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Gourmet delights at The Pearly @Tomakin & The Bay



By John Longhurst

Boasting 36 combined years in fine foods, the Hood Brothers, are providing capital city quality produce at their outlets in Tomakin and Batemans Bay. To the unknowing eye the two shipping containers at the side of the Tomakin servo may not warrant a second glance, however, take a step inside and a range of high-quality gourmet produce awaits the discerning shopper at 'Pearly South'.

On offer is the highest quality, locally sourced seafood. With a minimum of three deliveries per week from cooperatives as far north as Ulladulla and all the way south to Eden, the focus is on freshness. Manager, Brett Hood, is a keen supporter of local produce.

Brett said "Sourcing top quality local seafood ensures freshness. Apart from the cooperatives we are supplied directly by local fishers with sashimi grade tuna, mahi mahi and kingfish. We also sell the famed local oysters, and we freight in the freshest prawns."

The homemade seafood sauces are a must have accompaniment.

'Pearly South' is also supplying pre-marinated and ready to cook seafood.

Brett said "Our ready to cook seafood meals take the effort out of the preparation. It is ideal for the just arrived tourist or for locals keen to try something different."

Manager, Brett Hood, is a keen supporter of local produce.

A specialised range of delicatessen products is on offer for the non-seafood enthusiast. High quality meats including famous beef cuts from Cape Grim in Tasmania, Cheeses from Tilba, award winning Balzanelli small goods from Canberra as well as Barossa smoked meats are stocked. Bakery needs are also catered for with regular deliveries of sourdough, fruit bread, croissants and pastries from the award winning Lagom Bakery in Burrill Lake.

Regular customer Michelle from Sunshine Bay loves the prawns and the fresh sourdough.

Michelle said "It's feel good food. It looks great, tastes delicious and the prices are reasonable for the quality."

'Pearly South' is open 9.00am to 3.00pm Thursday to Sunday.

The 'other half' of the 'Pearly' business is the 'Pearly Oyster Bar' located at 6 North Street, Batemans Bay.

It is also a one stop shop for the freshest local seafood and is going a step further in providing lunch options. On offer Monday to Friday, and made onsite, are delicious prawn rolls on a crusty bread. The late morning shopper might be lucky enough to also score one of the freshly cooked seafood curries, a seafood chowder or a seafood laksa.

Brett said 'We are excited to be offering more food options for the lunchtime crowd in Batemans Bay on weekdays. A takeaway seafood curry or a prawn roll by the majestic Clyde River is a great way to while away the afternoon."

A not to be missed speciality at both outlets is the onsite made seafood marinara mix. Paired with high quality pasta from the outlets it will take dinner guests to the next level.

The 'Pearly Oyster Bar' is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm Saturday and 9.00am to 3.00pm Sunday.





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Deconstructing the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan

Eurobodalla Shire Council Media Release

It's been six weeks since the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan went out for public comment and there has been plenty of interest.

The draft plan pitches Eurobodalla Council's longterm vision for the Batemans Bay CBD, an area stretching from the town centre to the industrial area and along Beach Road down to the Batehaven shops. While planners, engineers and architects helped bring together this draft, community consultation will inform the next iteration of the masterplan.

So far, we've had around 1,200 people come through the project shopfront and over 150 engage with planning staff at project market stalls in Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma Plaza. A total of 120 submissions have been lodged so far in person and online. This feedback helps planning staff understand what locals want.

One thing everyone agrees is something needs to be done for the Bay.

"Unfortunately, the town is looking a bit tired, and we really want to find ways to encourage people to live, work and relax in the town centre," says manager of strategic planning, Vivian Straw.

"A fundamental goal of the masterplan is to encourage residential development and more people living in town. More people means more activity, more places to shop, and more places to dine."

While locals show strong support for the revitalisation, the height associated with the landmark sites in the draft plan have some worried the town risks becoming the next Gold Coast. And while Mr. Straw and his team understand the concern, they're putting things in perspective.

"The Gold Coast has more than 30 buildings over 100 metres high and a handful over 200 metres whereas the draft masterplan is talking about 5 landmark sites where heights up to 80-100 metres may be achievable," said Mr. Straw.

"In terms of natural population growth, the Bay is below Ulladulla, Nowra, and Wollongong, and nowhere near the scale of Queensland's second largest city which is forecast to reach 1,000,000 by 2050."

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Manager of Strategic Planning, Vivian Straw, deconstructs the draft Batemans Bay Masterplan.

"In order incentivise good-looking development that works well with its surroundings, we need to review our planning regulations. Current height limits were set in 2012, based upon structure plans prepared in 2007/08. A lot of things have changed since then so it's good to review what's working well and what we can do better."

"The goal we all have is to help Batemans Bay become a beautiful town in a beautiful location. When people drive over the Clyde River Bridge, we want them to say wow!".

Submissions are open until 30 June 2025. For more information head to our <u>Batemans Bay Masterplan project</u> webpage, or contact our masterplan hotline on 4474 1007.

Council Heritage grants available now

Owners of eligible heritage properties or objects in Eurobodalla can apply for grants of up to \$5,000, helping them restore places or items. As part of its commitment to heritage conservation, Eurobodalla Council's Local Heritage Grants program supports projects that enhance individual items or buildings, or promote the appreciation of Eurobodalla's history. Successful applicants will need to contribute on a dollar-for-dollar basis and finish their project before 30 April 2026. Visit Council's grant opportunities webpage for guidelines and application form – with applications open until 2pm on Friday 4 July.

For more information contact Councils heritage officer on 4474 1226. The Local Heritage Grants program is supported by a funding contribution from Heritage NSW.



St Davids Presbyterian Church at Tuross Head benefitted from a paint job thanks to a Eurobodalla Council Local Heritage Grant.

New support service for parents struggling with perinatal mental health

officially opens in Moruya

With perinatal depression and anxiety (PNDA) impacting approximately 866 parents in The Capital Region each year[1], a local service officially opens to support those during this challenging time. Gidget House Moruya at Tresillian Family Care Centre is set to offer free GP-referred, specialist counselling sessions to expectant, new and potential parents. Building on Gidget Foundation Australia's commitment to expanding their services to support remote and regional Australians, this will be the first Gidget House to officially open in the region. Supporting parents struggling with early parenthood in the Eurobodalla Shire, the service offers a blend of bulk-billed face-to-face and telehealth counselling. Member for Bega and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health, Dr Michael Holland MP, will officially open Gidget House Moruya at Tresillian Family Care Centre on Wednesday 11 June, welcoming the service to parents in the region.

Dr Michael Holland MP, says, "It's a great honour to officially open Gidget House in Moruya. As a father to five daughters, I am understanding of how isolating the early days of parenthood can be.

"Having worked in the Eurobodalla and Bega Shires for nearly two decades as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, I've seen firsthand the critical need for healthcare systems to support our regional communities, and this has been a top priority for the Bega Electorate.

"This service represents a significant step forward in providing essential, and potentially lifesaving, support for local parents."

The service officially opens as over one in ten (12%) parents in regional NSW struggle financially to access the support they need in the perinatal period. CEO of Gidget Foundation Australia, Arabella Gibson, says the official opening of Gidget House Moruya at Tresillian Family Care Centre is another step forward in the organisation's ongoing commitment to supporting parents in regional New South Wales as well as nationally.

"With one in ten parents in regional New South Wales unable to afford the support they needed during the perinatal period, we are reminded that accessibility and affordability of mental health care remains a major challenge. Families in remote locations have historically faced disproportionately large financial and geographic barriers to seeking help.

