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Photo of the Week: Alan Nichol caught this rainbow after the showers last week at Dolphin Beach

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# What's on Council's 'to-do' list for the next 4 years

Eurobodalla Council's general manager, Mark Ferguson, and finance director, Stephanie Speedy, are taking our four-year action plan on the road, presenting it at community briefings next week in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. Derived from the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) – Towards 2042, the Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 distil our 20-year strategy for the shire into a four-year action plan. And just like the CSP, we're seeking residents' feedback to fine-tune the drafts. "Think of these documents as our to-do list," Mr Ferguson said.

"We encourage residents to come along to the briefings and help us ensure we've got your priorities right."

The briefings will cover the rates for services next financial year as well as the upcoming budget to show how Council plans on allocating its resources to deliver essential services and projects.

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"We want to give the community a clear picture of what your rates pay for," Ms Speedy said. Big infrastructure projects like the Batemans Bay coastal protection works, the southern dam project at Bodalla, and the emergency services precinct will also be explained.

Residents are invited to attend one of the following community briefing sessions:

- Moruya Library: Tuesday 13 May, 5pm to 6pm
- Narooma Library: Wednesday 14 May, 5pm to 6pm
- Batemans Bay Library: Thursday 15 May, 5pm to 6pm

Hard copies of the two draft documents are available for viewing at Council's customer service office in Moruya, the Batemans Bay, Moruya, and Narooma libraries, and on <u>Council's website</u>. Residents can give their feedback before Tuesday 27 May. Submissions can be made in person at the community briefings, by mail, email or online feedback form. More information on Council's <u>public exhibition page</u>.

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# NSW reforms for stronger and more efficient councils

The **NSW Government** remains committed to ensuring NSW councils are efficient and financially sustainable, today announcing it will support 15 of the 17 recommendations from the NSW Parliament's Upper House inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services.

The inquiry was established in March 2024 at the request of the Minister to examine long-held concerns from the sector about the financial challenges impacting councils across the state.

The inquiry heard cost pressures have increased significantly in recent years, impacting councils' ability to reliably and affordably provide the services communities rely upon, especially in rural and regional areas. While many of the challenges relating to the financial sustainability of councils are not new, band-aid solutions by the previous Liberal-National government have

done little to fix systemic issues which are threatening the long-term viability of the

sector.
The Minns Labor government's response to the inquiry recognises the need to preserve local democracy and councils' autonomy, while also ensuring they can sustainably provide services over the long-term without financially burdening

### ratepayers. The government has proposed five key actions:

- The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will continue to oversee council rates to ensure councils' revenue keeps pace with cost changes, while protecting ratepayers from excessive rate hikes
- Councils that want to permanently increase their rates will be required to submit a Comprehensive Spending Review to IPART that forensically examines their expenditure as well as their revenue
- The Special Variation process will be simplified and used solely by councils to fund specific projects or programs supported by the community
- Local government financial statements and reporting will be streamlined to increase transparency and councillor and public oversight over council spending
- Establishing an Expert Advisory Panel of experienced general managers, finance directors and other local government experts to support the government in delivering its reforms

The government will also audit local government fees and charges, to ensure they reflect inflation and changes in market costs. Models for distributing state government grants to councils will also be assessed so that councils continue to receive sustainable and equitable funding.

These reforms alongside those already in progress including rewriting the councillor Code of Conduct system, aim to enhance the reputation of local government as a robust, independent tier of government.

They will improve transparency in decision making and provide councillors with the financial information they need to be visibly in control of their councils to deliver local government services for their communities into the future.

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig said: "It's clear the status quo is not sustainable for councils and it's not fair on communities who will lose out. The ratepayers of NSW deserve assurance their money is being put to good use and that councils are doing all they can to tighten their belts, just like families are doing across the state.

"Fixing entrenched systemic issues won't happen overnight, but the Minns Labor government is serious about delivering long-term structural changes to the sector. "Reforms that ensure councils are being efficient with their money and that decisions that financially impact ratepayers are made with them, not for them. This will come from councillors having transparent and digestible information about their council's financial position, so they can make more informed decisions about what their community needs most.



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# Phillips returned with in Labor landslide



Young Liberal Party recruits in Moruya.

Fiona Phillips has been returned to the Federal Parliament for the Seat of and 39,503 first preference votes.

Fiona said "I'm absolutely thrilled with the result and look forward to continuing to represent the people of Gilmore. It's a real honour and a privilege and I thank everyone for putting their faith in me for another three years.

I look forward to rolling out the Albanese Labor Government's extensive suite of cost-of-living relief measures like cheaper medicines, free TAFE and cutting student debt by 20 per cent.

And I'm so pleased that the Batemans Bay Medicare Urgent Care Clinic hours will be extended from 6am to midnight as this is something that I know is really important to people."

Despite a strongly visible campaign from Liberal Andrew Constance, (35,977 first preference votes), voters followed the trend of the nation in rejecting the Liberal Party's policies.

Locally it was hard to miss the hoards of young recruits in blue shirts jumping around on the weekends and there were many reports of aggressive behaviour. The conflation of the State health issue of the Batemans Bay ED closure with the Federal campaign took up a lot of media air but failed to help Mr Constance' campaign.

Independent Kate Dezarnaulds ran a professional campaign and said: "We lit a fire in Gilmore — and it's not going out." Kate gained 7.890 first preference votes. Kate thanked the thousands of locals who backed the Kate 4 Gilmore campaign saying the passion and purpose behind the movement is only just beginning. While the campaign did not direct preferences, around 80% of Kate 4 Gilmore voters chose Labor second — a decisive factor in unseating the Liberal Party in one of the country's most marginal electorates.

"The Liberals didn't lose this seat because of us they lost it because their fear-based politics, priorities and negative tone were completely out of step with what this community values," said Kate. "People here are ready for solutions, not spin."

Kate also congratulated Fiona Phillips on her reelection. "Fiona and I share a deep commitment to this region, and I sincerely wish her well in the work ahead. Our community deserves strong representation — and I'll be there, alongside many others, to make sure it gets just that." Greens candidate Debbie Killian (6,987 first preference votes) gave a heartfelt thank you to her supporters.

"This was a hard-fought campaign with the Liberals spending big and a well-funded smear and fear campaign by right-wing lobby groups determined to destroy the Greens. To all those who supported our campaign - whether you volunteered, donated, helped spread the positive Greens message or voted for us - thank you and see you soon!"



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# NSW Government continues to reform the planning system

The **NSW Government** continues to streamline the NSW planning system with further reforms.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2025 was introduced into NSW Parliament on 19 February 2025 and passed through Parliament today May 7)

#### The changes to the EP&A Act include:

- Streamlining decision-making and cutting through red tape to assess housing State Significant Development (SSD) applications which have been recommended for the SSD pathway by the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA).
- Cutting through the red tape for additional housing SSD applications such as infill affordable and build-torent housing.
- Allows flexibility to reduce the minimum mandatory exhibition period for certain housing SSD projects through changes to the Department's Community Participation Plan.
- Supporting consent authorities such as councils in making practical planning decisions including modifications to development consents, clarifying several court decisions.
- Providing certainty on how submissions are counted and considered. The amendment makes it clear that only submissions received during a public exhibition period can be counted for particular purposes such as identifying the consent authority and appeal rights but late submissions can considered in assessments.
- Modernising the planning framework for affordable housing contribution requirements by enabling all types of environmental planning instruments to include requirements for affordable housing contributions and removing unnecessary tests to streamline the development assessment process.
- Removing references to the 'Six Cities Region' and district plans which will enable a new regional strategic plan for Greater Sydney to be delivered and make the strategic planning framework consistent across NSW.

The changes will increase the efficiency of applications to be declared as SSD by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces by eliminating overlap in advisory functions with the IPC and providing recommendations to the Minister faster. This is all part of the Minns Government's plan to build a better NSW with more homes and services, so young people, families and key local workers have a place to call home and in the communities they choose.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said: "This is another step forward in our plan to tackle the housing and planning challenge head-on. We're removing the barriers that slow down good development and focusing on what matters, building more homes.

