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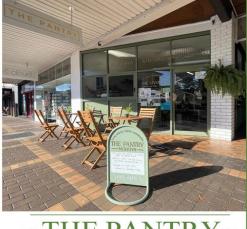


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# Moruya Mail Letter

## Half the job is not enough

Labor has made good progress on renewable energy within Australia, but cannot keep expanding fossil fuel production for export. While the NSW mid north coast was being smashed by another round of climate chaos, the Albanese Labor government approved a massive expansion of fossil gas production in Western Australia.

Woodside's operations on the Burrup Peninsular are already Australia's third biggest emitter. Approving their operation continuing from 2030 to 2070 will cause a massive increase in emissions in Australia and even more when this gas is burnt overseas.

The Labor government was able to put a water trigger into the environment laws which means that the environment minister must consider the impact of any proposal on our surface and underground water.

But there is no climate trigger in the environment laws, so environment minister Murray Watt did not have to consider the climate effect of Woodside's forty year extension of fossil gas production.

Murray Watt was required to consider the effect of emissions from Woodside's plant on the ancient Aboriginal rock art of Murujuga. Despite the damage that has already been done and the objections of local Aboriginal people, Watt approved the extension.

The Australian government has applied to have Murujuga listed as World Heritage, but UNESCO has knocked it back until nearby degrading acidic emissions are halted. The Australian government intends to lobby to reverse this decision.

The Woodside approval has been condemned around Australia and in the Pacific islands. Quoted in Renew Economy, Tuvalu's Climate Minister, Dr Maina Talia, linked any decision directly to the survival of his country which is already experiencing the effects of climate change as sea levels rise.

"Pacific leaders have made it clear: there is no future for our nations if fossil fuel expansion continues.



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The North West Shelf Extension would lock in emissions until 2070, threatening our survival and violating the spirit of the Pacific-tuakoi (neighbour) climate partnership.

"This goes beyond politics; it is about the moral clarity to stand with those most affected by climate change," Talia said.

Woodside has also applied to drill the Browse basin off the Kimberley, 600km further north and connect this gas field to their processing plant at Burrup.

Browse is an enormous and dirty gas field with a lot of carbon dioxide along with the methane which the gas companies call "natural gas". The WA Environment Protection Authority has recommended against drilling at Browse citing unacceptable risks to the coral reef ecosystem, home to 1500 species, many unique to the area. Stopping Browse is the next challenge for Australia's climate movement.

Australian Super, Hesta and Host Plus super and many other super companies have invested in Woodside, despite its huge emissions. It is a lose/lose proposition for workers' savings. Either Woodside makes heaps of money and helps burn the planet, or the world gets serious about cutting emissions and Woodside is left with a stranded asset.

Labor's excuses for approving Woodside are very thin. Albanese has said gas will continue to be needed to back up renewable energy, but that only needs a small portion of the current production. Snowy Hydro's gas generator at Kurri Kurri is predicted to run for only 2% of the time. Jobs, jobs, jobs. Woodside employs 5,076 people, including contractors, less than 4% of the WA resources sector and 0.31% of WA employees. Labor is still afraid of the mining companies after the advertising campaign against the Rudd government's mining super profits tax. Albanese has betrayed all those voters who thought Labor was serious about acting on climate change

If Labor continues to put fossil companies' profits ahead of the future of our children, those children will not forgive them.

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### Araluen Road – work schedule update

There's been a slight change of plan due to evolving conditions on site. Work will continue on Larrys Mountain Road for the rest of this week, with traffic delays possible. Sunday and Monday - no traffic impacts. Next week, Araluen Road will be closed at the 25.4km site on Tuesday and Wednesday (10 and 11 June), between 8am and 3pm. This timing allows the school bus to get through. Also on Wednesday 11 June, work will resume at the 28.6km site, with the road open under traffic control for the rest of the week.

Looking ahead Most of the remaining work will require only daytime closures. These will move from site to site and should only be in place for a few days at each location. We'll provide expected timeframes for each location as soon as they are available.

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Work is expected to
continue through June
2025.
Project details

• <u>Araluen Road slope</u> <u>stabilisation</u>

## Allan Rees, 350 Eurobodalla

#### Holiday Park Operator fined for pollution of South Coast Creek The operator of a South Coast holiday and caravap park has been fined \$30,000

The operator of a South Coast holiday and caravan park has been fined \$30,000 by the **NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)** after it allegedly discharged over 180,000 litres of untreated sewage into the environment at the park premises in January.

park premises in January. INA Operations Pty Limited (INA) is licensed to operate a sewage treatment plant at its Merry Beach Holiday & Caravan Park in Kioloa, a holiday destination south of Ulladulla. The park is located a short distance from the popular Merry Beach and is part of the national Ingenia Holiday and Caravan Parks organisation. An EPA investigation found that a leak in the park's underground sewage system caused raw sewage to seep into the environment on and around the site, including a nearby creek that flowe directly into Merry Beach

a nearby creek that flows directly into Merry Beach. Director Operations Adam Gilligan said the leak contaminated the creek with elevated levels of ammonia, E. coli, enterococci, faecal coliforms, copper, and zinc. "Although testing by the local council confirmed that waters at Merry Beach were not impacted, water samples taken from the creek inlet showed faecal coliforms and enterococci at levels well above the relevant Australian and New Zealand water quality guidelines," Mr Gilligan said. "This occurred during peak tourist season – when many families come to enjoy Merry Beach and its beautiful surrounds – posing an unacceptable risk to the community.

"The park's operator notified us as soon as it became aware of the leak, however, the incident had already been occurring for around 10 days.

"While we acknowledge INA's cooperation and its commitment to implementing additional measures to prevent future incidents, it's critical that all licensees continue to meet their environmental responsibilities to safeguard the community and environment from harm."

INA has previously received a Formal Warning and Official Caution relating to other water pollution incidents at the site. To prevent public exposure to the contamination, the EPA directed INA to install 'no swimming' signage at access points along the creek, which remained in place until water levels returned to normal. Soil and waters impacted by the spill have since been fully cleaned up by the company.

# Eurobodalla YouTube phenomenon Chris Bamman



By John Longhurst

With a YouTube following rivalling the population of Wollongong, Moruya local Chris Bamman is gaining international fame by sharing his south coast outdoor adventures ranging from fishing hiking, kayaking and spear fishing.

He records his adventures on his YouTube channel\* with 220 videos to date.

Chris is from a multi generation south coast family and grew up in Batemans Bay.

From an early age, Chris was keen on the outdoors and by 8 years of age he had his first row boat and was soon hooked on the adventures the south coast had to offer.

As an adult he spent a lot of time on the water camping and sourced food for his large family at the same time.

He was even able to trade lobsters for sausages with lucky neighbours and friends.

About ten years ago, Chris began filming his adventures with a sports camera and about five years ago his popularity began to climb.

Although a landscaper by trade and working at Fox Dog Distillery near Mogo, his YouTube income reached parity with his earnings and he reduced his hours to 2 days per week. Stream, sea and snow - YouTuber Chris Bamman in action. Fox Dog Distillery has provided Chris with the flexibility to pursue

his passion for making YouTube videos. The YouTube videos are all about 'the adventure' and do not rely

on dialogue to tell the story. As a consequence, he has reached out to a multilingual international audience as there is no language barrier.

The videos have an authenticity to them that obviously resonates with the viewer, creating a sense such adventures are achievable for the everyday person. Chris also includes his wife, Bec and children Stuart and Jessie in the adventures.

Chris said "It is very much a family venture and I best not forget my dog, 'Yindi' either."

His advice for the would be adventurer is "Just do it. Whatever you like doing, replicate it."

Chris also finds time to work with young people with disabilities, regularly taking them on adventures.

Chris said "I reckon I learn more from these guys than they do from me about dealing with life's challenges. I enjoy their company and as I am getting older, I hope to do more of it as well as pursue my passions in growing food and undertaking slow build projects."

With 216,000 YouTube subscribers and climbing, Chris Bamman is obviously doing something right.