"Expanding our services to Moruya represents a crucial step in our mission to break down barriers preventing mental health care access, especially in regional and remote locations where creative solutions are increasingly needed to ensure clear pathways to support," Ms Gibson says. Building upon Gidget Foundation Australia and Tresillian's long history of collaboration and partnership, Gidget House Moruya operates within the local Tresillian Family Care Centre. The services available at Gidget House Moruya are offered in tandem with the services Tresillian offers, providing parents with wrap-around care and support for both their baby's health, and their own.



<u>Fiona Phillips MP</u> said it was "Such a special morning at Moruya today for the opening of Gidget House at the Tresillian Family Care Centre. It was really heart-warming to hear how the Gidget Foundation is helping new parents like local mum of three Kate who bravely told her story of trauma, loss and post natal depression.

Becoming a parent is wonderful, but it can also be overwhelming, and the wonderful team at Gidget House and Tresillion provide a one-stop service for new mums and dads struggling with anxiety and depression."

CEO of Tresillian, Robert Mills, says that the collaboration between Gidget House Moruya and Tresillian is crucial for supporting parents in regional Australia.

"Gidget Foundation Australia has added incredible value to our early parenting services and I'm excited to be officially opening this location together. To be able to offer specialist mental health support in the Eurobodalla Shire under the same roof as our day services is a true privilege and further enhances our ability to support new families." Gidget Foundation Australia and Tresillian acknowledge the obstacles faced by expectant, new and potential parents in regional communities and are dedicated in ensuring they have access to services that will support them through their pregnancy and parenthood journeys. For more information about Gidget Foundation Australia, Gidget House and the services the organisation provides, visit gidgetfoundation.org.au.

[1] Over 5,000 new parents each year (based on ABS birth rate of 2,599). Equates to approx. 866 parents who will be impacted by PNDA each year



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Elective surgery waiting list continues to climb, nearing record high

The **Bureau of Health Information** (BHI) has today released its latest Healthcare Quarterly report, showing activity and performance for public health services in NSW during January to March 2025.

In the first three months of 2025 there were 52,973 elective surgeries performed in NSW public hospitals, up 3.6% compared with the same quarter in 2024. Despite this increase, at the end of March, there were 100,678 patients on the elective surgery waiting list, up 7.3% (an additional 6,881 patients) and just short of the record peak during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of those patients on the list waiting for surgery at the end of March, 8,587 had waited longer than clinically recommended – a 151.3% increase (an additional 5,170 patients) from the same time a year earlier.

Patients also waited longer to receive their elective surgery. Patients who received semi-urgent surgery in January to March typically waited over a week longer for their surgery than a year earlier (up 9 days to 65 days), and patients who received non-urgent surgery typically waited around a month longer (up 32 days to 322 days).

There were 785,266 emergency department (ED) attendances in January to March 2025, down 3.1% from the same time a year earlier. EDs continued to see fewer patients with the least urgent clinical conditions, with the number of patients in triage categories 4 and 5 falling by 6.2% and 11.7%, respectively.

In January to March 2025, the median time from arrival to leaving the ED for all patients was 3 hours and 40 minutes. For patients who were treated and subsequently discharged from the ED, the median time spent in the ED was 3 hours and 5 minutes; and for patients who were treated and admitted to hospital or transferred to another hospital, the median was 8 hours and 11 minutes. Patients who were treated and admitted to an ED Short Stay Unit spent a median 4 hours and 10 minutes in the ED. NSW Health has introduced new Hospital Access Targets (HATs) for local health districts relating to the time from arrival to leaving the ED, and this is the first issue of Healthcare Quarterly to reflect these measures. More information on the new HATs is available in the Healthcare Quarterly main report. Reporting of Ambulance activity and performance in this issue is limited due to NSW Ambulance's midquarter transition to a new clinical response grid, which has streamlined the number of response categories. There were 366,146 ambulance responses during January to March – down 4.5% on the same time a year

The median response time for 'life threatening (CAT 1)' responses was 8.3 minutes – stable when compared with the same quarter a year earlier.

earlier.

Patients' experiences of virtual care with NSW public hospital outpatient clinics

BHI also released a second report that provides insights into more than 12,000 patients' experiences of virtual care services (via telephone or video call) with NSW public hospital outpatient clinics from 2020 to 2024. The report also includes information about outpatients' experiences of virtual care with GPs.

Virtual care is a major part of healthcare delivery for NSW Health patients, with 18% of outpatient services in 2024 delivered through virtual care – up from 12% in 2019.

Between 2020 and 2024, patients gave consistently high ratings of the virtual care they received from public hospital outpatient clinics, with around nine in 10 saying it was either 'very good' or 'good'.

Over time, patients were increasingly likely to say that virtual care 'definitely' helped them (from 67% in 2020 to 72% in 2024), and to say that they would 'definitely' use it again if given the choice (37% to 47%). The report also highlights key insights about whether patients are likely to have positive experiences. For example, patients were much more likely to have high overall satisfaction with virtual care when they said health professionals worked well together and gave understandable explanations; and, they were familiar with the health professionals. However, patients were significantly less likely to rate their virtual care, overall, as 'very good' if they mainly speak a language other than English at home, have a longstanding health condition, or have a university postgraduate degree or higher.

Detailed results for Healthcare Quarterly as well as the report The Insights Series – Patients' experiences of virtual care with NSW public hospital outpatient clinics: Insights from five years of surveys are available at bhi.nsw.gov.au

NSW health stats underscore need for health reform The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) says the latest report from the New South Wales Bureau of Health Information (BHI) confirms the urgent need for widespread health sector reform. The BHI's January-March report clearly illustrates the pressures that nurses and their colleagues are under, with near-record demand for ED care and ballooning elective surgery lists.

"Despite the overall picture of a system under stress, it's great to see that nurses and their ED team members are improving handover times, with a 4.7 percentage point increase in the proportion of patients handed over from ambulance to ED staff within 30 minutes," Acting ACN CEO, Dr Zachary Byfield, said.

"But it's unconscionable that 8,587 patients are waiting beyond clinically safe timeframes for surgery."

ACN says the report adds weight to the need for all governments to invest more in preventive and primary health care, as recommended by Justice Richard Beasley in the Special Commission of Inquiry into Healthcare Funding, released last month.



Nurses demand better pay and ratios

Efforts to rebuild the public health workforce and improve staffing levels beyond emergency departments must be a priority in the NSW government's upcoming state budget, according to the **NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association** (NSWNMA).

The union reiterated calls for better pay and conditions on behalf of more than 54,000 members working in the state's public hospitals and health services, who are yet to receive an improved pay and conditions offer despite talks commencing over 12 months ago. Public sector nurses are continuing to juggle pressures across the health system, with the latest Bureau of Health Information (BHI) quarterly data showing a rise in the number of triage category 2 (emergency) and triage category 3 (urgent) patients attending EDs, compared to the same period last year.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Shaye Candish, said despite some changes to BHI reporting, the January to March Healthcare Quarterly data highlighted systemic issues clinical staff continue to navigate while trying to deliver care. "Four Local Health Districts continued to exceed the state average for patients leaving their EDs without or before completing treatment, after waiting more than three hours for emergency care," Ms Candish said. "The ongoing need for ratios of one nurse to three patients in our EDs is paramount. Work has begun addressing these staffing levels, but there is still a way to go to implement this important health policy in full

NSWNMA Assistant General Secretary, Michael Whaites, said with the average length of hospital stays still at six days, and 100,678 patients on the elective surgery waiting list at the end of March 2025, there was more work to do.

