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Volunteers at Gilmore Pre Poll Booth in Bateman's Bay

Last week I attended the Bateman's Bay Pre-poll booth. Apart from the usual suspects from the main parties handing out their How to Vote cards, there was a platoon of young boys organised by a couple of young men – all in blue Liberal t shirts – behaving in a very aggressive way. This included going up to people as they arrived in their cars offering to help them in while thrusting Liberal How to Vote cards at them; crowding out representatives from other parties at the entrance to the polling station; and playing loud music on a digital ghetto blaster.

I asked an old Liberal booth guy what was going on and he said they were from out of town – he thought they were from Orange. He did not like what they were doing but thought the whole business was being organised by senior Liberal people – and nothing to do with him.

We observed the Liberal "visitors" were saying "Make Australia Great Again" and Make Australia Smile again" and similar slogans from the last Donald Trump campaign.

They refused to answer when I asked where they were from. I have heard from several others that they also experienced aggressive behaviour. Surely our local people have a right to be sceptical when the "visitors" refuse to say where they are from?

Wherever these people come from, this sort of behaviour isn't welcome in the Eurobodalla.

Whomever we vote for, we still have to live together as a community.

Frank Ross Moruya

SCHEDULED ROADWORK

Resurfacing - Moruya Princes Highway between Shore Street and Albert Street Sun 11 May 2025 to Fri 20 Jun 2025 (6:00pm to 6:00am) Impact Traffic affected both directions

Check signage, exercise caution, reduced speed limit (40km/h).

Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions will be in place to allow motorists to pass in one direction at a time.

Motorists are advised to allow approximately 5 minutes of additional travel time.

Changed traffic conditions on the Kings Highway at Currowan

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions from next week on the Kings Highway for maintenance work to be carried out under Cabbage Tree Creek Bridge at Currowan.

Work will be carried out from Monday 28 April to Friday 6 June between 7am and 5pm on weekdays and from 7am to 1pm on Saturdays, weather permitting. Single lane closures, stop/slow traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists.

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

Transport for NSW thanks motorists for their patience during this time. For more information visit https://www.livetraffic.com/incidentdetails/231091 or download the Live Traffic NSW app.

Hikers rescued from Morton National Park

A group of 11 hikers have been rescued after a multi-agency response in the states south.

About 9.40am on Wednesday (23 April 2025), information was received from the Joint Co-ordination Centre in Canberra that an EPIRB had been activated at Flying Fox Gully inside the Morton National Park approximately 28km north west north from Ulladulla.

Officers from South Coast Police District commenced a rescue operation. Because of inclement weather a decision was made for the party – consisting of 3 adults – a woman aged 27 and two men aged 32 and 43 – and eight children – three girls and five boys – aged between 14 and 17 – to camp overnight due to them having sufficient supplies and equipment.

A NSW Ambulance paramedic was flown to the location to treat a person suffering from hypothermia.

A command post was established at Yadboro Flat campground that involved Police Rescue, general duty officers, NSW Ambulance and State Emergency Services. Commencing at 9.30am on Thursday (24 April 2025) crews from PolAir and NSW Ambulance commenced winching all persons from the location concluding at 12.30pm

The group were conveyed to Yarboro Flat Campground and to Milton helicopter pad. One 14-year-old girl was treated for mild hypothermia but not hospitalised. Police have been informed that the hikers were part of an organised hike that became disorientated due to heavy rain and fog. They had sufficient provisions and equipment but could not self-extract.



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Please email moruyahspandc@gmail.com if you can volunteer your time on the day or provide donations of cakes, cookies, muffins etc for our bake stall.

Baked goods can be dropped off at the front office on Friday 2 May (with the ingredients list).

Anzac Day commemorations in Moruya



Around 200 people attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Moruya and over 300 came to the 11am march and service.

This year the Moruya RSL foreground had been decorated by over 3300 hand made poppies as well as 600 at the Bergalia War Memorial. The address was given by Wing commander Raymond D Wilkes BEng(Elec), MSc(Logistics) from Tuross. Wing Commander Ray Wilkes has the rare distinction of having served in three significant elements of Defence.

First, the RAAF for 24 years as an electrical engineer, then moving to serve Australian and International Defence Industry companies; to finally serve in the Public Service as Project Director for the upgrade of the Collins Class submarine communications systems.

His career in defence spans a 59 year period during which the RAAF transformed its capability from F86 Sabre fighters and Canberra bombers, in service during the Korean War, to the F18 and F35 Lightning fighter aircraft now in service.

The catafalque party and Navy Cadets came from HMAS Creswell. Moruya RSL Sub Branch thanks the Moruya community for all the support given to the RSL Sub Branch during the sale of badges and at the Anzac Day Services. The RSL is very grateful to all those who volunteered with help on the day from the Dawn Service to the Dusk Service. If anyone would like to join the RSL Sub Branch you are very welcome to attend a meeting or contact the Moruya RSL Sub Branch.







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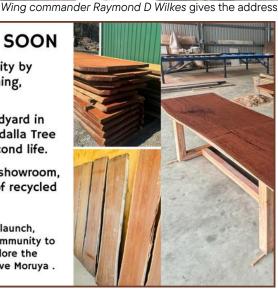
Treecycled is redefining sustainability by transforming tree waste into stunning, handcrafted furniture.

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.



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



Drawn out campaign nearly done



Pre poll in Batemans Bay

By Alex Rea

Are we there yet? Almost. Don't get me wrong, I love voting. Just imagine if you couldn't. However this campaign has been very drawn out and there have been multiple reports of nasty behaviour at pre polls. Gilmore is held by the slimmest margin in the country. For weeks there have been troops of young spruikers in blue shirts across the shire, waving handmade placards and asking for you to toot your horn on a Saturday morning. Even door knocking. Who are they? Many so young that the disparity between the age of the blue shirts from the red, green and yellow has been stark. Why have they been so aggressive?

Reports in the metro media about the presence of members of the powerful religious group the Plymouth Brethren donning the blue shirts of the Liberal campaign has been denied by the Church and the Liberal Party.

Responding to questions regarding members of the Church volunteering in the Australian Federal Election campaign, a spokesperson for the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church said: "Everyone in Australia has the right to volunteer in elections irrespective of their religion, and members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church have the same right. "During this campaign, people of Jewish, Muslim and other faiths have become very politically active, with some even launching political parties and advocacy groups. "The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church is not involved in these kinds of political activities.

"Our church does not campaign for, nor support, any political parties and have not organised or coordinated any volunteer efforts of any type in any location.

"That said, we are anecdotally aware that parishioners from our church have decided to volunteer this year for a variety of candidates from the Liberal Party, Teals, Nationals, One Nation and Labor, amongst others."

Later the group issued a further statement: "The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church was shocked and saddened today to hear the Australian Prime Minister called our church a cult

Our church has around 16,600 in Australia, and our members are regular Christian people who live by the teachings of the Holy Bible."

The Church however, does not allow its members to vote.

And then there are the coreflutes! Does a coreflute actually sway anyone's vote? Let's hope they are all removed by the candidate teams after Saturday, and not left to Council rangers.

Almost 50,000 voted have already cast their votes. If you haven't already, enjoy your democracy sausage.

Where to Vote in Gilmore HERE

Council Rates to Jump 4.1%

Bv Phil Herrick

Ratepayers in the Eurobodalla Shire will face a 4.1% increase in rates next year. The increase is outlined in the draft Operational Plan that was approved to be released for public comment at yesterday's council meeting in Moruya. Other increases on the way are in Waste Collection 4.1%, Water Access 3.85%, Water Usage 2.44%, Sewer Access 4.42% and Sewer Usage 4.44%.

Council says the rate increase is the maximum allowed under state government rate pegging rules. "The core rate peg amount for 2025-26 has been set at 4.0% for Eurobodalla, with a population growth factor of 0.1% bringing the total rate peg for this year to 4.1%," says council.

The long-suffering General Fund is a continuing challenge with finance director Stephanie Speedy telling councillors the current situation is "unsustainable", accounting speak meaning "If we keep spending more than we make, we'll go broke." Next year the General Fund is expected to lose \$8.6 million, but there is still no plan outlined to stem the massive losses running the theatre and pool at the Batemans Bay Pavilions where cash losses this year are heading towards \$4.5 million. Add the depreciation and losses this year will be at least \$6.2 million. The draft Operational Plan sets out council's workplan for the next 12 months and includes 180 actions for projects and activities. It also includes the annual budget and changes to rates and annual charges. The draft plan was released for public comment today, with submissions closing on 27 May.





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The 18th Narooma Oyster Festival is all set for the weekend

The epic oyster harvest is planned, shuckers have refined their techniques over a busy Easter period, chefs have set their recipes and all the fine drops are bottled and the brews canned we're ready to welcome you to the 18th Narooma Oyster Festival! As you move throughout Quota Park on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 you'll see more seafood than ever before, smell the smoky goodness of food cooked over coals and grills and discover new pockets to sup, sit and slurp oysters with your friends.

All the program favourites are back – from Oyster Farmers Alley and cooking demonstrations to the Australian Oyster Shucking Championships and Australia's Biggest Oyster. Coaches run from Merimbula, Batemans Bay and Bermagui, and there's a free shuttle bus around town.

The Narooma Betta Home Living Cooking Demonstrations are back and bigger than ever, with an incredible lineup of chefs showcasing innovative seafood dishes and providing tastings, giveaways and recipe handouts.

From the wilds of Tasmania to the heart of Melbourne and across the Tasman, our quest chefs will show you new ways to enjoy seafood, native ingredients and, of course, oysters. This year's program is packed with flavour - expect dishes like pepperberry pickled mackerel, abalone dumplings, kingfish sashimi, oyster cream, and rock oysters three ways.