\*<u>https://youtube.com/@chrisbamman79?si=GCDRQ7-sWCpNSG\_I</u>



# Family gifts historical painting to Tilba community

## Narooma Historical Society Inc.

The Cowgill family has gifted an historic painting of Central Tilba to the Tilba community honouring their family's deep connections to the district.

The artist is William Rumph, Tilba school teacher from 1895 to 1912 and leader of the Tilba Brass Band among other things. He originally gave the painting to then Tilba residents Len Hunt and Amy (nee Fookes) as a wedding present in 1912.

"Tilba was very special to our parents and to us as kids and we've spent a lot of time in this part of the world," said Len and Amy's grandson Geoff Cowgill. "But it doesn't have the same meaning for our kids so nor does this painting.

"So after talking it over with my brother Nev and sister Marg, we decided we should return it to the Tilba community. Central Tilba's Dromedary Hotel was suggested as a possible home where everyone could see and enjoy it."

Dromedary Hotel Manager Bianca Humphries is delighted as are the pub owners.

"This is a wonderful gesture by Geoff and Nev," she said. "People sometimes forget just how historic this pub is and how it means so much to so many people. We try to add to that with historic photos and community happenings.

"This painting will now hang in the dining room for all to see... we just have to rearrange a few things first!" Ms Humphries said the growing historic collection including this painting is now part of the pub and would remain in the Tilba community.

Geoff said Len and Amy's daughter Dulcie married Allan Cowgill and they had an interesting life together, mostly on the South Coast.

"They were dairy farmers at Bergalia and Narooma, and later proprietors of a Narooma guest house. Dulcie was also a talented pianist and Allan played drums and during the 1940s and 1950s they had a very successful dance band which was very popular on the South Coast; their favourite dance hall was at Central Tilba.



Nev Cowgill of Eden, left, brother Geoff of Mittagong, and Dromedary Hotel Manager Bianca Humphries with the 1912 painting by William Rumph of Central Tilba.

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## Employment Revolution, hire and higher

"If exponential growth has an address, it may well be 7 Mirrabooka Avenue," says Rhonnie South.

Ms South leads the team at The Job Shop in Moruya and predicts 2025 will be the **Eurobodalla Council** employment initiative's biggest year yet, with a huge jump in demand from job seekers and job providers alike. She says with smart systems, solid teamwork and a clear-eyed commitment to community they are ready for the challenge.

"It's still just Amy (Kovacs) and Karen (McLellan) out front, but we've got the right systems and processes in place and plenty of experience now. We can handle the growth," Ms South says.

And growth there is. In the first quarter of this year the Job Shop welcomed and supported 173 clients, compared to 121 for the same period last year – a 43 percent increase. Of those, 106 were new clients and 50 were aged under 25, reflecting the team's commitment to Eurobodalla's young people.

"We know that entering the workforce can be make-or-break. By making these first experiences positive and setting it up right we really help shape their attitude to working life," Ms South says.

It's not just job seekers taking notice — employers are increasingly on board too, with nineteen businesses looking for help so far this year, drawn-in by the Job Shop's unique local advantage.

"What we're hearing from employers is that they trust the candidates we're connecting them with," says Rhonnie. "They're local, they're prepared, and they're ready to work, and that's something you don't always get from the big agencies."

The numbers speak for themselves with the Job Shop sharing 1,037 job opportunities in the first quarter of 2025, helping 75 people move into paid employment. In April alone, 285 jobs were listed in the Job Shop's weekly jobs email sent to 1,700 subscribers – and growing – and reposted on Facebook with 125 direct messages in response.

The Job Shop is part of Council's Employment Revolution program. Developed with the simple aim of connecting locals with meaningful job opportunities it has evolved into a local movement backed by smart strategies, real results and a lot of heart.

The Job Shop operates from 7 Mirrabooka Avenue, Moruya. Services are free and open to all. Find out more on Council's <u>The Job Shop webpage</u> or find them on <u>Facebook</u>.



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Karen, Rhonnie and Amy are on the Job (Shop) – turning steps into stepping stones for Eurobodalla's job seekers.

## RFSA SECURES COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR INJURED VOLUNTEERS

Lump sum compensation for RFS volunteers who suffer permanent injuries will be significantly increased, following an announcement at the Rural Fire Service Association Conference by the Emergency Services Minister. The RFSA has long advocated for our members to receive the same benefits as other workers.

Volunteers risk their lives and safety to protect the community without receiving payment.

Currently the maximum payment for injured volunteers suffering permanent impairment is \$220,000 compared to over \$740,000 for workers in the general scheme. As a result of this announcement, volunteer firefighters will receive the same lump sum payment as other injured workers.



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# World's first interactive map of whale migration reveals growing dangers in Australian waters

The world's first interactive map of whale migration routes has revealed the growing dangers whales face in the oceans surrounding Australia.

Launched ahead of World Oceans Day on 8 June, <u>BlueCorridors.org</u> is a collaboration between WWF and more than 50 global research groups.

The platform combines over 3.2 million kilometres of satellite tracking data from more than 1400 migratory whales with information on overlapping threats and conservation solutions.

It's the first time the "blue corridors" used by great whales have been digitally mapped, animated and made publicly accessible to inform science, policy and ocean protection efforts.

These maps trace the migratory superhighways that connect critical breeding, feeding and social habitats across ocean basins—routes essential not only for whale survival but for the health of marine ecosystems. Platform users can see the epic satellite tracks of the humpback whales that travel along Australia's east and west coasts each year on their way to feeding grounds in Antarctica – and explore other regions around the world.

"Blue corridors are more than migration routes—they're lifelines for the ocean's giants and the ecosystems they support," said Chris Johnson, Global Lead for WWF's Protecting Whales and Dolphins Initiative.

But these lifelines are under considerable and increasing threat.

Seven of the 14 great whale species remain endangered or vulnerable, facing growing risks from ship strikes, entanglement in fishing gear, underwater noise, plastic pollution and climate change.

<u>BlueCorridors.org</u> shows how these threats intersect with whale migration routes in the oceans surrounding Australia, from oil and gas exploration off the northwest shelf of Western Australia to shipping traffic on Australia's east coast.

"Ship strikes, entanglement in fishing gear and shark nets are a growing concern on Australia's east coast, especially during humpback whale migration season," said Mr Johnson.

"The cumulative impact of these activities are creating a dangerous and sometimes fatal obstacle course for our great whales.



BlueCorridors.org visualises the satellite tracking data of whales in the oceans surrounding Australia.

Whales face serious injury or death when they are hit by ships or accidentally caught in fishing gear and ghost nets.

"On top of this, climate change is impacting their migration cues and shifting their prey populations, especially in the polar regions.

"The Australian Government needs to lift its game to better protect whales in our waters and collaborate with other governments on bold solutions to safeguard their migratory journeys."

WWF and its collaborators hope that <u>BlueCorridors.org</u> will be a powerful tool to help guide conservation efforts to meet global goals to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

The platform has been launched ahead of the <u>UN Ocean Conference</u> in Nice, where countries will be urged to ratify the <u>High Seas Treaty</u> to protect marine life and restrain harmful activities in the international waters that cover nearly half the planet.

"This platform transforms decades of science into a tool for action—showing when, where and how to protect whales in a rapidly changing ocean," said Mr Johnson.

WWF-Australia has called on the Australian Government to establish a Western Pacific Blue Corridor Initiative for whales, working collaboratively with Pacific countries, scientists and other stakeholders.

Safeguarding this corridor would create a network of protection mechanisms for whales and other key ocean species from the Pacific through Australian waters and down to Antarctica.

Mr Johnson said this would benefit not just whales, but the entire planet. "Healthy whales lead to healthy oceans," he said.

"Growing evidence shows whales fertilise our oceans over great distances. This helps boost phytoplankton production, which captures about 40% of all carbon dioxide produced and generates over half the atmosphere's oxygen. Thriving and healthy whale populations benefit nature and people." <u>BlueCorridors.org</u> builds on the collaborative <u>"Protecting Blue Corridors"</u> report (2022), which mapped global whale migration for the first time.





