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The Elephant in the Campaign

The argument about the Coalition's plans to replace our aging coal-fired power plants with nuclear facilities is centred on time scale, costs and the down-grading of Labor's support for renewables. It has become such a polarised debate that I thought I would research it myself. Below is a summary of what I found.

In relation to time: the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) projects that all the old coal-fired power stations will likely have retired by 2037 and replacement capacity must be put in place well in advance. That's less than twelve years from now. However, before any nuclear power plants can be built, we would first need to establish an Australian regulatory system for them. Apparently, this could take up to five years. Additionally, the existing state and federal laws that now prevent the construction/operation of nuclear energy plants would have to be repealed. In Queensland this would require a plebiscite. Perhaps the legal changes could be made before a regulatory system is in place – but if so, imagine the time-consuming argy-bargy and court cases, especially from residents living around proposed reactor sites! On top of this, according to the CSIRO, in countries with strict regulations and democratic processes like Australia, construction times can potentially exceed 15 years. This includes the pre-construction phase, which can take several years for planning, licensing, and site preparation, here prolonged by the multiple levels of government which would have jurisdiction over design and delivery. I was surprised to find that the Coalition's plan is not yet decided on which is the best: small power plants to start delivering power by 2035 or large plants to start delivery in 2037. Nothing is said about a date for actually completing delivery. And how long would it take to decide? By 2037, of course, coal power stations will be gone and, although the Coalition does not believe in the possibility of 100% renewable energy, it appears that by that date renewables will already power Australia. Tasmania has now achieved 99.4% renewable electricity and South Australia, presently at over 70%, is projected to achieve 100% by 2027.

Despite this, Dutton promises a blow to renewables through scrapping Labor's \$20bn Rewiring the Nation Fund for building the necessary transmission links across the country.

As for costs: the CSIRO/AEMO GenCost Study shows that, even including the cost of additional transmission and storage required for solar and wind farms, renewables are almost half the price of large-scale nuclear – and even cheaper still compared to small-scale modular reactors.

However, what neither the Coalition (nor Labor for that matter) seems to want to talk about – the elephant in the room – is radioactivity and waste disposal. Most nuclear waste currently created in Australia is "low level" waste of radioactive material created through research, industrial and medical activities. It is stored in containers at 100 sites around Australia, awaiting the establishment of a national waste repository, a perennial promise since the late 1970s. Our small amount of "high level" nuclear waste is transported under guard by road to ports and shipped overseas for reprocessing. This waste is chockers with radioactive elements such as uranium and plutonium which remain deadly for millions of years. Presumably the additional high level waste created by the spent fuel from our new nuclear reactors will likewise travel along the byways and highways of the nation. I could find no mention in the Coalition plan of its disposal but I can't imagine Dutton will be brandishing a lump of it in Parliament to show how safe it is.

Nuclear power plants are designed to be safe. And of course they are... until they're not. I found a Wikipedia list of scores of what the International Atomic Energy Agency defines as a nuclear and radiation accident, namely "an event that has led to significant consequences to people, the environment or the facility". Many of these seemed to me to be serious but "relatively" minor; others are called Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, Windscale or Fukushima. None of them were predictable. And as for Lithgow, the Hunter Valley, LaTrobe Valley, Port Augusta – what could possibly go wrong? Look at these sites and decide for yourself!

**Martha Ansara
Moruya**

The Dinosaurs Have Returned!

Here we go again! We all assumed that as we entered the 21st century's first quarter, we'd left behind the armies of political dinosaurs—those loud, foot-stamping, coreflute-smashing, mud-slinging bullies— who crawl out of the woodwork during election time with their "our way or the highway" behaviour.

Remember the 2022 ugliness (see The Beagle Archive)

Turns out, we were wrong! Check out this photo taken near Moruya only last week.

(Because of the height of the corflute this could only have been done with a ladder and likely at night, a clear sign that the people behind this know very well what they're doing is wrong.)

What a way to welcome a newcomer to the local scene! It might be a sign this candidate is seen by the old guard of politics as a threat to their way of doing business? If so, then it's time to turn the page to something fresh. Bring it on!

**Fitzroy Boulting
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2022 State Election, around Turoos:



Then 2022 Federal Election, Narooma area:



Check out this photo taken near Moruya only last week:

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Delivering a new Seahawks Clubhouse at Hanging Rock



Fiona Phillips MP announcing the funding this week with Batemans Bay Seahawks club members.

A re-elected Albanese Labor Government would put \$3 million towards the construction of a new clubhouse for the Batemans Bay Seahawks Australian Football Club.

The Seahawks AFL club is booming, with around 300 current players and a 184 per cent growth in player numbers over the past two years. There are four women's teams.

The new clubhouse will include changerooms, rooms for trainers and umpires, a first aid room, storage and amenities.

The project will also help rejuvenate the Hanging Rock precinct, which was an important evacuation centre during the 2019/20 bushfires.

This election commitment recognises advocacy from the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles. Member for Gilmore, Fiona Phillips said "I know there is huge community support of a new building at Hanging Rock that can support the Seahawks club as it grows and revitalise this sporting precinct. This announcement will be a game-changer for the club, providing facilities that are modern and fit for purpose."

This announcement matches the same commitment made by Candidate for Gilmore Andrew Constance last month.

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.

Coalition pledge a promising step towards rural health equity

National Rural Health Alliance

The Federal Election pledge by the Coalition of \$20 billion for a Regional Australia Future Fund to improve health, childcare and infrastructure inequalities is welcomed by the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA). It is about time in this election campaign that regional, rural and remote Australia received some focus. These communities are falling further and further behind in many areas which need infrastructure investment, not least of which is support for essential health, aged care and disability services.

"We welcome this announcement by the Coalition and look forward to seeing if Labor matches or indeed, exceeds it. Rural, regional and remote populations make up 30 per cent or 7.3 million people of the country's population. They bring in 70 per cent of Australia's export income through agriculture, minerals, tourism, retail, services and manufacturing, 50 per cent of tourism income, and provide 90 per cent of Australia's food. It is time these communities reap the fruits of their labour by being able to access the quality healthcare they deserve," said NRHA Chief Executive Susi Tegen.

"With this pledge, we want all sides of politics to commit to this investment and to prioritise the health of our rural communities. There is a \$6.55 billion health underspend each year in rural areas, which results in each rural Australian receiving \$848 less on average per year, purely because their postcode is not in the city."



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ANZAC Day services list

Batemans Bay

Address: Honour Stone, the Foreshore, Clyde Street
 Dawn Service
 5.45am: Assemble at the Honour Stone, Clyde Street.
 5.50am: Dawn Service.
 6.30am: Gunfire breakfast at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.
 Morning Service
 10am: Assemble at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club carpark.
 10.30am: March commences. Veterans (including horses, military vehicles and service men and women) marching from Soldiers Club along Flora Cres, Old Princess Hwy and Orient Street.
 10.45am: Arrive at the Honour Stone.
 10.50am: ANZAC Commemoration Service at the Honour Stone.
 11.30am: Service Conclude.
 12.00pm: Anzac Wall walk at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
 12.15pm: Luncheon for current and ex-Service Personnel and Partners.

Moruya

Address: War Memorial, RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street
 Dawn Service
 5.30am: Assemble at RSL Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street.
 5.45am: Dawn Service at the War Memorial. (Tea and coffee for all attendees)
 Morning Service
 10.45am: March steps off at the cnr Vulcan and Shore Streets. March along Vulcan Street, right into Mirrabooka Avenue and then left into Page Street to the Memorial Hall, 11 Page Street.
 11.30am: ANZAC Commemoration Service and wreath laying.
 12.00pm: Light refreshments for ex-service men and women, partners and invited guests in the Memorial Hall.
 Dusk Service – Bunker service
 5.00pm: At the going down of the sun, the dusk service will begin at Moruya's Bush War Memorial. The service will feature a light show, projected onto the side of the World War II bunker; displaying images of men and women from all conflicts who have served Australia in war and peace. If you would like to have your loved one's image projected onto the wall, please email Gary Traynor before Wednesday 19 April, gstraynor1@dodo.com.au. The service will finish approximately 6.30pm.

Bergalia

Address: War Memorial, Bergalia Link Road.
 Morning Service
 9am: ANZAC Service at the War Memorial.

Tomakin

Address: Tomakin Sports and Social Club
 Morning Service
 6am: Gunfire breakfast at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club.
 6.45am: Muster at the Rivermouth General Store, corner Sunpatch and Kingston Parades.
 7am: March to Tomakin Sports and Social Club.
 7.30am ANZAC Day Commemoration Service.
 7.45am Breakfast is provided to all Marchers by the Tomakin Sports and Social Club. Members of the public are welcome to purchase their breakfast.

Tuross Head

Address: Memorial Gardens, Plantation Point.
 Dawn Service
 5.30am: Dawn Service at the Memorial Gardens, Plantation Point.
 Morning Service
 11.00am: March from Birdwood Circle to the Tuross Head Country Club, 40 Monash Avenue.
 11.15am: ANZAC Service at the Tuross Head Country Club.

Narooma

Address: War Memorial at Club Narooma, 88 Princes Highway
 Dawn Service
 5.55am: Assemble at the War Memorial at Club Narooma, 88 Princess Highway.
 6.00am Dawn Service at the War Memorial at Club Narooma, 88 Princes Highway.
 Followed by breakfast at Club Narooma.
 Morning Service
 10.45am: Assemble at the Narooma Visitors Centre, corner Princes Highway and Bluewater Drive.
 10.50am: March from South to Club along Princes Highway to the War Memorial at Club Narooma.
 11.00am: ANZAC Service and Wreath Laying at the War Memorial, Club Narooma.
 12.30pm A special luncheon will be on sale at Club Narooma after the Service for ex-Service Personnel and the public.

