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Council GM quits \$400k a year job after 30 months



Warwick Winn and Stephanie Speedy. Photo ESC

By Phil Herrick

The general manager at Eurobodalla Shire Council, Warwick Winn, has resigned, leaving his job worth around \$400,000 a year after just 30 months.

No reasons have been given for the resignation. Mr Winn has been on leave for at least the past three weeks. Council unanimously accepted his resignation and resolved on the steps now required to fill the position.

Mr Winn started at Eurobodalla Council in September 2022 after resigning from a \$455,000 position at Penrith Council.

A council spokesperson said Mayor Mathew Hatcher thanked Mr Winn “for his exemplary service to the organisation and the community since joining Council in November 2022.”

“Councillors endorsed the appointment of Director of Finance and Corporate Services Stephanie Speedy as acting general manager until an interim general manager is found. The search for a permanent replacement will also start as soon as possible.”

Mr Winn joined Eurobodalla Council in November 2022 and has had a long career in local government including general manager at Penrith, North Sydney and Manningham councils.”

The news came after a special session of council yesterday (Tuesday 18 March). That session closed the longest ever meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire Council. It lasted three weeks, starting on Tuesday 25 February at 12.30pm. General manager Warwick Winn was not in his usual chair at the meeting, with mayor Mat Hatcher explaining he was absent on annual leave.

A confidential item dealing with a staff matter was the last item of business at the meeting on 25 February, and, for reasons not revealed to the public, the item was kept open and the meeting was adjourned, rather than being finally closed.

Council moved back into session to consider the confidential staff matter, that we now know to be Mr Winn’s resignation, at 3pm on Tuesday 18 March, after which the meeting finally closed, three weeks after it began.

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There’s a helluva lot at stake!

Authorised by J Egan, South East Climate Alliance, 8 Dale Place Rosedale NSW

Repurposing for Resilience Solar Reuse Centre reflects on first year



Just short of a year ago, the Repurposing for Resilience Solar Reuse Centre was officially opened at the Moruya Transfer Station. On Friday morning, supporters gathered at the Centre to hear about what the volunteer organisation is up to. This first of its kind initiative has already stopped 2466+ discarded solar panels from an early death in landfill resulting in fiscal savings to the Eurobodalla Shire Council and its constituents of \$24,660 [based on current panel disposal costs]. During this short time, the initiative has changed the way Industry looks at used panels and associated equipment, by assigning them with a real value. Panels are brought to the Centre by Installers and community members and taken through an inspection and testing regime for safety, then performance efficiency benchmarked against original manufacturing specifications. From here they are graded through a reuse or repurposing stream which either makes them available for resale with warranty, or uses them for other practical applications.

As a not-for-profit operation, all sales are invested back into the centre and the free and subsidised services it provides to the community including workshops to upskill.

The Centre has to date assisted over a dozen local households and businesses with solar and storage solutions using this repurposed equipment and over 150 members of the community with free assistance and advice through its volunteer electrical contractors attending on Friday mornings.

“Fridays get together with ESC executives, Councillors, waste and sustainability teams and neighbouring shires, was about more than just a cuppa” said founding member Lisa Cornthwaite. “I think it’s a really overdue opportunity to reflect on the strides we’ve made share our vision for the future and explore ways we can collaborate to amplify and build on our successes.”

“From here we want to find funding for a bespoke Industrial Materials Recovery plant which would serve the entire south coast and close the gap with sustainable waste management in our region” said Lisa.

The small team of volunteers have been busy attending events to fundraise this year and will be catering for Councils Earthhour event this coming Saturday at the Regional Botanical Gardens from the Community Access Solar Power trailer they built.



Fiona Phillips MP has a look around the RfR Centre



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Regrowth – Healing Land and Community exhibition opens



Sofia Eriksson, Curator of Batemans Bay Heritage Museum with the centrepiece quilt by Tracey Stewart called Regeneration 2020.



Batemans Bay Patchwork Quilters' display at the Museum.

An exhibition featuring artefacts, artworks and stories of regeneration, recovery and readiness, opened at the Batemans Bay Museum on Saturday, in conjunction with the Harmony Week celebrations. The 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 do. Regrowth: healing Land and Community is on at the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum runs until June 16.



Batemans Bay Patchwork Quilters' display at the Museum.



Cel Desabella with RFS display at the Batemans Bay Museum



Ken Foster with some of his photographs on display.



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All ages and all cultures celebrated at Diversity Street Party



Ms Aurelia Robinson



Kudapa Na-Ngam.



Ms Geeta Maharj

By John Longhurst

The inaugural Batemans Bay Diversity Street Party at 3 Museum Place, last Sunday has been voted an outstanding success. Well over one hundred people braved the heatwave conditions to enjoy a range of exhibits, a wide variety of foods, colours across the rainbow and multicultural performances of dancing and singing. Aunty Loretta Parsley, a traditional custodian of Walbunja Country who can trace her ancestry back through ten generations from Murramarang to Wallaga Lake gave a moving 'Welcome to Country'. Aunty Loretta said "It was a lovely community event with cultures coming together and celebrating our diversity on Walbunja Country."

Duelling barbeques treated the crowd to traditional sausage sandwiches all the way through to kebabs, chicken satays, chicken feet and pork skewers.

The Eurobodalla Multicultural Group provided multiple tables of foods with a culinary world tour of the full range of cultures represented in the Shire.

Dance routines from around the world and in traditional costumes kept the crowd entertained along with the soulful songs from the Eurocapella Choir.

Ms Geeta Maharj wowed the crowd with her Indian/Fiji dance routine.

Geeta said "I love to dance and celebrate my culture. The Diversity Street Party was the perfect opportunity to perform."

Given the party was a simultaneous celebration of NSW Senior Citizens, Harmony Week and International Women's Day, Ms Aurelia Robinson ticked all three boxes when she celebrated her 80th birthday with a traditional Filipino dance to rousing applause from the crowd.

The inaugural Batemans Bay Diversity Street Party followed discussions mid last year between the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum and Batemans Bay Rotary.

Ms Sofia Eriksson, Curator of Batemans Bay Heritage Museum said "Both the museum and Rotary were keen to share the stories of our migrant community in a novel manner. Our discussions were extended to include Jan Frikken from the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group. It was then extended to include the Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire Council, Mathew Hatcher. With the further co-operation of our neighbouring organisation SEARMS Community Housing, the Diversity Street Party was born to celebrate Harmony Day, NSW Senior Citizens Festival and International Women's Day. The success of the day can be attributed to a true collaborative effort across all four organisations."

Ms Jan Frikken, a spokesperson for the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group thanked all the contributions.

Ms Frikken said "It was a fantastic community effort. Hours upon hours of preparation whether it be rehearsals, food preparation, displays, exhibits and organisation on the day ensured the success of the inaugural Batemans Bay Diversity Street Party. We are hopeful of making it even bigger next year. Congratulations to all involved."



Fiona Phillips MP, Federal Member for Gilmore was an enthusiastic participant.

Fiona said "I was thrilled to join in the Harmony Day Street Party at the Batemans Bay Heritage Museum. There was so much to see with lots of different community groups, displays and of course fabulous food from our wonderful Eurobodalla Multicultural Group. We can be very proud of the diversity in our community and the richness that brings for all of us. The day was also a celebration of our fantastic seniors and women in our community. I could not be more proud of our wonderful community."

Eurobodalla Shire Mayor, Mr Mathew Hatcher was equally effusive. Mathew Hatcher said "It really was a celebration of what this community is about with the new exhibition at the museum, showcasing the rebirth post bushfires. It is great to see a number of community organisations volunteering and combining efforts in a fantastic celebration of harmony."