"Beyond the EDs, our public hospitals are struggling to cope with the population demands and we are yet to see meaningful efforts by the government to address the ongoing recruitment and retention issues impacting the workforce," said Mr Whaites.

Reducing overdue surgeries

The **Minns Labor Government** is continuing to rebuild essential health services for the people of NSW by investing \$23 million to reduce overdue surgeries as part of the 2025-26 Budget.

It follows 12 years of neglect of our health system by the previous Liberal Government who presided over a record 17,000 overdue surgeries. The Minns Labor Government will invest \$23 million to reduce the number of planned surgeries waiting longer than clinically recommended. This additional funding is expected to enable an additional 3,500 surgeries to be completed over the next year.

It comes as the latest Bureau of Health Information quarterly data shows overdue surgeries have increased by 1,745 patients, to 8,587, in the past quarter.

This is down from around 14,000 in March 2023, when the NSW Government established the Surgical Care Governance Taskforce, but an increase from around 2,000 in mid-2024.

There have been challenges that have contributed to this recent increase including Tropical Cyclone Alfred that disrupted services in northern NSW and the mid north coast, and workforce availability challenges that continue in some parts of the state.

Meanwhile, there is encouraging data coming out of NSW hospital emergency departments.

Pleasingly, EDs have enjoyed a significant decrease in semi-urgent and non-urgent presentations over the past year. Semi-urgent presentations decreased by 18,472 or 6.2 per cent. Non urgent presentations decreased by 7,923 or 11.7 per cent.

It coincides with over 45,000 patients being diverted away to care outside the ED over the March 2025 quarter, including to urgent and virtual care through HealthDirect. This saves patients with non-life-threatening conditions a long wait in hospitals. It also frees up EDs for patients who need it most.

It comes after the Minns Labor Government invested a half billion dollars into emergency department relief through creating more pathways to care outside the hospital as well as improving patient flow within the hospital.

The transfer of patients from paramedics to ED staff within 30 minutes has improved across NSW by 4.7 percentage points to 83 per cent. Treatment on time for T2 emergency cases has also improved by 2.4 percentage points across the state.

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Family-Friendly Fungi Feastival Fun for Kids





Clay Mushrooms made by Ayla Junor for her Narooma Workshop

Celebrating Nature, Art and the Joy of Play

As the world marks the International Day of Play today, the Fungi Feastival is embracing the joy and importance of play with a series of creative, educational and nature-based activities for children across the region.

The International Day of Play reminds us that play is not just fun—it's essential to every child's development and wellbeing. This winter, the Fungi Feastival invites families to connect with nature, discover the wonders of fungi, and enjoy hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and creativity.

Local events kick off in Narooma with a hands-on Clay Mushroom Workshop on Sunday 22 June, where children can sculpt their own magical mushrooms. The fun continues with author Ailsa Wild's interactive reading of The Forest in the Tree – How Fungi Shape the Earth at Narooma Library on 14 July, inviting young imaginations to explore the hidden life of trees and their fungi 'friends'.

In BatemansBay on Saturday 12 July, families can discover the fascinating world of fungi with Marita Smith of Milton Mushrooms, who will lead a Fungi Foray combining science and creativity on a forest walk. This will be followed by a Fungi Craft activity on Sunday 13 July at Malua Bay. On Saturday of the same weekend, kids can also enjoy mushroom-themed crafts at the Eurobodalla RegionalBotanic Garden.

In Moruya on Friday 19 July, Fungi Rock & Clay Art and Paper Sculpture brings together natural materials and artistic expression in a fun and creative workshop. For families who enjoy film, the family-friendly documentary Fungi: The Web of Life will screen at Narooma Kinema (21 June), Moruya Red Door Theatre (5 July), and Perry Street Cinema, Batemans Bay (12 July). Further afield in the Bega Valley, outdoor adventures await—including truffle hunts and fungi-themed kayaking tours. Explore the full program and book tickets at www.fungifeastival.com.au.





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Batemans Bay High School Student receives Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship

By John Longhurst

Year 10 student, Vanessa Rutkowska will join 19 other students from NSW to travel to the Republic of Korea and Singapore as part of an international history tour for the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship (PAMS).

More than 150 students from 112 NSW high schools throughout New South Wales applied for the scholarship, from a range of government and non-government schools in cities and the regions.

Applicants submitted a personal essay and a letter of recommendation from their school, initially assessed by current and former history teachers. A shortlist was then reviewed by representatives from NSW Government, the History Teachers Association of NSW, and two former PAMS accompanying teachers.

The tour of the Republic of Korea will include Gapyeong – the site of the Battle of Kapyong; Maryang San, the Incheon landing site and the UN First Battle Memorial.

In Singapore, the tour will include sites such as the Kranji War Memorial, Changi Prison Chapel and Museum and the Fort Siloso and Surrender Chambers.

The tour takes place in the Term 3 school holidays from 29 September to 10 October 2025. Accompanied by a military historian, students will receive insights into our nation's military past and develop their understanding of the importance of commemoration.

NSW Premier Chris Minns said, "A huge congratulations to our scholarship recipients. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn first-hand about Australia's military history. It is heartening to see how many young people applied for this scholarship and are engaged in our nation's military history."

Minister for Veterans David Harris will formally welcome the students at the Anzac Memorial in July alongside two Korean War veterans for a comprehensive tour briefing. The students will also receive their research tasks, meet with the tour historian and accompanying teachers and attend a commemorative service in the Hall of Memory.

Batemans Bay High School (BBHS) Head Teacher for Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), Ms Matthews congratulated Vanessa.

Ms Matthews said "For the second year in a row Batemans Bay High School is excited to announce a recipient of the Premiers ANZAC Memorial Scholarship. Vanessa in Year 10 put together a spectacular personal essay on the importance of memorials to support understanding of service and sacrifice and has earned herself a coveted place as one of the 20 students travelling to the Republic of Korea and Singapore this October. Vanessa was supported in composing her essay by her History teacher, Ms Lorrine Graham. We couldn't be more excited for her to share the experience with us when she returns. Well done Vanessa!" Vanessa thanked BBHS for its support.

Vanessa said "I'm very excited to have been selected. It is such a great opportunity and I am a little shocked I was actually selected. The teachers at Batemans Bay High School have been very supportive but I'd really like to thank Ms Graham for all her support and help. I'm looking forward to seeing The Battle Boxa bunker in Singapore, The Changi Prison-where POWs were held and in Korea I'm very keen to see the Gyeongbokgung Palace, along with the Freedom Bridge that carried POW's."

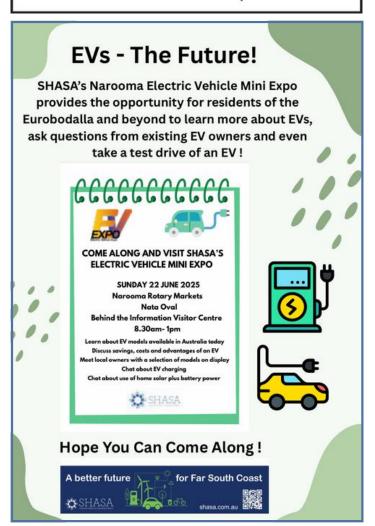


Vanessa Rutkowska



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Blueprint for a resilient South East NSW Website launched

A new \$2.8m website to help South-East New South Wales communities prepare for natural disasters has been launched at NSW Parliament by Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty.