Central Tilba

Address: Cenotaph, corner of Corkhill Drive and Bate Street.
 Morning Service
 9.50am: Assemble at Dromedary Hotel on Bate Street.
 10.00am: March to Cenotaph, corner of Corkhill Drive and Bate Street.
 10.05am: Commemoration Service at the Cenotaph.
 Note: Attendees to bring their own seating.
 Traditional tea and Anzac Biscuits at the Dromedary Hotel, located in the Barn. Entrance to the side gate into the beer garden.



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Construction underway on new \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health facility

Construction is underway on the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility, which will provide a sustainable, purpose-built community health service for the local community.

Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Regional Health and Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland attended a sod turn event to mark the major milestone, which included planting three trees on site.

The NSW Government is investing \$20 million to deliver a range of community-based services in one location for the communities of Batemans Bay and surrounding areas.

The new, purpose-built Batemans Bay Community Health facility will include:

- Allied health
- Child, youth and family services
- Women's health
- Sexual health
- Community nursing and wound management
- Palliative care
- Aboriginal health
- Community mental health and drug & alcohol
- Specialist outpatient clinics
- Pathology

The new facility will be built on the existing Batemans Bay Hospital site and located close to the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic which opened in 2023. The build will deliver a modern health facility with more spaces to better support healthcare teams in providing enhanced care to the local community.

The facility will include interview, consultation, and treatment rooms for a range of services, a gymnasium, as well as larger rooms that can accommodate groups and families and be used as education spaces.

The investment into community health in Batemans Bay builds on the \$330 million new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital which will deliver an enhanced level of healthcare service and more beds than Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals combined.

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will include a new and expanded Emergency Department, an eight bed Intensive Care Unit and the first paediatric unit for the region. There will also be increased access to chemotherapy treatments and renal dialysis, modern surgical and operating theatres, expanded medical imaging, mental health service, ambulatory care and outpatient services; and education facilities which will support the needs of the entire Eurobodalla Shire from Narooma to Batemans Bay.



Turning the first sod Batemans Bay Community Health Centre Dr Michael Holland MP, Brad Scotcher General Manager - Coastal Network, SNSWLHD and David Ledsam, Project Director, Health Infrastructure.

Monarch Building Solutions Pty Limited has been awarded the contract to deliver the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility following a competitive tender process. Site establishment works will commence in the coming weeks, which will include the installation of site fencing and sheds.

Batemans Bay Hospital, including the current Community Health service, will continue to operate while the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health facility are built.

Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park said, "It is terrific to see construction underway on the new, purpose-built Batemans Bay Community Health facility, which will be transformative for staff and the local community."

"Having services including child and family health, Aboriginal and women's health and drug and alcohol services all under the one roof will enhance accessibility and better support the health needs of people in Batemans Bay and surrounding areas."

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said, "I look forward to seeing the new Batemans Bay Community Health facility come to life, with the contractor appointed and construction underway."

"The new health facility will complement the \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, currently under construction, ensuring our community always has access to the right healthcare in the most appropriate setting."

Further information on the redevelopment is available by visiting the project website:

<http://hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/bbch>

Construction of the new health facility is expected to be completed in 2026, followed by an operational commissioning stage to support staff moving into the new facility.

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Expansion of alternative sentencing options on South Coast
The NSW Government has expanded access to alternative sentencing for Aboriginal offenders on the South Coast to help reduce reoffending, improve justice outcomes and improve community safety. Circle Sentencing Courts are now operating at Moruya and Narooma in addition to Batemans Bay. Circle sentencing is available to eligible defendants who plead guilty to or are found guilty of criminal offences in a local court. Rather than being sentenced by a magistrate alone, defendants are sentenced by a magistrate alongside representatives from the local Aboriginal community, such as elders. In addition, the police prosecutor is always involved, while the victim can choose to participate if they wish. The court has the full sentencing power of a traditional court for offenders who meet the criteria and are assessed as suitable. Circle Sentencing currently operates at 22 high-priority locations after beginning in Nowra in 2002. Five defendants have already participated in Circle Sentencing across Moruya and Narooma, and another four at Batemans Bay. A 2020 study by NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research found Aboriginal people who participated in Circle Sentencing were 9.6 per cent less likely to reoffend, compared to those sentenced to a non-custodial sentence in a traditional way. In developing the sentence, the group discusses factors including the impact on the victim and what can be done to prevent further offending. Attorney General Michael Daley said "The NSW Government is proud to support the expansion of Circle Sentencing on the South Coast. "Aboriginal people who participate in Circle Sentencing are less likely to end up in jail or reoffend. It gives Aboriginal communities a say in the sentencing process"

Local Solar Battery Installations soar

Households and businesses in Bega are among the 7,800 across NSW enjoying lower energy bills thanks to the strong early adoption of the Minns Labor Government's household battery incentive, which delivers thousands of dollars off the cost of installation. Since the incentive was launched in November, more than 7,800 batteries have been installed in homes and businesses across NSW. That includes premises in the following Local Government Areas in and around the electorate of Bega:

- Bega Valley- 45 installations.
- Eurobodalla - 58 installations

By using the incentive scheme, eligible homeowners and businesses get an upfront discount on the cost of battery installation through installers working with government-accredited suppliers. The discount amount is related to the size of the battery, meaning larger batteries attract bigger discounts. For a typical household battery with 13.5 kilowatt-hours of capacity, this is a discount of more than \$2000 on average and is available for both new and existing solar systems. A typical household with an \$1850 annual electricity bill can save around \$1500 per year by installing solar and a battery.

More than half of the 7,800 installations have taken place outside the Sydney Region. The scheme has reached more than 90% of all Local Government Areas in NSW, with more than 600 installers taking part across the state. With more than one-third of NSW homes now equipped with rooftop solar systems, the ability to store this solar energy in batteries for later use offers significant benefits for household budgets and energy reliability.

The household battery incentive is part of the NSW Government's Peak Demand Reduction Scheme, reducing peak electricity demand in NSW, maintaining grid stability during periods of high electricity demand and reducing the grid's reliance on fossil fuels.

The Minns Labor Government is delivering cost of living relief through \$435 million in annual energy bill rebates, \$200 million to support the roll-out of public EV charging stations and \$175 million to make energy savings upgrades for 24,000 social housing homes.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Penny Sharpe said: "NSW has set a cracking pace for battery adoption across the country, and we only see this momentum picking up. These installations are providing cost of living relief through lower energy bills and are making a valuable contribution to a more sustainable and secure energy system."

Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland said: "It's great to see a strong uptake of the NSW solar battery incentive here in Bega and Eurobodalla, where more than 100 homes and businesses have connected a battery to their solar systems.

"It's a win-win – action that reduces power bills and benefits our environment. I encourage all locals to explore options for installing solar and batteries on their home or business."

Find out more information about the NSW Government's household battery incentive program:
<https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/household-energy-saving-upgrades/install-battery>.

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Two million properties in the firing line: Data reveals how Climate Change threatens the Great Australian Dream

Climate Council

NEW DATA OUT TODAY exposes the electorates where homes and businesses are most at risk from climate-fuelled flooding, bushfires, tropical cyclone winds, coastal inundation, and extreme wind.

The [Climate Risk Map](#), an interactive online map using fresh data from [Climate Valuation](#), allows every Australian to see the climate risks in their local area.

A new report, [At Our Front Door](#), analyses this data at a national level. It finds:

- One in 23 Australian homes and businesses, or 652,424 properties (4.4%), across the country are already at high risk today from one or more hazards that have been made more dangerous by climate pollution.
- Another 1.55 million properties (10.4%) nationally are at moderate risk – for which insurance costs will be abnormally high. That's a further one in 10 properties.
- At high levels of climate pollution, our exposure to climate risk is set to get much worse, with twice as many properties (more than 1.3 million) at high risk by 2100.
- Further, the analysis finds that more than 72,000 homes and businesses are located in 86 suburbs categorised as “critical climate risk zones”, where 80-100% of properties are classified as high risk and insurance may soon become unaffordable or withdrawn entirely.

Climate Councillor and economist Nicki Hutley said: “The climate crisis is literally at the doorstep of Australian households, as worsening extreme weather driven by climate pollution risks their greatest asset: the home.

“We keep getting hit by disasters in Australia and that's driving insurance bills through the roof, but we cannot insure our way out of this crisis.

“It's not just Australian voters in risky areas who should be looking closely at this. Five of the top 10 ASX-listed companies are banks with significant exposure to climate disaster risk through residential mortgages and loans for commercial property and businesses.

“This election there is a stark contrast between the two major parties' climate policies. The Coalition plans will release billions of tonnes of more climate pollution which will contribute to worsening extreme weather, while the ALP has concrete policies to reduce pollution.”

“The Climate Council and Climate Valuation are releasing this data free to the public as we believe people have a right to know the threats they're facing now and into the future.”

