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Photo of the Week: Low tide over Mossy Point and Tomakin caught by Mal from Wet and Windy Photos.

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Have your say on Draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy

Council is seeking community feedback on a scoping report to help shape the Draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy. In a nutshell, the draft strategy aims to address housing diversity and the growing need for affordable housing in Eurobodalla. A scoping report was prepared to analyse affordable housing strategies from neighbouring councils and to list potential actions that could be included in Eurobodalla's strategy. Hearing which actions should or shouldn't be included will help guide Council's decisions and make sure the strategy reflects the needs and priorities of residents.

Here's the link to view the scoping report and comment your feedback: [Draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy – scoping report | Eurobodalla Council](#). The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 23 April 2025, 4.30pm.



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Do you have any home grown goodies of veggies, herbs, fruit or flowers you would like to share or swap? SAGE will be holding their monthly food share at the Repair Cafe in Moruya. SEE YOU AGAIN ON FRIDAY 28 MARCH

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of the
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Centenary of foundation stones for Sydney Harbour Bridge



Friends of Moruya Quarry Park reports:

100 years ago a ceremony was held to 'lay' the foundation stone in the southern abutment of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

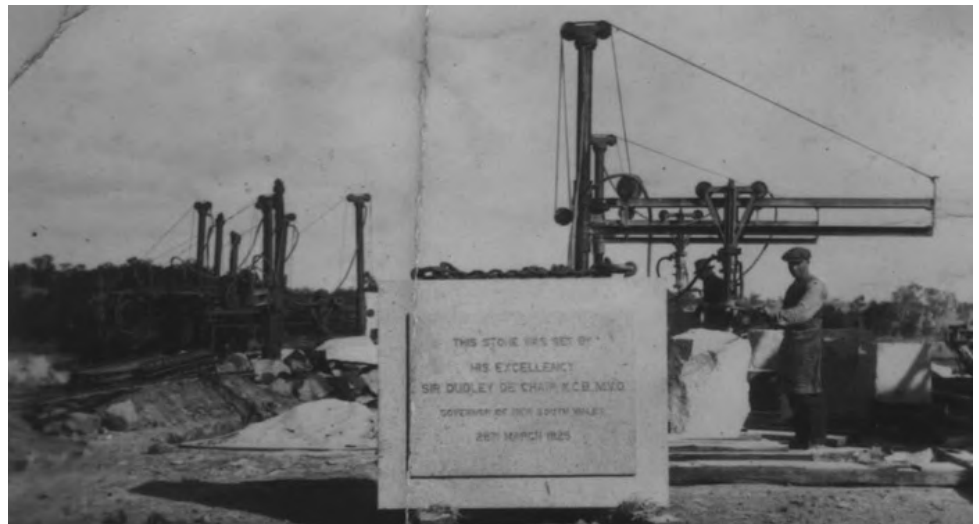
The two-and-a-half-ton block of granite measured 6 feet by 3 and a half feet before being shaped, polished and inscribed at the Moruya Quarry and then shipped to Sydney on the Illawarra Company's boat 'Narani'.

The ceremony took place at Dawes Point with the Minister for Works and Railways, Richard Ball, laying the stone - not actually in its final place in the bridge but near where the proposed abutment tower was to stand.

Two stones were prepared - the other was to be laid by Sir Dudley De Chair but due to a shortage of skilled stonemasons in Moruya at the time, the second stone didn't arrive in Sydney until the 10th of August 1925.

Four days later, in a "low-key" affair, another ceremony was held. This stone was placed on top of the other stone and encased in a protective wooden crate until such time they would be set in place which wasn't until June 1927.

Both stones sit in the south-eastern corner of the southern abutment tower - one on top of the other.



Crowds gather at Dawes Point for the laying of the foundation stone for the Sydney Harbour Bridge
Photo: State Library of New South Wales

The 'long walk' - in the footsteps of shipwreck survivors

A Long Walk to Sydney
 Denis Nagle is on a long walk - from Gippsland to Sydney. The 68 years old started at 90 Mile Beach and aims to end the walk at Wattamolla Beach near Sydney, following in the footsteps of 18th century shipwrecked sailors from the Sydney Cove, of which only a few survived.

Denis became aware of the story of the wreck of the 'Sydney Cove' just 18 months ago, after reading a novel based on the story - Preservation by Jock Serong. The Sydney Cove was shipwrecked on Preservation Island in Bass Strait in 1796 and 17 of the crew set out to get help from Port Jackson. They were then shipwrecked a second time somewhere on the Ninety Mile Beach.

Denis, who has a local relatives, brother Bill Nagle and Marie Zuvich, only quite recently learnt of the monument 'Our Friends' that is on the Moruya riverbank near the bridge. The monument commemorates the local indigenous people who assisted the shipwrecked sailors walking to Sydney in 1797.

After a trip to Flinders Island, Denis learnt more about the wreck and the 'Long Walk' at the museum there and at the Launceston Museum, "I also have read Mark Mckenna's account of the story from his book 'From the Edge'" said Denis.

"So, in September last year I set out on the first of my staged walks starting from Woodside on the Ninety Mile Beach and walked to Lakes Entrance then to Cape Conran then Mallacoota, Eden, Tathra and Mystery Bay."



Denis Nagle at Mossy Point.

Take each stage separately, Denis passed through the Eurobodalla last week. After visiting the sign in Moruya, Denis crossed the Moruya River with a paddleboard with help from Marie and brother Bill, referencing the help given by the local indigenous people to the original sailors on 'the long walk.'

Setting off from Mossy Point last Sunday Denis was once again helped by brother Bill to cross the Tomaga River to Tomakin by paddleboard. That evening, Denis was ferried across the Clyde by Michael Lawrence Taylor, where he walked on to the Shoalhaven.

As part of the Walk, Denis is raising funds for the Orange Sky campaign 'Walk The Walk 2025' Orange Sky is a non-profit organisation providing free mobile laundry and shower services to people experiencing homelessness.

Donate here: <https://www.walkthewalk.org.au/fundraisers/denisnagle/walk-the-walk-25>



Denis and Bill Nagle paddle across the Tomaga River.



Off he goes over the Clyde, with brother Bill along for the ride, courtesy of Michael Lawrence-Taylor.

Working together for a cleaner, smarter future for the Eurobodalla



The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) is an alliance of Eurobodalla community members. Formed in 2014 one of SHASA's key focuses is to deliver climate resilient projects for our region.

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Moruya Business Chamber - Presentation in support for Batemans Bay Masterplan

Rob Pollock, President Moruya Business Chamber, presentation to ESC March 25 Meeting.

The Moruya Business Chamber understands that the Masterplan will be run out firstly for Batemans Bay then other major centres in Moruya and Narooma. We also understand that the LEP/DCP will be worked on to reflect the masterplan.

ESC doesn't have large businesses in this Shire. Moruya will have the two biggest employer groups, Eurobodalla Shire Council and the New Regional Hospital.

90 % of businesses in our region are owner operators with a small workforce of less than 10 employees, so it is vitally important that we look after them and we need investment and growth. Small Businesses are doing it tough and they are very reliant on tourism from our closest major Cities

Canberra/Wollongong/Sydney/Melbourne. Businesses and the community are happy that the ESC has not had the rate hikes which our neighbours have had. We are happy that there is now a financial officer at ESC and our finances are more transparent and seems to be heading in a better direction.

We now need an investment strategy that will work and bring larger investors. A Masterplan is needed to bring clarity to future investment that will help small business and allow existing businesses to remain viable in an area with no Major Businesses at present.

I represent Moruya and was born here at MDH. Our community is growing older and we are attracting many Baby Boomers of my generation. All of our CBDs need investment and allowances for multiple level development. Our town Moruya has just one motel in the CBD area and are in desperate need of more short- term accommodation in the CBD. Moruya is in a crisis for housing at present and urgent housing development needed. A Masterplan for Moruya must be worked on to prepare for the New Regional Hospital opening. There are some people who just don't want development but you can't have a Major health Facility without the housing required for the staff to operate the facility. Can't have you cake and eat it!

Masterplan can't be just aspirational and a wishy washy statement, it needs to seriously attract investors to our CBDs and townships to create accommodation both short and long term. Our aging population need somewhere to live. We have not enough jobs for our youth, this is reflected in the age dependency ratio which puts our Shire at 557th out of the 563 Shire in the entire Nation. This needs addressing and the bold decisions with regard to investment need to be made to have a more balanced demographic.

Local Real Estate agents are frustrated that rural land needs rezoning to allow more housing within the 2-3 km radius minimum of the CBD area.

We seriously need to look at increased height levels for our CBDs to make investment possible. No one complains when we have multilevel Hospitals-Centrelink buildings but we will need Multi level buildings in our CBDs to house the population and maintain a strong CBD area in our townships that will help maintain our existing small businesses and the services we all require. We have a fantastic waterway at Moruya that has no river board walk or bicycle track, no separate entry for powered water ski craft along the riverbank .We don't even have signage for the ESC greatest car park heading south for Caravans or RV's.

With a By Pass planned for Moruya a Masterplan for future investors must happen ASAP and we recommend that the Batemans Bay plan be acted on quickly so our other townships can move forward with clarity. Moruya Business Chamber asks that we need the next MASTERPLAN acted on or in conjunction with Narooma, but with the New Hospital is on its way and the By Pass, these two things will change our town, and clarity is desperately needed now .