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# 'We Breathe' Campaign launch tackles indigenous smoking

### By John Longhurst

A powerful, locally-produced TV campaign, 'We Breathe, Tackling Indigenous Smoking' was launched at Perry Street Cinemas, Batemans Bay, last Saturday. The campaign launch coincides with 'World No Tobacco Day 2025' on 31st May. The public health campaign is designed to challenge the tobacco and nicotine industry's grip on communities.

The campaign is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and was delivered by Grand Pacific Health.

This year's global World No Tobacco Day theme, Unmasking the Appeal, exposes the tobacco industry's calculated use of bright packaging, appealing flavours, and youth-targeted marketing, all designed to hook a new generation while hiding the real harms.

The We Breathe campaign confronts these tactics head-on, with a culturally grounded TVC

filmed on country, designed to educate, empower and inspire Aboriginal communities to

protect their mob and country from the harm of smoking and vaping. The commercial was filmed at Ack Weyman Oval in Moruya on 30th April following extensive consultation with community members.

Extras on the day came from all areas We Breathe service and worked seamlessly with a small cast of paid actors.

The Batemans Bay launch brought together over 50 community members, Elders, local health

workers and youth leaders to view the television commercial (TVC), hear from campaign ambassadors and share in the movement to reclaim health and culture. A screening of the film 'History Bites Back' from the Reconciliation Australia Film Club followed.

Co ordinator of the 'We Breathe Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program', Palawa woman, Soozie Gillies thanked the community for the support.

Soozie said "My Grandfather died of emphysema and I gave up smoking 7 years ago so I certainly have first hand knowledge. We Breathe' is targeting communities from Nowra to Eden, and across to Goulburn, Cooma, Yass and Queanbeyan, to deliver engaging information grounded in respect,

empowerment and cultural connection."



Sean Kinchela from Grand Pacific Health on the left and Soozie Gillies on the right outside Perry street Cinemas last Saturday.

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### Analysis How to fix the Bay Pavilions disaster By Phil Herrick

A friend stopped me the other day to thank the Moruya Mail for keeping the spotlight on the rolling financial disaster at the Bay Pavilions. Eurobodalla Shire Council ratepayers are on the hook to cover the Pavilions' losses for the full year of \$6,205,707, including depreciation.

He asked why the losses were continuing and was there anything that can be done about it. I told him the situation can be turned around and for the last two years council has known exactly how to do it.

### First, Some Background

The swimming pool, theatre and gym at the Bay Pavilions opened in 2022.

Back in March 2020 the councillors were given a business plan by the council staff that predicted first year cash operating losses of \$844,000 to be mostly paid for by the \$505,000 that it had cost to operate the old Bay swimming pool, along with the planned closure of the Bay community centre and the closed visitors centre.

So, councillors thought they only needed to find \$339,000 in new money to offer a flash new facility to the Bay community. They were also told by the council staff that by the seventh year of operations the Pavilions would make a profit. There was a grand opening with plenty of photos of our local politicians while the current and previous mayors celebrated by shooting down the waterslides fully clothed. Then the wheels fell off.

### **Reality bites**

After the doors opened it quickly became clear the assumptions of the business case were not being met. Operating losses for the first nine months to April 2023 were \$1.2 million, more than twice the forecast \$563,000. The alarm bells rang and, to their credit, council called in expert consultants to give advice on how to fix things. KPMG analysed the situation and outlined actions to reduce the losses. Another firm, InConsult, completed a risk assessment that also outlined a path forward. Both reports were delivered two years ago, in June 2023.

By this time, annual losses operating the Bay Pavilions passed \$5 million, including depreciation. Now the loss is over \$6.2 million annually.That includes a cash loss of \$3.7 million, pushing council's General Fund towards a \$9 million deficit this year, a situation the council's own finance manager calls unsustainable.

### The Fundamental Contract Problem

The council's business case actually had a good plan for the management contract. It was to include a profit share and rewards for the contractor to give an incentive to build the business and operate it at the lowest cost to ratepayers. Aligned Leisure, a business arm of the AFL's Richmond Tigers won the contract. It did not have performance incentives. KPMG found the signed contract "does not contain terms linking the management fee to performance." InConsult told council "there is no 'skin in the game' for Aligned Leisure, no penalties for poor performance and no rewards for improving performance."

Once the contract was signed the council's staff could relax because they longer had direct responsibility for the financial performance of the Pavilions.

The job had passed to Aligned Leisure who had no reason to lose sleep over any losses because their management fee was locked in. Neither Aligned Leisure or their staff have done anything wrong. They have acted in a commercially sensible way.

Everyone was comfortable, except the ratepayers who had to pick up the bill.

It's a fundamental problem and for reasons impossible to understand the council has not announced renegotiation of the management contract to include performance incentives and penalties. Instead, last December, the council extended the current contract for an extra year to mid 2026.

### Can the Financial Disaster Be Fixed?

The answer is yes, and council already knows how - but changes need to happen.

First the mayor and councillors need to snap out of their collective Pavilions coma and decide their job in relation to the Bay Pavilions is as much a commercial Board of Directors as local government councillors.

The councillors need to demand a commercial business plan to reduce losses and make it part of a new contract that has performance rewards and penalties. The contractor should report to councillors every month on progress against all targets until the situation stabilises. To keep the pressure on, this information should be shared with the community.

Second, the council staff should recognise any skillset shortfalls they have in managing a commercial contract or writing a business plan and ask for outside assistance.

### How To Start Fixing the Problem

Two highly paid consulting firms told council how to start fixing the problem two years ago. The advice hasn't been fully acted on, and it should be.

First, set a savings target resulting from what the consultants termed "the loss tolerance level". When councillors signed off on the business plan in 2020, they were happy to tolerate an annual cash operating loss of \$844,000 to run the swimming pool, gym and theatre. That's a starting point, but allowing for increased costs it would be reasonable to pick \$1.5 million as a tolerable loss to fund a new business. The number can be adjusted, it's just picking where we'd like to be. The cash loss this year is projected at \$3.7 million, so the current savings target would be \$2.2 million.

Second, use the \$2.2 million target as the basis for the revised business plan and budget and lock it into a new management contract. Then look at every possible way to get there by increasing the number of people using the facilities and the average revenue per user. At the same time review each part of the business and make some hard decisions on those aspects that are not essential community services and may never pay their way.

Also change current marketing that is clearly not building the business. Maybe start by retiring the whole Bay Pavilions concept and instead promote the Bay Aquatic Centre and the Yuin Theatre separately as they are such different businesses.

The Pavilions website advertises theatre bookings on just 15% of days between now and October so there is real potential to grow the theatre business. One easy step would be to install an electronic outdoor screen to promote events and alert visitors to the fact there is a theatre inside that grey building.

Third, find new revenue opportunities, again a step advised by the expert consultants. All ideas should be explored, from a fast food outlet aimed at northbound highway travellers to office rental to hosting conferences. No matter how small the income, every dollar of new revenue is a dollar the ratepayers don't need to pay.

The Bay Pavilions will probably never turn a profit. That's fine because it provides community services. But there is no reason to think the current unsustainable impact on ratepayers and the council's budget deficit can't be reduced.

Let's hope the necessary steps are finally taken by council to start the turn around.

**Phil Herrick** was foundation CEO from 2002-14 of Southern Phone Company, a large council-owned company based in Moruya. It grew to be the second largest home phone provider in regional Australia after Telstra, employed hundreds of locals and returned nearly \$50 million to the community. It was acquired by AGL in 2019.

# Early success for Eurobodalla Outrigger Canoe Club



Eurobodalla Outrigger Canoe Club on the Bay and competing at Mooloolaba.

### By John Longhurst

The newly formed Eurobodalla Outrigger Canoe Club has enjoyed some early success at the Australian Outriggers Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA) National Titles.

An outrigger on a canoe is a thin, long, solid, hull used to stabilise an inherently unstable main hull. The outrigger is positioned rigidly and parallel to the main hull so that the main hull is less likely to capsize.

Outrigger boats were originally developed by the Austronesianspeaking peoples of the islands of Southeast Asia for sea travel. The Eurobodalla Outriggers Canoe Club was only formed in January this year and two crews competed in the recent AOCRA National Titles in Mooloolaba, Queensland.

The novice crew held their own and the senior masters women (over 50 years of age) came a very credible 4th in the 10km event.