"With these changes, we're making it clear that NSW is serious about delivering more affordable homes and supporting councils to make practical, timely planning decisions.

"Since the Housing Delivery Authority was established, 86 proposals will now enter the State's planning system, it only makes sense that we streamline this process through this bill and make it simpler and more efficient to assess.

"The amendments to the Act build on the other reforms which are cutting development application assessment times, speeding up construction approvals, supporting the rollout of renewable energy and encouraging the delivery of more housing, including affordable housing."

# NSW Government funding for housing planning in Bega and the Bay

Thursday, 1 May 2025

More than 9,000 homes are set to be fast-tracked across the Bega electorate following a major investment in regional planning and housing initiatives from the Minns Government. Local councils are receiving more than \$250,000 through round three of the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund for the following projects:

- Bega Valley Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan for Wolumla
- · Eurobodalla planning proposal for Batemans Bay Urban Renewal Project

Eurobodalla Shire Council will receive \$200,000 for the preparation of an LEP amendment and development control plans to implement the Batemans Bay Master Plan, with Council contributing \$150,000 towards the project.

The funding will help council unlock housing supply by developing and updating housing and planning strategies to bring forward more diverse and affordable housing options. The NSW Government's \$4.4 million investment is expected to fast-track over 105,000 homes across the state, supporting the delivery of key reforms including the Transport Oriented Development program and the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy, which are aimed at boosting housing supply around train stations and creating more diverse housing types.

In 2024, the Minns Government set new housing targets to rebalance housing delivery across the state. Regional NSW received a single target of 55,000 homes. The projects funded under this program will support the delivery of this five-year target.

More people are choosing to live in regional NSW, but homes have become more expensive and harder to find, so delivering more regional housing supply is vital.

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# 18th Narooma Oyster Festival celebrates the industry

The sun was shining for the 18<sup>th</sup> Narooma Oyster Festival last weekend.

Around 67,000 oysters were shucked and savoured at this year's Narooma Oyster Festival — and there's a great yarn behind 3,000 of them.

With demand for opened oysters outpacing supply, Festival Chair Cath Peachey put out a call, and four of Australia's fastest shuckers stepped up, mid-festival, to help.

Between them, they shucked an incredible 50 dozen oysters each in just one hour - all while running their own stalls and before competing in the Australian Oyster Shucking Championships.

Former ABC presenter Simon Marnie MC'd the largest Oyster Comp with Bernie Connell's latest giant, Jack Junior, coming in at an impressive 2.53kg. Many will remember Bernie's 2024 champion, Jill, who sadly passed away this year but not before claiming a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's heaviest oyster at 3.01kg. Greg Carton of Broadwater Oysters -Pambula Lake, took out the John Susman Medal and was crowned Overall Australian Oyster Shucking Champion, with the best combined score for speed and presentation.



Largest Oyster contestants.

Sally McLean from Jim Wild's Oysters reclaimed the Women's Australian Oyster Shucking Championship, with last year's winner Sue McIntyre (also of Broadwater Oysters) coming in second, and Jade Norris from the Oyster Shed on Wray taking bronze after one of her best performances yet.

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# Dredging the Clyde to sandbag Surfside

A Mayoral Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Shire Council held on Tuesday 29 April addressed the Coastal Erosion, Surfside Beach at Myamba Parade

In summary the report said "Council shares the concerns of the Surfside community regarding the erosion of the northern end of Surfside Beach (along Myamba Parade).

The beach has been steadily eroding over a number of years, however recent storms having accelerated the erosion of the beach and dune in front of a number of privately owned properties.

The Coastal Management Act 2016 requires Councils in New South Wales to have a certified Coastal Management Program for the Open Coast (CMP) and our Council's CMP was certified and gazetted in March 2023.

The ČMP identifies the strategic aims for the management of the coastal zone and identifies specific actions to mitigate the impacts of coastal hazards. Council is responsible for those actions which will protect public assets.

Council does not have the funding or resources available to deliver all the actions identified in the CMP but has received \$11 million in funding to date to protect community infrastructure such as roads.

Council is undertaking coastal protection works at Caseys Beach, Long Beach, North Batemans Bay (Wharf Rd.) and at Surfside West (McLeods Beach).

Whilst private property owners are responsible for protecting their own property and there is no community infrastructure at risk, the CMP identifies that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is responsible for the action to renourish Surfside Beach with sand dredged from the River Clyde.

Council has been liaising and advocating with TfNSW and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), to make sure the erosion issue and concerns of the Surfside community are understood and that dredging the Clyde River and renourishing Surfside Beach is a priority. The Parliamentary Secretary for Transport informed a member of the Surfside community back in September last year that the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) planning approval for the works would be issued for public consultation late in 2024 and that the dredging works might commence early 2025 subject to planning approvals and contractor availability. This has not happened and recent discussions with TfNSW have not confirmed when the REF might be released for public exhibition nor when the dredging might commence. "

During debate Cr Mayne asked about the outcomes and ramifications of this and whether it was a short term solution while State government seeks a longer term option?" Director Attenborough said "The CMP recognises the only action for that part of surfside beach is the nourishment. There is no long-term actions for that part of the beach I believe option for hard assets were mooted but not agreed to."

It was RECOMMENDATION and CARRIED unanimously THAT

- 1. Council make representation to The Hon. Jenny Aitchison NSW Minister for Roads, and Regional Transport requesting funding of actions as identified in the CMP, specifically dredging the Clyde River and placement of sand at Surfside Beach, as a matter of urgency.
- 2. Council advocates to the NSW Government to fund and prioritise the dredging of the Clyde River and placement of sand at Surfside Beach, as a matter of urgency.
- 3. Council facilitate a meeting with the relevant State Government agencies and the Surfside Community and support representation made by Dr Michael Holland Member for Bega.





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# Eurobodalla Hospital celebrates women in construction

Women from the NSW far south coast have taken part in a behind-the-scenes tour of the \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, as part of a drive to attract more women to roles in the construction industry.

Funded by the NSW Government's Women in Construction Industry Innovation Program, the tour is part of the It's Possible campaign from the Australian Constructors Association.

The Industry Innovation Program is one of four priority actions for the \$20.2 million Women in Construction Program.

Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said: "It was a pleasure to see so many local women tour the construction site at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

"This new hospital is one of many health infrastructure projects being delivered across regional NSW, which provides opportunities for women interested in joining the construction industry.

The grants program was established to fund innovative ideas in industry to support the creation of inclusive workplace cultures, attract and retain women to the construction sector, support female employees and women in leadership roles.

Among those sharing their experiences during the tour was Meggan Pritchard, who began her career in construction as a labourer on the Batemans Bay bridge project in 2018.

Meggan now works as the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital's Heath, Safety and Environment Coordinator, her experience showing multiple career pathways are available for women in construction.

The new \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is being delivered by Health Infrastructure in partnership with the building contractor Multiplex.

Once complete, it will feature a new Emergency Department, an intensive care unit, surgical and operating theatres, and a day-stay surgical unit spread across three clinical levels.

Other services will include the region's first paediatric department and a maternity unit, supporting high-quality, patient-centred care.

Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park said, "The NSW Government is proud to support women to build careers in construction working on large-scale regional infrastructure projects. This major health infrastructure project will shape the future of healthcare on the far south coast of NSW and leave a lasting legacy for the local community.

"The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital development will deliver for the people on the far south coast, bringing jobs and providing world class healthcare to our region." Australian Constructors Association CEO, Jon Davies said, "Offering women the opportunity to visit active construction sites like the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital allows them to see firsthand the exciting opportunities the industry offers. Even more relevant was hearing from women in construction who have made a successful career switch.

"Beyond financial stability and career growth, construction offers the chance to contribute to something that will benefit future generations. If you've ever thought about a career change, now's the time to take that first step."