GOOD FINDS
BY yomaro

Grand Opening

Date: Thursday, 4th April
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Shop 5/60
Queen Street, Moruya

Southern NSW Local Health District



Eurobodalla Health Service Update



**THURSDAY
10 April
5pm to 6.30pm**

Bay Pavilions

You are invited to hear the latest updates about the Eurobodalla Health Service, including the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Southern NSW Local Health District



Eurobodalla Health Service Update





Dr. Michael Holland
Member for Bega

Monika Sitkowski
Senior Manager GoodSAM, NSW Ambulance

Brad Scotcher
General Manager Coastal Network, SNSWLHD

Submit your questions by 5pm 4 April:
SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au

Skyscrapers a key part of New Batemans Bay Masterplan



New areas of highrise buildings will change the face of Batemans Bay.

By Phil Herrick

High rise buildings up to 100 metres tall (around 35 floors) and increased commercial activity are the key elements in the draft masterplan for the Batemans Bay CBD about to be put out for public comment by the Eurobodalla Shire Council. The decision to go ahead and exhibit the draft plan was made at the council meeting in Moruya on Tuesday afternoon. The plan looks at the expected development of the Bay up to 2100.

Increasing the height of buildings is the standout item in the plan, with two 100 metre skyscrapers flanking the highway at the southern end of the bridge. A cluster of highrise up to 100 metres tall is slated for the old bowling club site opposite the Bay Pavilions. Another group of highrise, also up to 100 metres, is planned around the Soldiers Club, both on the waterfront and near the Water Gardens.

While councillors all seemed to welcome the move to have a masterplan for the Bay there was debate at the council meeting on the need for buildings that tall. Cr Turner pointed out that a building 100 metres high is bigger than any current building in Wollongong and is just shy of the tallest building in Canberra. Moruya Business Chamber president Rob Pollock spoke at the public forum and congratulated council on the master plan process and asked plans be immediately prepared for Moruya and Narooma as well.

He told the council the new hospital will bring a growth spurt to Moruya and place increased stress on housing.

He suggested increased building height limits should also be part of Moruya's future to make sure the CBD of Moruya stays focused and is not broken up by a satellite commercial development, as happened 20 years ago in Batemans Bay with the building of the Stocklands shopping mall.

Council will commence a public awareness campaign and ask for public submissions on the draft plan from 14 April.



At 117 metres the AMP Building at Circular Quay in Sydney is just over the new 100 metre height limit proposed for parts of the Batemans Bay CBD.



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Federal Budget 2025 Statement

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Prime Minister

The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP Treasurer

“The Albanese Labor Government is securing Australia’s future during a time of global uncertainty by making our economy more productive and more resilient.

Our best defence against global pressures is a stronger economy, and that’s what we are building in this Budget.

We’re making our economy more dynamic by advancing National Competition Policy reforms and investing in productivity-enhancing infrastructure, including the National Broadband Network.

We’re building a Future Made in Australia – creating jobs and opportunity for generations of Australians as we continue the work of making our country an indispensable part of the global net zero transformation.

We are also backing hardworking local businesses by investing \$20 million to encourage consumers to buy Australian made products through the Buy Australian campaign.

The world has thrown a lot of challenges at Australia over the past few years. It’s clear the rules that underpinned global economic engagement for more than 40 years are being rewritten. Our economic plan is all about ensuring Australians are beneficiaries, not victims, of this churn and change.

Budget commitments to build a stronger economy include:

- Investing more than \$3 billion to support local green metals production to help build a Future Made in Australia.
- Unlocking an expected \$6 billion of additional private investment in renewable energy and low emissions technologies through a \$2 billion expansion of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation.
- Support for small businesses, including extending energy bill relief for around one million small businesses and cracking down on unfair trading practices.
- \$7.1 million over two years to strengthen enforcement of the Franchising Code.
- \$165 million in tax relief for hospitality venues, brewers, distillers and wine producers including a two-year freeze on the indexation on draught beer excise.
- Supporting local businesses including \$20 million to encourage consumers to buy Australian made products through the Buy Australian campaign.
- \$17.1 billion over 10 years for road and rail projects to improve the productivity and resilience, liveability and sustainability of our cities, regions and communities.
- Up to \$3 billion to complete the National Broadband Network to deliver access to faster and more reliable broadband services to a further 622,000 premises nationwide.

Our reforms in this Budget reduce red tape for businesses and workers.

The Government is also accelerating productivity-enhancing reforms as part of our revitalised National Competition Policy. This Budget includes:

- Banning non-compete clauses for low and middle-income earners to boost workers’ wages. Research shows that reforms to these clauses could lift the wages of affected workers by up to four per cent or \$2,500 for workers on average wages and lift GDP by \$5 billion per year.
- Progressing the design of a national licensing scheme for electrical occupations to cut red tape for businesses, save tradies time and money and enable electricians to work seamlessly across borders. The Productivity Commission suggests licensing reforms across a range of industries would provide long-term benefits, including a boost to GDP of up to \$10.3 billion.

The Government is also ensuring Australia has a highly skilled workforce for the future by putting public schools on a path to full and fair funding and making Free TAFE permanent.

Our economic plan is already helping to strengthen Australia’s economy and this Budget will help to ensure we continue to make progress.

We saw growth in our economy rebound solidly at the end of last year, with the private sector taking its rightful role as a key driver of growth.

Treasury expects growth in our economy to pick up in the period ahead, with the private sector driving more of the growth.

In an increasingly uncertain global economic environment, this Budget invests in our people and productivity to make our economy stronger and more resilient.”

What they said...

A few reactions to the Budget

ALGA - Australia’s councils have been let down with no new local government programs announced in tonight’s 2025-26 Federal Budget.

ALGA President Mayor Matt Burnett said a recent Parliamentary inquiry [report](#) confirmed many councils were at breaking point, after years of delivering more vital services to communities with less funding.

“Increased funding to councils supports the delivery of free and low-cost facilities like local parks, events and libraries - which benefit our communities in this cost-of-living crisis.”

Mayor Burnett said councils are calling on all parties and candidates to put our communities first and provide significantly increased funding to local government.

National Rural Health Alliance - The Federal Budget for 2025-26 is a mixed bag for rural, regional and remote Australia in terms of funding for healthcare. While certain aspects of the budget benefit rural populations, there is a lack of a targeted strategy to address the unique health challenges these communities face.

NSW Farmers - Farmers must not be left without the funding needed to put Aussie grown food on tables, NSW Farmers has warned as the Albanese Government delivers its latest federal budget.

Poor infrastructure, telecommunications and biosecurity are just some of the challenges farmers will be left to face alone if federal funding is not increased, NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said.

The Climate Council - Australians are footing a [\\$13.5 billion bill](#) for worsening extreme weather fuelled by climate pollution, which underscores why we should be spending more on permanent solutions that better protect Australians, the Climate Council said in response to this evening’s Federal Budget. Climate Council CEO, Amanda McKenzie, said: “Australians are concerned about [both](#) the rising costs of living and escalating costs of unnatural disasters driven by climate pollution from coal, oil and gas.

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ACOSS CEO, Dr Cassandra Goldie said: “We always knew this was going to be an election budget. We’re astounded that the centrepiece of tonight’s budget is more dollars for everyone except those with the least.

“In the face of a serious cost-of-living crisis and overwhelming evidence to fix JobSeeker, to give \$7b in tax cuts and do nothing to lift people out of poverty is simply shocking.”

Everybody’s Home - National housing campaign Everybody’s Home has acknowledged the federal government’s housing measures in tonight’s budget but warns they fail to tackle the scale of the crisis. With housing stress and homelessness deepening as sky-high rents continue to price Australians out, Everybody’s Home is urging all parties to deliver bold, ambitious commitments ahead of the election.

Spokesperson Maiy Azize said: “This federal budget has measures that may make housing more affordable for a small number of people but it doesn’t deliver solutions that will make housing more affordable for everybody.

Andrew Constance, Liberal Candidate for Gilmore “This is a Budget for an election, not one for our country’s future. At a time when living standards have suffered the biggest collapse on record and when the security environment is the most dangerous since the Second World War, Labor’s Budget has failed to deal with the economic and national security challenges our country faces.

ClubGrants fund SHASA to create 8th bushfire and heatwave haven in Eurobodalla



The Southern Life Church in Moruya

\$168,667 is being provided for an upgrade to the Southern Life Church Hall used by the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) to help the hall serve as a heatwave and bushfire haven during extreme weather. This is the 8th heatwave and bushfire haven established by SHASA in the Eurobodalla.

Kathryn Maxwell, President of SHASA said “we are so delighted to receive this grant. It will have a large solar array. Not only will it be a haven in extreme weather events, it will significantly cut the electricity costs of running the facility.”
“This is a large facility which will be open to the community and is well known to vulnerable members of the community because they run a food bank known as “The Pantry” said Kathryn.

The funds will utilise local contractors to complete the project. A total of 37 projects will receive support in this second round of the program for the 2024/25 financial year, building on the \$6.44 million delivered to fund 46 projects in July 2024. The Infrastructure Grants Program is made possible by ClubGrants Category 3, a fund which directs profits from registered clubs’ gaming machines into community projects, while clubs receive a tax concession in return.

Since 2013, more than 880 community projects have been awarded \$152 million under the funding program. Dr Michael Holland Member for Bega said “congratulations to SHASA. I look forward to seeing your completed infrastructure works and the impact it has on the community.”