Why the South Coast (Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley) needs a Local Energy Hub!

It's clear to me that our community needs a Local Energy Hub on the South Coast – a shopfront and on line website that community members can visit, staffed by local experts who can:

- provide trusted information and advice on helping households to reduce cost of living pressures by upgrading the energy efficiency of their homes, and
- financial and technical support to community energy groups to develop business cases so that they can secure available funding for community batteries and community solar farms.

Local community energy group, SHASA have tried unsuccessfully for nearly a decade, to see community scale renewables set up in the Eurobodalla. The South Coast would really benefit from a Local Energy Hub.

A Local Energy Hub would help our community to:

- Take up opportunities for household electrification & energy upgrades, such as rooftop solar, household batteries, electric vehicles and upgrades for cooking and heating systems – so that everyone can benefit from clean energy and reduce their power bills.
- Maximise opportunities for clean energy in agriculture, reducing on-farm power bills.
- Run our own community energy projects, such as mid-scale solar farms, driven and owned by local people, with local benefits, both employment and cheaper electricity

I urge readers to call on our Federal MPs, Fiona Phillips and Kristy McBain, to support a national network of local energy hubs, including one on the South Coast of NSW, to address these issues and help regional communities like ours to participate in and benefit from the energy transition.

Kathryn Maxwell

President

Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA)

Make your own arrangements!" says ESC

Yet again, Araluen Road residents are to suffer the consequences of totally inadequate road maintenance by ESC. On Monday 10th March Araluen Road closed, and will remain closed for up to 3 months due to road rebuilding work, financed by nearly \$5m in Disaster Funding. Publicly, council continues to promote the pretence that the integrity of the road was compromised by the bushfires and subsequent floods.

In truth, these events exacerbated road failures that have been developing and worsening over many years, as any long-term resident will testify. The western half receives only one grade per year, regardless of the condition of the road pavement, blocked gutters/drainage pipes and cracked/crumbling/eroded edges. Residents west of the closure sites (25km, 28km & 31km) will be unable to access Moruya for any reason unless they travel via Araluen, Braidwood (via Majors' Ck Rd due to road closure), Batemans Bay, Moruya – a round trip of approximately 300km. Emergency services will have to come from the Braidwood, well over an hour away. Unlike previous closures, there are no fire trails to provide alternative access. I wrote to council asking what consideration would be given to residents having to access Moruya for work, school, appointments etc.

Council response, "they will need to make their own arrangements" They can, "walk or cycle through the closure with guidance from contractors" I can only imagine my elderly neighbour cycling through a work site. Perhaps those with work commitments could set up camp in the Council Chambers? I am aware that during previous closures, some residents paid for hotel rooms.

And the cherry on the top of council's 'who gives a flying flamingo' cake:

Residents, "MAY arrange their own transport from the other side. Residents have made similar arrangements during past closures."

MAY we? Thanks for your permission!

Note to ESC:

- road closures in recent years have seen an emergence of theft and vandalism from outsiders taking advantage of our situation with law enforcement being a very distant and reluctant deterrent.
- in the past, there were alternative routes via fire trails. This time there isn't!
- at the 2nd landslide site, landowners bulldozed a detour through their own property (for residents only). They were abused, spat at and threatened by outsiders wanting access. Locks were cut, cameras trashed, a home broken into and trespasses found on a bushfire rebuild site.
- there are no secure parking sites near closures.

So no, residents are not prepared to leave vehicles unattended on either side of the closure, unless of course, council is willing to foot the bill for damaged, stolen or vandalised property?

For me personally, (luckily, I'm retired), I will be doing a weekly shop in Braidwood for supplies etc. To attend a medical appointment in early April I will have to go via Braidwood, Batemans Bay to Moruya and back – the same if I wish/need to visit family/friends/events or other appointments etc.

The question must be asked of ESC, has anyone considered the financial, occupational, emotional, social and psychological well-being of Araluen Road residents with this hard road closure, keeping in mind the cumulative impact of past closures which have cost some residents very dearly?

Of course, we must still continue to pay our rates with no compensation for the financial losses we incur or the road we cannot use.

And finally, the jewel in the crown of council correspondence, "We appreciate your understanding." What an absurd presumption!

We do not understand why we must suffer the consequences of what can only be described as, ESC's wilful neglect of Araluen Road – council's only arterial road linking inland to the coast.

Patricia Gardiner, Deua River Valley

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International Women's Day celebrations



Eurobodalla Libraries report “@ Moruya Library we marked #IWD2025 by bringing three inspiring, very different local women together for a panel discussion with the local community. Participants came along to take part in a frank, rich, solutions-focused discussion about the state of gender equality. On the panel were: Retired Army Brigadier, Department of Defence consultant, and local business owner Suzanne (Sue) Melotte, Author and recently-retired teacher Tracey Lee and Author, end-of-life education specialist, and funeral celebrant Shanna Provost. Each shared their perspectives on where we are now, and where we go next. And an engaged and informed audience reflected upon immediate actions they could take to #AccelerateAction on gender equality within their social circles, workplaces, and communities. At Batemans Bay Library award-winning novelist, playwright, and poet Julie Janson, a Burrubberongal woman of the Darug Aboriginal nation, spoke about her latest book, *Compassion* (2024), a gripping tale of anti-colonial revenge and adventure exploring the complex lives of Aboriginal women in the 1800s.”

Brown Mt repairs receive \$1.6 million funding

The Albanese and Minns Labor Governments are investing a further \$1.6 million to support repairs on one of two remaining landslip sites on the Snowy Mountains Highway at Brown Mountain.

This work follows seven of the nine landslip sites already repaired – with over \$8.6 million in joint disaster funding now committed to Brown Mountain repairs by the federal and state Labor governments since being elected.

This exceeds the \$4.06 million spent by the Liberal NSW state and Liberal federal governments between 2015 and 2022 – because Labor is serious about getting on with these critical repair works, and making this route more reliable for the thousands of motorists that use it every day. Repair work will start at the next landslip site today, and is expected to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting. Transport for NSW has appointed Piling & Concreting Australia (PCA) to carry out the work. PCA worked at two of the sites completed last year.

The work will involve installing soil nails to add strength to the slope before mesh and spray-on concrete are applied to help prevent erosion. A 300-metre section of road will be reduced to a single lane for the duration of the work with temporary barriers and traffic lights in place to manage traffic flow – with a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h to be implemented.

Existing traffic lights at the last landslip site to be repaired will also remain in place – with planning underway for this site, and work expected to begin later this year.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, follow the directions of signs and traffic control, and allow an additional five minutes’ travel time.

Member for Eden Monaro, Kristy McBain said : “As someone that drives up and down Brown Mountain several times a week, I know how frustrating the continual landslips, rockfalls and delays are – which is why we’re getting on with this important repair work.

“It’s critical that we improve the reliability of Brown Mountain, and that’s what I’m delivering.”

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Meet your match: Speed dating for employers and job seekers



Eurobodalla Council's Employment Revolution team Karen McLellan, Rhonnie South and Amy Kovacs will host a Community Services Jobs Drive in Moruya on Tuesday 25 March.

Job seekers and employers will get the chance to mingle at a Community Services Jobs Drive in Moruya on Tuesday 25 March.

"Think of it as 'speed hiring'," says Council's employment projects officer, Amy Kovacs.

"Instead of the usual drawn-out application process, job seekers can make an impression with potential employers and apply for positions on the spot."