It's Possible site walk



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# Advanced Fungi Photography Workshops with Fungi Feastival



By Annette Kennewell

The Fungi Feastival is delighted to announce two Fungi Photography workshops by @timfromtasmania (Tim Grimsey) to be held at Mystery Bay (21-22 June 2025) and Club Sapphire, Merimbula (28-29 June 2025). These workshops are designed for experienced photographers to develop the advanced in-camera and post-processing skills needed to achieve the best possible mushroom images.

With a fascination for what can be found on the forest floor, Tim loves venturing out with his camera to capture the world of mushrooms. Over the years, he has experimented with different shooting and editing techniques, working towards mastering the perfect fungi photos. Hours of tripod budging, composition trial-and-error and focus stacking frustrations and successes have taught him how to approach the macro world with confidence.

Through his photography, Tim enjoys sharing his interest for the macro mushie world with other forest lovers, building an enthusiastic online community. The excitement of finding fungi, capturing them with sharp images and then sharing them with others, is a great joy and a continual learning journey.

The workshops will include two in-class sessions with hands-on skill development and two field trips to photograph South Coast fungi. These photos will then be used for the post processing elements of the course. The workshops also coincide with numerous other Fungi Feastival activities to allow participants to extend their fungi encounters.

Andrew Larkin, photography activities coordinator for the Fungi Feastival, said "I am very excited that we are able to bring Tim's prodigious fungi photography talent to the Feastival this year and I believe participants will be energised by Tim's enthusiasm and the obvious delight he derives from his photography."



Tim Grimsey Tasmania Fungi Photograpy Blue Pixie Parasol



Tim Grimsey Tasmania Fungi Photography Fan Trio (detail)

Andrew continues, "I can thoroughly recommend anyone who shares an interest in beautiful fungi photos to search Tim out on Instagram to look at his photos and reels." Tim Grimsey Instagram profile: https://www.instagram.com/timfromtasmania

Further information regarding the workshops can be found on the Fungi Feastival website www.fungifeastival.com.au



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# 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. Hotline 4474 1007.



# Volunteers in the spotlight as nominations open for inaugural emergency award

People across NSW are urged to shine a light on the state's dedicated and brave emergency volunteers, through the inaugural NSW Emergency Volunteer of the Year award.

This award is the first of its kind in NSW, designed to recognise all types of volunteers who have made an exceptional contribution to the NSW community during times of crisis.

The award is delivered as part of the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards which are run by the Centre for Volunteering – the peak body for volunteering in NSW.

The award is open to emergency services volunteers, but also community groups and individuals who volunteer to support their community to prepare for, respond to, or recover from disasters. Nominations can be submitted for anyone who volunteers in association with an emergency services organisation, a community-based organisation, a non-government organisation, or unaffiliated with any organisation.

This initiative follows the announcement earlier this year of the Premier's Flood Emergency Citation, ensuring that the unique and vital contributions of emergency responders and volunteers during major NSW flood events between 2021 and 2023 are recognised. Individuals or volunteer teams can be nominated for the NSW Emergency Volunteer of the Year award across emergency prevention, preparation, response, or recovery efforts.

Nominations can be submitted before 5pm on Friday, 23 May 2025. To nominate, visit: <a href="https://www.volunteering.com.au/awards/about-the-awards/">https://www.volunteering.com.au/awards/about-the-awards/</a>

#### **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: <a href="mailto:rfreurobodalla@gmail.com">rfreurobodalla@gmail.com</a>

First Nations people in local government encouraged to apply for prestigious scholarship

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councillors and council staff are encouraged to apply for the Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Trust Scholarship, which aims to foster the career development of people serving their communities in local government. Facilitated by Local Government NSW (LGNSW), this prestigious scholarship honours Cr Dixon, who was the first Aboriginal woman

scholarship honours Cr Dixon, who was the first Aboriginal woman elected as a councillor in NSW.

Cr Dixon is remembered as a trailblazer for Aboriginal people working and serving in local government. She was a dedicated advocate for her community in Armidale, where she also served as Deputy Mayor.

The scholarship is offered annually through the Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship Trust. It supports eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councillors and staff with financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to support further study, research, or professional development.

LGNSW President Phyllis Miller OAM said Cr Dixon paved the way for Aboriginal people's representation in local government, leaving an amazing legacy not only for Aboriginal people, but also for women in the sector.

"There's an incredible depth of talent in local government right across the state. It's so important to support these leaders of the future to ensure that our councils reflect the rich and diverse communities they serve," Mayor Miller said.

"Fostering First Nations leadership through the Trust in Cr Dixon's name strengthens the sector for everyone," she said. Last year, scholarships were awarded to three talented and impressive recipients.

Members of the Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Trust determine the scholarship recipients. For more details and to apply, visit the LGNSW website.

Applications close on Monday 26 May 2025.

National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day Today, candlelight vigils will be held across Australia marking National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day and the lives unjustly taken by this crime.

The **NSW Government** joins the national community in mourning those who have lost their lives to this violence, and stand with families, communities and victim-survivors in their grief.

The data on domestic and family violence in our state is sobering. In 2024 there were 39 domestic violence related murders across New South Wales and over 38,000 incidences of domestic violence related assault reported to police.

But these are more than numbers, these are, largely, women and children who had their right to safety taken from them in their own home. These numbers represent women who were valued members of their communities, who were deeply loved and whose absence continues to be mourned.

The stain of domestic violence is felt across every community in our state and as a Government we genuinely understand our responsibility to take ongoing, meaningful action to build a safer New South Wales.

Too many lives have been lost, and too many families have been broken, because of domestic and family violence.

Today, we re-affirm our commitment to work with experts. stakeholders, community members, victim survivors and across party lines to address domestic and family violence in New South Wales. We also continue to take meaningful action to support victim-survivors of domestic and family violence to heal from trauma and rebuild their lives free from violence and abuse. Support:

If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, call the Police on Triple Zero / 000.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic and family violence, call the <u>NSW Domestic Violence Line</u> on 1800 65 64 63 for free counselling and referrals, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For confidential advice, support, and referrals, contact <u>1800 RESPECT</u> or <u>13 YARN</u>.



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#### Councils' financial sustainability crisis: State Government response a good first step

The peak body for local government has cautiously welcomed the State Government's response to a financial sustainability crisis that is threatening the viability of the sector.

LGNSW President Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM said it was helpful for the sector to finally receive some clarity about the State Government's position in response to the 17 recommendations of a Parliamentary inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services and to get an understanding of their vision for longer term

"I do thank the Government for its commitment to involve the sector in shaping and implementing the necessary reforms going forward through the establishment of an Expert Advisory Panel and we're grateful for their preparedness to partner with councils in seeking that Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth return to 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue," said Mayor Miller. "However, some of the Government's suggested measures for addressing financial sustainability concerns could actually add to the administrative burden currently on councils.

"For instance, in regard to the process for Special Rate Variations, the Government is suggesting councils undergo a Comprehensive Spending Review – something we would argue that councils already do via their annual budget process. This is carried out by their democratically elected body in line with their community's wishes." "While there is a lot in the Government response that we can absolutely agree on, there are a number of key areas where more detail is required - such as the absence of leadership on reducing cost shifting or addressing issues with the development contributions framework.

"On this and other aspects of the report, I look forward to working with Minister Hoenig and with the Government to develop and implement the reforms that will be required.

"Overall, we see this as a first step in the reform of local government financial sustainability. Councils stand ready to work with the State to make meaningful change and bring about genuine and substantial reform to the financial viability of councils.

"This inquiry – and its recommendations – were a huge step forward and we are keen to see the Government commit to their implementation so that councils can continue to deliver for our

A copy of the Government's response to the Inquiry and it's recommendations can be found here.

#### 2025 Vinnies Winter Appeal launched to support vulnerable across the ACT & surrounding regions

Today, Vinnies Canberra/Goulburn launches the 2025 Vinnies Winter Appeal to support the most vulnerable individuals and families across the ACT and surrounding regions, including the Far South Coast, the Snowy Mountains, and the Western Region of NSW, during this winter season. This appeal aims to raise \$450,000 to assist people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty, and the evergrowing pressure of cost-of-living crises.