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Major overhaul of supermarket sector needed

An investigation by Australia’s competition watchdog has found the future of locally-grown fruit and vegetables is under threat unless major changes are made to the nation’s supermarket giants.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) released its final report into the nation’s major supermarkets, finding they increased their average product margins over the past five financial years and appeared among the most profitable supermarket businesses globally.

The report recommended greater price transparency, a stronger Food and Grocery Code, and more fairness for farmers.

NSW Farmers Vice President Bec Reardon said many farmers felt vindicated by the findings after decades of pain from the nation’s powerful supermarkets.

“Farmers have seen prices go up at the checkout and come down at the farmgate, and our major supermarkets can no longer hide behind excuses for their disgustingly huge profits,” Mrs Reardon said.

“These giants are world-leader on profits, which ultimately come from shoppers’ pockets and farmers’ incomes. Unfair behaviour is behind these super profits, and it’s pushing the people that grow our food out of business at a rate we’ve never seen before.

“With a third of vegetable growers thinking about leaving the industry, who is going to grow the food to feed Aussie families when all our farmers are forced out of business?”

A crackdown on unfair behaviour within the grocery sector was long overdue, Mrs Reardon said, with the Australian Government urged to take swift action.

“Everywhere you look the cost of living is a major issue and I heard this week that food charities are now seeing double-income families turn to them for help. Politicians must act on this report, and fast,” Mrs Reardon said.

“If we really want to change the culture of our supermarket sector for good, then we need price transparency systems – as well as divestiture powers to break up these giants when they misbehave.”

FRRR awards grants to more than 80 community groups and NFPs

More than 80 community groups across remote, rural and regional Australia are sharing \$827,253 in grants thanks to FRRR’s flagship grants program, Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC).

The funding will be used by grassroots not-for-profit organisations (NFPs) for a wide range of initiatives that celebrate, strengthen and support their rural communities to be more vibrant, resilient, sustainable places to live.

For the Eurobodalla, Relationships Australia Canberra and Region Incorporated’s **“Gardening & Healthy Living - Youth Mental Health Initiative”** has been granted \$8,000 to deliver food education and gardening workshops for young people and a “bush tucker” garden developed with local Indigenous services in Narooma.

Eurobodalla Shire Council has been granted \$10,000 for the **“Our Generation - Fit to Flourish”** program in Moruya. To connect socially isolated First Nations young people with a ten-week cultural and personal development program.

The full list of grant recipients is available on FRRR’s website.

Jill Karena, Head of Granting at FRRR, said the SRC team is continually inspired by the strength and resilience of the NFPs dedicated to helping remote, rural and regional communities thrive.

“After supporting communities impacted by disasters for the past 25 years, we also know just how important flexible recovery and preparedness funding is, Because communities’ needs change over time. By using a medium to long-term recovery lens, we’re able to support projects that strengthen the social fabric of a community through preparedness, capacity and resilience-building activities.

“Although it’s been five years since the 2019/2020 bushfires, the Eurobodalla community in NSW is still healing. Our Prepare & Recover grants allow us to continue supporting places like Eurobodalla, when other funders have moved on. This round, we’ve granted \$10,000 to help the Shire Council run a 10-week cultural and personal development program to help connect socially isolated First Nations young people within the region.”

FIONA PHILLIPS

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

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I’m proud to be your local voice in parliament and to continue delivering cost-of-living relief, tax cuts and supporting vital projects like the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, Batemans Bay headspace and the Medicare Mental Health Centre at Moruya.

I’m here to help you with issues like Medicare, Centrelink, aged care and pensions, the NDIS, Veterans’ Affairs and community grants.

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Narooma Rotary recognises valued employees

Narooma Rotary

Ten local businesses recognised valued employees at Narooma Rotary's annual Pride of Workmanship Awards at a special dinner at Club Dalmeny on Thursday.

"These Awards give local business people the opportunity to publicly recognise one of their staff who goes above and beyond," said Narooma Rotary Vice President David McInnes. "The number of nominations this year was fantastic and shows how much local businesses appreciate these Awards. "It's a chance to show their appreciation to someone with outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to their job.

"Most importantly, Pride of Workmanship is not a competition. It's a recognition of individual achievement and commitment."

Recognised were:

- Lewis Baker of Dalmeny Designer Kitchens
 - Jim Sharpe of Estia Health Dalmeny
 - Sophia Moody of Hear Well — Live Well
 - Sue Piazzoli of Maven Dental Narooma
 - Sebastian Mellish of Mr Bold Catering Company
 - Makhenzie Mathie of Narooma Fishing & Dive
 - Irene Baxter of She Fashion
 - Ella Moore of Southbound Escapes
 - Cash Graham of Southern Euro Plumbing
 - Sean Stent of Swan Plumbing
- Awards co-organiser Françoise Cleret said these Awards are a highlight of Narooma Rotary's year.



At Narooma Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards 2025: Sue Piazzoli (Maven Dental), front second left, Jim Sharpe (Estia Health), Sophia Moody (Hear Well - Live Well), Irene Baxter (She Fashion), Lewis Baker (Dalmeny Designer Kitchens), Cash Graham (Southern Euro Plumbing) and Sebastian Mellish (Mr Bold Catering Company). Back row: Rotarians David McInnes and Françoise Cleret and Jake Whelan who collected the award on behalf of Ella Moore of Southbound Escapes. Front left, Rotarian Laurelle Pacey.

Fellow co-organiser Laurelle Pacey said she is always quite moved by what employers say when nominating an awardee. "What these Awards show is that these businesses care about their employees and our community is the richer for that," she said. Unfortunately Makhenzie Mathie, Ella Moore and Sean Stent were unable to attend on the night.

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Earth hour @ The Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens



Despite the damp weather, about 30 brave souls attended Earth Hour at the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens. Kathryn Maxwell from SHASA spoke and there were lots of questions. There were lots of interest in how to ensure you get a good quality solar install and interest in EVs, especially that you can plug them into any powerpoint, how cheap they are to run off your roof top solar and how long the batteries last. The team managed to move the cinema indoors for the screening of the film, '2040' - an Australian man's search for solutions to environmental issues, and it received a round of applause at the end. Repurposing for Resilience provided delicious homemade pies and sublime tiramisu from their Solar Trailer and the council teams were on hand to trade flourishing plants for undesirable weeds from our gardens.

Nationwide Marches for Forests



Ulladulla Rally

Almost 10,000 Australians March for Forests nationwide on Sunday 23rd March, calling for an end to native forest logging, on the eve of national environment laws coming before the Federal Parliament again.

Jenny Weber, Bob Brown Foundation's Campaigns Manager said: "We have rallied the biggest turnout on an environment issue in the lead-up to this federal election, and our united call across the nation is for an immediate end to native forest logging."

"Against the wishes of the majority of Labor and Liberal voters, Prime Minister Albanese is in lockstep with Peter Dutton to plan to fast-track legislation that will weaken national environment laws for toxic salmon corporations. Already, our national environment laws have given logging a free pass to kill endangered species and increase global heating." "The world is in climate and extinction crises, but Australia's forests that are carbon storehouses and home to rare and endangered species are being relentlessly logged. In Tasmania, since 2014, logging has significantly increased in the only breeding habitat on Earth for critically endangered Swift Parrots. In NSW, logging continues to flatten the forest homes of endangered Koalas and Greater Gliders," said Jenny Weber.

Co-ordinated by Bob Brown Foundation, our Marches for Forests occurred in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Canberra, Cairns and across NSW in Byron Bay, Ulladulla, Bellingen, Bega, Newcastle and Armidale.

NAIDOC Week activity grants

Applications close Sunday 6 April 2025 for the Council's NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week activity Grants.

NAIDOC week provides a special opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. Each year Council offers NAIDOC Week activity grants up to \$1,000 to community groups, schools and non-profits to assist in the delivery of activities celebrating NAIDOC in Eurobodalla.

NAIDOC Week 2025 runs from Sunday 6 July to Sunday 13 July.

Grants are awarded to projects or initiatives that make a positive contribution to the community, promote the understanding of NAIDOC and demonstrate creativity, vision and originality.

In previous years, NAIDOC Week grants have been put towards the cost of:

- Aboriginal flag raising ceremonies
- story telling activities
- indigenous games and sporting events
- displaying a collection of cultural artefacts
- Aboriginal language programs
- Aboriginal art and craft demonstrations
- bush tucker gardens
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Environment heats up at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club



Independent candidate Kate Dezarnaulds, Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips MP, Greens Candidate Debbie Killian.

By Jack Egan

A packed house heard three election candidates on Friday night, however the Liberal candidate Andrew Constance was missing. Over 120 people attended the event which was hosted by South East Climate Alliance NSW and moderated by the Rev Linda Chapman. People attending clearly want stronger action on climate change and care for our beautiful local environment.

Many put up their hands to show they had already installed solar panels or were driving electric cars.

Current member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips, defended the Labor government's environmental actions, citing the rapid expansion of wind and solar power. However, she was less convincing on Labor's continuing approvals of new coal and gas projects.

Ms Phillips said, "We absolutely want less gas, less coal but we have to transition to do that. ... Approvals have to be made under our national environmental laws. ... So the way to bring about change is to increase renewables and to update our national environmental laws", without explaining that Labor has refused to put a climate trigger into its current bill to update those laws.

Greens' candidate Debbie Killian told how the Greens pushed Labor to improve environmental policies and could have huge influence if there was a minority government after the elections. "We need a minority government with a strong party like the Greens ready to push, because that's where the courage comes from. The people who ... don't raise money from corporations."

Independent candidate Kate Dezarnaulds said that the party system had failed Australia, especially on climate action.

