

A field of 47 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was beautiful and some fantastic scores were achieved

The Winners were:

1st: Dianne Brown (43) with 40 points

2nd: Jim Wade (14) with 39 points (countback)

3rd: John Eglitis (12) with 39 points 4th: Peter Hogan (18) with 38 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: John Eglitis 2.66 A Grade 4th: Stephen Swanbury 1.09 B Grade

4th: Graeme Sindel 6.90 C

Grade 6th: Lars Gaupset 2.20

Grade

6th: Peter McRae 4.60 В Grade

6th: Peter Nikolic 5.05 C Grade

7th: Jim Wade 2.76 A Grade 7th: Teri Swanbury 6.01 B

Grade 7th: Bruce Magilton 4.98 Grade

Balls went to: Shirley Quinlan 38, Lars Gaupset 37, Ricky Hayes 37, Dorothy Madden 37, Ian McManus 37, Paul Medwin 37, Marilyn Bingham 37, Michael Coloe 37, Colin Houghton 36 and Darrell Kildey 36.

#### **Tuross Head Vets Golf Results** Wednesday 12th March 2025

A field of 43 players registered for a Single Stableford event today. The course was in great condition, the weather was fine and some great results were achieved.

The winners were: 1st: Margaret Downey 18 (countback) 2nd: Len Rogers 18

#### **Tuross Head Golf Results** Saturday 8th March 2025

A field of 57 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. There were some wonderful scores achieved.

The Winners were: 1st: Paul Medwin (22) with 42 points 2nd: William Steenbergen (11) with 41 points 3rd: Brad Doolan (6) with 38 points 4th: Anthony Mellick (26) with 37 points (countback) 5th: Greg Booth (14) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: John Eglitis 0.77 A Grade 4th: Stephen Swanbury 2.02 B Grade

6th: Jim Wade 1.13 A Grade 6th: Steve Johnston 6.92 B Grade 6th: Rodney Bowron 2.62 C Grade

7th: Shane Gschwend 5.77 A Grade

7th: Michael Coloe 5.35 B Grade

Balls went to: Gavan Wheelahan 36, Stephen Swanbury 35, Peter Hogan 35, Paul Ferguson 35, Ken Hush 35, Shane Gschwend 35, Nick Brice 34, Colin Houghton 34, Peter Coffey 34, Rick Monopoli 34, Ruth Gschwend 34, David Gray 34, Cathy Milliken 34, Derek Hoare 34 and Martin Booth 34.

players) registered for a Mixed

**Tuross Head Golf Results** 

Sunday 9th March 2025

Foursomes Championship event today. The competition was hotly contested and some great results were achieved. The event was followed by delicious nibblies and many thanks to the Tuross Head ladies golf club for their organisation.

20 teams of men and women (40

The Winners were: John and Jane Eglitis Nett Winners 68 (countback) Gail Page and Bruce Handley Foursome Champions Gross Winners 68 nett Dianne Brown and Michael Coloe Gross Runners Up 68.5 nett

Balls went to: Teri and Stephen Swanbury 71, Wendy and David Schmid 72.5, Leonie and Brad Doolan 73, Ruth and Shane Gschwend 73, Paula and Peter Coffey 73.5, Leonie Snodgrass and Bruce Martin 73.5, Elsa Shearer and Nigel Barling 75, Shirley Quinlan and Ken Hush 75, Chris Wratten and Greg Smith 75.5.

#### **Tuross Head Ladies Golf** Results Tuesday 11th March 2025

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

Overall Winners were: 1st: Dianne Brown and Sandra D'Onofrio with 67.5 nett 2nd: Judy Apps and Leonie Doolan with 77.5 nett 3rd: Pam Alexander and Marie Muriwai with 78 nett

Place Getters: Maree Coffey and Cate O'Brien with 78.5 nett

3rd: Derek Hoare 17 4th: Tony Crook 16 (countback) 5th: Ken Hush 16 6th: Herb Muriwai 16 7th: Jane Eglitis 15 8th: Rob Nash 15 9th: Bruce Martin 15 10th: Frank Pomfret 15 11th: Greg Geelan 15 12th: Don Russell 14

Nearest to the Pins 4th: Des Jackson (2nd Shot) 6th: Steve Gardner (1st shot) 7th: Ladies: Gail Rogers (2nd shot) Mens: Ken Hush (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Ross Hendy (5th hole) Bradmans: Ray Downey 5



Winner: Margaret Downey

# Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

As we say goodbye to summer and hello to autumn, we will still experience warm water temps with cooler day time and night temps. A lot of species will still be feeding up before the water temp drops, and their calorie intake drops. Cool waters equal less active fish. So make the most of the warm currents we are still experiencing, get out and enjoy this time of year. The days are comfortable, the weather is mild, and the fish are active.