Make a tax-deductible donation before the end of financial year, call 13 18 12 or visit <u>www.vinnies.org.au</u>

#### NSW Government launches new Community Connectivity Kits

NSW residents who have lost mobile and internet connectivity during natural disasters are being encouraged to share their stories, as the NSW Government launches the first of its new Community Connectivity Kits.

NSW Telco Authority is leading research to inform the delivery of better and more reliable communications for communities during emergencies.

The Community Connectivity Project is designed to better understand the challenges faced by people when connectivity is lost before, during, and after natural disasters and how it impacts access to recovery support.

Anyone who has been impacted by a natural disaster in recent years is encouraged to share their experiences by 26 May 2025 via the Have Your Say website here.

The initiative will also see the delivery of 20 portable Community Connectivity Kits, which can be rapidly deployed in a disaster to help people stay connected and access support.

The portable kits are battery-powered, equipped with satellite wi-fi, and can be set up in under 15 minutes. The first five kits are ready for delivery and testing in disaster-prone areas in the coming months. High-risk regions such as the Northern Rivers, Central Coast, and South Coast have been identified and are being considered as pilot locations.

Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government Jihad Dib said: "Cyclone Alfred reminded us of the critical role mobile and internet connectivity plays in keeping people safe and informed.

"However, the reality is telecommunication networks are often damaged or destroyed during natural disasters and this can have a devastating impact on communities.

"The Community Connectivity Project is about strengthening our response and making it easier for people to remain connected with loved ones, ensuring they have access to critical information and support.

"By listening to the lived experience of those affected, we're building policies and solutions that will make a real difference to communities on the ground when they're needed." Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin said "The new Community Connectivity Kits can be deployed quickly across NSW, providing immediate solutions when networks fail and ensuring emergency information remains accessible.

"The ongoing research and pilot testing with the connectivity kits will help build a clear picture of how connectivity loss impacts communities, so we can strengthen telecommunications resilience and support disaster recovery

more effectively and sustainably."

The connectivity kits will complement the Telco Authority's existing fleet of broadband 'Cells on Wheels', which were recently deployed to evacuation centres across Northern NSW during Cyclone Alfred to help keep residents connected.

The survey can be found here: https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/communityconnectivity-research-project



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

# Gadfly

There was always a possibility that the amazing Ali France would tip out Opposition Leader, Peter Dutton. Despite a heart-rending private life with the death of her husband and her eldest son from cancer and her own loss of a leg after being hit by a car in a parking lot, she ran three times against Dutton before the cards fell her way.

She joins PM Anthony Albanese as a Labor hero after the wipeout of the Liberals for the next term of government, and probably the one after, such is their numerical protection. However, Dutton's fate was always on those cards with his tiny margin of 1.7 per cent going into the contest.

The principal contender to replace him, Shadow Treasurer Angus Taylor would have been preparing the way well before the electoral cataclysm struck. So too, perhaps, the Deputy Leader, Susan Ley.

Some choice. Oleaginous Angus or second-string Susan. Either or both would ensure that the Liberals will face a truly existential threat the next time around. Little wonder that they are even considering the smartly tailored Andrew Hastie with his SAS background and his war-mongering dread of the 'yellow hordes'. Or even Dan Tehan who can make a sentence feel like a paragraph.

There is, however, one Liberal with the political smarts and powerful presentation who could give a cock 'a hoop Labor team a real run for their money. It's Jane Hume, the Shadow Minister for Finance, the Public Service and Shadow 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 Senator John Gorton's election as 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. Being out of government they can't offer much of a reward for his voluntary departure. And Victorian Liberal Members in the House of Reps are very thin on the ground.

So, oleaginous Angus it is.

The Nationals' David Littleproud might also face a revived Barnaby Joyce. But by general consensus he's run his race, and the Party has done better than the Libs, so David can confidently put in another order 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' 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. The government will need their support in the Senate for the big economic and foreign policy challenges of the second term; and while his acceptance speech covered a range of issues (including First Nations) there's a danger 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 to inspire the nation with Ken Henry's brilliant tax system; to bring home ownership within the grasp of every Australian; to create a Defence version of APEC without Trump's America; and to fulfil Paul Keating's challenge to find our security in Asia, not from it.

Fascinating times ahead. robert@robertmacklin.com

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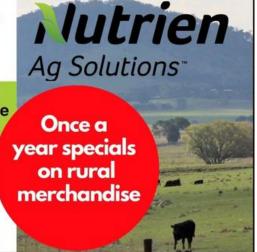
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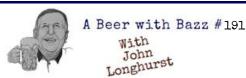
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Mick dabbed the sweat from his brow with his handkerchief and called for order as the rabble in the front bar reached a crescendo.

"All right, All right.... yes...yes the election result was a disaster for the Liberal Party. Anyhow, we need to move forward. First up, I reckon we need a review. Put it all on the table and work out where the boys went wrong."

Murmurs of agreement and a lone voice up the back.

"We did that last time, Mick, and nothing was implemented."

Mick sighed and sucked in a deep breath.

"I am talking about a root and branch review. It needs to be so thorough that it also looks into the reasons why the last review was not acted upon. I reckon we wheel out a couple of Liberal legends and review away... I am thinking Abbott and Costello. Okay next up.... thoughts on the leadership. I reckon Angus Taylor is the front runner."

Fewer murmurs of agreement and the lone voice again.

"That is a case of Dutton dressed up as Angus, Mick. Too much red meat for the voters to consume. The reality is, of the forecasted 63 seats won by women at this election, 46 are from the Labor Party and only 7 by the Coalition. The fact that the Teals are predominantly women and pinching seats off us is surely a clue. We need to elect more Liberal women. We don't need a review of a review to work that one out."

An extended silence until Old Tom shook himself awake.

"But...but...but...who will make the pumpkin scones if we start sending women to Canberra?"

Loud groans all round and Bella, the publican, shook her head as she continued wiping tables before catching Mick's attention.

"Now listen up you blokes and... you are all blokes of a certain age, have a good look into that mirror behind the bar."

Much jostling and crowning of necks as the assembled clientele competed for reflections.

"What you see is totally different to the reality outside of this front bar. If you take a walk up the street, catch a bus or a train, you do not see that reflection. For starters, more than fifty percent of faces you will see belong to women. It is called a 'majority group'. Furthermore, at this election more than a third of eligible voters were under 44 years of age. Do you think for a moment those faces we see in the mirror reflect modern Australia?"

Much scratching of heads as Mick coughed loudly to regain control.

"Ahh... thanks Bella, but you are not a party member. We need to move on..."

Bella beamed.

"Well... I wonder why, Mick? You know the next meeting of the Parliamentary Liberal Party to decide on a new leader will be a lot like the conclave to elect the next Pope."

Perplexed looks all round as Bella paused.

"I do not think there is much chance those 133 predominantly white male cardinals will emit any pink smoke from the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican following their deliberations."

Mick tapped the bar table and glared at Bella.

"Enough...Bella. I'm adjourning this meeting and reconvening at the Men's Shed next Wednesday."

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





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**Mr. P. Mills, C.P.S.**, wielded the hammer at the Crown Land Sale at the Court House on Wednesday, when he disposed of Portion 240, situated about 1 mile south-west from Moruya, and containing 15a. 2r. 20p. to Mr. A. L. Jeffery for £24.

**The marriage** will shortly take place of Miss Kathleen Marjorie, eldest daughter of Mr. Fire! Mrs. Nichols, who lives opposite, saw and Mrs. Ryan, of Campbell St., Moruya, and Mr. Ernest, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson, of Newcastle.

**Mr. M. Stormon**, who has had charge of the Bodalla Co's. big wagon, between Bodalla and Moruya for many years, delivered his last load this week, and Messrs. W. and J. McIntosh will take up the running with their large Vulcan motor lorry.

**The employees of Dorman, Long and Co.** are organizing a grand concert and dance for Tuesday night, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Two thirds of the takings will be devoted to a "Town Improvement Fund" and a third to the preliminary expenses of the Company's annual sports meeting. ...