"The Black Summer bushfires were among the worst in Australian history. Despite the evidence, the major parties continued to take millions of dollars from coal and gas companies [and] approve fossil fuel projects."

Regarding the Liberal absence, forum convenor Jack Egan said, "We are disappointed by the no-show of Liberal candidate Andrew Constance, who attended a Harmony Week dinner, starting later than our forum and just a few hundred metres away. He could have attended both events.

Voters in the southern end of Gilmore deserve the chance to hear from Mr Constance and have him answer their questions. He is evading scrutiny over emissions greatly increasing if coal and gas are kept on while Australia waits for nuclear powered electricity. And why are the Liberals trying to slow the roll out of solar and wind power?"

Kate Dezarnaulds dismissed the possibility that a Liberal government would ever get around to building nuclear power stations. "... it is not a genuine policy, if you read the most amazing article, the one that really set me on fire on this issue. It was by (ex-Liberal minister) Christopher Pyne ... saying that the nuclear policy is genius for the Liberal party politically, but it will never be built."

The cost of living, the cost of energy, nature protection and climate action were all in the questions from the floor. The effect of climate change on the cost of insurance was a big concern.

Our electorate of Gilmore is the most marginal in Australia, Fiona Phillips won last time by just 373 votes. This was a chance for people to hear from candidates and decide what order they will choose in our preferential voting system.

South East Climate Alliance includes: 350 Eurobodalla, Australian Conservation Foundation, Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, Friends of the Forest Mogo, Repower Shoalhaven, Climate Action Monaro, South East Region Conservation Alliance and the Nature Coast Marine Group For more information contact Jack Egan 350 Eurobodalla 0428 237 051



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Unity in diversity celebrated at Harmony Day Party



By John Longhurst

The Eurobodalla Multicultural Group has once again united community groups, clubs, government and non-government organisations to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day, celebrated annually on March 21st, was introduced in Australia in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to promote multiculturalism and celebrate Australia's diverse cultures. The day was marked with a gathering last Friday at the Starfish Deli Restaurant, Batemans Bay.

The function served as an opportunity to promote networking and forge relationships between organisations serving the community.

It was maximum capacity with over sixty people in attendance at the upstairs venue with management graciously waiving the cost of venue hire. Ms Jan Frikken, so often the driving force behind the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group, extended thanks to all involved.

Jan said "Special thanks to Prasert Jitti who worked with me in the kitchen both Sunday and last night. A big thank you to Su Lee. for looking after and coordinating the food and of course the Fijian group with food preparation. The donation of space by Starfish Deli Restaurant was also very much appreciated."

Geeta Maharj, fresh from performing at the Diversity Street Party the previous weekend had the audience joining her in traditional Fiji/Indian dance routines. The event was voted a resounding success. Jan said "It was a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity, promoting inclusivity and respect. It was truly a shining example of unity in diversity. All in all, a great way to strengthen the relationships between organisations serving our community."

Geeta Maharj, fresh from performing at the Diversity Street Party the previous weekend had the audience joining her in traditional Fiji/Indian dance routines. Ms Fiona Phillips MP, Federal Member for Gilmore, was also in attendance and enjoyed the evening. Fiona said "It was so lovely to spend some time celebrating Harmony Day with the Eurobodalla Multicultural Group. They are such an amazing, inspirational group of people that really show how inclusion and diversity is for the betterment of our community."



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U3A Film afternoon

The Batemans Bay U3A had 33 people at an afternoon film screening of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* last Thursday. Everyone entered into the spirit of the event with clothes and appreciation of popcorn, ice cream and very sweet afternoon tea! Although everyone had seen the film at least once, there were plenty of laughs all the way through.

"I had forgotten how funny and clever it was" said organiser Glen Tulip. "We were asked to do another one in the Winter. We Shall."

U3A Batemans Bay runs 55+ courses every week, from art to yoga and everything in between. All days, Monday to Friday, 10+ courses run, all conducted by volunteers and co-ordinated by a dynamic committee. The next project at the CWA - Art Classes on the 1st Thursday of the month. 10.30 to 12.30. Bring \$5:00 and a plate to share if you want to stay for lunch. 1st Class 3rd April. Text Cherie 0408801233 to register

Eurobodalla Jobs Drive

20 Employers were represented at the Eurobodalla Jobs Drive at the Moruya RSL Hall on Tuesday, as well as Registered Training Organisations Karbon, TAFE and South Coast Colleges. Headspace Batemans Bay, The Tec Exec and the SES were also present. There were 102 people through the door (in comparison to 50 last year). Employment Projects Officer Amy Kovacs said "We have already received feedback that some interviews are scheduled and we received excellent feedback from employers and volunteer organisations that attended."



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Local produce shines at Autumnal Equinox



By John Longhurst

SAGE threw their garden gates open to the whole community with 80 people gathered to celebrate the Autumnal Equinox at The SAGE Garden in Moruya last Sunday night.

SAGE NSW Inc is a Moruya NSW based not-for-profit community group involved in improving food security. The SAGE community is made up of growers, food producers, businesses, food consumers, members, supporters and volunteers.

With the support of around 100 volunteers, SAGE manages the 'SAGE Farmers Market', 'SAGE Garden', and the 'Stepping Stone Farm' commercial market gardening training facility. SAGE runs education programs, grows food for community groups, provides catering, hosts social events and does fundraising.*

The Autumnal Equinox occurs in the Southern Hemisphere on March 20th or 21st, when the Sun moves north across the celestial equator. With all food grown within 20kms of the SAGE Garden, all ingredients were local, fresh and seasonal.

Unlike out of season produce, which is often picked early so that it can be shipped and distributed from around the world, seasonal produce is picked at its peak, making it fresher, tastier and more nutrient dense. The community was treated to servings of beef goulash, vegetable goulash, slaw, potatoes and pickles, as well as the bread, fresh from the wood fired oven.

The produce was sourced from 'Corner Garden' by Hannah at SAGE, 'Left Field Farm', 'Lillian's Lane', 'Old Mill Road', 'Boobook Hill', 'Evan's Street Garden Farm' and local beef from 'Southlands Butcher'. Sandra Makedessi, SAGE Events and Education Convenor, for the past 15 years and her team of 15 volunteers were able to use the last of the summer produce and some of the new autumn veg to fill 'the hungry gap'.

Sandra said "The 'hungry gap' is the period between March and May. In our case, it is the end of summer produce and the period before produce of the next season is ready for harvesting. It is always a challenge to come up with an interesting menu but our producers and the SAGE catering team have once again come to the fore to showcase our local produce."

SAGE has been holding similar fundraising events for each of the four annual equinoxes over the past nine years.

Founding member of SAGE, Stuart Whitelaw said "We hold the events to mark the changing of the seasons. It is not only a celebration of local and seasonal produce but an ideal way to celebrate being part of our community."



Sandra Makedessi

Matt Perks and Sarah Cunningham (Matt & Co) provided the complimentary cool music vibes for the evening and the region's newest gin makers, 'Foxdog Distillery' from Mogo, were on hand for gin purchases.

Lou Dampney from Moruya is a SAGE member and regular event goer.

Lou said "It was a fun evening in the garden sitting around the fires. It's great to enjoy 'real' food that highlights what is grown locally. Moreover, it is an opportunity to break bread with strangers and leave as new friends."

*<https://www.sageproject.org.au/>



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Telephone 62 has been switched on to Dormon, Long and Co.'s office at Pompey Point.

Tenders for the erection of **Narooma School of Arts Soldier's War Memorial Building** close with the secretary, Mr. C. Knott, on Monday, 27th April.

On Saturday last, Mr. P. Donnelly's eldest son, Frank, was severely bitten on the leg by a dog. On his return from Braidwood, Mr. R. N. Bull, who owned the dog, had the animal destroyed.

While unloading crushing apparatus at Dormon, Long and Co.'s wharf at Pompey on Saturday, the foremast on the I.S.N. Co's steamer Narani snapped off, carrying away the derricks. A crusher weighing about nine tons, fell into the river.

Hoary old winter made his first visit this year felt in no uncertain manner. Following the extreme heat of Saturday last the temperature dropped about 40 degrees after the rain next morning, and during the week frosts have occurred on the lowlands in this district.

Anzac Day, Saturday, 25th April, has been chosen by our Bergalia friends as the day on which the machine gun, which was presented to them as a war trophy, will be erected. Arrangements are being made to conduct a formal ceremony at which speeches suitable to the occasion will be delivered.

An illustration of how fortunate the Moruya people are in having a skin buyer like John D. Ward at their very door, we quote the following incident which happened in the skin market during the week. John D. paid on an average of 2/9 per lb. on rabbit skins purchased by him last week. These same skins when placed on the Sydney market only averaged 2/4 per lb.

NARANI the mast snapped while loading

Mr. C. Cheesman has purchased all the stock of footwear, etc., in the Estate of the late G. E. Hanscom.

Mrs. Ahearn has disposed of her shop and dwelling in Queen Street, recently occupied by Mr. P. Connors, to Mr. Martin Keating.

Mr. J. Ward had the misfortune to have his motor lorry damaged on Monday. When passing under a leaning tree a limb caught the roof of the cabinet, completely tearing it off the body. The wind screen was also shattered to pieces.