Whether you're here to be inspired, learn a new recipe or just soak up the atmosphere, this is where the real food magic

Check out the program below.















11.45am













Friday 4pm to 8.45pm

MG Stage

4.05pm Narooma High School 4.45pm Studio Blue Dance School 5.30nm Rek Jensen

Gang of Brothers 6.30pm 8.30pm

Whale Coast Realty Fireworks

Saturday

10am to 5,30pm

Oyster Farmers Alley

Australia's Biggest Oyster Supported by Australia's Oyster Coast

Australian Oyster Shucking Championships

supported by Australia's Oyster Coas Cooking Demonstration Marquee

Women's Oyster Shucking Championships Men's Oyster Shucking Championships

Bars, Food, Markets

Narooma Rocks Oyster Bar Borrowed Cuttings Liquor Bar

Narooma Rocks Champagne & Oyste Brookvale Beer Garden

Gourmet seafood, food, snacks and de-

Street Theatre

Guru Dudu's Silent Disco Walking Tour with Disco Duk Duk (Meet at the Kid's Playground

Bioluminescence Project & River of Art (Cooking Demonstration Marquee)

Ticketed events

Friday (see website for availability)

Seared & Salty, supported by Olsson's Salt

Saturday (see website for availability)

Champagne & Oyster Masterclass

Rock Oyster Lounge, supported by Mystery Bay Cottages Sydney Royal Ultimate Oyster Experiences Champagne Oyster Cruises Crafty Brews Masterclass with Rock Oysters Gin Lovers Masterclass with Rock Oysters

Narooma Betta Home Living **Cooking Demonstration**

Host Courtney Roulston, Farm to Fork

10,30am Clayton Wells, Narooma Tiger Prawn & Guanciale Skewers with Smoked Rosemary

Al Newbold, Narooma.

Abalone & Mushroom Dumplings

12.15pm Analiese Gregory, Tasmania Girls Guide to Hunting Fishing & Cooking Wild Oysters Rockefeller, Grilled Oysters with Seaweed Butter & Oysters with

Cumquat Mignonette

Nornie Bero, Melbourne. Chef, author, host of SBS's Island Echoe Pepperberry Pickled Mackerel with Wattleseed Mustard

2.15pm

1.15 pm

Depot Eatery, Federal Delicatessen, Best Ugly Bagels Sashimi with Ginger Ninga, Kewpie and Wasabi Peas, along with Kingfish with Oyster Cream, Apple & Lemon Oil

Bars, Food, Markets

Narooma Rocks Oyster Bar Borrowed Cuttings Liquor Bar

Narooma Rocks Champagne & Oyster Bar

Brookvale Beer Garden

Yuin Cultural Markets & Bushtucker Gourmet food, arts & market stalls Brewers, distillers and winemakers

Street Theatre

Roving Poi Pearl Ladies & Poet Silly Side Face Painting

Roving Poi Pearl Ladies & Poet 1.30pm

Guru Dudu Silent Disco Walking Tour with Disco Duk Duk (Meet at the Kid's Playground) 3pm Roving Poi Pearl Ladies & Poet

MG Stage

MC Scott McNaim

10am Brothers South

11am Welcome to Country - Uncle Wally Stewart. Official Opening and Doonoch Dancers

11.45am Australia's Biggest Oyster

12.30pm Jazz Alley 1.30pm Riff 2.45pm Bek Jensen 4pm



8am to 12pm

Narooma's Biggest Breakfast

MGZS Raffle draw with Corey Costelloe, 20Chapel, Supported by Narooma Chamber Bring your picnic blanket





Walkabout Barber coming to South Eastern NSW



Walkabout Barber and Walkabout Beautiful: time and space for healthy conversations

Haircuts, beauty treatments and a safe space to talk are coming to Aboriginal communities in South Eastern NSW in May, thanks to a partnership between the Walkabout Barber and COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW.

Brian Dowd, a proud Gamilaraay man, says the Walkabout Barber and Walkabout Beautiful bus, which is fitted out as a mobile salon offering professional barber, hairdressing and beauty appointments, works as a perfect setting for people to open up about their mental health. A former professional Rugby League player who has seen his fair share of life's ups and downs, Brian is now a qualified therapist in Indigenous Trauma and Recovery, combining his barbering skills with psychological and spiritual healing.

"We are providing a space where you can get fresh on the outside and fresh on the inside, where mental health first aid can be provided by our team.

'When we go out to regional, urban and remote communities, trauma is often hidden, even from family members. And sometimes families absorb trauma, but self-destructive ways of coping shouldn't be normalised," said Mr Dowd.

COORDINARE's Aboriginal Health Consultant Taneka Longbottom said, "We want to ensure our mob feel empowered, with greater awareness of support services and strategies for self-care and social and emotional wellbeing.

"Receiving a fresh haircut, beard trim, mini manicure or eyebrow wax is a great way to encourage yarning about personal challenges. All clients will also be invited to join a Trauma and Recovery workshop with Brian, as well as a suicide prevention workshop outside the bus," said Ms Longbottom.

Free barber, hairdressing and beauty sessions will be available for local Aboriginal communities in Bega, Narooma, Mogo, Nowra, Wollongong and Yass between Monday 19 May and Friday 26 May. Bookings are not required; walk ins are welcome. Refreshments will also be provided.

Dates and locations:

- Monday 19 May: Littleton Gardens, Zingel Place,
- Tuesday 20 May, morning: Nata Oval, Bluewater Drive, Narooma
- Tuesday 20 May, afternoon: Sports and Recreation Reserve, Buckenbowra Road, Mogo
- Wednesday 21 May: South Nowra Sporting Fields, 5 Mumbulla St, South Nowra
- Thursday 22 May: Lakeside Reserve, Koonawarra Bay, Wollongong
- Friday 23 May: Yass Showground, 27 Grand Junction Rd, Yass

COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN works with Aboriginal communities to address inequities and improve health and wellbeing for communities in the South Eastern NSW region.

Our website outlines some of the initiatives we support.

If you or someone you know needs immediate support, please contact:

- · Lifeline: 13 11 14 <u>lifeline.org.au</u>
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

suicidecallbackservice.org.au

- · Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 <u>beyondblue.org.au/forums</u> · MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978 <u>Mensline.org.au</u>
- · Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resource portal: <u>Healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au</u>
- · Brother 2 Brother 24 hour crisis line: 1800 435 799 dardimunwurro.com.au/brother-to-brother
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No-fault homelessness on the rise, housing services overwhelmed— Anglicare report confirms rental situation worsening on the South Coast

Anglicare Australia's Rental Affordability Snapshot (RAS), released this week, reveals a familiar trend. Despite a recent interest rate cut, and relief in sight for mortgage holders, availability for renters continues to worsen—and for those on low incomes the situation is beyond dire. "I am terrified for some of my clients", said Melinda, an

Anglicare Housing and Homelessness Case Manager. "Housing (NSW) is overwhelmed. We are overwhelmed. Community housing options are far too limited and temporary accommodation in motels is often full. Last week a retired women in her late 60s, currently undergoing cancer treatment, had nowhere to stay but her car." On the South Coast, the housing crisis has forced families into temporary motel accommodation—often for more than six months, sometimes for more than 12—while searching for an affordable private rental. The situation worsens during busy holiday periods—like the recent combined Easter/School Holidays and Anzac Day, when not even a motel room could be found. Anglicare's Moruya-based Housing and Homelessness team reports regularly providing tents and camping gear to families who have literally nowhere to go.

Devastating stories like this reflect the harsh conclusions of this year's RAS. The report, which annually evaluates the availability of affordable rental properties for households on low incomes confirms that across the region, and the country, the rental situation has become impossible for those on low incomes.

RAS figures show:

- For a single person on JobSeeker, just three properties would be affordable nationwide.
- Nothing would be affordable for someone receiving Youth Allowance.
- Single people on the Disability Support Pension or Age Pension could afford 0.1 and 0.3 percent of properties.

Nationally, rental rates increased 14 percent over the past two years, according to new analysis from Money.com.au. Population growth, extremely low vacancy rates and a stagnant housing supply have resulted in a rental environment that is utterly untenable for those on low incomes.

Another report, Priced Out, released in March from the national housing affordability advocacy group, Everybody's Home, highlights the burden being placed on low-income earners. It shows that on the South Coast, those earning \$40,000 a year could pay 78 percent of their weekly income on rent, while aged care pensioners pay 66-70 percent, and those relying on government benefits would have just \$200 a week left after rent to cover every other living expense.

"With the rental market as competitive as it is, applicants on Centrelink go to the bottom of the list", said Melinda. "We have clients that are doing all the right things, and not getting anywhere."

According to this year's Snapshot, in the South Coast region, 0-2% of rental listings were appropriate and affordable for households surviving on income support payments, with 1% for households earning minimum wage. This ongoing epidemic of unaffordability means that services like Anglicare are faced with a concerning rise in client numbers. Already this financial year our Housing and Homelessness services have assisted nearly double the number of clients we are funded to support.

"The private rental market hasn't been working for a long time", said Anglicare Australia CEO Kasy Chambers. "We need to be calling on the government to be ambitious on this. Every year it gets worse and every year it gets harder to meet the shortfall and fill this chasm." While not for profits like Anglicare continue to provide advocacy and essential support to those in crisis, the severity of the current housing situation is staggering, and for renters the situation is not improving. We remain hopeful that state and federal governments will support community services in meeting immediate demand by increasing funding for specialist crisis and homelessness services now, while simultaneously working to find lasting and sustainable solutions to address the underlying housing problem."