Harry Bate, one of our National candidates for the Goulburn seat, is certainly one of the most energetic men on the South Coast, taking an active part in all the principal organisations. He is a member of the executive of the old Dairy Farmers' Union, Vice-president of the Shires Association, member of the Eurobodalla Shire Council, Secretary of the Cheese Manufacturers' Association; and he is on the advisory council of the Agricultural Bureau of N.S.W.

**The death of Mr. Timothy Wray,** one of this State's largest oyster culture lessee, died at his residence, Clyde River, Bateman's Bay, on Monday morning from pneumonia. Deceased had only been confined to his bed from the previous Friday. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

BIG FIRE AT BODALLA – The quiet village of Bodalla was suddenly aroused at 3 o'clock yesterday morning by the cry of Fire! Mrs. Nichols, who lives opposite, saw flames arising from the large garage at the rear of the Bodalla Arms Hotel and immediately gave the alarm.

The fire had, however, too great a hold, and despite the many willing hands who were quickly on the spot, the building and its contents were soon razed to the ground. Mr. Roy Byrne is a heavy loser, through the fire devouring his Ford motor lorry, laden with machinery, which he had taken delivery of from the steamer.

Mr. W. West, Inspector of Schools, also lost his Chevrolet car.

Besides these a sulky, harness, and other articles were completely destroyed. About 15 cases of petrol, stored in the adjoining building, were quickly removed, otherwise there would have been a far greater catastrophe.

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



# Treecycled Showroom opens



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#### Ulladulla to host Minns Labor Government Community Cabinet

Premier Chris Minns and NSW Government Ministers will head to the state's South Coast for the second Community Cabinet of 2025.

Community Cabinet provides valuable insights into the diverse needs and opportunities for the different regions across NSW and connects communities with the state's decision makers.

The Premier and Ministers will engage with community members and organisations, as well as host a community Q&A forum on Tuesday 20 May.

The Community Forum will include an opportunity for community members to ask questions to the NSW Premier and Cabinet Ministers and raise matters of importance in the South Coast area.

This will be the Minns Labor Government's second Community Cabinet of 2025, and seventh since forming Government as they continue to ensure work to build a better New South Wales is informed by local voices. Community Cabinets have also been held on the Central Coast, Broken Hill, Orange, Riverstone, East Hills and Penrith.

NSW Premier, Chris Minns said: "The South Coast, including Ulladulla is a beautiful part of the state I've been lucky to visit a number of times.

"Community Cabinets are vital in our work to ensure we deliver solutions informed by local voices, I'm looking forward to hearing firsthand about the opportunities and challenges that are front of mind in Ulladulla.

"We know that we cannot deliver for the South Coast without working with and listening to the people who call this beautiful part of the state their home."

Minister for the Illawarra & South Coast Ryan Park said: "The South Coast is a hub of industry and has a deeply engaged community, I'm pleased the Cabinet meeting is heading to this beautiful part of NSW. This is a valuable and meaningful opportunity to meet with South Coast locals on the ground and understand the issues that impact them. "It's a privilege to connect with the community directly and ensure infrastructure, health services, tourism and affordable housing are on track to keep this region thriving."

Member for the South Coast, Liza butler said: "I'm excited to welcome the NSW Cabinet to my electorate to see firsthand the passion and care the community has for our region.

#### Community Q&A

The Premier, will be joined by NSW Ministers for a Community Q&A, giving members of the community an opportunity to directly engage with the NSW Government about local matters of importance.

WHERE: Ulladulla Civic Centre, 81B Princes Highway, Ulladulla

WHEN: 1:00pm – 2:15pm, Tuesday 20 May 2025 NOTE: Registration is required to attend this event.

Members of the community can register by visiting nsw.gov.au/communitycabinet or phonistrations class Friday 14th May 2025

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# Moruya Mail Arts

#### Author talk with Samah Sabawi -Moruya Monday 19 May 2025 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Moruya Library, 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. 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: <u>Moruya Library</u> W:

**Book online** 

#### 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. More information: ttps://blog.mdhs.org.au/2025/04/13/ book-talk-ballara-a-natural-history/

#### Winterlude

The Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra (ECO) presents a winter's afternoon of fine community music. They will be joined by The Sing Australia Choir, the Mogendoura Swing Ensemble and Eurosax and will present a varied program to delight the audience. Sunday June 1 at 2pm in the Moruya High School Hall Tickets at the door - Adults \$10,

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#### **Batemans Bay Uniting Church** Concert 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Art exhibition: Slow Hope - Greta Cooper

Slow Hope is a site-specific installation and audio tour created by emerging artist Greta Cooper, that explores ecological grief in the aftermath of the 2019/202 Black Summer bushfires.

The term 'Slow Hope' comes from Christof Mauch's 2019 essay that argues how hopeful narratives can shift our thinking to allow for creativity and purpose instead of feeling paralysed without downplaying the magnitude of climate change.

Grab your earphones and be prepared to enter a sensorial world memorialising the Black Summer bushfires.

Where: Mechanics Institute, 11 Page Street, Moruya When: Saturday 10 May to Friday 25 May 2025

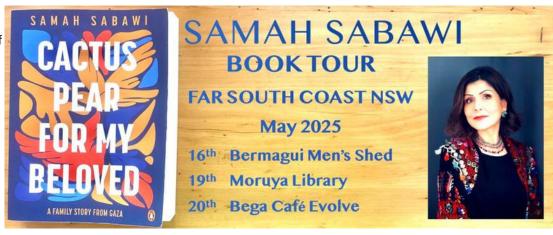
Opening hours: Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 3pm

#### Opening event: Saturday 10 May, 2.30pm

Artist talk: Saturday 24 May, 10.30am Cost: free



Image from Greta Cooper's installation titled Slow Hope.







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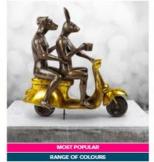
# Gillie and Marc donation to Eurobodalla Shire



Rabbitwoman Grew a Pear (Bronze Sculpture, Ministure)



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They Were the Whale Riders (Bronze Sculpture, Miniature Collection)



The Tree Elephant Was a Rare Species (Bronze Sculpture)

Samples of Gillie and Marc Sculptures from their website.

Eurobodalla Shire is to be gift a Gillie and Marc Sculpture under the Commonwealth Cultural Gifts Program. The donation was revealed in a late Mayoral Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Eurobodalla Shire Council held on Tuesday 29 April 2025.

The Report said "Over recent years, the Eurobodalla Shire has been benefitting from a number of cultural gifts, in particular public art. Of note sculptural gifts of high value have been received from the annual Sculpture for Clyde event to develop the Batemans Bay sculpture walk and the Terrence Plowright sculptures in Moruya from Mr Basil Sellers. In early April 2025 an email was received offering Council yet another opportunity to consider gifts of sculptures and artwork.

The offer has been given by Gillie and Marc who have offices in Sydney, New York and London and are best known for their beloved characters, Rabbitwoman and Dogman.

The internationally celebrated Australian artists are known for their iconic public sculptures exhibited in some of the world's most prestigious locations. Their mission is to spread more public art that inspires conservation and hope for the future of wildlife, especially in Australia, their home country. In line with this mission, Gillie and Marc are offering to donate a major public art exhibition with a range of pieces, including 2D artworks.

This is an opportunity to create a world-class public art experience, to educate and inspire communities about the importance of wildlife, enrich our cultural offerings and support our quest to establish ourselves as a cultural destination.

Eurobodalla Shire Council was selected for this offer as it is developing its reputation for public art and the Moruya Library and Arts Centre has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Any donation would need to be facilitated through the Australian Cultural Gift Program where works are valued and required information is submitted to the Australian government tax office by Council."

RECOMMENDATION and CARRIED unanimously THAT: Council supports the General Manager with delegated authority to negotiate with the artists in respect of location, donations, selection and context to determine, via the cultural gifting process, if a selection of artworks can be acquired.

While the Council's Public Art Advisory Committee was put on hold this year, there is a policy in place. The ESC Creative Arts Team will facilitate the process for the Cultural Gifts Program at no cost to Council. Council would pay for the installation.