St. Patrick's Day Sports – Although the weather was a little on the warm side, a right royal time was spent by the large number who patronised the function on the Park. ... All events were well contested, the most attractive one of which was the fox chase. Mr. J. J. King, the sporting host of the Commercial Hotel, who was responsible for this interesting item, officiated as judge. After an exciting run Mr. M. J. Keating's Tango secured the brush. A committee composed of Fathers McCormack and Deenihan, Messrs. C. Carter, B. Heffernan, J. Wilton, S. Ryan and P. Flynn left nothing to chance to make the day a huge success.



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A Beer with Bazz #185

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Storm clouds gathered outside and the gloom permeated the front bar.

Timeless Tom bit his fingernails, rubbed his lined face and squeezed his tired eyes.

Mick landed a couple of schooners on the bar table, placed his hands on his hips and raised an eyebrow.

"By gee...Tom you don't look too good. I bought a schooner for Bazza, but he is late and you look as though you need it more than him."

Tom took a decent sip and gritted his teeth.

"It's this bloody Trump, Mick. I am anxious at the best of times but now I can't sleep. The news is just full of Trump, Trump and Trump. When he is not pumping up Putin and Netanyahu, he is illegally throwing out migrants, defying court orders, trying to overtake countries, stripping aid where it is needed and breaking up alliances that at least delivered some security since World War II."

Tom paused for a sip.

"Not to mention the economic chaos with all these tariffs, Mick. My bloody superannuation is in free fall. At this point in life, I want a bit of certainty ... but I just end up with heart palpitations and a good dose of paranoia after I read or watch the news. In fact, come 7pm I have to double check whether I am watching the ABC News or Netflix."

Mick sipped his schooner and clicked his tongue.

"Well Tom. He was democratically elected by a majority of Americans."

Know All Ron had joined the bar table with a schooner and cleared his throat.

"Ahh, Mick, that is only true to a certain point. There were about 90 million Americans who were eligible to vote who did not vote at all. That number exceeds the number of votes for either Donald Trump or Kamala Harris. In fact, only 31.59 percent of the eligible voting population voted for Trump*."

Timeless Tom shook his head repeatedly.

"Bloody hell, Ron. So less than a third of eligible voting Americans endorsed this bloke and set him on a path to play havoc with everyone living on the planet? You have just increased my stress levels, mate."

Mick took a sip and tut tutted.

"Take a deep breath, Tom. Dutton will sort out Trump quick smart once elected. He will be over there in a flash with a super serious face and the sternest of messages."

Tom rubbed his chin.

"I can't back that one in, Mick. You see part of my newfound paranoia is an aversion to any word with the letter. 'u' in it. Think about it...Trump, Putin, Musk, Netanyahu, Russia and poor bloody Ukraine, so it can't be Dutton to sort things out. I reckon Trump and Vance need a double barrelled blast from...."

Eyes were saucepans and jaws dropped before Mick leaned in and lowered his voice.

"Woo, woo, woo.... Tom... violence is not the solution."

Tom gritted his teeth and sucked in a deep breath and raised his voice.

"When I say a double barrelled blast, I am talking about sending Jacqui Lambie and Michaela Cash over to the USA as a couple of special Aussie envoys."

"Oi"... "Oi"... "Oi" reverberated around the front bar.

*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voter_turnout_in_United_States_presidential_elections

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Draft Change Proposal for UOW Operations transformation announced

The **University of Wollongong** (UOW) has commenced the next stage of workplace change consultation with staff following the release of the UOW Operations Draft Change Proposal. Like many universities, UOW is facing significant financial challenges, in part due to the Australian Government's changes to visa processing and migration policy and a sharp reduction in international student numbers. As a result, UOW suffered a \$35 million drop in revenue in 2024, with ongoing impacts forecast for 2025.

The University has a clear ongoing need to reduce recurrent costs and to improve the effectiveness of its services and operations more broadly. The University must address its escalating cost base and reduce recurrent expenditure by approximately an additional \$30 million, and this process will contribute to that objective. To do this, the University is proposing to re-design its organisational structure to enable UOW to grow sustainably, amplify our impact and deliver exceptional outcomes for our students, staff and communities.

The Draft Change Proposal includes:

- A reduction from four faculties to three, and reduction from 18 schools to 11, to simplify structures under the Provost, a new proposed role which will be UOW's chief academic officer.
- The creation of a new Growth portfolio to unite domestic and international student recruitment activity, alongside our critical marketing, brand, communications and advancement functions, to provide a more holistic, agile and strategic approach to driving revenue growth.
- Resourcing the Office of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure a fully aligned team to support strategic coordination, effective governance, and high-level operational support.
- The implementation of shared corporate services to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our common services across the University.
- Academic, student and research support services proposed to be reconfigured as a hub and spoke model within central portfolios to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of academic and research services.

The anticipated outcome of this Draft Change Proposal is a reduction of approximately 155-185 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and a recurrent saving of approximately \$22 – 26 million. Interim Vice-Chancellor and President Senior Professor Eileen McLaughlin said that no final decisions have been made and committed to engaging in genuine consultation with staff throughout the process.

"While there is a strong financial imperative to this change proposal, the outcome must be a platform for driving sustainable growth and impact, with a focus on improving academic and research services, enabled by enhancements in digital systems and technology," Senior Professor McLaughlin said.

"We are committed to continuing genuine and meaningful consultation with staff throughout this process and encourage all staff to engage constructively in the weeks and months ahead. "We must continue to make challenging choices now to set the University up for a brighter future. Our priority is to strengthen our foundations and deliver a sustainable future for the University while ensuring that UOW remains competitive and innovative."

Staff who are potentially affected by this phase of workplace change have been notified directly and will participate in briefings this week. Staff are also being provided with personalised, professional, and confidential support through the University's Employee Assistance Program provider, TELUS Health.

The consultation process is being conducted in alignment with the requirements of the University's enterprise agreements. No final decisions have been made. For areas that are in scope, voluntary redundancies will be considered.

It is anticipated that the Final Change Plan will be released on 23 July.

When training turns real...



Marine Rescue NSW report: Members from Marine Rescue Batemans Bay were on the water this morning on BM30 training with a visiting crew from Marine Rescue Kioloa. After undertaking several exercises in the Clyde River, the Kioloa crew returned home while BM30 proceeded into Batemans Bay for further on-water familiarization training for two of our radio operators.

While en route to the Tollgate Islands, the crew noticed an object floating in the water. Upon further investigation an upturned kayak was found, with the owner in the water struggling to re-board his kayak and waving for assistance. The crew from BM30 immediately pulled up along side the kayaker and brought him onboard, before bringing his kayak on to the vessel's aft deck.

Fortunately due to the swift response by rescue crews, the kayaker was in good spirits and was returned to shore soon after. Upon returning to shore, BM30 crew members assisted with emptying the water from the kayak and drove the owner to get their vehicle from the beach where they launched.

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Min HaHa

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Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)
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Steam Packet Hotel
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Synopsis - A fish called Wanda
Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months - Guests welcome.

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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.
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Art exhibition: Floating Through Calm Water
- Julz Beresford

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air on the Hawkesbury River.

When: showing to Saturday 29 March 2025, 10am to 4pm Cost: Free

Art exhibition: An artist's reverie

- David Ramsland

Hot on the heels of Julz Beresford is an exhibition by the renowned and versatile, local artist David Ramsland. Dave takes us on a journey through the bush and the coast and immerses viewers in the dream-like quality of his visions. Dave describes this exhibition as 'It is a collection of landscapes and seascapes, the inspiration for which is deeply rooted in my connection with the natural environment of our local area and my love of the changing vistas this country has to offer, as well as still life and abstract works.'

Opening: Saturday 5 April, 10.30am

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Artist talk: Saturday 5 April, from 11am following opening

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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.



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

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An artist's reverie David Ramsland



Opening: Saturday 5 April 2025, from 10.30am
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Aboriginal Community Consultation and Registration of Interest

Niche has been commissioned by NSW Public Works on behalf of NSW Rural Fire Services (NSW RFS) to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for proposed works at 2876 Princes Highway, Moruya, NSW (Lot 1 DP 784401). The works are for the proposed Eurobodalla Emergency Services Precinct (ESP) and will include the following infrastructure:

- Standard RFS FCC Building with attached Area Command and PES office
- Stores and Mitigation Building
- Category 3BS Brigade Station
- Internal access roads and car parking
- Training ground / Helicopter pad
- Overflow parking landscaping and perimeter fencing