With 684 competitors coming from as far as Hawaii, it was a very credible first up titles for the fledging club.

The club is now taking a winter recess until August but is keen to raise funds for the purchase of a race canoe.

The club is holding a fundraiser cruise starting at 6pm on the 13th June aboard the MV Merinda.

Club President, Tracy Innes from Batemans Bay, is organising the cruise.

Tracy said "We really want to purchase a second hand outrigger race canoe. The cruise will have live music as well as entrees, a seafood buffet and a complimentary beer, wine or soft drink on arrival. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds go to the purchase of the outrigger canoe."

Tickets can be purchased from Soul Food Batemans Bay. The Eurobodalla Outriggers Canoe Club operates out of Corrigans Beach Reserve, Batehaven and new members are welcome.

Please contact Tracy Innes on mobile number 0427220238 or the club's facebook page 'Eurobodalla Outriggers Club'.









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## Fungi: The Web of Life Documentary Screening at Fungi Feastival 2025

### By Annette Kennewell

The science documentary Fungi: The Web of Life, is a visual feast and ode to nature perhaps as unexpected as the film's subject matter. At its premiere, the film delighted theater viewers to widespread praise and excitement. Fungi: The Web of Life film website: <a href="https://www.fungimovie.com/">https://www.fungimovie.com/</a>

Fungi Feastival has arranged screenings of Fungi: The Web of Life on Saturday evenings at Narooma Kinema 21 June, The Picture Show Man in Merimbula 28 June, The Red Door in Moruya 5 July and Perry Street Cinema in Batemans Bay 12 July. There will also be a special matinee screening at Four Winds 20 July near Bermagui.

A rich tapestry of cinematography, music and science, this film explores the hidden world of fungi, its connection to the rest of life on land, and the promises it holds for humanity's future. Renowned mycologist Dr. Merlin Sheldrake, author of bestseller Entangled Life – How Fungi Make our Worlds, Change our Minds and Shape our Futures HOW FUNGI MAKE OUR WORLDS, CHANGE OUR MINDS & SHAPE OUR FUTURES, is a featured personality and ambassador for the film.

In conceiving Fungi, the film team were inspired by the groundswell of renewed public interest in fungi as more discoveries come to light, even as we grapple with more unknowns. In the last few years, new fungal applications are continually revealed in the areas of medicine, environment, and even space. The filmmakers had no shortage of ideas.

The story of fungi, it turns out, is uniquely suited to the film medium. Among the creative team are respected time-lapse photographers Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak, whose work over ten years provided the impetus for the movie. Audiences can expect a symphony of colour, shape and texture. They will also be treated to world-class locations for mushroom diversity, some of the largest and oldest temperate rainforests on earth.

With a subject so rich, the quest for knowledge only just begins with the film experience. The science content of Fungi is well complemented by an educational guide aligned to Science curriculum. Students in classes 3-8 will explore the remarkable behaviour of fungi through outdoor activities, scientific experiments, large group simulations, and creative activities.

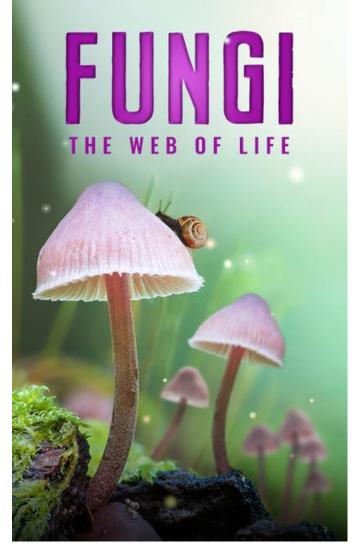
For learners and adventurers of all ages, Fungi will invite viewers to see a whole new side of nature, and gain a richer understanding of the need for its stewardship.

"It was a joy to contribute our expertise and time-lapses to this stunning film, and to walk with Merlin Sheldrake through the timeless Tarkine, introducing him to some of the most exquisite fungi on Earth. The fungi world has given us so much — we're thrilled to help share its magic."

— Planet Fungi's Stephen Axford & Catherine Marciniak, Executive Producers, Fungi: Web of Life

To book Fungi: The Web of Life tickets visit <u>https://au.demand.film/fungi-web-life/</u>

Fungi Feastival is scteening Fungi the Web of Life five times during the Fungi Feastival including at the Red Door in Moruya on Saturday 5 July.



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This Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, the NSW Government is urging eligible people to take the bowel screening test, with only two out of every five people in NSW who receive the kit taking the test.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program's test is quick and easy, with those who have done it before almost three times more likely than first-time invitees to do it again. The test is available to those aged between 45 and 74 years and is the easiest way to detect the early signs of bowel cancer, Australia's second deadliest cancer. If caught early, bowel cancer can be successfully treated in more than 90 per cent of cases.

The risk of bowel cancer increases significantly with age, but people of all ages can get the disease. Anyone experiencing changes in bowel habits, bleeding, fatigue, anaemia, or unexplained weight loss should see their GP.

People can reduce their risk of bowel cancer by eating a diet rich in vegetables, fruit, cereals and wholegrains, maintaining a healthy weight and being physically active; and by doing the at-home screening test every two years from age 45. People aged 50 to 74 receive free bowel screening tests to the address they have registered with Medicare. People aged 45 to 49 years need to <u>request their first test kit</u>, and will automatically receive subsequent kits.

The Cancer Institute NSW recently went live with the Bowel Cancer Screening <u>"Do the test"</u> Advertising Campaign to motivate eligible people in NSW to participate in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. The campaign is being delivered across a range of advertising channels, including radio, press, digital and social media.

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The campaign is among several Cancer Institute NSW led initiatives to increase bowel cancer screening rates and to support people on their clinical pathway following a positive test result.

NSW Chief Cancer Officer and CEO of Cancer Institute NSW Professor Tracey O'Brien AM said - "If caught early, bowel cancer can be successfully treated and we know that people who do the test are almost twice as likely to have their cancer detected at the earliest stage, when it's most treatable.

"Bowel cancer is not just an old person's disease. With more and more young people being diagnosed with bowel cancer, I encourage everyone no matter what age to be vigilant for symptoms and see your doctor if there's any concerns.

"I urge everyone eligible for the screening test not to put it off, it is quick and easy and could save your life."

Find out more about bowel cancer screening in NSW here: <u>Free Bowel Cancer Screening Test Kit - Cancer</u> Institute NSW



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## Coffee Catch Up and Connect at Batemans Bay

### By John Longhurst

The community focused Eurobodalla Multi Cultural Group are encouraging locals and visitors to connect over a coffee every Thursday at 10.00 am, rotating through the various cafes in Batemans Bay.

Sert Jitti, from Surfside, is one of the organisers of the coffee mornings.

Sert said "I've been a member of the Eurobodalla Multi Cultural Group fore the past two years. It is a great way for locals to catch up and an opportunity for visitors and new members of our community to connect. Up to 12 people have attended the mornings."

Nicole, from Batemans Bay, is a keen supporter of the initiative. Nicole said "I come fairly often. It's nice to go to different cafes and to meet new people."

Nargis is a regular visitor to Batemans Bay.

Nargis said "I love coffee as much as I like a chat. It is a great alternative to evening based catch ups, particularly in winter. I regularly visit Batemans Bay so it has been a great way to connect and meet new people."

Paul O'Connor, owner of Starfish Deli in Batemans Bay hosted the coffee group last Thursday.

Paul said "As winter approaches, business slows. This initiative by the Eurobodalla Multi Cultural Group needs to be applauded. It promotes our many cafes to new clientele and further binds our community."



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Coffee group Left to right Nicole, Sert and Nargis

The Batemans Bay Coffee Morning Group is open to all ages and genders.

Potential members are invited to text (only) Sert on 0479168443, Marika on 0497091830 or Kathleen on 0407770518. The group will gather at the Boatshed next Thursday 5th June.

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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.



If the Federal Cabinet Ministers were animals, Murray Watt would be Alice in Wonderland's Cheshire Cats - both of them.

He had reason to smile when he was Trade Minister and figuratively brought home the Chinese bacon - booze and lobsters. But like Lewis Carroll's peculiar pussies, only Murray knew the joke when he pridefully announced the extension of Woodside's NorthWest Shelf gas project till 2070.