An initiative of Eurobodalla Council's Employment Revolution project, the Jobs Drive will bring together 19 local employers from the health and community services sector who collectively have more than 100 job vacancies in the areas of aged care, hospitality, home care, housekeeping, entry level domestic care assistance and support work.

Ms Kovacs said the event would help demystify the job application process for job seekers.

"Applying for health sector jobs can be daunting. The Jobs Drive will help remove barriers for those who feel unqualified or intimidated."

Ms Kovacs said the Jobs Drive is a big win for local employers too.

"We want to help simplify and speed up the recruitment process. Employers with vacancies get to meet applicants directly and see if they're the right fit."

"Whether you're seeking part-time, casual, full-time, entry-level, or specialised work, come along – qualifications aren't required."

The Jobs Drive will be held at the Moruya Memorial RSL Hall, 11 Page Street, Moruya, on Tuesday 25 March from 10am to 12pm.

For more information about Council's Employment Revolution visit

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/community/community-and-family-services/the-job-shop> or phone Employment Revolution project officer Amy Kovacs on 4474 7380.

FRRR seeks representatives for three advisory committees

FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) is currently seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people from remote, rural and regional Australia to sit on one of three bodies that advise the FRRR Board.

Two of the three are Program Advisory Committees seeking to refresh their membership and expand representation, while the third is a completely new Outback Advisory Board.

Natalie Egleton, FRRR CEO, said that each of these bodies plays a critical role in the effective governance of the nearly \$20 million that the Foundation, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, awards annually.

"While our staff do very thorough and detailed initial assessments of applications, for the most part it is the Program Advisory Committees that recommend where our scarce funds are allocated. To ensure that we are directing grants where they are needed most, we have Program Advisory Committees comprising people with relevant lived experience sitting alongside FRRR Directors and our donor partners. Their insights and knowledge of the subject matter are critical to our decisions.

"Right now, we are seeking people with experience or interest in mental health and community wellbeing to join our In a Good Place Program Advisory Committee, and people with experience in climate and energy transitions to join our Community Led Climate Solutions advisory committee," Ms Egleton explained.

FRRR is also establishing an Outback Advisory Board, whose remit will be to advise the Board more broadly on issues and opportunities in remote and outback Australia.

"We have supported remote, rural and regional Australia for more than 25 years and it's become apparent that remote, very remote and outback Australia has specific challenges and needs. To ensure that our granting and capacity building support, and our advocacy, fully reflect this uniqueness, the Board has decided to appoint and Outback Advisory Board. Its remit will be to bring a national perspective, as well as local knowledge, to our granting programs, as well as to our advocacy activities, such as submissions to Senate inquiries and the development of policy and issues papers," Ms Egleton explained.

Detailed role descriptions, as well as Expression of Interest Forms are available on the Work With Us page on FRRR's website. EOIs close 5pm AEDT on Friday 11 April 2025.

Note, these roles are voluntary, but FRRR aims to have a diversity in membership, so the Foundation will consider supporting successful applicants to address barriers to participation in these primarily virtual meetings.

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Coalition commits to delivering on-water facility for Narooma Marine Rescue



An elected Dutton Coalition Government has committed to delivering an on-water facility for Narooma Marine Rescue. **Liberal Candidate for Eden-Monaro, Jo van der Plaats**, said this \$940,000 commitment for an on-water facility will be crucial for ensuring Narooma Marine Rescue's lifesaving and training capabilities.

"Marine Rescue is on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Mrs van der Plaats said.

"Our boating community can be confident that when they call for help, a professionally trained and equipped crew will be on deck to assist.

"This funding commitment, to be delivered by an elected Dutton Coalition Government, will mean faster response times and an improved rescue service, at Narooma, for mariners in distress.

"These upgrades will provide shelter, changerooms, standby facilities and importantly, space for recuperation and debrief or counselling, following a rescue.

"I want to thank everyone in our community who has helped me deliver this vital commitment for an on-water facility at Narooma Marine Rescue," Mrs van der Plaats concluded.

Senator for New South Wales, Dave Sharma, said that only by investing in Marine Rescue facilities, such as those committed to in Narooma, can we improve safety on our rivers, inlets and seas.

"We know that emergency and rescue services are critical for towns like Narooma and commitments such as today's announcement will lead to improved water safety and community wellbeing outcomes," said Senator Sharma.

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A Transport for NSW spokesperson said the workshop would provide useful advice for all caravan owners and finish with a question-and-answer session.

“Driving and towing educators, Tow-Ed, will deliver the content including information on safe towing, weight limits and electronic braking systems,” the spokesperson said.

“The virtual workshop is designed to take some of the stress and confusion out of towing, especially for people who are new to caravanning.

“Tow-Ed will explain many of the abbreviations associated with caravanning and towing such as ATM, GVM and GCM, including what they are and how weights are calculated.

“The virtual workshop will focus on caravans but the information being delivered could also apply to towing boats, horse floats and car trailers.”

As caravanning grows in popularity, so does the need to ensure caravans are operating safely.

“There have been many recorded crashes involving towed caravans on NSW roads. To lower your risk of being involved in a crash, the virtual workshop will offer advice on how to load and weigh your caravan and drive safely while towing one.

“Non-compliances will most likely affect your caravan insurance cover and if you don’t comply with safe loading laws, you risk being fined.”

The virtual safety workshop will feature a one-hour presentation followed by a half-hour question-and-answer session.

To register for the workshop, go to nswroads.work/caravantowingsafety.

More information on safe caravanning is available [here](#).

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It's Back to the Future at The Adelaide



Plans are with council for a drive through bottle shop and motel rooms at the Adelaide Hotel.

By Phil Herrick

It's back to the future at Moruya's Adelaide Hotel if plans for \$1.2 million extensions are approved by the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Coming back will be a drive through bottle shop and 14 motel rooms on the top floor.

Many in Moruya will remember the days when publicans Bert Farnsworth and Bob Simpson worked the taps during the '80s and a drive through bottle shop was at the carpark end of the building while the top storey had a generous veranda and a bunch of simple rooms. That all changed when the Connaughton family took over and updated, renovated and modernised the building. The drive through and accommodation all went.

The new plans will see the building extended towards the carpark from the beer garden with the drive through at ground level and new rooms above.

After many years of sitting idle, the top floor restaurant area built by the Connaughtons will go and the whole floor will become motel style accommodation with an ensuite in each room. No more walking down the hall to the communal showers and toilets.

A new gambling area for pokies is also planned.

Also likely to change is the exterior paintwork, with plans showing a change from today's cream to a charcoal grey colour.

The pub has seen many changes over the years, even immortalised in song by local lad Josh Cunningham of the Waifs in his song about Moruya, "Since I've Been Around".

*"I stopped on by her place,
Years ago I knew her well
Let's go drink to old times
At the Adelaide Hotel
She said it's twenty years now
Since they shut that old pub down
Been so long, since I've been around."*

To his endless embarrassment when the Waifs play locally, Josh is always raucously corrected by the crowd and invited to come down for a drink at the still operating and possibly expanding Adelaide Hotel.



The Adelaide Hotel in the early 1980s, when Bert Farnsworth poured the drinks, the beer garden was grass, the drive through bottle shop was open and you could get a room upstairs.

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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](#)

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.

'Food for Thought' long table lunch

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.