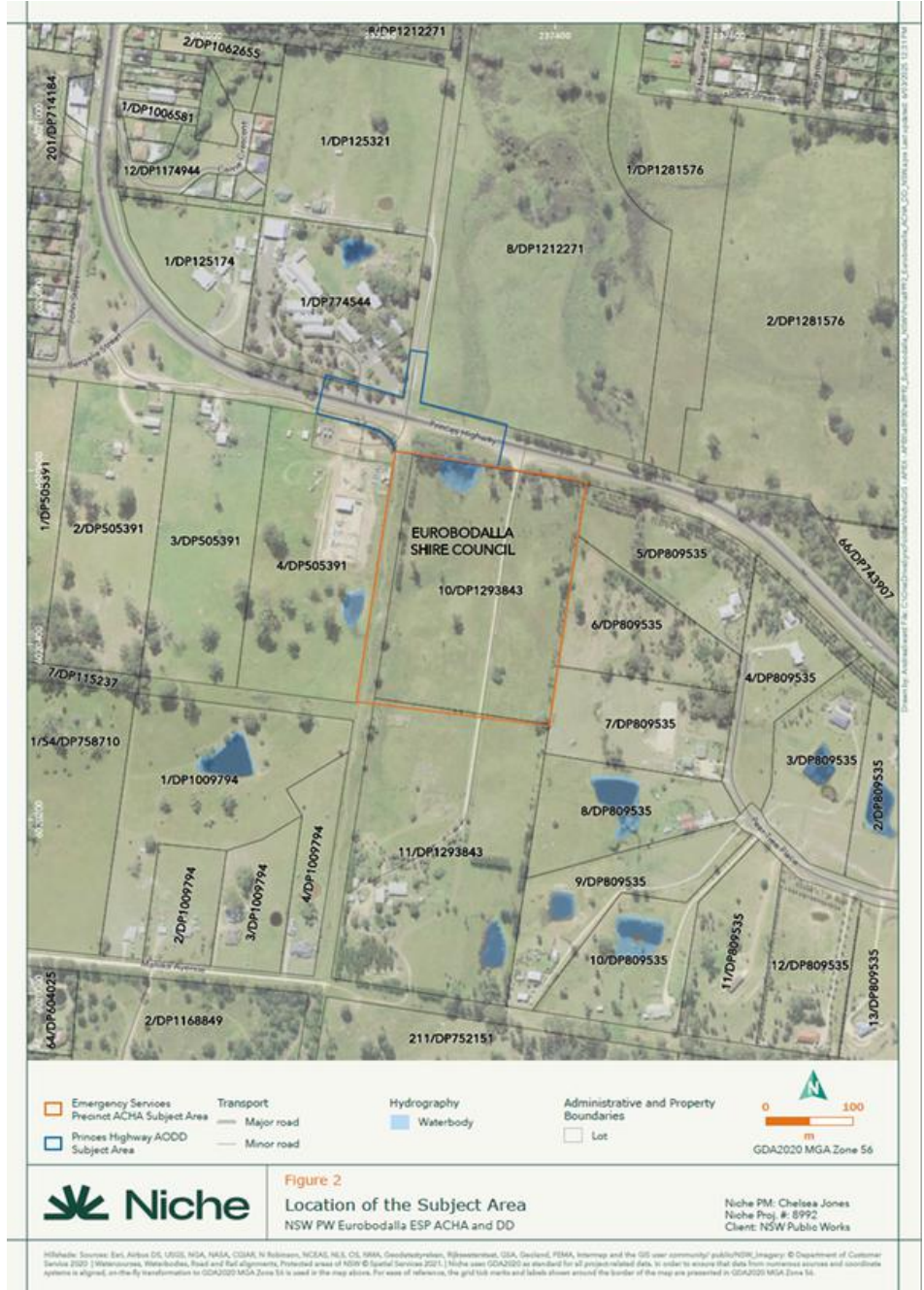
The ESP will house the SES Moruya Unit, the facility will include: Administrative offices, a training room, a Level 2 Incident Control Centre, 5 Vehicle bays internal car parking and direct road access.

The works may require the application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974(NSW).

It should be noted that an Aboriginal Due Diligence assessment of the Princes Highway Roundabout located north adjacent to the ESP will also be undertaken concurrently with the ACHA.

The Proponent, NSW RFS, can be contacted via:

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 Senior Project Officer – Assets and Infrastructure NSW RFS
 42 Lamb Street, Glendenning NSW 2061
 Email: mathew.smith4@rfs.nsw.gov.au



In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Office of Environment and Heritage Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010, the NSW RFS is seeking to consult with any Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge of, or who have the right or interest in Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Subject Area. The purpose of the consultation will be to assist the Proponent in the preparation of:

- An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.
- Determining the significance of any Aboriginal objects and/or places within the Subject Area.
- Appropriate management recommendations for any Aboriginal objects and/or places that might be identified during the process.
- A possible AHIP to manage any Aboriginal objects identified during the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment and to assist Heritage NSW in their consideration and determination of the application.

Please be advised that as per Section 4.1.6 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (OEH, 2010) the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

All registrations for the project must be received by 5 pm on 9 April 2025 and should be directed in writing to:

Niche
 (#8992)
 cjones@niche-eh.com
 consultation@niche-eh.com

Support at Home program webinar

Banksia Village, Banksia Lodge and Banksia Community Care reports:

If you would like more information about the government's new Support at Home program, There is still time to register for a Support at Home webinar on Thursday 3 April. This webinar will cover: What is changing under Support at Home, What Home Care Package recipients need to do to transition to Support at Home on 1 July 2025, and a question-and-answer session.

You can register to attend an online webinar, using the link below.

If you'd prefer to watch the webinar on a big screen you are welcome to join in at Banksia's Grevillea Centre. Thursday 3rd April at 2.30pm, Grevillea Centre, 69 Heath Street, Broulee

Register at [HERE](#)

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/webinars/support-at-home-program-update-for-older-people-families-and-carers-webinar>

Araluen Road closure continues

The current closure at the 31-33km site will continue for another two to three weeks. Once that's finished, work will begin at the 28.6km site, likely around 10 April – we'll confirm the date closer to the time.

The 28.6km site will be closed for several weeks, but we're working on a plan to allow local traffic through at different stages, outside of work hours. We'll let you know once details are confirmed.

Current closure

When: until 9 April

Where: 31 to 33km from Moruya (Princes Highway) Detour: Kings Highway

Details:

- Closed all day, every day, with no vehicle access at any time
- Residents can walk or cycle through the closure with guidance from contractors
- Properties up to 3150 Araluen Road are only accessible from Moruya, while properties beyond 3500 Araluen Road are only accessible from Araluen
- Emergency services called to areas beyond 33km from Moruya will need to come from Queanbeyan-Palerang
- Weather and ground conditions may affect the work schedule
- Information is available on [Live Traffic NSW](#)

Next closures

Once the 31-33km sites are finished, the contractors will begin moving towards Moruya, with each road closure rolling into the next. Each site will be closed for several weeks, and work is expected to continue to June 2025.

We'll provide expected timeframes for each of the following locations as soon as they are available:

- 28.6 and 25.4km sites – road closure hours to be confirmed
- 19.7 and 9.6km sites - road closed during work hours only

Planned breaks

- Araluen Road will be open for 10 days for Easter, from 17 to 26 April
- Additional short-term openings may occur, and we'll keep you updated if that happens

Project details

- [Araluen Road slope stabilisation](#)

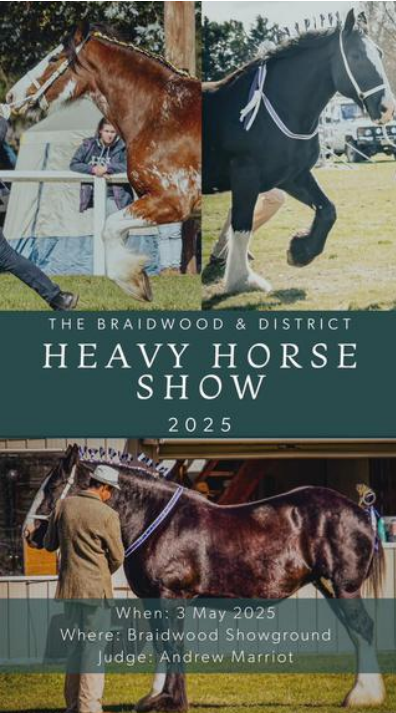


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REPAIR CAFE

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)
- organise and serve morning tea for the repairers

Interested?

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

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MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



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1st prize	WATERCOLOUR "MORNING MAGNOLIA"	Artist Karrin Lesley	Value \$350.00
2nd PRIZE	NECKLACE & EARRINGS "IBIS BEADS"	Artist Virginia Aland	Value \$120.00
3rd PRIZE	"RAW BEAUTY MORUYA"	Deluxe Pedicure	Value \$75.00



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www.teensafemoruya.org

or email garys.home@bigpond.com



1 to 31 March 2025

Cat & Kitten Desexing Month

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



Did you know that NSW legislation requires cat owners to pay an annual permit fee of \$96.00 for a non-desexed cat over 4 months of age. This is in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

Get your cat or kitten desexed - Make an appointment with your Eurobodalla Vet, then call us on 0436 816 718 to have the discount voucher actioned



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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

Tuross Moruya

FRIDAY MAY 9, 2025

Support our Volunteers



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

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

Bookings and payment by 30 April 2025.

Call the MGC on 4474 2300 (also booking golf cart if required).



Moruya Golf Club
Evans Street, Moruya, NSW

Animal Welfare League News

Anyone wanting a lap cat as a friend, we have the perfect match! Gorgeous 15-month-old Tish will sit on your lap while you're working on a computer, watching TV, even eating! This pretty, petite girl is very sweet, loving and easy-going. Happy indoors or out. Tish would do best in a home where she is the only cat, so she can soak up all the attention.

If you're looking for a dog-loving kitten, we can do that too! **Hazel** is an adorable, friendly and outgoing black and white three-month-old kitten who loves everyone! That includes cats, dogs and children, and she's ready to play with them all. Hazel had a rough start in life but that hasn't dented her confidence one bit. She has spent lots of her time in care roughhousing with her foster home's two French Bulldogs, after which she seeks out a comfy lap to snooze on. This girl would love a forever home with a friendly dog or two to continue the fun, and to cuddle up with when they're all exhausted.

Brindie is an eight month old medium sized Mastiff cross pup with a really sweet disposition. He's a happy and energetic boy looking for a loving companion or family who will include him in all their activities. Brindie walks well on a lead, sleeps in his own bed, sits for meals and treats, is respectful of other dogs, and lives comfortably with chickens. He's a playful boy who loves squeaky toys. Brindie has the makings of a perfect.