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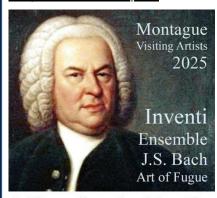
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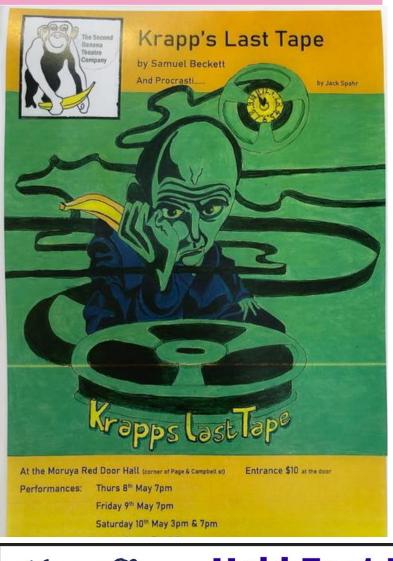
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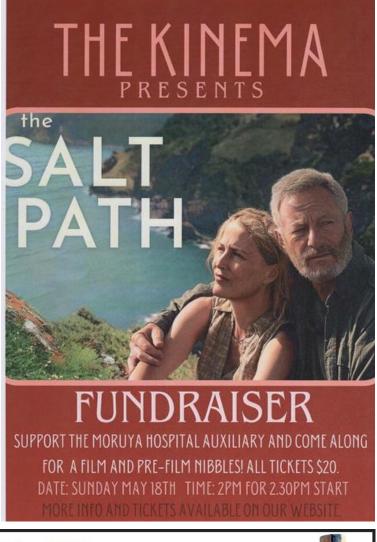
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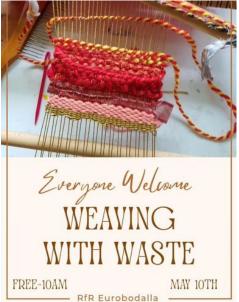




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organise and serve morning tea for the

#### Interested?

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# Moruya Mail

### Animal Welfare League News

Bailey is a gorgeous eight-month old tri-colour Kelpie pup, whose family have realised they just don't have enough time to keep her busy and happy. Bailey is friendly and gentle with children, but as a puppy needs training and guidance to bring out her full potential. Kelpies are super-smart dogs who do best when they are kept active and can join in all the family's activities.

Nina is around ten months of age, a Bull Arab x English Pointer, who shows all the characteristics typical of these breeds: she's gentle, laid back and obedient, and is ready to make someone a perfect pet.

All AWL pets come desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. To arrange a meeting with Bailey or Nina, call AWL on 0410 016 612.

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.



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THE PENGUIN LESSONS (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 51M, DRAMA	2pm*	2pm*	2pm*	6pm*		2pm*	2pm*
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#### NOW SHOWING

MAY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	THU 8	FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14
A MINECRAFT MOVIE PG 101 MIN	11:45 AM 4:00 PM	11:45 AM 4:00 PM	11:55 AM 4:10 PM	10:30 AM 2:25 PM	CLOSED	11:45 AM 4:00 PM	11:45 AM 4:00 PM
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# CROCODILE DUNDEE

M | 1hr 34min ~ Action ~ Comedy ~ The legendary Mick "Crocodile" Dundee returns to the big screen. THE ENCORE CUT, features a meticulous restoration.



M | 1hr 54min ~ Drama ~ A mother, a daughter and a stranger from another land are thrown together on an unexpected road trip that takes them on a journey of love, humour and redemption.

#### THUNDERBOLTS PG |

2hrs 7min ~ Action ~ Family ~ An unconventional team of antiheroes must embark on a dangerous mission forcing them to confront their pasts.

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#### CLOWN IN A CORNFIELD

MA | 1hr 37min

A fading midwestern town in which Frendo the clown, a symbol of bygone success, reemerges as a terrifying scourge.



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MA | 1hr 44min

~ Action ~

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Moruya Food Run delivers a bag of meat and veggies to families every Monday.

SHASA are currently accepting referrals from welfare agencies for new clients.

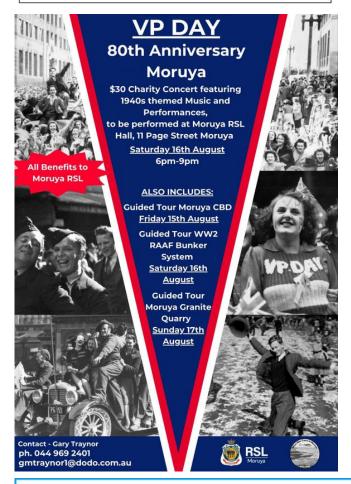




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You don't have to be a professional farmer to participate - if it's fresh, local, and grown in your own back yard... it's welcome at the market!

For more info or to sign yourself up you can email markets@sageproject.org.au



## Free tech café drop in sessions

10am – 12pm every Wednesday from 7 May to 28 May at the Bay Pavilions, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay

9.30am – 11.30am every Thursday from 8 May to 29 May at the CWA Hall, Queen Street, Moruya

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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 employment projects@esc.nsw.gov.au







# BAY POOL SERVICES

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

Open 9 to 4 Monday to Friday and 9-12 on Saturdays

Address: Unit 4/7 Cranbrook Rd, Batemans Bay NSW 2536 baypoolservices@outlook.com

#### **2025 Diary Dates**

- 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

#### FREE LEGAL ADVICE APPOINTMENTS

A solicitor from South Coast and Country Community Law will be visiting your area for in person legal appointments. South Coast and Country Community Law provides free legal advice to residents of the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Monaro & Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Areas.

#### Where: Court House Arcade, 62-34 Vulcan Street, Moruya When: Thursday 15th May 2025 9:30am to 2pm

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

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#### Eurobodalla Amateur Beekeepers Club Inc.

Varroa mite has spread across the whole Eurobodalla Shire — and our bees URGENTLY need your help! This tiny parasite is deadly to honey bees and has now been detected in every part of our shire. Without urgent action, local hives will suffer — and with

them, our environment and backyard gardens.

We're fundraising for a Varroa Controller — A CHEMICAL

FREE, heat-based device to help local beekeepers treat hives and save bees. It will be available for all members to use and will support education and early intervention. If you love local honey and bees in your garden, now's the time to act. Please donate or share this campaign today:

https://www.gofundme.com/.../Eurobodalla-beekeepers-need...

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.

#### Walkabout Barber and Walkabout Beautiful: time and space for healthy conversations **Dates and locations:**

- Monday 19 May: Littleton Gardens, Zingel Place, Bega
- 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

#### Winterlude

The Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra (ECO) presents a winter's afternoon of fine community music. They will be joined by The Sing Australia Choir, the Mogendoura Swing Ensemble and Eurosax and will present a varied program to delight the audience. Sunday June 1 at 2pm in the Moruya High School Hall Tickets at the door - Adults \$10. Students \$5

#### Araluen Road – full closure from Wednesday

A 24/7 road closure will be in place 28.6km from Moruya, starting Wednesday 7 May and continuing for about two weeks. There's a particularly tight section of road at this site where there's just not enough room to safely allow traffic through - even after hours.

What you need to know about the 28.6km site

- · The road is open this weekend expect delays on Saturday.
- The road will be closed from 7am to 5pm, Monday and Tuesday.
- · From Wednesday 7 May, the road will be closed 24/7 for around
- Information is available on <u>Live Traffic NSW</u>

Looking ahead to the 25.4km site

Crews will move to the next site, 25.4km from Moruya, likely around 21 May (we'll confirm closer to the time). At this location, the road will be closed during the day only, and school bus access will be maintained.

Following closures

Closures will also be needed at the 19.7 and 9.6km sites. Each closure will roll into the next and could be in place for several weeks. We'll provide expected timeframes for each location as soon as they are available. Work is expected to continue to June 2025.

Project details > <u>Araluen Road slope stabilisation</u>

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#### Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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

#### Moruya Community Workshed

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week. For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.