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Help shape the future of Cuttagee Bridge



Bega Valley Shire Council has engaged the services of GHD, a leading engineering and consulting firm, to partner with Council in delivering the Cuttagee Bridge Renewal project. An essential component of their work will be undertaking and delivering stakeholder engagement and consultation activities. GHD will bring their expertise in community engagement and infrastructure projects to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive consultation process regarding the three design options agreed between Transport for New South Wales and Bega Valley Council.

The Cuttagee Bridge is nearing the end of its practical life and is subject to weight and speed restrictions due to the deteriorating condition of its ageing timbers. Council is committed to ensuring the safety and functionality of this vital infrastructure and is seeking community input to help guide the decision-making process.

The community engagement program ensures robust and meaningful consultation with the community and key stakeholders to guide decision making by both designers and Councillors, ensuring a productive working relationship with all interested and affected stakeholders.

Council has listened to concerns about the need to recognise the bridge's history and will work with the community to develop the appropriate design for future needs within the constraints of the funding deed.

The project engagement program includes three phases – Plan, Engage and Refine.

The first 'Plan' phase is a crucial step in the consultation process. It involves a Have Your Say short survey to gather pre-concept design and methodology information. While much of this has already been documented over previous years, this phase is the first step in the latest consultation process and aims to gather broad community feedback on various aspects of the bridge renewal project including design, construction and the effects on users with what will be a major disruption to the road network.

The second 'Engage' phase will consolidate all feedback and insights gathered from the survey and is essential in shaping the development of the concept design options. It will reflect the diverse perspectives of the community and ensure that the concept design options are reflective of the whole community's needs and preferences.

The third 'Refine' phase will see three bridge concept designs developed and placed on public exhibition, enabling the wider community to make any further comment. The detailed feedback received through this round of engagement will be used to inform Council as it decides on the preferred option to progress to detailed design and construction.

Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick emphasised the importance of community involvement.

"We are engaging the community to help shape the design options based on their needs and ideas. We aim to raise awareness about the project, explain its purpose and benefits, and discuss any potential impacts through clear communication.

"We want to hear from a wide range of community members to ensure everyone has a voice in the planning process.

"Building strong relationships is important, so we will maintain open communication and address community concerns. The feedback we gather will directly influence key design elements.

"This feedback will help Council understand the community's needs and concerns, ensuring the new bridge meets the needs and expectations of residents and road users," Mayor Fitzpatrick said.

"We have heard the community's concerns about recognising and respecting the bridge's heritage and history while meeting modern safety and functionality standards."

The Cuttagee Bridge, located on the Tathra Bermagui Road is a crucial road link between Barragga and Bermagui, providing access to the Sapphire Coast.

It serves as an important bitumen-sealed alternative access to the Princes Highway, offering emergency services access to an increasing residential rural population.

"The road also forms an integral part of the tourist facility of this coastal shire, providing access to the popular Mimosa Rocks National Park," Mayor Fitzpatrick said.

Cuttagee Bridge was designed by the NSW Public Works Department in 1892. The bridge has been extended twice in response to shifting sands and suffered major flood damage in 1934 and again in 1974 and has been rebuilt and heavily modified from its original design.

In early 2024, Bega Valley Shire endorsed a plan to secure a long-term future for Cuttagee Bridge by formally accepting a \$15 million grant from the NSW Government's Regional Roads Fund to replace the existing bridge. The grant is intended to provide resilient, safe and high-quality road infrastructure and was gratefully accepted by Council.

Tenders for the lead design consultant recently closed and Council anticipates awarding this contract in April.

For information on the Cuttagee Bridge renewal project and to complete the survey, please visit [Council's website](#).

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



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Cranes working at the quarry face

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The Eurobodalla Shire has received a special grant of £150 for a new road through Pompey Point. The work will be commenced as soon as the survey has been completed.

The need of a tinsmith in Moruya has been long felt, but the want has now been supplied, through Mr. Squires opening up a business of this kind near Mr. Wallace's office in Vulcan St.

John Ward, the local skin buyer, wishes to bring to the notice of all rabbit trappers that during this hot weather an immense amount of damage is done by keeping dry skins tied in bundles or in bags. Skins thus kept soon go greasy, and lose weight, and greasy skins are of little value at present. When the skins are taken off the bow they should be threaded on a wire or a tape so as to allow free passage of air between them.

The I.S.N. Co's steamer Narani is expected in on tomorrow (Saturday) morning's tide with another load of 120 tons of machinery for Dorman, Long's quarry at Pompey Point.

There passed away at her residence "**Balmoral Villa,**" **Moruya**, on Thursday, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, in the person of Mrs. Mary Davis, wife of Mr. William Davis. ... The deceased came to Australia about 37 years ago and lived for some time in Moruya before taking up her residence in Bega, in which town she lived for some 16 years. When Pompey quarry opened here Mrs. Davis came with her husband, who is a stone mason, and settled at Mullenderree. She was taken suddenly ill on Monday and passed away early on Thursday morning. She is survived by a family of six – Cecil, schoolmaster at Nethercote, Peter at Hawkesbury, Maud and Ethel at Sydney, Muriel and Eric at Moruya.

Mr. Thomas Taylor, of Narooma, and formerly a member of the Eurobodalla Shire Council, who went to Bega to undergo an operation, died in the hospital there on Wednesday aged 77.

At the Dorman, Long quarry the ground is now being prepared for the erection of a steel building 150 feet long. This will be utilised for turning out the finished product. Water is "raced" through 2½ and 3in. pipes from the vicinity of Cameron's swamp to the quarry – about a mile distant, while motor pumps are used to convey the water to various sections on the face. The cranes at present in use are a 7-ton Derrick, with smaller ones of 3½ ton and 30 cwt. Pile-driving for the big wharf is being carried out by the Dredge Anteon, and the diver descends into the depths with his material for preparing the foundation. In all, 95 men are at present employed, and Mr. Gilmore, the manager, stated that in a short time that number would be very much increased.

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A Beer with Bazz #184

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Bazza's mind clicked through the decades as he read the handwritten address on the envelope before sliding a beer across to Mick.

"Sorry about the wait, Mick. Someone has sent me a letter addressed 'Care of the The Pub, Bodalla. NSW.' I had to explain to the young bar attendant what a letter is and half an hour on why it needs a stamp. You know, Mick, without even opening it, I bet it is a letter from someone I went to primary school with. We had a teacher who was so bloody strict with handwriting that we all ended up writing in the same style. We had slope cards behind each page and practised each letter for ages before we were even allowed to join them up into words. She would give you a good whack across the knuckles if you strayed outside the lines on the slope card. Getting a pen licence was hard work in those days."

Mick sighed "The fact it is addressed to the pub is a worry to start with, Bazza. Just open the bloody letter."

"Ah.....there you go, a fifty year primary school reunion, Mick."

Mick stepped back and eyed Bazza from head to toe and shook his head numerous times.

"Now Bazza, I don't want to offend you but here is a bit of work you need to do on yourself before you even think of going."

Bazza leaned back and creased his eyes.

"You should either dye your hair or shave it completely, to keep them guessing. You really need to take a mini lawn mower to the monobrow and the hair sprouting from your nose and ears and I've been wanting to pluck that little outcrop growing out of the mole on your face for years. I would think about investing in some contact lenses as your glasses resemble the bottoms of old Coca Cola bottles. I don't think there is much time to do anything with your nose; it's just been in too many scrums, but the false teeth could do with a good polish."

"All a bit rough, Mick. I'm now pleased the wife's eyesight is on the decline."

"You are better off hearing it from me rather than your primary school sweetheart, Bazza. By gee, you need to drop a fair few kilos though. But there is some good news."