All AWL pets come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and flea, tick and worm treated. Call us on 0410 016 612 to meet any of our animals in care.

And finally, a reminder that March is FELINE DESEXING MONTH. Anyone needing to have their cat or kitten desexed, just book them in to the vet of your choice, then call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0436 816 718 to arrange a discount voucher. NSW law requires cats to be desexed by four months of age, and desexed felines are less likely to roam, so take this opportunity to get a discount on the cost.



Brindie



Hazel



Tish

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- DOG MAN

- A MINECRAFT MOVIE

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27 TH MARCH – 2 ND APRIL	THURS 27 TH	FRI 28 TH	SAT 29 TH	SUN 30 TH	MON 31 ST	TUES 1 ST	WED 2 ND
A WORKING MAN MA15+, 1H 56M, ACTION	6.30pm*	1.45pm 6.50pm	1.20pm 8pm*	1.20pm 5.50pm*		1.45pm 6.50pm	1.45pm 6.50pm
DISNEY'S SNOW WHITE PG, 1H 49M, FANTASY	4.20pm*	12.05pm* 6.25pm*	10.45am* 5.50pm*	10.45am*		12.05pm* 6.25pm*	12.05pm* 6.25pm*
THE RULE OF JENNY PENN (LAST WEEK) MA 15+, 1H 45M, THRILLER/PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR		4.20pm*				4.20pm*	4.20pm*
BLACK BAG M, 1H 33M, SPY THRILLER		11.45am	3.35pm	3.35pm		11.45am	11.45am
SPIT M, 1H 41M, AUS COMEDY/CRIME	2.15pm*	2.15pm*	3.50pm*	3.50pm*		2.15pm*	2.15pm*
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN (ENCORE) M, 2H 20M, MUSIC BIO	2.30pm	4.05pm	7.45pm			4.05pm	4.05pm
THE CATS OF GOKOGU SHRINE (ONE WEEKEND ONLY) G, 1H 20M, DOCUMENTARY			11am 5.30pm	11am 5.30pm			
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ANORA MA15+ 138 MIN		12:05 PM		1:55 PM			12:05 PM
BLACK BAG M 93 MIN	4:40 PM	2:40 PM	4:25 PM	4:30 PM		4:40 PM	2:40 PM
BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY M 125 MIN	11:30 AM	2:05 PM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM		11:30 AM	2:05 PM
CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD M 118 MIN	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	3:40 PM		4:30 PM	4:30 PM
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MA | 1hr 56min
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PG - Family

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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 ~
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MA | 1hr 35min ~ Horror ~ Thriller ~
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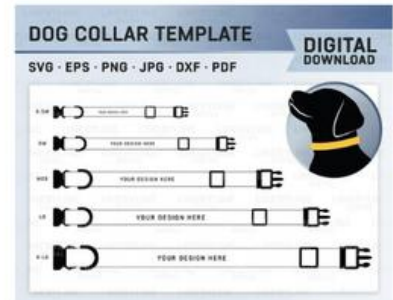
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2025 Diary Dates

- 19th April Races **Moruya Races**
- 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

and **Thursday 3rd April 2025**, 10am to 2pm

Appointments are essential – please call 1800 229 529

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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.

NSW school holidays for 2025:

Autumn Holidays: Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 24

Note: Friday, April 25 is ANZAC Day, a public holiday

Winter Holidays: Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 18

Spring Holidays: Monday, September 29 to Fri, October 10

Summer Holidays: Monday, December 22 to Monday, January 26, 2026

RED DOOR CRAFT AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Held at: Anglican Church Moruya 50 Campbell St

In the Red Door Hall On Saturdays From 10am to 12

If you're lonely and would like to meet some lovely ladies or you would like to learn or you need help with a pattern for crochet, knitting or sewing, we would like to meet you. We have a cuppa at half time and it cost \$5.

If you want to know more ring me: Ph no 4474 4682 (If I don't answer please leave a message and I will get back to you.)

Bay U3A Art Classes

On the 3rd. April, CWA Batemans Bay will begin Art Classes run by local artist Nellie Oldham.

Where: CWA Hall Edward Rd. Batehaven

When: 10am - 12 Middy, 1st Thursday every month.

Bring: an apron, a plate to share for morning tea and \$5 contribution and 6B pencil(s). Everything else provided.

All welcome, come for fun, chat, cuppa and 'arty' ideas!

Confirm with Cherie 0408801233

UOW Eurobodalla Parent & Student Info Evenings

Get answers to all the common questions that students have about Early Admission, Important dates, scholarships, accommodation and more. University of Wollongong staff and current students will be on-hand to make sure you have all of your questions answered at the one time in the one place.

Thursday, 10 April, 2025 5.45 pm - 7.30 pm UOW Eurobodalla campus, Batemans Bay

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).



SAGE Farmers Market
Tuesday 3pm Moruya

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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
To find out more email mdha@y7mail.com or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537

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.

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Moruya Golf Club

Congratulations to Moruya Golf Club's Senior Pennant Team. Winning the final 3/2 at Bega Country Club. Fantastic effort. Front Row, Left to Right Steve Johnston, Stephen Fletcher, Mark Joyce. Back Row, Left to Right Girts Kalnins, Andrew Ferguson, Richard Stanley. Winners are grinners



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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

There were 33 social bowlers on the Green, all enjoying their morning with a few light showers thrown in! Gayl kept us up to date with results of Open Gender Pennants. Grade 1 going down by 1 shot, the 3's & 7's still doing well. Birthday greetings to Patricia Weekes and Sonia Frey, have a great week ladies. Coordinator Ian Whybrow called cards with a few changes as some bowlers phoned in as they were unable to play. Winners Rink 3, Di MacPherson, Gai Gibson and Yvonne Huddleston. (Photo) Runners-up Rink 2, Gloria Harper, Robyn Butcher, Sonia Frey and Jenny Blyth. 3rd Rink 5, Michelle Adler, Margaret Bridge's and Olga Geshwend. Lucky Losers Rink 5, Julie Knorpp, Noleen Taylor and Lyn Hardy. Money Club, 16 Gloria Harper, 12 Anna Stewart .



There were 32 Twisties on the Green enjoying their morning of bowls. Terry Montgomerie vice-president took over proceedings and always doing a great job. Welcome to Bruce and Suzy Curtis from Club Braidwood, also to Ruth friend of Foxy who joined us for the morning and I heard she put down some fantastic bowls. Winners with Lowest Winning Margin +3, Parko with Moby Dick and Dobbo (photo) Runners-up +4, Lois and Gilligan. Dobbo selected Rink 9 to try for Jackpot of \$125 . Winning Skip Gilligan cut cards but no luck finding Joker just Jack of Clubs. Other winning teams, Ruth and Jonesy. Suzy and Allen. Bruce and Witto . Sandy and Bob the Builder , Robbo and Milka. Lucky numbers, 28 Foxy, 32 Trish the Dish.



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Tuross Head Golf Results

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 20th March 2025

A field of 33 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was windy and there were some fabulous scores. The event was sponsored by Allan Langford.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Bruce Martin (20) with 38 points (countback)
- 2nd: Dianne Brown (41) with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: Daniel Nickson (28) with 38 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Brad Doolan 3.89 A Grade
- 4th: Stephen Gardner 2.95 B Grade
- 4th: Daniel Nickson 1.98 C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 3.00 A Grade
- 6th: Grant Kiely 2.85 B Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 5.63 A Grade
- 7th: Teri Swanbury 6.29 B Grade
- 7th: Dianne Brown 3.70 C Grade

Balls went to: Ross Davidson 37, Michael Coloe 35, Stephen Gardner 35, Teri Swanbury 34, Allan Langford 34, Ruth Gschwend 33, Kevin Reilly 33, Cathy Milliken 33, Ian McManus 32 and Stephen Swanbury 2.



Winner: Paul Scholze with Captain Lars Gaupset

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 22nd March 2025

A field of 50 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The course was in great condition and there were some excellent scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Paul Scholze (16) with 39 points
- 2nd: Ruth Gschwend (18) with 38 points (countback)
- 3rd: John Phyland (19) with 38 points (countback)
- 4th: Greg Smith (26) with 38 points
- 5th: Peter Hogan (17) with 37 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Colin Houghton 3.15 A Grade
- 4th: David Gray 2.32 B Grade
- 4th: Michael Elfar 11.00 C Grade
- 6th: Brad Doolan 2.54 A Grade
- 6th: John Phyland 0.89 B Grade
- 6th: Michael Hogan 7.19 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 2.48 A Grade
- 7th: Peter Johnston 2.49 B Grade

Balls went to: Ian Kingston 36, Darren Willmouth 36, Cathy Milliken 36, David Schmid 36, Bruce Handley 36, Shane Gschwend 36, Peter McRae 35, Frank Pomfret 35, John Eglitis 34, Stephen Swanbury 34, Grant Kiely 34, Simon French 33, Michael Elfar 32, Ian McManus 32 and Ian Lawson 32.



Winners: Ted and Shirley Quinlan

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 26th March 2025

A field of 42 players registered for a 2 player Team Stableford Multiplier event today. The weather was beautiful and some fantastic results were achieved.

The winning teams were:

- 1st: Shirley and Ted Quinlan with 33 points
- 2nd: Gail and Len Rogers with 30 points
- 3rd: Steve Gardner and Derek Hoare with 28 points
- 4th: Leonie Snodgrass and Dorothy Madden with 26 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Steve Gardner (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Greg Geelan (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd shot)
- Mens: Neal Watson (2nd shot)

Accuracy: Gail Rogers (5th hole)

Bradmans: Ross Davidson and Bruce Ware

NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards

The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are an annual program aimed at recognising the incredible dedication, effort and community service of our state's volunteers, volunteer leaders and volunteer teams.