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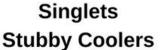
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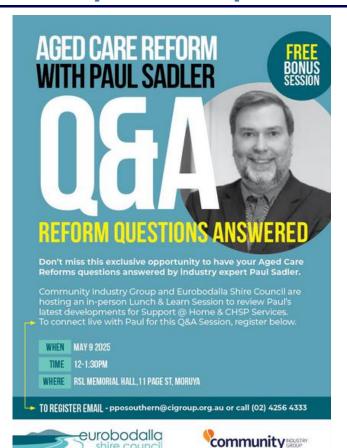
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### Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls.



What a beautiful day for Social Bowls and 12 Pairs teams bowling in 2-4-2

Winners of first 10 Ends will then bowl against a losing team for second 10 Ends. First place with 2 wins + 18 (photo)

Carmel Price and Sue Morgan. Second +14, Wendy Geary & Gayl Vidgen. Third + 9, Michelle Adler & Karen Signor. This popular format, also Versatility Triples will be bowled once a month socially.

Money Club winner, Carmel Price.

Birthday greetings to Sue Morgan, also great to have Ellie Crompton on the Green. Open Gender Pennants teams 3's & 7's will be contesting play-offs this weekend so good bowling to everyone.

Gloria Harper, Patricia Weekes, Sue Béavan & Jenny Blyth are taking part in the Women's State Carnival in Forster, have won 2 out of 3 games so far, well done ladies.

List is up on the Board for Single Gender Pennants which will commence in October and bowled each Thursday. Don't forget Membership is now due.

#### Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report.



President Steve Hogan welcomed 36 bowlers on a sunny Sunday morning with a special mention to long time friend and Twistie Ken Franklin AKA Docker who now resides in Queensland. Winners on Highest

Losing Margin, Sumpy and Kaz. (sorry no photo) Runners-up, Whizza and Witto. No Jackpot this week. Lucky numbers, 6 Smoothie, 3 Mad Max. Winning teams, Hoges and Docker. Besty and Foxy. Hot Lips and Smoothie. Griff and Pedro. R&R and Moby Dick.SuzyQ and Chanty.

Thanks to Whizza for Report when Scoop! unavailable, much appreciated. Don't forget some of our fabulous committee will be retiring at AGM so please think about taking on a position. (photo)



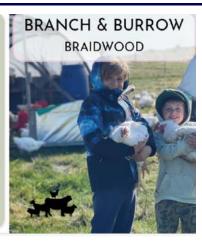
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# Moruya Womens Golf "Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April saw the ladies at Moruya Golf Club out

"Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April saw the ladies at Moruya Golf Club out playing on a rather somewhat cooler day. Playing a Stableford event, the eventual winner was Jenny Ellis with a score of 36 points with Margaret Douglas following with 31 points. Balls went to Lyn Gibbs, Val Moore, Robyn Hawkins and Angie McMillan. Nearest the pin was won by Robyn Hawkins." Photo below: Winner Jenny Ellis





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### Tuross Head Golf Results



3rd Place: Michael Kermode and Sponsor Col Houghton



Winners: Paul Ferguson (A Grade), Darrell Kildey (B Grade Runner Up), Tony Mellick (C Grade)

#### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 1st May 2025

A field of 48 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today including some visitors. The event was sponsored by Col Houghton. The weather was cool and there were some wonderful scores.

The Winners were:
1st: .Malcolm Gilbertson (3) with
36 points (countback)
2nd: .Brad Doolan (6) with 36
points (countback)
3rd:.Michael Kermode (25) with
36 points
4th:.Ricky Hayes (32) with 35
points (countback)
5th:.lan Manton (18) with 35

points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: .Malcolm Gilbertson.2.08.A Grade 4th:.Paul Scholze..3.31.B Grade 4th:.Bruce Lidbury...C Grade 6th:.lan McManus..2.36.A Grade 6th:.Kaj Humlin..1.57.B Grade 6th:.Bruce Lidbury..4.23.C Grade 7th:.Ruth Gschwend.2.45.A Grade

Balls went to: Jim Wade 35, Glenn Hunter 34, Wayne Fullerton 34, Ian McManus 33, Colin Houghton 33, Michael Coloe 33, Stephen Swanbury 33, Mark Jackson 32, Jim Madden 30 and Kevin Reilly 30.

### Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 3rd May 2025

A field of 51 players registered for the Men's Stroke Monthly Medal event today. The event was sponsored by John Eglitis and some excellent scores were achieved.

The Winners were:

A Grade:

1st: .Paul Ferguson (12) with 72 nett (medal) 2nd: .Ray Bollard (5) with 73 nett

B Grade:

1st:.Steven O'Shea (18) with 70 nett (medal) 2nd:.Darrell Kildey (15) with 72 nett

C Grade:

1st..Anthony Mellick (26) with 75 nett (countback) (medal) 2nd:.Gavan Wheelahan (26) with 75 nett

Nearest to the Pins 4th:.Bruce Handley..3.90.A Grade. 4th:.lan Lawson..7.43.B Grade 4th:.Anthony Mellick.2.87.C Grade 6th:.Ray Bollard..1.91.A Grade 6th:.Michael Coloe..7.48.B Grade 6th:.Tony Brown..8.92.C Grade

Great Score:.Bruce Magilton .Hole in One! Hole Prize:.Ray Bollard.2/11 Hole.2.79.Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Putting Comp:.Darrell Kildey

Balls went to: Peter Garn 73, Brad Doolan 74, John Phyland 74, David Gray 74, Frank Pomfret 74, Colin Houghton 75, John Eglitis 76, Ian Lawson 76, Troy Kingdom 76, Ken Hush 76, Steve Johnston 77, Greg Smith 77, Terry Milliken 77, Jim Madden 77 and Wayne Fullerton 77.



Winner: Teri Swanbury

## Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 7th May 2025

41 players signed up to play a Stableford event today. The weather was sunny and some fabulous scores were achieved.

The Winners were: 1st..Teri Swanbury with 18 points

2<sup>nd</sup>:.Ted Quinlan with 17 points

3<sup>rd</sup>:.Terry Lunn with 16 points (countback)

4<sup>th</sup>:.Tony Crook with 16 points (countback)

5th:.Rob McKirdy with 16 points

6<sup>th</sup>:.Gail Rogers with 15 points

7th:.lan Miller with 15 points

8th: Paul Chesterton with 14 points

9<sup>th</sup>: lan Manton with 14 points

10<sup>th</sup>:.Frank Pomfret with 14 points

11<sup>th</sup>:.Chris Wratten with 14 points

12th:..Paul Green with 13 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins:

4<sup>th</sup>..Steve Gardner and Paul Chesterton (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) (Steve won the coin toss) 6<sup>th</sup>..Paul Periera (1<sup>st</sup> Shot)

7<sup>th</sup>:.Ladies:.Julie Barningham (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) .Mens: Peter Coffey (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy:.Tony Crook (5<sup>th</sup> hole) Bradmans:.Greg Thornton



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# Windswept is back on the water with Moruya High School



Jack Egan with MHS Students taking to the water.

Retired Naval Officer John Mathias sailing Windswept.

#### Moruya High School reports:

"In 2023 John Mathias donated his beloved yacht Windswept to our school with a view that it would be an excellent learning experience for some students to restore it. Last year, teacher Jack Egan and students from the Support Unit worked hard restoring the boat and trailer to excellent condition and seaworthiness.

The yacht is now kept with its mast up at the Batemans Bay Sailing Club where it is only a 300m tow to the Hanging Rock boat ramp and is now regularly in the water with students aboard. It was such a delight to have John Mathias on board and witnessing the students being able to enjoy the sailing experience.

We look forward to many groups of students from across the whole school experiencing the joys of sailing over the coming years."