Major parties commit to strengthening News Media Bargaining Code

The **Public Interest Journalism Initiative** (PIJI) today welcomes support from major political parties and key independent members for the strengthening of Australia's News Media Bargaining Code. "Public interest journalism ensures a diversity of voices in public discussion and serves as one of the most important mechanisms for

accountable and democratic governments. Without it, we risk the erosion of the quality of our most fundamental institutions — executive, judicial, and legislative," PIJI Chair Professor Allan Fels AO said.

Responses to a PIJI survey on the state of Australian public interest journalism also emphasised much work still needs to be done to strengthen and protect the sector from major threats presented by generative AI, social media giants and potential US trade sanctions. The News Media Bargaining Code, which previously saw major companies like Google and Meta pay Australian news media for content, has been described by Big Tech as a "coercive and discriminatory" tax. These companies have complained to US authorities, with their framing of the code as an unfair financial burden sparking concern of triggering trade sanctions.

In response to PIJI's survey, Labor stood by the code, along with its funding commitments towards the ABC, AAP and News Media Assistance Program.

Acknowledging local news reporting as the lifeblood of Australian communities, Labor reiterated its existing policy position on public interest journalism but cautioned too much intervention could risk government overreach.

The Greens focused on the need for diverse media ownership and accountability, and committed to locking in the restoration of full funding to the ABC via legislation.

Independents Monique Ryan, Andrew Wilkie and Tammy Tyrrell were supportive of the government's current funding commitments to support Australian public interest journalism, but warned more must be done to prevent smaller players in news media from being left behind.

The Coalition failed to respond to PIJI's survey.

However in the final leaders' debate ahead of the election, Opposition leader Peter Dutton (whose party introduced the original framework for the code) said there was common ground between parties in supporting Australian news services in fending off the threat of Big Tech.

Professor Fels said the bipartisan support highlighted in the survey

responses and televised debates underscore the critical role of public interest journalism in Australia's democracy.

"The willingness of major parties and key independents to back the strengthening of the code reflects a shared understanding of the media's role in the public interest and the need to resist undue influence from powerful global tech companies," he said.

PIJI continues to advocate for evidence-based policy solutions to ensure a sustainable, pluralistic, and independent news media environment in Australia. The strengthening of the News Media Bargaining Code is a crucial step in this direction.

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High tea in a floral wonderland - 'The Garden Party Nelligen'

By John Longhurst

Nestled high in the tranquil foothills of the Clyde Mountain and less than a kilometre from Nelligen, 'The Garden Party' is an escape to slower times offering the visitor a painter's palette of overflowing colours and perfumed scents in a meticulously cared for garden. In full bloom, 'The Garden Party Nelligen' is a rainbow burst open and is inspired by the English cottage garden style. The garden is framed by and sits atop a hill of manicured bowling green lawns with sweeping views.

The garden was created over 23 years ago on a portion of family owned property that can trace its lineage back over 150 years. The force behind this labour of love and creativity is 74 years young, and fifth generation landowner, Glenda Blanch.

Glenda said "After an extended stint in Sydney, my roots on the south coast beckoned me back in 2001 and we built on the family property, with family as neighbours. We are all keen gardeners and by 2010 we had established the garden to the point we hosted charity events for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. The response was quite overwhelming and by 2019 we opened for bookings and used the setting to host indulgent high teas using our high end crystal and silver ware for patrons and groups. It soon grew into a 3 course serving of non-alcoholic bubbles, a variety of teas, canapés, savouries, scones, mini quiches, a variety of sandwiches, slices, cakes and desserts of parfait and cheesecake... And, I must add, it is all home made."

The garden is open in Spring and Autumn and Glenda is insistent on hosting parties of up to 25 privately or events only if the garden is at its best.

Glenda said "We can be flexible with dates for group bookings and, of course, special dates such as Mothers' Day are very popular. It is a great opportunity to do something special for loved ones."

Batemans Bay local, Sofia Keady, booked a high tea for an afternoon get together for eight friends.

Sofia said "Upon arrival, the lovely Glenda greeted us with her warm smile. We were taken around her English garden which delighted our senses as we admired the colours of beautiful flowers. We were all impressed with the nicely decorated tables and amazing food presentation with a selection of tiered sandwiches and savouries accompanied by delicious, sweet treats and freshly baked scones served with cream and jam, accompanied with a choice of teas or coffee. Our high tea experience was a perfect blend of elegance and indulgence. It was a wonderful experience and not to be missed."

Eve Pye was also effusive about the afternoon.

Eve said "It was an exquisite high tea experience, surrounded by generous servings of food and lush gardens. We all had a good time and I will certainly come back."

As well as organising the high teas, Glenda specialises in a range of exotic cut flowers with extra long stems including snap dragons, delphiniums, sweet peas and over 70 varieties of roses. The flowers can be purchased at Go Vita in Batemans Bay, Edward Road Marketplace in Batehaven and bouquets for special occasions can also be catered for and delivered locally. Glenda is also keen to share her knowledge with propagation and flower workshops held twice a year.

All bookings and enquiries about 'The Garden Party Nelligen' can be made via the website <u>www.thegardenpartynelligen.com</u> or by phoning 0459781244.

Nelligen GP



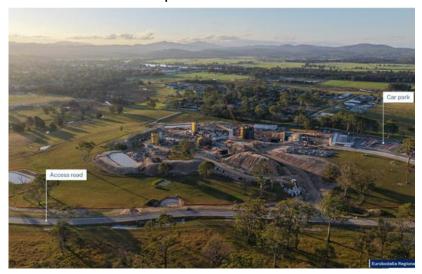
Glenda Blanch (right) welcomes Sofia Keady to the Garden Party Nelligen.







Eurobodalla Regional Hospital April Construction Update



SNSWLHD reports:

Progress continues on site as the new hospital begins to rise from its foundations. The stair and lift cores have now reached their full four-storey height, and the concrete slab and structural columns forming the framework for the ground floor and Level 1 are taking shape, marking another key step in bringing the future hospital to life.

Construction of the new hospital is not just well underway, it's happening on a massive scale. Here's a look at some of the incredible stats behind the progress so far:

- 73000 cubic metres of earth have been moved enough to fill 24 Olympic-sized swimming pools.
- 1650 tonnes of reinforced steel have been used laid end to end, that's a stretch of 660 kilometres, roughly the distance from Canberra to Melbourne.
- 13150 cubic metres of concrete have been poured the equivalent of 1750 concrete truckloads.
- 102 tonnes of structural steel have gone into the build so far

 that's about the same weight as 15 African elephants

Roundabout works to start

To support future access to the new hospital, construction has started on a new roundabout on the Princes Highway and are expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Please follow the directions of traffic controllers and be mindful of changed speed limits in the area. We encourage all road users to follow the new speed limits and traffic signs to ensure everyone's safety. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

More Roundabouts on the Way for Moruya Streets

By Phil Herrick

Three new roundabouts are planned for Moruya, with plans approved at yesterday's meeting of the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

The mountable roundabouts will be built at the intersection of Murray and Hawdon Streets, Murray and Thomas Streets and Evans and Albert Streets. The council also approved plans for a raised pedestrian crossing on Albert Street at the Moruya High School.

The works are all tied into the Moruya housing infrastructure program, aimed at encouraging more housing development in the town.

Draft Batemans Bay Master Plan on display and Extended till 30 June

The Draft Masterplan is on exhibition until Friday 30 June 2025.

During the exhibition, Council staff will be at the former Rivers shop premises at The Village Centre, Batemans Bay 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday (closed public holidays).

This draft plan is certainly stimulating plenty of conversation and businesses in the Batemans Bay or servicing Batemans Bay are encouraged to have their say.

There's even a hotline you can call on 4474 1007.

Computers 4 Community

The Repurposing for Resilience team are excited to let your readers know of our 'Computers 4 Community' workshop kicking off Saturday 17 May.

RfR is teaming up with Tims Computing and the Tec Exec to bring this fantastic project to our region.

'Computers 4 Community' will give new life to old computers, monitors and laptops that were destined for e-waste. The refurbished equipment will then be gifted to our local not for profit organisations and workshop participants FREE!.

This initiative is all about keeping our community connected; providing free access to hands-on training and resources all while reducing the impact of waste on our environment.

The free workshop is on Saturday 17 May from 10am to 3pm at the RfR Community Solar Reuse Centre, inside of the Moruya Transfer Station.

Come along to learn as little or as much as you like about all things IT, a light lunch is also provided. Registrations are essential by emailing: rfreurobodalla@gmail.com





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

Gadfly

Whoever leads the major Party that loses the election will either resign or face overwhelming pressure to do so. The question is which of the alternatives will have a better chance of winning next time around.

At time of writing, it appears that the Coalition is headed for another term in Opposition, so the most obvious loser is Peter Dutton. In fact, a cock a' hoop Labor Party is even suggesting that the electors of Dickson might vote him out altogether.

The latest poll figures give him a 55/45 majority over Labor's Ali France so that seems a big ask. But last election he held on after preferences by just 1.7 per cent so it's not impossible. But a squeaky win will mean his party has been trounced so on the night he'll probably say he'll consider the issue once all the votes are counted. And since his only other profession is as a Queensland copper (and child care investor), he might well 'consult his colleagues' with a result that allows him to throw his hat in the ring.