Bazza straightened his back and breathed in to reduce his girth while Mick smiled and raised his glass.

"The good news is your choice of clothes. You can pretty much go as you are, as your fashion sense hasn't changed since the 1970's...Now, on the night, I suggest your drink of choice should be a top shelf scotch to let everyone know you are a success. It's also important to have a mobile phone with you as well and get someone to ring you every fifteen minutes so that you have an excuse to move on from someone who is boring you and to send a signal to all that you are extremely important in your chosen field."

Bazza took a very long sip and a deep breath.

"All sounds a bit too much, Mick, given the only reason I would want to go, is to find out about my Love Actually moment. In the movie the beautiful girl points to the twelve year old boy whilst singing 'All I Want is You'. When I had a very bit part in our school production of 'My Fair Lady', the star of the musical asked me to hold the water bubbler for her before she went on stage. Now, I've always wondered whether she actually chose me amongst the six other boys, or whether it was because I was standing next to her."

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Southern NSW Local Health District a top performer in latest healthcare quarterly report

Southern NSW Local Health District is among the state's top performers for emergency department and planned surgery performance, despite treating a high number of critically unwell patients during the October to December 2024 quarter.

SNSWLHD Chief Executive Margaret Bennett praised the efforts of staff in providing high quality care to patients during the early summer period.

"This latest Bureau of Health Information Healthcare Quarterly report for October to December 2024 shows our District was among the state's top performers for key ED indicators including the percentage of patients starting their treatment on time, leaving the ED within four hours, time to transfer care from ambulance to hospital staff, and planned surgery wait times," Ms Bennett said.

"I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff members, as these impressive results are a testament to their hard work."

The District performed 1,287 planned surgeries during the last quarter of 2024, an increase of 4.3 per cent compared to the same quarter in 2023.

SNSWLHD had one of the best results in the state for the percentage of planned surgeries performed on time, with almost all patients, or 99.8 per cent, receiving their planned surgery on time. This includes 99.5 per cent of urgent planned surgeries, 99.8 per cent of semi-urgent planned surgeries, and 100 per cent of non-urgent surgeries performed on time.

During October to December 2024, there were more than 30,000 presentations to EDs across SNSWLHD. Of these there were 3,980 by patients with an imminently life-threatening condition (emergency or triage category 2), an increase of 5.6 per cent compared to the same quarter in 2023.

There were also 10,778 patients presenting with potentially life-threatening conditions (urgent or triage category 3), an 8.4 per cent increase when compared with the same quarter in 2023.

All patients are seen and triaged on arrival at the ED and, as always, the most seriously unwell patients are treated first. During busy times, people with less urgent conditions will experience longer wait times when there are large numbers of seriously unwell patients being prioritised for emergency care.

Despite the high demand, more than seven in 10 patients (76.5 per cent) started their treatment on time, which is better than the NSW average (65.3 per cent). The majority of patients (72 per cent) also left the ED within four hours of arriving, also better than the NSW average (56.6 per cent).

Almost all patients (95.1 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark time, which is well above the NSW average (83.4 per cent). "Our staff have implemented a range of improvement strategies over the past 12-18 months to achieve these impressive results," Ms Bennett said.

"Strategies include daily huddles across all facilities, ongoing ED education programs to strengthen nursing triage protocols, regular reviews of clerical processes and systems, as well as management of discharges and delays. "The most important outcome of this work is that patients in Southern NSW are given the very best care, as quickly as possible."

SNSWLHD continues to remind everyone to support us by saving emergency departments and ambulances for saving lives. If an illness or injury is not serious or life-threatening, we encourage people to call Healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222, for 24-hour telephone health advice.

INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL RESULTS

At **Batemans Bay District Hospital** there were 3,018 ED attendances between October to December 2024. The majority of patients (81.3 per cent) started treatment on time, which is better than the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (76.5 per cent). Almost all patients (97.4 per cent) were transferred from paramedics to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark. Batemans Bay District Hospital performed 92 planned surgery procedures during the quarter. All planned surgeries (100 per cent) were performed on time.

At **Moruya District Hospital** there were 3,485 ED attendances during the October to December 2024 quarter. More than seven in 10 patients (73 per cent) started their treatment on time, which is in line with the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (76.5 per cent). Almost all patients (96.5 per cent) were transferred from paramedics to the ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark. Moruya District Hospital performed 163 planned surgeries during the quarter, and almost all (98.7 per cent) were performed on time.

At **Goulburn Base Hospital** there were 5,824 ED attendances during the quarter. More than nine in 10 patients (90.3 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark time, which is almost in line with the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (90.9 per cent). During the October to December 2024 quarter, 358 planned surgeries were performed and all (100 per cent) were performed on time.

At **Cooma Hospital** there were 2,737 ED attendances during the quarter. More than nine in 10 patients (93.5 per cent) started treatment on time, which is well above the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (76.5 per cent). Almost all patients (99.7 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark, which is also better than the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (95.4 per cent). The majority of patients (82.2 per cent) left the ED within four hours, which is in line with the average for comparable hospitals in NSW (77.7 per cent). There were 47 planned surgery procedures performed during the October to December 2024 quarter and all (100 per cent) were performed on time.

At **Queanbeyan Hospital** there were 6,832 ED attendances during the October to December 2024 quarter. More than eight in 10 patients (80.6 per cent) started treatment on time, which is better than the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (76.5 per cent). More than eight in 10 patients (81.6 per cent) left the ED within four hours of arriving – also better than the average for comparable hospitals in NSW (77.7 per cent). Almost all patients (98.3 per cent) were transferred from ambulance to ED staff within the 30-minute benchmark, also better than the average for hospitals of a similar size in NSW (95.4 per cent). There were 212 planned surgery procedures performed during the October to December 2024 quarter and all (100 per cent) were performed on time.

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Soundcheck for survival: Regional live music venues burnt out by industry struggles

Small live music venue operators across regional Australia face personal and financial strain as they work to keep their doors open and sustain thriving music cultures in their communities. A study by the University of South Australia has found that regional live music venue operators are experiencing stress and burnout as they face challenges with audience access and fairly paying performing artists.

It's estimated that in the four years since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, Australia has lost more than 1300 live music venues and stages due to a steep increase in public liability costs and rising rent and energy prices.

This is coupled with the current cost-of-living crisis that has severely impacted venues' bottom line and altered the spending habits of audiences, slowing both ticket and bar sales.

While there has been high-profile media attention recently about the closure of several metropolitan venues, less attention is paid to small live music venues in country towns.

Researcher Dr Rosie Roberts, along with Dr Sam Whiting of RMIT University, interviewed almost a dozen venue operators from regional South Australia in 2020-21 as part of a larger research project that informed the State Government's Live Music Support Package. Dr Roberts, a member of UniSA's Creative People, Products and Places Research Centre, says live music venues in regional areas often involve high levels of volunteer labour, investing a lot of time for little financial gain.

"Many venue operators are undertaking a significant amount of the labour that's involved for free, because they're driven by a desire to develop and sustain a music culture in their region," she says. "The people we interviewed often described feelings of burnout and exhaustion and said they were the last to get paid, if paid at all, once they had ensured that the musicians were appropriately compensated.

"This can produce a churning cycle of music events which is difficult to sustain as operators become tired and need to step away. It's very difficult to keep operations going in the medium to long term and this can fracture the development of regional music and produce short-term pockets of activity."

Regional venues face unique challenges due to the smaller resident populations which then limit the size of bands playing, the frequency of shows and the amount that can be paid to musicians. The costs associated with travel and transport are also an issue.