All nominees must:

- Reside in NSW, and be involved in volunteering as either a volunteer or a Leader of Volunteers. Volunteering is time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain.
- Individuals must have been involved during the previous 12 months (July 2024-May 2025) with a legitimate not-for-profit organisation, community group, or other entity which engages volunteers in a safe and legal manner, such as schools or government agencies.

Award Categories

There are 7 categories for the Awards. These include: Young Volunteer of the Year, Adult Volunteer of the Year, Senior Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Team of the Year, Two individuals or over, Emergency Volunteer of the Year.

Volunteer Leader of the Year, Not-for-Profit Voluntary Governance Award. Volunteers and Volunteer Leaders and managers are not permitted to nominate themselves.

All nominators must have permission to disclose the personal information of the person or team you are nominating. Nominations close 5pm Friday 23 May 2025.

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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

Sorry for the lateness of this post, I was out throwing some Panic Stations Mullet along the flats for a croc, a big donut for me today. Don't you hate when the bail arm clicks over mid cast and that new colour lures goes further than you have managed to cast one before! I do!

The weather this weekend is looking a little unsettled, but the daytime temps are still up there. After a session on the town bridge 2 days ago, I can confirm there are some big bream and whiting lurking around the bridge pylons and the flats in the middle of the river. One fish I didn't see in any great number was the humble flathead, but I guarantee they are there, just well hidden in an ambush position waiting for and unsuspecting mullet or whiting to get close enough.

A good session up the Dueda chasing bass with a mate last weekend, surprised us with the numbers of black bream we saw well up above the tidal limit mark! Honestly we saw more bream than bass up where the bass should have been the dominant species. The water was most definitely fresh, so it goes to show how well the black bream can adapt to differing water conditions.

Tuross river.

Flathead, bream, whiting and trevally have all been readily available throughout the system this week. Coila lake still has some good sized prawns available. While not in massive numbers the upcoming dark will produce some good catches for those willing to put in the time.

If you are chasing flathead or whiting this time of year, look at the lower sections of the river where the water temps are still high.

There are plenty of bream along the extensive river banks that hold snags and throughout the systems extensive oyster leases. Soft plastics hard body lures and baits are all excellent options.

Rock and beach.

Salmon, bream and whiting are all prevalent along the all the local beaches at the moment. For the bream and whiting try along the corners of mixed ground where the beach meets a rocky headland. These areas will also have the odd snapper in the right areas.

Offshore.

With the water temps still high this time of year, the snapper will tend to be a little deeper in and around the 40-50m marks, with the flathead available over the inshore grounds around 15-20m marks. These are only rough guides and the fish will be where you find them.

The shop is looking good at the moment, with plenty of stock on the walls and some rearranging having gone on in my absence. Guess I'm going to learn where things are again. Im back at work on Monday, so see you all next week.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya

Hanging Rock Sporting Complex Upgrade pledged \$3 m for upgrade



An elected Dutton Liberal Government has committed \$3 million to upgrade facilities at the Hanging Rock Sporting Complex – home of the Batemans Bay Seahawks Australian Football Club.

Liberal candidate for Gilmore, Andrew Constance, said the facilities at Hanging Rock need urgent upgrades, with just two change rooms serving dozens of male and female Seahawks teams, across AFL South Coast and Canberra competitions.

The Club has 350 members including four women's teams. "This is an important community club and their membership growth is indicative of their success in building participation among women at junior and senior levels," Mr Constance said.

"The Club's focus on creating a fun and family-friendly environment for players and spectators, has woven this Club into the fabric of the Batemans Bay community and today's commitment will see this community get the sporting facilities it deserves."

Batemans Bay Seahawks President, Danny White, said the Club is excited about the Liberals' funding commitment.

"This funding would be a game-changer for our Club," said Mr White. "We appreciate Andrew Constance and the Liberals' recognition of the Seahawks' role in our community and their commitment to investing in grassroots sport here at Hanging Rock." Plans for the upgrade have been completed already.

Senator Andrew Bragg said this commitment would not have been possible without the advocacy of Andrew Constance and the Batemans Bay Seahawks.

"Andrew Constance has demonstrated his commitment to serving the South Coast for more than two decades and today's commitment is just the latest example of his tireless efforts to give Batemans Bay locals the sporting facilities that they need and deserve," Senator Bragg said.

"Our commitment to upgrade Hanging Rock is just one way that we will work to get the South Coast and Australia back on track."



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Batemans Bay Sailing Club report

It was a great day for sailing last Saturday 22/3/25 when Batemans Bay Sailing Club held the final Crew Skipper/Lady Skipper race of the season as well as a Bay Cup race. Five boats went out for the first race. It was a handicap start race with each boat given a start time based on past performances. Theoretically all boats would finish at the same time. "Horizon" skippered by Michelle Grybaitis was first off on the course from Caseys Beach to Chain Bay and back. Next up was Jack Egan's restored trailerable yacht "Windswept", skippered on the day by Bridget Mullaly and Rima Bos. Then followed "Attitude" (Graham Taylor), "Moonmist" (Geoff Perrem) and "Accolade" (Tony Bonouvrie. Light ESE winds at the start didn't do "Horizon" or "Windswept" any favours as they were both overhauled by the faster boats before the first mark. "Moonmist" led narrowly at Chain Bay and then set a spinnaker for the shy reach back to Caseys. This appeared overly ambitious at first but "Moonmist" was able to carry the spinnaker all the way to the finish to win ahead of "Attitude", "Accolade" and "Horizon". "Windswept" never really got going and headed in early.

For the Bay Cup Tony Sutton took back the helm of "Moonmist". Aboard "Accolade", Lachlan Brown was having to do the foredeck duties in the absence of regular bowman Ash Connell so shared the helming with Tony Bonouvrie. "Horizon" went back in for a long lunch. "Avior", being sailed single handed by Peter Paterson, joined the fleet for the second race.

Race officer Terry Paton and his trusty sidekick Peter "Witho" Withington set a dramatically boat end favoured start. Sutton timed his start to perfection right alongside the committee boat. There was no room for "Attitude" or "Accolade" there so both boats had to circle around before starting, handing an early advantage to "Moonmist". The course was a triangle from the start near Square Head to the Yellow Rock mark, out to the Marine Park Middle Mark then to a laid mark near Square Head followed by a work back to Yellow Rock and a run to the finish at Square Head. All boats had to stay south of the outer cardinal mark at Acheron ledge, which in effect became an additional mark on the course.

"Moonmist" was beautifully in phase with the windshifts and extended her lead on the first work. On the second work, Brown and Bonouvrie mistook a fishing boat for the Acheron cardinal mark and ended up overstanding by some distance. "Moonmist" finished comfortably ahead of "Accolade", "Attitude" and "Avior". Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au

Entries are coming in gradually for the d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta on April 26th and 27th. This regatta is open for dinghies, catamarans, trailerable yachts and sports boats. See the BBSC website for more details. The next BBSC keelboat race is the annual 3 Bays race this coming Saturday.

From top down Accolade, Attitude and Avior and Moonmist. Photos Terry Paton.



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The prestigious Ack Weyman shield will reside in Moruya for another year. Thank you to the Boorowa Rovers for making the trip down this year bringing tough competition for both our League Tag and First Grade sides Thank you to all our committee members, sponsors and most importantly our volunteers for the day. Photo **Kat Patton Photography**

TEENS SAFE DRIVER COURSE in SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The next Teensafe course is in school holidays on Thursday 24 April at Moruya Speedway. We specialise in behind-the wheel practical safe driver skills training for young drivers with L and P plate licences. Cars and instructors provided for this one day intensive course, low cost \$80.

For more info and rego form go to www.teensafemoruya.org or email garys.home@bigpond.com

A SAFE DRIVING TIP from Teensafe to all drivers - kangaroos and wallabies are regular casualties on our regional roads, mainly between dusk and dawn. To avoid serious injury to you, we recommend that if a roo suddenly appears in front of your car, try to avoid the reflex impulse to quickly swerve as you may lose control of the car, hit a tree or oncoming vehicle or roll, not a good outcome. Safer to brake steadily and hold your steering line, you will have more control of the car, especially at highway speeds. You cannot predict which way a roo will run if startled, sometimes at you, sometimes not. It's sad if you hit a roo but better than serious damage to you or your car if you lose control. Rather than a potentially dangerous impulse swerve, by reading this, the memory will store in your brain and is likely to speed up your driver reaction a vital fraction of a second quicker when confronted suddenly with a roo on the road in front of you one dark night. This is one of many safe driver tips to young drivers at a Teensafe course.

Safe driving, Gary Smith
Teensafe manager.

Look out and look up!

The 2025 Australian Skydiving Championships will be held from 7 April to 12 April at Moruya Airport.

SKYONE Moruya is hosting the 2025 Australian Skydiving Championships in the following events, supported by Australian Parachute Federation.

Formation Skydiving:

- 4-way FS Blast, A, AA, AAA
- 8-way FS Intermediate, Open
- 10-way Speed Star

Vertical Formation Skydiving:

- 2-way VFS Intermediate, Open
- 4-way VFS Advanced, Open

Speed Skydiving:

- Male, Female, Open

Wingsuiting:

- Performance, Acro

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