Truth is, he'll be history. Angus Taylor the Shadow Treasurer will have consulted the same colleagues, and they might well give him the numbers. That will ensure he'll suffer the same fate next election. There is only one viable leader with the smarts and the presentation to beat Labor. It's Jane Hume, the Shadow Minister for Finance, the Public Service and Special Minister for State. Unfortunately, she is a Victorian Senator and that would require a colleague in a safe seat to fall on his sword to allow her to transfer to the House of Representatives. There is an excellent precedent for this in John Gorton's election to Liberal Leader and Prime Minister following the death of Harold Holt. But whether the Libs have such a beneficent male MP in Victoria is quite another matter since being out of government they can't offer much of a reward for his voluntary departure.

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So, oleaginous Angus it is.

The Nationals' David Littleproud would also face a revived Barnaby Joyce. But by general consensus he's run his race, and the Party will have done better than the Libs, so David can confidently put another order in for his favoured dark hair dye.

Last election, Anthony Albanese thrilled his voters on the night with his first valiant promise: To fulfil the First Nations' anguished cry for not just a Voice but the entire Uluru Statement from the Heart. Instead, it went the way of the tough Anti-corruption Commission, the restriction of gambling adds. And in came the \$800 million AUKUS tossaway to Pete Hegseth by his Deputy Richard Marles.

Throughout his prime ministership Albo has treated the independents asimpostors in a Parliament made for Parties. Which it ain't. Chances are that the government will need their support for the big economic and foreign policy challenges of the second term; and he's patently not the man for occasion. Instead, he will see the election as an endorsement of his 'don't frighten the horses' administration.

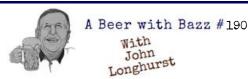
Who then among his Cabinet colleagues has the foresight and courage to inspire the nation with the brilliant new tax system that Ken Henry devised; to end the rising inequality within the nation; to embrace with pride our Aboriginal forebears; to start a full diplomatic press to create a Defence version of APEC without America; to make a genuine effort to work with Indonesia and China in the creation of the Asian century, and an administration that brings home ownership within the grasp of every Australian.

Alas, no one. There is, however, one leader who has what it takes. Unfortunately, he has a job already, as Premier of South Australia.

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Mick repeatedly tapped the tongs on the barbecue.

"Well...here we go again, Bazza. It's hard to believe it has been three years since we were on the tools for the last election. Anyhow, with me taking over the shopping for the barbecue, I am hoping we can turn a profit this time round and actually make a donation to the nominated charities. Those ScoMo brand chicken curry sausages you purchased from Josh, the butcher, last time around were shockers. I had to bin the lot. My dog even refused to eat them."

Bazza pushed a couple of the sausages around the barbecue.

"By gee, Mick... the sausages are a bit thin, you have cut back on the onions and only offering cheap white bread with watered down tomato sauce as the only condiment. It's another reason for the punters to vote before election day. Where is the variety, creativity and forward thinking in these snags, Mick?"

Mick wielded the tongs at Bazza.

"Cost of living, Bazza. People are doing it tough out there. Interest rate rises, rampaging inflation, taxation bracket creep... the list goes on. We are selling these rough looking sausage sandwiches for a dollar more than what we charged last election."

Bazza sighed.

"We can agree for once, Mick. Cost of living is front and centre of the election campaign. Albo is offering minuscule tax cuts and energy cost relief when he is not holding up his Medicare card. Dutts is constantly pumping fuel into random vehicles at promised reduced prices. Most of these policies are temporary and none address the central issue."

They both paused and pushed around sausages at random, Mick raised an eyebrow and Bazza rubbed his chin.

"It is a lost cause trying to regulate prices. Whitlam went to a referendum in 1973 on this issue and was knocked back. Good luck to either Albo or Dutts trying to flog Coles or Woolworths with a wet lettuce over price gouging. It just won't happen."

Mick clicked his tongue and took a sip from the reused water bottle.

"You are making me feel a bit uncomfortable, Bazza. I just don't like agreeing with you. Crikey... It's 10am and we have not sold a single sausage sandwich."

Bazza turned one of the more miserable sausages.

"You can attack cost of living with these crap policies Albo and Dutts are spruiking or do something about the cost of earning. There needs to be more focus on what people earn. You know... a <u>new research paper</u> by one of the nation's top labourmarket economists, Professor David Peetz, of Griffith University and the Australia Institute's Centre for Future Work finds that the productivity of labour has improved by 15 percent poverty the past 13 years. Real wages have not increased by that amount over that period.*"

Bazza paused to rub his chin.

'The problem is Mick...there is a nonsensical assumption from our leadership and economic bureaucrats these productivity gains will be shared. Well guess what?...bosses are not going to share those gains unless..."

Bazza paused deliberately.

"Bosses are not going to share those gains unless they have to and the only way to make them share the gains is through increasing the bargaining power of the workers and/or the government supporting pay increases in the Fair Work Commission. I reckon that's a real solution to the cost of living crisis so it is a case of deciding who is best to deliver on both fronts."

A punter finally approached the barbecue and shook his head at the offered fare.

"What's in the snags, mate?"

Mick read from the packet.

"Fat, salt, breadcrumbs, flavour enhancers, flour, hydrolysed vegetable protein, starch, water...."

The punter cut him off.

"So no meat, mate? Crikey are you blokes preparing to dodge the promised Trump tariffs on Australian beef?"

*https://www.smh.com.au/business/the-economy/votersunasked-question-which-party-do-i-want-deciding-wagespolicy-20250427-p5luj6.html

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

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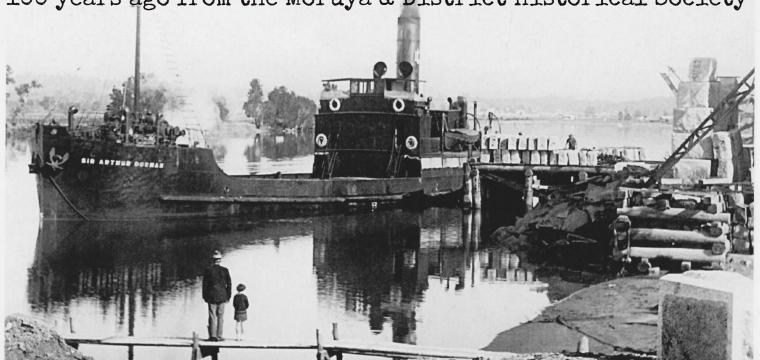








100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



02-05-1925

Mr. H. J. Bate, who recently conducted a lecturing tour on the North Coast on silos, endeavours to practice what he preaches. On his Tilba property he has just put away 250 tons of ensilage and 20 tons of lucerne. The plant was hurriedly transferred to his new property at Bodalla, where, with the assistance of the boys, two fine reinforced concrete silos were constructed and filled with fine maize. This means just on 500 tons of succulent fodder stored for winter

On Monday last **two more steamers to carry granite** from the Moruya quarry for the North Shore Bridge were launched. The Governor, Sir Dudley de Chair, launched the steamer named after him, and Sir Arthur Dorman did likewise with his namesake. The third steamer, the Dorlonco, was launched a few weeks ago. The Governor also laid the keel of a new dredge. The ships launched are 147 ft. long with a dead weight capacity of 400 tons, and a speed of about 10 knots. They will be completed within six weeks. **Messrs. Donnelly Bros.** have left the Campbell Street Butchery and gone into one of Mr. Weatherby's new shops in Vulcan Street. The premises are nice and roomy and well lit by electricity from Mr. Weatherby's Delco plant.

The Sir Arthur Dorman Loaded at wharf

The juveniles are to be given an opportunity of learning eurythmics and classical dancing, as that clever exponent of the Terpsichorean art, Mrs. G. Bishop, notifies that she is prepared to give lessons in such. Physical culture and deportment will also be taught.

The old culvert near the Cemetery on Dwyer's Creek road partially collapsed under a heavy wagon load of timber a day or two ago, rendering it unsafe for traffic. Yesterday a strong gang of Shire workmen fenced off the existing road, pulled up the old culvert and constructed a temporary bye-way through Mr. A. F. Emmott's paddock pending the construction of the bad piece of road opposite the Cemetery.

Nerrigundah. (From our Correspondent.) A most enjoyable ball in aid of the cricket club was held in the local School of Arts on Friday night of last week. Messrs. Horace Head and E. Sutherland were doorkeepers and Mr. G. Jessop M.C. Visitors were present from Narooma, Eurobodalla and Bodalla. The usual excellent dance music was supplied by Mr. W. Jessop and family, while Mr. Alf Jessop, from one of the leading bands in Sydney, played some delightful cornet solos. The supper was handed round by Mrs. Mair, Misses Egan, O'Toole, Curtis, Perry and Jessop, assisted by Messrs. G. and W. Jessop, E. Sutherland, Roy O'Toole and Egan. Mr. Mair, Secretary, should be complimented on the result of his effort which put the sum of £8 10s into the club's funds.

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



SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY IN MORUYA

USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK!

3 tour time slots still available for the Moruya Low Energy Sustainable House.

9.30am-10.30am

11.00am-12noon (Sold Out)

1.00pm-2.00pm

2.30pm-3.30pm

Book here

On Sunday 4 May, 150 homes across Australia will open their doors and share their experience of building, retro-fitting and living in sustainable homes. Sustainable House Day, hosted by Renew, is an annual, national event offering the opportunity to explore some of Australia's most inspiring green homes, and learn from the people who designed them, built them and live in them.

If you are thinking about building, renovating or retrofitting to make your home more energy-efficient and comfortable, the Sustainable House Day program offers many ways to learn from experts across the country, local community groups, homeowners and electric vehicle drivers in your neighbourhood. Ticket sales for open house tours must close midday Friday 2 May. BOOK NOW! Explore the homes and buy tickets at <u>sustainablehouseday.com</u>





Sustainable House Day is an annual event run by Renew that provides the opportunity to explore some of Australia's most inspiring homes, and learn from the people who designed them, built them, and live in them. a membership non profit that has been working to transform Australian homes for climate and energy resilience since 1980. Renew's early membership newsletters have evolved into *Renew* and *Sanctuary* magazines, both great resources for living and building sustainably.