While regulatory issues such as licensing and noise are often the main challenges for city-based live music venues, the issues faced by regional areas are different, Dr Roberts says.

"Regional venues face issues with accessibility and affordability of high-quality acts that attract audiences, as well as encouraging audiences to regularly attend and spend the money required to sustain such gigs, especially in the context of rising cost of living pressures," she says.

The research study found that despite having different needs to metropolitan venues, regional venue operators often experience a lack of a voice in decision making around music policy.

Dr Roberts says solutions could include localised approaches such as continued town or regional art strategies, music feedback forums that connect city-based policy makers with regional stakeholders and the development of a regional live music policy. She also suggests the appointment of regional live music officers, and dedicated funding schemes for small and medium sized venues in regional areas.

"Regional live music venues perform a critical function for their communities because they provide spaces of sociality, belonging, education and skill development, so it's important we provide a healthy and sustainable live music scene for our regional centres and towns." Dr Roberts says.

"Small live music venues are where emerging musicians first engage in music making, yet they also continue their connection with the regions throughout their lives. This makes them vital to an artist's development both creatively and professionally."

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Steve Martin	Tathra Beach Bowlo (7.30pm)
Poppy	Club Catalina (7.30pm)
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Cass McGufficke	Tilba Valley Winery 12 noon
Ziggy Alberts	Tilba Valley Winery 6pm (Ticketed Gig)
Tom Henry	Steampacket Hotel 5pm

Sunday 23rd March

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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.



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Full house at best selling author talks

By John Longhurst

It was standing room only at the regular 'Author Talk' sessions at Narooma and Batemans Bay Libraries last Monday to listen to best selling author, Nicole Alexander, promote her latest work 'The Limestone Road'.

Nicole read from her historical fiction and answered questions in a wide ranging and well researched interview by library staff, Janelle Smith and Kathryn McCarthy before taking audience questions.

As a fourth-generation grazier, Nicole draws heavily on her families long tenure with the land (1893-2020) north-west of Moree in her writing.

Her debut novel 'The Bark Cutters' was shortlisted for an Australian Book Industry Award and in 2012 she was named Barton Woman of the Year (NSW Woman of the Year Awards) for services to literature, the promotion of outback Australia and for providing a strong role model for female rural professionals.

Compelling narratives, vivid landscapes and intricate research are the hallmarks of Nicole Alexander's best selling historical novels. Extensive research underpins her writing. She has walked parts of the Strzelecki Desert, roamed Kakadu National Park tracing the steps of the famous frontiersman and buffalo hunter, Carl Warburton.

'Limestone Road' is set in the summer of 1944 with the returning soldiers Canning Christie and his father, Michael arriving in South Australia from the deserts of North Africa. Canning carries the trauma of war and a fractured memory of a terrible event; while Michael resumes his womanising ways, intent on concealing his own secret wound.

The historical fiction novel is a stirring narrative about one soldier's courageous journey 'home'. It is a story of resilience, love, and the enduring power of dreams, expertly interwoven with historical detail and emotional depth. It is a novel that will resonate long after reading.

'Limestone Road' is available at Moruya Books.

*Acknowledge: This article draws heavily on the writing and research conducted by Janelle Smith and Kathryn McCarthy of the Eurobodalla Libraries.



Nicole Alexander

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What's On in the Arts

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

Exhibition: A View from my Easel - Batemans Bay

At Bay Pavilions, 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay

Wednesday 2 April to Sunday 27 April Cost: free

Join multi-award-winning artists Lyn Woolridge and Eric Strachan for their first joint exhibition, A View From My Easel. This exhibition features landscapes and seascapes inspired by their deep love for the natural world, particularly the stunning Eurobodalla region with its beautiful coastline and bushland. Strachan invites you to share in the joy he experiences while painting on-site, capturing scenes from his travels around the world in various mediums. Woolridge, renowned for her pastel paintings, beautifully depicts the changing moods of the sea and the interplay of light on water and wet sand.

Takayna film screening

Takayna film screening at 6pm on March 28 at the National Theatre in Braidwood. The film will last for 45 minutes and will be followed by a panel discussion with Joslyn van der Moolen, co-founder of Friends of the Forest (Mogo) and Deb Saunders from ANU, who has a special interest in the Swift Parrot. Braidwood Greens are facilitating the event but all proceeds will go to the Bob Brown Foundation and I am hoping that in addition to the speakers, Emma Goward, Greens candidate for Eden-Monaro, will be in attendance for introduction to attendees.

Tickets: <https://takayna.org/screening/braidwood-screening/>

From the Forest: Art exhibition - Batemans Bay

Saturday 12 April to Sunday 27 April 2025 9am - 4pm

Where : Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Road, Batemans Bay Venue: Banksia Room Cost: Free Join us for a captivating display of artwork that celebrates the resilience, beauty, and bounty of our magnificent south coast forests.

'From the Forest' art exhibition will showcase over 120 artistic works created by 23 of our region's talented artists. Paintings, photographs, ceramics, fabric, and sculptures will be on display, and for sale. Come along and support our local artists, the botanic garden, and the forests.

Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir 30 March 5pm

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Saturday 22nd March, 2025
9am -12pm

Riverside Park

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Contact our Unit Commander
Emily- 0411 346 370

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Tuross Moruya

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BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch - \$3.00
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The Easter Mini Market will be promoted on the Club Tuross website and Facebook pages plus local retail and media outlets.

It's a great opportunity to sell your products to visitors and tourists during the Easter holidays. Funds raised support the Tuross Head Bowling Club to attract more visiting bowlers to Tuross.

TO BOOK A STALL OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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Animal Welfare League News

AWL Eurobodalla has 34 cats and kittens in care, so for anyone looking for a feline friend, this is the place to come! Here are some of our lovely felines looking for homes:

Beauty is a small and very pretty silver tabby who came to us because her owner is going overseas. Beauty is ten years old but still playful. She's very easy going, well behaved and happy to chill and enjoy life with her human, inside or out. Beauty is a sweetheart who is a little shy at first but once she's settled in, she's very affectionate. Beauty would do best in a home with no other cats, where she can be your constant companion.

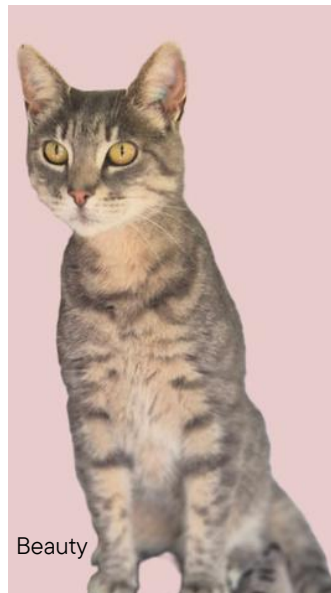
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Newt is a four month old tabby girl who's tiny in size but has a big personality and heart! She will be your dog's new best friend and the perfect little queen for your castle. Newt ADORES dogs, loves cats, and will shower you with affection. Sweet but sassy, Newt is ready to have someone to love and hopefully a dog to love and snuggle with too!

All AWL pets come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and flea, tick and worm treated. If you would like to meet Beauty, Hicks, Newt or any of our animals for adoption, call us on 0410016612.

ALSO, a reminder that March is FELINE DESEXING MONTH. We are offering financial help to anyone needing to have their cat or kitten desexed. Just book your pet into the Eurobodalla vet of your choice, and call us on 0436816718 to arrange your discount voucher.