In doing so, he committed a crime against humanity. His decision will unleash more than 4 billion tonnes of climate pollution. This is the equivalent of a decade of Australia's current emissions. It contributes substantially to our descendants' struggle with the hellfire of climate change.

It was not Murray Watt's decision alone. It would not have occurred had Prime Minister Anthony Albanese not backed it to the hilt. In our system of government, the PM is the equivalent of the titleholder in Niccolo Machiavelli's 'The Prince' which Albo has apparently read, marked and followed.

Niccolo also used animals to illustrate his lessons in political chicanery. He likened the leader's best qualities among the 'beasts' to be those of the lion for force and the fox for deception. Murray was simply his new Minister for the Environment and Water after the PM decided he'd tortured Tanya Plibersek enough and opened her gate to Social Services. The Chestnut Pony, albeit with a few grey hairs, gave a whinny of relief and trotted into her big green paddock.

Moreover, the decision engaged the whole Cabinet, not least the lumbering bullock, Deputy Prime Minister, Richard Marles, the Queensland greyhound, Jim Chalmers and the silky Nanny Goat, Penny Wong. And above them all, softly snarling, was Canin lupus italicus, Albo himself, keeping them in line.

Machiavelli advises the ruler to become 'a great liar and deceiver'. Men are so easy to deceive that the ruler won't have an issue with lying to others, he says. 'Men are wicked, and never keep their words, therefore the ruler doesn't have to keep his. He should appear to be compassionate, faithful to his word, guileless, and devout. And indeed he should be so. But his disposition should be such that, if he needs to be the opposite, he knows how.'

That's Albo to a 't'. This is the man who crowed when first elected to The Lodge that Aboriginal advancement was his first priority, then he turned it into the policy that dare not speak its name. And now he's ordered his Cheshire Cat to announce the certain destruction of the irreplaceable Aboriginal rock art treasures by Woodside's pollution.

He chose not to announce it before the election to avoid the protest that might well have saved the Green Seats that he so desperately wanted to win. Indeed, he did it so effectively that they are left with a lone Seat in the House where Elizabeth Watson-Brown is overwhelmed by Albo's 94 Labor seat majority. Instead, he waited until the eve of Reconciliation Week to drop the bombshell on the First Nations' hopes and dreams.

But here's the rub: The election decimated the former Liberal – Nationals Coalition, where the leadership of both parties is so weak they will no longer play a convincing role as the Opposition. Albo and his front bench will laugh them out of Question Time. And since politics abhors a vacuum, the real opposition will arise from a mix of Labor's right and left - led by the lumbering bullock with AUKUS branded on his rump. That's when Albo will re-read Niccolo and play the lion. Good luck with that.

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# SAGE Farmers Market **Tuesday 3pm Moruya**

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# Moruya Mail



A Beer with Bazz #195 With John Longhurst

The burst of cold weather suited indoor activities and Bazza decided to sort his archives.

From the box labelled 'school stuff', Bazza picked out an old school report, read the comments, raised an eyebrow and half chuckled. He rummaged further and found a yellow Bic ballpoint pen, a Sunnyboy wrapper with gold print on the inside, a tiny purple tub of Perkins Paste with a white top, Derwent colour pencils in a corduroy zip case, an old slope card, football cards of Saint George rugby league stars, Graeme Langlands and Billy Smith and a Coca Cola yo yo.

His diary from the 1970's caught his attention and he stretched back into the lounge chair and opened to a random entry.

'There is no point in becoming an astronaut. Neil Armstrong has stuffed that up. No one can even remember the name of the second person who walked on the moon so what's the point of being...... like.... the eighty first.

Nah...I reckon I'll become a Greek. I reckon the only thing wrong with being a Greek was the name calling. Anyhow, our family is pretty good friends with the Greek community so a conversion should be pretty easy.

I don't like looking like everybody else. White skin and sunburn in summer. My Greek mate just goes darker when no amount of coconut oil seems to change my skin colour.

"It's good being a Greek in summer, mate." he says.

He talks about Greek Gods and I try to match with convict heritage and cat-o'-nine-tails punishments.

Nope, being Greek is the go.

I have a boring biblical name. Lots of JOHNS out there and the bloody Americans use the name for toilets in their movies. I'd trade for a SPIRO or MARIO any day. I chose LUKE as my confirmation name but my parents kept calling me JOHN.

My Greek mate advised, get a nickname like 'John the Greek.' It just did not ring true.

I like Greek food a lot. Dolmades and taramasalata versus Vegemite crusts at recess. My mate never swaps. His mum has started packing me some of the good gear as well, so I reckon I am on the way to becoming Greek.

My Greek mate has become somewhat perplexed with all this trying to be Greek stuff.

He says "We spend all our life trying to be like you. You should speak to my old man about being Greek."

His old man says it's not always fun being a Greek in Australia. You had to learn English and even if you were good at it, you had an accent for life. He told me our family was a bit different. Not all Australians liked Greeks being Greek in Australia when many Australians thought everyone should be Australians in Australia. In fact, he told me some stuff that has made me think twice about being a Greek.

I am giving up trying to be a Greek.

Bazza turned the page.

This new kid from Vietnam has joined our school. By gee, what a bloody adventure he has been through; surviving war and battling open seas in a crowded rickety boat to escape.

Crikey, why would I want to be a Greek, when I could become a refugee?

Bazza continued reading and flicked to the next page.

'I've decided to become a bushranger.....'

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

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



### 06-06-1925

**Owing to the floods** there cannot be a sale at the Mart until Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Mr. Wallace intimates in our advertising columns that people having salvage goods of furniture for sale may leave same at the Mart on Friday. **The recent high seas** washed ashore on Kelly's Beach, near "The Springs" at Bingie, a large punt of the following description: - About 17ft. overall, beam 7ft., depth 2ft.; partly decked, built of oregon, tarred outside and scow-shaped. She is reported to be in fair condition and very little damaged.

**Moruya is slowly recovering** from the effects of the disastrous flood. The sufferers with true Australian grit are facing the situation optimistically, and are attempting to once again place their ruined homes and farms in order.

**The Mullenderee**, parts of Mynora and town farms have been enriched through the heavy deposits of silt, but many of the Kiora and Yarragee properties have been ruined by being covered with sand from 6 to 12ft deep and hundreds of tons of timber.

Amongst those who rendered valuable assistance during the terrible night of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult., and whose names were omitted in our report last week were **Messrs. Allan Louttit and J. Turnbull, jnr**. In their noble efforts to save life, both these young men heroically crossed and re-crossed the Moruya Bridge when the surging waters were feet over the decking. Those watching expected every moment to see the structure swept away by the rushing torrent.

Flood log jam at Moruya Bridge

A stack of hay floated from **Mr. A. Luck's farm at Mungerarie** down the river and across the flooded area to Messrs. Flannagan's paddock at Mullenderree, a distance of over six miles. When removing the top sheaves from the stack a black snake popped his head out from the centre.

Before leaving his home when the water was rising, **Mr. P. Ryan**, of Mullenderree, placed some bags on a couch onto which jumped his faithful collie dog. Two days after, Mr. Ryan discovered the sagacious canine still reclining on the couch on top of the debris near Malabar bridge. As the dutiful captain he stuck to his ship over the stormy waters for a distance of nearly two miles.

**Mr. H. Lavis'** house at the Burra was so badly damaged that he has decided to re-build on higher ground. Mr. Lavis estimates his loss in crops, buildings, etc., at £500. **Bodalla.** (From our Correspondent) The flood here was a record, being the highest ever seen. Loss of stock was very light but all crops on the flats suffered severely, and very few of them will recover at all. ... Two Bodalla families, O'Cass from Greenway, and Irvins from Long Point, had to leave their homes as the flood ran through both houses.

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









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- Nominations Close: Friday 14 July 2025
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- Winners Announced: At the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference (OPCC) 2025 in Brisbane at the Awards Gala Dinner – 11 September 2025

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# Turning up the heat with winter author talks

**Eurobodalla Libraries** have a bang-on season of author talks for June and July, with page-turning crime, curious kids' tales and a rethink on the land beneath our feet. Libraries coordinator Samantha Fenton says winter is looking lively with new books, big ideas and even a body on a turbine.