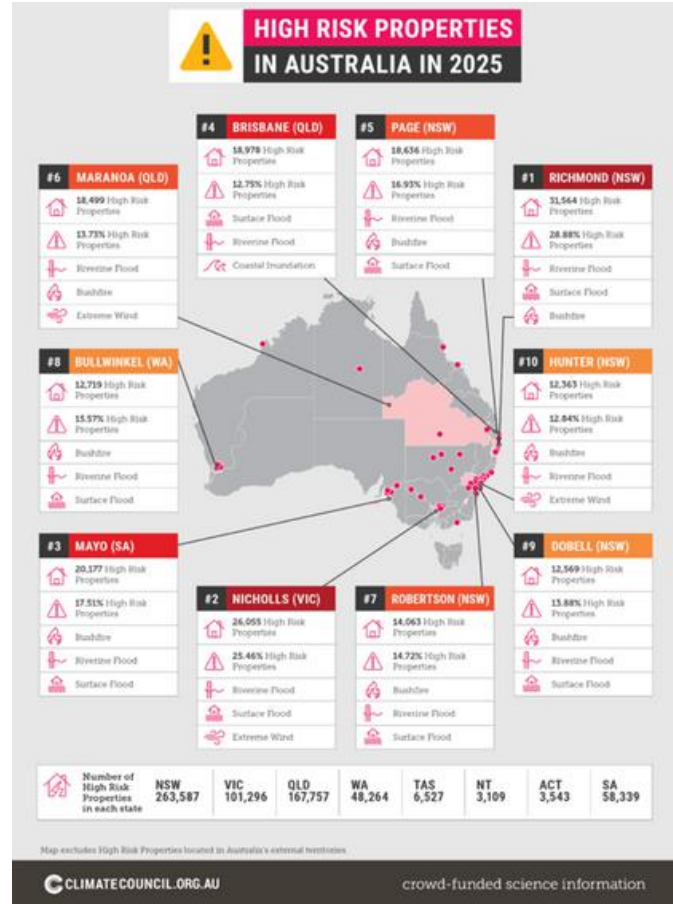
Climate Valuation founder Karl Mallon said: “Our data draws on 15 million commercial and residential properties in over 15,000 Australian suburbs and 150 electorates. The numbers show us that climate change is not a far-off future event: it threatens entire communities today.

“Most alarmingly, our analysis has identified 86 critical climate risk zones requiring urgent and major government interventions, such as flood levies, buy backs or other measures. It is imperative that decision makers at all levels look seriously at the stark statistics presented here and work to address questions head-on: What adaptation action are all levels of government going to take now to protect our vulnerable communities? And, how will this be financed?”

Climate Councillor and Former NSW Fire & Rescue Chief Greg Mullins said: “As the climate risk map and report makes distressingly clear, no home or business is now safe from the devastating consequences of burning fossil fuels.

“Even if your electorate is in a low risk zone, it does not mean fires or floods won't happen in your local area because climate change has rewritten the rules.

“As the recent fires in LA and Japan show, massive fires can now happen in winter. They can happen in rainforests like the Daintree or in the suburbs of London. We've been through Black Summer, Black Saturday, and the 2003 fires that badly impacted Canberra. Unfortunately, we've already locked in conditions for similar fires again, but we have a choice for the future. We must drive down global climate pollution faster and continue the shift to clean energy. The cost of failing to do so is spelled out in this climate risk map.”



Gilmore electorate

36.93% of all properties at risk

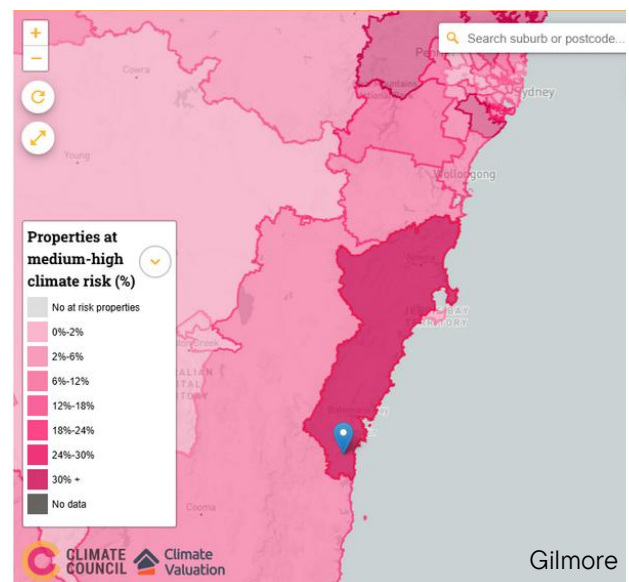
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- 42,746 properties are at medium risk of

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Labor delivering \$600,000 to Ozfish for Saltmarsh Management

Fiona Phillips and Carol Berry (Federal Labor Candidate for Whitlam) have announced that a re-elected Albanese Labor Government will clean up saltmarshes in three locations: the Clyde River at Batemans Bay, Burrill Lake and Lake Illawarra. Saltmarsh ecosystems provide shelter for juvenile fish and popular recreational fish species, as well as being prawn-production powerhouses.

Unfortunately, there has been a large decline in saltmarshes across the NSW South Coast. This election commitment will deliver \$600,000 to OzFish who will partner with local recreational fishers, traditional owners and municipal councils to monitor and improve the saltmarshes.

OzFish is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping the millions of Aussie recreational fishers take control of the health of their rivers, lakes and estuaries.

Restoration at this scale will only happen by engaging local volunteers in the community. This \$600,000 election commitment will help OzFish to maintain these saltmarshes and with the help of over 100 volunteers allow them to undertake:

1. Weed removal and native species planting
2. Rubbish removal
3. Educational workshops and events
4. Ecosystem health assessments

OzFish will continue to maintain these sites for years to come.

This project would build on the Government's other investments to better protect our environment, including over \$550 million to better protect threatened plants and animals and tackle invasive pests.

Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.

Tanya Plibersek, Member for Sydney said "We know Australians care deeply about nature and want to do their bit to protect the environment for their kids and grandkids. "This project will help restore saltmarshes and boost water quality, better protecting the native species that rely on these waterways.

"Healthy saltmarshes support fish and prawn breeding - that's why people who love fishing are so keen to get involved in these projects.

"It's also a great way to get more locals in the Illawarra and South Coast involved in looking after nature in their community.

"This builds on our \$200 million investment in over 100 projects to clean up rivers and waterways in urban areas. These include things like removing weeds in the Lane Cove River corridor to better protect the Glossy Black-Cockatoo, restoring more than 3 hectares of native oyster reefs that had been decimated by disease in the Georges River, and improving wetland connectivity to support fish populations in Cairns.



Fiona Phillips and Ryan Lungu from OzFish

"After a decade of environmental vandalism by the Liberals and Nationals, Labor has made record investments to undo the damage done. We've protected an extra 100 million hectares of land and ocean, doubled funding for national parks including Booderee, and invested over \$550 million to better protect threatened plants and animals and tackle invasive pests.

"Plus, a re-elected Labor Government will invest \$250 million to protect an extra 30 million hectares of Aussie bush - an area bigger than New Zealand.

"The choice at the election couldn't be clearer. Labor will protect nature, fund essential science, invest in threatened species, and act on climate change. Or the climate deniers and wreckers of the Liberal and National parties who haven't made a single commitment that would help improve nature."

Fiona Phillips MP said "Being a coastal electorate, our local waterways are so important to our community. We have many community groups engaged with keeping our waterways clean, and I am pleased to be giving this money to OzFish, so that local volunteers can help maintain our important saltmarshes in the Clyde River and Burrill Lake.

"Only an Albanese Labor Government will deliver for our environment."

Carol Berry said "I know our communities along Lake Illawarra love using our lake for recreational activities like fishing and swimming, and it's so important that we look after the lake for generations to come.

"I am pleased that OzFish volunteers have put their hand up to look after our important saltmarshes along Lake Illawarra and am proud to be delivering this funding to them."

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Councils cheer return of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

ALGA has warmly welcomed the Coalition's commitment this week to reinstate their highly successful Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program if elected on 3 May. ALGA President Matt Burnett said:

"Introduced by the Coalition in 2020, the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program was a game-changer, supporting all 537 of our councils to build, maintain and upgrade thousands of libraries, recreation centres, playgrounds, skate parks, bike paths, and of course the roads we all use every day."

"The formula-based program was an extraordinary success, driving an almost \$1 billion improvement in the condition of our local facilities over three years."

"Unfortunately, the final round of LRCI funding was allocated in July 2023, and since then we have been advocating for the program's return."

"We are thrilled that the Coalition has recognised the value of investing in our communities, and committed to bringing back the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program at \$1 billion per year if they form government."

"Reinstating the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program will support every council, and more importantly, provide tangible benefits to every Australian community."

"The state of our regional roads is a big concern, and we are pleased that the renewed LRCI will include funding for regional councils to build and maintain safer local roads."

Mayor Burnett said the non-competitive formula-based structure of the LRCI was one of its biggest strengths.

"Many Australian councils are facing a financial sustainability crisis, and it is formula-based, non-competitive federal funding provided to all local governments that provides our communities with the best results," said Mayor Burnett. "What we need now is for this commitment to be enshrined in legislation like Roads to Recovery. Without funding certainty we cannot do the long-term planning that our communities need."

"In the lead up to this year's election, ALGA is calling for \$3.5 billion through five new formula-based, non-competitive funding programs for all councils, which would include:

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply,
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure,
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads,
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
- \$400 million per year for climate adaptation.

'Train St' wins the Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands was held last Saturday night in Moruya.

The live music competition for young people living in Eurobodalla held during Youth Week was taken out by 'Train St' - a band from St Peter's Anglican College Broulee. The free concert also had local youth DJs with free pizza and chill out spaces.



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SHOWROOM OPENING SOON



To celebrate the showroom launch, Treecycled is inviting the community to visit, on the 3rd May, explore the collection at 25 Malabar Drive Moruya

Treecycled is redefining sustainability by transforming tree waste into stunning, handcrafted furniture.