AND don't forget, AWL will be at Petstock Batemans Bay on Saturday 22 March, with some of our animals available for adoption, celebrating National Pet Adoption Month. Come along, say hello, and meet some of our adorable animals looking for a home. You may meet the love of your life!



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20 TH MARCH – 26 TH MARCH	THURS 20 TH	FRI 21 ST	SAT 22 ND	SUN 23 RD	MON 24 TH	TUES 25 TH	WED 26 TH
DISNEY'S SNOW WHITE PG, 1H 49M, FANTASY	1.30pm 6pm	1.30pm 6pm	11am 5.05pm	11am 5.20pm*		1.30pm 6pm	1.30pm 6pm
THE RULE OF JENNY PENN MA 15+, 1H 45M, THRILLER/PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR	3.30pm*	12.05pm* 6.35pm*	12.40pm* 5.20pm*	12.40pm*		12.05pm* 6.35pm*	12.05pm* 6.35pm*
BLACK BAG M, 1H 33M, SPY THRILLER	1.40pm* 5.35pm*	11.30am 4.45pm*	3.10pm 7.25pm*	3.10pm		11.30am 4.45pm*	11.30am 4.45pm*
SPIT M, 1H 41M, AUS COMEDY/CRIME	3.45pm	3.45pm	10.40am*	10.40am*		3.45pm	3.45pm
MICKEY 17 (LAST WEEK) M, 2H 17M, ADVENTURE/DARK COMEDY		2.10pm*	2.45pm*	2.45pm*		2.10pm*	2.10pm*
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ANORA MA15+ 138 MIN	3:40 PM					3:40 PM	
 BLACK BAG - Cate Blanchett M 93 MIN	1:15 PM 6:00 PM	1:15 PM 6:00 PM	1:15 PM 6:00 PM	1:30 PM		1:15 PM 6:00 PM	1:15 PM 6:00 PM
BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY M 125 MIN	11:15 AM 3:35 PM	11:15 AM 3:35 PM	11:05 AM 5:00 PM	3:05 PM		11:15 AM 3:35 PM	11:15 AM 3:35 PM
CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD M 118 MIN	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	11:15 AM		3:05 PM	3:05 PM
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MICKEY 17 M 137 MIN	1:05 PM	4:00 PM	1:30 PM	1:20 PM		1:05 PM	4:00 PM
 SPIT - David Wenham M 102 MIN	11:15 AM 5:20 PM 6:15 PM	11:15 AM 5:20 PM 6:35 PM	11:15 AM 5:20 PM 7:25 PM	11:20 AM 3:20 PM		11:15 AM 5:20 PM 6:15 PM	11:15 AM 5:20 PM 6:35 PM
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 PG | 1hr 49min
 ~ Family ~ Adventure ~
 "Disney's Snow White"
 Is a live-action musical reimagining of the classic 1937 film. The magical music adventure journeys back to the timeless story with beloved characters Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezzy.



SPIT M | 1hr 42min
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 Spitter finds himself locked up in a detention centre upon his return to Australia. With old enemies on his tail and a target on his back, he navigates a series of comedic misadventures, sharing with his fellow detainees the meaning of mateship and what it is to be truly Australian.



**BRIDGET JONES:
 MAD ABOUT THE BOY**
 M | 2hrs 5min ~ Comedy ~ Drama
 Renée Zellweger & Hugh Grant Widowed for four years, Bridget Jones raises her children while supported by friends.



BLACK BAG
 M | 1hr 33min ~ Thriller ~
 From Academy Award® winning director Steven Soderbergh, **BLACK BAG** is a high-stakes mystery starring Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender.



LOCKED - Anthony Hopkins
 MA | 1hr 35min ~ Horror ~ Thriller ~
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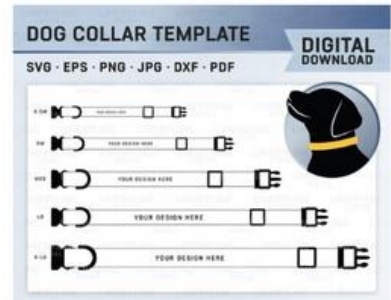
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- 17-23rd Mar **Harmony Week**
- 21st Mar **International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination**
- 2 - 3 May 2025 **Narooma Oyster Festival**
- 20 June to 20 July **Fungi Festival**
- 15 - 17 Aug 2025 **80th Anniversary - VP Day in Moruya**
- 26 Sept - 6 Oct 2025 - **River of Art Festival**
- 22-26 October 2025 - **Sea Otter Australia MTB Event**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**

Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday 6th April 2025. The clocks turn back at 3am to 2am

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!

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

When: Tuesday 25th March 2025 Where: Mackillop Family Services,

5/1 Clyde Street Batemans Bay Times: Between 9:30am to 2pm

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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.

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.

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 training@wires.org.au for further info. www.facebook.com/WIRES.wildlife.rescue www.wires.org.au

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-and-family-services/end-of-life-support-services




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Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary
If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm
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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



There were 36 social bowlers on a warm and windy day to keep us on our toes. We'll done to our Grade 1 Pennant team who reached the Quarter Final in State Play-offs in Figtree.(photo) missing Gay & Rae. Sue Beavan thanked all the supporters who came to cheer them on also to Robyn Butcher who was team manager for the fantastic job she did in this position. Congratulations to Cabramatta Bullants who were the Grade 1 State winners four years in a row and especially to our Club Manager Mia who bowled in this team.

Winners on Rink 5, Patricia Weekes and Sue Morgan. (Photo). Runners-up Rink 4, Tricia Wheeler, Judy Davis and Kim Giannasca. Third, Raija Johnston and Gwen Ware. Lucky Losers Rink 4, Bev McKague, Di Wotherspoon and Michelle Weekes. Money Club, 36 Judy Armstrong, 6 Judy Davis

Moruya Ladies Golf

A field of 23 ladies took to the Moruya Golf Club fairways this week playing a Stableford with the 1st Round of the Shirley Noy trophy in conjunction. In what were very humid conditions Jenny Ellis managed to secure the win with 36 points followed by Angie McMillan with 35 points. Balls went to Sharon Knight, Shirley Noy, Vicki Goodwin, Jan Lumsden, Arthean McBride and Pauline Nash. Nearest the Pins were won by Noelene Cowdroy and Val Moore.

Pic: Winner Jenny Ellis >



Moruya Ladies Golf

A smaller field played a Stableford event this week at Moruya Ladies Golf, with many lady members playing in the FSC&TGA Annual 3 day Tournament at Tura Beach. The winner was Jan Lumsden with 33 points. Balls went to Shirley Noy and Cindy Becker".

Pic: Jan Lumsden

Pic: Winner Jenny Ellis >



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Brad Doolan with President Bruce Harding.