There has been the usual species taken this week in the river, bream, flathead, whiting and the odd trevally. Most parts of the river are fishing well this time of year, so take your pick.

#### **Tuross River.**

Coila lake still appears to have some good sized prawns around, with the boss picking up a few nice ones only a few nights ago. Pics will be included.

The bream and flathead competition is on in Tuross this weekend, so expect angling pressure to be higher than usual this weekend. Good luck to all that are entered. The wife and I managed a few fish from snake flat earlier in the week, with a 39cm flathead landed being the best fish and a string in sub 30cm bream. A bit of time away and some bank side R&R is always good for the soul. Rock and beach.

Swell conditions continue to increase as we are starting to see the affects from TC Alfred making beach and rock fishing conditions less than favourable.

The Moruya breakwall already has good swells hitting the length of the wall, while the local surfers are still not happy with conditions, as it is very messy.

One angler yesterday managed a few nice trevally and a couple of salmon, but with the washing machine conditions he was having a hard time staying contact with his baits.

#### Offshore.

The sea state really isn't conducive to getting offshore at the moment, so no reports to be made.

The bait freezer is still missing the usual suspects with mullet fillet and beach worms a no show, I believe we are getting low on hawksbury prawns also.

We also have a new supplier on board as of this week, we are super happy to announce we are now stocking Ian Miller rods, we had the first 10 drop this week, with another 10 to follow shortly. Come in and check them out, you won't be disappointed!

If you haven't been following our socials this last week, take a look, we have a new soft plastic mullet imitations about to hit the wall on the 12th of March. This has been in development for the last 4 years by Shane Compain up north as a super realistic Barra lure. I have had the privilege of having a fish with these yesterday, and they will catch big flathead and mulloway down here on the south coast also. Ranging in size from 4" to a massive 8" that will be better suited to slow trolling, they are packed with features. Hand carved scales, photo realistic patterning on the alive colour way, removable glass rattle, multiple hook configurations and tow points make this a great lure to add to your

Made from super stretchy TPFE material and with a really life like action, I am super impressed with how they swim. They will be on the wall for sale on the 12th of March, so stay tuned.

I'm going back out to throw these some more this weekend. Stay safe and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

Team Tackle World Moruya.

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#### Regional opportunities for membership on **NSW Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council**

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Aboriginal people to fill four vacant coastal and inland regional membership positions on the NSW Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council (AFAC) and to create a talent pool for other regional vacancies that may arise.

DPIRD Deputy Secretary of Fisheries and Forestry, Sean Sloan said AFAC is an independent body that provides strategic advice to the Minister for Agriculture on Aboriginal fishing matters.

"It also plays an important role in providing advice to the Minister on funding cultural fishing related projects and business opportunities under the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund," Mr Sloan said.

"Through the EOI process, we are seeking to attract members with diverse knowledge and experience to address the varied matters that will need focus, and with knowledge of and capacity to speak from their local region's perspective on fisheries related issues.

"The regional representation ensures inland and coastal issues are considered across all fisheries related interest areas, whether they are wild harvest, aquaculture, or associated fields.

"AFAC plays an important role in embedding Aboriginal cultural values in fisheries policy and management, and I'd like to see the past and current work of AFAC continue to be built on through members who desire to drive positive outcomes for their communities." Aboriginal persons interested in membership on the Council should contact the department by email

Aboriginal.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone the Aboriginal Fishing hotline 1300 054 464. Information on the work of AFAC and map of AFAC membership regions can be found

Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm on 20 April 2025.