Treecycled, a unique recycling woodyard in Moruya, has partnered with Eurobodalla Tree Services to give felled timber a second life. Now, with the launch of their new showroom, locals can experience the beauty of recycled hardwood furniture first hand.



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Mick landed the schooners on the bar table.

"There you go, Bazza...how was the trip to Melbourne? I can't believe you drove that old Holden Ute all the way south."

They both enjoyed long sips of their beers.

"You know Mick, sometimes I think we are living in a museum. It has been almost two years since I've been to see my daughter in Melbourne and it's a changed world."

Mick rubbed an eye and sighed at the thought of a long yarn.

"I left early and had no troubles leaving the coast. I stopped on the other side of Bungendore to check the map and find a particular winery for some local vino to purchase as a gift. So there I am with the map, spread out over the bonnet of the car, and this young bloke pulls up and says, 'Are you all good? Sat Nav's not working today, mate?'"

"Anyhow, I assure him I'm all fine but I do ask him about Sat Nav... and why I need to know whether he's working today. The bloke just shook his head and left me in a trail of dust."

Mick groaned.

"I arrived at my daughter's new place in Melbourne. It's a big place with two bathrooms and I think I counted three toilets for a family of four. I grew up in a house with nine other family members. We had one toilet and a single bathroom but that's another story."

Bazza paused for a sip and Mick gazed out the window.

"Anyhow, my daughter is now working from home and has to attend something called a 'zoom meeting' in the home office. I can't help but think the meeting participants are all very quiet and obviously like walking as there are no cars parked outside. Anyhow, she gives me the option of waiting in either the home theatre, the dining room, the lounge, the spare bedroom, the outside deck or around the pool. I need a bloody compass to get around the place but do you think I can find a newspaper in this choice of waiting rooms? I've got no idea how they stay informed."

Mick's eyes glazed over and he sought relief in another sip.

"Well ... the kids arrive home from school and I ask the eldest to come with me to the newsagency. He jumps in the car and says straight away 'Sat Nav is missing.' I can't help thinking this bloody Sat Nav is one lazy bloke, he is either not working or missing."

Bazza paused for a sip.

"Anyhow the young bloke wants to play some music and I direct him to the glove box to pick a cassette tape. He grabs a Neil Young tape and tries every which way to put it into the cassette player. Frustrated, he then gives the tape a rattle and even holds it up to his ear. I put it on for him and he gently pats the play button over and over again. He gives me the most frustrated look, so I push the button and Neil Young's 'Old Man Take a Look at Your Life' has him half laughing."

Mick chuckled.

"Well Mick, we are not even at the end of the street and he wants the air conditioner turned on. Of course, I tell him to wind down the window instead and he's stroking invisible buttons and even tries 'Hey Siri wind down the window.'"

Mick shook his head.

"Well... I can see what you mean about living in a museum, Bazza."

Bazza half smiled.

"Just hold on a bit, Mick. We get home and the young bloke flies into the house and says to his Dad, 'That car is so cool. It has these windows where you wind a handle and the window comes down. Why can't we get a car with that kind of technology?'"

Bazza took a decent sip.

"I tell you, Mick, the look on his father's face was worth the trip to Melbourne."

Have a beer with Bazza at
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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society

18th April 1925

Mrs. Carden, whose Royal Hotel was delicensed by the Reduction Board a few months ago, has purchased Keatings Hotel from Mr. Martin Keating. A transfer of the license was granted on Wednesday, and the new licensee took possession on Thursday morning. Mrs. M. Carden has named it "The Hotel Moruya." The new proprietress intends specially catering for tourists and travellers.

After holding an hotel license for 55 years **Mr. Keating has retired** from business and gone to live in the house in Queen Street recently purchased by him from Mr. J. A'Hearn.

Messrs. R. N. Bull, A. H. Harvison and A. W. Constable pitched a tent at **Congo** for the Easter Holidays, during which time they landed over 70 edible fish, principally bream and whiting.

A meeting of the newly formed **Caledonian Society** was to have been last night (Friday) for the purpose of enrolling new members. Arrangements have been made for the holding of socials and dances fortnightly. This should tend to encourage sociability in our midst, as well as assist in passing some of the long winter evenings.

It has been found that the deadliest bait for catching of rats is the eyes of a fish. The eye of a dead schnapper or groper never fail as a bait.

Members of Bondi Life Saving Club passed through Moruya yesterday en route for Sydney. It was unfortunate that the cold snap in the morning prevented an exhibition of life-saving being given.



Richard Mossop Bate's Headstone

Keating Hotel 1924 from Tooths Yellow cards

Members spoke highly of the hospitality extended to them during their visit to the South Coast. ... A short stay was made on Tuesday at Narooma, and the residents treated to a very fine exhibition by the Bondi men.

The old Bateman's Bay Presbyterian Church, which has fallen into disrepair, was submitted to public auction on Saturday by Harry Lee. There was only a small attendance and the building was sold to Mr. Lee.

Nelligen was in carnival spirit on Wednesday, when the marriage took place of Miss Middleton, daughter of Mr. W. J. Middleton, of Central Stores, and Mr. Eric Wray, of Clyde River, Batemans Bay. A few dancing enthusiasts made the trip to Nelligen to attend the dance to wind up the wedding festivities of the day.

Nerrigundah. (From our Correspondent.) Easter Monday at Nerrigundah was celebrated by a public picnic on the Recreation Grounds. The ladies provided the refreshments which were abundant and of excellent quality, everyone invited to partake thereof. Foot racing events for children and grown ups made a good day's sport, and all events were keenly contested. Our never-failing workers in these functions – Mesdames Mather, Lake, O'Toole, Egan and Perry, assisted by many young ladies – saw that no one went away empty. ...

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

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Solar Panel Reuse for Southeast Regional NSW



Discover the Magic of Growing Mushrooms and Truffles at the Fungi Feastival!



Mickey & Amy Pascoe of Little Acre Gourmet Mushrooms who will be facilitating Mushroom Growing Workshops during the Fungi Feastival.



Be inspired to grow your own truffles with Fiona Kotvojs of Gulaga Gold truffle farm.

Ever wondered how to grow your own gourmet mushrooms or truffles? The Fungi Feastival is your perfect opportunity to dive into the fascinating world of fungi-growing, with expert-led workshops tailored for all skill levels. Whether you're a curious home grower or an aspiring fungi farmer, this is your chance to learn from some of Australia's best!

This year, the Feastival is proud to host Little Acre Gourmet Mushrooms, FungiCo, and Gulaga Gold. Little Acre Mushrooms' founders, Mickey and Amy Pascoe, turned their backyard passion into a thriving mushroom farm. FungiCo's Peter Wenzel and Leonie McGlashan will share their decades of fungi research and teach you how to grow edible mushrooms at home. Gulaga Gold, pioneered truffle farming on the east coast of NSW.

Whether you're a beginner or taking your skills to the next level, there's a workshop for you:

- Beginner Workshop: Learn how to grow oyster mushrooms. Take home your own grow kit.
- Lion's Mane Unlocked: Discover the unique qualities of Lion's Mane mushrooms, how to grow them, and sample their gourmet flavour.
- Log Cultivation: Introduce fungi to logs for sustainable, high-quality mushroom production. Take home a shiitake-inoculated log.
- Truffle Growing: Explore everything from site suitability to costs and returns.
- Fungi Fundamentals Masterclass: Dive deep into mushroom farming with this full-day class covering growing gourmet and medicinal mushrooms.

Mushroom and Truffle Growing Workshops are scheduled in Moruya, Tuross Head, Narooma, Cobargo, Wandella and Kalaru, during the Fungi Feastival from mid-June to mid-July.

Don't miss out! Visit www.fungifeastival.com.au for more details and to book.



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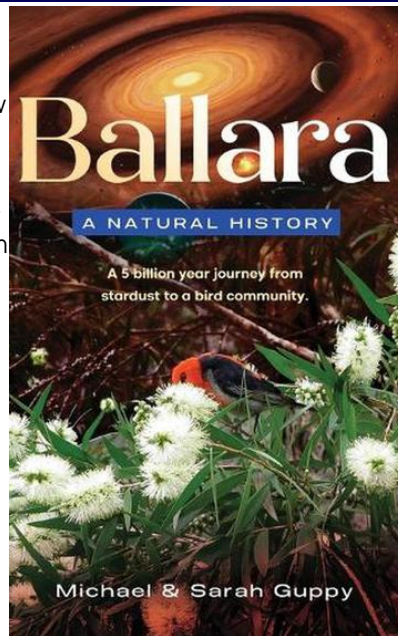
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Book Talk Ballara – A Natural History
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 The book not only traces the rich history of the property but also delves into the demanding realities of long-term ecological research.
 It offers valuable insights into pressing environmental issues such as climate change, species extinction, and habitat loss—making it both a compelling historical account and a timely reflection on conservation.
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 More information:
<https://blog.mdhs.org.au/2025/04/13/book-talk-ballara-a-natural-history/>

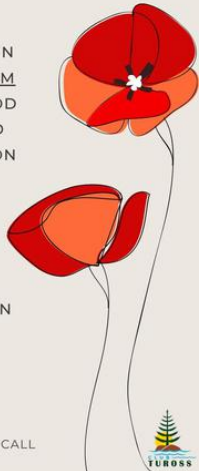


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Anglican Easter Service Times

Palm Sunday 13th April
 Sunday of the Passion
 St John's Moruya. 10.00 am Page Street
 & St Andrew's Tuross 10.00am Craddock Rd,

Maundy Thursday 17 April
 Stripping of the altar.
 St John's Moruya. 5.00 pm
 Page Street

Good Friday 18 April
 Recognition of the Cross
 9.45 am St John's Moruya
 Page Street

Easter Day - Sunday 20 April
 8.00 am St Andrew's, Tuross Head
 Craddock Rd,
 10.00 am St John's, Moruya
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From the Forest 12- 27 April

What's on

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ART EXHIBITION

Over 120 works from our talented regional artists

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11 April (5.30pm - 7pm)

Exhibition: 12 - 27 April
(9am - 4pm) daily.