Developed by the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO), the website supports the Blueprint for a Resilient South East NSW, a practical guide for councils and communities to build resilience in the face of natural disasters and a changing climate.

The website helps its users understand the disaster risks facing their local area and provides access to resources on how to prepare, from ensuring households have an emergency response plan to building more resilient homes, infrastructure and adapting land management practices. The Blueprint covers the ten local government areas within the CRJO – including Bega Valley, Eurobodalla,

Queanbeyan-Palerang, Snowy Monaro and Yass Valley – as well as associate members from the ACT Government, Wagga Wagga City Council and Canberra Airport.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management Kristy McBain said: Communities like ours know too well the importance of being prepared for natural disasters.

"It's great to see more resources out there providing advice on how to prepare and respond when disaster hits.

"We know that our climate is changing, and Australians can expect to experience more intense and more frequent natural disasters, which is why the Albanese Government is acting to prepare and protect communities from natural disasters and their impacts.

"I'm pleased to see all levels of government working together to reduce the risks and impacts Australians face during disasters. This means better outcomes for our communities." Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty: "We all have a role to play in strengthening the disaster resilience of regional communities, including increasing their capacity to recover after a disaster strikes. "The Blueprint is a practical starting point for anyone involved in building stronger, more disaster-ready communities."

"It's not a one-size-fits-all approach – it offers a range of actions and ideas that councils, communities and organisations can adapt to suit their own needs and responsibilities."

"I congratulate the CRJO on making these resources accessible to the public, supporting a shared approach to resilience where people are empowered to take action and work together on practical solutions that make a real difference."

Canberra Region Joint Organisation Chair and Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor Cr Russell Fitzpatrick said "The Blueprint focuses on climate risks, disaster history and how events like bushfires, floods and storms are expected to become more frequent in the future. "We've looked at local experiences and data to understand what different communities might face – and how councils can plan for that."

"Even though this came from the bushfire recovery program, it takes an all-hazards approach. It's about being better prepared for whatever comes next."

"The Blueprint helps councils take steps toward better practice in areas like land use, infrastructure and emergency planning." "It also helps clarify roles in disaster preparedness and recovery, while supporting smarter investment in resilient infrastructure and services."

To promote the Blueprint, CRJO will run hands-on workshops with council staff to embed resilience planning into everyday operations. The project received \$2,780,632 from the jointly funded Australian and NSW Governments Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.



Free tech café drop in sessions

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Eurobodalla's southern water supply storage - wall well on way



Work continues on Eurobodalla's southern water supply storage – a 3,000 megalitre off-river dam west of Bodalla. Rather than a traditional dam, the southern water storage takes the form of a 39-metre-high and 370-metre-long embankment on an unnamed tributary of the Tuross River. During periods of high flow, water will be pumped from the Tuross to the storage and water treatment plant. The southern storage facility complements Eurobodalla Council's Deep Creek Dam northern storage and water

The southern storage facility complements Eurobodalla Council's Deep Creek Dam northern storage and water treatment plant near Batemans Bay, providing drought security and bushfire resilience, increased capacity for peak holiday water demand, and predicted population growth.

Most of the southern storage components are complete, with the dam wall – currently three-quarters finished – the focus of remaining work. Council expects the wall to be complete in August, with truck movements in the area of Nerrigundah Mountain Road until that time.

Once the wall is complete, the roads servicing the site will be finalised, equipment tested, and rehabilitation and revegetation work will restore the natural environment and reduce sediment run ff. Pumping into the storage can begins as rainfall and river flow allows.

Visit Council's <u>Southern Water Supply Storage project</u> <u>webpage</u> for more information.





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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

My, how the worm turns. These days you can't open a newspaper without discovering how different the Americans are when compared with us wonderful Aussies. And more power to that.

Two of that country's most visible columnists, the iconic Maureen Dowd and Michelle Goldberg, her likely successor on the NYT, have confessed that they've shed real tears with the discovery that in their country, 'the MeToo movement is dead'. The paternalist power structure has returned with a vengeance.

Michelle's most recent column is headlined. 'This is what Autocracy Looks Like' as she describes Trump's National Guard confronting Los Angeles protestors with guns at the ready. 'It's hard to think of a clearer signpost on the road to dictatorship,' she wrote. And Trump's adoption of the 'Proud Boys' and of all thing's masculine, ensures that it will be a thoroughly priapic tyranny.

However, the movement for the equality of the sexes is certainly not dead in our fair land. Not when the shattered Liberal Party, once the home of Australian paternalism, elects a woman as the only viable leader to begin the process of rebuilding. And not when the Prime Minister himself could never be described as a macho man. Not when both his Cabinet and his backbench are redolent with feisty females like Clare O'Neill and - when she's roused - Tanya Plibersek. Not when our Governor-General, unlike some of her predecessors, is clearly a person of substance and confidence. (Can you really imagine Sam Moyston allowing a prime minister to be sworn into five additional portfolios without either a protest or public revelation?)

So it goes with journalism, once dominated by men, where women were confined to fashion and social occasions with a little cooking on the side. Today they're front and centre - at least on the ABC - where they have fronted 7.30 for years and the perceptive, literate Laura Tingle has just been promoted to cover the entire globe.

So it is in medicine where in my typical medical centre, women doctors outnumber the men and the receptionists who really run the show are all women. Same in real estate where at Tuross, a typical Hallmark agency, there's not a man to be seen. Conversely, the house cleaners of Northside, the company that provides assistance to the aged and infirm. the overwhelming proportion are men (mostly from Nepal).

There has, however, been a notable change of emphasis to some of the MeToo extravagances. For example, the decision to change the name of the local writers' organisation to 'MARION' ostensibly to honour Marion Griffin who never had a book published in her life, and Marion Halligan a former local author, became an embarrassing outlier. While they have retained the name they now say, the group 'is not named after a specific individual', though it 'warmly acknowledges our late patron, acclaimed writer Marion Halligan AM.' In fact, they are now doing a splendid job and Canberra's cohort of scribblers is relatively well looked after.

Other trends suggest a similar subtle paring back of the MeToo dominance in news stories such as the daily feed of the Erin Patterson 'mushroom trial' for the triple murder of her relatives via a Beef Wellington lunch. It is slightly reminiscent of the dingo trial of Lindy Chamberlain, with one important difference.

Other splashes that take the edge off the MeToo presumption of female superiority include reportage of women driving drunk or drugged, and women teachers grooming pupils for sex. But equality remains the golden goal and, in that quest, we're putting Trump's America in the shadow of shame.

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'Find your path' – NSW Great Walks put on the map

The Minns Labor Government is rolling out a new 'Find Your Path on a NSW Great Walk' campaign that highlights seven spectacular multi-day walks across the state to address the growing interest in nature-based visitor experiences.

The new campaign highlights an impressive 275km of walking tracks in regional NSW that have opened to the public within the last two years. The walks showcase some of the state's most breathtaking and diverse landscapes, from pristine coastline to ancient rainforest and alpine peaks.

Kicking off, on the 8 June 2025, the 'Find Your Path on a NSW Great Walk' campaign will target both experienced hikers and aspirational entry-level multi-day walkers offering self-guided and guided options, as well as camping and accommodation choices for overnight stays.