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# Moruya Mail Sport

#### Tuross Head Bowling Club Continues Successful Run In Pennant

The Tuross Head Grade 6 Pennant side has continued their very successful start to the 2024/25 Pennant season. They remain undefeated at the half way mark of the competition and they have built up a healthy lead on the competition table. In fact they have not conceded a point to their rivals!

In round 4 they travelled to Dalmeny and took some time to adjust to the conditions before powering home to take all three rinks. After 13 ends Rose Farrington, Bruce Magilton, Sue Fahey and Marcel Kors were struggling and trailed 6 – 14. From here they clicked into action winning 6 of the last 8 ends to run out winners 20 - 16. Doreen Monks, Ben Hewison, Irene Macdonald and Allan Etheredge were in a tight match with the score locked at 10 all after 10 ends. They also finished strongly winning 7 of the last 11 ends - several with multiple scores including a '6' on the 16th end. They finished with a 29 - 22 win. Phil Welsh, Peter Macdonald, Denise Lidbury and Bruce Lidbury started slowly and were down 9 - 16 after 14 ends. A great final third of the game saw them win all 7 ends picking up 12 shots to win 21 – 16. They won overall by 70 shots to 50 and collected all 10 points.

In Grade 7 Tuross travelled to Moruya and acquitted themselves well while going down to the competition leaders. Rita Downie, Sandra Mather, Lorraine Wake and Lorraine Bird had a great battle on their rink before winning 19 -17. Neil Alexander, Marg Downey, Col Fletcher and Ray Downey played well but were a little unlucky going down on the last end 15 -16! Unfortunately, on the third rink the Moruya third and skip did not let Cheryl McRae, Graeme Garner, Neil Mather and Noel Downie into the game. Their 37 – 11 win proved the difference with Moruya winning 70 – 45 and picking up 9 competition points to Tuross's 1.

In Round 5 the Grade 6 played Braidwood at home and again all three sides managed to win their games.

As in round 4 all three games were in the balance at the half way mark before the Tuross sides came home strongly. Lorraine Bird, Peter Macdonald, Bruce Lidbury and Denise Lidbury were all level at 8 all after 12 ends before they had the better of a very tight game to win 19 – 14.

After 10 ends Rose Farrington, Bruce Magilton, Sue Fahey and Marcel Kors were tied up 6 all in a very low scoring game. They then won all but 2 of the last 11 ends to take the game 20 – 10. It was a similar pattern with Doreen Monks, Ben Hewison, Irene Macdonald and Allan Etheredge in their game. After 11 ends they led 12 – 9 but then won 8 of the last 10 ends to record a strong 29 – 14 win!

Tuross collected another 10 competition points with their 68 shots to 38 shots overall win

The Grade 7 had the bye in round 5. This week the Grade 6 side travels to Narooma for a crucial match against the second placed side. Grade 7 are home to Braidwood.



#### Moruya Sharks V Boorowa Rovers CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS

Friday 21st March

Head down to Ack Weyman Oval to watch the Moruya Sharks take on the Boorowa Rovers in the bid to secure the Ack Weyman Memorial Shield.

KICK OFF TIMES

- Women's Legaue Tag 5.00pm
- First Grade 6.15pm

The Canteen, Bar and Merchandise sales will also be available on the day.

THE AFTER PARTY: Follow the crowd back to the Adelaide Hotel Moruya for the Memorial Shield presentation, boat races and live entertainment. A smorgasbord will be available to the public from 8.00pm. Smorgasbord tickets are required, tickets will be available to purchase on the day at the Adelaide Hotel Moruya \$25.00pp. All are welcome to attend

# Representative Honours for Rose Farrington



Tuross Head bowler Rose Farrington has been chosen in the South Eastern side to play in the Inter Regional Championships later in the year. The South East Region stretches from Nowra in the north to Mallacoota in the south and out to Jindabyne in the west. The side was announced following selection trials held in early February. Farrington's selection follows on from her becoming the South East Region's Women's Singles Champion earlier in the year. The Inter Regional Championships will be played from May 24 to the 26 in Sydney. Teams from the 16 Regions in the State compete with the ultimate individual reward being chosen to play in NSW sides. This honour caps of a great season for Farrington and all local bowlers wish her the very best at the Championships!

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