SATURDAY 12 APRIL
Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm

SUNDAY 13 APRIL
Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Children's Discovery Walk
Ramble through the forest seeking creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.
11am - 12pm*

MONDAY 14 APRIL
Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm

TUESDAY 15 APRIL
Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Kids Craft: Fungi Fun
Creative fungi making and fun facts.
7 - 12 yrs 10am - 12.00pm*
Spotlight Wildlife Walk
What happens in the Garden after dark?
Led by forest Ecologist Craig Dunne.
5.30pm - 7.30pm*

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Bird Walk - Join our guide and see how many birds you can spot or hear. Over 130 have been recorded!
8.00am - 9.30am*

THURSDAY 17 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Naturescape Gardens Walk
Come and explore our showcase residential gardens with horticulturalist, Dylan Morrissey. You may get a few ideas for your place!
9.30am - 10.30am*

FRIDAY 18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED

SATURDAY 19 APRIL
Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm

SUNDAY 20 APRIL
Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Exploring The Forest Floor: Fungi and Lichen
Step into the magical world of the forest floor. Walk and craft lab session in the Herbarium.
All ages - 10am - 12pm *

Children's Discovery Walk
Ramble through the forest seeking creatures big and small and learning about fascinating plants.
11am - 12pm*

MONDAY 21 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Literary Walk
Join our literary enthusiast on a unique tour of the Garden. How have authors conveyed the Australian flora and landscape in their writing?
11am - 12.30pm*

TUESDAY 22 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Propagation Demonstration
Learn a range of propagation techniques. Your will soon have a bounty of your favourite plants to put in your garden and to share!
10am - 11.30am*

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
2pm - 3pm*

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Giants of the Forest Come on a guided walk and discover more about some of our majestic trees.
10.30am - 12 noon*

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

Art Exhibition 9am - 4pm
Deep River Choir
11.30am - 12.00pm
Sing Australia
12.30pm - 1.00pm
Bring your chair or rug and pause a while to enjoy the lovely sounds of two popular local choirs.
Children's Discovery Walk
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11am - 12pm*

*Booked Events

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FROM THE FOREST EXHIBITION

An exhibition of over 120 artists' work opened at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens last Friday. Runs until 27 April.



Naomi Crowther with her works



Janet Kinninmonth with her glass works. Textiles by Carolyn Kohler.



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PASSAGE OF LIGHT IN PASTEL

with Grace Paleg Join this 2-day workshop to explore the passage of light across objects, creating shadows and reflections, using pastels. **Wednesday 7 & 14 May, 10.00am-11.30am \$110** members/concession, \$140 non-members

LIFE DRAWING

with Lesley Whale
Capture the form of the human body from a live model. No experience necessary. Materials supplied.
Thursday 29 May 2025, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
\$50 members/concession, \$65 non-members.

THE ALCHEMY OF OPPOSITES - EXPERIMENTAL PAINTING

with Lisa Patroni Develop your creative process in this three-part workshop series, exploring the power of contrast through experimental painting techniques in a supportive, hands-on environment.
Friday 13, 20 & 27 June, 1.00pm-3.00pm
\$140 members/concession, \$180 non-members

THE WRITE STUFF

with Paul Cullen
Do you have a story or memoir you want to write but don't know how to start? Paul Cullen will guide you through the process in this two-day workshop.
Sunday 15 & 22 June 2025, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
\$100 members/concession, \$130 non-members

COURSES

CLAY CREATIONS - HAND BUILDING CERAMICS

with Alda Rudzis This six-week course is all about getting creative to craft unique, small sculptural forms.
Mondays 9.30am to 11.30am
May 5, 12, 26, a two week break for drying and firing then glazing June 9 & 16. \$360 (includes clay, firing and glazes).

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with Sarah Ludowici This six-week ceramics course will involve learning the techniques to create your own tableware.
Saturdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm
May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, a three week break then July 12 for glazing. \$360 (includes clay, firing and glazes).

POTTERS THROWING BOOT CAMP

with John the Potter, Payne Pottery Bingie. This will be held at John's workshop in Bingie. Gain a deeper understanding of throwing on the wheel in this throw and repeat boot camp.
Saturday 25 May 2025, 10.00am - 3.30pm
\$240 (includes clay, firing, glazes, and vegetarian lunch).

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From the Forest



12-27 April 2025

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Deep Creek Dam Rd Batemans Bay

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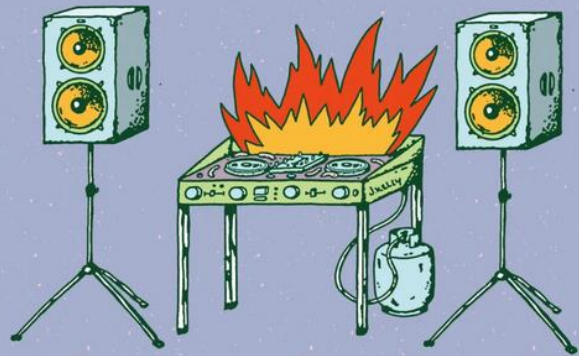
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Club Catalina (6pm)
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Saturday, 19 April

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Nelligen Folk Festival
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Rumour Has It
Casey Greene/Jeremy
Chango Tree

Club Narooma (5.30pm)
Tura Beach Club (7.30pm)
Club Catalina (7.30pm)
Tomakin Club (7.30pm)
Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)
Steampacket Hotel
Tilba Valley Winery
Camel Rock Brewery
Waterfront Hotel
Sawkins Quantum Brewery 4.30
Narooma Hotel

Sunday, 20 April

Rick Bamford
Ricky Bloomfield
Strutt
Nelligen Folk Festival
Alex Randles
Chango Tree
Live Music
Hannah Wood

Club Tuross (10am)
Bermagui Club (2pm)
Club Narooma (3pm)
Steampacket Hotel
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Monday 21st April

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- The current owner has grown market gardens in the past with the fantastic soil fertility and abundance of water, plus a council approved gin/vodka distillery is currently in operation (www.twingallows.com.au) and distributes to Canberra and South Coast Bars/bottle shops (this can be negotiated on top of the property sale), these are great options for those looking for an extra income.
- The home is a cozy 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom cottage, and includes an open plan living, dining and kitchen space. Comfort in the colder months is assured with a wood fire with wet back hot water heating. There is also 7KW solar keeping those power bills low.
- Infrastructure includes a separate 12m x 10m shed with two high roller doors and steel shelving, serviced with power, water and concrete floor.
- An old shearing shed C1920's, stock yards with crush and head bale in very good condition and a glass house with steel frame and shelving, concrete floor, power and water.
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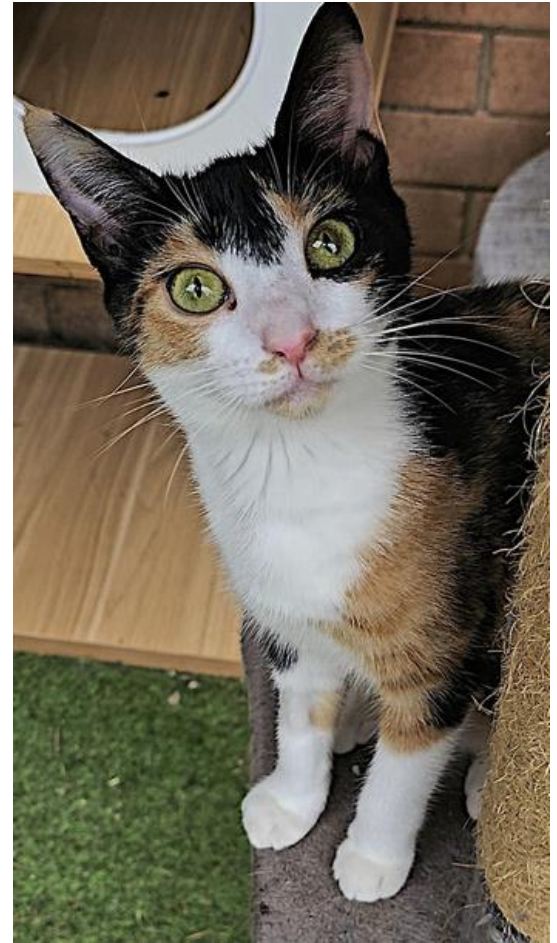
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PET DESEXING MONTH rolls on! During April, AWL Eurobodalla is offering financial assistance to everyone needing to have their cat or dog desexed. Just book your pet into the vet of your choice, then call us on 0436 816 718 to arrange your discount voucher. And while you're at the vet, grab a raffle ticket or two, and be in the draw for one of three fabulous prizes. The winner will be drawn during the Oyster Festival on the first weekend in May.

Did you know you can help the environment and donate to Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla at the same time? Using the Return and Earn app, you can deposit recyclable containers at any Return and Earn collection point in NSW, and select "Every Dog, Every Cat Deserves a Loving Home" as the charity recipient of your refund. All donations are used to help pets and their people here in Eurobodalla Shire.