The campaign encourages visitors to explore multi-day walks including Snowies Alpine Walk (Snowy Mountains), Gidjuum Gulganyi Walk (Tweed/Byron Hinterland), Light to Light (Sapphire Coast), Murramarang South Coast Walk, Tomaree Coastal Walk (Port Stephens), Grand Cliff Top Walk (Blue Mountains) and Green Gully Track (Northern Tablelands).

In 2024, 9.9 million international and domestic visitors to NSW visited a national park or state park and spent more than \$11.7 billion across the state during their trip.

Recent NPWS data shows that 23.7 million visits included a walk of up to or more than half a day. With the completion and promotion of these new Great Walks those numbers are set to climb.

For more information visit: nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/nswgreatwalks



Murramarang PrettyToPebbly Walk

DARGUES MINE MODIFICATION 6 (MP10 0054-MOD-6)

Big Island Mining Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Aurelia Metals Ltd (Aurelia), has lodged a modification application with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure under Section 4.56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for the Dargues Mine (MOD 6).

The MOD 6 application (reference MP10_0054-Mod-6) seeks permission to transfer water contained within the tailings storage facility to previously mined underground areas of the Dargues Mine.

The Dargues Mine ceased operations in late 2024 and the site has transitioned to rehabilitation and closure. The site has limited options to dispose of excess water following rainfall, which is currently being stored in the tailings storage facility. MOD 6 will allow Aurelia to remove excess water from the site to progress rehabilitation activities.

The MOD 6 application and report are available on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure website: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-6-tailings-storage-facility-water-management

Details of how you can comment on the application are available on the website. MOD 6 will be on exhibition from 5 June 2025 - 19 June 2025.

General information about the Dargues Mine is available on the Aurelia website: https://aureliametals.com/dargues-mine/

This notice is made in accordance with Section 98(4) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.



4000km Ride for Education to support refugees is coming to Moruya 18 June

Former Hazara refugee Muzafar Ali is riding his bicycle for 4,000km from Maleny, Queensland to Adelaide, South Australia to raise awareness and funds for refugee-led education in South East Asia and women's education in Afghanistan.

See the film "The Staging Post" by Jolyon Hoff and meet Muzafar and Jolyon at the Red Door Hall, St John's Anglican Church, Page St Moruya from 2.30pm to 5.00pm June 18th.

Tickets \$10 at https://events.humanitix.com/ put ride for education and Moruya in the search fields.

Refugee Action Collective Eurobodalla (RAC) is supporting the Ride for Education as our Refugee Week event this year. RAC will join Muzafar to raise funds for the education of Afghan girls who are banned from going to school, and for refugee children who are stuck in limbo in places such as Indonesia and Thailand without the right to go to school.

This is a chance to hear firsthand about the transformative power of education for refugees and Afghan women living under Taliban rule.

"Education changed my life, and I've seen how it transforms entire communities," said Muzafar.

"When we started our first refugee school in Indonesia with just \$200, we never imagined it would grow into what it is today. This ride is about connecting with the communities who have supported us along the way and raising awareness about the critical situation facing women's education in Afghanistan.' Muzafar worked for the UN in Afghanistan as a political analyst before fleeing from the Taliban in 2012. As a refugee in Indonesia with no rights to work or education, he co-founded the first refugee-led school in West Java. Cisarua Learning has grown into a holistic refugee pre-resettlement support organisation that provides education to refugees from many war-torn countries. In 2024, Muzafar returned to Afghanistan where he witnessed girls risking their lives to attend underground schools after the Taliban banned women from high school and higher education. "It was heartbreaking to see girls the same age as my daughter begging for support to continue their education," Ali said. "I promised them I would do whatever it takes. I'm alive for a purpose maybe".

RAC will be screening the film "The Staging Post". Cisarua Learning, the school at the centre of the film, was co-founded by Muzafar and Khadim Dai and has sparked a refugee-led education revolution.

Muzafar Ali had encouraged his friend, 17 year-old refugee Khadim Dai, to start filming his life on his mobile phone. The Staging Post is a real-life, real-time story of courage, connection, and the power of the community.

"When I met Muzafar I couldn't even write an email. Filming The Staging Post, and my life as a refugee, was a journey of learning. It opened doors for me and now I'm working in Hollywood," Khadim

Staging Post director Jolyon Hoff said, "I could not have imagined that when I drove up the hill to 'meet a refugee', I would meet the incredible people that I did. I am very proud of our journey and this film."



Muzafar Ali - Credit Katrina Penning

"The film is helping us to tell the story to Australians and we love the deep human and personal connections it has created and is still creating."

The refugees who run Cisarua Learning are among the 14,000 refugees in Indonesia who are living in limbo since Australia stopped the boats but did not process people in the region. Australia has a special responsibility to Afghan refugees, just as we did with Vietnamese after that war. RAC wants Australia to work with the UN and start again to take refugees from Indonesia.



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NSW and Commonwealth double incentives for batteries

The Minns and Albanese Labor Governments have teamed up to double the incentives available for NSW households and small businesses to install a solar battery and connect it to a Virtual Power Plant, providing almost \$5,000 in upfront benefits for a typical system that unlocks long-term cost-of living reductions. The Australian Government's \$2.3 billion Cheaper Home Batteries Program will support households and small businesses with a

Program will support households and small businesses with a discount on the cost of installing small-scale battery systems. This will reduce the cost of a typical installed battery by around 30%, making this support around double the current incentive available to NSW consumers.

The Minns Labor Government will now almost double its incentive for households and businesses to connect their solar battery to a Virtual Power Plant. It will stack with the Commonwealth solar battery incentive, to unlock more cost-of-living relief.

From 1 July 2025, the Minns Labor Government is increasing the incentive to up to \$1,500 to encourage more households and small businesses to install a battery and connect to a Virtual Power Plant. The incentive varies by the size of the battery.

It means NSW households and businesses will be able to access double the current incentive for installing a battery (through the Commonwealth program) and double the current incentive for registering it with a Virtual Power Plant (through the NSW scheme). For example, if a household installs a typical 11.5 kWh system, the combined support would be almost \$5,000. If the household installs a larger 27 kWh battery which costs just over \$30,000 without support, it will receive a discount of around \$10,000 from the Commonwealth program. If it then connects the battery to a Virtual Power Plant, it will receive an upfront payment of almost \$1,500 from the NSW scheme.

Virtual Power Plants are connected groups of solar powered batteries owned by households and small businesses. Connecting to a Virtual Power Plant allows them to generate revenue on an ongoing basis by selling the excess energy stored in their battery to their neighbours and community when demand on the grid is high.

Virtual Power Plants also reduce demand on the electricity grid, which makes the state's energy supply more stable and less prone to outages. This prevents price spikes and drives down the price of electricity for everyone, while taking us closer to our Net Zero targets.

The increased Virtual Power Plant incentive will replace the NSW home battery installation incentive which has been doubled by the Commonwealth program.

The NSW Government incentive for solar batteries has been a huge success, with more than 11,400 battery installations in six months.

Anyone with a compatible solar battery, including those installed under the NSW incentive since November, who has not yet taken up the Virtual Power Plant incentive, is eligible for the newly doubled incentive from 1 July. Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen said "We're working with the Minns Labor Government to make sure more homes and small businesses can slash their bills by installing a battery and connecting it to a Virtual Power Plant.

The Clean Energy Regulator is responsible for ensuring the safe installation of home batteries under the Commonwealth's Cheaper Home Batteries Program, including the eligibility of products and accreditation of installers. The program builds on Australia's well established and successful rollout of rooftop solar, which has seen more than 4 million solar installations and one-inthree homes harness sunshine for their power.