The best way to see which properties are featured in an area is to check the map. (https://sustainablehouseday.com/2025-featured-homes/) There are three houses open in Eurobodalla:

Low-energy Sustainable House - Jeffery Place

Moruya House, Redwood Park - Turnbull Lane house (Graham and Carole)

The Anchorage Strawbale House - Anchorage Lane (Paul Cooke)

Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President, and Thomas Schild will be running tours of their house in Jeffery Place from 10am – 3pm. This house has very low embedded energy in its construction and was much cheaper to build than it would have been using standard materials.

To sign up for a tour go to https://sustainable-house/ A small donation is requested, which goes towards Renew's costs in running the event. There will be a SHASA stall on site.



The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance's (SHASA) President is opening her home as part of Sustainable House Day. This house at 2 Jeffery Place, Moruya was built in a factory in the Moruya Industrial Area. It's a much lower cost sustainable home option.

Features include:

- · built of structural insulated panels (SIP),
- · double glazed windows,
- · insulated walls, ceiling and underfloor,
- · energy efficient appliances,
- · an awning on the eastern window,
- · 9kW of solar PV,
- · 11kWh battery,
- · a 7kW EV charger,
- · 3 rainwater tanks (15,000 litres)
- · native garden
- · electric garden tools

There will be a SHASA welcome table. SHASA are raffling a \$250 energy assessment for your home. The Council will be providing information on water efficiency including some free giveaways. There will be 4 tours being run starting 9.30am, 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm. Cost of the tour is \$9.50.



\$250 ENERGY ASSESSMENT

Tickets are available for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at the SHASA Welcome Table in the driveway at the Sustainable House Day 2 Jeffery Place Moruya Sunday 4 May 9.30am-3.30pm Prize drawn on the day.

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Batemans Bay Uniting Church Concert



25th May 2025

Get ready for the next Uniting Church Variety Concert on 25th May, Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

As usual it will be at the Uniting Church Batemans Bay and on this occasion all the profits will go to Pivot Point. Entry is by donation and no, you don't have to book.

Pivot Point do a splendid job supporting those struggling to survive by providing food, showers, laundry and all sorts of things we more fortunate take for granted.

This year we are excited to offer a marvellous program for your enjoyment.

The first act will be Blueberry Jam an astoundingly good five piece band playing all my favourites from Jazz to Swing and others of a similar ilk. I'll be up dancing and there's room in the aisle for you too. On a more serious note Roger will be singing poignant songs about the futility of war to remind us of our great ANZAC tradition. My neighbour, also a veteran, will accompany him on harmonica. He will also be amusing us with silly poems and songs. [I'll be helping him]

Our beloved Tenors Two, Steve and Paul will once again be there to delight us.

U3A Singers will round off the concert in their inimitable style, encouraging everyone to sing along to some old favourites from our youth.

I do hope to see lots of you there. Tell all your friends and come for an entertaining afternoon.

Kay Killick.









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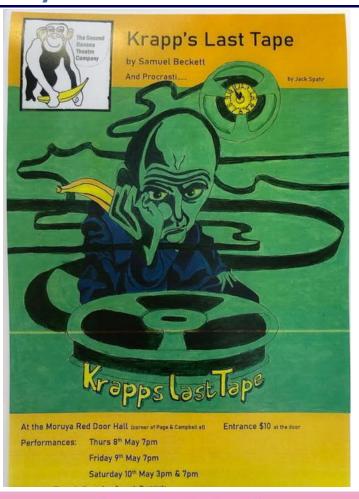
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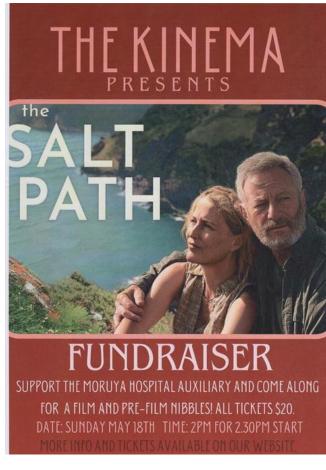
Stop for a coffee and enjoy some of our delicious house made cakes / cookies.

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Audrey Ingram ~



Moruya Library

Thursday 8 May 10:30 to 11:30am

Join us at Moruya Library as local author Audrey Ingram celebrates her

Audrey, originally from South Africa, moved to New Zealand in 2009, then moved to Australia and settled on the South Coast in 2021. Her stories blend these three cultures, divided into seasons

Hear Audrey's journey and enjoy light refreshments. Copies of her book will be available for purchase

Free event Eventbrite bookings essential

or more information on our Library events lease visit www.esc.nsw.gov.au/events



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Book Talk Ballara – A Natural History

Saturday 10 May, 2pm Moruya Golf Club Join Michael and Sarah Guppy as they discuss their new book, Ballara – A Natural History, which chronicles the remarkable story of a property just north of Moruya and its role in a 19-year landmark bird study.

The book not only traces the rich history of the property but also delves into the demanding realities of long-term ecological research.

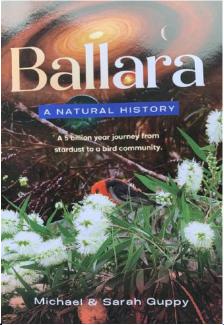
It offers valuable insights into pressing environmental issues such as climate change, species extinction, and habitat loss—making it both a compelling historical account and a timely reflection on conservation.

About: Join Michael and Sarah Guppy as they discuss their new book, Ballara – A Natural History, which chronicles the remarkable story of a property just north of Moruya and its role in a 19-year landmark bird study. More information:

https://blog.mdhs.org.au/2025/04/13/book-talk-ballara-a-natural-history/



2:30 pm Saturday May 10 St Paul's Anglican Church, Narooma



Calling All Young Artists! Enter the Little Sellers Art Prize 2025!

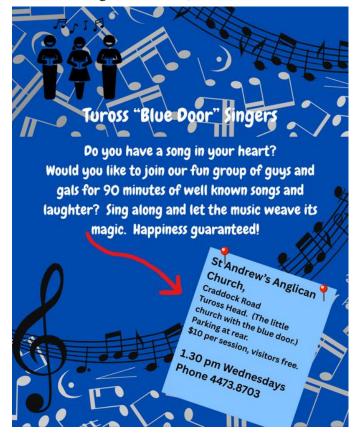
Are you a budding artist in school years 1-12? This is your chance to shine! Theme: 'To thine own self be true' – get creative and show us what it means to you!

Key Dates:

- Entries close: 30 June 2025
- Winners announced: 8 September 2025
- Exhibition: 6-13 September 2025 Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to showcase your talent and win fantastic prizes! Visit our website for more details and to enter: https://thebas.com.au/bas-kids/little-sellers-art-prize









@tilbatalks Unearthed Project: Twilight Poetry by Lantern Light Walk

Sunday 4th May 2025, 5pm - 8:30pm
The National Trust in collaboration with Tilba Walks Heritage Talks Walking Tours presents the "Unearthed Project: Twilight Poetry by Lantern Light Walk" for the Australian Heritage Festival 2025.
The evening concludes with an event at the Dromedary Hotel, offering a platform for local poets to perform under the stars. Highlights include: Children and Young People's Poetry Competition, Yuin and non-Indigenous poets, Voices of the past and present, share tales of culture and heritage set in the heart of Central Tilba. This year, all voices emerging and established to share words in a setting of culture and heritage.

The National Trust Village presents this immersive event weaving together poetry, history, and storytelling for an unforgettable night. For bookings https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/.../unearthed-project.../



Looking after Blokes

Physio & Pharmacy in Men's Health Saturday 17 May 5.30pm

Club Narooma

Information + Pizza

This takes a down-to-earth look at how physiotherapy and pharmacy can work together to support all men with prostate cancer and their carers. It explores how early intervention, the right tools and a team approach can make a big difference.

Whether it's managing incontinence, improving function or helping men feel more like themselves again, there's plenty that can be done. This information session will show you how.

Pharmacist Brad Butt and physiotherapist Jamie Boulding have expert knowledge, experience and training in men's urological health.

Join Brad and Jamie for more information about men's health.



NAROOMA Ride Sunday 18 May

REGISTRATION: www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma Full details plus map on registration. Assemble from 9am. SPONSOR A RIDER or PILLION — go to website and select

Author talk with Samah Sabawi - Moruya

Monday 19 May 2025 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, Vulcan Street, Moruya Cost: free Join author Samah Sabawi as she shares the story of her family over the past 100 years, starting in Palestine under British rule and ending in Redland Bay in Queensland.

Samah's book, Cactus Pear for My Beloved, is a heartfelt memoir celebrating land, history and family. It tells the story of the son (one of six), born during displacements to a disabled father and illiterate mother, who became a poet and advocate for peaceful resistance in Palestine before fleeing to Australia with his young family. Samah's book will be available for purchase and light refreshments will be served.

Bookings are required

Places are limited for this event. To avoid disappointment, please book early online or contact your local library for assistance. T: 4474 1333 E: Moruya Library W: Book online







2EARFM / Moruya Mail GIG GUIDE "LOCAL and LIVE"

Friday, 2 May:

Dave Berry Amber Kenny Strutt

Ulladulla Ex-Servo's (9.30am) Steampacket Hotel Bay Soldiers Club (7.30pm)

Saturday, 3 May:

Rick Bamford Strutt Loose Change Richard Lawson Amber Kenney 3 Hours South

Tura Beach Club (6.30pm) Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm) Bay Soldiers Club (8pm) Allan Watts Blues Band Merimbula RSL (8pm)

Tilba valley Winery Quantum Brewery Broulee Brewhouse Steampacket Hotel

Sunday, 4 May:

Black Sorrows -Tilba Valley Winer guests, Jerikye Williams, Dave Wells Band Gates open 10am Rockin Rob Broulee Brewhouse Riff Club Tuross (3.30pm)

Want to be listed in the Gig Guide?