#### Highschool students of the Eurobodalla!

NSW SES Moruya & Batemans Bay have partnered with Regional Industry Education Partnerships (REIP), to host a one-day workshop in volunteering with the NSW SES and give you some insight into the opportunities this can provide,

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Carroll College - 16<sup>th</sup> May
St Peters Catholic College - 23<sup>rd</sup> May
Narooma High School - 30<sup>th</sup> May
Batemans Bay High School - 6<sup>th</sup> June
9am -2pm (please arrive at 8:50am)

#### WHERE:

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#### CONTACT:

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# Moruya Mail Sport

#### Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 2.5.25

#### Moruya River.

As winter gives us a less than subtle reminder that it is just around the corner, we move into another weekend and another fishing report.

The holiday crowds have headed home, and we move into our winter hibernation period. The water temps are still warm, and the fish are still on the chew however. There is a bit of colour in the river at the moment from the preceding weeks rains, this will move the fish down towards the front if the system, or into the deeper holes away from the surface' fresh waters.

Ben Caddeye caught some nice bream and Trevally last weekend from the Preddy's wharf area using baits. This area will be even easier to fish this weekend as the holiday crowds have dispersed.

The quarry wharf is also a good area to look at, as the granite that litters the river bottom, makes for some very fishy structure. Don't go too heavy with your sinkers or line class, as getting snagged here is a very real possibility. Bream, trevally, tailor, flathead and the odd mulloway all call this locale home. It is well worth the effort.

Further upstream, the flats under the town bridge are still holding the usual suspects of bream, whiting, trevally, estuary perch and flathead. Fishing from the bridge itself and sight casting your chosen offering is one of my favourite things to do.

#### Tuross River.

Coila lake will still have some good bream, flathead and Luderick along its edges, while the prawns will most likely be few and far between as a result of the rains we have encountered over the last few weeks.

The Tuross system itself is still producing some nice flathead, bream, whiting, trevally and the odd mulloway at the moment. As the winter days get colder and the water temp starts to drop, we can expect the Luderick to start schooling up throughout the system.

The estuary perch have a few locations they like to school up this tie of year as they start their spawn run. Remember there is now a "no take" season on both estuary perch and bass in effect as they both spawn this time of year. Any fish caught must be returned immediately to the water.

#### Rock and Beach.

There looks to be a bit of southerly swell running as we start the weekend, but is does appear to be dropping as the weekend progresses. North facing ledges will offer the best protection from the SW swell that is running this weekend. There are still good numbers of salmon, bream and whiting along the beaches at

the moment, with no particular beach fishing better than the rest. Find a beach that works for you, and send out a whole pilchard on a gang hook for your chance at finding a fish or two.

The Moruya breakwall should also have a fish or two this weekend, as a little swells does give the fish some cover to hunt the beach side of the wall.

#### Offshore.

With the water temps still up out wide, there hopefully should still be the odd tuna around for those looking to get out this weekend. Closer in, the snapper and flathead are still readily available for those that don't want to head out wide. My wife is finally heading out if Bermagui this weekend with friends to look for whatever is on the chew. Fingers crossed they manage to find some fish for the weekend. Me, I'm staying on shore, as I get sea sick in the bath.

The bait freezer has been restocked, with mullet fillet and hawksbury prawns the

usual no shows, along with bluebait.
This weekend sees the start of our "Weekly Deal". Each week we will offer an instore deal that runs from the Friday through until the following Thursday. This week we are offering a free bait sieve valued at \$15.50 with each bait pump purchase. Next Friday the deal will reset with a new special.

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

#### Team Tackle World Moruya.







#### Ride on in to Mogendoura Farm

Three top quality, self catered, two-bedroom brick cottages with combustion fires, separate laundry and toilet, shower with bath, open planned kitchen dining and living, with a playground and communal barbeque.

> Sleeps six people comfortably. All three sleep 18 people.

The beautiful 220 acre property enjoys 2km riverfront and nestles between the Moruya River and Mogendoura Creek.

Mogendoura Farm is an ideal place to escape from the stress of a busy life.

The perfect get away!



**Mogo Trails** 



#### 'The Surfer' Official Trail released



Photo: Nicolas Cage in The Surfer. Credit: Radek Ladczuk

Screenwest is thrilled to share the OFFICIAL TRAILER for psychological thriller The Surfer starring Academy Award® winner Nicolas Cage (Dream Scenario, Leaving Las Vegas). The film is set to hit Australian cinemas on May 15, before streaming exclusively on Stan from June 15.

Filmed entirely in Yallingup in Western Australia, The Surfer was made possible thanks to the State Government's WA Production Attraction Incentive – Australia's most competitive incentive, which is designed to attract high profile, market driven screen productions to the State.

Directed by Lorcan Finnegan (Vivarium), The Surfer made waves at its world premiere at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival with a six-minute standing ovation and was described as a 'cult movie in the making' and one of 'Nicolas Cage's best performances'

performances'. When a man returns to Australia to buy back his family home after many years in the U.S, he is humiliated in front of his teenage son by a group of local surfers who claim ownership over the secluded beach of his childhood. Wounded, he defies them and remains at the beach, demanding acceptance. As the conflict escalates, he is brought right to the edge of his sanity and his entire identity is thrown into question.

Written by Thomas Martin, The Surfer is an intensely unnerving feature film shot in a single location in Yallingup in Western Australia. Alongside Cage, the film stars an impressive Australian ensemble cast including Julian McMahon (Nip/Tuck), Nic Cassim (Mr Inbetween), Miranda Tapsell (The Dry), Alexander Bertrand (Australian Gangster), Justin Rosniak (Last King of the Cross), Rahel Romahn (Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga), Finn Little (Stan Exclusive Series Yellowstone) and Charlotte Maggi (Rebel Moon – Part One: A Child on Fire). The Surfer, an Australian-Irish Co-Production, is produced by Robert Connolly's Arenamedia, Lovely Productions, Tea Shop Productions and Gramercy Park Media with support from Screenwest through the Western Australian Production Attraction Incentive. Stan Executive Producers Cailah Scobie and Amanda Duthie.

The Surfer will be released theatrically in Australia on May 15, via Madman Entertainment and CinemaPlus, then exclusively on Stan on June 15 as a Stan Original Film.

Trailer here <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZFYyESRhus&t=145s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZFYyESRhus&t=145s</a>



Canberra-based physiotherapist Jamie Boulding, left, and pharmacist Brad Butt will outline accessing the network of support available for prostate cancer sufferers.

#### Narooma 'Looks after Blokes'

Prostate cancer can leave men feeling isolated and depressed particularly in the regions but early intervention, the right aids and a team approach can make a huge difference.

Canberra-based pharmacist Brad Butt and physiotherapist Jamie Boulding will outline the help that is available and how to access it at a special session 'Looking after Blokes' on Saturday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm at Club Narooma.

"There's a network of people able to support men with prostate cancer and their carers," Mr Butt said. "We will show how physiotherapy and pharmacy can work together, medicines as well as non-pharmacological things."

Both have expert knowledge, experience and training in men's urological health.

Their talk is being held in conjunction with Narooma's Distinguished Gentleman's Ride the next day (Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>). Both events are organised by Narooma Rotary.

"Our information session is for everyone, men and their partners, and by holding it on the night before the Ride we're also encouraging riders to make a weekend of it," Mr Butt said.

"This Ride is a brilliant way to help raise awareness of men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer, as well as funds for research and men's mental health programmes."

Special accommodation discounts on early bird bookings have been organised for that weekend with Easts Holiday Park, Surf Beach Holiday Park, Whale Coast Realty and Ben Bate Real Estate. (Tell them you're coming for the DGR.)

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Narooma Rotary DGR coordinator Françoise Cleret said Narooma's is one of over 900 DGRs held that day across the world to bring people together to celebrate these bikes and the 'gentlefolk' who ride them, men and women.

All riders must register online before 18<sup>th</sup> May to take part and they must 'dress dapper'.

www.gentlemansride.com/rides/australia/narooma. Donations for riders and pillions in the Narooma DGR can be made online. All funds raised by the DGR are invested by the official charity partner Movember in both local and global prostate cancer research and men's mental health programmes.

Riders assemble from 9am on NATA Oval on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>; the ride starts at 11.

For Narooma DGR inquiries, phone Françoise Cleret 0402 967 494.