The NSW Government will continue working with stakeholders on future opportunities for the NSW Peak Demand Reduction Scheme, including considering what new activities could be incentivised.









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Steamer Bermagui trapped

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The Bermagui is still land-locked inside the retaining wall. Captain Cuthbert of the Sydney Marine Underwriters and Salvage Association, who paid a visit of inspection during the week, said it would be necessary to remove about 60ft. of the wall before the Bermagui could be taken to the river. The work cannot be completed before Saturday next, and it will be necessary to wait a further two weeks for the next spring tides.

The s.s. Kianga arrived at 6.45 a.m. on Sunday and after discharging 100 tons of coal at Pompey Wharf for the dredge Latona, crossed out again at 9.30 p.m. the same day.

Pilot Rose informs us that since the flood the bar at the entrance to our river has completely disappeared and that an Orient liner could now cross in, turn around, and go out again

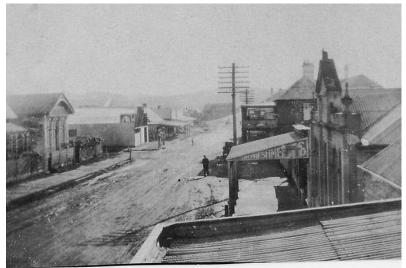
Plans have been drawn for the erection of **Mr. Albert Lynch's bakery** on the allotment of land between the Hotel Moruya and J. D. Ward's skin store and which was recently purchased by Mr. A. H. Weatherby.

The great flood having overshadowed the **State elections** locally, polling day passed off quietly, very little interest being manifested in what in days gone by was considered a most important event. The Presiding Officer, Mr. P. H. Mills, had every thing in order, and with him in the booth at the Court House were Messrs. R. J. Anderson, C. Carter and H. P. Jeffery. The scrutineer was Mr. W. J. Colefax. Contrary to expectations, however, the number of voters were only about 40 under that at last election. ...

With his characteristic forethought and anticipating a delay in the renewal of shipping facilities to this port **Mr. R. B. Heffernan, Managing Director of the local Dairy Co.**, had the whole of the cheese, amounting to about 3000, sent to Sydney via Bateman's Bay. There need be no further shipments from the factory for a fortnight.

The official rain returns by the Department for the Month of May gives the following falls at southern centres: Araluen topped the list at 4740 points, followed by Moruya with 4417, Bateman's Bay 3749, and Bodalla 3058.

Licensing District. – Renewals of Hotel Licenses were granted by H. T. Adams Esq., Licensing Magistrate, for year from 1st July, 1925: Adelaide Hotel, Moruya. £24 8s 8d; Bay View Hotel, Bateman's Bay. £25 9s 5d; Bodalla Arms, Bodalla. £26; Commercial, Moruya. £22 3s 7d; Coronation, Narooma. £17 17s 3d; Criterion, Moruya. £17 15s 5d; Moruya, Moruya. £10 14s 10d; Narooma, Narooma. £21 12s 5d; Palace, Central Tilba. £10 15s 8d; Steam Packet, Nelligen. £18. Extracted from the Moruya Examiner by the Moruya and District Historical Society Inc.



Taken from Emmott's balcony June 1925 shows effects of floods

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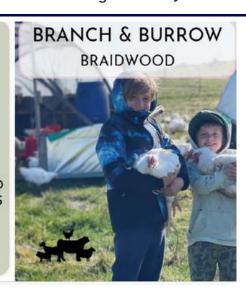






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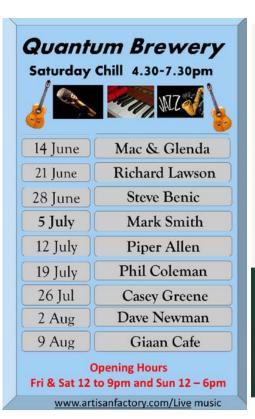
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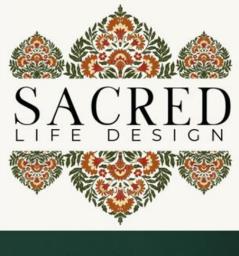












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Sunday, 15 June

Joe Quennell Gary Daglish Kelvin Smith Howlin Mitch Rick Bamford Club Narooma (3pm) Broulee Brewhouse Tilba Valley Winery Steampacket Hotel Dromedary Hotel

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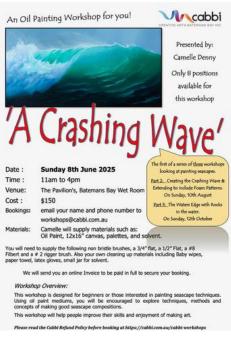


















Work starts on Surf Beach SES/RFS HQ



Work has started on the long awaited Surf Beach HQ for the Batemans Bay SES and Surf Beach RFS. NSW Public Works has announced that construction of the shared facility completion is expected in early 2026. The \$5.6 million project on George Bass Drive, next to the Ambulance Station, will be managed by Public Works under an agreement between Council and the NSW Government.

Horticulture industry calls for compliance shake up

The peak body representing the interests of the national horticulture industry has today called on all levels of government and supply chain partners to commit to an urgent review of the burden of compliance being carried by business.

Jolyon Burnett, chair of the National Farmers' Federation Horticulture Council, said many smaller businesses are anecdotally reporting the burden of red tape as being a key factor in forming a decision to leave the industry.

"This is why we are today launching the National Horticulture Compliance Survey 2025, to take an accurate snapshot particularly of the benefits and burdens associated with market-driven compliance, often mandated by trading partners down the supply chain as a condition of doing business," said Mr Burnett.

"Businesses in horticulture are being regulated not just to an inch of their lives, but to death. Which would be tragic if it weren't actually a product of deliberate choices being made by elected officials and the boards of big corporates.

"There exists a regulation industrial complex, where bureaucrats, and the consultants who advise them, seek to create ever more complex and costly red tape, which in turn requires more and more bureaucrats and consultants to administer, enforce and review it.

"We need look no further for evidence of this complex than the deliberately duplicative and disjointed implementation of new primary production and processing standards by state and territory jurisdictions.

"And the market power imbalance between suppliers and large retailers that means growers get poor prices and trading terms, also allows retailers to push nearly all the risk and associated costs around food safety and quality assurance onto growers. "While each piece of red tape in isolation could be reasonable, when considered together it is unsustainable and must be captured and critically reviewed as part of Feeding Australia, the new national food security strategy being developed by the

"Our food security is underpinned by thousands of small, medium and large businesses growing our fruit, vegetables, nuts and nursery products every day. "It would be an oversight if the Feeding Australia strategy failed to consider the effects of compliance, including as a driver of increasing concentration of both production and control over critical inputs, like seasonal labour," Mr Burnett said. The National Horticulture Compliance Survey 2025 is open for responses from horticultural businesses until Friday 8 August 2025 and can be found https://forms.office.com/r/W7KaFRJnfH

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

PG | 2hrs 5min ~ Family ~ Adventure ~ Mason Thames & Gerard Butler How to Train Your Dragon is a live action film which follows a young Viking as he aspires to hunt dragons, and how he becomes unexpectedly a friend of a young dragon.



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M | 1hr 57min Comedy ~ Romance ~ Dakota Johnson, Chris Eveans & Pedro Pascal

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PG | 1hr 48min ~ Family ~ Comedy ~ "Lilo & Stitch" is the wildly funny and touching story of a lonely Hawaiian girl and the fugitive alien who helps to mend her broken family.