"If anybody can make a dead body hanging from a wind turbine compelling, it's Margaret Hickey," says Ms Fenton of the former playwright turned crime queen.

"She's built a cult following with eerily familiar small-town settings and lurking menace. Her latest, An III Wind, sees the return of Detective Sergeant Mark Ariti in a murder mystery powered by renewables and riddled with secrets." Ms Fenton says Miles Franklin winner Sofie Laguna writes

across genres and reading ages.

"She'll be talking about her new book for young readers, The Last Egg, and her fifth adult novel, The Underworld. They are two more books proving her remarkable grasp of the human condition deftly mapped for the smallest readers through to the most seasoned."

Also visiting Eurobodalla Libraries is farmer and storyteller Joshua Gilbert.

"The Worimi author is rewriting the story of land – and who gets to tell it," Ms Fenton says.

"His Australia's Agricultural Identity – An Aboriginal Yarn is a blend of family history and Indigenous knowledge, with a fresh take on farming that's deeply rooted. There's warmth, there's insight, and there's likely some telling truth bombs along the way.

"I'm excited to see this roster of accomplished authors visiting Eurobodalla. Attendees can expect sharp minds, lively chats, and a cuppa and a biscuit or two," says Ms Fenton.

- Joshua Gilbert Narooma Library on Wednesday 25 June 2.30-3.30pm.
- Margaret Hickey Batemans Bay Library on Tuesday 8 July 5-6.30pm, Moruya Library on Wednesday 9 July 10.30am-12pm, Narooma Library on Wednesday 9 July 2.30-4pm.
- Sofie Laguna Batemans Bay Library on Wednesday 30 July 5-6.30pm.

Signed books available for purchase. Booking essential through the <u>Libraries' events webpage</u>.

# Annual Book Fair - Batemans Bay

Saturday 7 June to Monday 9 June 2025 10am - 3pm

Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Deep Creek Dam Road, Batemans Bay

Venue: Banksia Room Cost: Free

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What better time of year to curl up with a good read on the lounge in front of the fire and immerse yourself in another world.

You'll be sure to find something unique to read at this twoday second-hand book fair. Drop in to grab a bargain or find that special book that's been on your wish list for years. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Botanic Garden.



Margaret Hickey will talk about outback noir, small-town secrets and the draw of the bush at the Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma libraries in early July.





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# Moruya Mail Arts

# Live music boost to Batemans Bay Nightlife

### By John Longhurst

Nightlife in Batemans Bay is set for a major boost with the launch of of live music upstairs at the 'Starfish Sessions' (upstairs at the Starfish Deli) this Saturday evening.

Boasting a stunning view over the Clyde River, the refurbished venue will offer a gig friendly menu upstairs with the full Starfish Deli menu also available downstairs for patrons to enjoy before the music.

The upstairs venue is licensed.

To date 8 shows have been locked in with the aim to cement this venue as a genuine music hub for lovers of original content.

The official opening this Saturday June 6 (long weekend) will feature Minnie Marks coming all the way from north Queensland to headline the night.

Marks is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

From winning the world renowned 'Bluesfest Busking Competition' in 2011, to taking out the People's Choice Award' at both Blues At Bridgetown and Nannup Music Festival, plus earning the winning place of 'Best Guitarist' for the Open Arms Festival competition, Minnie Marks is guaranteed to make for a memorable opening night.

Follow up gigs a'Starfish Sessions' will focus on original, ticketed shows bringing touring acts into town and include Jeff Lang, Flavuh (single launch) Amber Lawrence, Frank Sultana, Nathan Cavaler, Luke Heggie and Chris Ryan (comedians) Joint Custody (single launch).

Danny Freeman from FreeDawg Productions who also coordinates the 'NelliJam Music Festival' is the energy behind the initiative.

Danny said "I have worked closely with Starfish Deli owner, Paul O'Connor to get the venue ready and make it a great place for live music. It is really exciting to see it actually happening. We really hope the public get behind this little venue as it has the potential to bring some nightlife back to the main street with a unique space for the local music scene.

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THE SURFER (LAST WEEK) MA 15+, 1H 40M, AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER		4.35pm*	1pm*	1pm*		4.35pm*	4.35pm*
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## **KARATE KID:** LEGENDS

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# Moruya Mail Notices

## Come and Celebrate Stafford Ray's Life

Friends of Jo and Stafford are invited to attend a Celebration of Stafford's life at the Moruya Golf Club on Sunday 22 June from 1.30 pm.

Staff was involved with many aspects of the Arts, not only the music for which he is so well known. He has to his credit three published novels, a memoir and a compendium of short stories. During his time in the

Eurobodalla he presented plays with various schools as well as the Red Door Theatre Company, he was a judge for the Mayors Writing Prize for several years, and belonged to the Moruya Writers Group and always one Book Group.

Although a patron of the Arts generally, his principal love was always music so what better way to celebrate than with music which was Staff's life for so many years.

An RSVP by Monday 16 June is essential for catering purposes. Please let Wendy know on wpcatlow@gmail.com

1. If you will be attending; and

2. If you would like to speak.

Please see the attached flier for additional details. Staff was involved in many different organisations in our community, and we want to make sure that we reach them all so please pass this on if you know of others who might like to attend.

Our thanks to the Moruya Golf Club for hosting this event. The restaurant will be open for lunch that day from 11.30am -bookings are advised as it is often very busy.

# Baby and Toddler First Aid

## Wednesday 18 June 2025 from 10am-12pm

Event by Australian Breastfeeding Association - Eurobodalla Group Red Door Hall, Can Campbell and Page St Moruya

Join us for a free community session on baby and toddler first aid, presented by local mums who also happen to be experienced paramedics and nurses. Whether you're a new parent, grandparent, carer or expecting a little one -

come along and learn the basics of first aid for babies and toddlers, including:

- What to do if your child is choking
- How to perform infant CPR
- How to treat burns

Plus tips for handling other common emergencies

It's a relaxed, practical session where you can ask questions, build confidence, and connect with others in our community.

Everyone welcome - bring a friend!

## CWA Batemans Bay invites you to a movie event! **GREASE!**

When: Thursday, 19th June, 10;00am Where: CWA Hall Edward Rd. Batehaven Cost: Movie -free Lunch - \$5.00 There will be popcorn, ice cream, sliders, hot dogs, hot chips, sweet stuff & more! So, break out the leathers, pink jackets, bobby socks, full skirts..... everything that takes you back to your teenage years in the 50s & 60s! Booking Essential: Text 0422227437

# **BOOK A TECH TALK** FOR YOUR CLUB OR **COMMUNITY GROUP**









**Trish Pye Digital Literacy Trainer** Phone: 1300 366 802

# FREE community services tour

Eurobodalla Jobs and Training asks : Have you ever wanted to learn what it's like to be an aged care, disability, or childcare worker? Join our free tour and find out!

- get a behind the scenes sneak peak of how aged care and disability services operate
- bring your resume on the day or learn how to apply for jobs in aged care, disability and after school childcare
- job vacancies include care work, disability support, hospitality, after school and vacation care and laundry services
- we'll be visiting Yumaro, The Glen Residential Care Service and Eurobodalla Council's Batemans Bay OOSH (after school childcare)
- you'll also learn about local training options at TAFE NSW

FREE bus pick up in Batemans Bay, Mogo and Moruya and catering for lunch is provided

This event will suit people looking to understand the different roles and career pathways in community services. Event deets:

### Thursday 5 June, 9am - 3.30pm Register here:

https://tinyurl.com/59jx64kc

Raffle and posies for sale

This event is run in partnership with Get a Job South Coast and Workforce Australia Local Jobs. Pic below of our attendees at last years event.



## National Tree Day: Plant, toy, and clothes swap Sunday 27 July 2025 10am - 2pm

Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden, Princes Highway, Batemans Bay Cost: Free

Calling all green and brown thumbs! If you're a Eurobodalla resident, bring along environmental weeds from your garden and swap them for free native plants to celebrate National Tree Day. You can also ask Council's environment team about pesky plants in your garden, learn more about bush-friendly alternatives and water-wise gardens, and get great gardening tips and advice.