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Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm







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Mother Baby Yoga Launches in **Eurobodalla with Heartfelt Support and Connection**

The ABA Eurobodalla group is excited to have launched our five-week Mother Baby Yoga series at the end of April — and we're thrilled to say our first session had a fantastic turnout.

Thanks to a Healthy Communities Grant from Eurobodalla Shire Council, we've been able to bring this nurturing and restorative program to life in collaboration with a local yoga studio.

Our sessions are led by the wonderful Rachel Nokes, a former family therapist turned yoga instructor, who brings a warm and calming presence to the room. With a focus on breath and gentle movement, Rachel guided mums to reconnect with their bodies, release the tightness that often comes with breastfeeding (shoulders, necks, jaws), and explore ways to strengthen the bond with their babies from tickling tummies to singing nursery rhymes and sharing smiles. Themes of the series include centering through breath, easing physical tension, supporting postnatal recovery, and embracing the natural connection between mother and baby. Mums shared their appreciation for the session, noting how calming it was and how easy and enjoyable it felt to move with their baby. Many commented on how simple stretches could be done at home without needing to set aside large amounts of time.

Each session ends with time to unwind over tea and Tim Tams, with space for conversation, support, and connection just as ABA groups do best, with kindness, laughter, and community.

We look forward to welcoming more families in the coming weeks.

Michelle, Group Leader, Eurobodalla ABA







Long-table lunch: Food for Thought series

21 June 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan and Murray streets, Moruya. Access from Murray Street.

Cost: \$85 per person

From Broulee to Florence: An Artist's Odyssey – Join us for an inspiring afternoon as we welcome the talented and charismatic Di Jay to speak at our winter offering in the Food for Thought series where art, passion, and creativity come together.

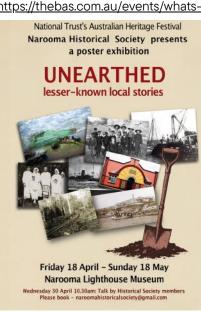
Fresh off her Italian residency where she honed her craft with the masters of jewellery creation in Florence, Di is ready to share her entertaining experiences and insights.

Set against the backdrop of the Shakespeareinspired What's Past is Prologue group exhibition, this promises to be a thoughtprovoking and inspiring experience. (Plus, you'll get the chance to view some of Di's creations up close in this exhibition.)

To match the occasion, you'll enjoy an Italian-themed menu including: A glass of sparkling wine on arrival, A grazing table luncheon, and a glass of wine or juice with your meal Vegetarian and gluten free catered for.

https://thebas.com.au/events/whats-on/events/Long-table-lunch-Food-for-Thought-series





Fascinating stories unearthed for Heritage Festival

Narooma Historical Society presents a poster exhibition of 11 little known local stories 'unearthed' for this year's National Trust's Heritage Festival. The Exhibition is in Narooma's Lighthouse Museum until Sunday 18 May, open seven days a week 7am-2pm.

"We've had some fun coming up with stories to appeal to all ages, visitors as well as locals, and working out how best to portray them," said Historical Society President Laurelle Pacey.

Stories include 'Message in a Bottle shows high hopes', 'When Narooma had a hospital', 'From Messines to Montague', 'Barunguba visits over thousands of years', 'Why the Kinema shines', and 'Tramway Bodalla to Wagonga Heads'.

Historical Society members will talk about the exhibited stories on Wednesday 30 April at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Bookings please via naroomahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Moruya Lions need numbers

Moruya Lions ask: Last year we were fortunate enough to get a few new members

But sadly we also had to lose a few because of health reasons this year.

So we are back to square one.

How sad would it be if the Moruya Lions can no longer present Carols by Candle light this year?

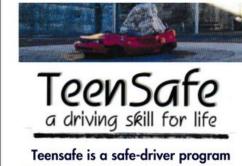
Or sit outside Harris Scarfe towards the end of the year selling our famous Lions Christmas cakes? I know I am sad just thinking about it. No more supporting our local schools, and so many other worthy causes.

Here is where we are asking our Moruya community for help. Please think of whether you are able to join us - Ladies and Men alike. We are a friendly group, but a few of our members are exhausted trying to keep things going. We can't keep going this way. It would be a sad day if the Moruya Lions were no more Let's all hope for a happy ending

Thank you from the <u>Lions</u> <u>Club of Moruya</u>



Kathryn Maxwell 0467558645



Teensafe is a safe-driver program for L and P drivers - a skill for life.

Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway.

Each course runs for 1 day.

Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80.

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Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.

For details, pics and rego forms go to

www.teensafemoruya.org

or email garys.home@bigpond.com



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

Moruya Mail

Animal Welfare League News

Gomez is an adorable 12-week-old black and white kitten with a charming moustache and a personality that's larger than life. This little guy is the total package: fun-loving, affectionate, and downright hilarious. Gomez's story is one of courage and survival. He was found in the middle of the road at night, not moving, and fighting for his life. Against all odds, he pulled through and has transformed into a happy, healthy, and playful little boy who's now ready for his forever home. Gomez is the perfect companion for snuggles, playtime, and everything in between.

All AWL pets come desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, and flea, tick and worm treated. Call AWL today on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting with Beauty, Gomez or any of our animals available for adoption. We need foster carers for cats, kittens and dogs urgently! Providing care for a needy animal is a rewarding volunteer experience, so please think about whether you or someone you know can help us. Call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 to find out more.







Phone: 0410 016 612

PLEASE, We need foster Carers for dogs and cats.





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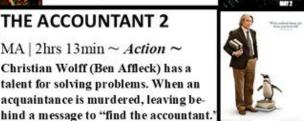
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PG | 2hrs 7min - Action - Adventure -Florence Pugh After finding themselves ensnared in a death trap, an unconventional team of antiheroes must embark on a dangerous mission that will force them to confront their pasts.



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How does preferential voting work?

Preferential voting means you rank the candidates in order of who best aligns with your values.



To be elected, a candidate must receive an absolute majority (more than 50% of total votes cast). If no candidate has an absolute majority. preferences are distributed until a majority is reached.

This diagram might clear things up more.

PREFERENTIAL VOTING

NO MAJORITY so candidate D's votes are distributed according to voters' next preferences.

FIRST COUNT 42

eg. Everyone who put candidate D as No. I will have their votes redistributed to their No. 2 condidate.

FIRST COUNT

SECOND COUNT 43

2

STILL NO MAJORITY Candidate C's votes will be redistributed according to voters' next preferences.

43

SECOND COUNT 43

10

THIRD COUNT 47 53

CANDIDATE B HAS A MAJORITY! With 53 votes.

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Free tech café drop in sessions

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2025 Diary Dates

- 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

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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).



Tuross Community Markets

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

Be ready starting school 2026 information session - Moruya

Monday 05 May 2025, 5:30-6:30PM Moruya Showground

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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.



Speedway Gains Rent Reprieve from Council

By Phil Herrick Surfair Speedway near the Moruya racecourse has narrowly avoided a huge rent increase imposed by Eurobodalla Shire Council.

The speedway has leased the land from council for many years, with the current lease due to expire in 2042.

In 2013 the council decided to charge rent based on the unimproved capital value of the land, with increases to apply in 2022 and again in 2027. However, by 2022 the value of the land had tripled and the rent was set to rise in in line with that growth.

The speedway committee then came to council, telling staff they could not afford to pay the new, increased rent and asked for help.

In response the council agreed at it's meeting yesterday to negotiate a new agreement with the speedway and amend the rent in return for gaining access to the speedway land for community events.

The terms of the reduced rent and the proposed agreement remain confidential, but they are aimed at allowing the speedway to continue and remain a site for the Teensafe driving program and a new life as an events venue.

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers to hone skills in major South Coast training exercise





More than 80 Marine Rescue NSW volunteers from the South Coast will take part in a simulated live activation, real-time, multi-agency search and rescue exercise (SAREX) this Saturday (3 May). Seven vessels and volunteers from six Marine Rescue NSW units (Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula and Eden) will converge on two major search areas along the coast to locate numerous objects offshore associated with a simulated on-water emergency This weekend's search and rescue exercise is one of the largest ever to be held on the NSW Coast. Marine Rescue NSW Inspector Glenn Sullivan said a SAREX of this magnitude is vital for maintaining skills and providing valuable experience for volunteers who may not have previously been involved in a major multi-agency operation.

"Our crews will be briefed on the scenario and required to be at the designated search area to

commence searching on Saturday morning. "This training exercise is vital for all agencies — it brings us together to combine our efforts and training into one large-scale, multi-agency search and rescue operation.

"It's a real-time simulation of what we do.

"NSW Water Police and one of their boats are also taking part in the multi-agency exercise, along with aerial assets from PolAir and Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopters. Members from Surf Life Saving NSW will also participate," he said.

Inspector Sullivan said Marine Rescue NSW vessel crews would be supported by volunteer radio operators during the exercise from multiple unit bases. "Clear communication is vital in any mission, and our radio operators play a crucial role in the

response effort.

"The exercise is a coastal search and will take place up to 15 nautical miles offshore. The search area that we will be undertaking is just under 400 square nautical miles across two search areas,"

All Marine Rescue NSW units involved will maintain radio and on-water response in their local areas during Saturday's exercise.