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MA | 2hrs 5min ~ Action ~ Thriller ~ Ana De Armas & Keanu Reeves A woman with killer skills gets revenge when her family is killed by hitmen.



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- Sunday, 22 June SAGE Solstice Dinner. Gates open 3.30pm for 4pm dinner. SAGE Garden 110 Queen Street, Moruya.
- 6th 12th July NAIDOC Week
- Sunday 27 July 2025 10am 2pm National Tree Day: Plant, toy, and clothes swap: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. Cost: Free
- 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: Mackillop Family Services, 5/1 Clyde Street

Batemans Bay

When: Tuesday 17th June 2025 9:30am to 2pm How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

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 the Carers Accommodation Unit at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital due to be completed in late 2027.

Either drop your cans and bottles off on Thursday or Saturday mornings or select CWA Moruya as your donation when you return then through the machine at Woolies.



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.

RSL Moruya

Are you or a member of your family a veteran or serving member of the ADF? Moruya RSL Sub Branch meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month & you are cordially invited to meet the members. The meeting is next Tuesday, 17th June at 2pm at the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya.



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).



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, you would be most welcome. Meetings are held at the Moruya Golf Club on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm To find out more email mdha@y7mail.com or PO Box 469 Moruya 2537

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TeenSafe a driving skill for life

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

Practical behind-the-wheel courses are provided in school holidays at Moruya Speedway. Each course runs for 1 day. Cars and instructors provided. Fee \$80. Teensafe is a community group operating for over 35 years supported by IMB Bank.

For details, pics and rego forms go to www.teensafemoruya.org

or email garys.home@bigpond.com



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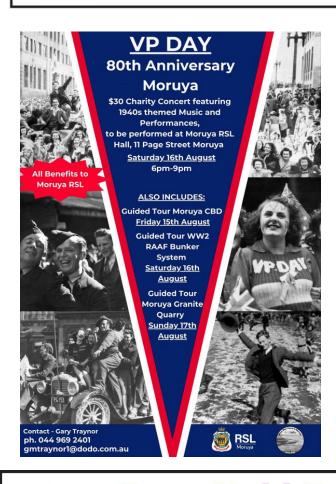
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Moruya Women's Golf

Moruya lady golfers played a Stroke round on Wednesday 11th June. It was a beautiful sunny day albeit with a very cold wind, but anything is better than trudging about in the rain so the ladies were very happy with that. The winner of the day and the Monthly Medal was Angie McMillan with a 78 nett, followed by Val Moore with a 79 nett c/b. Balls went to Robyn Hawkins, Christine Quick, Cindy Becker, Jan Lumsden and Noelene Cowdroy."



Angie McMillan

Malua Bay Stingrays Women's Bowls

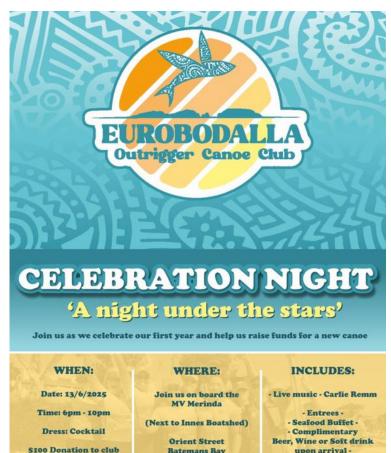
Gayl Vidgen started off proceedings with updates of Stingrays bowling in Australian Open on Gold Coast, a great effort by all who are taking part, also on Champion of Champions. Peter Keatley did well in Kings Cup over the long weekend. Congratulations to Jay who has been selected in NSW squad. Winter Carnival not far away so get teams in \$25 per person. Nominations close this Friday 13th for bowling committee & selectors.

Friday 13th for bowling committee & selectors. Winners Rink 2, Jenny Blyth, Bev Keatley and Robyn Butcher. (photo) Runners-up Rink 3, Gai Gibson, Di Wotherspoon, Raija Johnston and Sue Beavan.

Money Club, 16 Sue Morgan. Birthday wishes to Ellie Crompton and Olga Geshwend.



Winners Rink 2, Jenny Blyth, Bev Kea Robyn Butcher.





More information - Contact: Tracy Innes - 0427220238 tracy@onelifegym.com







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Moruya Mail Sport

Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report 6.6.25 Moruya River.

Brrrrrrrr ! Well didn't that change quickly! The winter season is well and truly upon us, and river temps are expectedly mirroring this. The upper reaches of the Moruya system are as low as 14-15 degs! Making the run out tide, a less than ideal tide change to fish. The incoming tide will be the better option, while the ocean currents are still a few degrees warmer than the river temps. Target the lower sections of the river, and fish the deeper holes where the fish will be seeking the warmer temps. Small lure presentations that are worked slowly, will be what accounts for the most fish this time of year. Make repeated casts down the same area to try for a reaction bite. You will have to allow fish to slowly work their way over to your presentation in order to get the bite. Small hops and slow retrieves will be the norm, for the next few months. Scent is another tactic that can sway the odds in your favour for both lures and baits this time of year, as can a burly trail when bait fishing. Live nippers are also a great option anytime of year, as live baits will always outfish dead or frozen baits.

Tuross River.

The upper section of Tuross around Bumbo creeek, are facing the same cold condition as Moruya, with water temps as low as 14-15 degs also.

This will concentrate a lot more activity low in the system, where the relatively warmer ocean currents will be offering a more comfortable environment for fish to hold and feed.

The incoming tides will be the best phases to fish for the time being as a result. Look towards the deeper holes, fish small and slow to try and get the bite. Live nippers or worms will offer a better chance than dead or frozen baits, while smaller lure options, soft plastics or vibes fished deep and slow will get the bite. The new Daiwa Infeet blades, Nomad Squidtrex soft vibes or the TT Switch Bladez or Prawnz are also great options to prob the depths this time of year. A smart of your favourite scent can also make the difference.

Rock and Beach.

Salmon along the beaches and breakwalls are going to be the main stay this time of year. The rock ledges however will be dominated, for me at least, by the often overlooked Drummer! I had a great session last weekend with the wife, with 7 kept fish to 45-46cm in about a 1 hour session. We stopped when we had what we needed for our selves and some friends, and we didn't need to even look like bagging out, as there was no need to take our limit. Drummer can be very quickly be cleaned out of a particular hole, if you decided to bag out. I prefer to fish sustainably, and leave them biting.

Offshore.

The snapper will very definitely be on most boaties radars, as the water temps drop this time of year. The snapper start to move in close, to hopefully coincide with the cuttlefish spawn. The cuttlefish move into the shallows to lay their eggs along coastal caves this time of year, after the have payed their eggs they die off, giving the snapper an easy feed of cuttlefish. Big reds can be often seen feeding off the floating carcasses of dead cuttlefish during the winter months.

Lightly weighted white or brown coloured soft plastics in the 6-7" size can be the undoing for feeding snapper.

The winter season also sees keen anglers heading out wide to fish the deep drop off for blue eye, gem fish and other deep water species. We do have a range of pre rigged deep drop sets if this is something that is of interest to you. The bait freezer has all of the usual baits, with the usual misfits still unavailable due to supply issues.

Our weekly special this week is 20% off all Landing nets! So if you are after something to land that PB snapper this season, come in and we have you covered.

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













Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Ian Manton

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 5th June 2025

A field of 40 players registered for a Stableford Medley event today. The day was sunny and there were some very good and close scores.