We're also joining eco-friendly forces with Vinnies Moruya to create a clothes swap for the whole family. Swapping is a clever and thrifty way to refresh your wardrobe, save money and help fight textile waste. Your preloved clothes will find a new home and you'll leave with 'new' second-hand items for your wardrobe. To take part in the clothes swap, bring up to five items of clothing in excellent condition. Excellent condition means the clothing is clean, pressed and free from rips, holes, stains or major faults. A toy swap is a fun way for children to exchange toys they no longer use. They also help to reduce waste and promote sharing. To take part in the toy swap, bring along your toys in excellent condition. Excellent condition means gently used toys that are clean, undamaged, and in good working order.



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## **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Come along and meet the Yumaro team!

Learn how we support individuals and families through a wide range of NDIS and community services.

These sessions are open to people with a disability, families, carers, support coordinators, and anyone interested in learning more about what Yumaro offers.

	<ul> <li>Plan Management</li> <li>Support Coordination</li> <li>Employment Services</li> <li>Home &amp; Community Supports</li> </ul>	You'll also have the chance to ask questions and explore which services might suit you or your loved one. Light refreshments provided
	<ul> <li>Social Programs</li> <li>School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)</li> <li>Learning &amp; Development Opportunities</li> </ul>	Accessible venue, - let us know if you have act is needs
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# Moruya Mail Notices

### **2025 Diary Dates**

- 16th 22nd June Refugee Week
- 20 June to 20 July Fungi Feastival
- 6th 12th July NAIDOC Week
- 15 17 Aug 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
- 7 15 March 2026 Sculpture Bermagui
- 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. Where: Court House Arcade, 62-64 Vulcan Street, Moruya When: Thursday 29th May 2025 9:30am to 2pm

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

Free telephone advice and information is available by appointment only. Appointments can be in person or by phone. To book an appointment, call 1800 229 529. Staff will complete an intake, and a solicitor will see you or call you back at your scheduled appointment time.

## **Return and Earn for CWA Moruya**

You can be part of our fundraising for a Carers Accommodation Unit at the new Eurobodalla Hospital due for completion in late 2027.

Either drop cans and bottles off on Thursday or Saturday mornings OR select CWA Moruya as your donation when you return your bottles and/or cans.

We appreciate your support for our community.

## 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.

### The Red Door Cafe

Offers freshly prepared meals at no cost or by donation if possible. Everyone is welcome. The Red Door Cafe operates every Tuesday from Midday to 1.30pm. So, pop along and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch.

Batemans Bay Men's Shed Sale Super clearance sale on the 7th June 2025. Between 8.30 am and 12.00 pm. Heaps of items for sale no reasonable offers will be refused. You can find us at David St Batehaven behind St Bernards church.





## Sharks celebrate Centenary

Calling all past and present Moruya Sharks Players, Coaches and Supporters of our club!

The TICKET SALES NOW OPEN to our 100 year formal celebration! You will need to get in guick as there is strictly limited tickets to our "MSRLFC Celebrating 100 years" formal event! (ticket sales close on Friday 13th June!) You can purchase tickets via the link below or the link in the comments, or simply search "Moruya Sharks" on the try booking website and follow the prompts! https://www.trybooking.com/DBROE

## 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.



## Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary

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

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# Moruya Mail Sport Moruya Women's Golf

Moruya lady golfers were out on the fairways once again on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May playing a 4BBB Stableford. The weather was great and the ladies very happy to be playing a more relaxed round after 3 weeks of Championships. The winners were Val Moore and Lyn Gibbs with 39pts C/B, followed by Noelene Cowdroy and Jan Lumsden with 39pts. Balls went to Nina Bowbridge, Nicky Gallon, Robyn Hawkins, Pauline Nash, Angie McMillan, Cindy Becker, Vicki Goodwin and Christine Quick.



Val Moore & Lyn Gibbs

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls Report

There were 36 bowlers on the Green on a beautiful warm sunny day for the first day of Winter. Vicepresident Terry Montgomerie took over proceedings welcoming visitors from Belconnen, Brooke, Olivia and Dan Malua Bay, Stephanie and Mike Tuross Head. Winners on Least Winning Ends, Bung and Whizza. (Photo) Runners-up, Sandy and Griff. Whizza selected Rink 4 to try for Jackpot. Losing Skip Breadroll cut cards but no luck finding Joker. Winning teams, SuzyQ and Irish. Lois and

Chocolate. Pattycake and Moby Dick. Bert and Dave. Mad Max and Stephanie. Bob the Builder and Smoothie. Mike and Brooke. Paul and Magpie. Lozza and Chanty. Lucky numbers, 1 Lozza. 19

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# Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls

What a beautiful day of Winter sunshine for our monthly 2-4-2 Pairs games also a Triples game. Gayl took over proceedings welcoming back Jay Breust who takes over the position of Bowls Coordinator. Gayl welcomed Olivia Wilson who joined us for the morning, also that AGM will be held on Thursday 10th July @ 10am. The 2 bowl Triples carnival which was held over the weekend was enjoyed by all teams who took part 1st place a team from Canberra. 2nd Queanbeyan. 3rd Stingrays team of Janet McKay, Lyn Hardy, Skip Gwen Ware so congratulations ladies. Jay called cards for Skips who then selected their Leads for two games of 10 Ends.



1st, Robyn Butcher & Noleen Taylor 2nd, Gayl Vidgen & Judy Davis 3rd, Carol Harris, Janet McKay and Lyn Hardy. (Photo) Money Club, 39 Sue Beavan, 13 Di Wotherspoon.



Stingrays team of Janet McKay, Lyn Hardy, Skip Gwen Ware



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# Moruya Mail Sport

## Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

## 30.5.25

### Moruya River.

After the rains last week that did turn the river a bit upside down, the conditions have started to clear. The downside to all that fresh, is the drop in temperature that occurs within the system. This will make the fish a bit lethargic, and not as active n general.

All is not lost however, as there are a few techniques that can sway the odds back in your favour.

Fishing the deeper holes that tend to have a more stable temperature towards the bottom of the hole is a great way to find slightly more active fish. One technique is to prob these deeper holes with soft or metal vibes. These lures can be worked slowly and will allow the angler to get a reaction bite from fish that are maybe a bit slow to hit lures. A bit of scent will also help. We have some colours of the new Daiwa Infeet Metal vibe in the 5gm size, which is perfect for searching the local rivers deeper holes.

The other option, is to fish the incoming tide that will have warmer ocean currents pushing into the river, than the colder fresh water running out. The front sections of the river will be the better places to search. The spur wall, Preddy's wharf, airport flats and even the quarry wharf will all be the better places to check this weekend.

### Tuross River.

Tuross has suffered the same temperature drop as a result of the fresh water that was added to the system last week as Moruya has, and as such the same will apply to this system as well.

Fish towards the front of the system, during an incoming tide for the best chances of finding fish. The deeper holes will also hold more fish than the shallow sand flats this weekend.

What the Tuross system has that Moruya does not however, is shallow lakes with a muddy bottom. Lakes like Borang and Bumbo both fit this discription. The shallow mud flats absorb the warmth form the sun much better that the shallow sand flats that the rest of the systems has in spades. The humble flathead and bream will find these areas with a marginally higher temp over the cooler sand flats preferable this time of year. So these areas will be a good one to search for fish this weekend.

Apart from these areas, the deeper holes that the Tuross system also has are another place to prospect this weekend.

### Rock and beach.

With the sea state dropping for the weekend, a beach or rock session will much easier this weekend.

With a long weekend in Canberra this weekend and next weekend, we can expect there to be plenty of anglers around this and next weekend. Salmon and Tailor will be the main stays along the local beaches this weekend, with drummer being the main species I will be chasing off the rock platforms, now that the outflow from the Moruya river has cleared from last weekend.