"The community can be assured that in the event of a real emergency on our waterways, Marine Rescue NSW craft and crews are ready to respond," Inspector Sullivan said.

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer based not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to keeping boaters safe on the water and supporting local communities.



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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Peter Garn with Sponsor Julie Barningham.

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 24th April 2025

A field of 43 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Julie Barningham. The weather was fine, the course a bit wet, and there were some fabulous scores achieved.

The Winners were:
1st: .Peter Garn (20) with 38
points (countback)
2nd: .Ricky Hayes (32) with 38
points
3rd:.Teri Swanbury (25) with 36
points
4th:.Peter Coffey 25) with 35
points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: .Colin Houghton.4.62.A Grade 4th:.Kevin Reilly..1.98.B Grade 4th:.Peter Coffey..10.80.C Grade 6th:.Ray Bollard..2.70.A Grade 6th:.Peter Garn..0.37.B Grade 6th:.Ricky Hayes..3.20.C Grade 7th:.Teri Swanbury..8.00.B Grade

Balls went to: Jenny Reilly 34, Peter Nikolic 34, Colin Houghton 33, Jim Wade 33, Ray Bollard 32, Mark Haberkorn 32, Stephen Swanbury 32, Steve Pritchett 32, Stephen Gardner 31, and Michael Coloe 31.



Sponsor Warren Hodder with Winner Lars Gaupset.

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 26th April 2025

A field of 60 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The event was sponsored by Warren Hodder and there were some great scores achieved.

The Winners were:
1st: .Lars Gaupset (13) with 38
points
2nd: .Peter Hogan (16) with 37
points
3rd:.Stephen Gardner (19) with
35 points (countback)
4th:.Gavan Wheelahan (26) with
35 points (countback)
5th:.Colin Houghton (1) with 35
points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: .Lars Gaupset..1.26.A Grade 4th:.Leonie Doolan..3.80.B Grade 4th:.Gavan Wheelahan.8.40.C Grade 6th:.Leigh Coloe..1.98.A Grade 6th:.Steve Collins..4.30.B Grade 6th:.Tony Brown..4.93.C Grade 7th:.Paul Ferguson..6.34.A Grade 7th:.Pauline Nash..1.80.B Grade

35, Ron Rogers 34, Leigh Coloe 34, Mark Haberkorn 33, Nick Brice 33, John Eglitis 33, Michael Walsh 33, David Schmid 33, Ian Kingston 32, Paul Scholze 32, Greg Booth 32, Allan Langford 32, Pauline Nash 31, Troy Kingdom 31 and Steven O'Shea

Balls went to: Shane Gschwend



Winners: Dorothy Madden and Shirley Quinlan (absent) Judy Apps

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 29th April 2025

A field of 22 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by Elsa Shearer. The weather was overcast but the rain held off and some great scores were achieved.

Grade A Winners: 1st..Dorothy Madden (21) with 30 points 2nd..Pauline Nash (28) with 29 points

Grade B Winners: 1st..Shirley Quinlan (34) with 33 points 2nd..Elsa Shearer (38) with 30 points

Grade C Winners: 1st:.Judy Apps (43) with 30 points 2nd:.Jenny Reilly (44) with 29 points

Place Getters: Leonie Doolan 28, Marilyn Bingham 27, Teri Swanbury 27, Dianne Brown 27 and Gail Rogers 26.

Hole Prize: 7th.Marie Murawai.Golden Shot A 7th.Jane Eglitis..Golden Shot B 7th.Beverley Theobald.Golden Shot B

Nearest the Pins: 6th:.Leonie Doolan 15th:.Pauline Nash



Winners: Herb Muriwai and Lindy Dunn

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 30th April 2025

32 players signed up to play a 2 Player Irish Team Stableford event today. The weather was overcast and there were some showers during play but some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winning teams were: 1st..Lindy Dunn and Herb Muriwai with 25 points 2nd:.Greg Bush and Warren Hodder with 24 points 3rd..Margaret Downey and Ray Downey with 22 points (countback) 4th..Teri Swanbury and Steve Swanbury with 22 points (countback) 5th..Jane Eglitis and Rob McKirdy with 22 points 6th..Paula Coffey and Peter Coffey with 21 points

Nearest to the Pins: 4th:.Ken Hush (2nd Shot) 6th:.Ian Manton (1st Shot) 7th:.Ladies:.Teri Swanbury (2nd Shot) .Mens:.Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot)

Accuracy:.lan Manton (5th hole)

Bradmans:.Peter Dunn and Paul Pereira



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Moruya Mail Sport

Heavy Horses To Make Big Return to Braidwood

A great day out for the family is promised at the Braidwood & Districts Heavy Horse Show where the 'Alma Cup' will be presented to the Grand Champion Led Horse before lunchtime. In addition to being named on the perpetual trophy, the winner will receive a \$1000 prize.

Both the Alma cup and prize money are generously sponsored by the Community Bank Braidwood and Crookwell Agency. Other local businesses and organisations have also generously donated products and sponsored classes and prizes.

The Alma Cup is named after the famous Clydesdale Stallion of the Braidwood District from the early decades of settlement in the mid-19th century. Nathaniel Arthur-Ellis of the Ahern Shires and Clydesdales Stud near Braidwood and a committee member of the Braidwood & District Heavy Horse Association, spoke about the aims for the Show and the important symbolism of the Alma Cup. "The aim of the Show is to create a great annual community event

which will be a fun family day out but also one which draws attention to Braidwood's long association with heavy horses. By highlighting this historical connection and getting the community involved we hope to do what we can to preserve the great heavy horse breeds which have been so crucial in the history of the region." Mr Arthur-Ellis said.

The President of the Committee, Cai Thomas of Darkmoor Shires and Clydesdales located in Harold's Cross agreed that "Alma is a fitting symbol for the heavy horses which are such an important and beautiful part of our community's history. He might not be as well remembered as that other local Braidwood horse Archer, but in his day, he was a horse of conspicuous fame."

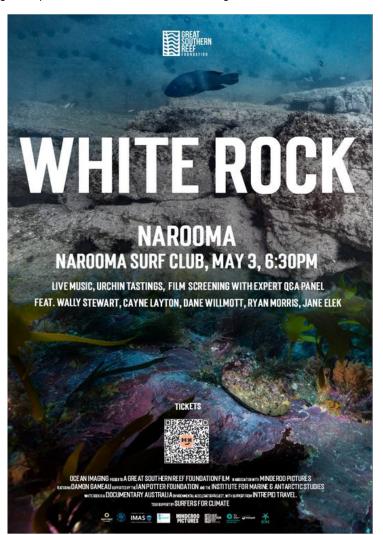
The Braidwood & District Show will feature classes for Clydesdales, Shires, other heavy horses and sport horses – and exhibitors will have a wide range of disciplines in which to compete, including, led, ridden, harness and long-reining. There are also some fun events such as horse most like its owner, best moustache (on horse), crowd favourite and biggest feet. We will also have the popular haybale race, the pumpkin snatch and a horseshoe toss.

The Show is at the Braidwood Showgrounds on the 3rd May and gates open at 8.30am with classes starting at 9.30.



Committee members Nathaniel Arthur Ellis, Michelle Ridley and Cai Thomas introduce their horses to the community at Ryrie Park in Braidwood. Photo: Matthew Arthur Ellis







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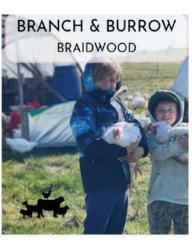
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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

First an foremost, the owners and staff here at Tackle World Moruya would like to say thank you to all armed forces personnel who are serving, have served or who paid the ultimate price for their service for this country. Thank you.

Lest we forget.

The river is in a pretty good place at the moment, there is a tinge of colour from the previous weeks rains, but it hasn't affected the fish activity too much. The school holidays and the Easter/Anzac day long weekends have seen plenty of visitors enjoying our little slice

We have had plenty of keen anglers through the store this week, and reports haven't been too bad.

The lower sections of the river around the airport, quarry wharf, Preddy's wharf and the back of the hole in the wall have all fished well. Bream, flathead, whiting and trevally have all been reported. Baits have been the most popular option this holidays, with worms, prawns and pilchard pieces all accounting for fish. Those that have pumped live nippers or squirt worms have done well on the bream

For those who like to chase the bass, please remember that come the 1st May, the season for keeping a bass closes to allow them to spawn. Most avid bass fisherman don't target bass during this spawn period so the they are allowed to do what comes naturally in peace.

Tuross River.

Big seas last weekend, saw a bit of fresh salt water pushed up over the dunes and into the lake itself. This will help anything that is currently trapped in the lake. Try around the mouth of the lake for a bream or flathead. Soft plastics or baits will all work.

The lake itself is also fishing really well, with good numbers and sizes of flathead still being caught along with bream and whiting. The whiting will move out of the system as winter approaches untill the waters warm again next summer.

Rock and beach.

Salmon, bream and whiting have all been regular captures along our coastal beaches and headlands this week, the very odd mulloway has also been encountered, these however have been very few and far between.

The salmon have been found in good gutters and have been taken on pilchards on paternoster rigs, whole on gang hooks.

The bream and whiting have had a preference for worms or pipis, but live nippers will also work.

Offshore.

The snapper have turned back on after last weekends big seas. They enjoy a bit of a turn over, as it add extra food sources post big

The flathead and other reef species have also been readily available too. The shop is looking pretty good, but we are low on some items as we near the end of the holidays. Star sinkers for the beach anglers have been hit pretty hard, but everything else is looking pretty good. The bait freezer is missing hawksbusy prawns and mullet fillet, but everything else is pretty good.