Callie



GREAT SOUTHERN REEF FOUNDATION

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NAROOMA
NAROOMA SURF CLUB, MAY 3, 6:30PM

LIVE MUSIC, URCHIN TASTINGS, FILM SCREENING WITH EXPERT Q&A PANEL
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White Rock Screening

A special screening of White Rock, a new short documentary exploring the longspined sea urchin crisis along Australia's temperate coastlines will be shown at the Narooma Surf Club on 3rd May.

The film opens on Barunguba / Montague Island and features Narooma's own Uncle Wally Stewart, a Yuin Elder whose reflections on Sea Country are central to the story. Wally will also join us on the night for a community Q&A.

The film, narrated by Damon Gameau (2040, That Sugar Film) dives into what's happening below the surface across our coastal waters — the loss of kelp forests, the pressure on fisheries, and the community-led efforts to restore balance. It supports a proposed \$55 million national Urchin Taskforce, and ties in closely with ongoing conversations around sustainable seafood, reef health, and coastal livelihoods.

Event details:

White Rock film + expert panel
 Saturday 3 May | 6:30–9:30pm
 Narooma Surf Club (doors open 6:00pm)

The evening also includes:

- A rare urchin tasting by local South Coast divers
- A panel of marine scientists, cultural leaders, and seafood producers
- A unique local angle on ocean change through culture, science and food
- Live music and prizes

Panel guests include:

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DISNEY'S SNOW WHITE

PG | 1hr 49min ~ Family ~
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PG | 1hr 41min ~ Family ~ Animation~
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DOG MAN

G | 1hr 35min
~ Animation ~ Comedy ~
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2025 Diary Dates

- 1th – 21st – Apr **Youth Week**
- 19th April Races **Moruya Races**
- 20th April – **Easter Day**
- 29th April – **Earth Day**
- 3RD May – **Federal Election**
- 2 – 3 May 2025 **Narooma Oyster Festival**
- 26th May – **Sorry Day**
- 27th May – **3rd June – Reconciliation Week**
- 16th – 22nd June – **Refugee Week**
- 20 June to 20 July **Fungi Feastival**
- 6th – 12th July – **NAIDOC Week**
- 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**
- 22 Nov – **Giiyong Festival**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**

Anzac Day Services

Moruya RSL

Moruya RSL Sub Branch Anzac Day Services are as follows:

- Dawn Service at Moruya War Memorial 5.30a.m. for 5.45a.m. commencement.
- Bergalia War Memorial Links Rd Bergalia 8.45a.m. for 9a.m.
- Anzac Day March Assembly rear of the Adelaide Hotel 10.45a.m. moving off at 11a.m. for the Service at the Moruya War Memorial.

The Chaplain is the Rev. David Thiem & the catafalque party is formed from HMAS Creswell.

The Guest speaker is Wing Commander Raymond D Wilkes BEng(Elec). MSc(Logistics) whose career in Defence spans a 59year period.

- The Dusk Service at the Bunkers 38 Donnelly Drive(near the Moruya Racecourse) at 5p.m. for 5.15p.m.
- Due to Easter Public Holidays there will be no service held at Bodalla.

Screening of FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

Moruya Community Film Group

Join us for our next film screening - Fried Green Tomatoes - at 7pm for 7.30pm showtime on Saturday 26th April @The Red Door, Page St Moruya. Membership available at the door \$65 for 12 months / \$40 for 6 months – Guests welcome.

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 Hall Garage Sale Saturday 26th April

Tuross Community Markets

held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Meet 'n Greet Candidate Meeting Batemans Bay

'Our Council Our Say' Is holding a Federal Election Candidate Meet & Greet on Sunday 27th April 2025 from 2pm to 4pm at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. The MC will be my son Shannon Ashton who is not a member of, nor affiliated with, any political party or group. The event will be live streamed.

AIR RAID TAVERN

Trivia Night



Come and join us for a evening of trivia at the Air Raid Tavern. Gather your gang, and get your grey matter in geared up for a night of friendly competition, prizes and fun.

- ★ General knowledge, pop culture & local knowledge
- ★ Prizes to be won + bragging rights
- ★ **BYO food or support local T/A restaurants
- ★ Book ahead to secure a table
- ★ Tables of 2 - 6 ppl

Next trivia night is

6PM, THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

Narooma VIEW Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Narooma Golf Club Seahorse Room at 11.30 for lunch & a guest speaker. (Except October will be Friday 18th).



Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

If you would like to join the Hospital Auxiliary and help raise funds for your local Hospital, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm To find out more email mdha@y7mail.com or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537



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Council closed: Easter, Picnic Day and ANZAC Day
Council's administration building, libraries, Moruya depot and Job Shop are closed for Easter and the Union Picnic Day, from Friday 18 to Tuesday 22 April. These facilities open on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 April, then close again for ANZAC Day on Friday 25 April.

The tips are closed on Good Friday (18 April) and Easter Sunday (20 April) and open from 8am to 3.45pm on Easter Saturday (19 April), Easter Monday (21 April) and ANZAC Day (Friday 25 April). Usual opening hours apply from Tuesday 22 April to Thursday 24 April. The Batemans Bay and Narooma depots are closed from Good Friday (18 April) and the week following Easter. They reopen on Monday 28 April.

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden is closed on Good Friday (18 April), but otherwise open as usual.

Wanderer Festival set to return as jewel of the Sapphire Coast

The NSW Sapphire Coast will once again provide a stunning backdrop for one of the country's most distinctive cultural celebrations, as the Minns Labor Government investment has ensured the return of the Wanderer Festival at Pambula Beach over the October long weekend, 4-5 October 2025.

Supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, the boutique multi-day music and arts festival will transform the Bega Valley into a vibrant hub of music, arts and family-friendly entertainment, drawing thousands of festivalgoers to the idyllic coastal haven of Pambula Beach.

The event is an important catalyst for regional tourism on the South Coast and is expected to provide a significant boost to local businesses injecting more than \$1.6 million into the local visitor economy over the October long weekend. Following two acclaimed editions in 2022 and 2023, Wanderer Festival will move to a biennial format to continue delivering a world-class program of local and international music, theatre, comedy and circus.

Wanderer Festival at Pambula Beach will run from Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 October 2025, with ticket sales and festival line-up to be announced soon.

Updates www.wanderer.com.au



Digital mentor training

Wednesday 16 April and Wednesday 23 April
Bay Pavilions community room, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay

The Tec Exec is hosting free Digital Mentor training – and they're calling all tech enthusiasts to join in! At this training, you will learn about:

- foundation and essential digital skills
- what it means to be a digital mentor
- intergenerational digital support
- how to inspire others to use technology and the benefits of being online
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Once trained, digital mentors can volunteer at drop-in sessions in Batemans Bay and Moruya to help community members with low digital literacy.

For more information or to book contact The Tec Exec on 1300 366 802 or email admin@thetecexec.com.au



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Free tech café drop in sessions

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9.30am – 11.30am every Thursday from 8 May to 29 May
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Need a helping hand with technology or digital devices? Then come and chat to experienced digital mentors who can help you learn about:

- basic smartphone features and functionality
- device maintenance and updates
- jargon and terminology
- security settings
- data and its uses
- the camera function
- how to avoid scams
- install and use new applications
- remove unwanted apps
- simple AI
- search functions on the internet
- emailing from your
- attaching documents to an email

Drop-ins welcome at Batemans Bay. Bookings required for Moruya sessions.

For more information or to book contact Employment Projects Officer Amy Kovacs on 4474 7380 or email employmentprojects@esc.nsw.gov.au



Batemans Bay Sailing Club report



Batemans Bay regatta dinghies

Preparations are in full swing for the d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta on April 26th and 27th. This is the major annual regatta for Batemans Bay Sailing Club. The regatta is open for dinghies, catamarans, trailerable yachts and sports boats. It has been held annually since the 1970s and has become a traditional event to end the summer sailing season. Sailors come from Sydney, Melbourne and all over south east NSW. The event is particularly popular for Canberra sailors wanting to get some real ocean sailing in. There are two races scheduled for both days. The sailing area is in the middle of Batemans Bay so it is difficult to see from land, but there will be plenty of boats rigging up on Corrigans Beach and at the Hanging Rock boat ramp on both mornings of the regatta. On the Saturday night there will be a curry night at the BBSC clubhouse. At last year's dinner there were 80 people in attendance. Once again Phil Yeomans, a well respected race officer from Middle Harbour Yacht Club, will be coming down from Sydney to run the racing together with a team of volunteers from Batemans Bay Sailing Club and Batemans Bay Sailability. "So far we have 25 entries in. We know that a lot of people will only decide to enter in the last week before the regatta when the weather forecast becomes available, so we are hoping to get about 50 entries" said regatta coordinator Lachlan Brown. Entries can be made through the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au

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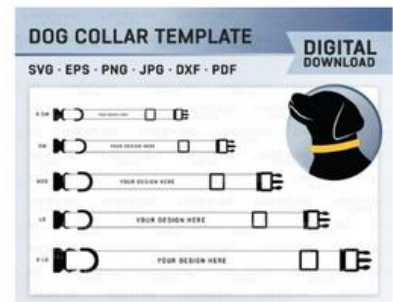
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COASTAL STATIONERY SHOP
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Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls

Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls. Gayl started day off with results of weekend Open Gender Pennants, our Grade 3 had a win 78/49 against Club Narooma, Grade 7 doing well so still in the running. Senior Four's ladies back from Ballina in State playoffs, they didn't win but all said it was a great experience to be there. Well done to Joan Rimmer, Gayl Vidgen, Nancy White and Pat Bill. (Photo) Happy Birthday greetings to Bev Keatley and Bev McKague. Before calling cards bowls coordinator Ian Whybrow reminded us of upcoming events. List is up for Anzac Day Single Entry two games of Triples, 10 am start. Winners Rink 1, Julie Quinliven, Janet McKay and Margaret Bridges. (Photo)



Runners-up Rink 5 a Drawn Match between Gai Gibson, Rajia Johnston & Joan Rimmer. Bev Keatley, Michelle Adler & Gayl Vidgen, Third place Rink 6, Julie Knorpp & Pat Bill. Lucky Losers Rink 4, Lynn Gowans, Judy Davis and Kim Giannasca. Money Club, 8 Rajia Johnston, 21 Margaret Bridges. Have a Happy Easter everyone.

Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls



Welcome back to Jennie and Steve after their time away. President Steve presented the Weekly and Monthly Awards to Colleen Beadon and Margaret Carney who both put their names plus partners names on bowls list making four extra players! Winners with Most Winning Ends 13/5, Max Gurtner, Tricia Wheeler and Clive Beadon. (Photo) Runners-up 12/6 Dave Doyle and Beth Wittington. Clive selected Rink 2 to try for Jackpot of \$185 then he cut cards for wife Colleen but no luck finding Joker just 8 of Diamonds. Other winning teams, Doc and Moby Dick. Scottie and Colleen. Pattycake and Hoges. Ute & R&R sharing game with Whizza. Foxy and Chancey, well done everyone. Lucky numbers, 14 Hoges, 26 Trish the Dish.

Moruya Ladies Golf

A field of 20 ladies took to the fairways on 9th April at Moruya Golf Club. Playing a Stableford round in very pleasant conditions for an autumn day, the eventual winner was Sharon Knight with 36 points. The runner up was Joan Hosking with 34 points and balls went to Val Moore, Lyn Gibbs, Jo Dixon, Jenny Ellis, Judi Hebbard and Nicola Gallon. Nearest the pins went to Pauline Nash & Christine Quick.



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Ruth Gschwend with sponsor Shane Gschwend



Winner: Steve Johnston



Winners: Paula Coffey, Shirley Quinlan and Teri Swanbury.



Winner: Annette Manton

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 10th April 2025

A field of 45 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Shane Gschwend. There were some fantastic scores achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Ruth Gschwend (17) with 40 points
2nd: Brad Doolan (5) with 36 points (countback)
3rd: Dianne Brown (39) with 36 points (countback)
4th: Terry Milliken (23) with 36 points
5th: Shane Gschwend (13) with 34 points

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Nick Brice 1.55 A Grade
4th: Steve Gardner 3.68 B Grade
4th: Peter Coffey 9.86 C Grade
6th: Lars Gaupset 0.80 A Grade
6th: Ron Rogers 6.99 B Grade
7th: Ray Bollard 2.40 A Grade
7th: Leonie Doolan 7.14 B Grade
7th: Dianne Brown 5.34 C Grade

Balls went to: Peter Coffey 33, Grant Kiely 33, Michael Coloe 33, Gavan Wheelahan 32, Nick Brice 32, Bruce Martin 31, Kevin Reilly 31, Ron Rogers 31, Ray Bollard 31 and Stephen Gardner 30.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 12th April 2025

A large field of 65 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Bruce Cleeve and there were some wonderful scores achieved.

The Winners were:

1st: Steve Johnston (25) with 42 points
2nd: Ken Hush (12) with 41 points
3rd: Ian Lawson (16) with 39 points
4th: Gavan Wheelahan (28) with 38 points
5th: Troy Kingdom (8) with 37 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Bruce Handley 0.58 A Grade
4th: Bruce Martin 0.14 B Grade
6th: Shane Gschwend 3.40 A Grade
7th: Jim Wade 7.71 A Grade

Balls went to: Lars Gaupset 37, Paul Scholze 37, Kevin Reilly 36, David Schmid 36, David Gray 35, John Phyland 34, Jim Wade 34, Matthew Kennedy 34, Graeme Sindel 34, William Steenbergen 34, Grant Kiely 34, Simon French 33, John Eglitis 33, Ian Miller 33 and Shane Gschwend 33.

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 15th April 2025

A field of 21 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Team Rodja Gardening Services. It was a beautiful Autumn day and the course in great condition.

Grade A Winners:

1st: Teri Swanbury (25) with 34 points
2nd: Annette Manton (26) with 31 points

Grade B Winners:

1st: Shirley Quinlan (34) with 32 points
2nd: Kerrie Sands (35) with 28 points (countback)

Grade C Winners:

1st: Paula Coffey (41) with 28 points
2nd: Wendy Schmid (45) with 27 points

Place Getters:

Cate O'Brien 30, Chris Wratten 29, Leonie Doolan 29 and Chelsea Mayes 28.

Hole Prize:

7th Sandra D'Onofrio Golden Shot A
7th Margaret Downey Golden Shot B

Nearest the Pins:

6th: Paula Coffey
15th: Paula Coffey

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 16th April 2025

A field of 41 players registered for a Stableford event today. The weather was beautiful and some fabulous results were achieved.

The winners were:

1st: Annette Manton with 20 points (countback)
2nd: Chris Wratten with 20 points
3rd: Ross Hendy with 16 points (countback)
4th: Jeanette Miller with 16 points (countback)
5th: Paula Coffey with 16 points
6th: John Eglitis with 15 points
7th: Margaret Downey with 15 points
8th: Steve Gardner with 15 points
9th: Jane Eglitis with 14 points
10th: Steve Johnston with 14 points
11th: Steve Collins with 14 points
12th: Greg Smith with 13 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

4th: Steve Gardner (2nd Shot)
6th: Steve Collins (1st shot)
7th: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2nd shot)
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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

With the forecast looking pretty good for the weekend, I'm keen to see what everyone gets up to this weekend. Be sure to post you captures from this weekend below.

Moruya river is fishing pretty well at the moment, the tides are well placed for an evening session this weekend, with the high tide occurring just after dark.

I would look at the areas around Quarry wharf, Preddy's wharf and under the town bridge. Flathead, bream, mulloway and tailor could on the cards.

Soft plastics or baits will all work well. Live nippers pumped from the Garlandtown flats work particularly well under the town bridge for flathead, bream, whiting or trevally.

The spur wall at the front of the system usually fishes well with soft plastics for those chasing flathead. Bloodworm Squidgie Wigglers in 80-100mm size are a good option.

The upper sections of the river do have higher fresh water levels, as the system is still draining after the rains a few weeks ago.

Tuross River.

The same conditions will apply for the Tuross system as Moruya this weekend, with the lower to middle sections offering the best chance at finding a flathead, bream, whiting, mulloway or tailor.

The sand flats will be holding flathead, bream and whiting, while the deeper holes should hold the odd mulloway, bigger flathead or the odd tailor during the low light periods that will coincide with the tide changes this weekend. Live poddy mullet are a gun bait for the bigger predators, while a live nipper should tempt both the smaller and large predators alike.

As we get closer to May, the Estuary Perch will be starting to school up for their annual breeding cycle. Good sized fish can be targeted during this time, and I know a few local anglers that enjoy catching and releasing some trophy sized fish this time of year.

Rock and Beach.

I will be out on the local beaches, Rockwall and local headlands this weekend throwing some big plastics for hopefully a big flathead or mulloway, now that the swell conditions are more favourable. Fingers crossed I can find a fish or two. But will be happy to find a few of the salmon that have been around of late.

There are also still good numbers of bream and whiting in the gutters in close. Having looked at the water temp chart, there are signs of the temps starting to drop. It's only a matter of a few weeks before the warm currents get pushed back to the north as winter edges closer. There are good schools of slimey mackerel off Broulee headland, so maybe there may be the odd bonito or even a king hanging round. Trevally and Luderick are also in good numbers from this particular ledge at the moment.

Offshore.

Good sized snapper have been coming over the sides of a few local boats this week, with fish to 60cm reported. Flathead have also been readily available over the sand adjacent to the local reefs. With seas looking to be less than a metre this weekend, and the start of the school holidays, I'm expecting that we will see an increase in boat traffic at the local ramps. Please make sure you boat is ready to launch before you back your car down the ramp. Bungs in, tie downs off and tackle ready to go. The boat ramp is not the place to be rigging your rods up, you are only going to delay everyone else behind you by doing so.