### Offshore.

Calmer seas conditions will make a session along the inshore reefs easily attainable for many boaters this weekend. As is always the case, check the tides and weather conditions before committing to an offshore session. There will be good snapper to hunt with the water temps offshore starting to drop. The local flathead will start to thin in numbers as we move towards cooler ocean temps, but for now, they should still be on the bite. There were reports of long tail tuna off the Tuross area only a few days ago in close. These fish however are always on the move, and can cover big distances in a day. The likely hood they are still around is slim.

The bait freezer was restocked this week, so everything I can get, is available. Tweed have sourced a better quality prawn than the red coral prawns that have been the norm over the last week or so, and we have them in stock. They are a former smaller prawn than the red things we have been forced to use the last 12 months.

The deal of the week this week is 20% off all fishing lines. So if you have reels that need to be responded, now is the time to get that done. On a side note with the deal of the week, if there is something you would like to see on sale for the week, please let us know in the comments section below and we will consider it.

We have also got a restock of Daiwa hoodies now that the temp is dropping. These are super warm and comfy.

The Junior Angler of the month completion is drawing to and end, we have several good entries already. If you would like the chance to win a \$50 gift voucher, just post your pic under the pinned post at the top of the Facebook page. The winner will be announced on Monday 2nd June.

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





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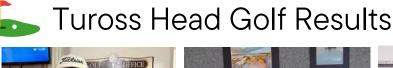
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## www.teensafemoruya.org

or email garys.home@bigpond.com





Winner: William Steenbergen with Vice President Paul Scholze

### **Tuross Head Golf Results** Thursday 29th May 2025

A field of 39 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The players were keen to return after the recent heavy rains made the course very soggy and too wet to play. The weather was cool then sunny and there were some great scores.

## The Winners were:

1st: William Steenbergen (8) with 36 points (countback) 2nd: Stephen Swanbury (17) with 36 points 3rd: Rob Green (4) with 35 points 4th: Ian Manton (19) with 34 points

Nearest to the Pins 4th: William Steenbergen 2.03 A Grade 4th: Michael Coloe 1.92 B Grade 4th: Peter Nikolic 8.04 C Grade 6th: William Steenbergen 0.25 A Grade 6th: Kevin Reilly 2.33 B Grade 6th: Peter Nikolic 7.34 C Grade 7th: Colin Houghton 12.00 A Grade

Balls went to: Kevin Reilly 33, Michael Coloe 32, Teri Swanbury 32, Leonie Snodgrass 32, Paul Scholze 30, Ray Bollard 30, Colin Houghton 30, Ron Rogers 30, Wayne Kaye 30 and Marie Muriwai 30.



inners: Paula Coffey, Chelsea Mayes (Medal) and Leonie Doolan

#### **Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 3rd June** 2025

A field of 19 ladies signed up for the 3rd Medal Round Stroke & Putt event today. The event was sponsored by Gail and Len Rogers. It was a lovely Winters day and a challenging game.

**Overall Winner: Chelsea Mayes** (37) with 71 nett (Medal)

Grade A Winners: 1<sup>st</sup>: Leonie Doolan (28) with 76 nett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dorothy Madden (23) with 78 nett (countback)

Grade B Winners: 1<sup>st</sup>: Chelsea Mayes (37) with 71 nett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kerrie Sands (38) with 80 nett (countback)

Grade C Winners: 1<sup>st</sup>: Paula Coffey (44) with 82 nett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Eglitis (41) with 87 nett

Place Getters: Chris Wratten 78. Marie Muriwai 79. Elsa Shearer 80 and Gail Page Steve Collins 81.

Hole Prize: 7<sup>th</sup> Pauline NashGolden Shot A 7<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Mayes Golden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 6<sup>th</sup> Paula Coffey 15<sup>th</sup> Annette Manton

Putting Comp: Dorothy Madden Lowest number of Putts



Winner: Peter McRae

#### **Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 4th** June 2025

28 players signed up for a Single Stableford event today. The weather was cold and windy and some great scores were achieved.

The Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>: Peter McRae with 18 points (countback) 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paula Coffey with 18 points (countback) 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sandra Hanlon with 17 points 4<sup>th</sup>: Herb Muriwai with 14 points 5<sup>th</sup>: Jane Eglitis with 14 points 6<sup>th</sup>: Rob McKirdy with 14 points 7<sup>th</sup>: Maree Coffey with 13 points 8<sup>th</sup>: Ron Hanlon with 13 points

Ball prizes from previous game:

Peter McRae Greg Geelan

Nearest to the Pins: 4<sup>th</sup>: Frank Pomfret (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) 6<sup>th</sup>: Paula Coffey (1<sup>st</sup> Shot) 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot) Peter McRae (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Bruce Martin (5<sup>th</sup> hole) Bradmans: Steve Collins



MONARCH HOTEL, MORUYA Live band - The Coastal Fringe Sat, June 7, 2-6 pm Varuna surfboard raffle and lots of cool other prizes, SEE YOU THERE!

## Surfrider Yuin fundraiser

Live band The Coastal Fringe and other acts, Varuna surfboard raffle and other cool prizes

Saturday, June 7 · 2 - 6pm Monarch Motel Hotel Surfrider Yuin have been graciously gifted some boards from the sustainable surfboard builders at Varuna Surf to be painted on by some local legends! At this event we will be raffling them off whilst enjoying local bands rock on!

Come down to the Monarch Hotel in Moruya between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday the 7th of June to learn about our branch and get the opportunity to own a beautifully crafted and painted sustainable surfboard!

Ticket proceeds will go to our bands, with \$5 donated to Surfrider Yuin.

Kids under 12 free. This event is run in collaboration with the Nature Coast Marine Group and Surfrider Foundation Australia.





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## Bruce Magilton Wins 2024/25 Consistency Championship

Bruce Magilton has won the 2024/25 Consistency Championship at **Tuross Head Bowling Club** battling the weather and a draw that required him to play 5 games. Super organisation from Sandy and Neil Mather, the cooperation of the players and great work by the greens staff – thanks Tim! – meant that the Championship was able to be completed in the time allocated despite the rain!! Consistency is a variation of the usual game of singles where the jack is placed on a washer after it has been rolled each end andremains there while the players aim to get their bowls as close as they can. Points are allocated for the four closest bowls – 4 for the closest and so on until the fourth closest bowl is awarded 1 point. Each end has ten points on offer for the players who each play their four bowls. If the jack is moved it is replaced on the washer.

As always there were some great matches in this year's event. The quarter final between Stephanie Dennett and Neil Mather went the full length of 30 ends with Stephanie winning 151 to 149! Dagmar Voges had a great battle with Fran O'Connell taking 29 ends to win 150 to 140.

Bruce Magilton had a tough draw having to play 5 games and overcome some very tough opponents including Neil Alexander and John Monks before getting the better of Dagmar Voges in the semi – finals. Magilton's opponent in the final was multiple Club Champion across all formats of the game -Denise Lidbury. Lidbury received a forfeit in the first round before making the semis with wins over Mike Bromfield and Lorri Bird. She played Stephanie Dennett in the semi- final and proved too experienced for the determined Dennett.

The final was played on Saturday May 31 in beautiful autumn sunshine with a big crowd present to witness the Club's first ever mixed gender Singles Championship final. Fittingly, both genders were represented! Right from the very first end Magilton demonstrated that he had honed his drawing skills over the four games he had played. He quickly raced to a 27 -13 lead and was growing in confidence on every end. Despite her best efforts Lidbury was under continual pressure from Magilton's high standard draw bowling. By the 12<sup>th</sup> end Magilton led 79 – 41. Lidbury started to cut the lead from this point and seemed to be in with a chance as she reduced the margin to 97 – 63. However, Magilton was having one of those days where he was able to control the game. Despite Lidbury scoring the only full score of 10 points on the 24<sup>th</sup> end Magilton won on the very next end by 153 – 97. In was a well-deserved victory as Magilton played the better bowls on the day and had Lidbury under constant pressure. Congratulations to both players for making the final and providing an absorbing struggle for those in attendance! The next Championship event will be the Mixed Pairs with entries closing on June 9 and the first round set down for June 14.



Tuross Head Bowling Club Consistency Singles Champion 2024\_25 - Bruce Magilton Tuross Head 2024\_25 Consistency Singles Championship Runner Up -Denise Lidbury