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

Team Tackle World Moruya.

Tuross Bowlers off to Regional Finals

The Tuross Head Bowling Club's Grade 6 Pennant side will travel to St Georges Basin on the weekend of May 10 and 11 to play in the Regional Finals of the 2024/25 Open Gender Pennants. They had a great season winning 7 of their 8 matches and racking up 70 out of a possible 80 points.

Unfortunately, their only loss of the season came on Saturday when they travelled to Braidwood and found their hosts too strong on their favoured home green. Braidwood won two of the three rinks quite comfortably which gave them an overall win of 69 shots to 50. The side of Chris Bright, Lorraine Bird, Denise Lidbury and Bruce Lidbury were the one shining light for Tuross winning their rink by 26 - 13 in a dominant display.

In the Regional Finals they will play the winners of the other 3 sections of the South East Region - Shoalhaven Heads, Milton-Ulladulla and Mallacoota. The sides will play two games on the Saturday and the final game on Sunday morning. The side that comes out on top will then qualify to play in the State Finals on June 27 to 29 at Charlestown and Lambton in the Hunter. Everyone wishes the side the best of luck!

The Tuross Grade 7 side finished their season on Sunday in a game that was rescheduled from March. This turned out to be a critical match as the result would determine the winners of the grade. Three teams – Moruya, Bermagui and Malua Bay - were in a very close battle at the top of the table.

In the final round, played on Saturday, Bermagui moved to the top of the table when they defeated Moruya. Malua Bay moved to second when they had a strong win over Braidwood. Malua Bay, however, had the upper hand as they had the deferred game against Tuross to play and they only trailed Bermagui by two and a half points! The deferred game was set down for Malau Bay – another advantage.

As it turned out Malua Bay proved to be too strong for

Tuross but the visitors competed hard. Two of the three games were tight while Malua Bay won the third convincingly. They ran out winners by 66 shots to 39 and the 10 points they secured made sure they will travel to Tura Beach for the Regional Finals in Grade 7.Good luck!





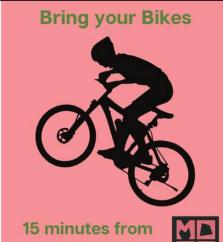
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Mr & Mrs Capital Coast Natural Bodybuilding

Experience the Golden Era Magic of Natural Bodybuilding. Get ready to be blown away at the spectacular Yuin Theatre in the Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, on 31st May 2025! Join us as NatBod takes it to the next level, resurrecting the classic "Mr & Ms" titles and reigniting the golden era of natural bodybuilding!

PRIME LOCATION: - Batemans Bay – The ultimate coastal gem, just 2 hours from Canberra and under 4 hours from Sydney, making it the perfect central spot for all of southeastern Australia. Plus, enjoy easy access via Moruya Airport!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Epic Categories: Athletic Bodysculpting and Classical Bodybuilding, including Junior, Rookie, Masters, and Open divisions.
- Pro Cards: Seize your chance to earn a pro card as an Open/Overall winner!
- Unique Divisions: Witness the inspiration of Fitness Journey, the artistry of Individual Posing Routines, and the dynamic Doubles Posing Routines.
- Star Power: Catch guest appearances from our elite pro athletes.
- Community Support: Our hometown heroes from Moruya Gym and local businesses are rallying behind this epic event!

This is set to be our most legendary competition yet! Don't miss the action, the energy, and the excitement as we make history.

Bay Pavilions 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay Select your Tickets for Sat 31 May 2025, 10AM

Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship just got bigger!

The Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship is back at Willinga Park from May 14 to 17, 2025, giving riders more opportunities to compete and win big. With over \$400,000 in cash and prizes on offer, campdrafters from across the country - from Far North Queensland to Victoria - are expected to make the trip to Willinga Park on the South Coast New South Wales to test themselves against some of Australia's best.

Whether they're long-time competitors or first-time entrants, riders at all levels will find more opportunities to compete at this year's event, with new finals and additional prize money up for grabs.

"We're excited to welcome back familiar faces and encourage new riders to throw their hat in the ring. The new finals we're introducing this year mean even more chances to take home some of the prize money on offer," said Nadine Young, Marketing Manager.

Competitors nominating for the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship now have the added bonus of being able to qualify for new Shootout finals. The top 15 Maiden horses from Open Round 1 and Open Round 2 will advance to the Maiden Horse Shootout Clean Slate Final, while the top 15 Novice horses from those same rounds will earn a place in the Novice Horse Shootout Clean Slate Final. The new Restricted Open Draft is open exclusively to Open Horses, adding another exciting opportunity for riders to compete for prize money.

After a standout 2024 event that saw 202 competitors and 368 horse and rider combinations battle it out over four days, anticipation is high for this year's championship. Defending champion Matt Holtz and Hazelwood Country Blues claimed last year's Gold Buckle title, but with new finals and more prize money on offer in 2025, fresh contenders will be looking to make their mark.

The 2025 event will once again feature the prestigious Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship, alongside an expanded program that builds on last year's success. Returning favourites, including the Junior and Juvenile Drafts, the Ladies Dash for Cash, and the always-entertaining Teams Draft, will remain key highlights of the competition.

Beyond the arena, the event offers a festival-like atmosphere, blending live entertainment, shopping and premium hospitality experiences.

"The Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship isn't just about what happens in the arena - it's a great weekend out for everyone. Whether you're here to ride, cheer on your mates, or just soak up the atmosphere, there's plenty to enjoy. The trade village is always a hit, with local, equestrian and variety of brands, and a spot to catch up with friends. And of course, the live music on Friday and Saturday night is something we all look forward to. It's about bringing people together to celebrate the sport, have a good time, and make memories at Willinga Park."

Enjoy live entertainment all weekend! On Friday night, South Coast talent Chris McGrath will take the stage. Saturday night brings a powerhouse country lineup, with Christie Lamb delivering a high-energy performance, followed by Robbie Mortimer closing out the night with his signature country rock sound.

Spectators can soak up all the action, enjoy the world-class facilities at Willinga Park, and experience the unique atmosphere that makes campdrafting such a special sport in Australia.

For those unable to attend in person, the entire event will be livestreamed on Willinga Park TV at www.willingapark.com.au

Tickets for the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft 2025 are now on sale through the Willinga Park website.

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2025 d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta report



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"It was a great weekend for sailing when Batemans Bay Sailing Club hosted the 2025 d'Albora Batemans Bay Marina Regatta. This is BBSC's big event of the year. Sailors came from Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and all over south east NSW to get some real ocean sailing in at this traditional season concluding event.

There were 54 boats entered including dinghies, catamarans, trailerable yachts and sportsboats. There were strong fleet in the Lightweight Sharpie, Laser Radial and Elliott 5.9 classes. On Saturday a shifty 5 to 10 knot south easterly breeze made for some tactical sailing during the two races which were completed after a delayed start. Race officer Phil Yeomans and his trusty crew aboard the committee boat "Dave Magill" and mark boats "Schlaam", "JayBee" and "Hecand" set an even start line and a true course. In the light conditions, Yeomans sensibly shortened the first race to one lap. The wind increased a little for the second race enabling a full race to be completed in the limited daylight hours available at this time of the year. Sunday provided a complete contrast with a big southerly blowing. Engine problems put "Schlaam" and "Hecand" out of action. Fortunately, Simon Lowth turned up with "Mozzie" which along with the "JayBee" crew had their work cut out in the rough conditions. Yeomans set the ideal mildly pin end biased start line which encouraged the starting fleets to spread out down the line. There were plenty of fast rides and capsizes during the two races but no significant gear damage until later, when the mast of one of the Elliott 5.9s had an unfortunate encounter with a tree at the Hanging Rock boat

In the Lightweight Sharpie class, regular participants Todd Curry, Hayden Sellers and Brad Curry scored a close series win. It all came down to a single placing in the last race. In the Elliotts "La La Land" (Paul Cohen and Steven Cartwright) did enough on Sunday to hold off "Tropic Thunder" (David Smith and Alan Graham), which won the last two races. The Laser (ILCA 6) results featured a podium of legends with Rick Longbottom winning from Lyndall Patterson and Martin Linsley.

Of the local sailors Ben Woolnough sailed his Taipan 4.9 to victory in the catamarans division, with Eden and Stephen McKibbon in third place sailing their Hobie 18. Allan Rees and Peter Cole won the trailerable yacht division aboard their Windrush ahead of Jack Egan's beautifully restored Payne 5.5 "Windswept". David Holt did well hanging in with the Laser legends to finish fourth. BBSC commodore Simon Dunlop finished 6th in the Lasers. Lachlan Brown teamed up with champion sailors Rob Douglass and Matt Craig to finish second in the sports boat division. It all happened thanks to a team of volunteers from Batemans Bay Sailing Club and Batemans Bay Sailability. Joining Phil Yeomans aboard "Dave Magill" were Richard Dunne, Tony Bonouvrie, Michelle Grybaitis, Deb Keeley and Julie Phelps. Mark boat crews were Tony Sutton, Peter Paterson, Tish Ennis, Greg Adams, Bryony Chapman, Bob Richards, John Reed, Kerri Slatter, Simon Lowth and Kevin Harmey. Beach marshall Robin Davey

On Saturday night Bev Dunne, Peter Smith and Sofia Keady put on a curry night which was very well received by the 50 odd locals and visitors present. Terry Paton assisted by Francesca Harmey made a huge effort to get accurate results out in a timely manner. The weather gods also played their part on Sunday as the forecast rain held off until after everyone was ashore. Full results are up on the BBSC website www.bbsc.org.au "

was in action relaying the delayed start to the boat

Lachlan Brown

crews at Corrigans Beach.