Winner: Craig Duncan with President Bruce Harding



Winners: Teri Swanbury, Lynette McDonnell and Jane Eglitis



Winner: Greg Thornton

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 13th March 2025

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

The Winners were:

- 1st: Brad Doolan (6) with 37 points (countback)
- 2nd: Ricky Hayes (32) with 37 points
- 3rd: Michael Coloe (15) with 36 points (countback)
- 4th: Steve Johnston (25) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Nick Brice 1.66 A Grade
- 4th: Stephen Swanbury 5.27 B Grade
- 4th: Ricky Hayes 6.84 C Grade
- 6th: Nick Brice 1.44 A Grade
- 6th: Stephen Swanbury 6.34 B Grade
- 6th: Steve Johnston 7.15 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 1.05 A Grade
- 7th: Marie Muriwai 0.28 B Grade

Balls went to: Mark Jackson 36, Ian McManus 35, Peter Nikolic 35, Nick Brice 35, Lars Gaupset 35, Shane Gschwend 34, Jim Wade 34, Dianne Brown 34, Teri Swanbury 33 and Stephen Swanbury 33.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 15th March 2025

A field of 60 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The weather was hot and there were some fabulous scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Craig Duncan (24) with 45 points
- 2nd: Darren Willmouth (29) with 41 points
- 3rd: Ross Hendy (31) with 37 points
- 4th: Allan Langford (16) with 36 points (countback)
- 5th: William Steenbergen (10) with 36 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Tim Watson 0.92 A Grade
- 4th: Allan Langford 0.99 B Grade
- 4th: Craig Duncan 8.02 C Grade
- 6th: Jim Wade 3.44 A Grade
- 6th: David Schmid 3.89 B Grade
- 6th: Ross Hendy 0.84 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 2.59 A Grade
- 7th: Michael Coloe 1.76 B Grade
- 7th: Nathan Carruthers 9.00 C Grade

Balls went to: Malcolm Gilbertson 36, Colin Houghton 35, Greg Booth 35, Paul Ferguson 35, Sebastian McLnerney 35, Martin Booth 35, Pam Alexander 35, Bruce Handley 35, Bruce Martin 34, Brad Doolan 34, Peter McRae 34, Peter Hogan 34, Stephen Gardner 33, Michael Coloe 33 and Leonie Doolan 33.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 18th March 2025

A field of 15 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Tuross Cellars. It was a beautiful Autumn day and the course in great condition. Several players were absent due to attending a competition at Tura Beach Country Club, best of luck to those playing.

Grade A Winners:

- 1st: Teri Swanbury (25) with 34 points
- 2nd: Sandra D'Onofrio (33) with 31 points

Grade B Winners:

- 1st: Jane Eglitis (39) with 31 points
- 2nd: Elsa Shearer (37) with 22 points

Grade C Winners:

- 1st: Lynette McDonnell (42) with 34 points
- 2nd: Dianne Brown (41) with 30 points

Place Getter:

Paula Coffey with 29 points.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 19th March 2025

A field of 33 players registered for the 1st round of the Stableford Championship events today. The weather was fine and some great results were achieved.

The winners were:

- 1st: Greg Thornton 19
- 2nd: Tony Crook 18 (countback)
- 3rd: Frank Pomfret 18
- 4th: Chris Wratten 17
- 5th: Steve Swanbury 17
- 6th: Neil Watson 16
- 7th: Steve Collins 15
- 8th: Bruce Martin 15
- 9th: Jane Eglitis 14
- 10th: Graham Moore 14

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Frank Pomfret (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Chris Wratten (2nd shot)
- Mens: Bruce Martin (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Margaret Downey (5th hole)

Bradmans: Ross Hendy 8

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

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Successful Weekend for Tuross Bowlers

Tuross Head bowlers had a very successful weekend with both of the pennant teams recording good wins. The Grade 6 side cemented its place at the top of the table as they continued their undefeated run. It was a good day for the Grade 7 side as they recorded their first win of the season!!

The Grade 6 side travelled to Narooma to play the second placed team in their grade and ran out overall winners 75 shots to 50. However, they had a close loss on 1 rink which meant they conceded their first point of the season in the 9 – 1 win.

Two of the three rinks were able to maintain their winning ways. Neil Alexander (playing his first game at this level), Bruce Magilton, Sue Fahey and Marcel Kors took out their game 26 – 12 to place their side in a good position.

Doreen Monks, Ben Hewison, Irene Macdonald and Allan Etheredge showed the benefit of having an unchanged team to record their fifth win of the season by 30 – 16. Lorraine Bird, Peter Macdonald, Bruce Lidbury and Denise Lidbury had a tight tussle on their rink before losing 19 – 22.

The Grade 7 side played Braidwood at home and was keen to reverse the result of the first game of the year played at Braidwood. The team of Fran O'Connell, Vicki Wheelahan, Steve Picton and Lorraine Wake led the way for the locals despite playing their first game together for the year! They completely dominated their rink winning 16 of the 21 ends to chalk up a 31 – 10 victory. All four players contributed to the win but skip, Lorraine Wake, lead them very well and played some fantastic bowls!

Ray Brown, Graeme Garner, Neil Mather and Col Fletcher also dominated their game. By the 16th end they had won all but 5 ends in setting up a match winning 20 – 5 lead.

The Braidwood side did show some fight in the final ends and were able to cut back the margin to 22 – 12.

Jim Macklan, Marg Downey, Lorraine Johnston and Ray Downey started well and set up a 14 – 8 lead after 8 ends before recovering from a mid-game slump to win the rink. The middle third of the game was all Braidwood as they gradually ate away at the lead. By the 15th end they had hit the lead at 17 – 16. They moved further ahead scoring another 2 shots on the 16th end. The Tuross players were able to regroup with lead Jim Macklan showing the way. They had the better of the last 5 ends allowing them to win the game 25 – 19.

Tuross won the overall battle by 78 shots to 41 shots. By winning all 3 rinks they won 10 points to 0 which lifted them from the bottom of the table.

Next week the Grade 7 travel to Bermagui while the Grade 6 have a bye.

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

As the weeks quickly creep along, and we move closer to the cooler weather starting to set in, summer still has its grips securely on us at the moment. With a string of 30+ deg days and sunny skies, the weekend is looking good. Right up until the change that is forecast for Sunday, where we drop to 25 deg and some southerlies.

Flathead, bream, whiting and Trevally activity is all high at the moment with the warm 22–23 deg waters that are still pushing down the coast. I managed to get out behind the hole in the wall last Wednesday to throw some of the new Panic Station Mullet, these things are so realistic I had a 5" flathead trying to eat the 4" mullet I was throwing. As Graham has also found out, a stinger hook set up on the back of the lure will help with short strikes that miss the front treble position.

I am going for a bass fish tomorrow, and am going to throw a 4" Panic Station around and see how that goes. I am definitely going to reposition the under slung treble to on top, so as to reduce the snag rate. I'll keep you posted.

Tuross River.

For those who haven't heard, Baxter one of our weekend sales staff, managed to win last weekends Tuross Bream & Flathead competition with a 44cm Bream and 70cm flathead. We are super proud of his efforts in taking out the major prize against over 200 anglers.

There have been some nice flathead, bream and whiting taken from all over the system this week, as the weather and water temps stay high. Any shallow sand flat will hold whiting, with the lower areas towards the front of the system being better. The flathead are spread throughout the entire system, so there are plenty of areas to explore. The same can be said for the local Tuross bream population, with masses of weed beds, sand flats and oyster racks to explore and protect.

Rock and Beach.

The NE winds we have this last week, have made fishing the beaches and headlands a bit more difficult. But for those that have persisted, Salmon, bream, whiting have all been on the cards.

The Moruya breakwall has calmed down swell wise, and there are some good trevally and salmon liking around to be caught.

Offshore.

Given I haven't been in the store to chat with you all, I am unaware of what has been happening on both the inshore or offshore grounds this week. If you have any reports of what you have been catching, leave them below in the comments for everyone to see. If you haven't checked out the Panic Stations Mullet yet, what are you waiting for!!? The 4" & 5" will be perfect for the local estuaries if you want to target flathead and mulloway, with the 6" better suited to Snapper or Kingfish offshore, or XOS flathead in the estuaries. Stay safe everyone and remember, " Every day's a good day for fishing..."

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