The bait freezer is well stocked this weekend, we have worms back in stock, with mullet fillet being the only no show this week on the bait truck. We have had a few shipments arrive of stock that sees us resupplied for the holidays and upcoming Easter and Anzac Day long weekends. We are open every day during these times.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya

Maritime

Expired Flare Collection Schedule 2024-25



Southern Region Collections			
Quarantine Bay Boat Ramp, Quarantine Bay Road, Eden	Thursday, 17 April 2025	7:30	9:00
Merimbula Boat Ramp, Arthur Kaine Drive, Merimbula	Thursday, 17 April 2025	10:00	11:30
Kianinny Bay Boat Ramp, Off Kianinny Street, Tathra	Thursday, 17 April 2025	12:30	14:00
Bermagui Harbour Boat Ramp, Off Lamont Street, Bermagui	Thursday, 17 April 2025	15:30	17:30
Apex Park Boat Ramp, Centenary Drive, Narooma	Saturday, 19 April 2025	7:30	8:30
Moruya, Preddys Wharf Road	Saturday, 19 April 2025	10:00	11:30
Hanging Rock Boat Ramp, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay	Saturday, 19 April 2025	13:00	14:30
Next to Marine Rescue NSW Base, Off Wason Street, Ulladulla	Saturday, 19 April 2025	16:00	17:30
Woollamia Boat Ramp, Coulon St, Woollamia	Sunday, 20 April 2025	7:30	9:00
Crookhaven Heads Boat Ramp, Culburra Beach	Sunday, 20 April 2025	10:30	12:00
Shoalhaven Heads Boat Ramp, Hay Ave, Shoalhaven Heads	Sunday, 20 April 2025	13:30	15:00
Windang Boat Ramp, Fern Street, Windang	Sunday, 20 April 2025	16:30	17:30
Bellambi Boat Ramp, Robert Cram Drive 2518	Friday, 25 April 2025	12:00	13:30
Port Kembla Boat Ramp, Foreshore Drive (outer harbour)	Friday, 25 April 2025	14:30	16:30



Tuross Moruya

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AND DINNER

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,

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DINNER (6.30pm)

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WHEN:

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Carroll College - 16th May
St Peters Catholic College - 23rd May
Narooma High School - 30th May
Batemans Bay High School - 6th June
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LOCATION
We will be filming at the Moruya football fields "Ack Weyman field" on the 30th of April, come along for a free breakfast and lunch and be a part of the filming fun.

EVENT
We are creating an ad to promote our team and health promotion, outlining issues around smoking and vaping in our communities.

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Tuross Teams Strike Pennant Success

Both Tuross Head's Pennant sides chalked up excellent wins in the penultimate round of the 2024/25 Open Pennant season. In Grade 6 Tuross had another great come from behind performance to defeat Dalmeny and confirm their place in the Regional Finals. The Grade 7 side had a surprise win over the ladder leading Moruya side who will now struggle to qualify for the Regional playoffs. Both games were played at Tuross

Phil Welsh, Lori Bird, Denise Lidbury and Bruce Lidbury had the better of a close struggle on their rink. After 14 ends that had a 12 – 7 lead that quickly became 12 all after the Dalmeny side picked up 5 shots in two ends. Tuross managed to regain the lead and had a 16 – 13 lead with two ends to play. The last two ends were very closely fought with the Tuross players able to win each by a single shot to record a 18 – 13 win.

Jim Macklan, Doreen Monks, Ben Hewison and Allan Etheredge had a real battle on their rink in another low scoring match. After 13 ends they trailed Dalmeny 6 – 10 with neither side scoring more than 2 shots on any end. Tuross slowly bridged the gap with the two sides sharing the lead after 16 ends at 10 all. The next two ends determined the result! Tuross picked up 5 shots on the 17th end followed by 3 shots on the 18th end to set up an 18 – 10 lead with just 3 ends to play. Dalmeny fought back but could not manage enough shots to close the gap. Tuross won 19 – 12.

Rose Farrington, Bruce Magilton, Sue Fahey and Marcel Kors were able to recover from a 11 shot deficit after 12 ends to win their match on the last end! Down 4 – 15 after 12 ends they won seven of the last 9 ends to win. With an end to play they were still behind at 16 – 17 having not held the lead at any stage. They finished with the biggest score of the day when they scored 4 shots to take the lead for the first time at 20 – 17 at the most important stage of the game – the end!

Wins on all three rinks gave the side another 10 – 0 win – the sixth out of seven games. The 'big board' was very close with Dalmeny in front until the 54th end (out of 63). Their strong finish gave Tuross a 57 – 43 aggregate victory.

The Grade 7 side won a very tight match over Moruya with the key 'big board' aggregate not determined until the final ends were played all three rinks. After 60 of the total 63 ends the two sides were locked at 53 shots apiece! The outcome in the aggregate score is crucial as it is allocated 7 of 10 points that the sides are playing for.

Fran O'Connell, Chris Bright, Dagmar Voges and Lorraine Wake were the key to the Tuross victory. After a close start to their game they gradually took control and by the 16th end they had a commanding 20 – 6 lead. After being stuck on 6 for 8 ends the Moruya side did fight back but the Tuross team were able to win 24 – 12.

Vickie Wheelahan, Marg Downey, Lorraine Johnston and Ray Downey started slowly and found themselves down 10 – 3 after 8 ends. On the 11th and 13th ends they were able to pick up 5 and 3 shots respectively to grab the lead at 15 – 12 after 13 ends. Moruya hit back to be again in front by 18 to 16 after 16 ends. Tuross was able to win 4 of the last 5 ends to take the game 24 – 19.

Ray Brown, Graeme Garner, Alan McLeod and John Fahey were well in their match when they trailed by 8 – 10 after 11 ends. The Moruya players were able to win 8 of the last 10 ends to take the rink 22 – 10.

With the big board locked at 53 all with just three ends to play the result on the final end of each game was critical. Tuross was able to win all three ends with Downey scoring 3, Wake 1 and Fahey, with a fantastic final bowl, also picking up 1. This gave Tuross a 58 – 53 aggregate win and the win on two of the three rinks gave them a 9 – 1 win. Moruya now need the results of the final round and one deferred match to go their way for them to have any chance of making the Regional finals.

The final round will be played on April 26 with the Grade 6 travelling to Braidwood. Grade 7 have a final round bye but have their washed out clash with Malua Bay scheduled to be played on Sunday April 27.

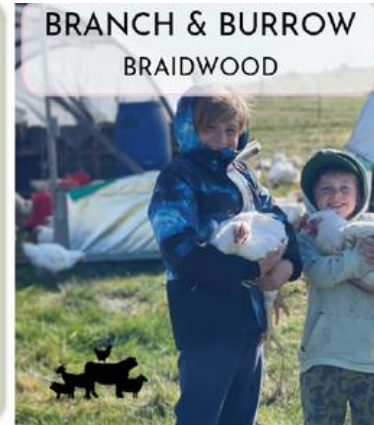


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New mountain bike trail brings 63,000 riders to the Far South Coast and major economic boost



Narooma Mountain Bike Trails. Photo by Nick Waygood

As part of the Minns Government's plans to encourage healthy lifestyles and outdoor activities, the upgraded Narooma Mountain Bike Trails are attracting thousands of visitors, young and old, to the region while at the same time being a major boost to the local economy. More than 63,000 riders have visited the extended Narooma Mountain Bike Trails in the first year since they opened – an almost 89 per cent increase in visitors, compared to 2023. Following \$4.1 million in funding from the Australian and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, a further 58 kilometres of mountain trails have been added to the existing 30 kilometres in Bodalla State Forest. This has created some 250 kilometres of trails across Narooma, Eden and Mogo making the region one of Australia's foremost mountain biking regions with restaurants, breweries, accommodation, bike repair shops among just a few of the local businesses benefitting. The funding also added a new trail head carpark at the base in Bodalla State Forest, which opened alongside the additional trails in early 2024. The Narooma township has experienced the flow on impacts of this economic boost, with visitors spending \$69.5 million in 2024. While precise figures are not available as to the direct impact of the mountain trails, local businesses are clearly reaping the benefits. Southbound Escapes, a tour operator that offers mountain bike shuttles on the trails, went from employing two part-time workers in 2023, to three full-time workers and eight casuals. The additional staff are a direct response to the increase in visitors to the trails, with the Southbound Escapes café and shuttle service attributing to 74 per cent of the business revenue in 2024. In 2025, Southbound Escapes has already recorded more than 9,300 people using the mountain bike shuttles service, with mountain bikers coming from across Australia. Local business Whale Coast Realty manages more than 153 holiday properties in the area and has also seen the overflow of benefits from mountain bike tourism in the region,

Local Federal Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain said "The Narooma Mountain Bike Trails have been a real game changer for our economy on the coast – they are providing a welcome boost for our fabulous local businesses. "But they have also been warmly embraced by locals – and provide a fun and healthy activity for local families. I'm so proud to see the positive impact they are having on our local community." Local State MP for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "The Narooma Mountain Bike Trails have put Narooma on the map as a must-visit destination for bike riders of all ages. It's projects like this that not only showcase the unique charm of the Far South Coast, but also attract visitors, encourage spending, and create lasting opportunities for the community." Eurobodalla Shire Council economic manager, Teresa Lever said "While we can't contribute all the increase in spending to the trails, we know the opening of the extended trails has been a major contributor. "One unexpected benefit of the trails is the increase in locals of all ages taking up the recreational activity. This has huge economic benefits for Eurobodalla due to improved health and social outcomes for residents." Southbound Escapes director, Sally Bouckley said "The opening of the Narooma Mountain Bike Trails has added a few extra income streams to Southbound Escapes, including the mountain bike shuttles, which include a service that quickly takes riders to the top of the trail. "We have also seen an increase in visitation to our cafe, The Hub Espresso Bar, which is a popular place for mountain bikers to grab a coffee and snack before they go riding. Since the opening of the park, mountain bikers are coming all year around and especially in off peak times and they are staying for longer, with most riding Mogo, Eden, Tathra and even Thredbo in the same trip. " Whale Coast Realty principal, John Murray said "The opening of the Narooma Mountain Bike Trails and the extended trails has improved many businesses like ours, not just in the peak period but also outside of the peak periods. We can see the benefits and have made changes in our business so we can offer visitors more bike friendly options because of that. "We've seen an increased demand for our accommodation as a direct result of the mountain bike trails, and our bookings are up by almost one third since the trails opened."

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