The Winners were:
1st: Ian Manton (20) with 33
points (countback)
2nd: John Eglitis (12) with 33
points (countback)
3rd: Marie Muriwai (23) with 33
points (countback)
4th: Colin Houghton (1) with 33
points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins 4th: William Steenbergen 4.20 A Grade

4th: Marilyn Bingham 4.00 B Grade

4th: Peter Coffey 4.17 C Grade 6th: Ray Bollard 2.11 A Grade 6th: Mark Haberkorn 4.70 B Grade

6th: Steve Johnston 5.08 C Grade

7th: Gavan Wheelahan 5.56 C Grade

Balls went to: Dianne Brown 33, Bruce Martin 32, Ray Bollard 32, Brad Doolan 31, Gavan Wheelahan 31, Jim Wade 31, Allan Langford 30, Kerrie Sands 30, Marilyn Bingham 30 and Elsa Shearer 30.



Winners: Mark Cutmore (A Grade), Paul Scholze (B Grade), Peter Coffey (C Grade)

Tuross Head Golf Results Saturday 7th June 2025

A field of 46 players, including some visitors, 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: Mark Cutmore (13) with 72 nett (medal)

2nd: Adam Weeks (0) with 74 nett (countback)

B Grade:

1st: Paul Scholze (17) with 65 nett (medal)

2nd: Peter Hogan (17) with 69 nett C Grade:

1st: Peter Coffey (26) with 68 nett (medal)

2nd: Daniel Nickson (27) with 70 nett Nearest to the Pins

4th: Shannon Elder 1.72 A Grade 4th: Ron Rogers 5.03 B Grade 4th: Peter Coffey 7.14 C Grade 6th: Wayne Lilley 3.95 A Grade 7th: Adam Weeks 0.23 A Grade

Hole Prize: Shannon Elder 2/11 Hole 0.20 Golden Shot Moruya Jockey Putting Comp: Peter Hogan

Balls went to: Ian Manton 70, Steven O'Shea 70, Terry Milliken 71, Ian McManus 71, Ian Lawson 72, David Schmid 73, William Steenbergen 74, Peter Engelbrecht 74, Nic Boom 74, Frank Pomfret 75, John Phyland 75, John Eglitis 75, Matthew Kennedy 76, Tony Brown 76 and Steve Collins 76.



Winners: Annette Manton, Dianne Brown and Margaret Downey

Tuross Head Ladies Golf Results - Tuesday 10th June 2025

A field of 22 ladies signed up for a Stableford event today. The event was sponsored by R & R Hardware. It was a lovely Winters day and the course a bit wet after recent rain.

Grade A Winners: 1st. Annette Manton (26) with 36 points 2nd: Pauline Nash (28) with 32 points (countback)

Grade B Winners: 1st: Dianne Brown (37) with 37 points 2nd: Marilyn Bingham (34) with 27 points

Grade C Winners: 1st: Margaret Downey (45) with 27 points 2nd: Jane Eglitis (41) with 26 points

Place Getters: Marie Muriwai 32, Dorothy Madden 28, Leonie Doolan 27 and Shirley Quinlan 25.

Hole Prize: 7th Leonie Snodgrass Golden Shot A 7th Dianne BrownGolden Shot B

Nearest to the Pin: 6th Chris Wratten 15th Pauline Nash



Winners: Annette Manton, Ian Manton, Chris Wratten and Derek Hoare

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results for Wednesday 11th June 2025

A field of 38 players registered for a Coloured ball Team Stableford event today.

The Winners were:
1st: Ian Manton, Annette
Manton, Chris Wratten
and Derek Hoare with 34
points (count back)
2nd: Gail Rogers, Len
Rogers, Greg Smith and
John Cox with 34 points
(count back)
Nearest to the pins:
4th: Ian Manton (2nd Shot)
6th: Chris Wratten (1st
Shot)
7th: Ladies: Leonie

7th: Men: Frank Pomfret (2nd Shot) Accuracy: Jane Eglitis Balls or chocolates went

Snodgrass (2nd Shot)

Judi Carey, Jane Eglitis, Greg Thornton and Rob McKirdy.

Bradmans: Dorothy and Blaise Madden, Herb Muriwai and Paul Pereira.





Moruya Mail Sport

\$30 unicorn helmet given five-star safety rating

Keeping your children safe need not cause lasting injury to the household budget, with a \$30 children's helmet among those rated as safest on the market.

The **NSW Government's second annual Helmet Safety Testing and Assessment Ratings** (STAR) has awarded five stars to a \$30 white unicorn helmet available from Kmart.

It joins the \$22 Bluey helmet awarded five stars in 2024 as a value option with the highest safety. Children's helmets on the market cost up to \$290.

The children's helmet rated as safest overall this year is the Fox Rampage Youth MIPS which retails at \$290.

Modelled on ANCAP safety ratings for motor vehicles, Helmet STAR provides an easy-to-understand safety rating for new helmets based on comprehensive testing, giving a guide to parents and adult riders. Each helmet is impact tested at the NSW Crashlab in Western Sydney where Transport for NSW technicians conduct examinations including vertical drops, a strap strength test, and drop tests with moving platforms.

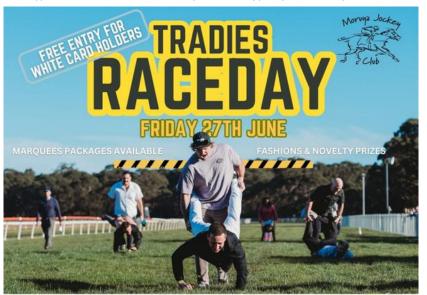
The helmet's ability to protect the user's head in each scenario is tested and a star rating assigned. Helmets tested include models specifically for skaters and foot scooter riders.

One star means the helmet "meets the crash protection required by recognised helmet standards" in Australia, while five stars means the helmet is "exceptional in crash protection and well above the recognised helmet standards."

The release of safety ratings for 54 bicycle helmets this year brings the total number of reviews and ratings available to 115 and the NSW Government urges all riders and parents to seek out the list.

This year the testing regime has been extended to rate both open-face and full-face mountain bike helmets with the \$275 POC Tectal Race MIPS helmet taking out five stars in the open-face category and the \$350 Met Parachute full-face helmet also achieving five stars. Others awarded five stars include the \$300 POC Ventral Air MIPS general purpose. Check out the latest ratings here:

https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/helmet-star



High schools Get Hooked on new fishing program

The NSW Government's highly successful primary school fishing education program which has introduced more than 70,000 students to the joys of fishing, is set to expand into NSW high schools.

The Get Hooked fishing primary schools' program was launched in 2008 under the lemma Labor Government. Since then, more than 750 primary schools in NSW have taken part in program, learning from education officers and Fishcare volunteers about responsible fishing and environmental awareness.

The program integrates practical fishing skills with environmental education through subjects like Biology, Environmental Science, and Physical Education, helping students learn and take care of our water ways and resources

The new high school program includes curriculum-aligned units - Fishing in NSW; Understanding Fish Habitat; Conserving Fish Habitat with lesson plans, activities and assessments tailored to year 7 to 10 students. This expanded program also delivers additional benefits to

the community by educating students on sustainable fishing practices, including habitat conservation and biosecurity, to protect the environment for the future. Additionally, the program also promotes the health and social benefits of recreational fishing to teenagers and encourages inclusive participation across ages and genders.

High schools can get involved by registering for the free program and gain access to four online learning units designed to support sustainable fishing education. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/schools-education-programs/high-schools-get-hooked



